

New College  
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SUMMARY FOR CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NEWS:

In 1961, Dr. George F. Baughman, then vice president and treasurer of New York University, accepted a position as President of New College in Sarasota, Florida. He recounts for his friends and former church members some of the events of the development of New College, related to the United Church of Christ, and opening for students in the fall of 1964:

New College was a mere dream in 1961; today it is reality. The progress has been a joining of many hands and many hearts, including those of you who already have made gifts to help build New College.

Since 1961, New College has obtained a 115-acre waterfront campus comparable to any in the nation. Its friends have provided approximately \$8,000,000 in gifts and pledges. We have added to an outstanding Board of Trustees such men as Dr. Henry Chauncey, President, Educational Testing Service at Princeton; Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz, publisher and editor of La Prensa, Buenos Aires; Dr. Alfred Barr, first director, Modern Museum of Art; Dr. Carroll V. Newsom, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Prentice Hall and Chairman of the N.J. study of Higher Education; L.H. LaMotte, retired executive vice president of International Business Machines and still chairman of the IBM Executive and Finance Committee.

In 1962 we occupied one existing and one renovated building on the campus and a year later, after a world-wide search, selected New York architect and planner I.M. Pei to design the entire \$15 million campus.

A renowned administrator and educator, Dr. John W. Gustad, was named Dean of the College and an early faculty appointment was Dr. Arnold J. Toynbee, easily the world's greatest living historian, as Visiting Professor of History for 1964-65. Other faculty appointments have brought New College such people as an excellent theoretical physicist and a noted English scholar.

Selection of students for the charter class began in 1962 and Wesleyan University's Director of Admissions, Robert J. Norwine, became the New College Dean of Admissions. Only about 100 students will be admitted to the first class, for this group is being hand picked for the responsibility of setting the college's academic pace as well as its traditions.

Five in this class will be recognized as Charter Scholars, with all college related costs for their full three years (about \$12,000) provided by donors. New College provides the opportunity for a student to attend 11 months of each year, with graduation and a bachelor's degree in three years.

A curriculum has been developed to pre-invigorate the liberal arts and to make it possible for students to move ahead as fast as they desire. The individual student is the key to the program, and seminars and tutorials will provide opportunities for him to stretch his mind to encompass some of knowledge's broad horizons.

This has been an exciting 2½ years and we move into 1964 confident that we are achieving the quality goals we set forth when New College was only an idea. The progress made has been achieved, I

assure you, only through the great friendship of numerous persons and groups such as yourselves. New College is the essence of your hopes and support.

George F. Baughman

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