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Sarasota, Fla.--President of New College is a Tampa native, Dr. George F. Baughman who often has been described as a man of boundless energy and great vision.

His job of creating literally from nothing a college that has now grown in stature and proportion as well as national recognition has been one of great devotion.

When he arrived on the job in 1961, New College was still largely an idea. It owned few assets, was little known and he was almost its only staff.

In the three years since then, New College has acquired a 115-acre campus, buildings, a growing staff of administrative and academic personnel, a sizeable list of assets, and a reputation as one publication wrote, "The educational opportunity of the century."

That man who is responsible for much of this gave up a job as vice president and treasurer of the world's largest private university, New York University, to guide the then-intangible fortunes of New College.

Dr. Baughman had been vice president of the University of Florida in 1955 when he drew the attention of Dr. Henry Heald, then president of New York University but now president of the Ford Foundation. He accepted Dr. Heald's invitation to come to New York. Six years later he was to

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return to Florida but this time to found a new institution, which he would head.

To the president's job, Dr. Baughman brings the combined experience of an educator, lawyer, banker as well as a high ranked Navy officer.

Graduated from Plant High in Tampa, Dr. Baughman attended the University of Florida where he earned undergraduate and law degrees. He later earned a graduate degree from Georgetown University and was awarded honorary degrees from New York University and the New England College of Pharmacy (now Northeastern University).

Before World War II, he practiced law and held a position with a Washington, D. C. bank. For four years he served with the U.S. Navy Supply Corps, and was officer in charge of the Lend-lease program of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts. Today he is a Captain in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

With the war over, Dr. Baughman returned to the University of Florida, first as a member of the faculty and later as vice president.

When he returned to Florida to head New College, he set down succinctly his views on the future of his country and the institution he was helping to found.

"Americas's greatness still lies in the future. I am a great believer in the private enterprise system that private higher education exemplified. It is a great privilege and opportunity to have a part in the founding of a new private institution that will be a part of America's

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free enterprise future.

"Upholding the standards of democracy and raising the standards of living of the whole world will be one of the greatest tasks that liberal education can address itself to in the next fifty years. Every liberal arts college that has the stamina to maintain a rigorous standard of excellence can have an important part to play in this task. This is the role to which New College will devote itself."

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