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The Editor The Charlotte Observer South Tryon Street Charlotte, North Carolina Dear Editor:

The time has come for the citizens of Charlotte to decide on the future of Charlotte College. As former students of Charlotte and now students of the University of North Carolina, we would like to urge the citizens of Charlotte to register for and vote in the special bond election on May 18th for the support of their community college.

The outcome of this election is of particular interest to us because we have watched and have been a part of the growth of Charlotte College. We fully realize more than anyone else the service this college has rendered in the past and the continued need of this great service to the Charlotte area. Without these freshman and sophomore years at low tuition rates and inexpensive fees, it would have been absolutely impossible for many of us to have ever attended college and now be students at the University of North Carolina. We appreciate what Charlotte College has done, is doing, and will continue to do, if the needed support is granted by the voters.

Charlotte College is meeting an educational need in our fast-growing city. It is important that this service is continued. Unless it is continued, many students will be deprived of the higher education which they desire. The loss will not be that of the students, but it will also be the loss of the City of Charlotte. A better educated public means a better Charlotte.

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Selective Service National Headquarters announced today that it has authorized a special administration of the College Qualification Test on Thursday, May 20, 1954, for the benefit of students prevented by illness or other emergency from attending one of the regular administrations on November 19, 1953 and April 22, 1954. May 20 is the last date upon which the College Qualification Test will be held during the present academic vear.

Although applications postmark-

# **Rock of Education**

When asked what Charlotte College gives me personally, I always answer, "Why, an education ,of course." But just what is an education? For one thing, education has the power to give the tools for earning. Cultivation of the mind and expansion of mechanical abilities are necessary for an individual to raise and hold himself to the standards of modern society. The doctors, lawyers, and teachers all travelled the long road of education. Even the non-professional members of society who have attended college can be sure of a comfortable living. True, many people have not had a formal education and are still maintaining financial support for themselves and their families. This is proof of the fact that education cannot produce brains; it merely expands them. Whatever a person can do, he can do it better with professional instruction.

But more important than the technical skills that education offers is the revealing of a good life in general. Education deals with the whole person. Once in its grasp, an individual is molded. His character is smoothed. His moral standards are raised. He is transformed into an active, contributing member of society.

Charlotte College is certainly a necessity. In some ways, it is more of a necessity than are some of the larger institutions. The smaller colleges, and especially those which make working possible by holding night classes, are the ones which receive a flow of students who know where they are going and are willing to work in order to get there. These students are the ones who should be given the opportunities that a college such as C.C. is giving. To forfeit C.C. would be to forfeit much of the future culture and progress of our own city. But Charlotte College can not and will not be discontinued, for it is founded on a solid, indestructible rock-the rock of edu-LOUELLA ROBINSON cation

ed May 10, 1954, or earlier will be accepted, students wishing to apply are urged to secure, complete, and mail their applications at once. Early filing will insure a test and other necessary supplies for the student at the center he selects or at a nearby center, according to Educational Testing Service, which appears and administers the College Qualification Test.

When filling in the application, available at Selective Service local boards, the student should cross out "April 22" opposite the space reading "Center No." and write in "May 20."

# A Carver Student

I think that the bond issue for the betterment of our community colleges is very important because: not only would the schools promote a better cultural background potential for the local populace; it would also better the city's chances of having large manufacturing firms move this way. As it stands today these firms are finding that after moving here, they can recruit but very few local college trained technicians. Usually they have to bring their own.

Then too, there are scores of underprivileged young men and women who might never develop into cultured individuals if local junior colleges were not made available with the city's help, by the public sale of bonds.

It is through these educational channels that the city as a whole may raise its citizens' standard of intelligence.

We know that tuition cannot do it alone. We've just got to have help. An through this help, we and our children will find courage and strength in the slogan, A Greater Charlotte.

> GENIUS EVANS Carver College

### WANTED

WANTED: More school spirit at Charlotte College and more participation in school elections.

The Constitution states that "The Nominating Committee shall function as a board of approval and acknowledgment of all nominations. It shall also be the duty of this Committee to supply additional candidates for any office for which petitions have failed to provide a minimum of three candidates."

The Nominating Committee has recently become more than just "a board of approval." It has had to do more than merely 'supply additional candidates for any office." So very few nominations have been turned in for heads of the publications (annual and paper) that the Nominating Committee practically had to provide all three candidates for each office. Constitutionally this is alright, but it's not very democratic. The Nominating Committee doesn't know your fellow classmates as well as you do; they don't always know who is the best man for the job. So why don't you take advantage of the privilege you have of nominating your friends? It would be a lot better for you, and it would certainly be appreciated by the Nominating Committee.

M. STOGNER

#### Community Colleges Help Working People

Editors, The News:

Davidson

In answer to the letter of Mr. Feimster appearing in your issue on April 7, I should like to say a few words. In the opinion of this writer the initiation of a tax levy for the support of Charlotte's two city colleges is unfair taxation. He seems to feel that such a tax would place the burden of providing college educations for the higher economic brackets on the shoulders of a group who could not benefit from such a program.

Nothing could be further from the truth. One of the major purposes for which these colleges exist is to provide the opportunity for those who otherwise could not afford it, the benefit of two years of college education. To accomplish this classes are held in the late afternoon and evening hours so that those who must work during the day may still attend the courses. Further, there is a definite effort made to keep the tuition rates as low as possible while still furnishing adequate opportunity. In order that such may continue, it seems now necessary that the colleges receive other funds.

Hence, I would like to appeal to the voters of Charlotte to realize the great advantages of the programs of these colleges. Certainly no other resource available to our nation today equals that of her youth adequately educated. To secure the financial security of these schools by this small levy is certainly one of the best investments in the future this community could make. I sincerely hope that many persons will take an active interest in this issue and see to it that these schools receive the support of the city they so evidently deserve.

-JOHN R. SHANNON.

# **Picnic Planned**

In addition to the Dance planned for May 15th at the Barringer Hotel, the Student Council has also planned a picnic for May 29th to be held at Camp Stewart, the Presbyterian Church Camp located off the Albemarle Highway.

You are invited to go out to the Camp anytime after two o'clock and stay until eleven. Supper will be at approximately six o'clock (bring a picnic lunch, drinks will be furnished). Softball and other games will be available, including boating.

This will be the last Social of the year, so don't miss it.