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Faculty, students, and staff at New College will hold a general review of the college's educational program tomorrow (Saturday, Jan. 14, 1967).

In full-day sessions, the three groups will discuss ten different pre-selected topics. Objective of the day is to develop guidelines for constructive revisions or additions to the educational program.

Planning for the day has been going on for many weeks and faculty and students have been selected to act as co-chairmen for each of 10 study areas.

President John Elmendorf will open the formal conference at 9 a.m., beginning it by defining the objectives and explaining the procedures for the day. He will do this at a meeting expected to draw most of the 230 students, the more than 40 faculty, plus a good number of the staff of New College.

Following this brief introduction, discussion groups will go to work on their specific topics, spending most of the morning and afternoon in session. at 4 p.m. everyone will reconvene in a single group and the chairmen will make reports of their findings, and discussion will be held on the conclusions.

The ten topics with faculty and student co-chairmen for each group:

"Relationship of the college calendar to the educational goals of New College." Dr. B. Gresham Riley and David Tekler.

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"Academic good standing, probation, suspension and dismissal."

Dr. Sarah J. Stephens and Jon Shaughnessy.

"Student-teacher learning relationships." Dr. Douglas C. Berggren

and Irving Benoist.

"Independent study." Dr. Rollin B. Posey and Rachel Findley.

"Selection and acclimatization of first-year students." Dr. George

H. Mayer and Joan Schnabel.

"Problems of transition to the post-college years." Dr. Peter F. Buri

and David Pini.

"General studies and specialization at New College." Dr. Robert H.

Knox Jr. and Jerry Michaels.

"The curricular design of the senior year." Dr. Rodger W. Griffin Jr.

and Jeanne Rosenberg.

"The relationship between the academic and non-academic aspects of

the New College experience." Dr. Brian R. Kay and John Cranor.

"The graded versus the non-graded curriculum." Dr. Arthur R. Borden Jr.

and Ray Enslow.

Each of the students has made a choice of the group he wishes to take part in and faculty and staff are free to choose their own areas. Topics were chosen from suggestions made by students, faculty, and by the president.

On campus as a special resource person will be Dr. David Riesman, professor of social sciences at Harvard University. Dr. Riesman has done much research on new colleges, particularly those offering educational innovations.

Dr. Riesman, who arrived Wednesday, met informally Thursday with students to begin discussions and at the regular weekly forum tonight (Friday) he will speak about some of his studies of innovating colleges.

For the past week chairmen and co-chairmen have been planning the 10 individual sessions and they meet at breakfast Saturday to coordinate their plans for all 10 groups.

In addition to the co-chairmen, each group will have a reporter whose job it will be to prepare summaries of the discussions and to note the areas of agreement.

The conference is particularly timely because it is held in the third year of operation for the college, which means that the full educational program of the college is in force and faculty and students have had the opportunity to observe in action all of the ideas and programs of the college.

President Elmendorf predicted that some of the changes decided upon at the conference may be adopted immediately and that others could be incorporated during the 1967-68 academic year.