

Educational philosophy of New College drew general support during its all-campus conference that ended Saturday, but educational techniques found ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ both friends and critics.

Visiting educators, faculty, and students spent all of Saturday in the second phase of the conference discussing the total educational program. This was the ~~xxxx~~ second in a series of conferences aimed at improving the total college concept.

Similarities of New College and Florida Presbyterian were pointed out by FPC Dean John Jacobson to open the ~~p~~ day, as he ~~xxxx~~ outlined his institution's attitudes toward grades, class attendance, and independent study.

Noting that the word "unique" is often used to describe ~~College~~ College New College, Sarah Lawrence President Esther Raushenbush said that what is important is not its uniqueness but what it is doing for students.

New College Professor Douglas C. Berggren echoed this thought by saying that ~~p~~ the point of innovation is not to be different ~~for~~ for its own sake but rather ~~by~~ the ability of ~~x~~ faculty and students to be self-critical.

Second year student Lee Harding, who transferred to New College last year, said that he spent eight weeks visiting college around the country before coming here, said that he found many colleges ~~x~~ now have similar programs but he described New College as "progressive academically."

Student discussion groups, working with faculty leaders, tackled 10 ~~xxxxxx~~ areas of the educational program ~~xxx~~ made a variety of recommendations that ranged from evaluations of faculty to changes in student rules. Few suggested any changes in basic educational policy.

The day-long session ended the conference which had begun with a keynote address by Dr. ~~xx~~ Raushenbush Friday night.

President John Elmendorf said that the conference was a great success.

"It achieves three purposes," he said. "The conference gave ~~xxxxxxx~~ good evidence of the current concern about education. It demonstrated ~~xxxx~~ the ~~p~~ results of intelligent exchange of ideas, and it also gave the faculty a chance to measure the characteristics of new students.

Orientation Week for the new students, of which the conference was a part, will go on ~~xx~~ this afternoon with a sailing demonstration, ~~x~~ swimming ~~xx~~ ~~xxxx~~ safety talks, and ~~x~~ ballet, art and music exhibitions.

Official welcome for the new students ends Tuesday night at Hamilton Center when the Trail National Bank will be host at a reception to which ~~xxx~~ the students have been invited to meet with Manatee and Sarasota county businessmen and civic leaders.

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Conference Panelists Take Coffee Break

Leading off the ~~Saturday~~ Saturday session of the New College conference on educational innovation and philosophy were these six, from left, student Lee Harding, moderator Dr. John Elmendorf, Professor Douglas C. Berggren, Sarah Lawrence College President Esther Raushenbush, Florida Presbyterian College Dean John Jacobson, and ~~the~~ FPC student Jane Arbuckle.