In General, It’s $$ and Sense


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Faculty Development Grants Program in Place

$25,000 Endowment
$2,500 for Grants This Year

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Dear Alums,

Here's what's happening with the Alumni Association:

- We've put in place the Faculty Development Grants program that you heard about (when we asked for money to support it). The Alumni Association is making $2,500 immediately available to faculty for a wide range of projects that involve students -- for instance, taking students to professional conferences, a long-standing New College tradition. Too often, professors have to pay for the students' expenses out of their own pockets. We're able to help right away, since you folks gave so much so fast.

We're also immediately putting $25,000 into an endowment to perpetuate the fund.

- In the past six months, you have more than doubled your participation rate in the annual giving campaign. Right now, something like 20 percent of you have donated since July 1987 -- and the fiscal year has several months to go.

In that same time period, counting contributions, pledges and matching pledges, our fundraising goal for the year has been met. Your contributions have had an impressive and immediate impact.

- Every three months or so, a new chapter is started. Right now, a Los Angeles group is forming, and at least two other locales have expressed a strong interest. See the report elsewhere in Nimbus.

- Two alumnae -- Fay Clayton and Sharon Landesman -- have just been named to the New College Foundation Board of Trustees. This is further evidence of alumns' growing place in the affairs of the College.

- The Alumni Association Board of Directors has had several discussions of various "mission statements" we could adopt to give a clear direction to our efforts. Several possible such statements are included in the box to your right. Give them a look and let us know what you think.

And finally: let us know your concerns. Call Carol Ann Wilkinson, Alumni Coordinator, at 813-355-7671, ext. 300 (813-359-4324 after April 18) or me at 315-853-5683 (home). Glad to hear from you. And my thanks for the work many of you are doing.

Dan Chambliss
President, New College Alumni Association

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**faculty Development Grants**

The Alumni Association has established the Faculty Development Grants program to enhance the opportunities for professional and course development within the New College community. A paramount criterion for selection is that both faculty members and students be involved together in the development endeavors. The grants will support projects for which alternative funds are not readily available.

Four areas will be emphasized:

- travel to conferences (in conjunction with students);
- enhancement of professional skills and knowledge through training programs or workshops;
- special research and/or creative scholarship projects; and
- seminars or invited lecturer series.

The selection committee will have faculty, student and alumni representatives. The alumni representative is Lesley Paugh Kennedy '82.

The FDG endowment is $25,000 and $2,500 will be awarded this year.

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**NCAA Mission Statement**

**What do YOU think?**

What is the purpose of the New College Alumni Association?

The Board of Directors has been attempting this year to answer this question with a single, short, clear statement. The following statements are summaries of the predominant positions which surfaced during the board's discussions.

Obviously, they are not mutually exclusive. There will be times when each statement is the motivation for a specific action or activity of the association. The purpose of this mission statement is to help officers and board members make consistent decisions when setting priorities or allocating limited resources.

**Possible Mission Statements for NCAA:**

1. NCAA exists to facilitate alumn interaction/organization, making it easier for alums to meet and carry out goals of their own choosing. Keeping records, organizing chapters, holding reunions, networking, etc., are ways to do this.

2. NCAA exists to support broadly the core principles of New College as conceived throughout the college's history. Alumni organization, fundraising, etc., are primarily seen as ways of achieving this.

3. NCAA exists to support New College as an institution, providing fundraising and other support (visiting speakers/lectures, career planning, etc.) to the college's existing structure.

4. NCAA should take an active role in affairs of the college.

Send your comments to a member of the NCAA Board of Directors or to the alumni office.
In General It’s $$ and Sense

by Mary Ruiz

Lt. General Rolland V. Heiser quickly acknowledges the irony of a 32-year military career leading to the New College Foundation.

He knew nothing of New College when he arrived in Sarasota, recently retired as chief of staff of the U.S. European Command. Heiser was on the lecture circuit, parlaying his first-hand knowledge of Europe, the Middle East and Africa when the foundation’s board members approached him about the job.

He was tempted to refuse. The foundation was on tenuous financial ground, and Heiser was considering more prestigious offers from Washington D.C. But his lifelong interest in education and his desire to apply his talents in a completely new arena prompted Heiser to hazard the risks.

New College’s future looked dim when Ron Heiser took charge of the foundation in 1979. As he recalls today, "it was worse than I thought." The 1975 merger agreement with the state obligated the foundation to raise almost $1 million a year in support of New College. About $700,000 of that was required to cover the difference between the cost of traditional university courses and the unique New College program. The task had become more of a struggle each year, leaving the trustees with few resources with which to build an endowment to secure the college’s future.

Foundation Assures New College’s Survival

Heiser’s first challenge was the negotiations in progress to reduce the foundation’s annual commitment to the state by $282,000. If they failed, the trustees vowed they would close the doors of the foundation in three weeks. New College faculty had already received a letter from University of South Florida President John Lott Brown with a dim prognosis for the future.

They won the needed relief from the state. The reprieve gave Heiser and other trustees time to convince Florida legislators to make a challenge match toward building an endowment. If New College could raise $3.5 million by June 30, 1981, the state would provide another $2.5 million in endowment.

The legislature’s challenge match was not that easily won. Still short of its goal, the foundation was approached by a donor who was willing to contribute $1 million if the foundation would accept some unwelcome strings. With the $6 million endowment still at stake, Heiser turned down the offer. "We could have used the money, but not at that cost," he explains.

$34 Million Received

Under Heiser’s leadership, the foundation did meet the legislative endowment challenge match and more. In the nine years he has served as president of the foundation, it has raised over $34 million. Of that, $14 million rests in an endowment trust fund. There is over $2.4 million in endowed scholarships. The foundation helped secure a new $7 million library for the college and an $800,000 lecture hall, Sudakoff Center. Another $2 million went into acquiring adjacent land for future facilities. This is in addition to the foundation’s annual contribution to the state for New College, which is now at $900,000.

Yet Heiser insists that he is a businessman, not a fundraiser. "I market a good product -- academic

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excellence. People will invest in a good product when it’s marketed well."*

He is reserved and soft-spoken, never overlooking the contributions others have made in the success of the foundation. The elements of his character that earned him command at every level from platoon through division have served him well in his current role. He puts the mission ahead of personal aggrandizement, campus politics and long odds.

**Maintaining the Tradition**

Under Heiser's leadership, the foundation has been steadfast in preserving the educational philosophy upon which New College was founded. When the financial picture began to look better for the college, a new crisis rocked the campus -- dropping enrollments. New College was competing against well-funded Ivy League schools for a shrinking national pool of top-ranked students. Even worse, the view in education circles was that liberal arts was no longer a salable product.

The choices were clear -- New College could change its tune to match the times or go against "expert" advice and continue its non-traditional message. The foundation supported the college's decision to rededicate its educational philosophy. Funds were provided for increased admissions travel and materials. Heiser also began marketing $25,000 endowed scholarships with the lure of dedicating those funds to the names designated by the donors.

The foundation's financial assistance and the aggressive recruitment strategies of Admissions Director Rab Thornton and his staff succeeded in bringing enrollment from the low 300s to 500.

The rapid success of admissions has created a need for more faculty, more dorm space and more scholarships. The expanding enrollment also worsens long-standing facility inadequacies, such as the natural science labs and music and art studios.

- **New Goals**

Once struggling to survive, the foundation is now facing the problems of growth. Heiser and the trustees have resolved to raise the endowment to $25 million by 1991. Last year, the foundation endowed the Florsheim Chair, and this year, it hopes to endow two more chairs with the goal of maintaining the 10 to 1 student faculty ratio. To attract and retain quality faculty, the foundation also is seeking to endow two professorships thus enhancing salaries of outstanding faculty members.

Also ahead are the construction of the Lota Mundy music center and a campaign to raise funds for other parts of the fine arts facility to be built on the Caples campus. Although details are incomplete, the foundation is seeking an arrangement with a private developer for new dorms. The foundation also has its eye on adjacent property as a site for a new science center.

- **A Good Partnership**

The foundation can plan so confidently for the future partly because of the relationship it has groomed with the State University System and the legislature.

Fears at the time of the merger that tiny New College would be swallowed up by giant USF have not materialized. This is due in part to USF's respect for New College's uniqueness, in part to some innovative planning, and in part to Heiser's political strategies. He eschews campus disputes (such as the recent controversy with the airport) and applies his efforts to state politics.

When New College needed a new library in 1983, it was far down on the list of state funding priorities. USF President Brown acceded to the foundation's plan to bypass the formal ranking system. The foundation appealed directly to the legislature with a clever revenue-generating scheme devised by Al Pennington, foundation vice-president and assistant treasurer.

Pennington used his skills as a CPA to demonstrate how a revision in the sales tax collection method could reduce the time it took for these monies to be turned over to the state, thereby increasing revenues by over $189 million. The $7 million library was garnered for the campus (with the vigorous support of local legislators Senator Bob Johnson and Senator Pat Neal) as a finder's fee on the new revenues.

But the foundation's relationship with USF has not been without its trials. A year ago, the USF Foundation made a grab directed at getting control of the Florsheim bequest and the resulting state matching funds.

Heiser rates this time as the biggest crisis he's faced at the foundation since his first two years when the organization's very existence was at

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For the past year, New College students have been involved in a controversy surrounding the expansion of the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport. Students have enlisted a full-time lobbyist, Robert Westerfeld '87, and a well-known attorney, Judy Kavanaugh, as advocates and hired a professional traffic engineer, Lawrence Lippert, to recommend alternatives.

They worked first in tandem with the USF administration, but now are in opposition and are considering a lawsuit against the administration.

The Problem

The airport authority, which leases the eastern portion of the campus to USF/New College, approved expansion plans which included a new "loop road" directing all airport traffic, estimated at 13,000 vehicles per day, along a path near Hamilton Center and the Pei dorms. The road would bisect an oak, pine and cabbage palm hammock on property included in the lease to the campus. A portion of the hammock area also is designated for future airport parking.

A land swap with the university was proposed by the airport authority. The revisions to the lease not only would give much of the hammock area to the airport, but would significantly limit the space available for building regulation-size athletic fields and associated facilities in the area east of the Pei dorms. About $1.3 million in student funds allocated for athletic facilities may be jeopardized.

The Chronology

Students became active in fighting the airport's plans a year ago. The New College student government retained the services of Holton, Gollnick & Lippert, an engineering firm, which prepared an alternative routing for the road (see drawing).

Manatee Airport Authority, Campus Dean Robert Barylski stated his support of the student plan. "The road can be shifted without serious financial or traffic engineering impacts," he said. "I think we should all agree to move the road and save the trees."

In January, 1988, during a series of meetings in which neither student representatives nor the students' lawyer were included, the campus administration and the airport authority reached an agreement that accepted the airport authority's road alignment.

Dean Barylski cited these factors leading to the settlement: the airport authority's threat of condemnation proceedings, the expectations of university and community leaders, public opinion critical of a lengthy court battle, and a feeling that the case for the trees had been overstated, particularly considering student-funded recreation plans called for removing even more trees.

Under the settlement, the airport's road plan would be retained. In return for relinquishing the oak grove and the remote parking lot north of the sculpture studio, the university would receive a parking lot north of Gen. Spaatz Blvd. and, possibly, Gen. Spaatz itself by 1995.

Reaction of students to the agreement was immediate and heated. Students felt betrayed both by the terms of the agreement and by the lack of representation in reaching it.

In addition, USF restricted the use of student fee monies for fighting the settlement. As a result, the student government has created "Save the Greenspace," a non-profit corporation, to act on behalf of the students in situations which affect the preservation of the educational and social environment of the campus.

The Future

On the surface, provisions of the settlement which call for the closing of Gen. Spaatz Blvd. and give USF control of land north of Gen. Spaatz seem advantageous for the campus. The problem, in addition to the loss of much of the hammock, is the absence of guarantees the agreement can be enforced. Specific actions by at least three other governmental bodies would be required before the airport could fulfill its promises.

As we go to press, students are scheduled to address the Florida Board of Regents as the board considers the proposed settlement. The student position favors a rejection of the lease agreement by the regents.

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by Carol Ann Wilkinson

Students say their plan avoids most of the hammock area without adversely affecting the road's traffic flow.

As late as October, 1987, the student activists and the campus administration were working together. In an Oct. 9 memo to the Sarasota-Herald

Drawing Showing Proposed Roads - Courtesy Bradenton Herald
stake. Heiser emerged the victor bearing no resentment against John Lott Brown. He characterized the recently retired Brown as a victim of his staff in the episode and credits Brown with having created an environment for many years which "let us do our job at the foundation."

The victory was sealed last summer when Senator Johnson succeeded in sponsoring legislation placing the New College Foundation on equal footing with all the other state university foundations in receiving state matching funds under the Eminent Scholars Act.

**Looking to the Future**

Heiser has definite goals for his future relations with the State University System. He plans to capitalize on good relations with the chancellor's office and to pursue initiatives which continue to make New College and the New College Foundation the pride of both USF and the State University System. (Both institutions have basked in the glow of the positive publicity New College has received.) Heiser wants to help New College produce its first Rhodes Scholar and to increase the national visibility of New College and the Foundation.

In addition, Heiser will seek the help of the chancellor's office in finding a method to cap the foundation's annual grant to the state. Because the grant formula is tied to salaries, it has escalated beyond the income that can be produced from the endowment. Without a cap, the foundation eventually could find itself in years ahead struggling to maintain New College's financial security. With a cap on the state grant, Heiser foresees the trustees applying future increases in endowment and endowment income to qualitative enhancement in the New College program.

With that day in mind, Heiser has been actively promoting New College alums as New College Foundation trustees. This year two alums, Fay Clayton '67 and Sharon Landesman '68, joined John Cranor '67, Ken Misemer '68 and Bob Allen '78 who already serve as regular board members. Three members of the most recent graduating classes, Sean Lincoln '85, Carla Schroer '86 and Ben Ford '87, are also serving three-year terms as trustees.

Although Heiser has no official retirement plans, he is looking ahead to the legacy he will leave. The cornerstones of that legacy are capping the state grant and raising the endowment to $25 million. "If we can do that," says Heiser, "then anybody can run the Foundation." True to form, Heiser's statement is not the least self-congratulatory. It's simply a statement of fact.

Ruiz, a 1978 New College graduate, is the Director of Program Development for Manatee Glens Corp. in Bradenton, Fla. and the secretary of the NCAA board.

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**Gen. Heiser, cont'd.**

They want the regents to instruct university officials to pursue the proposal supported last fall by students and administration.

Others, such as Bob Johnson, a member of the New College Foundation Board of Trustees and state senator from Sarasota, recommend approval of the lease agreement with contingencies which would strengthen the university's position in securing adherence to the agreement.

If the Board of Regents approves the lease agreement, the students would have recourse, first, to an independent administrative hearing and, ultimately, to other legal remedies, including a suit against both the airport and the university.

Students say they are now looking beyond the immediate issues. David Dagon, president of the New College Student Alliance, and Robert Westerfeldt '87, student government lobbyist, say the larger issue is "New College's struggle to retain its identity within the USF administration. Students, faculty, and foundation members have been routinely bypassed in the decision-making process. This bureaucratic style is...antithetical to the New College tradition of open discussion and respect for the individual. Our struggle for the grove, then, is part of a wider campus movement to revitalize New College ideals."

Inquiries about Save the Greenspace can be directed to Peeples, Earl and Blank, 1225 2nd Street, Sarasota, FL 33577.

Wilkinson, a 1967 New College graduate, is coordinator of NCAA.
On rainy days, New College senior Susan Hirshberg often finds herself up a tree. The tree is located on Sarasota’s bay front and it is the perch from which the 22-year-old Hirshberg conducts her research for her senior thesis on pelicans. "The tree gives me some shade on hot days and I stay a little drier on rainy days," she said. "Also, it serves as a blind, concealing me from the birds."

Hirshberg has been in that tree about 200 hours over the past two years, and the effort has produced reams of data on pelican behavior. Assisted by a computer, she hopes to gain insights on the birds’ feeding habits, how young pelicans learn to fish and why pelicans are often seen diving simultaneously for fish in groups of two or more.

This "pair-diving" is the aspect of pelican behavior she found the most fascinating and the most mysterious. She found that the big birds dive in unison most often in the morning and evening and during times of foul weather. She also noticed that the pairs usually consist of an adult pelican and a juvenile, with the adult knifing into the water first. She suspects that the maneuver may be a way in which the adults teach the younger pelicans the finer points of fishing.

"Pelicans are excellent fishermen," she said. "They are successful on about 90 percent of their dives. The adults, however, do better than the young ones."

Hirshberg’s major is in a relatively new field called psychobiology. Essentially, it is the study of the way animals "think" or react to their environment in ways that are not purely instinctive. She says her research seems to indicate that pelican feeding behavior is governed, at least in part, by a complex interplay of environmental factors, including weather, tides and time of day.

"Despite the abundance of pelicans in this area, there really hasn’t been much done in the way of systematically studying pelican behavior," said Hirshberg’s faculty adviser, associate professor Al Beulig. "Susan has assembled an incredible data base and it should go a long way in helping us understand the social organization of pelicans, their feeding behaviors, how they cooperate and how they compete."

Though still an undergraduate, Hirshberg’s work has already come to the attention of the Animal Behavior Society at Williams College in Massachusetts and she is expected to present another paper to the group after the completion of her thesis. She plans on doing graduate work in psychobiology, probably at Cornell.

Though Hirshberg’s work requires her to observe pelicans with a passionate eye, she did acquire a fondness for the bucket-mouthed birds.

“They’re the most even-tempered creatures I’ve ever seen,” she said. "I once saw a seagull land on the head of a pelican that had just caught a fish. The seagull was trying to steal the fish out of the pelican’s mouth, but the pelican never tried to fight it off. I guess it figured it could always catch another fish if it lost that one."

Grimes is a staff writer for the Sarasota Herald Tribune. This article and picture are used courtesy of the Sarasota Herald Tribune.
Doenecke Writes About Anti-War Activists

Anti-war activists used to be the mainstream. They included top business leaders and scholars, as well as powerful politicians through much of the first half of the 20th Century.

So says Justus D. Doenecke, New College professor of history. His new book, Anti-Intervention: A Bibliographical Introduction to Isolationism and Pacifism from World War I to the Early Cold War, details the nearly 1,600 books, articles and doctoral theses on the subject.

The anti-war crusaders of the past included right wing Chicago Tribune publisher Robert R. McCormick and newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst, liberal scholars John Dewey and Robert Maynard Hutchins and political leaders Henry Cabot Lodge Sr. and Robert Taft.

"I hope my book will show that opponents to war weren't all a bunch of crazies," Doenecke says.

The Cold War has erased from the American consciousness the country's historical resistance to military entanglements, he says. The bomb and other modern weaponry changed the way most Americans viewed the country's place in international affairs.

"In an age of supersonic jets and guided missiles, debate is seldom between interventionists and genuine isolationists, but, rather, between those people who want to act in the global arena in conjunction with other powers and those who claim that the United States must act with equal vigor but do so unilaterally."

Doenecke, who has studied isolationists and pacifists for the past 20 years, has written two other books and more than 40 articles on these topics. His new book is published by Garland Publishing as part of its Reference Library of Social Science.

Norton Writes Environmental Book

Mankind is too callous about the extinction of plant and animal forms. No one seems to care that the present trend would lead to one species dying each hour by the turn of the century, says New College philosopher Bryan Norton in his new book, Why Save Natural Variety?

"We no longer see nature as a place to live," he says. "Instead, we look at it as a repository of raw materials to be extracted and used for food and raw materials."

Although the Endangered Species Act has helped replenish populations of the American alligator and the brown pelican, current policies aren't meeting the challenge facing endangered species. "Saving dying species one at a time is impossible," Norton says.

Norton advocates a new way of looking at endangered species. Concentrate on saving entire natural systems, not individual species, he says. "A broader approach, one which blocks the forces that bring species to a threatened stage, would keep more species alive."

"Some say that the cost is too high. But, I believe, the benefits of preserving as much of nature as we can represents a remarkable bargain for the human species."

Norton's book, published by Princeton University Press, grew from his work at the Center for Philosophy and Public Policy at the University of Maryland.
Winter Visitor from an Older New College

by Carol Ann Wilkinson

In the short period of two and a half weeks I have made a great many friends among students and faculty and I am overwhelmed by the friendliness of everybody: helpful and very brilliant faculty members taking me out to lunch to explain to me that my theory about the 'epistemological crisis' of 1900 could be fleshed out with a good deal more reading in Freud and Husserl and in someone I'm ashamed to say I had never heard of -- Wilhelm Wundt, the founder of psychology; students inviting me out to supper and expounding to me an aesthetic theory -- which, again, I knew nothing at all about -- involving a distinction between timeliness and presence; and the cleaning lady, on my floor of this building, who has just forgiven me for making footprints on the freshly polished floor of the men's rest room. So concluded Professor John Batchelor of New College, Oxford, in his open letter to New College, Sarasota, written before he returned to England following an 18-day visit in January.

Batchelor was the first participant in the intellectual exchange made possible by the Associates Chair, endowed three years ago by the Associates of New College. The chair provides for an annual winter visit to Sarasota by a don from New College, Oxford and a summer research trip to England by a New College faculty member.

Professor Batchelor, a tutor at New College for 12 years, lectured on Edwardian novelists and, with New College faculty, participated in a forum on the differences in teaching literature in the U.S. and the U.K.

British college students are only in residence for three eight-week terms each year. But they are expected to do much of their reading during their vacations. Batchelor's students study only literature for three years. This intense specialization begins in prep school, when students concentrate for the last two years in only three subjects.

Batchelor's book about the works of Joseph Conrad has recently been published and he's now researching and writing a critical biography of Conrad. He's authored books on the Edwardian novelists and H. G. Wells. He is the general editor of the World's Classics editions of Conrad's novels and editor of Lord Jim and Victory.

Batchelor and his wife, Henrietta, a marriage counselor, enjoyed exploring Sarasota's eclectic tourist offerings including pelicans ("Do they know they're diving in pairs?") aligators, the Myakka River ("The trees look as though they're hung with dirty washing.") Key lime and mud pies, and the Ringlings' legacies (They "were the Sarasota Medicis, merchant princes turning their great wealth into beauty.").

This initial exchange augers well for the success of the Associates Chair. Prof. Batchelor's favorable impressions of New College, its faculty and students were matched by their appreciation of his contribution to the newer New College.

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Photo used courtesy of Sarasota Herald Tribune.
Meet Sandra Gilchrist, NC Biologist

Sandra Gilchrist joined the New College biology faculty in August 1983 at the completion of a year’s post-doctoral research at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama, where she investigated the reasons underlying coral deaths and the shell-searching behavior of hermit crabs.

Gilchrist, who grew up in North Carolina, has a strong background in chemistry, biomathematics and oceanography as a result of her undergraduate and graduate training at Florida State University, University of North Carolina and Old Dominion University. She received her Ph.D. degree from Florida State University in 1982.

Gilchrist has a variety of hobbies, which supplement her teaching and research at New College. I collect cowries and other shells. I also collect native sailboat models when I have the time. I finished ‘The Blueyose’ last summer. I enjoy reading and collect science fiction from the 1940s and 1950s. I also enjoy beach walking. When I have the time, I like to knit and crochet. I am especially interested in Irish lace patterns.”

When asked how she came to be at New College, Gilchrist replied “I heard about the school from an alum, Ed Connor, who was one of my TAs when I was an undergraduate at FSU. I had visited Sarasota, in particular the Selby Gardens and Ringling Museum, and really liked the area.”

Research on Hermit Crabs

Gilchrist’s research is on the population genetics, physiology and behavior of crustaceans. She frequently uses hermit crabs in exploring the answers to questions like: how do they select shells? what kind of parasites afflict hermit crabs? what types of hermit crab flourish along the west coast of Florida?

New College is ideally situated for this work as Sarasota is located at the junction of two crab populations. This allows her to study what happens to each population at the interface where both live, which characteristics are advantageous in various environments, and the effects of interbreeding. She is comparing field observations with the results of experiments on laboratory-maintained populations.

Her research provides an opportunity for students to participate. She has sponsored thesis students in a variety of areas of genetics and ecology. She is excited that she has “begun to attract a nucleus of students interested in my research. Students attended the Society of Zoologists meetings with me in December. It was very gratifying to watch them realize that science is not some distant entity, but a very real profession.”

Facilities Limit Research/Teaching

Gilchrist comments that “While I can do research and involve students with what equipment and facilities we currently have in Natural Sciences, it is hard to take the next steps and do the kind of rigorous experimentation which is necessary if a detailed comparison of these populations is to be made.”

An example of the space limitation imposed by the current facilities is the fact that the laboratory used for teaching genetics is also used for invertebrate zoology. These courses use very different equipment, necessitating much setting up and taking down of laboratory apparatus. And the lab only has space for 12 students, but 25 wish to take the course! The solution was to add another lab section, cutting into time needed for her research. "Without research and avenues for personal growth, teaching can become uninspired and uninspiring." Gilchrist is optimistic that these problems can be solved when the new Natural Sciences building, now on the list of buildings to be built within the next few years, is completed.

She has sponsored student ISPs at two local research institutions: the Mote Marine Laboratory and the Selby Botanical Gardens and is pursuing opportunities expand the interactions with these two institutions and with a local biotechnology company, Microlife Technics. Gilchrist is enthusiastic about the new NCAA-sponsored Faculty Development Grants which will be used to enhance and improve course offerings.

Alums Can Help

When asked what she would like to see the alumni do to help New College, Gilchrist responded that “by voicing their continuing interest in the College, they may be able to focus administrative attention on our critical needs. On an individual basis, stopping by to give seminars or workshops based on their work experiences would be useful for both faculty and students. Also, providing opportunities for current students to do internships off-campus would expand the opportunities available to them. The alumni provide a sense of continuity, an affirmation that there is life after New College and confirmation that NC graduates are well-prepared to fully participate in that life.”

Barnitz, a 1974 graduate of New College, is a researcher in biotechnology for Eastman Kodak and a member of the NCAA Board of Directors.
Chapter News

Baltimore/DC

Chapter Head: David Parsons

The Baltimore/DC chapter is having an Opening Day of Baseball Season party on April 4, 1988, at Memorial Stadium in Baltimore.

In May, area alums will be hosting a dinner for local students accepted for fall '88.

Chicago

Chapter Head: Fay Clayton

While passing through the Midwest in September, Dan Chambliss and Dan Ryan called up an assortment of New College alumnae/i and the Chicago Chapter was born.

The core group, comprised of Greg Hall '87, Dan Stults '81, Scott Sachfoft '75, Steve Jacobson '75, Inge Fryklund '67, and Fay Clayton '67, beat the bushes for Chicago-area alums and came up with a list of 45.

In November, the lucky 45 were invited to a gala Reunion Party hosted by New College Foundation Trustee Rhoda Pritzker at her Chicago penthouse apartment.

More than 40 alums-plus-companions, spanning the full New College history, showed up to enjoy the gorgeous view, great food and the joy of making contact with so many other New Collegians and catching up on old times.

The New College style of unstructured festivities was punctuated with some ad-hoc photo-taking, short talks by General Ron Heiser, head of the New College Foundation, and Ed Cus tard, second-in-charge of the admissions office, and by greetings from a few who couldn't make it to the party, such as Jim Frisch '67, Gary Moriello '69, Susan '71 and Bob Schwartz '72, Carol Levenson '73 and Scott Good '85.

Old-timers were amazed and relieved to find that they had so much in common with the newer generations of New College grads and that the classes of the '80's still carry that independent New College spirit. New timers were amazed and relieved to see New College graduates still living and breathing 20 years after leaving those Spanish-moss-covered halls.

Everyone seemed to agree that the next get-together should touch the opposite end of the formality scale: a beach party and pot-luck in Evanston this summer. No date has been set yet, but you can call Steve Jacobson or Fay Clayton if you're a New College alum who doesn't want to miss out on the party next time or if you plan to be passing through Chicago this summer and would like to experience some of that good old New College contact and support.

San Francisco

Chapter Head: Mark Humbert

Plans are in progress for a spring get-together. For news of Bay area alums, see page 13.

Tallahassee

Chapter Head: Ellen Muratori

The Tallahassee chapter met for a potluck dinner in October. A number of alums volunteered to help with chapter functions: Spozy Saporznikoff '87 will welcome newcomers; Michele Ribaudo Rehwinkel w82, Tammy Bowman '86, Carrie Hamby '87, Tom Hamby '86, Ross Burnaman '80, Janet Bowman '82, Rob Brunger '75 and Ellen Muratori '84 will work in College Fairs; Janet Bowman is treasurer.

CORRECTION

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"Student Attends Undergraduate Research Conference," fall '87 reported that student Leslie Smart presented a paper written for a seminar with art historian Chris Hassold. In fact, the paper had its origin as an ISP with Prof. Glenn Cuomo, German language and literature. Prof. Hassold helped Leslie prepare the paper for oral presentation at the conference.
Class Notes

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Congratulations to Jeanne Rosenberg '67 on the birth of a son, Alex, in October, 1987.

Dean Root '68 is curator of the Stephen Foster Memorial at the University of Pittsburgh. He's also in American music studies, popular music research and historic architectural preservation.

Beth Crosby Schwartz '69 is a free lance wine writer. She and her husband, David, live in Harrisburg, Pa. and Lodi, N.Y.

In Memoriam

David Adams '71 sent word that Owen "Bud" Holder w67 of Spring Valley, New York, died in a bicycle accident in Dec. 1986. He was the chief administrator of the Threefold Educational Foundation, Inc. and very active in the national association for bio-dynamic agriculture. His wife and two children survive him.

Prof. Cris Hassold received word of the death of Margaret Parker Isaac '74 in a car accident this winter. She is survived by her husband, Don, and their daughter, Marina.

seventies

David Adams '71 is now assistant professor of art history and director of the university art gallery at University of Minnesota, Morris. He was recently married. In April he will present a paper, "Rudolf Steiners First Goetheanum as an Illustration of Organic Functionalism," to the Society of Architectural Historians at their annual meeting in Chicago.

David also sent word that Nathaniel Powers '71 lives in Emeryville, Calif., and operates his own construction and design business.

Darcy Ashman '78 is on the faculty of Program in Intercultural Management at the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont. She holds a master's from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. Last October, with a colleague from SIT, she gave a presentation at the annual conference of the National Association for Internships and Experiential Education.

Earle Barnhart '72, with his wife, Hilde Maingay, dropped by campus while in town for Thanksgiving with Jono Miller '74 and Julie Morris '74. Earle and Hilde install ecological landscapes as the Great Work Company, Woods Hole, Mass. He also designs alternative agricultural systems and microenvironments that function efficiently without pesticides, high energy inputs and soil destruction.

Cheri Belz '77 recently completed her master's in architecture at University of Colorado, Denver. Upon graduation, she moved to Washington, D.C., and married Steven Engbar, who was also in the architecture program at Colorado.

Cheri also sent word that Scott Baker '77 and his wife, Anjanette Perry, have recently moved from Honolulu to Frederick, Maryland. Scott received a Smithsonian fellowship and is working at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda.

Candy Boyd '75 worked for Cunard Line in NYC, then went to sea for three years-first in a sailboat, then aboard the Queen Elizabeth II. Her daughter, Maya, was born in 1983 and her son, Michael, in 1987. Candy has been an itinerant clown, a tarot cardreader and a cruise sales manager. She is married and lives in Lenox, Mass.

Scott Boyette '79 received his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Miami in December.

We received news from Lois Brandwene Giovacchini w78 when her mother visited campus recently. Lois graduated from NYU with a degree in Near Eastern Studies. She and her husband, David, live in Stuttgart, W. Germany. Lois is editor of a military publication, the Stuttgart Scancer.

Thomas Campion '73 visited campus last fall. He lives in Los Angeles and works for Delta Airlines.

Emmanuel Chinwuba '77 is a consultant in agriculture, feeds and hatchery for Ultimate Farms Ltd. in Enugu, Nigeria.

Cruise Planned for Charter Classes

New College was originally conceived as a three year academic program, and consequently the first three classes admitted to the school were all designated "Charter Classes."

Sentiment has been growing for a reunion devoted to those three classes, and since 1989 marks the 20th anniversary of the last Charter Class graduation, plans are being made for a special event for the week prior to the regular reunion festivities in May 1989.

The Charter Reunion will take place aboard a three day Caribbean cruise, probably departing from Ft. Lauderdale. Details and schedule are not yet firm, but if you plan your vacations far in advance, be sure to reserve a week in late May of next year for this unique event. Note that this reunion will be open to all New College students who arrived in 1964-66, whether they graduated or not, as well as faculty and administration members.

For additional information, write to Steve Hall, 10636 Muirfield Drive, Potomac, MD 20854.

Congratulations to Diann and Don Cornell w75 on the birth of a son, Justin, in early 1987. He joins his brothers Steven and Brian. Don is assistant treasurer of Chase Manhattan Bank in New York.

Lincoln Diaz-Balart '76 has been named counsel to the firm for Fowler, White, Burnett, Hurley, Banick & Strickroot of Miami.


Kathleen Erndl '74 sent the following update: "What a long, strange trip it's been. I have attended graduate schools in Arizona, In-

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Notes From Chapters:

from San Francisco --

Clancy Cavnaw '82 recently returned to the Bay area from New York

Mark C. Davis '80 was the speaker at the 1987 M.B.A. graduation at University of Calif., Berkeley.

Mark E. Davis w76 is completing requirements for a M.B.A. at Berkeley and is to be married later this year.

Jerry Houston w79 does volunteer work with the Shanti Project and support work with individuals diagnosed with AIDS. He's perfecting his collection of American arts and crafts.

Beth Keer w80 was recently promoted to manager of a software development team working with the new generation of Hewlett-Packard computers.

Vince Koloski '79 and Claudia Willen '79 were married last year at Lake Tahoe. Rumor has it the wedding took place at Farfy's Family Fundominium with wedding pictures taken at the mini-golf course among large dinosaurs.

Phil Lumsden '81 recently moved to San Francisco.

from Tallahassee--

Ross Burnaman '80 is now a lawyer with the Florida Dept. of Natural Resources.

Caroline Chambiss '78 had an article about affordable housing published by Florida Realtor magazine which won honorable mention for best article of the year.

Maura Ghizzoni 'w81 and Mitch Roper '82 had their second baby, a son, last spring.

Ellen Muratori '84 has begun the internship for her M.S. in counseling.

Susan Swihart had a baby in December, 1986.

Catholic charismatic movement, then places it in social and historical contexts. She is on the sociology faculty at the University of Missouri, Columbia.

Kim Pauly Irish w73 sent news of her life since NC days. It's included a B.A. from Montclair State College, a year in Belgium as an au pair, study at the Universite Libre de Bruxelles, working for the French embassy and a French steel corporation, time with Country Time Lemonade, Post cereals and General Foods and two years as a novice in the Episcopal Community of the Holy Spirit. Most recently, she helped create the Customer Service Group of Cellular One. Kim and her husband, Steve, live in the D.C. area.

Robert A. Phillips '73 and his family visited campus recently. Rob has an M.D. and a Ph.D. and is assistant professor of medicine at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York, where he does research in hypertensive heart disease. His wife, Robin, is also a doctor (OB/GYN). They have two sons, David (4) and Eric (1).

Jimmy Pritchard '76 included with a letter to Ed Custard a copy of an article about the Fields prize in mathematics from the Feb. 1987 issue of a Soviet journal, Science and Life. It's completely in Russian, but Jimmy assures us, "The article mentions 1967 New College graduate William Thurston, showing once again that New College's 1,600 graduates are turning up in some unusual places."

We've received word that, shortly before her death last fall, Deborah Rabinowitz '70 was made a full professor in the ecology and systematics section of the biological science school at Cornell University. Her articles on plant population have been extensively published. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Peter T. Ewell of Ithaca.

Shanna Ratner '75 and her husband, John Hannig, recently served as consultants to the rural community of Plainfield, Vermont. Their three-year land use study will help the town preserve its character in the face of farming's decline.

Congratulations to Donald Richards '73 and his wife on the birth of their second son last fall. Donald is a fiction writer.

Carla Sarett '73 is the manager of program research for Home Box Office.

Neil Scheckel '77 is in his first year of psychiatric residency at the Institute of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia. He is a graduate

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of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Neil and his wife, Robin, enjoy the delights of their baby girl, Bria Fawn, born May 31, 1987.

David Schwartz '70 is director of the Pennsylvania Governor's Council on Disabilities.

Stan Skubic '73 received his Ph.D. from Medical College of Virginia in 1986 and is now a radiation physicist at Cleveland (OH) Metropolitan General Hospital and on the faculty of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. Stan enjoys the combination which allows him academia's teaching and research as well as some patient contact. He and his wife have two girls, aged 10 months and 6 years.

Madeline Snow Typadis '75 is chief of the site assessment branch of the Massachusetts Division of Hazardous Waste. She and her husband have two sons, John (4) and Demetri (1).

David Sprayberry '75 writes, "After law school at Cornell and eight years of practicing law in and around Portland, Ore., I have decided to strike out in a completely different direction. I am now enrolled as an undergraduate physics major at the University of Oregon, and I hope to pursue a graduate program in astronomy after completing my second bachelor's degree in physics. I would be interested in hearing from any other alumni in Oregon."


Kathy Wallens '72 is a movement therapist. She and her husband, a software consultant, have a year-old daughter (a future novo collegian, according to her mother) and live in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Allison Wilcox '79 received her Ph.D. in psychology from University of Miami in December.

Prof. Peter Kazaks says Randy Winchester '79 is now doing his second post-doctoral study in chemistry at Ohio State University after spending a year and a half in Erlangen, West Germany.

Cheryl Wiley '83 and Keith Aretha '82 have married. Cheryl is in retailing and Keith, having earned a J.D. at the University of Chicago, is practicing law in Detroit.

Aphrodite Bantis '81 and Jan Luytjes '81 live in Falls Church, Va. Aphrodite is a psychotherapist. Jan recently received his Ph.D. in economics and works for the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in Washington, D.C.

Daniel Bosch '85 is a test administrator for a non-profit foundation in Boston and is writing and publishing poems and essays.

Anderson Brown '83 is teaching philosophy in the sciences and working on his Ph.D. at University of Colorado, Boulder.

Congratulations to Susan Burns '80 and Larry Edgar on the birth of their son, Isaac Richard Edgar, on Nov. 25, 1987.

Chris deBodisco '84 is going to Lima, Peru in April for one year. Chris has been a graduate student at Vanderbilt University in economic development and international economics.

Laurie Dils '80 finished her M.S.W. at the University of Washington in June 1987. She was named "Outstanding Student of the Year." After two months of travel in Europe, she became project manager for the Statewide Steering Committee on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, Pregnancy and Parenting in Seattle.

Amie Forrest White '84 and her husband, David, have moved to Morgan, Utah.

Cynthia Gray '84 was awarded a Tisch scholarship and is working on her master's in interactive telecommunications at N.Y.U. She also manages a tour agency.

John Hansen '82 has joined the Southeast Asia practice of the management consulting firm of Booz, Allen & Hamilton in Singapore.

Carol Hoshall '80 has completed a tour of duty in the U.S. Navy. She now lives in Alexandria, Va., and is an attorney.

Barbara Junge '85 has returned from two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in West Africa and is preparing for law school.

Chris LoFrisco '83 has taught junior high school, attended graduate school at Columbia and been a personnel supervisor in Columbia's radiology department since leaving.

Alums Added to Foundation's Trustees

At their January 1988 meeting, the trustees of the New College Foundation elected Fay Clayton '67 and Sharon Landesman '68 to the the board.

Clayton, a Chicago attorney, helped organized the Chicago area alumni chapter and assists in admissions recruitment. Her husband, Lowell Sachnoff, is the father of a 1975 New College graduate, Scott Sachnoff.

"I had lost touch with the college for several years," she said. "When I returned, I was very pleased that the same spirit was alive as had been there when I was a student. New College gave me a lot, and I want to repay it."

Landesman, a professor of psychiatry and of psychology at the University of North Carolina, is director of the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center, one of 12 congressionally mandated mental retardation research centers. Her daughter, Ann Dwyer, is a student at New College.

James W. Brown, chairman of the board, welcomes the addition of the new trustees. "They demonstrate the maturing of our graduates," he said. "I'm delighted to have them come back and help foster the type of unique educational opportunities that New College offers."

NC. He is now a second year dental student at Washington University. Last summer he was selected as one of two American Dental Association National Health Care Policy Fellows. After spending the summer in Washington, D.C. studying the architecture and underlying mechanisms of health care policy and delivery in the U.S., Chris says, "I found the experience so enlightening that I am now contemplating a combined degree in dental medicine and law."

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Admissions Building National Image

by Ed Custard

Signs of growth and success continue to appear in and around Robertson Hall. Quirky winter weather has yielded to the typically mild, pleasant clime we are accustomed to during this time of year. The azaleas have begun to bloom just in time for our spring visitors, fall '88's prospective incoming class.

Once again, early indicators show dramatic growth in the overall strength and total number of candidates in the applicant pool. Applications are running about 25 percent above last year's totals on a week-to-week comparison. It appears to be within our grasp to exceed all but the three highest application totals in New College's history! But even more encouraging to us, and indeed a good sign to all, are the formidable backgrounds which our current crop of candidates bring to the pool. Competition is becoming keen for the right to join the ranks of the Novo Collegians!

We are building a solid national image of New College. Again this year, we see increased interest from within our nation's top secondary schools, including new contacts as well as continued relationships. Word is getting around that we are looking for the nation's best.

With costs continuing to soar in higher education, our image is further enhanced as we remain among the country's "best buys" educationally (look for a mention of New College in the March issue of Changing Times).

As our image continues to solidify, more and more requests are being made of Rab and me to present our talk on highly selective college admissions. We've got a lot more work to do, but we're on our way.

Betty Smith is working on plans to host Florida's community college honors program heads at New College this fall. All of this activity points directly to our newly established prominence at the leading edge of college admissions counseling.

Curiosity and enthusiasm are spreading across the country. Witness requests from the Rocky Mountain Association of College Admission Counselors, the New York State Association of College Admission Counselors, and the Orchard House division of Simon and Schuster for expert commentary on the subject from the New College Admissions Staff! We've got a lot more work to do, but we're on our way.

Custard is associate director of admissions for New College.

Class Notes, cont'd.

Miriam Miller Jacintho '83 is living on the family ranch of her husband, Julio, in western Brazil. They met while getting their masters' degrees at University of Florida. She plans to pursue her career as an agricultural researcher in Brazil. Her activities at this time include crop and orchard management, a reforestation project, a butterfly greenhouse and a nutrition/health education project for farm workers. Miriam says, "I attribute my ability to find happiness in such diverse places as a high-tech American biological research lab and a ranch that is a five-hour drive from the nearest city in Brazil to the mind-opening years that I spent at New College."

Frank Montaniz '82 is enrolled in a master's program at Rensseler Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York.

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Class Notes, cont'd.

Leslie Paugh Kennedy '82 was married recently. She received a J.D. from University of Louisville and is now with the Bradenton, Fl., firm of Grimes Goebel Grimes and Hawkins.

Eric Reinholdt '84 is a teaching assistant at University of Florida while working on a Ph.D. in Spanish.

Bill Rosenberg '80 escaped some of the New Jersey winter when he visited Sarasota in January. Bill directs computer operations for the archaeology group of Louis Berger & Associates.

Ron Rostow '82 is a policy, program and budget analyst for the NYC mayor's Office of Management and Budget. He has a master's degree in public policy and administration from Columbia University.

Deborah Saemann '87 is in the Ph.D. program in political science at the University of Michigan.

Provost Bob Benedetti passed on word that Spozy Sapoznikoff '87 is enjoying her first year at Florida State's School of Law. Other NC alums she sees there are Terri Pierzchala '85, John Mills '85, Janet Athenasas '85 and Art Skafidas '87. Spozy also met Ed Montanaro who's involved in an economic forecasting and development group.

David Smolin '80 is now an assistant professor of law at Cumberland Law School, Samford University, Birmingham. Desiree Howell Smolin '82 is a professional mom doing her best to keep up with their inquisitive, blond, two-year-old, Justin Nathaniel.

Roy Tedesco '83 is running the real estate department for the law firm Suto & Sider in Boca Raton, Fla. Susan Mayfield Tedesco '84 is a financial control analyst for the Caribbean, Central and South American loan division of Citicorp Latino, Inc.

Douglas Tucker '87 and Peter Kazaks, professor of physics have authored a paper published in The Physical Review, "Geometry of Spin Effects in Proton-Proton Scattering." Doug is a graduate student in astronomy at Yale.

Jon Trushenski '86 has just received his M.B.A. from Vanderbilt University.

Gabrielle Vail '87 received an award from the Florida Academy of Sciences in recognition of distinguished achievement for her presentation of a paper at the 1987 annual meeting of the academy. She is a doctoral student in anthropology at Tulane University.

Hans-Peter Werner '80 is information officer for GATT, a United Nations organization for world trade/tariffs, in Geneva, Switzerland.