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Collegian Sorry For Irregular Schedule

The Charlotte Collegian hereby recognizes the mighty influence of the public voice; we have been criticized, and a great deal of the criticism has been valid. It is, therefore, our purpose here to take a full and honest inventory of the situation and to publish our intentions for compensating our deficiencies.

It has been said that the Collegian's publication schedule has been erratic, irregular, and without plan or purpose; that instead of the precedented ten issues, the current volume can anticipate a maximum of eight, but a probable six; that the result of such a schedule is the publication of recent history appropriate for archival records rather than current news for student information.

Let us say first that we sincerely regret these unintentional delays. This year's volume was undertaken with high hopes and promising circumstances, and our goal was a six page issue every month. During the following months, under the pressure of heavy schedules and outside work, the staff dwindled in number until, despite the desperate efforts of a few, there was a serious shortage of manpower; this shortage was not alleviated by the interest and contributions of other students who had not previously been associated with the paper but were welcome to join the staff; no one offered us a hand.

Not one of us has intentionally or knowingly shirked the duties that he assumed when he became a member of the Collegian staff; there has simply been too much work for too few people.

It has similarly been said that the Collegian has, for all practical purposes, not been circulated outside of the school; that paid subscriptions have not been delivered, and that by virtue of said subscriptions, being verbal or written contracts, having not been honored, the Collegian has not been as good as its word; that the Charlotte College alumni have, therefore, been deprived of a desirable communicative link with their alma mater, and that their friendship, so earnestly sought by the college, might thus be impaired.

To all alumni who may chance to read these lines, let us say that we have desired nothing more than to place this communicative vehicle in your hands shortly after each publication date, and that you above all, along with our present students, deserve top priority in

receiving the Collegian. In regard to paid subscriptions and written and verbal contracts, may we say that we deeply regret the unfortunate situation that has arisen; again we plead the defense of inadequacy of numbers—a skeleton staff and a large publication. We have been unable to retain a circulation manager; several persons have undertaken the task, but other duties have rendered them unable to continue in that capacity.

Having found ourselves unequal to the task of resolving our difficulties as they arose, we can only propose the next best solution: (1) it is our intention, therefore, to decrease the size of our newspaper and place it on a tri-weekly publication schedule for the remainder of the current year; in this undertaking we will be faithful, barring extreme unforeseen circumstances; (2) we hereby freely offer the position of Circulation Manager to the first qualified volunteer, promising such person that his duties, if conscientiously executed, shall be lauded and appreciated.

It should be obvious from these explanations that the chief trouble with the Collegian has not been unwillingness on the part of the staff, but rather a system that does not work as well as it should. We understand that steps are now being taken to provide a better system for next year and for the years following. We are not in a position to say just what this system is, because the plans are still in a nebulous stage. We are informed, however, that these plans are designed to correct present deficiencies and the College can look forward to a more regular publication next year.

Raul Spivak To Play Tuesday

The Charlotte College Artists and Lecture Series will present Raul Spivak, famed Argentine pianist, in a concert next Tuesday night in the Central High School Auditorium. Students will be admitted free upon presentation of their activity cards.

Mr. Spivak is well-known for his interpretations of Latin-American rhythms. He is currently on tour, and his concert at C. C. will be the last in his current series.

The presentation of Mr. Spivak will be the last in the Artists and Lecture series this year.

EDITORS' REPORT

By CHARLES COUCH



There are many features missing from the Collegian this time. We are sorry, but there is only so much space in a four page issue, and we feel that you would rather read news than book reports and humor columns.

The annual staff deserves more credit than we are wont to give them. They have done a tremendous job this year despite numerous complications. From what we are able to find out, the '58 SI SI should be the best we have ever had.

It was mentioned earlier in the year, but many people have forgotten; so perhaps a small reminder would be wise: the city school board and fire department, in conjunction with the insurance company which handles school insurance, have asked that all smoking be done at the end of the halls where the stairs are. During the cold and rainy winter months the smoking violations were overlooked, but, now that spring is here, the administration feels that the rule should be enforced again. Please try to remember; I don't particularly like the rule either, but what we can't change shouldn't be worried about. Flaunting of rules just to be breaking them is childish indeed.

The furor over the parking situation seems to have settled down to a dull, monotonous roar. Maybe we should all by Volkswagens.

Perhaps this is premature, but don't forget that the final dance will be coming up pretty soon. It is always the best of the year. I don't know what the date is, but as soon as it is known we shall pass it your way.

Isn't it about time for another chorus program? The last was so good that there has been comment about another soon. I hope the next will have no audience participation.

Sigma Tau Sigma To Meet Sunday

All members of Sigma Tau Sigma, the national social sciences society, are invited to a dinner to be held Sunday, April 13, at 7:30, in the Oriental Restaurant. New members will be presented at that time.

Jim Hicks, president of the Honor society, issues letters of invitation to students with an average of "B" or better earlier this month. Subjects which are classified as social sciences are all histories, political sciences, etc.

Sigma Tau Sigma was inaugurated at Charlotte College last year.

The Love Of Christ

In the beauty of the Easter season let us stop to consider the messages that Our Lord gave to us in the last hours before as well as during the time of His death.

Christ was completely surrendered to the will of His heavenly Father as He prayed in Matthew 26:42 "O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done." Christ was surrendered to His God even to the death of the cross. He was surrendered in His love for you and I that if only by His death could we live, then would He die.

Perhaps the most touching message in the Bible is Christ's message of forgiveness to Judas as Judas approached Him to give the kiss of betrayal. Knowing full well that the kiss would mean arrest and ultimate death, Christ greeted him even so "Friend, wherefore art thou come?" Friend? Yes to those who despised Him as well as to those who loved Him, Christ's message was of forgiveness. This forgiveness extended even to those who persecuted Him . . . to those who whipped, scourged, spat upon and railed against Him . . . "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

The Love of Christ was a witness to a lost world. This message of witness is manifested as the centurion who had aided in the crucifixion, who had seen that He thus cried for forgiveness of the Lord for them, cried "Truly, this man was the son of God."

"And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, 'If thou be the Christ, save thyself and us.' But the other answered saying, 'Dost thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.'" (Luke 23:39-41) Feeling the impact of love radiating even in death from the Lord Jesus the latter thief then turned to Him and asked for remembrance before God and Jesus said, "Verily, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." The message of Easter is this love which witnesses to a

lost world, giving hope and promise to any who would believe.

These then were the messages of the dying Christ—surrendered life, forgiveness, witness to others, and hope.

The messages of the risen Christ were as powerful. Now Christ had completed His suffering for man . . . now He would be prepared to intercede for us before the Father. During His walk on earth after the resurrection Christ brought the messages of comfort, peace, challenge, faith and blessed assurance.

It was to Mary that He did appear giving a message of comfort as she had come to mourn at the sepulchur. No longer did Mary or any have to grieve the passing of their Lord for He was risen. And to the disciples brought He the message "Peace be unto you" as they had hovered themselves together after His death for safety from those who had persecuted their Lord. This message is the same message that He gives to us as we hover for protection from the hurts and harms of life . . . "Peace be unto you."

But Christ's message isn't only a message of joy and peace, but also a message of Challenge. In John 22 "As my Father hath sent me, even so, send I you." He sends those who call themselves Christian to be the witness of His love in all walks of life. Some He calls to preach, some to go to the mission fields, but He calls all of us to live for Him in whatever task we undertake.

To Thomas Christ gave the message of faith. "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." This is the blessing that we in 1958 may claim if we believe. We can see His love and His infinite kindness in all parts of life, but seeing Him as He was seen must be left to the days of eternity.

What will You do with this man called Jesus? Will you again crucify Him by refusal of His love? "I am satisfied with Jesus, he has done so much for me. He has satisfied my longings, He has died to set me free. I am satisfied, I am satisfied. I am satisfied with Jesus. But the question comes to me, as I think of calvary . . . Is my Master satisfied with me?"

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

It is not my intention to pose as an authority on the rules of good conduct; I have been observing many things at Charlotte College this year, many of which I do not approve of, but I have kept silent. Now I must speak.

At the various assembly programs that the college has been sponsoring this year, I have noticed that attendance has been awfully poor. I realize that when a program is scheduled for eight o'clock, it is a sacrifice for students to attend. But these programs are presented by the school to give the students a better cultural background. I have heard many students say that they do not care for the type of programs that are being presented, but these assemblies are supposed to be primarily educational; they are a necessary part of a good college curriculum. They require effort and understanding to be appreciated, and, considering the popular movement for the abandonment of things cultural, I

think that they are a worth-while undertaking. I know that my opinion may be an unpopular one, but I think I have a right to express it. And I have talked about it to several well educated people—university graduates—and it may be of some interest to your readers to know that they all agreed with me.

But I must say that far worse than the matter of students' not attending the assemblies is that of their walking out in the middle of the program. Having had two or three occasions to speak in public, I can say from experience that the gradual loss of an audience is a very discouraging thing for a speaker. When only a few leave before the program is concluded, it is not so bad, but when there is a silent stampede for the door, it does not speak well for the college. I wonder what local people outside the college who come to our lectures must think of us.

Very truly yours,
JOHN BRAYDEN