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Sarasota, Fla. -- Two New College students today were notified they have won highly regarded national fellowships for graduate study.

Third-year students Rachel Findley of LaGrange, Ill., and Ray B. Enslow of Peoria, Ill. received word from the Danforth Foundation of St. Louis, Mo., they have been chosen for fellowship awards.

Only 120 fellowships are awarded each year by the foundation to students nominated by accredited colleges and universities. This was the first year that New College had students ready to enter graduate school and the foundation made a rare exception to permit the college to nominate students in advance of receiving formal accreditation.

Each of the Danforth fellowships provides the cost of tuition and fees at any university, an allowance for room and board, plus expenses to attend an annual conference on teaching sponsored by the foundation.

Qualifications for the fellowships, as specified by the foundation, are that students must show intellectual promise and character, evidence of religious or ethical concern, and high potential for effective college teaching. The foundation is dedicated to encouraging the development of competent, highly motivated, and effective college teachers.

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Each of the fellowships is made on a one-year basis, but each also is renewable annually for three more years, providing sufficient time for students to earn a doctoral degree.

Danforth Fellowships are among the most prized in the academic world, according to Dr. Douglas C. Berggren, professor of philosophy at New College, and himself a former Danforth Fellow, while at Yale University. Dr. Berggren said this is because of the generosity of the awards and the intense competition for them among the nation's student-scholars.

Award of the fellowships was made by a special selection committee of the foundation after a narrowing process that began last fall. At that time liaison officers at accredited colleges and universities began to nominate prospective students. Nominations were limited according to the size of the institution and New College was permitted to nominate two.

Dr. Berggren, who is the New College liaison officer for the Danforth Fellowships, estimated that there were probably as many as 2,000 students nominated. These were screened by a special committee and about 400 were subsequently interviewed at regional locations about the country. The foundation's Advisory Council made the final 120 nominations.

Both Miss Findley and Enslow compiled outstanding records in high school and both were selected as Charter Scholars at New College, an honor extended to only five members of the initial class based on their academic and personal qualifications. Their records at New College were attested to by their nomination for the fellowships, a process that involved approval by the entire faculty.

Miss Findley and Enslow are scheduled to complete their studies in July and to graduate with the first class of New College.