

HISTORY OF CHARLOTTE COLLEGE

In the summer of 1946 when North Carolina colleges anticipated an unprecedented increase in enrollment because of returning veterans, the North Carolina College Conference and the State Department of Public Instruction decided to sponsor college centers to provide for first-year college work in Charlotte and eleven other communities in this state. In 1946-1947 the Charlotte College Center was the largest in the state. With the addition of second-year college work in the fall of 1947, the enrollment of the Charlotte College Center reached 304, making it larger than all the other college centers combined.

Because the North Carolina College Conference felt that the emergency in education was over in 1949, the Conference voted to discontinue its sponsorship of the college centers after June 1949. However, the large enrollment maintained throughout 1948-1949, indicative of the continued need of such an institution in Charlotte, prompted the Board of School Commissioners to take measures to provide for a permanent college. At the request of the Charlotte Board of School Commissioners, a bill providing for the continuation of the Charlotte College Center as a permanent community college was passed by the 1949 session of the General Assembly. This bill authorizes the Board of School Commissioners to administer the college as a part of the public school system and to finance the institution by charging the students tuition. At the outset any additional finances which were needed were to be provided from non-tax monies. In the event that these funds proved to be insufficient, the measure authorized a special election to provide a tax of not more than five cents on the \$100. Since it had been apparent for some time that the available income was inadequate, a special tax election was held and passed by the electorate of the city of Charlotte on May 18, 1954. The passage of this election provides a two cents tax on the \$100 property valuation for the Charlotte Community College system of which Charlotte College is a part.

In the 1954-1955 session, the sixth year under local sponsorship, Charlotte College reached a total enrollment of 668 individuals, including 287 students in non-college credit courses and 381 in regular college classes. The college has a faculty of 34 full or part-time instructors.

THE C. C. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOLD MEETING

The Charlotte College Alumni Association held their annual meeting at Cordelia Park Friday, August 26. The alumni along with their families enjoyed a picnic supper and a refreshing swim. The meeting was a big success and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening.

LIBRARY

I suppose by now that all of you know that the library of Central High School and Charlotte College is located on the third floor in the center of the building.

The library contains approximately 12,000 volumes and subscribes to 65 periodicals. All the students are encouraged to use these books. The shelves contain books that can be used to further your studies and also books for your own enjoyment. The students are also reminded that the Public Library is also an excellent source for material. Research work is easily organized with the wide variety of books which can be found in the school library. The college urges the students to read books of college level.

If you should desire help in finding material there is always a librarian or one of their assistants who will be willing to help you. The

library boasts two fine librarians, Miss Rosannah Blair and Helen Martin. The library is here for our benefit, let's use it.

SPANISH CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The C. C. Spanish club elected its new members during their first class meeting September 20, 1955. Ralph Abercrombie, the acting president of last year's club, was elected as President. Patsy Hartsell was elected to the posts of Secretary and Treasurer. Don Trapp was chosen by the members as the club's Program Chairman, and Lacy Saunders, the old banana salesman, was thrilled to take over the job of Refreshments Chairman. With a group such as this the Spanish Club's success is assured.

The date of the first club meeting was set for October 28, at the home of Mrs. Hoyle. The Spanish I students are cordially invited to attend the club meetings. Mrs. Hoyle has expressed to the club that she has some doubts that she will have a Spanish I class very long. She has commented that after the first day of classes most of her class looked as if they would drop the course then and there. If you are still around, you are welcome to share the fun had at the meetings.

BASKETBALL

The court at Piedmont Junior High School last year was the setting of many an action-packed ball game. The Charlotte College Owls, although never having won out in tournament play, had an exceptionally good season last year. With the sharp shooting eyes of such stars as Jerry Gaudet, John Kilgo, Roy Warren, and the strong rebounding power of Neal Broome, Ray Hinson, and others, the Owls became a power-house.

Under the able direction of coach Buddy Smith the Owls racked up some impressive wins. We would like to have Buddy back again with us this year to guide the boys to victory. After finding the range about the middle of the season, the Owls became a threat to every club in the league. By comparing the sizes of the schools in the league, we must admit that C. C. was well represented.

The big setback of the year was the lack of interest in the team. The Gym was only sparsely sprinkled with spectators during the season's action. The boys worked hard to become winners. They deserve only the best of our praise. We're going to have another good team this year and I'm sure they would appreciate it if you and I were in the stands yelling for them.

Such stars as Johnny Culp and Raeford Brown will be back with the team next year. Also we will have some new sharp-shooters who will give the other league contenders plenty of trouble. I'll be at the games and I hope I will see you.

FUNNY BONERS

A drunk staggered into a bar and told the bartender to set up the house. "Pour me a drink and have one yourself." After everyone had downed the drinks the drunk bounded out the door without paying. The bartender rushed out into the street yelling and cursing for the drunk to come back and pay his bill. Of course the bartender's plea was to no avail and the drunk catwalked on his merry way.

The following day the same drunk again staggered into the bar and ordered the bartender to set up the house. "Pour me a drink, but this time you can't have one. You get as mean as the devil when you start drinking.

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I have been told that there are no liars in this world. If this be the truth, then there are quite a few people who are economical with the truth.

ELEVEN STUDENTS GRADUATED FROM CHARLOTTE COLLEGE IN 1955

Charlotte College was happy to announce that eleven students graduated during the 54-55 year. Seven students out of the graduating class were planning to go on with their education. The special few were Aaron Lee Berryhill, William T. Bradford, Louella Robinson, James E. Fitzgerald, James Owens Brady, Boyd S. Mattison, John W. Kilgo, Rea Hinson, Jr., John N. Isehower, Fred Kennedy, and Kenneth Boyce Wilson.

With the heavier enrollment expected this year, the number of graduates for the 55-56 year should be even more boastful. Here's congratulations to last year's graduates. We wish them lots of luck in the coming years.

PRE-ENGINEERING COURSE CONTINUES

The pre-engineering course in conjunction with the Engineering School of North Carolina State College will continue this fall at Charlotte College.

The first two years of the program will be completed at Charlotte College. Upon completion of the first two years study, the student will transfer to North Carolina State College. All students must have a C average or better to transfer to another college. Information pertaining to this course in relation to the last two years of study may be obtained from North Carolina State.

THANKS

Well, we've finally finished our first publication of the Charlotte Collegian for the 55-56 year. I would like to mention only a few of the people who have had a hand in making this paper possible.

I would first like to give my thanks to Miss Denny who has given me information and assistance which I could not have done without.

Next I would like to thank Miss Cone and Joyce Dunn for giving me their valuable time and assistance.

Bill Reid and Patsy Hartsell helped me with some material for the newspaper and I would like to express to them my gratitude.

I haven't been able to mention all the people who have helped me but I would still like to express my appreciation.