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Si Si Co-Editors Judy Spurrier and Don Baxter, Business Manager Dorothy McAllister, and Clubs Editor Cindy Maydanis dedicate the 1958 annual to Mr. J. Murrey Atkins, former head of the advisory committee of C. C., new Chairman of the Board of Trustees. From left, McAllister, Maydanis, Atkins, Baxter, and Spurrier. (Staff Photograph—Killough)

## McLean And Griffen Are Infant King And Queen

Saturday, April 26, in the year of our Lord 1958, the infant throne of Charlotte College was ascended by King "Chip" and Her Highness, Queen Monya. The proud parents of the royal pair are Mr. and Mrs. Clifford McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griffen.

The title and crown were awarded these tots by popular vote of the dukes and duchesses of Charlotte College with Rho Gamma Alpha presenting our majesties with sterling cups bearing the inscription of their new royal titles.

The royal pair and their subjects (the royal C.C. family) were feted at a pre coronation picnic in Bryant

Park. Honoring the royal family were our own Miss Cone and our beloved Miss Marion Fraser—one time instructor of English—who (as she so fondly put it) "just breezed in" to be with her children at C. C.

To the new King and Queen and to their royal subjects—We of the Collegian Staff salute you!

## Student Dies Attempting To Rescue Small Child

Gene Ivey Nance, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nance, drowned Sunday, May 4, in a futile attempt to save the life of a four-year-old child. Nance, a Charlotte College student, had accompanied his parents to the cabin of relatives, which was located on the Catawba river.



Gene Nance

Nance heard the child's screams from the opposite bank of the cove; he hastily peeled off his shirt and dived into the water. It soon became obvious that he was in trouble, and sixteen-year-old Bill Barley rushed into the water to try to rescue both Nance and the child. Young Barley, an expert swimmer, reached the child and brought her to shore and then returned to aid Nance, who had already gone under. He made several attempts, but the pressure of the water made it impossible for him to find Nance.

Nance was born in 1939. A freshman at Charlotte College, he was graduated from West Mecklenburg High school in 1957, and he was employed by A & P Food Stores in the meat packing department. He was an active member of the Enderly Park Baptist Church. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 6, at 3:30 p.m. at Enderly Park Baptist Church.

## Spring Dance Is Saturday

Just a reminder of the Spring Dance, Saturday, May 17, from 8:30 until 11:30. This annual dance will be held at the Veteran's Club on East Morehead Street and will be semi-formal. The admission charge was paid by students in their activity fee.

## Atkins Elected Chairman As Board Of Trustees Sworn In

Eleven members of the recently appointed Board of Trustees of Charlotte College were administered the oath of office last Monday morning. At their first meeting,

the members elected Mr. J. Murrey Atkins Chairman of the Board.

Absent from the swearing in was Mr. W. A. Kennedy, longtime friend and supporter of Charlotte College,

who passed away unexpectedly last Sunday.

The new trustees are: Mr. R. L. Taylor, Mr. Oliver R. Rowe, Mr. Linn D. Garibaldi, Dr. E. A. Beaty, Mr. Addison Reese, Mr. John Paul Lucas, Mr. Thomas M. Belk, Mr. Sheldon Smith, Mr. Cecil Prince, Dr. Thomas J. Watkins, and Mr. Atkins.

As soon as the board of trustees has been completed, the Charlotte Board of Education will relinquish control of the institution, and it will be a fully operative college.

It should be emphasized that whether the bond election passes or not, Charlotte citizens will still have to pay the two cents per one hundred dollars property evaluation tax, which has already been in force. This forthcoming bond election merely extends the tax to a county-wide basis.

The local community colleges are already receiving funds from the state on a probationary basis, but these would have been lost if the tax vote had not been favorable. During the current year these probationary funds amounted to approximately \$80,000.

## W. A. Kennedy Passes On Eve Of Trustee Office

Woodford A. (Woody) Kennedy, one of the earliest and most consistent loyal supporters of Charlotte College, died of a heart attack at his home early Sunday morning, May 11, a little more than 24 hours before he was to have taken the oath as a member of the new College Board of Trustees.

He was 63 years old.

The induction ceremony in the Council Chamber at City Hall Monday morning would have been the fruition of years of work on Mr. Kennedy's part to make Charlotte College an independent, state-supported institution. He began advocating the expansion of the College into a four-year institution at a time when most other people thought he was indulging in an impractical dream.

Yet the developments of this spring have proved that his vision was correct and that the great educational institution that he had in mind is no longer a dream but is now a clear probability.

Mr. Kennedy was for years a member of the former College Advisory Board, which the new Board of Trustees replaces, and in that position he worked tirelessly for the upbuilding of Charlotte College. He was on the special site selection committee that worked for months to find a building site for the College.

He often predicted that the College would some day be a four-year institution with 10,000



students. "I may not live to see that development," he often said, but he insisted that it was coming.

One of the main reasons, he said, that he devoted much of his time to Charlotte College was that he worked his way through North Carolina State College and knew how hard it was for working students to get through college.

He was a native of Wilmington. He served overseas in World War I, and after the armistice, while he was attending the Sorbonne in Paris, he met his wife, the former Lucette Bresson. He married her and brought her to Charlotte.

He was president of W. A. Kennedy Company and of WAK industries. He was active in the Rotary Club and was a former president of the Charlotte Engineers Club.

## Writers Club Meets In Lounge

The Writers Club held a meeting Thursday night, May 1. New members were chosen and plans were made for the publishing of the club's magazine, *Owl Tracts*. A committee was chosen to work on the magazine. Invitations will be sent to the new members early this week. Another meeting will be held soon so that work may begin on the magazine.

## Martin, Robertson, Maydanis, And LaRoach Elected To Executive Council

The results of the election for Executive Council members, which was held on April 28, were made public the following evening by Jim Hicks, Chairman of the Elections Committee. That committee's report of the tabulation of votes read as follows:

Nominations for candidates for this election were accepted from all members of the student body by the Elections Committee; then on April 14, members of a Nominations Committee were publicly drawn from the roll-books of Charlotte College. This committee met April 21, under the chairmanship of John Earl Ballard, to select the candidates that were deemed best qualified. The candidates that they selected were, for President, Wiley Martin; for Vice-President, Bob Robertson and Charles "Pete" Cruse; for Secretary, Kanela Maydanis and Margaret Fisher; for Treasurer, Jim LaRoach. Although the offices of President and Treasurer were uncontested, a blank

space was left on the ballot for nominations by dissenting voters.

It was announced by the Assembly Committee that a brief general

assembly of the student body would soon be scheduled for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the officers-elect.



Executive Council officers for the coming year relax in the Lounge. From left, President Wiley Martin, Vice-president Bob Robertson, Secretary Cindy Maydanis, and Treasurer Jim L. Roach. (Staff Photo—Killough).