

NEW COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE

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SARASOTA, FLA.--Among the 100 students enrolled in the Charter Class of New College here are a brother and sister, Elizabeth and William Caldwell.

They are the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Caldwell of Naples, Fla., who formerly lived in Hudson, Ohio, where both youngsters attended high school.

Together with the other members of the carefully selected Charter Class, they registered at New College on its opening day Sept. 14 and, after a week of orientation and tests, begin their classes Monday, Sept. 21.

The Charter Class was chosen from more than 3,500 high school seniors who, attracted by New College's emphasis on small classes, seminar work and individual study, inquired about enrollment.

It includes 20 students who were valedictorians of their graduating classes and many who were outstanding in high school academic and extra-curricular activities. More than 70 per cent were in the top tenth of their graduating classes.

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The class will study under a stimulating faculty with world-renowned British historian Dr. Arthur J. Toynbee as visiting professor of history.

New College is a privately supported, non-sectarian co-educational college of the liberal arts and sciences.

It will offer a challenging new kind of academic program, based on the tutorial system followed by Oxford University, and dispensing with grades and credits. It will also offer its students the opportunity to study 12 months of the year and to complete their work for their bachelors degrees in three years.

The faculty for the first year will include 11 full professors, two assistant professors, three visiting professors, one adjunct professor and five tutors.

The ratio of faculty members to students is five to one, remarkably low even among the country's greatest institutions.

Each faculty member will work closely with individual students and each student's program of study will be planned according to his special interests, abilities and achievements. Students will be allowed to progress at their own pace and to branch into specialized studies even during their first year.

Their work will not be graded but will be judged on the basis of the degree to which they have achieved mastery in each field of

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study. This will be determined by the College Examiner through tests and other methods.

New College President Dr. George F. Baughman said, "Our students have been selected for their potential leadership and unusual promise. We feel they have the motivation to be challenged by our high standards, faculty and tutorial system.

"Students will be encouraged to search out fundamental truths of civilization to equip themselves for leadership in tomorrow's world."

During the first three months of their New College careers, students will live at The Landmark, a resort on the Gulf of Mexico. In January, new residence halls designed by internationally famous architect I.M. Pei will be completed and the students will move into them.

Next year the college plans to enroll an additional 100 students. The aim is an eventual maximum enrollment of no more than 1,200 students.