

WHO SITS BESIDE YOU?

EDITORIAL

If you can answer this question, and the ones below, you have qualified as an all-around, school-spirited, member of our student body. Try it! The results may surprise you.

1. Aside from your own professors, how many members of the faculty do you know?
2. What is the name of our librarian?
3. Do you know the first and last names of half the people in any one of your classes?
4. If a stranger asked for directions to find Juanita Sims, could you supply them?
5. As you walk between classes, do you speak to or smile at five people you actually know?
6. Do you belong or have you shown interest in belonging to at least one of our many clubs or committees?

Those who have answered these questions or have even bothered to read this far will not be surprised to learn that fewer than one-half of our 700 students are normally active in extra-curricular activities.

Our student body can roughly be divided into four categories:

1. Those who are too busy with full or part time jobs, studies and families to do more than attend classes.
2. Those who have the time but are lacking in interest.
3. Those who want to belong and to help but are not quite sure how to begin.
4. Those few who volunteer for committees, join the clubs and collect the real rewards of college life.

If you belong to one of the first three groups, it will be to your advantage to reexamine your relationship with your college and your fellow students. Long after books and scholastic ratings are filed away, the friendships you established in college and the memories of campus activities will continue to provide pleasure and benefit.

Everyone has talents, and yours, in whatever field they may be, can be useful to you and to your college.

Don't wait to be asked — ask someone instead! Join a club, volunteer for a committee, write for the Parnassian or the Collegian, or play in the band!

Peekin' With Pidge

Well, exams are over, elections are over, and so is winter (we hope). But someone had better knock on wood, just in case. Every time I start to pack away my "cold wet feathers", that little red line on the temperature thing starts going down again. Of course, anyone who wants to know about the drop ahead of time can consult Alice—her bones are the best weather station this side of the airport.

With the new quarter we said a fond farewell to some of our students and a hilarious hello to quite a few new ones. Among others, Helen Rea, Brenda Allen and Hayden Jones left our glad little group. But greetings to Anne Lobdell, Jean Hudgins, and to all the other feminine additions that now adorn our campus. . . Guess we might as well say hello to the new boys, too.

Congratulations to our new Student Council officers—Bill, Johnny, Jeannie, and Francis. But Bill, from what intersection did you borrow that stop sign that was on the door of the Owl's Roost? What some people won't do to get elected! . . .

Everyone's best wishes go to Jerry Gunter, who recently took that long walk down the middle aisle. Perhaps this accounts for Jerry's lack of concentration and for his out-of-this-world expression.

Here and there, observant snoopers might notice R. Green is no longer a "night person". Es verdad, Senior? . . . Anne Settlemyre's diet is one pack of peanut butter crackers every fourth Monday. Those monthly meetings sure do come in handy, huh, Anne? . . . The grapevine has it that there is a daily reunion of all the old Myers Park High Alumni in room 112. Could this be a coincidence. Dave, or just an excuse to chew the rag over old times?

Miss Cone has been traveling again. . . Don't miss Bryan Dixon's crazy cool sport coat! . . . Anyone with a spare knife should donate it to Ardrey Brown. Some man in a white coat has been taking a scalpel to him, and the poor guy needs something with which to defend himself. Meanwhile Ardrey, hang loose — and enjoy Mr. C's jokes about deacons.

Old Pidge has been poking around trying to discover someone on this campus with a guilty conscience, but no one seems to feel bad about having neglected to vote. A peek into some not-too-private statistics revealed that only about one-sixth of our student body even bothered with the ballot box. What is the problem, people? Even this old bird would have put down its preference, but some big wheel said I just wasn't eligible.

Guess that's because I'm only taking one course, "Nest-weaving", which they don't seem to give any credit for at CC. Of course, if I pass this one, I go on to the really rousing subjects—"The Perfect Preening of Pin Feathers," and "How to Coo Like Como." Smashing, yes? Oh well, what I was trying to say way back yonder somewhere was that I'm absolutely ashamed of all you human beings. Next time, ya'll, investigate — and vote!!

Happy Mother's Day — and remember, girls, "In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of the Catawba River."

'Bye, 'bye,
Pidge

CC Engineers Club

The Charlotte Engineers Club will hold its last meeting of the 1960-61 school year at 8 P.M. on May 24. Business to be conducted includes the election of new officers for the coming school year and the consideration of new applications to membership.

The engineers club has held five meetings and sponsored as many interesting activities since its organization meeting in November of this school year. Moving picture and lecture programs have been presented on cosmic rays, the solar



Collegian Coed

By Shirley Butler

Meeting her, you feel admiration—talking to her, you hear vitality and love of life—looking at her, you see a pretty brunette with green eyes and a bright smile.

Handicapped by polio since age seven, sophomore Jeannie Glasgow has come a long way from Warm Springs, Georgia, a gym on Park Road, and the Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital.

She's made fibbers of doctors and physical therapists along the line, and with such determination, it is doubtful that the word "can't" is in her vocabulary.

Jeannie graduated from Myers Park High School in 1959, went to Belhaven College in Mississippi, to Queens College in Charlotte, and on to Charlotte College. She plans to transfer to the University of North Carolina for her major in English and would like to become a teacher.

Jeannie has been elected secretary of the CC student council, has been president of her Sunday School class at First Presbyterian Church, a member of the business staff of the SI SI, writes two columns for the Collegian, and does creative writing in her spare time.

She collects stereo records, likes football, baseball and ice skating, and has a "mad passion for bridge."

She leads a full life and wastes no time looking back. An enviable trait in anyone, it is more so in Jeannie Glasgow — a definite asset to Charlotte College.

IT'S A BOY!

Mr. Verne R. Ploger, CC instructor in economics and history, is being congratulated upon the birth of a son, Douglas Robert, at Presbyterian Hospital on March 23.

battery, and wave motion.

Floyd Davis, of the Charlotte IBM customer engineering department, showed filmed information on automatic computing machines and conducted a question and answer period at the April meeting.

A conducted tour of the Duke Power Company's Allen electric generating plant was a highlight of the year's activities.

James Lewis Crenshaw, president of the club, says that applications for nomination to membership are being received at this time. He invites interested students to contact him or any other member of the club so that their request for membership may receive early attention.

BUILDING

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being prepared, and this rock had to be removed by use of air hammers in order to avoid blast damage to the rising west wall.

Miss Bonnie Cone, director of Charlotte College, gave a humorous note to the delay in pouring the second floor slab of the science-engineering building. During March, freezing weather had delayed the pouring of cement. The sun would melt the ice in the troughs enough to make it wet but would not dry it out enough to permit work to start. Finally, it was decided to enclose the first floor with heavy building paper and to bring in six salamanders to dry out the moisture.

Hearing that the slab was poured and that the salamanders had not been removed, Miss Cone asked, "Did they leave the poor little creatures under all that cement?" (After having done an excellent drying-out job in time for the cement to be poured, the little stoves were left in place when pouring began.)

An hourly check with the weather bureau was needed to select the time for the pouring of cement. There are 450 cubic yards of cement used in each slab. Each transit mix-truck carried six yards of cement each load, and the job had to be completed in one uninterrupted day. Three cranes were needed to pour 150 yards each. Just the pouring alone required 12 hours, and truck drivers had to be alerted by 4 AM of the day the job began.

The day selected by the weather bureau remained fair, and the men worked from 7 AM Monday until 4 AM Tuesday to complete the job. It was the only clear span of that many hours for several weeks.

What'll You Have?

Would you like to have red chairs in the lecture room of our new science-engineering building? Preference seems to be running strongly in that direction. Samples of chairs, desks and tables are now on display in room 1-4.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE CONDEMNED

EDITORIAL

By Emmett Allen

Much space has been filled with words condemning the antiquated Electoral College system by which we choose our candidates for president and vice-president. Legislation has been introduced in our Congress to alleviate this burdensome ideal, and a new crop of legislation is planted after each close presidential race; but the crop is yet to be harvested.

After the 1948 election, when Harry S. Truman won with less than 50 per cent of the popular vote, a plan was introduced to divide the electoral votes in accordance with the ratio of popular votes in each state. Henry Cabot Lodge was one of the prominent backers of this plan, but the necessary support needed to inaugurate this action could not be mustered.

It is said that the framers of our Constitution did not favor throwing control of the election of our two top officials into the hands of the uneducated, improverished mass of citizens who lacked brains enough to make a sensible choice. Such is not the case in today's society. With illiteracy in the very low percentages and with our varied means of mass communication, only a person who turns a deaf ear to the political furor could fail to make a fairly sensible decision.

The Electoral College controversy is a two-sided question. Ex-president Truman said, "I think it would be a mistake to abolish the Electoral College. It may seem more ceremonial than useful, but, as a matter of fact, it is one of the most important checks and balances we have to keep the larger states and the concentrated industrial populations from nullifying the role and influence of the states with smaller populations."

Our governmental system contains built-in methods to prevent one branch from becoming too powerful and running rough-shod over the citizens until the next election. Still, I think it is desirable to put the man in office who can gain the most support from the people.

To date, three plans have been proposed. The first is the aforementioned plan which would base the electoral votes on the percentage of popular votes. The second is the direct popular vote. The third is a plan which would allow the electoral votes to be cast by congressional districts as well as by states. This would give each district one vote and limit the state's bonus to two. As an example, Mecklenburg County gave the majority of its votes to Richard Nixon in the last presidential election, but because the majority in the state voted for his opponent, the opponent received Mecklenburg's one vote also. Under the new proposal, Mr. Nixon would have received the Mecklenburg vote.

It has been said that the pen is mightier than the sword, and it is apparent that much use will have to be made of that weapon to sever the Electoral College yoke from our necks.