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SARASOTA--Many colleges have writers--or poets-in-residence, but New College has a temporary member of the faculty whose position is a bit more unusual--a scholar-in-residence.

New College's scholar is Dr. Walter Waring, Chairman of the Department of English at Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Dr. Waring is currently writing his third book, a "non-Aristotelian rhetoric." He explains that the book is designed to encourage students to examine the contexts of the words they use.

Besides a work on Thomas Carlyle, Dr. Waring has also published a book on Samuel Rogers, a minor nineteenth-century poet. Dr. Waring explains that he has the "dubious position" of being the foremost authority on Rogers, who was enormously popular in his day.

Kalamazoo College, Dr. Waring explains, like New College, has an experimental program. The year is divided into quarters, three of which students spend on campus.

For their off-campus quarters, freshmen have a vacation, while sophomores participate in a work-study program related to their major field. Juniors study abroad at one of 22 study centers in Europe,

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while seniors work on essays similar to the senior theses required of New College students. Seniors also have exams similar to New College's baccalaureates.

Dr. Waring rates New College students favorably with students at his college. "I like them all. They're aggressive in class, and defend their points."

The major differences, Dr. Waring noted, were the size of the two colleges--Kalamazoo has 1250 to New College's 260--and the fact that mixed classes, composed of first-, second-, and third-year students, are common at New College.