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SIDEBAR TO NEW COLLEGE DEAN APPOINTMENT

Sarasota, Florida--When Dr. Nell P. Eurich moved to Aspen, Colorado in 1964 following her husband to his new post as president of the Institute of Humanistic Studies, it was only the second pause in a busy career that began in 1941. Now she's broken the pause to plunge into a new job, that of chief academic officer of New College, one of America's newest educational institutions.

Even after her marriage to Dr. Alvin C. Eurich in 1951 she held several important positions, including one as acting president of a Missouri women's college where she had earned her first degree in 1939.

Born in Norwood, Ohio, Dr. Eurich attended Stephens College for two years earning an associate of arts degree. She went on to Stanford and added her bachelors and master's degrees by 1943 and 16 years later completed her doctorate at Columbia University. At each institution, she completed her work with honors.

Her first job in the academic world, which she was to serve consistently, was as director of the student union at the University of Texas.

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She left there, completed her master's degree work at Stanford and then headed for New York to become a resident counselor for two years at Barnard College during the latter years of World War II.

The next two years she served the Woman's Foundation as assistant to the president. During this time she organized and was executive director of the White House Conference on the American Family.

In 1949, with the development of the State University of New York, she became its consultant in public relations and then as public relations officer.

There she worked with Dr. Alvin C. Eurich, who had been called to be president of the new State University in 1949 after a rapid rise from professor to become vice president, then acting president of Stanford University.

A year after her marriage, Dr. Eurich returned to her alma mater, Stephens, to serve as acting president for one year. When a new president was found, she became the college's representative in New York City for a period of two years.

She returned to working on her doctorate at Columbia and when it was earned in 1959, she began new academic duties, teaching English as a member of the faculty at New York University.

She also set to work writing, doing some critical reviews and special articles and a book entitled, "Science in Utopia."

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Her husband continued his expanding career in education, moving from the state university presidency to a post as vice president and director of the Ford Foundation's The Fund for the Advancement of Education. Later, he became executive director of the educational division of the huge foundation and vice chairman of the board of their Educational Facilities Laboratories.

In late 1963, Dr. Eurich's husband was appointed president of the Institute of Humanistic Studies and they moved to the Colorado winter resort where he directs the 14-year-old post graduate center for scholars, artists, and leaders from non-academic fields.

Dr. Eurich came to Florida in the spring of 1962 and took part as the only woman at the New College Conference on Educational Objectives. Here she met with educators from colleges and universities all over the nation to discuss new directions in education and how they might apply to New College.

She returned to New College in early 1963 as a consultant to the college at a meeting with nine of the world's leading architects prior to the selection of one as the New College architect.

In the fall of the same year, she was elected a trustee of the college and served as the lone woman representative until late 1964, when Dr. Beatrice Berle joined her on the board.

The Eurichs have two children, Julie and Donald.

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