

# NEW COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE

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At a time when most college students are already thinking in terms of summer vacations, members of the charter class at New College are making plans for their second independent study term, to be followed by their final class term and the comprehensive examinations in August.

During the last several weeks, students have been meeting with their faculty advisors to make plans for remaining study terms and examinations as well as to begin to focus on plans for their second year of study.

Monday is the first day of the second independent study and reading term at New College. During the next three weeks, most of the students will be pursuing special study projects requiring a concentrated study. Some will be going off campus -- to the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C., for instance -- to do special research.

At the end of the three weeks reading period, students are expected to submit to their special faculty advisor a written report discussing their reading or describing in detail a project they have undertaken.

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One student in natural sciences will do an analysis of wave particles, another plans a study of the causes and effects in the works of several Russian literary figures, another will collect and identify bacteriological specimens contributing to streptococcus and then derive a serum and test it on animals. A number will do readings in their own or related fields and then write a summary paper on their study.

The independent study period is coordinated through the office of the college examiner and under the direction of Dr. John W. French.

Some of the projects will take the students out into the community for their research. One student has been working on a history of the development of the college, including taping interviews with community figures who were involved in its founding. Another student is doing a study of journalism, with emphasis on newspaper techniques, and she will visit area newspapers in preparation for this.

Students also are beginning to look forward to the comprehensive examinations which come following the end of their third class term in early August. Everyone takes the comprehensive examination over a period of two weeks and on it is based the grade for the year.

Recently, students reviewed with their counselors the progress they had made during the first term including reports from their faculty and grades on tests and assigned papers during that period. This report gives students an idea of their strengths and weaknesses and provides a basis for their study program for the remainder of the year.

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Following the comprehensive examinations, students will combine a three weeks reading period and two weeks vacation before resuming classes in late September.

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