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Soap-Box Politician Of Old May Have Had Right Idea

Alas, gone are the days of vehement electioneering and soap box oratory. Fading from memory is the image of the frock-coated politician with the big black hat who delivered his extravagant promises to curious passers-by by virtue of sheer lung power and melodramatics. In this day of cosmopolitan formality the voter is blasted into oblivion by the mass media, brain-washed by slogans and hocus-pocus, and angered by each campaign manager's attempt to inject a "positive thought" into his psyche.

But don't get us wrong. We firmly believe the mass media to be the best way ever devised to communicate with a mass public. And bravo for the scientific aspect of the campaign—putting thoughts in a person's head without his being aware of it. That is quite an accomplishment.

But while we were meditating about the November 4 election, during which a bond issue for The Charlotte Community College System will be voted upon, it occurred to us that we have heard very little mention of it by our students; and it struck us that perhaps some of us are not fully cognizant of the importance of this bond issue; perhaps some of us have not been told what is at stake.

The future of a college system and by extension the future of a community—these are the issues to be decided by the voters on November 4. Now just what are those

voters going to decide?

"Well," we reason, "the citizens realize the importance of expanding our local educational facilities . . ." Do they?

Are the citizens really aware of the need for higher educational facilities in this locality? Do they realize that this community, when compared with similarly populated areas all over the United States, is in pretty desperate need of an expanded college program?

Perhaps.

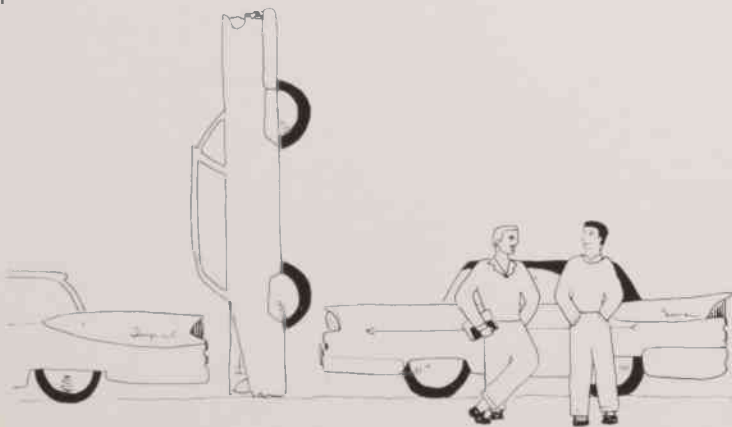
But why not be sure? There is an aspect of a political campaign that has the mass media can never touch, and that is the element of personal contact. A few minutes spent by each student of Charlotte and Carver Colleges taken to inform his friends and relatives of the importance of this bond issue could spell the difference between success and possible failure.

Despite the mild and humorous ridicule accorded to the stereotyped old politician in frock coat and black hat who kissed babies and spoke from a soap box, the old boy may have had the right idea after all.

A man all wrapped up in himself, makes a very small package.

The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one has to do.—James M. Barrie.

Collegian Cartoon



"Boy, was I lucky! I finally found a place to park."—Collegian Cartoon—Judie Joseph).

"Pop" Keeps 'Em Laughing As He Teaches Them Painless Chemistry

There is a prematurely gray-haired man that injects a note of delight into the tired brain of a Charlotte College freshman. He is affectionately known as "Pop" Norman.

"Pop" is a chemistry professor at the college. He is noted for his humor as well as his knowledge of chemistry; but he is better known for his combination of the two.

In his explanation of atoms and molecules the positive elements (metals) become "men," and the negative elements (non-metals) are "women." Since metals unite with non-metals, "Pop" explains the process as courtship and marriage. Some atoms are more active than others in combining, and he points out that some men and women are more attractive than others. Chemists know that positive elements rarely combine with each other, while negative elements frequently combine. "Pop" explains that women get together in clubs, societies, and tea parties, while men are less socially inclined.

Gold rarely unites with anything, and "Pop" passes him off as a rich old bachelor who thinks he is too good for any female element. He explains certain gasses that are complete within themselves and that do not combine as hermits and recluses.

Mr. Norman has a unique system of testing which is quite popular with the students. He passes out a multigraphed sheet with the valences and activity series of the various elements and radicals; this is the famous "cheat sheet" which can be used on any quiz or examination. Any reference material that the student cares to write on the "cheat sheet" is permissible, but the students soon learn to make their writing microscopic, for only one sheet is allowed.

But he is very strict in grading: 95 to 100 is an "A," but 94.999999 ad infinitum is a "B." "This is the old-fashioned way to grade," he explains, "but you're going to learn that I'm old-fashioned. I'm going to stick to my horses; I don't think these automobiles are going to last. Do you?"

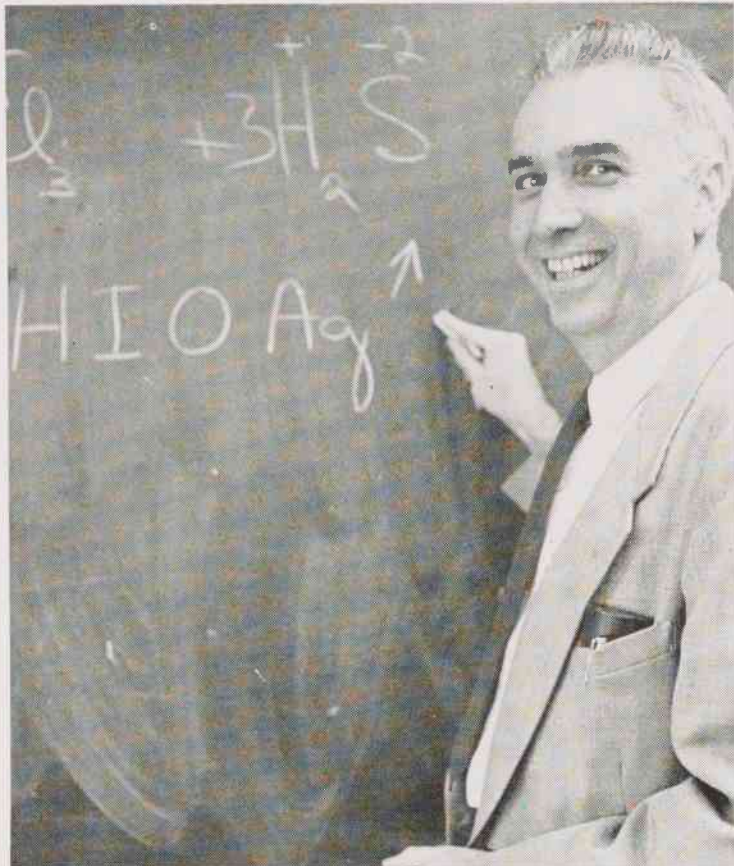
Letters To The Editor

Editors and COLLEGIAN:

I noticed a letter in the last COLLEGIAN that complained of the short hours of the book store. I would like to complain of the high price of the ebooks. I know the prices can not be helped, but I do know one way to help the students.

The majority of C. C. students are working their own way through school, and a very large percentage are married with families to support. This situation makes a dollar closer to the hearts of our students than the average college "cat" at larger institutions. So, would it be possible for used books to be sold in our book store right along with the new ones on the same system the Owl's Roost employees? The turnover of used books would be increased, and I am sure the students would be more willing to turn in the old ones.

It may be said, "What's wrong with the Owl's Roost?" Well, I say it is open on the average of fifteen



III-O SILVER, AWAY! Mr. Norman points to one of the classic chemistry jokes. An inspired and very popular teacher, he proves that the study of chemistry need not be dry and difficult. His gentle humor wins all but the most ardent chemistry-haters—(Collegian Photo—Killough).

Presbyterians To Invade Owl Land November 8

BY ERNIE PREVATTE
Collegian Sports Editor

The Presbyterian Junior College basketball team will invade Owl Land on Saturday, November 8, to test Charlotte College's hardwood prowess. It will be a conference clash and the season opener for both teams.

The game will mark the first meeting of the two teams in the past couple of years. Two years ago Charlotte College withdrew from the North Carolina Junior College basketball league and entered the Jack Love semi-pro league. The Love League is now defunct, and the Owls have returned to the NCJC Conference.

Owls At Disadvantage

The Presbyterians from Maxton, N. C., are expected to bring to the Piedmont gym a team with a decided edge over the Owls in height, for this edition of the Owls is considerably smaller than the average junior college quint. The Owls will probably field a team with the size averaging out less than six feet.

To cope with the foe's superior height the Owls may have to rely on a fast break and some good outside shooting. If this be the plan of attack, then the Owls can certainly find adequate personnel in camp to fill the roles.

Bucky McQuay and Colten Gilbert are two smooth operators at guard who have the advantage of having played together for three years in high school and who could make a good fast break click.

McQuay is the owner of a deadly jump shot which he hits from almost any outside position, while Gilbert favors a one-hander. Both hit well and move speedily once they get the ball on the fast break. Both are pesky defenders.

Bob Holland is another performer who could add a lot of noise to the Owls' hoot should he play. Holland is presently in the thick of a heated battle with his books. Should he come through scholastically, he would be a big boost to the Owl defense and with his lethal jump shot and his octopus-like defensive play he would be a welcome addition.

There are many others who could and will figure prominently into the C. C. plan of attack. Among

minutes a day. The day students have no access to this facility unless they want to come down here at night. When I was a freshman and a day student, it took a week for me to find the Roost and another week to find it open. Also, it takes entirely too long to get your money out of the books with this system.

This fall my books were to cost me over twenty-six dollars. After paying tuition of ninety-six, I was wondering where I could get the other twenty-six for books. By getting names and phone numbers of old students, I was able, with about a dollar's worth of gas, to get my books for ten dollars and a half. (Oh happy day, I could keep eating until payday!)

If the book prices continue to rise and the day school continues to grow, we need a new system of some kind—specially us poor boys.

JAMES MAHAFFEE.