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SARASOTA--New College students who have been waiting for Godot will get what they've been waiting for this weekend.

Godot is the name--though it is not yet final--of a coffee house for students about to open on the New College campus.

The coffee house will be housed in The Barn, a building once used for that purpose on the old Charles Ringling Estate and since turned into a student center and office building. The coffee house will be open Wednesday through Sunday evenings and will provide a place for students to talk, be entertained by members of the outside community, or perform themselves.

The coffee house had its beginning when a group of second-year students, including Lee Crawford, Jon Lundell, Sunny Chandler and Susan Borokowski, approached college religious counselor Rev. Horace N. Cooper with the idea.

After obtaining the cooperation of New College President Dr. John Elmendorf, Rev. Cooper went out into Sarasota to raise funds for the project. He succeeded in obtaining gifts from the Pine Shores Presbyterian Church, the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, the United Church of Christ and several private donors.

Rev. Cooper explained the purpose of the coffee house as providing "a background for students to introduce into the college community interesting and talented people from the community."

Outside entertainment will probably take place on Friday and Saturday nights, according to Rev. Cooper. Musical, literary, visual and social programs may be scheduled. "The emphasis will be on a rapport and dialogue between the performers and students," he said.

On other nights, records and tapes will provide entertainment when students don't provide it on their own. Plays and movies may also be presented, according to Rev. Cooper.

Coffee, soft drinks and other light refreshment will be available at the coffee house. A small admission fee will probably be charged at first to provide for maintenance.

Non-New College students will be admitted by invitation only at present, according to Rev. Cooper, but this is only because of lack of space in the building.