

Preparation Pays Off In Orientation Program

September 24 marked the formal opening of classes at Charlotte College for the fall term; but just as a Billy Graham Crusade, political rally, or any other undertaking is never a success without adequate preparation, neither were C. C.'s new students oriented and enrolled without a great deal of preparation beforehand.

In preparation for the orientation program held on Thursday, September 18, and Friday, September 19, the F. A. C., comprising some thirty-six students, held its own meetings at which the members were briefed on the information most helpful to an entering freshman or transfer student in acquainting him with Charlotte College and its program.

At the opening assembly program at 5:45 P.M. on September 18, the new students were greeted by Miss Bonnie Cone, Charlotte College director, and Wiley Martin, president of the Student Government Association.

The introduction of the faculty was followed by short talks by four faculty members in which

they defined the programs of study at C. C.

After Mr. M. F. Tinkham had briefly explained the counseling program, the students were assigned to rooms and faculty advisors for further orientation. Thursday night's counseling consisted mainly of a cursory explanation by F. A. C. members of rules and regulations and constitutional provisions from the student handbook.

On Friday night, September 19, the counseling program was opened by brief explanations of the various clubs and committees by a representative of each.

At the conclusion of the convocation in the auditorium, the counselees went again to their counseling rooms, the remainder of the time being devoted to filling out registration and Student Council information cards. F. A. C. members were again on hand to aid the students in selecting favorable schedules and to answer any question which students might have about subjects, credits, regulations, or the locations of classrooms and labs.

Grade Curve Might Have Undesirable Consequences

BY JOHN KIRBY
Collegian Staff Reporter

Mr. H. T. Higgins, registrar, informed the Collegian Sunday night that the use of the grade curve system is optional at Charlotte College. The general opinion of the teachers and students questioned by this reporter was that the grade curve was not being used, though the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools recommends the use of the system.

Because of the nature of Charlotte College, it would be to the disadvantage of the students to have this system, most of those questioned believed, because many of the failing students drop out of school before the end of a quarter. This practice would push the rest of the class down to fill the lower position on the curve. In a campus college these failures usually remain until the end of the semester.

State Board Cont.

On the following Wednesday Miss Cone met with the Governor and the Advisory Budget Commission. In the course of this meeting "B" budgets were presented, and Charlotte College requested that its "B" budget be increased to three dollars and thirty-five cents per quarter hour per student. The "B" budget has nothing to do with actual operating expenses but is for the sole purpose of financing the expansion program of the college.

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strong the temptation can be to "park behind this fellow and hope we get out before he does." But only when all of us cease to take such liberties will any of us enjoy the security of knowing that we shall not have to spend forty-five minutes looking for "that so-and-so that has us blocked." Let us all try to avoid squeezing into the parking lot when it is already full.

Then, let us hope that the other fellow does likewise.

State College Course Teachers Are Obtained

The services of five local men have been secured by N. C. State College to teach engineering courses at Charlotte College. The courses are of junior, senior, and graduate levels and will be offered by N. C. State. The program is under the direction of Dr. Herbert Lynch.

The following is a list of the professors and the courses they will teach: C. J. Beers of Douglas Aircraft, differential equations; A. F. Brinsmade, engineering thermodynamics; Leonard W. Long of Duke Power Co., mechanics II—dynamics; Donald W. Meyers of Celanese Corp., heat transfer; and C. R. Mullins of F. N. Thompson Co., costs and estimates.

All students enrolled in the program will be considered students of N. C. State, and professors will be considered faculty members of N. C. State.

All of the courses may be taken for credit towards a degree from State College and most of those who have enrolled have this objective.

Some have enrolled on a non-credit basis to gain knowledge that will make them more effective in their jobs. Others have taken the same or similar course before, but want "refresher" training.

Prospects For Owls Look Good This Year

BY DAVID DRINKARD
Collegian Reporter

Although the basketball team at Charlotte College has had some rather poor seasons in the past, this year should bring a definite improvement.

If enough interest is shown in the team, it is possible that it can enter the college leagues which include Presbyterian, Wingate, and other larger colleges. The league that the team has played in is, however, one of the best in Charlotte. In either event the team will have a good strong league in which to participate.

Practice will probably begin in November. Practice sessions will be from 8:00 to 10:00 P.M. unless other arrangements can be made. Coach Buddy Smith is looking for a big turnout this year from the freshman class.

Thus, Charlotte College is looking with interest to the coming season of basketball.

Alumnus Advises Cont.

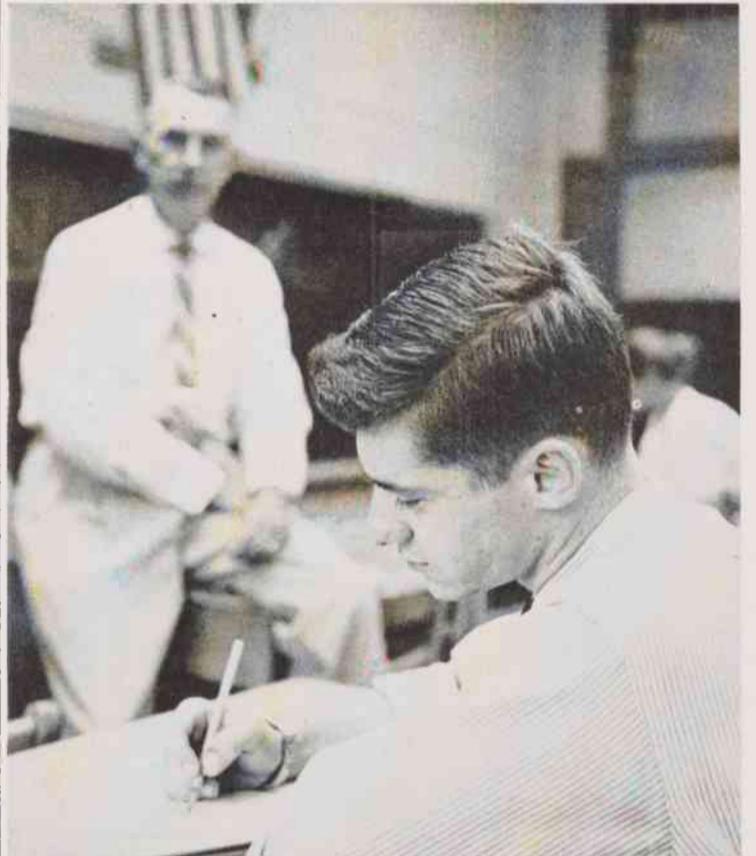
lege and member of the Board of Trustees.

After the invocation addresses of welcome were made by Miss Bonnie E. Cone, director of the college, and by Wiley Martin, President of the Student Government.

Old and new members of the faculty were introduced by Registrar Higgins, and announcements concerning accident insurance and the United Appeal were made by Miss English and Miss Raney. Mr. Woodruff, choral director, led the assemblage in singing the new *Alma Mater* written by Bill J. Reid, who was introduced to the audience.

Rev. Mr. Wilson, the guest speaker, received his A.A. diploma at Charlotte College, and was graduated cum laude at Davidson College with the A.B. degree.

Battle Of Wits



FRESHMAN JAMES JOSEPHS concentrates his attention on the aptitude entrance examination given during orientation week. Part of a new testing program at C.C., this exam will help to indicate individual progress. The supervising teacher in the background is Mr. Mark Tinkham.—(Collegian Photo—Staff).

Board Gives New Exam

BY MARTHA MOORE
Collegian Reporter

For the first time in its history Charlotte College required freshmen entering this fall to take a Scholastic Aptitude Examination in addition to the usual battery of tests given during orientation week.

This test was given on Wednesday, September 17, but if it is found that less than ninety per cent of all entering freshmen took the examination, it will be repeated at a later date.

The College Entrance Examination Board expects to give another examination to the same group of students at the end of their two-year study program in order to see if any progress or growth can be determined.

The examinations will be sent to Princeton, New Jersey, where they will be scored, and the results will be returned to Charlotte College.

Trustee Calls Cont.

Schools. This shows, said , that "Charlotte College does not have a soft-handed or easy approach to education. The subjects are taught on the hard side—to young people who are serious about getting an education."

In reference to the community college bond issue planned for November in Mecklenburg County which will ask for less than \$1,000,000, Mr. Rowe cited in comparison the case of a \$10,000,000 bond issue just passed in a California community to start construction on the Foothills Junior College.

In closing his speech Mr. Rowe made this challenging observation: "Charlotte College is a baby now—a 'baby giant,' capable of bringing about the most profound improvements in our economy and in our lives. The question is, are we going to put this giant to work for us?"

Major Ploger Joins College Faculty

Major Verne R. Ploger has begun work as a Charlotte College faculty member this fall as a teacher of history and economics.

A retired army officer, Major Ploger recently obtained the M. A. degree in history from the University of Omaha. His undergraduate work was done in night school, primarily at the University of Omaha, while he was in the service. In all, he spent twenty-two years in the army, except for some air force duty during World War II. He plans to make teaching his profession.

Major Ploger is a native of northern Wisconsin.

Collegian Staff To Meet Monday

The Charlotte Collegian will conduct a meeting of all persons interested in joining the staff Monday, October 6, at 8:15 P.M., in the library annex. All students who indicated an interest in the newspaper when they filled out the Student Council card at registration should make it a point to attend this meeting. The duties of staff writers and editors will be discussed, and applications for positions will be accepted.

The Collegian has openings for fifteen regular editors and staff writers, and the business staff has room for five members. Typists and circulation workers will also be interviewed.

Students who cannot attend should leave their names in the office in order that they might be contacted individually.

Mecklenburg Cont.

remember on Nov. 4. Passage of the \$975,000 bond issue for Charlotte and Carver Colleges is essential to the progress of the community. one we hope Mecklenburgers will