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New College is deceptively quiet during the first weeks in January as students come to grips with their independent study and reading period.

Classes are adjourned, but the faculty meet almost daily with students advising them on the special projects being undertaken by first and second year students alike.

Students have two independent study periods during the year, following their first and second class terms. During each, students select areas of study and then conduct their own reading or research and write a paper on the results.

Upperclass students work in their specialized field but first year students are free to do projects in any of the three general fields in which they may study during the year.

The busiest spots on the campus during these periods are the laboratories and the library.

Before a student may begin an independent study project he must first discuss the idea with his faculty adviser who helps him choose a manageable task. All ideas must be approved by two faculty members.

After the independent study and reading period ends on January 23, all students have one week to complete their papers and to turn them in to the faculty. Since the research papers, together with results of the comprehensive examinations, form the major evaluation of each student, research projects are given high priority.

The faculty point out that much of the benefit of the research paper stems from the student's concentrated attention on one area of study and also from the discipline required in the organization and writing of the final paper.

Some students choose to do creative works during this period. These are accepted but a research paper must accompany the creative work.

Leslie Fuller, of Claremont, Calif., is making a movie film. Ted Shoemaker, of Winnetka, Ill., is writing a trio for three clarinets and he has enlisted the services of two other local clarinetists to perform it with him when finished.

Science is a busy area. Bruce Lamartine, of Naples, Fla., is doing a study of chemical reaction rates, which will have the title of "Conductrometric Study of Nucleophilic Substitution Reactions." Bruce spends long hours in the chemistry laboratory to complete his research during this three-week period.

Political Science is a favorite subject for research. Two students are making studies on the campaigns that won election for certain municipal officials. Another, Leonard Lewis, of Orlando, will study the campaign organization of Florida gubernatorial candidate, Robert King High.

Roy Van Vleck, of Montclair, N.J., noting the growing alarms over the Everglades water situation, will spend several days touring the area and making a survey of the situation.

Sharon Landesman, University City, Mo., first-year student who worked in a mental hospital while in high school, travelled to Cambridge, Mass., where she now is spending her three weeks doing research on work in the psychology of creativity.

Probably the most practical research is being undertaken by David Pini, of Batavia, Ill. David, a student of history and economics, is examining the stock and bond brokerage field. As his project, he will take the course and the examination given to brokers and then write his paper on the experience and the results.

New College students seek few world-shaking revelations in their projects. What they do hope is that their work will help them achieve the skills vital to research while adding to their store of knowledge.