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Individuality and the search for wisdom are keystones in the educational structure that is New College.

The raw materials from which these keystones are carved are personal goals, individual accomplishment, motivation for future achievement, and the amassed learning of our civilization.

Students seeking to enter New College must display characteristics of intellectual curiosity, self-starting ability, and appreciation of the opportunity for maximum progress in their search for truth.

In this exploratory process they are to be aided by a hand-picked faculty who will spend its time working with the student body as colleagues. Grading will not be of the conventional type. Year-end comprehensive examinations will be the only customary "test", while a special college examiner will measure each student's progress constantly. In this he will be aided by the evaluations of 22 faculty members and tutors who are with the students daily in seminars, lectures and individual projects.

While no hard and fast rule is set for student acceptance, it is fair to say that New College seeks "some exceptional promise" in each of its students. Although over 70 percent of the Charter Class has records that place them in the top tenth of their high school class academically, many students of more modest scholastic attainment were accepted if they were able to show they offered some special promise or direction. On the other hand, scholastically top-ranking applicants in the Charter Class selection

process were rejected if they did not display characteristics of well-roundedness as well as good grades.

As nearly as possible admissions officers develop the fullest possible body of information, including college boards, personal interviews and written statements of student goals, for each serious applicant before a decision is reached as to acceptance.

New College has a unique 11 month calendar leading to a bachelor's degree in 3 years. All students must be in residence, with tuition, room and board and fees set at \$4,200 per year. Admission is open to deserving students without regard to race, creed or color - and scholarship assistance is available as well.

The Charter Class as finally enrolled was drawn from some 30 states and 3 foreign countries. Its members represent a very wide range of backgrounds, directions and accomplishments. Yet each is considered to have an extra capability for future leadership in his or her chosen field of interest and as a member of the human race.

It is to these two objectives that the curriculum of New College is directed. Working individually, in small classes and in lecture groups, all students are introduced to fundamentals of natural sciences, social sciences and humanities. It is a basic premise of New College that every student, whether a future physicist, engineer, teacher or any other careerist should be broadly educated. Moreover, with the body of modern knowledge always being modified, superceded and extended, students will be encouraged to learn self-education and to develop the habit of independent inquiry that will remain throughout their lives.

After having lecture and seminar groups on topics of basic importance-- the development of mathematical systems, or the fundamentals of aesthetics and their application to life..students will proceed at their best rate

to explore an area of special interest with a tutor and independent research.

Naturally, sports, social activities and extra curricular projects are a major facet of New College student life.

But perhaps the most stimulating activity in this unusual college is the contact and challenge of active minds - the faculties', the Classes' and yours.

Admissions Dean Robert J. Norwine said interested students are welcome to contact the admissions office at New College for further details.