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'Happening' Is Planned For Senior Graduation

A "contemplative happening" will be the feature of commencement activities for the Class of 1967 according to plans announced by Student Commencement Committee chairman Diana Shiphorst.

Shiphorst said the "happening" would be part of a series of activities planned as a departure from traditional commencement ceremonies.

According to plans developed at a student meeting Wednesday night, commencement activities will begin with a dinner for seniors with the President, held sometime before graduation day, July 22. On graduation Saturday, an open house for parents, possibly including a seminar discussion, will be scheduled.

That evening, parents and students will travel to the beach for the "real" graduation ceremony. Parents will be seated on chairs while students will congregate informally to watch the sunset and meditate. A brass choir, choral reading, a poetry recitation and interpretive dancing could be part of the ceremony. Parents will not be allowed to applaud, and the activities will appear to be spontaneous, in the manner of a "happening."

Following this activity, a buffet and possibly a dance will be held in Hamilton Center for both parents and students. At some time during the dance, President John Elmendorf will proclaim students graduated, and diplomas may be placed in mailboxes. There will be no formal handing out of diplomas.

Shiphorst emphasized the graduation ceremonies will not be traditional because "this is what people wanted," and said all of the activities will be voluntary. She said the plans will become official "if there is no vociferous objection before Wednesday."

Shiphorst said third-year student Jeanne Rosenberg was in charge of the "happening."

Dr. Arthur Miller, a member of the faculty commencement committee which has met jointly with the student committee, said another meeting would probably be necessary to consider the proposals. He said the faculty will "seriously consider" any student suggestion for practicality, but emphasized the student plans were as yet "proposals."

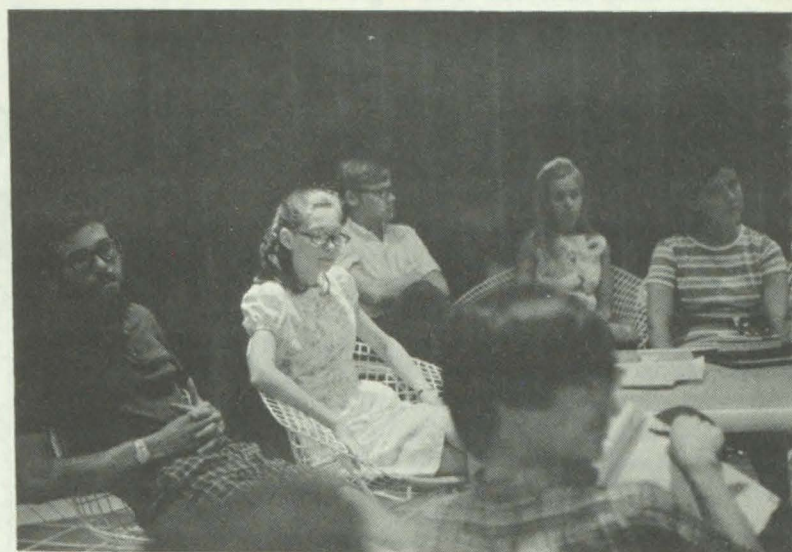
Miller said the faculty was willing to go along with any "reasonable degree" of informality in graduation ceremonies, but said he foresaw certain problems in transporting students and parents to the beach.

Miller said the faculty committee believed it was necessary to provide some kind of symbolic termination of the students' college careers.

reer for the parents, but felt the form to be unimportant. He said a decision needed to be made soon and then "stuck to."

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Seniors at Wednesday's meeting. For a report on the meeting, see page 3. Also, see editorial and cartoon, page 2.



Occupancy Soon For Single Rooms

Single rooms will be available for occupancy next week, Assistant Dean Arthur Miller announced at the meeting of the Student Executive Committee Wednesday.

Miller said rooms used as classrooms in the dorms would not be available as singles when classrooms at Hamilton Center open, as he originally announced. Miller said those rooms will be used to house participants at the Music Festival. He said a total of 15 rooms will be available as single rooms.

Miller said members of the class of 1967 would be given first choice, but reported last night only three seniors have requested singles. The class of 1968 will then choose single rooms, in order of priority. Priority numbers for the classes of 1968 and 1969 were posted earlier in the week.

The same priorities will be used to choose rooms for the next school year, Miller said, and commented all students must have a roommate at the beginning of next year.

Stop The War Committee Forms Anti-Draft Union

Members of the Sarasota Committee to Stop the War in Vietnam have organized an anti-draft union (ADU) to help people resist the draft "through recognized radical means."

According to first-year student Jon Shaughnessy, this means the ADU will provide information and legal counsel on draft resistance, stand ready to organize anti-draft demonstrations, and in other ways encourage and aid people to oppose conscription.

"We're willing to do anything to cut down the military manpower of the United States," Shaughnessy told The Catalyst.

Immediate goals of the group are to inform local high school students about the possibilities of conscientious objection and to effectively organize what anti-draft sentiment exists on this campus.

Shaughnessy said the group has engaged a "draft counselor" to help them understand the draft laws, Jack Ross of Tampa.

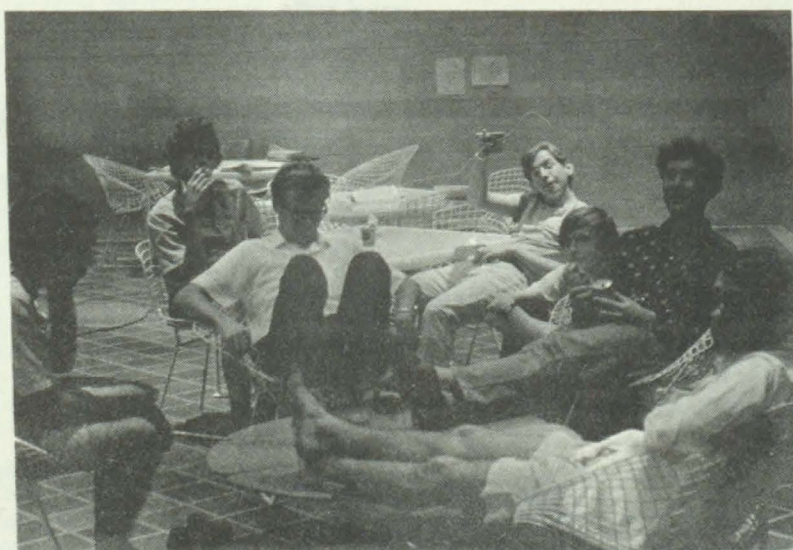
As of last night, nine students had agreed to participate in ADU.

In other action, the SCSW deci-

ded to conduct a public debate on the Vietnam question some time in the future with Project Alert.

A Vietnam study group was

formed to "inquire into the straight facts" of the Vietnam situation in order to prepare members for talks to local civic groups.



Students at the SCSW meeting.

SEC Sends President Note Protesting Closing Hour

A note protesting the 8 pm closing of the library will be sent to President John Elmendorf by the Student Executive Committee, it was decided at the SEC meeting Wednesday.



Miller

When questioned about the early closing of the library, faculty advisor Arthur Miller said the hour was presented as a "fait accompli" to the faculty at its last meeting by Elmendorf, on the basis of a recommendation by the faculty Library Committee. Miller implied there would have been faculty objection if the matter had been up for debate or discussion.

When it was suggested the closing hour had been set to cause more students to use the library, second-year representative Rick Stauffer said the library should be open until 11 pm or later "regardless of the motive" for the change. Stauffer suggested the 8 pm closing was a "game."

Third-year representative Sarah Dean said librarian Dr. Corrine Wilson had received a petition signed by a number of students asking the early closing be rescinded, and reported Dr. Wilson had been unable to determine when College Hall was locked from security guard Bob Ritchie. For this reason, Dean said, Dr. Wilson was scheduling student library workers until 11 pm.

Secretary Ted Shoemaker said he would send a note protesting the change to the proper faculty member. Since Elmendorf had made the announcement to the faculty, it was decided to send the note to him.

In other business, SEC Chairman Tom Jarrell said a rule prohibiting shoes from the dining room for students, faculty and guests would be put into effect Monday if shoe racks can be built by that time.

Jarrell said kitchen manager Thomas Estep had agreed it would be "fun" to serve a Japanese meal Monday, and in future weeks would probably serve foreign meals on Thursday.

In response to Jarrell's announcement of the shoeless rule, Stauffer said the rule requiring shoes in Hamilton Center was not being enforced, and students should not raise an issue about the rule.

Miller said Jarrell's plans were based on a "misunderstanding" of the position of Dean of Students Robert Norwine. Miller said Norwine emphasized the rule was completely up to him and had given no indication the rule could be changed.

Jarrell said he would talk to Norwine about the rule.

Bill Thurston, chairman of the ad hoc committee for Hamilton Center, reported the swivel-type chairs had been moved back in the dining room after a recommendation by the Faculty Architectural Committee that they be used in place of the stacking chairs.

Miller said the Architectural Committee had heard all the furniture for Hamilton Center had not arrived and there were still minor difficulties, but he said these could be expected in any new building.

The resignation of first-year representative Lee Crawford as House Committee Chairman was announced, and there was not dissent to the appointment of second-year student Sam Parsons as the new chairman.

Shoemaker asked about recent fire alarm tests in the dorms, but no explanation for the tests was given by Miller or other SEC members. Shoemaker pointed out there were no instructions about fire in the dorms, and Miller said there were no fire extinguishers in the dorms because the Grounds Department contended there is no possibility of a fire.

Radical Theologian

To Be NC Professor

A noted exponent of the so-called "radical theology" will be New College's first professor of theological studies.

The Reverend William Hamilton will join the faculty in September after 14 years at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School.

Author of "The New Essence of Christianity" and co-author with Thomas Altizer of "Radical Theology and the Death of God," Hamilton has also gained considerable exposure through television.

According to Information Officer Furman Arthur, Hamilton has worked extensively in TV, having participated in more than 40 Look Up and Live programs and he has written a number of TV scripts.

His position here will be partially supported by a grant from the Danforth Foundation.

Operating Budget

Approved By Board

An operating budget of \$2,636,308 for the coming fiscal year was approved by the Board of Trustees at its spring meeting.

This represents an increase of nearly \$200,000 over the actual operating costs this year.

According to Vice President Paul Davis, the college is counting on raising \$1.5 million in gifts and grants this coming year, approximately what they've raised this year.

The rest of the expenses will be met from student fees, investments, and miscellaneous sources.

Editorial

Grand Happening

Commencement exercises traditionally are of a dual nature: on the one hand, they provide a ceremonial setting for a ceremonial conferring of degrees; on the other, they serve a social function, providing an occasion for a "final" gathering of seniors, their parents, and the remaining college community.

The ceremonial function is to a great extent a public relations device, a vehicle for self-aggrandizement. Robes, processions, grand speeches about "the leaders of tomorrow," and the general air of order and solemnity that are associated with commencement seem "nice," outlandishly respectable, and are certainly of no great inconvenience to nice, respectable students. So certain are some members of the college community of this conviction, apparently, that some thought has been given to refusing diplomas to students who fail to attend the commencement ceremony.

This view, of course, is ludicrous, although it would be humorous to see "attendance at commencement" listed alongside satisfactory completion of comprehensives, baccalaureates, and so on, as a requirement for graduation from New College. And judging from student comments at Wednesday's meeting on commencement, if attendance at a ceremonial conferring of degrees is made voluntary, perhaps ten seniors would show up.

It would seem, therefore, that the faculty committee that is planning graduation should dismiss any thoughts of having President Elmendorf ceremoniously present seniors their diplomas, one by one. There is nothing magical about the physical diplomas, and they might as well be distributed via student mailboxes.

However, the majority of seniors seem to feel some sort of social event or events should be provided to mark the official end of their undergraduate careers. Some of the proposals heard at Wednesday's meeting would horrify the Development Office, but, as many seniors see it, "It's our graduation."

This is not strictly true, however, for graduation, even as a purely social event, is not for seniors only, but for parents and the general college community, as well. Will parents understand and enjoy a "happening," after travelling hundreds of miles to attend what is in many cases a significant milestone in their relationship with their children? The seniors' consensus that "graduation" should consist of an hour of "creative contemplation" followed by a night of "bashy" revelry would be a change from stuffy tradition as refreshing to parents as to students, but the elders may appreciate something more substantial than a cocktail party.

If, in light of these considerations, seniors decide they want no "graduation" ceremonies as such, but would prefer an entirely student-oriented Grand Happening, then the faculty should respect their wishes. This need not be an either-or proposition, but in any case, seniors should distinguish between the two before committing their parents and the college to what might prove to non-student guests simply a big private party.



Political Commentary

Danger of Sane People
Reason for Paranoia

By RAY ENSLOW

As I understand it, this is to be a Political Column. In other words, The Catalyst has decided to start talking about the kinds of things they talk about on the editorial pages of Real Newspapers. It is intended, therefore, that future issues of The Catalyst will present in this space a series of discussions on various topics of national, international, though perhaps not cosmic, importance.

Given the way things are in the world today, it is obvious that the only sane and rational frame of mind in which to approach such topics is one of blackest pessimism. Or better yet, paranoia. Anyone who has read *Catch-22* need not be told that they are trying to kill us, and that--what with nuclear weapons and all--they have more than the means necessary to succeed.

This is true for all of us, of course; but those of us who are male members of the college age-group face extraordinary danger, because we have General Hershey as well as the Communists to worry about. Armies, after all, are mainly for the protection of those who are not in them.

It is a common misconception that only a stupid man, or perhaps only a madman, would ever push the nuclear button. If that were so we might be entitled to some sense of security. But it is not so. Eichmann, I am told, was a fairly intelligent man, a reasonably knowledgeable man, and a completely sane man. A psychiatrist examined him, and found him quite sane. You must never forget that awesome fact. If the murder of six million Jews had been perpetrated by a band of lunatics, it would be horrible, but understandable. Unfortunately, however, those thousands of Germans who were involved in this outrage were rather ordinary folks--except for a few, who were geniuses.

Let me quote some words by the Trappist monk, Thomas Merton, from "A Devout Meditation in Memory of Adolf Eichmann" (Ramparts, Oct., 1966):

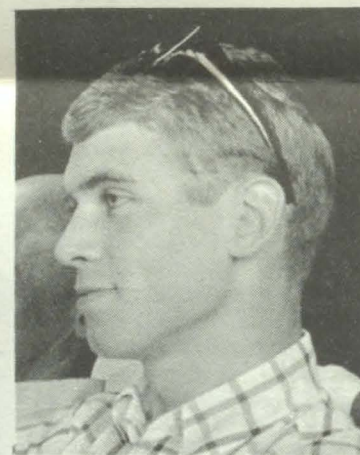
"What makes us so sure, after all, that the danger comes from a psychotic getting into a position to fire the first shot in a nuclear war? Psychotics will be suspect. No one suspects the sane, and the sane ones will have perfectly good reasons, logical, well-adjusted reasons, for firing the shot..."

"No, Eichmann was sane. The generals and fighters on both sides, in World War II, the ones who carried out the total destruction of entire cities, these were the sane ones. Those who have invented and developed atomic bombs, thermonuclear bombs, missiles; who have planned the strategy of the next war; who have evaluated the various possibilities of using bacterial and chemical agents: these are not the crazy people, they are the sane people. The ones who coolly estimate how many millions of victims can be considered expendable in a nuclear war, I presume they do all right with the Rorschach ink blots too..."

"God knows, perhaps such people can be perfectly adjusted even in hell itself..."

Thus it will not do to rant and rave at each other, nor to dismiss the arguments on either side as nonsense and lunacy. There are--and I am quite serious--very good reasons why we are fighting in Viet-

nam, and there are no doubt equally good reasons why Ho Chi Minh is fighting in Vietnam. Similarly we may assume that Prof. David



Enslow

Nelson Rowe had very good reasons for suggesting that the U. S. buy up all the surplus Canadian and Australian wheat, so that there would be mass starvation in China. After all, he is an expert, and he is probably a very nice guy. And there is no reason at all to suppose that there will not be perfectly good reasons for starting World War III.

One of the purposes of this column, then, and one of the jobs of any sane man, is to try to understand what these reasons may be. I for one want to know why they are all trying to kill me, so that I may be either fore-armed or reconciled. This political stuff, finally, is a very personal matter.

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Letters

Likes Super-Stuff

To the Editor:

Today I got some Super-Stuff. I like it. I like all the salads in Hamilton Court. I do not like the omelettes. I have heard that Earl Helgeson has a good law course.

Love,
(signed)
Delancey Kimberley Dangerfield

Thanks from WLA

To the Editor:

Could you please put a thank you note in The Catalyst on the behalf of the Women's Library Association thanking the students who helped serve dinner, the piano player, and anyone else who helped. Thank you,

(signed)
Mary Lou Wingerter,
WLA

Editor's note: Done.

Help Wanted

The Catalyst is seeking an advertising salesman for the summer vacation period. If interested, contact Kenji Oda for information about the work involved and commission fees.

A Graduated Quandary

To the Editor:

Never have I been sad or glad
That there was such a thing as bad.
There had to be, I understood,
For there to have been any good.
It was by having been contrasted
That good and bad so long had lasted.
That's why discrimination reigns.
That's why we need a lot of brains.
If only to discriminate
'Twixt what to love and what to hate.
To quote the oracle of Delphi,
Love thou thy neighbour as thyself, aye,
And hate him as thyself thou hatest.
There quandary is at its greatest.
We learned from the forbidden fruit
For brains there is no substitute.
"Unless it's sweetbreads," you suggest
With innuendo I detest.
You drive me to confess in ink:
Once I was fool enough to think
That brains and sweetbreads were the same,
Till I was caught and put to shame,
First by a butcher, then a cook,
Then by a scientific book.
But 'twas by making sweetbreads do
I passed with such a high I. Q.

(signed)
Maureen Spear

Register By May 29

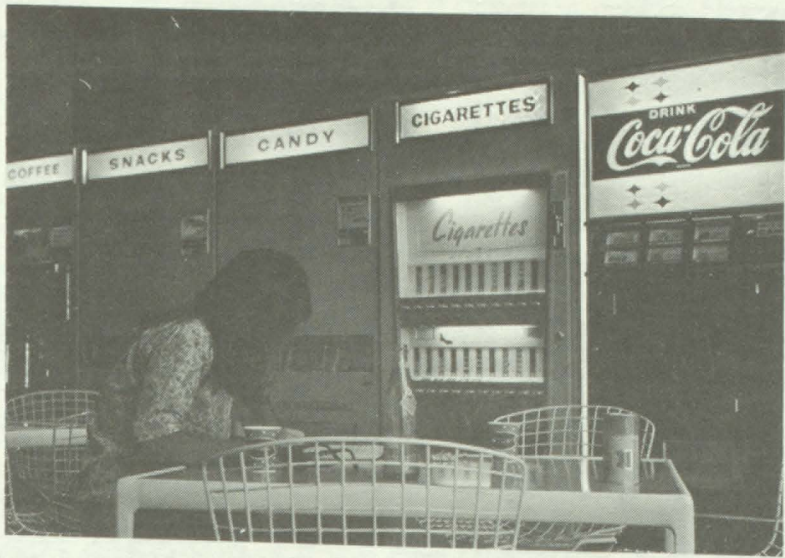
For Music Festival

New College students who wish to participate in the third New College Music Festival by performing in the master classes and in practice sessions should register in the Humanities Office by May 29.

The three-week festival will feature leading chamber music and concert musicians, and will consist of classes for advanced students and concerts by both professionals and students.

All students, faculty, and staff will be welcome to attend seven professional concerts and student concerts of the festival without charge.

The New College community is also welcome to sit in without charge on all activities of the festival open to tuition-paying auditors.



Machines Installed

A soft drink machine was installed in the snack bar this week. It joins vending machines for hot drinks, cigarettes and snack foods. A number of students have expressed the need for a change machine, however, to make it easier to use the other machines.

Intensive Spanish Offered In Columbia

A six-week program of intensive study of Spanish will be open to New College students this summer in Medellin, Colombia.

The program, limited to about 20 students, will include four hours intensive Spanish five days a week, plus optional lectures and field trips, and the possibility of working out an independent study project.

Invitations to participate in the program will go out to students of other area colleges and high schools, but New College students will be given priority.

Some knowledge of Spanish is desirable, according to Spanish Tutor Woodruff Byrne, but the only other prerequisites are that the student have the time and money.

According to Byrne, roundtrip transportation from Miami will cost about \$115. Students will also have to pay tuition for the course and living expenses.

Byrne said students will be housed with Colombian families, but tuition may run as high as \$230.

The course, which runs from July 20 to August 31, is conducted by a U. S. government sponsored cultural exchange organization.

Interested students should contact Byrne or second-year student Dick Ogburn.

Senior Meeting Drags On And On

Various student proposals for the form of New College's first graduation were described as "a contemplative happening," "a creative milling around," "pagan orgy," and "a PTA meeting" at a special meeting of seniors Wednesday night in the snack bar.

Some two dozen seniors argued for nearly 90 minutes on questions of where and in what way the commencement "ceremonies" would be conducted.

Dennis Kezar opened the meeting by explaining he and a few other seniors called the meeting because the faculty-student commencement committee had begun planning graduation exercises without consulting the majority of seniors.

Karen Fryklund reported an informal poll of seniors who were at dinner Wednesday revealed, "In general, people want simple things."

Kathy Dively interrupted an ensuing debate over the definition of "simple" by suggesting, "Let's first decide if we want a ceremony before we discuss the details."

Charles Raeburn said he felt the administration would want some sort of ceremony, "no matter how informal," and that there might be some sort of ceremony for those students, "no matter how few," who want one.

After a long discussion of what such a ceremony should be, Rachel Findley concluded, "We all have different kinds of parents," and thus agreement was impossible.

This observation did nothing to stop further discussion of the topic, however, and Jeanne Rosenberg finally told the group, "We're supposed to be so intelligent and so creative." She suggested "the beach is so beautiful at sunset," and a "symbolic, mysterious" ceremony might be interesting.

Kezar said something "novel" was fine with him, but Esther Lynn Barazone complained, "We're forgetting the public function."

Bill Thurston suggested two graduations be held, one in the morning and the other at night, one simple and the other elaborate.

Findley introduced a new problem into the discussion when she said she disapproved of the college spending money on elaborate ceremonial affairs when it could be spent on professor's salaries.

Rosenberg, when told the college was willing to pay for the graduation, said, "Do we have money? Well, then, let's all take a trip to the Bahamas."

As the meeting passed the half hour mark, some students began to call for an end to the meeting and circulation of a questionnaire to settle the questions.

Kezar said there was just as much chance of finding agreement at the meeting as through a questionnaire, and that "the ones here are the ones who care."

Betsy Ash complained the meeting was not well publicized and Rosenberg said the seniors don't answer questionnaires, anyway.

After 45 minutes of the meeting had elapsed, Thurston suggested somebody chair the meeting, and a few minutes later Kezar could say, "It seems to me we have a vague idea of what we're going to do."

Thereupon the seniors agreed not to have any social functions the Thursday before graduation, and a vote showed the majority present favored having "everything" on one day.

After Rosenberg noted, "Whatever happens will be determined by where it happens," the group discussed the relative merits of the Ringling Courtyard, College Hall, and other locations for the graduation.

Rick Von Behren asked after 10 minutes, "Why can't we have it at Hamilton Court?"

The seniors agreed something should be held in the new complex.

Subsequent motions to hold a dinner for seniors with the President "sometime after the end of the term," to have a happening the evening of graduation, and to follow the happening with a "bashy" section in Hamilton Court all passed.

As seniors began to trickle out the snack bar, Thurston suggested diplomas might be granted in a quick ceremony between the contemplative and bashy parts, and Rosenberg agreed, "Perhaps some contemplative type ceremony...."

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Lecture

A Christian Science speaker will give a public lecture 4 pm Sunday at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium on "The Great Awakener."

Martin N. Heafer will discuss the element of "spiritual perception," its relation to Christianity, and how it operates in human thinking and affects human life.

A former businessman, Heafer became a recognized practitioner of Christian Science healing in Houston, Texas.

New Arrival

For Sonny Salemos

A baby boy was born to assistant kitchen manager Sonny Salemos and his wife yesterday at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

Mark Richard is the Salemos' fourth child.

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Arrowsmith To Speak At Forum

A classics professor who believes liberal arts colleges should change the emphasis of undergraduate teaching will speak at tonight's Forum in Hamilton Center immediately after dinner.

Dr. William Arrowsmith of Wesleyan University's Institute for Ad-

vanced Studies will give a talk on "Toward the New University."

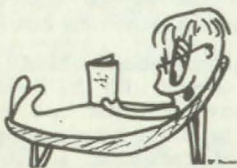
Arrowsmith objects to the demands of graduate school dictating the course of study the undergraduate should take. He is also concerned about the stultifying effect on teaching exerted by graduate schools.

A Rhodes Scholar, Woodrow Wilson and Guggenheim Fellow, winner of the Prix de Rome, Arrowsmith is best known for his translation of Euripides' plays.

In picture above, Arrowsmith, center, discusses some of his views with President John Elmendorf, far right, and students.

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Date For Dance Set

June 10 has been tentatively set as the date for the year-end dance, according to Social Committee Chairman Karle Prendergast.

The dance will be held either in Hamilton Center or the Music Room of College Hall, Prendergast said. Originally, the Landmark Hotel was suggested as the location

for the dance, but it will apparently be unavailable because of the sale of the hotel.

Plans call for a formal dance, featuring the Galaxies, from 8:30 to 11 pm, followed by a buffet and an informal dance afterwards. When the band leaves, probably at 2:30 am, the pool will open and records will be available for more dancing. There may be an early breakfast following the dance, Prendergast said.

Cost of the dance to students will depend on the amount of money obtained from the Student Activities Fund, Prendergast said. Faculty and administration will be invited and asked to make a donation, she noted.

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Creating an Image

Because of several recent events, there has been some student comment that New College is in actuality run by members of the public relations staff, and all administrative decisions are calculated to prevent the college from losing money from potential donors and actual contributors. I have personally never believed such assertions, knowing that New College is primarily an educational institution devoted to freedom in all intellectual pursuits. And so, in order to clear up such erroneous impressions, I went the other day to interview a member of the public relations staff and find out just what his powers and duties were.

I had never been to the public relations office before, but found it without any trouble by following the red carpet. In the outer office, I told a secretary that I wanted to see the public relations director. She announced my presence, then directed me to a plush easy chair. As I sat down in the chair, she stepped behind me and started to massage my temples. The lights dropped, soft music seemed to envelop me, and slides of Hamilton Center began to appear on the opposite wall. A bucket of champagne and a glass came up out of the floor, and the secretary poured me some. Then, a pledge card and a pencil dropped magically from the ceiling in front of me. I read the card, but hesitated to mark any of the choices listed, though I was tempted by a plan that would enable a bronze plaque with my name on it to be placed on one of the vending machines for a mere pittance.

When I hesitated too long without marking the card, the music stopped and the public relations man himself came out and ushered me into his office. He was smiling broadly. He had already pulled out my chair for me, handed me an expensive cigar and given me two tickets to Cars of Yesterday before I told him I was actually a student.

The smile fell from his face and he grabbed back the cigars and tickets with incredible rapidity.

"What do you want?" he asked, glumly.

"Some students claim the public relations department actually runs the school," I said. "I came to see if there were any truth in this."

"None whatever," he said. Just then the phone rang.

"Excuse me," he said, picking it up. "I told you before," he shouted into the phone, "you do it that way or else. Don't talk back to me, the matter's closed!" He slammed down the receiver.

"Who was that?" I asked.

"The Dean. Now, what were you saying?"

"You mean public relations has no say at all in administrative matters?" I asked.

"That's right. However we sometimes make suggestions, based on the amount of money in contributions we expect could be lost."

"Do you always know how much money will be lost?"

"Oh yes," he said, and pulled down a chart hanging on the wall. "This is our loss table. As you can see, one student walking the streets of Sarasota loses us about \$200. Bare feet is about \$500, which breaks down to about \$50 a toe. Long hair is also bad, since it indicates immaturity, but we leave that to Development."

"What do you do to prevent this loss?"

"We thought restricting students from associating with anyone over 25 was too drastic, so we've planned several events we know will please the community and win friends for us. For instance, next



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week we've planned a religious revival for Friday night Forum, and the Birch Society is going to use the President's dining room alternate Wednesdays. We were all set to ban the teaching of evolution in Biology classes, but that fell through."

"But all these are only suggestions?"

"Of course. We're not such ogres as students seem to think. This Hamilton Center thing was blown all out of proportion. We don't mind if students go into Hamilton Center, so long as they don't make a habit of it. But really, we have no say at all over running the school."

The phone rang again. He picked it up and said, "It's out of the question. When will you learn that when I say something, I mean it? If I hear from you again, you're going to be sorry." He hung up.

"Who was that?" I asked.

"The President."

"From what part of the school do you in public relations get the least cooperation?"

"From Admissions."

"Why?"

"They keep admitting students. It wouldn't be so bad if they'd ask us first, but they seem to believe academic qualifications are more important than appearance."

"Are there any students you approve of?"

"A couple, but they've been so busy going on television and making speeches for us I understand they're flunking out."

"What are your future plans for fund-raising at New College?"

"Well, our next big project is to get rid of the students and replace them with actors. In that way, we can even control what they say and what opinions they have. We'll have no more problems with bad language and unpopular opinions. We'll make lots of money."

"But," I protested, "I thought this was an educational institution."

He laughed. "You've been reading too much publicity," he said.

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