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SOCIOLOGIST REPORTS ON YOUTH

By far most American youth are "very square", a New College Professor of Sociology, Dr. Jerome Himelhoch, said during a recent panel discussion at the San Francisco meeting of the American Sociological Association.

Dr. Himelhoch has done considerable work in youth studies and he observed that "only a small minority of American youth participate in the 'hippie' subculture." He told the ASA participants that only a few "respond to the inside meaning of Bob Dylan's song lyrics."

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While in San Francisco, Dr. Himelhoch delivered a scientific paper, "Delinquency Without Alienation: A Portrait of Some Rural Offenders," before the Society for the Study of Social Problems. The paper was the result of work that he had done as part of the Vermont Youth Study, a seven-year project supported in part by the Ford Foundation and the U.S. Public Health Service. Working with him were Michael Schwartz, now employed at Bellevue Psychiatric Hospital, and James W. Feeney, a tutor in sociology and Independent Study Project Coordinator at New College.

He pointed out in the paper that youthful convicted offenders in northern New England do not belong to criminal gangs and are not alienated from conventional society. His study was prompted by a reported increase in the rate of rural delinquency higher than that for urban areas.

Dr. Himelhoch suggested that "within the general American culture there co-exist the official moralistic tradition and the subterranean hedonistic tradition." The requirements of the youthful male role, he said, cause boys more than girls to give greater stress to hedonistic rather than moralistic values. The offenders, he found, tend to participate in predominantly hedonistic but ambivalent and only partially delinquent subcultures.

TUTOR NAMED IN ECONOMICS

David Marshall Barry, an economist only recently returned from a special study of Nigerian commercial banking, has been named as tutor in economics at New College. A graduate of the College of William and Mary with a master's degree from Northwestern University, Barry has taught at Northwestern University and at Lake Forest College. During the past year he spent four months in the United Kingdom and nine months in Nigeria doing research in commercial banking under an Inter-Societal Research Fellowship from Northwestern.

SLIP OF MEMORY

When President John Elmendorf rose to the podium to introduce Sarah Lawrence College President Dr. Esther Raushenbush, at a campus educational conference last week, he told of her extensive experience in education and her commitment to it, and also cited some of her many honors. Acknowledging the introduction, Dr. Raushenbush added that President Elmendorf forgot the very important item that she is an Honorary Fellow of New College. "And very pleased to be," she added.