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CHINA STUDIES SEMINAR TOPIC

One of the frequently expressed beliefs at New College is that there is a virtually unmined vein of rich human talent in the area and a recent example confirms this. Because of the size of the student body, which limits the size of the faculty, it is natural that not every student interest finds a challenge in the curriculum. One of these interests has been in Asian studies and in the past well-known former diplomat Clayton Lane has led seminars in this area. In recent months Mrs. Ralph Shrader has been working with three first-year students in the area of China studies.

Mrs. Shrader and her husband, the late Rev. Ralph Shrader, taught in China at Foochow College for seven years beginning in 1926 after completing their studies at Chicago Theological Seminary. This period was a crucial one for China as it marked the takeover by Chiang Kai-shek. After their return to the United States, the Shraders continued their interest in Asia and the Rev. Mr. Shrader was instrumental in developing a series of international relations seminars for lay people in the Congregational Church, later carried on under the United Church of Christ.

The Shraders began wintering in the area in 1960 and have been interested in the development of the college. President John Elmendorf learned of Mrs. Shrader's background in China studies and a trial series of seminars was set up this term. Three first-year students are currently meeting ~~once~~ each week with Mrs. Shrader, working in a tutorial situation receiving guidance in their own readings.

Mrs. Shrader ~~has said~~ that she has been appalled by the general public lack of knowledge or interest in China. She said in her seminars she hopes to develop clues to the current situation and to the revolt that led to it by searching past periods.

Students receive no credit for the course, but sign up and attend voluntarily because of their interests.

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BRAZILIANS MAY VISIT HERE

Fifty Brazilian students, ages 14 to 25, are being brought to the United States in July to visit businesses, hospitals, and other institutions. New College is being asked to take part in the program by finding hosts for a group of ten students. Professor of Classics W. Lynndon Clough is coordinating the program that is sponsored by the International Student Technical Exchange Council and he is seeking local residents who would like to open their homes to these Brazilian students for one month. Anyone interested may reach Mr. Clough at his home at 355-5925 or through the college, 355-7131, Extension 255.

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TWO MAY BE ELECTORS

New College students recently showed they are almost solidly in the camp of Sen. Eugene McCarthy in his bid for nomination for president. In a national campus poll, they voted solidly in favor of the Minnesota Democrat. The McCarthy forces are active on campus and two other members of the New College community--Dr. Jerome Himelhoch and Mrs. John Elmendorf--have been nominated to run in the May 28th Florida primary as delegates for McCarthy. If elected they will go to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago pledged to vote for McCarthy for the presidential nomination.

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BIOLOGY SEMINARS OPEN

Two seminars in biology will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday May 10 and Friday, May 17 in the teaching auditorium of Hamilton Center and will be open to the public. Tomorrow, Dr. Harry Lipner of the Department of Biological Sciences at Florida State University will speak on "The Mechanism of Ovulation." A second lecture the following week will be on "Social Amoebae."

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