Chronological Summary of Events

1969

May
May faculty institute; generation of an idea

May
Notice posted on student bulletin board in administration building inviting anyone with the time and interest to be on a committee to help plan a really new beginning for the next semester, Sept., '69

July 11, 12
25 students and 7 faculty members attend a meeting to plan a 3 day intense experience at the opening of the school term

July 31
Meeting

Aug. 2
Letter composed by S. Yvonne Neville (student), Georgia Orthaus (student), S. Patricia Forrest (faculty), Vivian Schewelitz (student), and Mary Kay Turkovich (student) is sent to the student body; another letter by the above authors and also Mary Rohutny (student) is sent to the faculty informing them of the coming September experience being planned.

Aug. 4
Mary Austin Doherty engages Judson Jerome and a group of 3 students from Antioch to help plan some events of the Sept. '69 program

Aug. 5
Letter composed by the 5 authors listed above is sent to the incoming freshmen informing them of the September experience

Aug. 20
S. Joel invites and encourages all faculty to be present for the opening activities Sept. 2 to 5. (Letter)

Aug. 23
Letter sent by Steering Committee (Lucy Cromwell, Roberta Amstead, Austin Doherty, Bernardin Deutsch, Mary Margaret Fisher, Helene Oleniczak and Yvonne Neville) to all students with the tentative schedule for Sept. 3, 4, 5.

Sept. 2-5
The "September '69 experience". See attached calendar of events.

Sept. 3
Small group discussions as part of the September '69 experience; comments and suggestions are summarized. General tone: call for greater student participation in planning the course objectives and content to be mastered; different approached; new grading methods; faculty-student dialogue.

Sept. 16 - Oct. 13)
Departments evaluate the "September experience" and summarize the changes that have occurred in their courses: Notes available from: Philosophy (Trimberger, Nepher, Simec); English (Crum, Loacker, McDonald); Speech (Pitman, Greve); Biology (Wood); Music (Hueller joint summary)

Oct. 6 to 11
Evaluation and progress report in each class (requested by students)
Oct. 9  Formation of Continuing September '69 Committee which upon formation divided into 3 subcommittees: Evaluation and Grading (Mary Paculjak); Carry-on September '69 (Geri Hagen); Registration preparation for Nov. 13 (Judy Schauerman)

Nov. 18  Announcement of Sept. '69 Experiences Opening Up. Inclusion of possible field experiences available, CLEP tests, credit by examination and/or advanced standing, independent reading and independent study.

Nov. 19  President Read announced the Educational Policies Committee decision on new grading policy

Open

March 5, 1971  Letter from student (Sue Jennings) deploiring that the spirit of September '69 has been lost.