

NEW COLLEGE

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Society Section

For several months a small group of women has been working almost anonymously on a project destined to make the New College library one of the finest in higher education.

The Woman's Library Association for New College (or WLA) eagerly looks forward to expansion of its membership first in the Manatee-Sarasota area, then across the state, and finally across the nation.

The group's aims are simple. The Woman's Library Association plans to enlist support of all types in providing books, periodicals, microfilms, tapes, equipment, buildings, and eventually endowment for the New College library.

Immediate goal is a 300,000 volume book collection for the library during the college's charter years, 1964-69.

WLA grew from a conversation between New College President George F. Baughman and Mrs. L. Alexander Vance of Bird Key.

Dr. Baughman envisioned chapters of the WLA across the nation working toward equipping and maintaining a quality college library for the outstanding students and faculty which will be in residence on campus.

Mrs. Vance assumed the chairmanship of the fledgling organization, enlisted other leading women to work with her. After guiding the WLA through the planning and organization stages, she was elected to serve as first president.

Working with her are Mrs. Andrew Sandegren, first vice president; Mrs. Wharton G. Ingram, program chairman; Mrs. George Collins, hospitality chairman; Mrs. Carl Judsen, project chairman; Mrs. Robert A. Gamble, recording secretary; Mrs. Milton

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Hess, publicity chairman and Mrs. R. Stanley Boykin Jr., corresponding secretary.

Their plan is to make the New College library their project and to enlist the help of other like-minded women throughout the state and nation.

The WLA will utilize several methods to gain support for its project.

The first will be to enlist members in a number of categories depending on their participation.

Mrs. Vance and her group, as volunteers working on behalf of the college, feel that the New College library concept is too large an undertaking for an individual or a family, especially because of the size of the book collection and the ambitious plans for the plant, the annual acquisitions program, and the endowment funds needed to maintain the library.

"We have seen a similar group work at Brandeis University," says Mrs. Vance, "and they have been overwhelmingly successful. They have shown us that a group of dedicated women, working together across the nation with a single-minded purpose, can help to bring a fine library into being."

Giving for the New College library is more than a one-way street in the case of the Woman's Library Association. It is planned by Mrs. Vance and her group that wherever chapters are founded, there shall be set up educational programs which will enrich the lives of those participating. She foresees book reviews, study groups, informative programs utilizing New College faculty and staff, and also special aids to learning to be produced by the library which WLA is helping to build.

"We believe the primary appeal for all members of WLA will be in helping provide the resources for young people to learn. By making available for the library the general collection, the special collections as well as learned journals, tape recordings, microfilms, and other special materials so much a part of libraries today, we will substantially add to the learning resources for both young people and faculty. This is the one way so many of us can help add to man's store of knowledge," Mrs. Vance remarked.

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President Baughman said, "We are excited at the spirit of the members of the Woman's Library Association and at their grasp of the scope of the work that is to be done. We will, with their help, found one of the truly great libraries of the nation."

Working with the WLA is Mrs. Eleanor Treacy Hodgins, of the New College Development Staff, who serves as a liaison and coordinator between the college, the library and the Woman's Library Association.