

A Sincere Welcome

With the start of a new semester, one notices the addition of new faces and the loss of old ones. Most new students have transferred from other colleges, but some have waited until the spring semester to begin their studies. Certainly all CC students extend a welcome hand to their new classmates — we hope you enjoy your time spent here.

Give your support to the four-year college plan. Back up the Student Council, and give suggestions to its present committees. Get in with the spirit of CC! And don't forget to study hard! Let's all, both the old and the new students, be a credit to CC!

Curb The Clutter

As you leave school today, look at the ground and grass beside the walks. Do you see snow? Or perhaps snowballs? Nope, it is only bits of cigarettes, candy wrappers, crumpled notebook paper and other similar trash.

Have you noticed the young trees planted along the walks? Did you realize that we have grass? Or is it just a vast trashland? New fence wires have been put up in hopes that we may have more grass and less mud at the corners of the sidewalks.

We hope that all of the students that joined us at the beginning of the spring semester will realize that CC students will do better in the future! The "snowballs" will disappear from the lawns and grass will spring up at the corners of the sidewalks. CC's growth will be insured with the growth of maturing students.

Letters To Editor

CHAOS ON THE HALF SHELL

Once again the battered-but-unbowed students of Charlotte College can look back upon that twice-yearly trip to Milton's Pandemonium that seems to be an indispensable adjunct to the pursuit of a successful college career.

With the relief of a survivor, I felt obligated to bestow the sort of brotherly compliments that those who live through such a calamity voice to each other on the deck of the rescue ship. Then on the morning of January 29, 1963, the following dire events occurred:

(1) Approximately 900 students of Charlotte College, who thought they were being wise to have pre-registered, were kept out in freezing weather for approximately one and one-half hours, in a long and somewhat unruly line that got more unruly as the time wore on. During this period some twenty pounds of trash was deposited upon our small, but erstwhile pretty, campus.

(2) Some fifty to one hundred of these individuals succeeded in getting in through the rear doors of the Kennedy Building and jumping the line, effectively destroying any pretence at order. I don't blame them one bit; I was one of them.

(3) About two hours after the doors first opened, the course lines were virtually vacant. Now

it was the check-out table that was getting the rush--through no fault of the checkers, of course.

(4) Nearly fifty dollars of damage was done when an over-anxious student slammed open the plate-glass door of the Liberal Arts Building, shattering it.

No one person is to blame for all these events. No one group is to blame for them either. The registrees were unruly simply because they were cold. The door got shattered simply because someone was in a hurry.

The blame lies with the psychology that accepts this farce as a permanent fixture in college life, as if long, long lines were a basic necessity for getting into an institution of higher learning.

Now perhaps they are for new students and for those who were out for more than the normal semester break, but for returning students who have already made known their course desires and been approved by their faculty advisors?

It is my most earnest suggestion that the administration study the procedure of registering returning students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and at least make an attempt to adapt it to our needs. We already have the basis for such a system -- access to a computer -- so that it really should not be hard to adapt.

Perhaps the Student Council could be of aid in this enterprise

Book Exchange

Grosses \$1,000

Charlotte College's busy Circle-K Club has been busier than ever recently running its used book store. Making transactions amid the loud humn-n-n of C. C.'s boilers in room 316 in the Kennedy Building, the club members put in many hours of work to help students sell text books which they no longer needed and acquire second-hand books at low prices.

The idea of providing C. C. with a used book store was suggested by Dr. Herbert Hechenbleikner, advisor to the club. Dr. Hechenbleikner said that he has long felt the need for such a book exchange and had brought the matter to the attention of the student council last year. No action was taken, however, until this semester.

Book sales through the Circle-K Exchange totaled \$1,107. Students who sold their books through the store received \$990, and Circle-K earned \$117 for four busy weeks of work. Since the club is a non-profit making organization, some of the money from the recent business venture will be donated to the Scholarship Fund.

The success of its first attempt at running a book store has raised Circle K's hopes of establishing a full-time student book exchange in the Student Union Building when it is finished this spring.

Faculty News

By Mrs. Ethel Phipps

Last Friday three faculty members from Charlotte College appeared on the Project 60 radio program on American Democracy. Following a dramatization based on the work of Alexis de Tocqueville, Mrs. Edyth F. Wainwright and Mr. Irving Edleman, regular participants on the radio program, were joined by Dr. Robert W. Rieke in a discussion of political questions.

Later in the month Dr. Rieke will appear on the Charlotte College Television program, which is scheduled for 9:30 A.M., February 24. For this program his subject will be the three hundredth anniversary of the granting of the Carolina Charter.

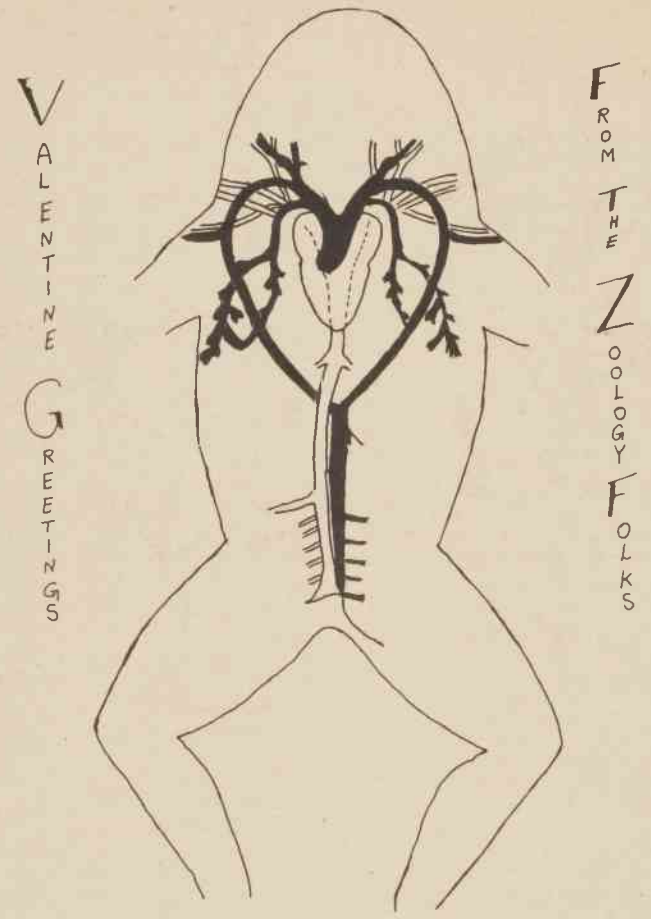
Miss Martha Lawrence, of the Mathematics Department, reports that a teacher's lot is not a happy one. Miss Lawrence slipped on the ice behind the Kennedy Building and fractured her left wrist during the evening of January 29. Rumors that Mr. Hutchison and Bob Gray had sprayed the walks with water just prior to Miss Lawrence's fall are entirely unfounded.

Dr. Herbert Hechenbleikner will soon conduct two field trips for his new class in Botany 141. Early in April the group will go to Eastern North Carolina. A month later they will visit the western region of the state. The two trips are timed to give the students an opportunity to see both areas at the peak of their spring beauty.

by sending a representative, with the approval of the administrative branches concerned, up to Chapel Hill to study the system and bring back a detailed report.

If the idea takes hold, consider me a volunteer. Something must be done, even if it means extra work for everyone concerned. Farces like this are not necessary, and they wear out all parties concerned for no good reason.

Samuel O. Lindeman



McCoy's Continue Coffee Hours

By Susan Proctor

At the McCoy's, Thursday afternoon will again be a very popular time with many Charlotte College students. Mrs. S. J. McCoy, wife of Dean McCoy and a faculty member herself, will continue the coffee hour every Thursday afternoon at her home on 3621 Providence Road.

These informal discussion groups, which run from a quarter after four until a quarter of six, are not limited to Mrs. McCoy's English students. All Charlotte College students are cordially invited to attend.

"Although there has been no set procedure," Mrs. McCoy tells us, "the usual, informal pattern has been for the students to drop in, help themselves to coffee, cake, or apples, sit around an open fire and talk." Mrs. McCoy admits, however, that the activity has been known to vary from basketball on the front lawn to piano and even hi-fi playing, but generally the time is spent on books.

Any student is aware of how easy it is to wander from subject to subject in an open discussion where opinions are freely expressed. These discussions directed by Mrs. McCoy are no different. They have, in the past, covered subjects ranging from modern poetry, Nobel Prize winners such as William Golding, and the personal lives of writers, to status-seeking and television programs.

The main objectives, nevertheless, has remained to be reading and writing, especially contemporary writing. At the first meeting of the new semester the group embarked on "Journal Browsing," emphasizing the information and pleasure to be found in reading interesting people's journals, and also turned some reading time to recent North Carolina writers of importance, such as Reynolds Price, of Duke University, whose recent novel, *The Happy Life*, received the William Faulkner prize.

Mrs. McCoy began these literary coffee hours for Winthrop and Converse girls while she was teaching at Winthrop College in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

She is eager to continue this practice now for interested Char-

lotte College students -- despite the distance from the college to her home.

The meetings usually take place on Thursday; however, occasionally there is a change of day. A notice in the bulletin board will remind students of the meeting.

Botany Study

Is Started

The geology laboratory in Room 312 of the Kennedy Building had turned into a biology laboratory as veterans of Dr. Herbert Hechenbleikner's Botany III courses start work in the first Botany 141.

Adapting the geology laboratory required some home-made ingenuity to provide individual lighting. Hardware fixtures were screwed to two-by-six inch slabs of wood, and satisfactory lights ("stolen" from downstairs) were fitted to them.

In spite of a two-week delay in getting textbooks, the course is already off the ground, and the eight students are making conscious scientific advancement.

Engineers Club

Invites Members

By Joyce Pressley

The Charlotte College Engineers Club keeps an open roll for new students who are interested in engineering, according to Bob Alexander, president of the club.

Established in 1960, this club seeks to give future engineers a greater interest and a more practical understanding of their profession. Meetings are held every second Wednesday at seven-thirty in Room 107 of the Liberal Arts Building, refreshments being managed out of dues of a dollar per semester.

Approximately twenty-five members enjoy well-planned programs, which include speakers and movies on the various phases of engineering.

A special feature of the club is the field trips, open to all members. In the past, trips have been made to Charlotte Pipe and Foundry and to the new Cowan's Ford Dam.

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