

## National Student Association

In 1947, delegates from 356 American colleges and universities, realizing that the role of the American student in society and in international student affairs made it desirable that a national organization be established in the United States which could act as a representative of the nation's entire student body, met at the University of Wisconsin and wrote the Constitution of the United States National Student Association.

In just thirteen years USNSA has grown to include nearly 400 American colleges and universities, representing over one million students.

Each year, elected delegates, forming the national Student Congress, convene at a Mid-Western campus to decide the policy and programs of USNSA for the forthcoming year.

USNSA provides many services to member schools. The Student Government Information Service (SGIS) acts as a research reference where student governments can obtain information on how other schools have solved problems in "Student Government structure and finance, curricula evaluation, athletics policies and human relations programs."

Advice and assistance are provided the student governments and USNSA organizations of member and non-member schools through two elected Program Vice-Presidents.

Material on current topics is organized and published by the Publications Department of USNSA and made available to member schools free or at a nominal cost. "The National Student News" is sent to all schools affiliated with USNSA in an effort to keep all students informed on both national and international affairs.

Through USNSA's formal affiliation with eight national and international organizations, member schools are informed of the latest developments in education and represented at these organizational meetings by their elected representatives. This gives students a voice in many affairs where their opinions, as individuals, would be ignored.

Although it is realized that the students of Charlotte College will be somewhat limited in their participation in USNSA until they become more familiar with the policy and extent of that organization, it is hoped that we shall soon be able to take the fullest advantage of the programs and services of the United States National Student Association.

## Crossword Puzzle

This space was formerly occupied by Charlotte College's own crossword puzzle. It is reserved in this issue in the hope that a new puzzle expert will step forward to continue a feature which presented a challenge to many and brought frustration to all except students, staff, and faculty of CC.

Returning students will remember that crossword puzzles incorporating CC personalities, CC campus quips, and educational facts were published in this year's March, April and May issues of the Collegian. New students interested in the puzzles may find them in CC library files.

Anyone interested in continuing this project is asked to contact Jere Thomas for instructions and editing assistance.

# Collegian Coed



Katie Shelby, CC sophomore, has been chosen Collegian Coed of the month. She is five feet five inches tall and blond—we could use a thousand words to describe her but a picture does it better. Katie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Shelby of Coddington Place, Charlotte. (Photo by Bill Starr)

## Constitutional Amendments

A Constitutional Amendments Committee appointed by the Student Council will present its proposed changes to the Constitution to the student body at large sometime this fall for ratification.

The changes, approved by the Student Council at its August 17th meeting, were drawn up by committeemen Bobby Thompson, Ann Settlemire, and Bill Povey under the co-chairmanship of Jerry Williams and Jere Thomas. Mrs. Winningham acted as the committee's Adviser.

Here are the proposed changes:

### ARTICLE III

Section 2 (b) Qualifications. Candidates for the Executive Council must have earned at Charlotte College a minimum of 20 quarter hours credit. They must have an overall scholastic average of "C" or above and must maintain this average throughout their terms of office. They must take a minimum load of 2 college-level courses during the quarter in which they are elected and must maintain this minimum load during their terms of office, except that they are exempt from the minimum load requirement if: (1) The College does not offer more than one course which can be utilized in the chosen curriculum, or (2) Only one course is needed to complete the chosen curriculum.

### ARTICLE IV

Section 1. Membership. The Student Council shall consist of the Executive Council Officers, Sophomore Class Officers, Freshman Class Officers, eight Sophomore Class Representatives, eight Freshman Class Representatives, editors of the publications, and business managers of the publications. Chairmen of standing committees shall be ex-officio members without vote. (Ed. note: The newspaper and the yearbook are the Student Council publications. The literary magazine, the PARNASSIAN, is published by the Writer's Club.)

### ARTICLE VII

Section 2. The Editors and Business Managers of the Charlotte COLLEGIAN and SI SI shall be nominated by the previous staffs of the respective publications with the approval of the Student Council, and elected by the student body at large annually in April.

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An analysis of the changes shows that the committee proposes to do this: Have the editors and business managers of the newspaper and the annual elected, and give them a vote on the Student Council; increase class Representatives from five each to eight each.

Minor revisions of the Constitution which would not require ratification by the student body were also made by the committee. These revisions include re-wording of ambiguous phrases and minor points which have been omitted from the Constitution as it is now written.

For ratification, a three-fourths vote of approval is necessary. If approved, the changes would become effective next year.

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and studied the flora and fauna. The group returned with rock specimen, souvenirs and Dr. Heck with a beard.

Six members of the CC faculty attended a work conference at Brevard College from August 28 to September 2. The conference was sponsored by the National Science Foundation and North Carolina State College for the purpose of correlating the work of the small colleges of North Carolina.

Approximately seventy-five teachers from N. C. colleges attended, including Miss Mary Denny, Miss Mary Fore, Mrs. Edyth Winningham, Mr. Percy Bernstein, Mr. John Norman, and Mr. Mark Tinkman from Charlotte College.

## EDITORIAL

As a college grows, its instrument of government must grow. Its instrument of government, however, must be strong enough not to require frequent changes.

On this page, changes on the Constitution as proposed by a duly appointed committee are outlined. The COLLEGIAN urges you to vote FOR the changes.

One badly neglected part of the Constitution has been remedied by clarification of qualifications for executive council officers. Although this section of the proposals does not make any change in the practice of the past years, the qualifications are now spelled out, as they should be. To paraphrase a somewhat overworked cliché, a constitution is no stronger than its weakest paragraph.

With an expected enrollment of almost 750 students this year, we think the committee has acted wisely in asking you to increase class representation from five members each to eight members each. This increased representation would give the students greater assurance that their interests were being served by the Council.

Acting on a recommendation of

the Publications Board, the committee proposes to have your newspaper and yearbook editors and business managers elected, rather than appointed by the President of the Student Council (with the Council's approval), as is now the practice.

You will also be asked to give these four officers a vote on the Student Council. If these officers present themselves for election, the student body would have the final voice on who runs its publications.

As a safeguard against the latter proposal leading to a popularity contest, and with the realization that while students might like to vote for these officers but might not know who is qualified, the stipulation has been made that these officers will be nominated by the previous staffs, be approved by the Student Council, and then be presented for election.

A constitution is not changed easily. It should not be changed often. That which you vote for in the special election may well be the instrument that serves CC students for many years to come.

The proposals deserve your very careful consideration.

## NOTICE TO ALL NEW STUDENTS

As in the past four years, the Charlotte College Writers Club will publish a literary magazine, THE PARNASSIAN. Material for THE PARNASSIAN is selected from writings of club members and from meritorious freshman writings recommended by the English faculty. Funds for publication are appropriated by the student council.

Writers Club membership is by invitation issued on the basis of interest and ability and with the consent of all members.

Freshman themes and regular writing assignments in Composition and Rhetoric courses will be eligible for faculty recommendation and subsequent consideration by THE PARNASSIAN staff. Interested students, who may not be enrolled in English courses, are also encouraged to submit their work for consideration.

Manuscripts submitted to the writers club must be typewritten in doublespacing and must show the author's signature and return address. The club receives mail through the college post office. Students may use the mail slot at the business office. Written work must meet the standards of collaboration and literary indebtedness as required in English assignments: all work must be original; copying from another's manuscript results in plagiarism and is a serious offense.

Bound volumes of THE PARNASSIAN are filed in the college library. Students are invited to review the bound issues.

## Charlotte College Yearbook "Si Si"

By Gary Idol

Charlotte College's yearbook, SI SI, was first published in the spring of 1950. The staff has since increased the size of the yearbook and has created a greater student interest. The purpose of the yearbook is to present a written and pictorial record of the many activities of the year. The SI SI is supported through advertisements solicited by the students and by a yearbook fee. Each student who pays this fee is entitled to a copy of the yearbook.

The editors and business manager are planning an outstanding yearbook for the 1961 edition. This can be possible only through the support of the student body. It is

hoped that each student will contribute something to make it the best SI SI ever published by the students of Charlotte College. If you are interested in serving on the yearbook staff, contact either Miss English, Linda Harris, Gary Idol, or Helen Rea as soon as possible.

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tree, Max Petty, Barry Hinson, Dan Seeger, Charles Funk, Jerry Owens, Bob Bradburn, Howard Payne, Walter Linker, Max Howie, Keith Arrowood, Russell Gilbert, Frank DeVine, and John DuBose. Gary Idol was elected Chairman of the Council by the Student Council in May of last year, and Vivian White was made Assistant Chairman.

## The Charlotte Collegian

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