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Correction:

In the last issue of the *Nimbus*, Gregory Dubois-Felsmann's '77 name was misspelled in the campaign corner section. We apologize for this error.



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THE HONORS COLLEGE of Florida

A letter from Alumnae/i Association Board Chair Rob Lincoln '77

Dear Alumnae/i,

Our spring issue of the *Nimbus* focuses on the New College International Studies Program. This is a kick-off for the Promise Campaign's fundraising for a new International Studies building and the Peggy Bates Endowed Chair in International Studies. See pages 5, 15, 16, and 17 for information on the program and the campaign as well as pages 6 and 8 for features on alums who have been successful in international fields.

During this year's reunion we celebrated Dr. Michalson's accomplishments as President of New College during a surprise brunch. The event was well attended and the tributes from Dave Smolker '72, John Klein '69, and Charlie Lenger '78, as well as the series of limericks from Professor Emeritus Mac Miller, touched and pleased Dr. Mike. The previous evening, the Foundation's Gala also celebrated his accomplishments before a large community crowd. The pinnacle of that celebration was a video tribute by some of his current students that I hope and pray will be put on YouTube. We congratulate President Michalson on his upcoming retirement and look forward to engaging him in his new role as a full-time faculty member.



The reunion was a success, but we want next year to be bigger! Mark it on your calendars now for February 14-17, 2013. Sarasota in the winter, mini-classes, old friends, new friends, and a PCP – what could be better? Please contact our office at 941-487-4676 or ncalum@ncf.edu if

you would like to be a reunion volunteer.

On new friends – the NCAA is continuing to work on establishing an “affinity group” program based around broad professional categories. These groups will provide opportunities for networking among alumnae/i, professional and academic mentoring for students and recent grads, and also support for admissions. You’ll get more information as the program develops, but if you have ideas, please write to Alumnae/i Coordinator Sarah Thompson at sthompson@ncf.edu who will pass these ideas on to me and the rest of the board.

At the Foundation, Andy Walker and Dennis Stover recently resigned. Clint Monts de Oca, who has been very successful in raising funds for State College of Florida (formerly Manatee Community College) has agreed to serve as the Interim Executive Vice President. He will be in charge of day to day operations of the Foundation. Jessica Rogers remains the Vice President of Alumnae/i Affairs and has been doing a wonderful job managing these transitions. To read more about Clint please visit the website here.

Finally, New College is incredibly lucky to have Donal O'Shea, the former Dean of Mt. Holyoke as its new President. Dr. O'Shea was the only candidate that applied solely for the position at New College. There were other very qualified candidates, but every segment of the community was unanimous in supporting Dr. O'Shea including the selection committee, who was unanimous in recommending him, and the Trustees, who were unanimous in voting for him. In the 35 years since I first joined the New College community, I have never seen this kind of consensus around any important decision. We look forward to welcoming Dr. O'Shea to the alumnae/i community and introducing him to all of you as we travel across the country and the state of Florida visiting our different chapters. As always, thanks for your continued support of New College.

–Robert Lincoln '77
NCAA Board Chair

Board Appointments

Written by: Susan “Spozy” Sapoznikoff '83

The NCAA is now accepting applications for appointments to its Board of Directors. The NCAA will be appointing up to five directors during this cycle.

Members of the Association wishing to be appointed to a position of Director at Large shall submit a written application to the Governance Committee of the Association at the office of the Association prior to the deadline set by the Executive Committee. Each candidate shall also submit one written reference.

Applications can be found on the NCAA website. <http://ncf.edu/about-ncaa>. The application deadline is Thursday, May 3rd and appointments will be made at the Board's meeting on May 26, 2012. Newly appointed directors will become active at the Board's September meeting on September 8, 2012.

Directors are expected to attend the regular meetings. For the upcoming fiscal year, two meet-

ings are scheduled to be held in Sarasota (9/8/12 and 2/17/13) and two meetings are scheduled to occur by phone (11/1/12 and on 5/25/13).

Directors must also actively participate in the affairs of the Board and the membership as a whole. This involves, but is not limited to, serving on the committees of the NCAA and attending NCAA events. In between meetings, directors are expected to reach out to and interact with fellow alumnae/i frequently.

To best serve the needs of all alumnae/i, the NCAA believes it is best to have a Board composed of alums from across the spectrum of entering years, areas of concentration, profession and work history, etc. As such, the NCAA actively encourages all members to consider seeking an appointment.

A New College Night Out

This month the NCAA launched a new series of local alumnae/i gatherings to be hosted on the third Thursday of each month by a different alum at his or her favorite hot spot. Known as “New College Night Out,” the gatherings are meant to give alums in Sarasota and Manatee counties an opportunity to come together more frequently.

The first gathering was hosted by Ray Burgman '91 at Main Street Trattoria in Lakewood Ranch. 15 alums and a few staff members gathered to dine on bruschetta and caprese salads, among other



Ray Burgman '91 and Monica Mogilewski '98

delicious treats. “A good time was had by all” stated Charlie Lenger '78. Staff member Jeanne Viviani agreed, thanking Ray for her incredible generosity. The next “New College Night Out” will be hosted on April 19th by NCAA Board Chair Rob Lincoln '77 at Buffalo Wild Wings on Clark Road. Rob will be buying the first drink and encouraging alums to participate in a trivia game. On May 17th, Cindy Hill '89 will be hosting a get together at Beckham's in Gulf Gate. If you are interested in hosting a “New College Night Out,” please contact Alum Coordinator Sarah Thompson at 941-487-4676 or sthompson@ncf.edu.

Alumnae/i Fellows Program

Nick Tampio '91 (second from left) and students from his ISP

Written by: Second Year Student Alan Sachnowski

As a second year student in public higher education, I often feel as if what I learn in class is a part of an academic tradition. The ideas that are being translated to me are taught at a specific time, almost as a right of passage into academia or intellectualism that coincides with a formative duration of my life. On this threshold, I have the opportunity to decide the course of my studies. The Alumnae/i Fellows program has allowed me to explore new territories of thought that I previously only understood through personal interest.

For my ISP, I was fortunate to work with Professor Nicholas Tampio '91 in dissecting Gilles Deleuze and Felix Guattari's enigmatic masterpiece *A Thousand Plateaus*. Every day we covered another chapter or "plateau" until by the end of January, the group had a sense of "Deleuze's Political Vision" (the title of the ISP.) The project was perhaps one of the most rewarding experiences I have had at New College, opening my mind to philosophy and concepts that are normally not taught here.

To my delight, I was also able to take another class this spring: "Technological Environments" with Alumnae/i Fellow Professor Katherine Chandler '96. In our eight person class, we cover philosophy, feminism, science, technology, sociology, economics, culture, current events, and anything that can be scrutinized through the lens of Science and Technology Studies. I am extremely interested in this field and the way that it seeks to reconcile the disciplinary divisions of the humanities, arts, and sciences. New College provides an excellent framework for critical interpretation, and the ISP with Professor Tampio '91 as well as the course with Professor Chandler '96 provided insight that is increasingly relevant in understanding the multiplicity of dynamics in our ever-changing world.

Coffee Talks Spring 2012

In March the NCAA organized four coffee talks to assist students with career advice and networking opportunities. Thomas White '67, a retired benefits lawyer, gave a talk on March 1st about the process of law school admissions. Gabriel Pacyniak '97 and Elizabeth Elia '97 gave a joint coffee talk on public interest law. Gabe, an environmental lawyer who works on climate change policy, attracted the growing number of Environmental Studies students while Elizabeth's work on affordable housing law appealed to those interested in community development.

New College Board of Trustees member Bill Johnston and former President of the New York Stock Exchange, spoke about his career trajectory to students in economics and many students from the business/finance club. Finally, biophysicist Paul Hansma '64 concluded the month with a talk on the process of invention. He discussed several useful strategies to conducting experiments that served him well in building the atomic force microscope as well as a tool he developed to measure bone quality in osteopenic and osteoporotic patients.

Let us know if you would be interested in giving a coffee talk to students, particularly those in fields related to education, international studies, health care, and psychology. If you are interested in giving a coffee talk, contact Alumnae/i Coordinator Sarah Thompson at sthompson@ncf.edu or 941-487-4676.

New College Partners with the United Nations Association to Enhance International Studies

Written by: Barbara Hicks, New College Professor of Political Science & Director of the International Studies Program.

On October 29th the United Nations Association (UNA) of Sarasota-Manatee and the New College International Studies Program conducted our 2nd annual International Career Seminar at Sudakoff Hall on the New College of Florida Campus. Over 110 participants convened for a series of informative talks about how to develop a variety of international careers. Co-sponsoring the event were the colleges of Sarasota's North Trail – New College, Ringling College of Art and Design, and University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee.

This fall's seminar brought speakers from the intergovernmental, governmental, private, and non-profit sectors to provide insights into the types of careers one can build in international affairs and paths to those careers. Participants included college students, young professionals, and advanced high school students from across the Sarasota-Bradenton area. Several UNA chapter members also attended and shared their experiences with tables of participants over lunch and during informal conversations throughout the day. After informative talks in a general session, the seminar broke into working groups focused on the various sectors. The day ended with a networking reception.

Laying out the wide variety of potential careers and entrance

paths to governmental and intergovernmental agencies were Jeffrey Olesen, Diplomat in Residence for the U.S. Department of State, and John Ericsson, Chief of Outreach in the Office of Human Resources Management at the United Nations. Daniel Niebler, a recent graduate of Eckerd College, spoke on joining and working in today's U.S. Peace Corps. Director of the UNA-UNF's Better World Campaign, Mike Beard, offered insight into the world of non-profits and policy advocacy. From the business sector, we were pleased to welcome, Kevin J. Cleary, Vice President of the North America Sales Transaction Hub at IBM. and Marie Johnson Colbert, a businesswoman in the international apparel industry and an instructor at Parson's New School for Design. Finally, Natalie Reid, Senior Associate in Litigation at Debevoise & Plimpton, gave a very informative presentation about the field of international law.

Participants were excited by the insights they gained during the seminar. Several, who had attended the previous year, exclaimed that the program this year was even richer. The students were able to receive very concrete information on how recruitment works for various organizations, particularly the U.N. and the U.S. Department of State. Most importantly, many of the attendees from both years have taken steps to



build international careers in their academic training.

In our globalized world, an understanding of other cultures, political systems, and economies is essential to prevent conflict, assure development and prosperity, and cooperate on environmental sustainability. With the increasing number of admitted and prospective students interested in international studies as an AOC, it is more important than ever to boost funding for professorships. This funding will allow New College to cover many important areas of the world in the international studies curriculum and strengthen language training. In addition, students need support for both research and study abroad. Funding would also be useful in establishing a public lecture series on international affairs.

As International Studies is a major focus of the New College Promise Campaign, we hope you will be able to assist us in the growth of this vital program by making a gift or donating your time to help New College. The next seminar will take place on October 27, 2012. If you are interested in participating, or know anyone who may be, please email bhicks@ncf.edu.



Margee Ensign ‘73 Highlights the Importance of Education in Breaking Cultural Boundaries

Dr. Margee Ensign ‘73, the first female president of The American University of Nigeria, began her career in international relations at New College. She received both her M.A. in political science and her Ph.D. in international politics and economics at the University of Maryland. She has taught at Columbia University, Tulane University and American University. Her wide-ranging research has covered the issues of development, health and the effects of torture.

Written by: Susan Burns ‘76.

Q. How did your career take you to The American University of Nigeria?

While I was dean and associate provost for international initiatives at the University of the Pacific in California, I had worked on health projects for over a decade in Rwanda during summers and breaks, as well as researched a book on progress in Rwanda since the genocide. My daughter had just finished college and was moving to Argentina to do a graduate degree. I knew it was time to move and live on the continent.

Q. Had you worked in Nigeria before?

No, but Nigeria will be the fifth largest country in the world in a few short years. Whatever we do here can make a big difference. Also, this is the only American-style university on the continent, except for AU Cairo. Finally, this university was started by Atiku Abubakar, an amazing man, who was vice president of Nigeria from 1999 to 2007. He was orphaned at eight, and a Peace Corps teacher introduced him to American-style education. I have tremendous respect for him.

Q. How did you find New College?

I wanted to go to New College straight from high school but the nuns at my school convinced my parents that it was not for me. I spent one year at Fairfield University in Connecticut. It was the first year they admitted women. Of course, I had to challenge things—for example, by going out for the men’s tennis team and making it. I found the education rigid and stifling. When I met with the dean of students to tell him I was transferring to New College, I remember the look of horror on his face.

Margee Ensign, International Relations. “At New College I have undertaken projects that reflect the flexibility of the educational program. I have majored in peace studies. I was able to tailor my program, initiate tutorials, and study independently in a way that followed my definition of peace studies.

“As the result of a course that I took on international organizations and due to my personal interest, I taught an undergraduate course on the world food problem. During spring break of this year I chaired a panel at the International Studies Association Conference in St. Louis. Being the only undergraduate to chair a panel made me realize just how special the New College program is.

“After three and a half years at New College, I recognize the immense potential to grow and learn at New College. It is truly an educational center where one can learn and share ideas with students and faculty.”

Blast from the past: The above advertisement is from a public affairs piece Margee participated in while still at New College. Who knew where the road would lead?

My mom was a flight attendant at the beginning of the airline industry when you had to be a registered nurse. My father started his career loading bags and went on to be an executive with Pan American and Western Airlines. I traveled the world with them from a very young age and became fascinated with different cultures and countries.

Q. Who did you study with at New College?

Peggy Bates was my adviser. I also studied with Bob Benedetti (who I had the great pleasure of working with at the University of the Pacific) and Tyler Estler, who taught physics. Peggy Bates is one of the people who had the greatest influence on my life. She had very high expectations, but helped you reach those goals. I remember the first paper I turned in to her. She said, “You don’t write very well, which means you are not thinking very clearly.” I have shared that story with many students over the years. Peggy’s character, intelligence and love for humanity inspired me.

Q. What was your thesis topic?

Global food and population problems. I vividly remember my defense in Peggy’s house on cam-

pus. I was so nervous that when I went to stand up I was stuck to her yellow plastic chair (does anyone remember those chairs)? Anyway, they brought me back in and said I had conditionally passed—as long as I would come back the next semester and teach the topic. I was surprised (as were my parents), but I did, and with Peggy and Bob’s guidance, I made it through the next semester. This experience is probably why I chose an academic life over government or diplomacy.

Q. Why is an understanding of international relations so important to you?

I believe one of the greatest threats America faces is not from terrorism but from our ignorance of other people and cultures. New College has begun a capital campaign. Part of the campaign focus is to expand its international relations program. All alums need to support this essential effort to ensure that we help to create a world that is more just, sustainable and educated.

Q. What is the biggest takeaway you received from New College?

Faculty taught me not only critical writing and researching skills, but how to live a meaningful life. What more could you ask from anyone or any place? I still reflect a lot on what I learned at New College, and every once in a while re-read the evaluations. The faculty really knew us. In Peggy’s international law class, she wrote on my evaluation, “Margee often confuses what is with what should be.” I think, in her own way, she was encouraging me to do work that tries to push boundaries.

—Susan Burns ‘76 is a journalist and senior editor of Biz941 Magazine in Sarasota & Manatee Counties with a readership of over 33,000.



The Global Fight for Justice - Glenn Hendrix '76 Shares his Experience in International Arbitration

Glenn Hendrix '76 is an international lawyer based in Atlanta, GA. He has served as an arbitrator and counsel in international arbitration proceedings administered by the International Center for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). He is active in the American Bar Association, presently serving as Chair of the ABA's Task Force on International Trade in Legal Services and as the Immediate Past Chair of the ABA's Section of International Law. He is also a member of the U.S. State Department's Advisory Committee on International Law. Hendrix is listed in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* and in *Best Lawyers in America*.

Written by: Lauren Dockett '86.

Glenn Hendrix '76 was three days into an assignment for the World Bank's International Finance Corporation in Karachi, Pakistan, when he got word that Osama bin Laden had been found and killed just hours away.

"I was supposed to continue my work in Lahore, but they told me I wasn't going anywhere," says Hendrix.

Instead, the 53-year-old Atlanta-based lawyer, who is an expert in international arbitration and commercial dispute resolution, sat tight with a group of Pakistani lawyers he was schooling on the benefits of mediation.

"They were still processing the [bin Laden] news when I left," he says. "Some people were embarrassed that bin Laden had been discovered in Pakistan, others were angry. And there were all kinds of conspiracy theories."

As a former Chair of the American Bar Association's Section of International Law, and a private-sector advisor to the U.S. State Department,

Hendrix is no stranger to global hot spots. His work in Pakistan was just the latest assignment in a career punctuated by high-level international lawyering that has taken him to two-dozen countries. Hendrix has twice been called to The Hague, worked to re-establish civil societies in Sierra Leone and Liberia after the ravages of civil wars, and found himself on the winning side of a case in Moscow involving FBI agents, Russian security forces, the infiltration of a hackers' ring, and the safe return of millions of dollars.

Hendrix says that in all of these situations he's been treated well as an emissary of the American justice system.

"The rule of law is a major American export. A lot of American style litigation might not be so popular—for example our process of discovery before a trial, or what does or doesn't constitute privacy—but I find that the fundamental idea of America as a rule-based society where the law is upheld by a professional class of lawyers whose actions carry real weight, is held in very high regard," he says.

Hendrix is counting on that regard to help solidify a project he is now heading closer to home. Working with southeastern law firms, chambers of commerce, and business communities, he has launched the Atlanta International Arbitration Society, a group committed to making the city a hub for international arbitration.

"London, Paris, Geneva...for a long time those were the only international arbitration hubs. No more. This work is becoming

more regional. If you take the states neighboring Georgia together with the economy of metropolitan Atlanta, you have the seventh largest GDP in the world. It makes sense to do this here," Hendrix says.

Hendrix has five children, ages 16 to 24, with his wife Lisa, and is managing partner of the Atlanta firm Arnall Golden Gregory. His domestic law practice takes up about half his time. The other half he still devotes to international cases. The division is a choice he made early in his law career and one that has its roots in his time at New College.

"I'd always been interested in international studies but working with (late New College professor) Peggy Bates took my interests to another level. Through her, I felt like I knew the world. She also taught me how to write and how to think—she and Bob Benedetti—and did not let me get away with sloppy writing or sloppy thinking which prepared me for law school and for practice. Whatever modest success I've had can be traced back to those years at New College," he says.

Hendrix thinks today's New College students would do well to get grounding in international studies, learn another language, and be prepared for an increasingly global workplace.

"Everything is global these days," he says. "That's just the way the world is."

—Lauren Dockett '86 is a global journalist based in Hong Kong.

Upcoming Events

April 19, 2012

6:00-8:00 pm

Miami Chapter Event
hosted at the home of
Rob '76 & Patricia Hans

April 19, 2012

6:00-8:00 pm

Rob Lincoln '77 to host New
College Night Out at Buffalo
Wild Wings on Clark Rd.

May 17, 2012

6:00-8:00

Cindy Hill '89 to host New
College Night Out at
Beckham's in Gulf Gate.

May 24, 2012

New Scholars New College

May 25, 2012

Commencement & Alum
Welcome Reception

May 26, 2012

NCAA Board Meeting--
telephonic

For more information or
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events, please contact
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Alumnae/i Reunion Weekend 2012

Written by: Sarah Thompson '06

New College's 2012 Alumnae/i Reunion Weekend saw a more intimate crowd than the massive 1600 that came to the 50th, but despite the, quieter vibe, alums enjoyed the myriad of events and opportunities to reconnect. A few noted this years reunion provided more opportunities to really talk to people.

Some of the biggest hits of the weekend were the emeriti faculty lunch, which saw the return of over 12 beloved former faculty and staff, and the mini classes, hosted by Professor Emeritus Mac Miller and current professors: Miriam Wallace, Carl Shaw, Bret Aarden '95, & Carrie Benes.

Nearly 60 alums attended the beer garden on Friday, February 10th. This was the first time such an event was part of the reunion. The evening was magical as the decorations and vegetation combined with the woodwork of the music room transformed the historic space into an old beer hall for the night.

Students who attended some of the reunion activities, such as Johanies Santiago, stated that they really "got a lot out of the affinity group breakfasts" and were very excited that alums, staff, and students were coming together to help provide young alums and students with jobs, internships, networking opportunities and career advice.

The most widely attended event was certainly the state of the college address which honored President Mike Michalson for his nearly 20 years of service to New College. More than 115 alums, staff, and faculty surprised Dr. Mike with a reception and presented the retiring President with a new fishing rod and reel, tackle box, a book with pictures and alum quotes about his influence and impact on their lives, and an 8x8 paver in his honor to be placed in Palm Court. Professor Emeritus, Dr. Mac Miller regaled the audience with poems he wrote satirizing Dr. Mike's role at the college whilst alums David Smolker '72, Rob Lincoln '77, Charlie Lenger '78, and John Klein '69 shared their personal experiences with Dr. Michalson. The afternoon ended with a toast of thanks to New College's faithful leader for the past sixteen years.



1 A toast to Dr. Michalson at the surprise brunch



2 Beth Crosby '66, James Klopfenstein 68, and Bruce Allen '66



3 Ravi Banerjee '04, Diana Ward '06, and student Kristin Ohlsen at the beer garden.



4 Mac Miller and Kat Dow '98 solve the world's problems.

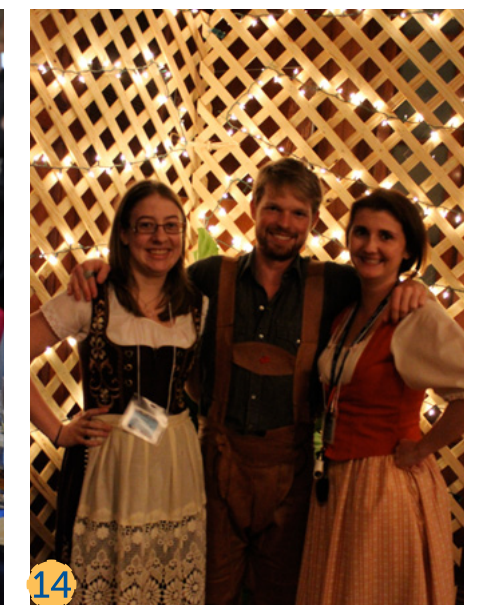


5 Jessica Rogers, Dennis Saver '69, Justus Doenecke, Steve Jacobson '71, and Caroline Reed share stories and laughs at brunch.

6 Lazlo Deme and Justus Doenecke goof off at the emeriti faculty lunch.



- 1 Alums and students connect at the healthcare affinity group breakfast.
- 2 Attendees enjoying the beer garden.
- 3 Students and New College alums intermingle at the student/alum networking reception.
- 4 Rob Lincoln '77 leads the lawyers guild affinity group breakfast
- 5 Dr. Michalson, John Klein '69 and Rob Lincoln '77 pose for pictures at the brunch.
- 6 Millie Ellis and honorary alumna Mary Lou Wingerter-Couch
- 7 Honorary alumna Mary Elmendorf and Barbara and Doug Berggren attend the emeriti faculty lunch
- 8 Charlie Lenger '78 shares stories about Dr. Michalson's leadership through the years.
- 9 Tom '64 and Kay '64 Todd
- 10 Brad Bryan '96 and his friend Jonathan Smith '96
- 11 Mary Ruiz '73
- 12 Dr. Mike opens his presents.
- 13 Dennis Saver '69 and Robert Van Skike
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The Legacy Club

Be among the many alums like Mike Campbell '87 who are including New College in their future plans. Make a legacy gift today for the best and brightest students of tomorrow.

Mike had this to say about his gift: "For donors who didn't attend New College, rankings, statistics, and marketing of reputation make the "sale." I'm glad we have plenty of evidence in these areas, but, to be honest, those factors didn't really come to mind when I made the decision to include the College in my planned giving. To me, giving to New College is like supporting family. So many of my closest friends and colleagues, spread now across time and space, I met through New College. I must admit feeling sheepish about having my plans publicized, but I hope that this may spark some fellow Novo Collegians to leave a legacy."

If you are interested in making a planned gift please contact VP of Alumnae/i Affairs Jessica Rogers at jrogers@ncf.edu or 941-487-4900.

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Campaign Corner

We'd like to thank all of our generous alums who have made contributions this year to The New College Promise Campaign!

The Promise Campaign is a seven-year comprehensive fund raising campaign to raise \$60 million to ensure New College remains at the forefront of undergraduate liberal arts education in the 21st century. Beginning July 1, 2010, the campaign has raised \$21 million in outright and planned gifts to date.

You have likely received calls from current students during our phonathon. This effort raises unrestricted gifts to the college. We are pleased to report that 61% of alums contacted responded with a donation. That's 12% ahead of last year!

We have also seen an uptick in the number of planned gifts. Planned giving is an excellent way to support the future of the college without making a dent in your current cash flow. \$4 million has been committed from alumnae/i in future planned gift bequests. Most recently, Vicki and Charles Raeburn, '65 and '64 respectively, have announced their intent to make a planned gift of \$500,000 to New College, as well as an immediate \$100,000 unrestricted donation over 5 years. See more on the Raeburns in the upcoming New College magazine. Another alum, Michael Campbell '87 has made his own substantial planned gift and shares his personal thoughts on the importance of leaving a legacy on the previous page.

Last year in 2010-2011, the Alumnae/i Association saw 29% of all alums make a gift toward New College. We'd like to surpass 30% this year....and need YOU to show your support. It's important we show the world our alums believe in the value of a New College education...because after all you truly know a New College student can change the world! We invite you to join the New College Promise Campaign.

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Meet the International Studies Committee

The International Studies Committee's focus is to raise money for the New College International Studies Program. It is one of several committees that are a part of the Promise Campaign.



Lou Bertha McKenzie-Wharton: Co-Chair-

"My lifelong interest in international studies and affairs came out of my extensive travel throughout the United States, abroad, and around the world several times. I received my B.A. and M.A. from Roosevelt University in History with an emphasis in diplomacy and foreign policy. I received an M.A. in Education Administration from Roosevelt University as well as an M.Ed. and Doctorate in Educational Administration of School Systems from Columbia University. I have served as an elementary school teacher, a history teacher in the adult education program, and a central office administrator and director of federal and state governmental funding in the areas of school desegregation, K-12 multicultural, compensatory, and other educational programs. I hope my talents, expertise, and commitment to international studies will merge successfully with those of the other committee members in order to achieve the goal of making New College and its graduates a wellspring of international activities for solving the global challenges that the nation faces."



Richard Wharton: Co-Chair-"I have always had a deep interest in international studies and affairs throughout my life. This interest is the result of many factors, most notably my father, the Honorable Clifton R. Wharton Sr.,

who was the first African American to pass the Foreign Service Officer Exam in 1925 and to lead, as U.S. Ambassador, a delegation to a European country, Norway. My interest was also shaped by the fact that Spanish was my first language. In addition, I spent my early years in the Canary Islands. I further completed my B.A. in German from Harvard and also participated in a student exchange program in Germany. I received my M.A.T in Spanish from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and completed my M.Ed. and Doctorate in Educational Administration of School Systems from Columbia University. I also took a program of study in International Studies and Comparative Education from Columbia University. I served as a high school foreign language teacher in Spanish and German, Bureau Chief and Educational Consultant at the Connecticut State Department of Education and Board Member of the Connecticut District Export Council, part of the US Department of Commerce. I feel that my participation on the New College International Studies Committee (continued next page)

International Studies Committee

is a natural segue of taking my experiences to help New College prepare its graduates to effectively meet global challenges through creative solutions.

Jimmy Pritchard '72- I am serving on the International Studies Committee to honor Peggy Bates for her work at New College during her twenty-five years on the faculty. Peggy's service to New College was distinguished by the high quality of her teaching and scholarship and by her uncompromising demand for academic excellence. In her devotion to New College, Peggy demonstrated the joys, challenges, and rewards of leading a life of the mind. She no doubt persuaded many of us that a life of the mind was a life very much worth living.

Peggy's concern for New College went beyond the classroom. Several years ago the New College Library Association held a special fund raising campaign to purchase books for Cook Library required for New College's accreditation as an independent institution within the state university system. Peggy, long retired, came forward as one of the most generous donors of the needed funds.

Students who studied with Peggy were changed forever and for the better. Even students who never sat in a class with Peggy benefited from her contributions to the intellectual atmosphere of the College.

Those of us who wish to honor Peggy for her part in our education at New College can do no better than to fund the endowed chair to be established in her name during the New College Promise Campaign."



Rob Hans '76- Rob is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of IOS Partners, Inc., an international economic development consulting firm

as well as Chairman and CEO of IOS SOFT, Inc. Rob consults frequently on key international development issues. His specific expertise is in developing adaptable public-private partnership strategies to ensure sustainable economic growth in the emerging markets. He has assisted multilateral and bilateral agencies, governments, NGOs and the private sector in over one hundred countries throughout Asia/Pacific, Europe, Africa, the Americas and the Middle East. He has served as a Resident Advisor in Ecuador, Poland, Hungary, Cameroon, Nicaragua, Burkina Faso, Madagascar and the Solomon Islands.



Robert Benedetti- Bob is an honorary alum of New College. He currently serves as the Executive Director of the Jacoby Center for Public Service and Civic Leadership and a Professor of Political Science at the University of the Pacific. For thirteen years he was Dean of the College at Pacific. He is active in professional and civic organizations, including service as the Chair of the California Council for the Humanities. He teaches courses on cities and state government and is currently researching the evolution of the office of mayor in California cities.



Bob Watts '73- "My life's work and career was shaped by working at New College in the 1970's with my advisor Peggy Bates and other New College professors, especially Drs. Deme, Benedetti and Doenecke. Peggy's tales of Africa and teaching on diplomacy and statecraft made me want to be an active participant in this world, and her support in getting into grad school at Columbia and the Foreign Service helped make this possible. I have been with the State Department more than 30 years, about half over-

seas, traveling and working in dozens of countries on extremely varied economic issues. My ability to adapt to areas ranging from agriculture to environmental policy to high tech has reaffirmed the importance of the New College approach to learning. I welcome the chance to support Peggy's legacy and help make it possible for an international studies program that helped make my life so interesting and rewarding to thrive."



Charlie Brown '81- Charlie currently serves as Senior Director for Rule of Law and International Humanitarian Policy in the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy. He is on government service leave from the Institute for International Law and Human Rights, where he has served as Washington Director since 2008. Brown has also served as President and CEO of Citizens for Global Solutions as well as the Deputy Executive Director for Action and Mobilization at Amnesty International USA. He was a member of the U.S. Delegations to the Rome Conference on the Establishment of the International Criminal Court, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, and the Warsaw Ministerial Meeting of the Community of Democracies. In 2004, Brown was co-director of the task force on democracy, development, and human rights policy for the Kerry-Edwards campaign. In 2008, he served as a member of the development and democracy task force for the Obama campaign. He is co-author of "The Politics of Psychiatry in Revolutionary Cuba" and co-editor of "Judges and Journalists in Transitional Democracies."



International Studies Building

The International Studies Program at New College is committed to training a new generation to enter the global arena with a comprehensive view of international affairs, global economics and a thorough understanding of world affairs. To address the unique challenges of global interdependence, International Studies will establish strong ties to allied fields within New College, including environmental and urban studies, history, economics, ethics and philosophy. In addition, a solid bond with New College's strategic languages program will be developed, enabling students to study virtually any language needed for their undergraduate research and future careers.

An International Studies Building will be established to bring together resources for study abroad, language training, and help develop informational resources for students in International Studies. The building will feature a lecture hall for classroom teaching, public talks and a symposia on international issues, state of the art video conferencing to allow for national and international learning, interdisciplinary faculty offices and seminar rooms, and the recently acquired Dr. Helen Fagin Holocaust Library meditative space and settings for coursework.

So far, \$1 million has been raised towards a \$5.5 million goal. A naming opportunity is available. For more information on how you can support International Studies at New College, please contact VP of Alumnae/i Affairs Jessica Rogers at 941-487-4900 or jrogers@ncf.edu.

Peggy Bates Endowed Chair

One of the most influential and beloved members of our faculty, the late Peggy Bates had a life-changing impact on the students privileged to have her as a mentor and friend. An authority on African history and politics and international law, she exemplified the ideals of global citizenry and inspired her students to a life of learning, critical thinking, and lucid communication. Peggy served as professor of political science from 1971-1995 and as the College's interim provost from 1989-1992. She remained an almost daily presence on campus throughout her retirement. Her interest in international relations helped New College connect to the wider world and strengthened our ability to produce a large number of Fulbright Scholars.



The Peggy Bates Faculty Chair Endowment, established in her memory, will ensure the International Studies Program has a lasting place in the New College curriculum. Endowed faculty chairs are an important part of New College's strategic goal to build and maintain a world-class faculty. Endowed professorships and chairs help New College attract highly sought-after professors and reward current faculty members who educate and inspire at the highest level. Faculty Chairs offer professors significant opportunities for specialized academic pursuits and help New College maintain its competitive edge with outstanding faculty appointments.

The Promise Campaign has raised \$300,000 in support of International Studies but needs another \$1.7 million to meet its \$2 million goal. Please help us honor Peggy Bates' memory and make a donation to the Peggy Bates Endowed Chair fund by contacting Jessica Rogers at 941-487-4900 or jrogers@ncf.edu.

Engarde! New College Fencing Team Prepares to Compete



Written by: Sarah Thompson '06

New College fencing has been around since the charter class years. While membership has waxed and waned and participation has, on occasion, dropped entirely for a few years, there has always been a crop of students who helped bring it back into the fold. The most current iteration of the club was founded in 2005 by alums Adam Schafer '05 and Carolyn Barker '03. Since then, the club has grown to 22 consistent members under the leadership of fourth year student Rose Marz and with coaching assistance from alum Lawrence Levine '92.

I asked Lawrence how he became involved with NCF fencing: "Professor Steve Shipman [the club's faculty sponsor] came to Virginia for the summer last year and fenced regularly in the club that I was also fencing at. That planted the seed. When I found I was moving back to Sarasota, I reached out to see what I could do to help and it turns out that I was able to help most by providing coaching." Regarding his experience Levine

notes: "The students have been really amazing to work with. They all show a real commitment to the sport and to each other. Fencing is truly a fantastic sport for New College because while it's very athletic, it's also a real 'thinking' sport. It's often called 'Physical Chess', with good reason." Rose agrees noting that the sport "compliments New College's emphasis on individualism, creativity, and personal accomplishment. Plus, of course, it's fun to stab people and have them be able to get back up!"

The students certainly seem to love it if the practice I attended is any indication. Tricia Chua, a third year who began fencing club her first year at New College noted that "the club is very accepting of newcomers and fencers of all levels." She says "Lawrence's participation has provided a lot of growth." Second year Danny Lane believes "everyone should join fencing club! It's fun and the people here are really nice."

With membership booming and consistent practices held for two hours bi-weekly, the New College fencing team is ready to begin competing. The problem? Lack of equipment and resources for travel. It costs about \$300 to outfit one student with the required regalia, not to mention the various electrical equipment needed to ensure accurate scoring and to familiarize students



New College Hosts Its First Sailing Regatta

Written by: Student Shane Donglasan

This article was originally published in *The Catalyst*, the student newspaper.

On Saturday, March 17th amidst the spring breezes of Sarasota Bay, New College's sailing team hosted its first intercollegiate regatta at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron. A total of seven teams from across Florida, including New College, competed in a series of fourteen races. "It is a pretty big deal for us.. because it's the first time we have been able to gain some clout with the SAISA [South Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association] division," third-year and sailing team member Maria Phillips said. "The team was essentially started my first year [at New College]. We have been consistent with the amount of people that are involved and keep getting involved, which has been great."



Alums Tara North '98 and Lee Ryan Phelan '96 cheer on the sailing team.

New College placed fourth right behind Rollins College and Eckerd College, who placed third, and second, respectively. The University of South Florida's sail crew took first, proving that Bulls can dominate the waters, as well. Last semester New College placed high enough to compete at the SAISA Fall Coed Conference Championships in Charleston, North Carolina.

with the technology they will use in competitions. The club so far has gotten by on funds provided by the student allocations committee and fitness center as well as donated equipment from alums, parents, and community members, but they are still short on key items like lamé [an electrically conductive jacket worn by fencers to define the scoring area]. Currently, students must take turns and trade out their gear, which can slow down important practice time.

Students are also in need of help to cover travel costs. According to Rose, help with this particular measure "is really going to allow us to move to the next level, introducing the beginning fencers

we've been working with to have real competition experience and also to get out there and represent New College in the Florida Fencing community."

The future of the club this time around appears to be in good hands. New officers will be selected in May and current club President, fourth year Melissa Campbell, will be sticking around to help advise them. "I'm not worried" states Rose, "as long as we continue to increase our visibility and campus presence we'll be fine, because that's really how you get the institutional support that allows a club or team to have secure longevity."

New College Receives Second Largest Gift in its History

New College of Florida has announced the second largest individual gift in the College's history. The gift, which is part of the Heidi H. Boothe estate, is expected to top \$3 million in assets and property when liquidated, according to attorney, Senator Bob Johnson, administrator of the Boothe estate. The gift was made in honor of Boothe's daughter, Sharon Boothe Rider, a New College graduate, who died unexpectedly in 2004.

"This magnificent gift testifies to the powerful effects that a New College education can have across the generations," said New College of Florida President Mike Michalson in announcing the gift. "Certainly the Boothe family name will live through the beneficial impact of this gift in the decades to come."

Heidi H. Boothe was one of the early pioneers of Tallevast, Florida. For more than 50 years, she owned and operated a substantial cattle ranch in the area and was known for her hard work and outgoing personality, as well as for her love of animals and interest in environmental conservation. She also was renowned for her spirit of adventure. Breaking the gender barrier, Boothe was one of the first female pilots to join the Sarasota Flying

Club. She loved to race cars as well and counted an antique Porsche among her prized possessions. She died on October 10, 2011, at the age of 90.

Boothe's gift is second only to a \$3.752 million gift to New College from the Jane Bancroft Cook Estate in 2003, continues a milestone fundraising run for New College. Over the past 18 months, the College has raised more than \$21 million in outright and planned gifts, as part of its \$60 million New College Promise Campaign.

New College Hosts a Teach-In About Diversity

More than 300 New College of Florida students, faculty and staff gathered for a day-long Teach-In on the campus's Z Green on Tuesday, February 14. The purpose of the event, which was facilitated by Lecia Brooks, Director of Outreach for the Southern Poverty Law Cen-



ter in Montgomery, Alabama, was to discuss issues of discrimination and diversity, and devising methods for building a more inclusive campus community.

"The Southern Poverty Law Center was proud to support

New College's Campus-Wide Teach-In," said Brooks. "The students, staff, faculty and administration at NCF showed great courage and compassion Tuesday. It was abundantly clear that they care about their college community and are willing to ensure that NCF is an inclusive community."

The idea for the Teach-In, which was modeled after a similar event held at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts, this past fall, was introduced by New College students earlier this month when a confederate flag was publicly displayed by students living in one of the College's on-campus residence halls. Students organizing the Teach-In were quick to point out that this incident was just an impetus, and not the reason for Tuesday's Teach-In. Rather, students decided to organize the Teach-In in an effort to bring the issues of discrimination and diversity to the forefront of the college's attention.

The event was both an opportunity to explore whether New College's administrative policies and its stated goal of creating a diverse and accepting community were being realized, and an opportunity for the College's community members to propose institutional changes for improvement.

"The Teach-in was a great learning opportunity for our entire community – students, faculty and staff," said Provost

Steve Miles. "Everyone had a chance to speak, and we all had the obligation to listen. Now, even as we turn our attention to concrete actions that strengthen diversity and inclusion, we must continue talking and listening to each other. There is real eagerness in our community for that kind of open dialog."

Following the incidents in early February, students gathered at a New College faculty meeting on February 8 and presented a resolution for the College to hold a day-long campus-wide Teach-In to focus on the issues of diversity, discrimination and



acceptance on the New College campus. The motion highlighted past incidents and presented a number of proposed dates for the event. After discussion, the resolution was unanimously approved by faculty, and the New College administration agreed on the date of February 14.

"We are glad that New College took the opportunity to hold this important day," said Claire Comiskey, one of the student organizers of the event. "We look forward to working with the staff, faculty, and administration so that the teach-in is just the beginning of long-term conversation and action to make New

College a more inclusive place."

Tuesday's Teach-In included a variety of experiences including interactive activities, small group discussions, and time for individuals to speak to the larger community led by the Southern Poverty Law Center. There was also time allotted for attendees to submit their ideas for institutional improvement.

New College Dedicates New Nano-Materials Lab

An expanded Optical Spectroscopy and Nano-Materials Lab has been established using funds provided by a \$1.7 million, multi-year grant from the U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL) to conduct nanotechnology research at New College. The grant, titled "Nanoparticles, Laser-Assisted Modification, Characterization and Properties," was awarded in May 2009 for three years and is anticipated to have a two-year extension when the initial period expires in May 2012. It is the largest federal grant in New College's history.

The new Optical Spectroscopy and Nano-Materials Lab was dedicated on January 6, 2012. To the best of our knowledge, New College is the ONLY un-



dergraduate liberal arts college in America to have this type of equipment.



The principal investigator for the research project is Professor of Physics Mariana Sendova, who has successfully solved scientific problems in different areas of applied physics, material science, nanotechnology, spectroscopy and biophysics. Sendova has two patents and more than 50 publications in renowned and diverse peer reviewed journals. She started the College's first experimental physics research laboratory and has been successful in attracting outside funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF), Collaboration in Basic Science and Engineering (COBASE) and the Department of Education.

Sendova believes that it is a rare opportunity for her students, who have been involved both as researchers and as co-authors on scientific papers in journals. "Our students are doing graduate level work," states Sendova. "The top research universities are thrilled to have New College graduates in their graduate school programs."

For more college news please visit the website.



New College Appoints Next President

Dear New College Alumnae/i,

As I transition back – for a second time – from administration into the classroom, I want to express my deep thanks to all of you for the support you’ve provided New College during my years as president. As I frequently say at speaking engagements, all small colleges claim to be special, but New College really is. The ongoing engagement of our graduates is a central reason for this reality. And, apart from everything else, the deep personal friendships Susan and I enjoy with many of you remains an important part of our daily lives.

As I return to full-time teaching, I’m delighted that the next step in my professional odyssey re-connects me with what’s most important about New College. You perhaps know that I have continued to teach one course each fall semester during my years as president. It was never lost on me that those hours in the classroom were always the best part of my work

week. So, at a point in life when many teachers may be growing a bit weary of the grind, I look forward to my return to the classroom with an energizing eagerness – an unanticipated dividend from my life as an administrator.

But first, with a year of leave coming up, I also look forward to editing a volume in the Cambridge University Press series of “Critical Guides” that the press approached me about in 2011. These “Guides” are collections of interpretive essays focused on a single work by a great philosopher, rather than on the entire range of that philosopher’s works. As the editor of a “Critical Guide” to Immanuel Kant’s *Religion within the Boundaries of Mere Reason*, I have recruited eleven fellow Kant specialists, from four countries, for a volume that should come out in 2013. It will surely make a splendid holiday gift, so plan your holiday shopping now.

Finally, our incoming president, Donal O’Shea, is someone I’ve known for over a decade. I know something about what he

will face, and all I can say that he is an absolutely splendid choice. I have no doubt that, as he circulates among New College alums around the country, he will be quickly embraced for his intelligence, experience, and warmth. Collectively, I know we will join together with Don in the task of taking New College to fresh levels of excellence, helped by our clear-headed sense of mission, the bright students we attract, and our wonderful faculty and staff.

I, for one, am particularly fascinated by the issue of what a liberal arts education ought to be about in the twenty-first century. The conversations about such matters that we will surely have on our campus in the years ahead should be as stimulating as they are important. I know that the alum voice will play a strong and vital role in these conversations – one more reason for my lasting gratitude to you all.

Gordon E. Michalson Jr.



Dr. Donal O’Shea, Dean of Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts, has been selected as the next president of New College. He will succeed Gordon E. “Mike” Michalson, Jr., who will retire from his post and return to teaching after a year long sabbatical on July 1, 2012.

O’Shea’s appointment was approved on March 10, 2012 by the New College Board of Trustees following a recommendation by the Presidential Search Committee, which selected O’Shea following a national search led by Archer~Martin Associates of Nantucket, MA. The appointment was then approved by Florida’s Board of Governors on March 22, 2012.

In announcing the Search Committee’s unanimous recommendation, Board Chair Bob Johnson stated, “Donal O’Shea’s intellectual abilities, his personal values and his visionary determination to make New College a national leader in the liberal arts really stood out from the other candidates we interviewed for the presidency and made him a natural fit to lead New College.”

Johnson added that O’Shea was clearly the top choice of faculty, students and staff at the College, as well as of members of the local community, who met with him and the other three presidential finalists when they visited campus between February 19 and March 6.

“Born fifty years ago in a decade of extraordinary social and intellectual ferment, New College of Florida has established itself as one of the world’s most innovative and distinguished liberal arts colleges,” said O’Shea in accepting the position as New College’s fifth president. “I am pleased and honored (and still somewhat stunned) to now count myself a member of this extraordinary community of scholars, students, staff and supporters. And I look forward to working with all to ensure that New College thrives as a beacon of educational excellence and innovation for the next half century.”

Dr. Donal O’Shea has been Dean of Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Mount Holyoke College, a top 25 ranked private liberal arts women’s college, since 1998. During his 14-year tenure as dean, he has diversified the faculty, increased external funding, introduced post-tenure review, improved leave policies, made teaching load equitable, established professional programs and shepherded creation of a fiber optic network linking the Five Colleges Consortium in western Massachusetts. He has also introduced a first-year program to support new students in their transition to college, internationalized the curriculum, formed a group of presidents and deans of women’s universities around the world, started collaborative programs among northeast liberal arts colleges for department chair development, overseen four building projects (including a \$32 million science construction and renovation project) and consolidated science and arts programming and planning.

O’Shea is currently directing an \$11.5 million project, funded by the Mellon Foundation, to allow students to couple their academic experience with off-campus pre-professional experiences.

A Harvard-trained mathematician and an avowed advocate of liberal arts education, O’Shea has been at Mount Holyoke since 1980. He previously headed sponsored research and chaired the college’s mathematics department. O’Shea earned his undergraduate degree in mathematics from Harvard University and his master’s and doctorate from Queens College, Ontario, a prominent Canadian Research I university. He has been a visiting professor in major universities in the U.S. and abroad (U. of Cambridge, UK; U. of Miami; U. of Hawaii; Universität Kaiserslautern, Germany; U. of Massachusetts, Amherst; Institut des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques, Bures-sur-Yvette, France).

New College’s Presidential Search Committee members included Susan Burns ’76, Charlene Callahan (former provost), Kathy Coffey, Audrey Coleman (trustee), Aron Edidin ’73 (faculty), Cindy Hill Ford ’89, Renee Hamad, R.V. Heiser, Michael Long (student), Bob Johnson (trustee and chair), William Johnston (trustee), Pat McDonald (faculty), Felice Schulaner ’78 (trustee), Stewart Stearns, Tom Towler and Alex Wylie (student).



New College Remembers One of Its Own and Continues The Fight For Social Justice

Several students and alums gathered on January 25, 2012 to honor the 40th anniversary of Nan Freeman's death. This piece was written by third year Claire Cominsky and several other students active in social justice issues. It was read aloud at Nan's memorial.

Nan Freeman was born on August 29, 1953. She was an honors student from Wakefield, Massachusetts. She was involved in drama, a National Merit Scholar and an avid learner of American Labor history. In fact, she received a scholarship from the Massachusetts AFL-CIO. She was very active in her temple youth group. Her classmates called her "Morning Glory" because of her sunny personality and exuberance for life. One classmate said "other people were her whole life" and that "she did whatever was available to her to help others."

Indeed, she did. In Sarasota, she volunteered at a day care center and helped with a self-help housing project for farm workers in the area. In November and December of 1971, during her first year at New College, she worked at a half-way house in North Carolina. She dedicated her short life, intellect and talents to helping others. Nan became interested in the struggle of Florida farm workers through a New College professor, Marshall Berry. She did research on Florida citrus for the United Farm Workers during January of 1972. Then, when the farm workers at the Talisman

Sugar Company in Belle Glade, FL went on strike, she was one of the first students to volunteer her time and energy.

Some 240 workers were striking in protest against the working conditions at the company; they faced 12 ½ hour workdays for seven days a week, without benefits and no protection against company abuse. Sadly, these are the same conditions that many Florida farm workers continue to face 40 years later,

On January 25, 1972, on the second week of the strike, 18-year-old Nan Freeman and four other New College students headed to the Talisman Sugar Plant, began picketing at 3:00 in the morning. Trucks hauling double trailers of sugar cane from the fields had been a source of concern for the striking workers. Overloaded to 70,000 lbs., the truckers were operated largely by inexperienced strikebreakers.

Nan was talking to the truck drivers, encouraging them to join the strike when at 3:15 a.m. a cane truck pulled off the road. The side of the trailer struck Nan and knocked her into the guard railing. Nan Freeman passed away before she arrived at the hospital. The truck driver was not prosecuted.

A 1972 National Farm Worker Ministry commemoration read, "In her words, she saw life as one of service to others. In her deeds she lived out the meaning of her words. Manuel Chavez, the leader of the 1971-1972 organizing drive said "We will never forget her."

Nan's sister, Liz Freeman, who now lives in Wakefield, MA said that Nan liked to have fun, and had a good sense of humor—she was obsessed with The Beatles and used to quote them in all of her papers. She was also very religious and said her morning prayers every day. Liz expressed sadness because her family never knew what Nan would be—they thought she might become an activist lawyer, social worker, or union organizer. But, we know from her story that even in her short life as a student, Nan gave so much to the cause of social justice.

Disgracefully, the conditions that Nan and her fellow students picketing against in solidarity with the sugar plant workers in 1972 are not so different from the conditions many farm workers in Florida face today. Workers in Immokalee that pick the tomatoes we eat make the same per-bucket rate they did when Nan Freeman was active in the struggle.

If you would like to continue the fight started by Nan Freeman for fair food, you can do so by finding more people active in the Campaign for Fair Food in your area; there are active groups throughout the country. You can also visit the Coalition for Immokalee Workers page to learn about the cause and discover other ways to become involved: <http://ciw-online.org/>. **Jono Miller '70 shares more about Nan and New College's history of social justice movements in a piece located on our website.**



Former Professor Bill Hamilton is Remembered by One of His Students

Written by: Mark Friedman '69 (with approval from Ross Hamilton, son of Dr. Bill Hamilton)

William "Bill" Hamilton who taught at New College from 1967 to 1970, passed away on February 28, 2012 at the age of 87. When I attended New College beginning in 1969, he was easily the most famous (or perhaps, infamous) member of the faculty.

He was a professor of religion at a tiny divinity school in New York when his book (written with Thomas Altizer), "Radical Theology and the Death of God," was published in 1965, causing a minor sensation. His was a quest to recast theological thinking in the 20th century. In one key essay, Hamilton wrote, "God is dead. We are not talking about the absence of the experience of God, but about the experience of the absence of God," highlighting the spiritual need for this reorientation. Professor Hamilton inadvertently acquired his fifteen minutes of fame a year later when his "radical" ideas on the religious experience in contemporary society were featured in a cover story for Time Magazine with a headline that screamed "Is God Dead?" against a stark, black background. (continued on pg. 27)

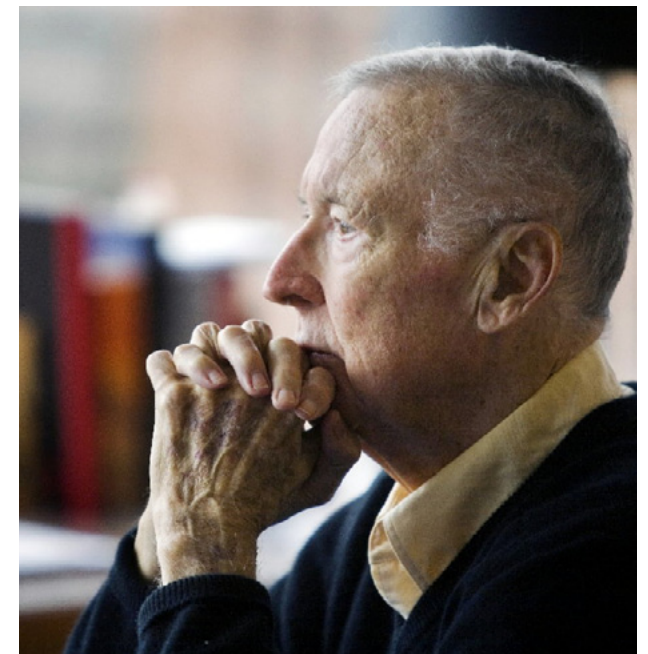


Photo taken by Ross Hamilton for the Oregonian Press/Associated Press.

60's

Don Aronoff '66 After 30 years in the diaspora, Don Aronoff has left Indiana for Baltimore, Maryland.

70's

Tom Mayers '71 has patented two boating devices. One, a bird deterrent made for sailboats to discourage birds from perching on the top of a sailboat mast, and two, the motor mount.

Bob Allen '74 and wife Rona Daniels-Allen welcomed son Robert Ryan Allen on September 16, 2011.



Jim McDonald '78 was selected for inclusion in 2012 Southern California Super Lawyers for the fifth year in a row. For more than 27 years, McDonald has practiced labor and employment law exclusively representing management.

Chris LoFrisco '79 was elected a Fellow of the International College of Dentists at the most recent annual session of the American Dental Association held at Las Vegas in October. The College is a leading honorary dental organization dedicated to the recognition of outstanding professional achievement, meritorious service and the continued progress of the profession of dentistry for the benefit of all humankind.

80's

Laura Coogan '82 earned her PhD. in Economics last year from the University of Kentucky. She is currently working

New College Alum Fosters Better Educational Resources in the Developing World



Michael Jones '99 has recently been awarded a 2012-2013 Fulbright to study educational practices used in Lao-tian schools as well as NGO effectiveness in influencing educational practices. Michael has worked in education, youth empowerment, and nonprofit governance for over a decade. Before turning 20, he served on the board of directors for both local and national youth advocacy nonprofits in addition to co-founding a political action committee aimed at promoting human rights. He went on to spend six years in the classroom, teaching various ages and subjects in both the US and abroad, until moving to rural Cambodia to work as an education consultant. Since then, Michael has launched a non-profit organization called Open Equal Free. Opened in August 2011, Open Equal Free addresses many of the educational gaps Michael has witnessed overseas. In its short life, the organization has

already made big strides. Michael was kind enough to answer a few questions for us about the educational efforts he is working to support.

Q: Tell me a little bit about Open Equal Free and what it supports.

Open Equal Free empowers educators working in the developing world through resources, news, information, and consultancy. It's been growing so quickly I can hardly believe it! In under 8 months we have developed the world's largest and most frequently updated news site on education for development as well as the most sophisticated and easy to use collection of Open Educational Resources on the planet.

Our aim is to leverage the web and other technologies in order to provide as efficient impact as possible. With just a single staff member and a network of great volunteers, we have reached over 5,000 people in 116 countries, provided access to more than 100 resources, and consulted for 7 organizations; all for under \$4,000 per month.

Q: What motivated you to begin this organization and how did you get the ball rolling?

After six years in various roles in the classroom, I shipped off to Cambodia to work as an education

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as an Assistant Professor of Economics at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, LA.

Bret Pettichord '83 is a Quality Assurance Manager at Convio, a company being acquired by Blackbaud. Both companies provide software to non-profits. He likes both companies and plans to stick it out. He also is the director of an open-source testing tool project (Watir.com).

Matt Posner '87 has written an e-book entitled: *Tales of Christmas Magic*. This delightful volume returns us to the world of the School of the Ages with amusing short stories showcasing a Christmas flair. To order Matt's book please visit amazon.com

Michael Rodriguez '90 has been named partner at Blank Rome, LLP. Michael is responsible for managing the Firm's Consumer Financial Services Litigation practice for Florida out of the Boca Raton office. He represents and counsels residential mortgage loan servicers and lenders in litigation in state and federal courts including a wide variety of claims relating to residential mortgage loan interests, contested foreclosure and related federal and state consumer protection laws, among others.

Melissa Williams '90 has been with the John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago for the past 5 years. In September, she was promoted to Vice President for Learning, overseeing educational programming that occurs in the exhibits, online, in the community and in the field. Besides working and occasionally having fun, she is employing her dog training techniques developed during her senior thesis project with Dr. Gordon Bauer to manage her 3 year old Australian cattle dog/Border Collie mix, Emmett.

Alisdair Lee's '96 theatre show, created for his master's thesis at NYU, was recently selected for the New Works

consultant and teacher trainer. My job was to connect already amazing teachers with great lesson plans. So, I spent a year scouring the internet and other sources for resources that could be adapted for the developing world, and found it to be surprisingly difficult! For all the work being done out there, it's shocking how little is readily available and shared on line (or anywhere).

So, the purpose Open Equal Free is two fold: so that no great idea only gets done once, and so that every educator and organization has access to lots of great ideas.

Q: What are some of the goals of your organization?

To spread the idea that great educational experiences don't have to be expensive and to empower organizations to prove it. I've seen lessons that cost 5 cents per student engage young learners in learning experiences better than most students in America ever get. For five cents, students are engaging in the scientific method, defining new substances, evaluating and redefining in light of new evidence, and having a great time doing it for nearly two weeks.

To that end, we've currently got a sophisticated and easy to use Open Educational Resource site, now we've got to make it the biggest. The goal isn't to get only no and low cost lessons, but to get every lesson out there into a database that can be searchable by your needs, whether you're in America or Afghanistan. We're working to have over 5,000 lessons by 2013.

Q: How has your experience at New College influenced you in this new role?

Open Equal Free is largely the result of fantastic volunteers. New College taught me that to be passionate about your work and truly enjoy it, you have to own it; it has to be yours. So, I go out of my way to not micromanage volunteers. Of course, I give nudges here and there, and point out when something doesn't quite work, but ultimately the goal is for them to turn around and say "I did that," not "I did that for them."

Series of Emerging Artists Theater in New York. "Man Date" focuses on the lives of six gay men looking for love and connection on the Internet. "Man Date" goes beyond the typical gay musical full of sassy characters. In its own funny way, it gets at the heart of loneliness, family, relationships, life in the city and love. Alisdair co-wrote the show with Tyrone Robinson, who has previously written for "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report." The New Works Series performance reading was March 12 at TADA! Theater in NYC.

Eben Kirksey '96 has published a book through Duke University Press entitled *Freedom in Entangled Worlds*. Eben first went to West Papua, the

Indonesian-controlled half of New Guinea, in 1998 as a New College exchange student. His later study of West Papua's resistance to the Indonesian occupiers and the forces of globalization morphed as he discovered that collaboration, rather than resistance, was the primary strategy of this dynamic social movement. Accompanying indigenous activists to Washington, London, and the offices of the oil giant BP, Kirksey saw the revolutionaries' knack for getting inside institutions of power and building coalitions with unlikely allies, including many Indonesians. He discovered that the West Papuans' pragmatic activism was based on visions of dramatic transformations on coming horizons, of a future in which they would give away

their natural resources in grand humanitarian gestures, rather than passively watch their homeland be drained of timber, gold, copper, and natural gas. During a lengthy, brutal occupation, West Papuans have harbored a messianic spirit and channeled it in surprising directions. Kirksey studied West Papua's movement for freedom as a broad-based popular uprising gained traction from 1998 until 2008. Blending extensive ethnographic research with indigenous parables, historical accounts, and compelling narratives of his own experiences, he argues that seeking freedom in entangled worlds requires negotiating complex interdependencies. *Freedom in Entangled Worlds* is available from Amazon.com in paperback and Kindle editions.

Isabel Thompson '98 is finishing her PhD. in Mental Health Counseling from the University of Florida. Isabel is looking for alums to participate in a research study for her dissertation. The purpose of the study is to explore professional counselor's working conditions, their ways of coping with these conditions, and the impact of these conditions on their well-being. To participate you must have a masters degree or Ph.D. in mental health counseling, community counseling or closely related field and work at least 20 hours per week as a paid counselor providing clinical services. Additionally you need to have worked in your current setting for at least 6 months. You may email Isabel at ithompson@ufl.edu for more information.

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Sam Greenspan '04 has worked as a producer at NPR since 2010, and is now also a regular contributor to KALW's 99% Invisible, a tiny radio show about design. He lives in Baltimore with his partner and a Rottweiler. Hear more at

samgreenspan.net.

Maia Hinkle '05 and husband Don Hinkle welcomed their first child Maxwell Tyler Hinkle on March 4th at 3:55 PM. He weighed 8 pounds and 5

ounces.

Dr. William Hamilton continued from pg 25. It was Nietzsche who famously proclaimed the death of God, but, somehow, Bill Hamilton got tagged with the deicide.

Partially to escape from the notoriety thrust upon as a founding member of the "Religion After the Death of God Movement," Bill sought sanctuary at New College the following year. In my freshman year, Hamilton taught two popular classes. He offered one class titled simply "Monday Night" that met once a week – on Monday evening, naturally. It developed into a free-form exploration of the religious experience. One evening's class featured Sufi dancing.

I took another seminar of Hamilton's called "Heroes, Fools, and Saints" where Bill discussed a series of religious-themed readings ranging from "Antigone" to "Billy Budd." Early in the term, we read Plato's account of the death of Socrates in the Phaedo, which Bill then compared and contrasted to the biblical account of the death of Jesus given in the Gospel of Mark. He advised us to look out for the mythic elements in the accounts of other deaths of modern heroes (like Sigmund Freud, for example). It was an outstanding teaching moment that left a profound impact. Hamilton left Sarasota in 1970 to become the Dean at Portland State University in Oregon, where he remained until he retired from teaching in 1986. He was an outstanding teacher. He is fondly remembered by his many, many students. *For more information please read this*

New College Thanks You!



Written by: Marty Katz

A whopping 472 donors showed their enthusiasm for New College by participating in the 36-Hour Giving Challenge—a first of its kind online fundraising event in Southwest Florida made possible by Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Gulf Coast Community Foundation, Manatee Community Foundation, and The Patterson Foundation.

The Giving Partner galvanized the entire New College community. Alums,

students, faculty, staff and friends participated with their wallet. The challenge raised over \$81,000 in direct donations. In addition, \$15,570 of the donations made within the first four minutes, were eligible for matching dollars. We are also proud to boast the college is won an additional \$15,000 prize for the second most unique donors as well as several other smaller prizes. In all, the Giving Partner Challenge raised approximately \$110,000 for New College.

Clint Monts de Oca, Interim Executive Vice President of the New College Foundation, was ecstatic. “The New College community clearly rallied behind its favorite liberal arts institution. Through these gifts, we can ensure future generations of

scholars will continue to benefit from small class sizes, personal relationships with professors, and an Ivy League quality education at a public college price,” he said.

New College was one of 109 organizations participating in the Giving Partner Challenge. In all, the challenge raised a total of \$2,401,601 from 10,705 gifts. The ultimate reach of the event extended beyond Southwest Florida, with donors coming from all 50 states and 24 countries, including the UK, Spain, Russia, Peru, Australia, Mexico and Canada.

On behalf of our New College students who benefit from your generosity, we offer our sincere thanks to all those who participated.

The Alumnae/i Association would particularly like to thank Tom White '67 who offered a challenge match for students who gave to the Giving Challenge. Two student phonathon callers Harrison Sherwin and Robert 'Matt' Klinkle canvassed campus asking students to support the challenge and 122 students responded in support giving a total of \$402 directed to New College. This is the largest number of students to date who have given at any one time to a fundraising initiative of the College. Way to go! Thank you all for making the Giving Challenge a success and supporting New College!

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Bill Rosenberg “Great pix...looks like everyone had a great time. Sorry I couldn't be there this time.” In response to posted photos from reunion.

Ellen Goldin: “What a wonderful thing you've done! It was such a treat to start my day with all those pictures and memories. I can provide a few IDs....” In response to the posting of alum Lee Netwon's '73 website <http://newcollegepix.com/Intro.html> which is a collection of photos and memories of New College in the 70s.

Ann Moss Joyner: “Now THAT looks like a fun group! :)” In reply to a photo from the 2011 Miami Chapter Event.



Join New College's social media network on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter. Each day we inform and engage alumnae/i about a variety of topics and events. We are currently building our Facebook chapter pages and LinkedIn groups. Be sure to inquire to ncalum@ncf.edu about joining your local chapter group on Facebook or one of our professional groups on LinkedIn.

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The next issue of the Nimbus will highlight student scholarships such as the one fourth year student Corey Costello received:

"I am due to graduate this coming May, and when I do, I will be the first member of my immediate family to obtain a college degree. Coming from a predominantly working class family, it is only with the help of generous donors that I have been able to pursue my dreams of higher education. Thank you so much for providing me with the financial assistance to pay for my college education!"

Below: Students and their scholarship donors gather outside the Keating Center following the Scholarship Reception on April 4, 2012.

