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# FACULTY APPROVES CONSTITUENT COLLEGES

The faculty approved at a meeting Tuesday the formation of the first three constituent colleges of which the College of Old Westbury will be initially comprised. Culminating after a month of meetings and discussions over the nature of overall governance for the College, the faculty endorsed the proposal of Michael Novak for the constituent college concept and submitted it to a committee for revision and refinement. The faculty also approved President Harris Wofford's proposed appointment of three provosts to head each of the new colleges.

## THREE PROVOSTS NAMED

Carl McCall, an administrator of the New York City poverty program, will head the college that has as its focus the study of urban life and problems. This is the college that has been in the committee planning stage since early in the year under the chairmanship, until his February resignation, of Prof. Peter Orleans.

Michael Novak, Chairman of the Common Humanities Seminars, was approved as the provost of the college that he has been planning for several months. It will have several traditional disciplines within it, including science, and will be concerned with forms of consciousness and the nature of politics, broadly defined.

A psychologist from the University of California at Santa Cruz, Richard Jones, will head a college that embodies the concept of learning-by-teaching. This program, a favorite idea of President Wofford's, was revived from the catalogue recently when Jones' similar interest in it was learned. Whether Jones will modify the present interim program and incorporate it into his college remains an open question. However, it is believed that Wofford intends to ask him to administer the present program next year as well as build the learning-by-teaching college.

## FOURTH COLLEGE PROPOSED

A proposal presented by Profs. Alan Wolfe, Donald Bluestone, and Arthur Adlerstein, with the support of a group of students, to create a fourth constituent college based on the equal participation of students and faculty in the governance of the college was defeated. Amid charges of mistrust for delaying the creation of this fourth college, the faculty recommended that the group refine and expand its proposal

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# ADMINISTRATIVE VOTE ON FACULTY

## CAST IN DOUBT

Careful investigation by this newspaper has shown that a common law has developed at Old Westbury in relation to the enfranchisement of several administrators on the faculty.

According to the handbook of the Policies of the Board of Trustees of the University, the only administrative and staff members not holding academic rank that may vote on the faculty are those "as may be specified by the faculty by-laws of the college," and the president.

Since the Old Westbury faculty has not yet promulgated a written set of by-laws, the following administrative positions are not legally empowered to vote: Administrative Vice-president, Vice-president for the Arts, Director of Admission, Dean of Students, and

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## WEATHER:

# RAINS RETURN

Susan Rains, interviewer extraordinaire, has returned from a transcontinental trip interviewing applicants



# EDITORIAL

By bypassing the Faculty Selection Committee and relying on a concurring faculty vote in the appointment of Carl McCall to the faculty and provostship of the urban studies college, President Wofford has revealed the bankruptcy of his political ethics and causes us to question how great his professed commitment to law really is.

Based on "intelligence" reports that the appointment of McCall might not be recommended by the students and faculty who comprise the Selection Committee because of substantial opposition to the man--thereby making McCall's appointment impossible in terms of the agreement setting up the Committee--Wofford instead chose to go to the faculty, packed with administrators who rarely oppose him, where the chance for approval was nearly guaranteed. Maybe Pat Sweeney's paranoia is true perception.

By making a mockery of the Faculty Selection Committee--permitting it to function when convenient, and turning to the faculty meeting when that is more expedient to his ends--Wofford guarantees the kind of "institutional paranoia" that he deplored in the February memorandum to the College. It seems clear that this hypocritical betrayal of the "agreement" he so eagerly cited in the case of Luis Camnitzer, and the increasing monopoly of faculty meetings as the sole forum and decision-making body on campus, means the eventual disenfranchisement of Old Westbury students. The only representative voice of the students in the college, the Selection Committee, is now obsolete because faculty hiring is now the preserve of the new provosts.

There are three means by which disenfranchised students at traditional universities express their will: petition, confrontation, and journalism. It is in the midst of the present state of affairs that, alas, the time has come for the birth of a regular student newspaper at Old Westbury. The S.U.N.Y. C.O.W. has a GADFLY.

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and present it again a month from now.

Prof. Larry Resnick mentioned the need for each of the new provosts to bring to the campus at least one faculty member with whom they would like to work. Whether this could be done considering the present overcommitment of the faculty budget was doubted by Administrative Vice-president Bob Goldberg. If permitted, however, it would mean that the present pending faculty recommendations of Luis Camnitzer and Cesare Massarenti would not be carried out. It was also pointed out that the naming of the provosts might indicate the dissolution of the Faculty Selection Committee.

Concerned with Dick Jones' expressed desire to have full control over which faculty would teach in his college, Arthur Adlerstein raised the question of whether faculty members might not have the "absolute right" to teach in the constituent college of their choice. This problem was not resolved when the meeting adjourned.

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Assistant to the President.

The fact that these legally disenfranchised administrators have been voting at faculty meetings would indicate the presence at the infant Old Westbury College of a set of unwritten precedents without any constitutional legal basis.

This could bring up the question of whether the denial of faculty voting power to Kal Winer, Muriel Keyes, and Margeurite D'Abreu last month might not also indicate these other administrators should also be denied the vote.

GRAPHICS by D'OLIVER

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The GADFLY welcomes letters-to-the-editor. Students wishing to write, draw, photograph are invited.

## COLLEGE BANK UNDER PRESSURE FOR APARTHEID SUPPORT

Old Westbury College maintains accounts and does business with a commercial bank that has come under increasing attack for giving substantial financial support to the apartheid government of South Africa.

The First National City Bank, along with nine other American banks, is the target of a campaign by churches, liberal political groups, and students to enforce through voluntary commercial action the resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly that ask member nations to cease all commerce with South Africa so as to force her to renounce her racist policies. The United States government has so far refused to comply with these resolutions.

### FUND WITHDRAWAL STRATEGY

The strategy of the groups waging the campaign, led by the American Committee on Africa (ACOA) in New York, is to convince churches, universities, corporations, and private individuals to withdraw funds from the ten banks that participate in a \$40 million consortium which lends to the South African regime. By December, 1966, over \$23 million had been taken out of the First National City Bank, the Chase Manhattan Bank, and Chemical Bank of New York, which lend to South Africa outside of their consortium participation. Afterwards, in a major move to persuade First National City to cease support of South Africa, the Methodist Board of Missions voted in September, 1967 to remove a 10 million dollar investment portfolio from the bank.

### SEEK DISENGAGEMENT POLICY

Although total foreign investments in South Africa are only 11% American, George M. Houser of the ACOA believes an American initiative in cutting off trade and investment might convince others, especially Britain with the highest level of investment, to follow suit.

Although the groups active in the campaign are motivated by moral persuasion, the rationale for withdrawing funds from the involved American banks is to make it economically "moral" for them to disengage from South Africa. The hope is that profits from such investment will not be worth the loss from domestic accounts and portfolio investments.

### UNITED NATIONS 'LAW' VIOLATED

Although there is no internationally enforceable law to prohibit the apartheid policies of South Africa, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights promulgated by the UN serves as an international "moral law" that enunciates human rights. According to its preamble, "member states have pledged themselves to achieve, in cooperation with the U.N., the promotion of universal respect for and observation of human rights...and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance." South Africa's apartheid policies violate Articles 2,7,9,13,17,&23.

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and recruiting prospective students in the San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Chicago areas.

In the course of this whirlwind trip she set two Old Westbury Admissions Office records: one for interviewing the most applicants in a single sitting (8), and one for the most recruiting in two consecutive days (12 high schools).

With the help of Carl Chamberlin, now working on his film field project in Chicago, Miss Rains interviewed applicants while sitting opposite the American Airlines ticket counter at O'Hare Airport. When asked whether she would favor a course for admissions personnel in interviewing, she said, "Yes, but it should include seminars on how to interview in strange and unusual places."

This issue's motto:

"We are all full partners, but some are more full of it than others."

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