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A wiry, energetic retired engineer from Manatee County whose vigor belies his more than 60 years will supervise the on-site construction activities of the New College East Campus.

The project supervisor for the nearly \$1.8 million building complex is Claude Schutter, who spent a quarter of a century designing and building General Electric plants, offices and warehouses. He retired earlier this year.

Schutter will act for New College in seeing to it that the central plaza and three residence buildings now being built are according to architect I. M. Pei's plans and specifications. He will also help maintain the top-speed schedule that will permit the Charter Class to occupy the buildings early in January.

The Syracuse native is a civil engineering graduate of Syracuse University and joined General Electric in 1940. During his long career with the company he was a resident engineer and project engineer, working both on design and supervision of company construction in the United States and abroad.

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His biggest project was the sprawling GE Appliance Park, a 1,000 acre industrial complex producing GE major appliances. Other major plants he designed or supervised are located in California, Kentucky, Illinois, Massachusetts, in addition to being responsible for several dozen smaller office buildings and warehouses throughout the country.

He also was project engineer for the big GE facility in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Upon retiring, he and his wife purchased a home on Anna Maria and decided to take life easy. Now, he says he just wants to be "semi-retired."

Life on Anna Maria "is just what we've always dreamed about," Schutter says, "but I'm enjoying every minute of my new job."

Schutter will be working with a relatively new wrinkle in construction control called the Critical Path Method (CPM). Under this system of scheduling construction, the contractor James A. Knowles, Inc. will plan the course of work for each trade working on the project from groundbreaking until the key is turned over to the owner, so that the timing of construction is under control at all times.

It is believed that the New College East Campus is the biggest area construction to be planned under CPM.

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Current work involves clearing and filling the approximately 60,000 square foot portion of the 20 acre site on which buildings are to be built. Early in August, foundations will be laid for the first three buildings and construction of the two story brick residence will proceed at a rapid pace.

The buildings are to be constructed around a central plaza and will be four feet above the surrounding terrain for dramatic visual effect. Mr. Pei's overall plan was inspired by the informality and enclosed space of a Mediterranean village, with its terraces, balconies and landscaped areas overlooking interior courtyards.

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