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Jet Set in Haiti

John T. "Jet" Lowe (insert), first-year student from St. Simon's Island, Ga., is spending the independent study period in Haiti. He sent The Catalyst this photo of typical Haitians before their home. Jet termed Haitians "without a doubt the most friendly people anywhere." "In spite of their poverty," he wrote, "they really know how to have a good time with their love of music and rhythm." During his stay on the island, Jet is living with a sculptor in Carrefour, south of Port-au-Prince, the capital.

Pair To Sing At Folkfests

New College students, Bob Dixon and Sandi Stewart, will sing in folk benefits this weekend. Stewart will perform tonight and tomorrow night. Dixon will play tomorrow night only.

Tonight at 8, Miss Stewart will sing at Sarasota's Garden Center in a benefit sponsored by the city's Cardinal Mooney High School. She earned a spot in the program at a tryout two weeks ago. She will be accompanied by "some boys named Stan and Jim."

Tomorrow night, both Dixon and Stewart will play at a hootenanny at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. The program, which will begin around 7:30, will be directed by Ralph Stoddard, whose father Herbert is a member of the New College faculty.

Dixon will accompany Miss Stewart, in addition to performing on his own. Both are basically blues-based singers.

Students are invited to attend both sessions. Admission of approximately one dollar will be charged.

Stoddard To Speak On Art Experience

Herbert Stoddard, famed local artist, will be the guest speaker at tonight's Forum in the Music Room immediately after dinner. His topic will be "Art As an Experience."

Mr. Stoddard is the college's art instructor, and he also is a member of the Ringling School of Art faculty. His work is mainly in the abstract expressionist mode.

He has worked with several New College students, both on campus and at the Art School. Mr. Stoddard also drew the nameplate for The Catalyst.

Faculty To Gather Issues Data

Six faculty members have begun visits to colleges and universities across the nation to gather data to be used in planning the third-year program here.

A grant of \$2000 has been made to New College by the Fund for the Advancement of Education, established by the Ford Foundation, to enable the faculty to make the study.

The faculty committee which is making the study includes Dr. Rollin Posey, Dr. Arthur Borden, Dr. Peter Buri, Dr. Jerome Himelhoch, Dr. Gresham Riley, and Dr. Jane Stephens.

Dr. Posey, chairman of the group, has indicated that preliminary plans for the third-year program call for a seminar-type approach which will be aimed at assisting

students in integrating the knowledge they will have already acquired by actively examining great ideas and concepts of interdisciplinary importance in the contemporary world.

Such programs are currently in existence in a few schools, and the faculty committee hopes to study some of them with the idea of finding the strong and weak points of each. Among the schools being visited are Stanford University, Reed College, the University of Chicago, Dartmouth College, Bowdoin College, Harvard University, Brandeis University, Wesleyan University, and others.

The committee has prepared a checklist of questions to be looked into by all of its members in making the visits in order to be both comprehensive and uniform in the survey.

Dr. Posey said that he hopes the full report to the faculty will be ready by May 1.

Science Fair Opens Today In Bradenton

Exhibits in the Florida State Science Fair, now in progress at the Bradenton Municipal Auditorium were opened to the public today at noon. The fair will be open to the public until the fair closes tomorrow.

There are 290 junior and senior high school exhibits on display. Approximately 50 judges are evaluating the projects.

Tomorrow at 7:30 pm an awards assembly will be held and winners in the various categories will be announced. Most outstanding exhibits in the physical and biological science categories will win all-expense paid trips to Dallas, Tex., to exhibit in the International Science Fair May 11-14.

As another feature of this year's fair, 32 outstanding high school science students from across the state have been invited to participate in the state talent search.

Each of the 32 students has already submitted a paper to the evaluating committee. Each will also present a 15-minute talk at the chamber of commerce auditorium today.

Miss Karen Decker, one of 19 students in Florida selected for the nation's honor group in the Westinghouse Science Talent Search, also will make a presentation.

A number of meetings sponsored by the Florida Foundation for Future Scientists also will be held in conjunction with the fair.

SEC Elects Chairman In Fast, Empty Session

Kenji Oda was elected chairman of the SEC for the next four-week term. Oda's election was the only action the SEC took in a 14-minute session Wednesday.

Oda was elected without dissent. This will be his second term as chairman of the SEC. He was acting chairman at the meeting,

in the absence of David Allen, whose term expired.

Karle Prendergast was first nominated for the position of chairman, but she declined. Chuck Hamilton was then nominated. He also declined, as did Ray Enslow immediately after.

At this point there was a joking suggestion to elect one of the four absent members. Oda said Bill Chadwick, who was absent, had asked Oda to decline the nomination for him. It was pointed out, however, those absent will probably be absent for the next meeting as well.

Oda was then elected without dissent. The election was the SEC's last order of business and the meeting was adjourned immediately after.

Before the election, acting chairman Oda asked what action had been taken on last week's decision to ask Captain Ralph E. Styles about an ice machine for the dorms. He was told Steve Waterman "was gonna do it." Waterman was one of the absent members, however, so Oda passed on to the next item.

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He asked what action had been taken on last week's decision to ask Captain Styles to increase the weekly allotment of towels. The reply was "Waterman was gonna do that, too." Oda turned the three items to Hamilton for action.

Oda said yesterday he had learned. Waterman sent the memos just before he left the campus.

Oda told the group he was not sure if the memo to athletic coordinator Peter Odell (asking what hours the Sarasota swim team would be using the pool was sent.

Reports on Friday's search of the rooms for lamps missing from the study rooms were heard. Hamilton reported nothing was found in the third court. Miss Prendergast and Tim Dunsworth reported one lamp was found in each of courts one and two. Dunsworth reported "no problem at all" in gaining entrance to rooms.

Enslow asked what was decided about the rejected amendments. Oda told him, "They were sent back to your committee." Enslow then asked, "Sent back to my committee?" He also inquired if "SEC modes of procedure are binding on subcommittees?" He said, "There would be a certain degree of protection" if the Bill of Rights was in the modes of procedure of the SEC.



Oda

Hamilton told him a two-thirds vote (six assenting votes) was necessary to amend the modes of procedure and only five members were present. The discussion was then discontinued.

Enslow also asked if changing the chairman every four weeks was "confusing?" Oda wanted to know, "Why did we decide on four weeks anyway?" Enslow responded it is "too much trouble" for anyone to be chairman longer than four weeks. Hamilton added, "And everybody can be chairman." Hamilton also pointed out "we can't change that now" because too few members were present.

Immediately before the election Hamilton urged "Why don't we all bone up on Robert's Rules?" Meetings of the SEC are supposed to proceed according to the rules according to the constitution.

Exhibit of Gift Paintings Opens at Ringling Towers

An exhibition of the Alfred V. and Lily S. Marx collection of works by Florida artists opened Wednesday night at the gallery of the Ringling Towers. The collection of sixty paintings was presented to New College by the Marxes.



A collection of sixty paintings was presented to New College Wednesday by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred V. Marx (right). Their son, V. Henry Marx, also attended the opening of the exhibit with his wife (left).

"Their gift to New College represents more than a decade of encouragement to artists. Impressed with the early aims of New College and its own extensive program in the fine arts, the Marxes presented the collection to the college where it will first be exhibited

and then will become a part of the permanent collection of the college to be placed on exhibit in campus buildings," said Dr. Arthur Ross Borden, Jr., Humanities Chairman.

Alfred V. and Lily S. Marx long have been avid painters and serious collectors of art. The results of their efforts are evident in the collection they have presented to New College, now exhibited for the first time as a collection in the New College Fine Arts Institute Gallery.

The Alfred V. and Lily S. Marx Collection has been gathered over a period of nearly thirteen years and represents a number of Florida artists whose work they both appreciated and attempted to encourage by purchase.

They were guided in their collecting by two altruistic motives: first, that unknown but talented creative artists should be recognized as they appeared; second, that small collectors of modest means should be encouraged to continue to collect. The results of their effort can be seen in the current exhibit, al-

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Editorially Speaking

A Sad Joke

Wednesday's meeting of the Student Executive Committee was a joke--a sad joke. We would laugh--but the laugh is on us, the students. Some of the members of the SEC have shown their qualifications for participation in legislative activities. A few of them are amazingly lacking.

For example: Bill Chadwick, second-year representative, has missed many, if not most of the meetings this term. The Catalyst has observed his absence at the last three meetings, and his absence from many others earlier in the term is attested by his fellow members. We are sure Chadwick has had good reason to be absent from the meetings. But whatever the reason for his absence, the fact remains that he has not been fulfilling his duty as a member of the SEC. He has not justified the faith and confidence placed in him by those who elected him. Chadwick has served adequately and conscientiously as chairman of the Student Disciplinary Committee, therefore we know he is capable of good work in some parts of our government. We suggest he confine his activities to those parts in which he serves well.

For example: Steve Waterman, first-year representative, by not reporting that he had carried out the tasks assigned to him, wasted time and effort of his fellow SEC members and further delayed progress on the questions. We are aware that he was concerned with leaving for the independent study period. But regardless of his personal occupations of the moment, his duty was to the SEC and his fellow students. If he thinks no more than his actions indicate of carrying out instructions from the governing body on which he sits, then he is not a good student representative and should not carry on the pretense. Waterman has expressed his lack of interest in student government to the editor personally. We ask him now, why not step aside for someone who might have more interest?

These two are not the only members of the SEC who approach their duty with a lackadaisical attitude. They just happened to be at the forefront of the non-action. Equally guilty of not living up to responsibilities are their fellows who sit through meeting after meeting without saying a word. How can the students be adequately represented if their representatives do not speak up at government assembly?

Perhaps some of the criticisms made in the past on the system of student government have been misdirected. Perhaps those chosen to implement that system are more appropriate targets for criticism aimed at improving the system. If the disinterest demonstrated by our elected representatives is truly representative of the attitude of the students, then for the sake of intellectual honesty and self-consistency why in the name of that mythical New College ideal don't we just eliminate student government? If students do not want student government, what absolute absurdity to continue it. If we do not want our own government then let's abolish it. If we do want it, then let's make it worth having.

Paintings

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ready recognized as an important contribution to American art. Their own judgment in collecting was that the paintings should be works of merit. "After all, there are only two kinds of paintings: good and bad," Mr. Marx says. Delightfully vibrant, Mr. and Mrs. Marx were described by another writer as "wed to one another by love and art."

A New York Times writer said, "art is their life," and their devotion to it early as a hobby and then later as a serious avocation, to be supplemented by collecting, is evidenced by the wide recognition given to their works, by the important collections in which they are represented, and by the paintings which they have purchased.

President John Elmendorf said, "Acceptance of the Alfred V. and Lily S. Marx Collection representing works by Florida artists gives me great pleasure, both on behalf of New College and also personally. The Marxes have exemplified what we hope to impart to our students: a constant concern for growth of the mind and spirit which keeps them able and anxious to learn throughout their lives."

"New College is deeply grateful for this collection and for its meaning to artists of all ages. We intend to continue to press on students of whatever age the importance of the arts in their lives through all the resources available to New College."

"Alfred and Lily Marx, by their generous gift, speak eloquently for art and, incidentally, for humanity."



Organize Magazine

A monthly magazine is being organized to publish "literary, political or polemical" material.

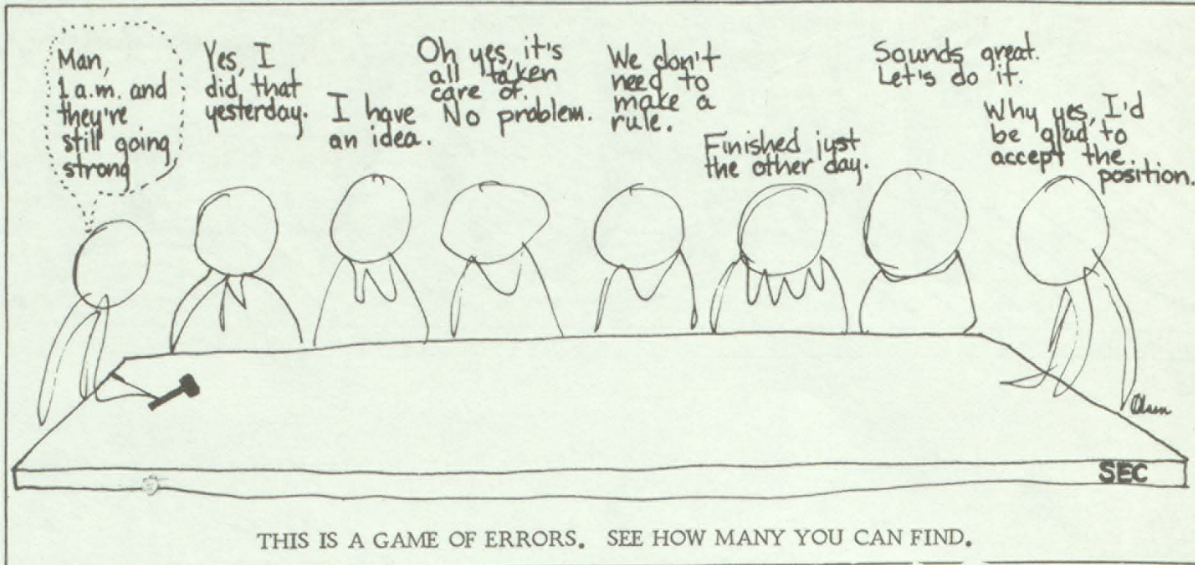
Heading the organizing group are Gary Williams, Tom Manteuffel and Steve Waterman.

The publication is as yet unnamed, according to Williams. He said suggestions will be accepted.

He also said contributions are being sought. "We have a lot of literary stuff," he told The Catalyst last night, "and we want more."

The group hopes to have stencils typed the first week after the independent study period ends. The publication will be mimeographed.

Williams said the group needs money to meet the cost of publishing.



SEC Should Lengthen Chairman's Tenure

Perhaps accidentally, Ray Enslow and Kenji Oda touched on an important point at Wednesday's SEC meeting. Why have the terms of office for chairmen been set at four weeks?

As we understand it, the length of the chairman's term was set rather arbitrarily, based on vague notions that longer terms would be too much of a burden to members elected to that post and that by having shorter terms "everyone would get a chance to be chairman."

It seems apparent to us that neither of these "reasons" for limiting the chairmanship to four weeks is valid. The secretary of the SEC does as much, if not more, work as the chairman, and he has voiced no complaints about serving the entire year. Also, the desire to allow everyone a chance at the chairmanship is very exemplary but not very practical.

There is now a lack of leadership in the SEC. Although chairmen can legally be re-elected to that position, there seems to have grown a "tradition" that no person serve two consecutive terms. Because the chairmanship is so constantly in flux, there is also a lack of continuity and organization in the SEC's actions.

Perhaps a stricter enforcement of Robert's Rules of Order which is planned for future meetings will eliminate some inefficiency, but we feel more can be done.

Namely, lengthen the chairman's term to eight weeks. This will enable chairmen to "finish what they've begun" and to insure greater efficiency and leadership in the conducting of the meetings.

As things stand now, the chairmanship of the SEC is effectively a mere ceremonial position. We are not asking special powers or privileges for the chair, however. We simply wish to see someone take charge at each SEC meeting and see that business is taken care of as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

Letters

To the Editor:

Who is our editor? He seems to have this tremendous hang-up on this "justice" business. Before I leave (3 hours), I want to place ants in strategic pants. Ed--you have less to say every week. Last week U. of F. pres. was declared out of place in a letter (?) which said nothing really. This week I really got burned up though. So I'm a ***** (sp) steer who just sits & lets others vote for me, am I? I'll tell you what I think of those rights--They're very stupid. The student government can't stop me from doing anything. Let them try. I came to New College because the pamphlets let me believe I could do what I am inclined to and not be bugged by structure and rules all that nickel-dime stuff. (sic) The only people interested (sic) in protecting my rights are the faculty. Students want gobs of useless rules. All right, so you pass the Bill of Rights? You haven't done anything constructive. Who's going to violate those rights? Noone (sic)--Why have them? Don't. If you want to pass them--O.K., but all the rights are so obvious that I can't see their merit here.

Sec. (sic)--You guys blew it. You don't do something so obviously stupid. People going (sic) to hate you. You tell each of us when you're coming in & be friendly about it. Searching our rooms isn't a big thing but politically it's dynamite. (sic) If you want to be really sneaky (there are the merits), you don't rub our faces in it as soon as you've done it. Three times it's mentioned in the paper--THREE! On the front page it's in the headlines. All you guys--editor and S.E.C., you'd all be fine in a small town, but leave me alone.

(signed) Bill Ralphs

Funds Allocated For Tennis Courts

Money has been allocated for a pair of tennis courts to be built on the East Campus, announced Furman Arthur, Information Officer. The courts will be complete with screening, back stops, and nets in place.

Funds for the courts have been donated by several members of the local community, Mr. Arthur said.

The court surfaces will be suitable for play in all weather. Although the exact location of the proposed courts has not been decided, they will be built somewhere on the East Campus. Construction will not begin for several weeks, but Captain Ralph Styles, Planning Officer, has indicated that the courts will be completed this summer.

Meanwhile, according to Captain Styles, the college has completed negotiations with the municipal airport authorities for a lease to the barracks area east of the residence courts. Pending the approval of the Federal Aviation Agency, the airport authorities will deliver a 99-year lease.

There have been hints that some of the airport land will be developed as a recreation area for students. Among the possibilities mentioned are basketball facilities, a soccer field, and basketball courts. John Nash Ott's environmental light and health research institute will also be located on the property.

"We expect to have the lease signed within a week," Captain Styles told The Catalyst.

Also, he said, construction on



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Week's Events

Today	Stoddard Forum Hootenanny--Sarasota Garden Center La Grande Soiree--Ringling Art Museum State Science Fair--Bradenton
Saturday	Hootenanny State Science Fair
Currently	Exhibit of Marx collection of paintings--Ringling Towers Gallery

on campus

with Laurie Paulson

Some More Few Things

It's Spring. It's Independent Study Period. Let your heart dance. Let your feelings and fancies soar on the wings of April. Let your spirits sing. Leave your door open for the Room Search Committee...

The cover of Time magazine the other week asked simply (it was the first time He's made the cover) "Is God Dead?" and this bothered me for a while and I wondered if I should believe them but then I decided that if anyone would know, they would...

I'm sorry, 42.8% of New College, but it won't work. It won't happen that if you turn around and close your eyes and put your hands to your ears the spectre of structure and organization will go away. Perhaps it should, but it won't. So it's not at all irrelevant to be voting on a bill of rights. Because



Paulson

it's here and it's either our way or theirs. There's no wishing away a campus policeman with disciplinary powers. There was no excuse, then, for almost half of the school not voting at all in the bill of rights election. Some things have to be faced...

It was reported that the film committee had tentatively secured Sundays and Cybele for next term and if it is shown, I would suggest that even those who don't bother to stay for the movie on Sunday make the effort for this one. It's a really remarkable, truly beautiful movie, and the ending has an overwhelming, cathartic impact. At risk of sounding repetitious, don't miss it. When I see it again, it'll be for the fourth time...

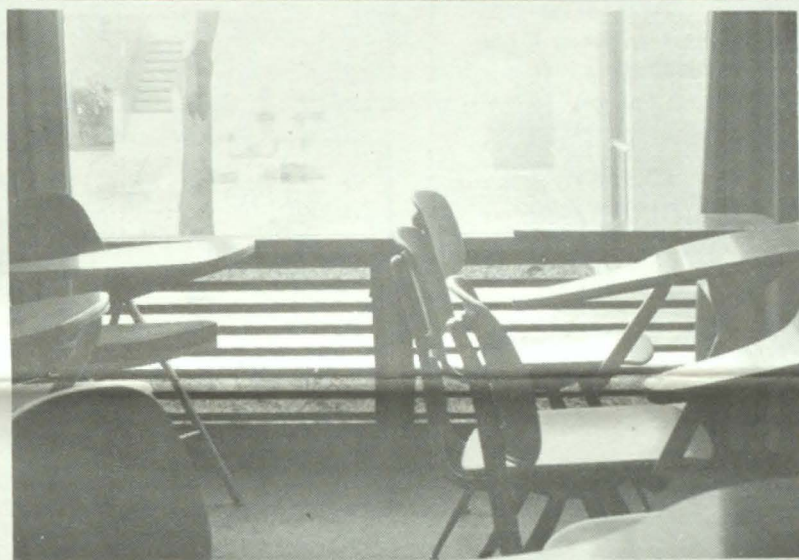
There are some things you're really glad to know, once you find them out. Like, Independent Study Period is really four weeks long. Or that, if the test is any indication, it was a waste of time going to all those Basic Social Science lectures for two terms, and that the time could have been better spent merely reading the textbooks from cover to cover...

After the defeat of the rights, I felt really disturbed. I was without privileges, without protection, left along in a sea of deadly car-

nivores ready to deprive me of life, liberty, and the pursuit of whatever it is I've been pursuing. Then I realized that I didn't have any rights before, either, and so nothing had changed. It was a really comforting thought...

I was sitting in the room in the third court with the record player because my roommate's amplifier doesn't work listening to a new record for the first time and a song I especially wanted to hear was coming on but then someone came in and said he was on some committee and people were stealing light bulbs from the record room and did I favor it being locked so it wouldn't continue and I said yes, yes, I was against wanton and shocking waste of light bulbs, so lock it, but after the song I realized there were things more important than light bulbs, like having the door to the record room open at any time...

So, be in a mood of forgiveness for Spring, and forgive me my uninformed opinions and articles that don't quite succeed, and the times I don't greet you when you pass me, and be magnanimous and allow New College a little inconsistency and Sarasota a little hostility and the world its unconcern, and after a while it will be July, and nothing will really matter.



Empty classroom typifies the tranquil atmosphere which has enveloped the campus since the departure of nearly half the student body during the week, the first in the spring Independent Study Period.

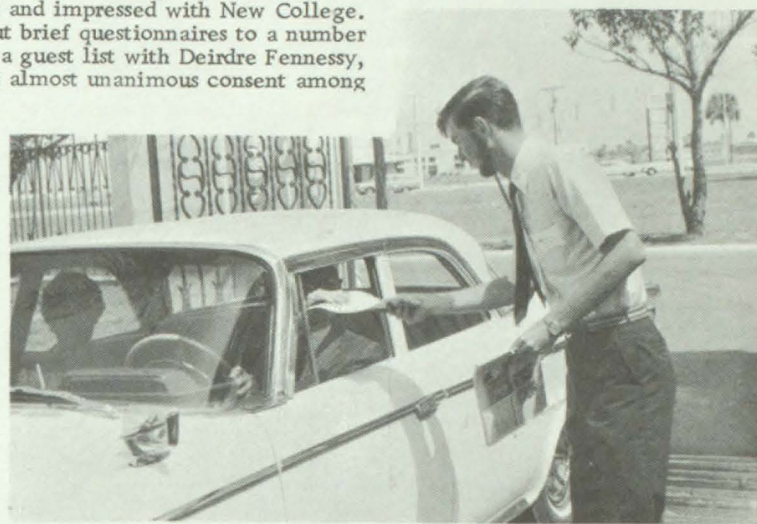
Open House Guests Applaud New College Community

A sampling of visitors' reactions to the recent college open house indicates that people were generally pleased and impressed with New College. The Public Relations Office sent out brief questionnaires to a number of open house visitors who had signed a guest list with Deirdre Fennessy, who had her room on display. There was almost unanimous consent among those who replied that the open house was both interesting and informative.

One of the questions in the questionnaire asked visitors what impressed them most about the college. Replies ranged from "the luxurious student rooms" to "the science labs" and from "the informality of the students" to "the spirit of a young organization." One irate person replied by saying he was most impressed by "the need for a barber shop."

A great number of people were, quite understandably, impressed by the physical plant of the college. However, a significant number of visitors also voiced compliments for the students, their willingness to answer questions, and "the great potential" of the school.

The most interesting replies came, not unexpectedly, in the "suggestions and comments" section of the questionnaire. Some of the recurring suggestions included: conduct the open house on days when it would not clash with other area events, such as the DeSoto Week or Sarasota Band concert; make sure that students "dressed



Kramer Darragh, first-year student from Little Rock, Arkansas, manned the main gate to the West Campus during the recent college open house, greeting visitors as they entered and distributing copies of the open house edition of The Catalyst. Darragh was one of dozens of students who helped make the open house the success that it was.

decently and not go around half-naked"; provide more students and faculty members to serve as guides and answer questions.

Other observations included: suggestions that more students take an active part in the program; comments that the students who did take part were extremely friendly and helpful; and expressions of surprise (mostly pleasant) at what New College turned out really to be.

Almost all who answered the questionnaire agreed that the open house was a valuable experience for both New College and the surrounding

community. Many urged that the college conduct open house each year.

There were a few disappointed people (One person complained that "the rooms could have been neater."), but most of those who came apparently considered their time well-spent.

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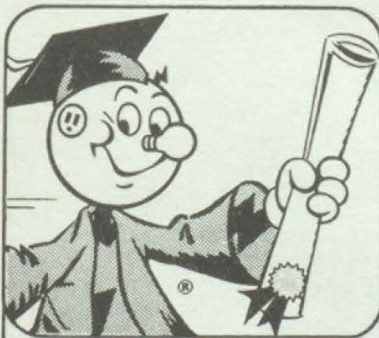
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Visiting College Couple Sees Unnatural Aura At NC

There is an aura of unnaturalness about the New College community, according to a pair of educators who have been informally observing campus life for the past three months.

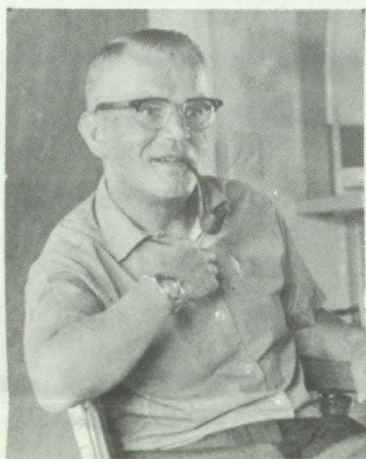
Dr. and Mrs. Stanko Vujica, who have been living in the old natural science office building, made some remarks about New College during an interview with The Catalyst this week. They pointed out, however, that these were observations based on relatively shallow contact with students.

Dr. Vujica is head of the philosophy and religion department at Wilkes College in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. His wife is the school's librarian. They are currently on a semester's "sabbatical," which they are spending here both to see New College and to take advantage of Florida weather.

Although the couple is here in no official capacity, they have a genuine personal interest in the New College experiment, and they have been quietly observing, attending the Friday-night Forums and swimming in the college pool.

Nonchalant Students

"Students here are very nonchalant about strangers," Mr. Vujica remarked. "We appreciate this in that we are able to use the library or walk into a Forum without drawing a lot of attention and whispers of 'Who's that?'" However, Mr. Vujica added, it strikes him



Dr. Vujica

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as somewhat strange that people are still calling the house, apparently unaware that the couple has been residing there for all these weeks, and asking for members of the natural science faculty.

Fled Yugoslavia

The Vujicas originally lived and taught in what is now Tito's Yugoslavia. Forced to leave the country due to Mr. Vujica's published anti-communist views, the couple came to the United States in 1947. They have since become firmly settled in this country, although they still travel a great deal.

Needing a place at which to "stop and think" this year, the Vujicas contacted President John Elmendorf and received permission to stay at New College. They had planned to leave in June but are now considering extending their stay.

In speaking of the students here, Mrs. Vujica noted that there seems to be a fairly prevalent "don't care" attitude, stemming perhaps from the great degree of individualism among students. "It's an attitude of 'I know what I want, and nothing else matters,'" she explained. "It almost makes one wonder if students even care if the school succeeds in what it's trying to do."

Concern for Students

Mrs. Vujica expressed a concern for the adjustment from New College to "the real world" which every student must eventually face.

Mr. Vujica also expressed some concern, noting that there is "a certain aura of unnaturalness about this place. Unlike other places, there are no traditions to help smooth things over." He said it would take some time for students here to develop a maturity of their own. He went on to say that he was happy to see the great amount

of individualism that exists among students, but only when it is genuine and not a "phony non-conformism."

Intellectual Level High

Although he may have found some phoniness in non-academic areas, Mr. Vujica was quick to comment that the intellectual level among New College students is exceptionally high. "Never have I seen such a collection of brilliant students," he said. "It's wonderful to be with people who think."

One minor disappointment for the Vujicas has been what they feel is a lack of formal involvement in contemporary issues on the students' part.

The Vujicas have become acquainted with many of the faculty and administration and described them as very friendly and able. They expressed confidence in the faculty's ability to meet the school's challenge.

"The college is still trying to find itself," Mr. Vujica observed. "It will take a few years to make it what it wants to be."

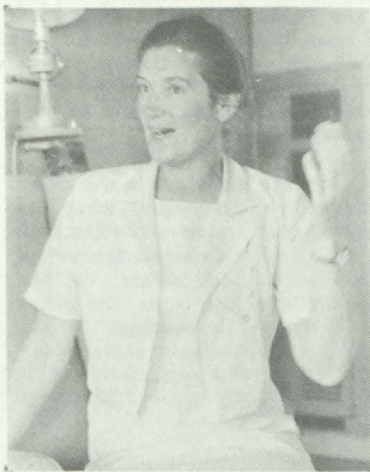
Students Have Mission

He went on to say that the students have been given an important "mission" in this venture. "You lucky young people are making educational history, and you have as much responsibility as President Elmendorf in the success of New College."

Will Speak at Forum

Mr. Vujica has been asked to speak at a Forum next term, and he is considering comparative theology as a subject. He has traveled extensively in most parts of the globe, and he has seen the cultures of various nations first-hand.

He has spent his sabbatical reading and writing, as well as simply relaxing in the warm weather. He has already completed several papers during his stay here and is currently working on a project on



Mrs. Vujica

"It makes one wonder if students even care if the school succeeds...."

"Marxist Philosophy in Yugoslavia," Mrs. Vujica also writes, both in prose and verse, and she has had works published in English and in her native tongue. She is currently interested in the writing of biographies and is studying the biographical technique.

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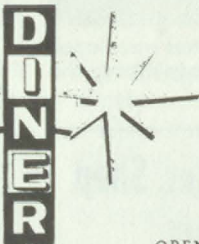
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Dr. and Mrs. Stanko Vujica talked candidly with The Catalyst for two hours this week. Originally from Yugoslavia but now members of the faculty of Wilkes College in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, the couple have been residing on campus for three months, relaxing and catching up on some personal projects.

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