

FIRST THINGS FIRST

During the recent campaign for executive council office, much was said on both sides concerning an Honor Code. To those who have been on the Student Council in the past, this is a familiar promise. Of course, we must bear in mind that if the "new blood" gains the control which they so stridently desire, things will be a little slow for a while and perhaps we should not expect too much at first. After all, it is rather difficult to learn how a meeting should be run, and at the same time to be concerned with the problems and wishes of the students who voted—that is, of course, assuming that the people who voted the officers in were in favor of an honor code.

In the runoff, of last Monday and Tuesday, John Scott, the publicly acknowledged head of the "new blood" clot, who has been referred to as the "leader of the fight against an unjust honor code", was voted into office as the President of the Executive Council of the Student Legislature. Since we have heard from John that he is in favor of some kind of an honor code, can we assume that as President, he will pursue the matter to completion, or were his words merely words?

Charlotte College functioned under an Honor System until the 1958-59 school year. At that time, it was felt by students and student leaders alike that the system in effect put too much authority into the hands of students, for under that system, the Student Council had the "responsibility for trial and recommendation for punishment". Since that year, Article Eight of the Constitutions which have been written and rewritten has not varied. For the past six years, Article Eight has appeared as the Supreme Student Law which states, "Present Laws and Rules to continue in effect." While the Student Government Association languished for want of a system and code of honor, the several councils came and went with annual regularity, always recognizing the problem, but never realizing a solution. Last year, it was thought that the end was in sight. The framework of a Code of Conduct was proposed, discussed, and approved for a referendum vote during the fall of this year. Through some quirk of the legislative process, however, the approved code was studiously ignored by this year's Student Council, and they set up their own committee which then drew up the ill-fated document which was a product of the few for the judgment of the many. This year's proposed Honor Code was defeated, and justly so, by the students.

And so, we have come full circle. With all of the above in mind, fact and question, we who do have the knowledge of the past and an eye to the future can only ask, "In light of past years, can we truthfully expect that "new blood" will not produce new versions of old problems? Can we honestly expect people who are not even familiar with the procedural process to grasp the concept of democratic government? May we expect them to cope with these problems and give the students and the college the concise, coherent type of Honor Code which is needed?"

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It Isn't Over Yet

Counting of the Executive Council ballots took place before an anticipatory swarm of students and several faculty onlookers. Three students marked on the blackboard and white papers the mounting votes. The nervous mood of the hushed crowd was climaxed by a whoop of joy and relief when the final vote was announced.

All the gaudy billboards, radio advertisements, and hullabaloo called attention to the few positions on the Executive Council.

During this week thirty-two voting members of the Student Legislature will be chosen. More attention should be focused on these candidates because they represent the student body. They control the Legislature; the Executive Council holds only three votes. (The Vice-President as chairman cannot vote.)

The power of the students lies in these representatives. Any matter which comes before the Legislature will be decided by these leaders which you elect.

The students who claim that the Student Council has been a clique may express their disapproval by electing students who will represent them. The student body is the boss.

Let us hope that even more students than forty-six per cent of the student body cast their votes. If you want representation, voice your opinion.

Vote now!

Open Letters

Dear Bob Schaeffer, Students, and Administration of College College.

I. (Harold J. Davis) author of the article "The Best Man" in the Night Crier, would like to publicly apologize to Mr. Bob Schaeffer and my fellow students for the remark I made about the W.U.S. Campaign and Bob Schaeffer's part in the same. The remark, as well as the majority of the entire publication was in very poor taste. My statement about the source of the money used for the advertising campaign of the W.U.S. campaign was without foundation. True it is a little late for apologies, but I feel that it is only fair to Mr. Schaeffer that I do.

Sincerely,
Harold J. Davis

Letter to the Editor:

These past few weeks have been filled with excitement, frustration, and many harsh words not really meant. All the students who worked so hard, won and lost so gallantly will, in the months ahead, need the hearty support of the student body which they seek to serve.

Your suggestions and criticisms will be best satisfied if they are taken to the Student Legislature through your representatives. The Legislature can only carry out your ideas if you make your wants known to them. With your help, this coming year at Charlotte College will be a momentous one . . . without your help little can be done.

We have elected four of our fellow students to serve us; we have given them our approval; now we must give them our active support.

Thank you, Ann McMillan.

Dear Mr. Clary,

Thank you for the challenge to work your thought-provoking problems in the last issue of the campus newspaper. The first problem, concerning the ages of the two sisters and their relatives, is usually solved by setting up simultaneous equations. Most of my fellow mathematics students know that I frequently make use of IBM 1620 and 1401 computers in problem solution, and your problem almost blew all the fuses. However, with extreme reluctance, the 1620 typed out the answer. Didn't you know that Jane is actually the illegitimate daughter of Gertie's uncle?

Regarding your second problem, dealing with work hours and pay of messers. "A", "B", and "C"; Unfortunately, "A" does lose his job, since in actuality he is employed as a fireman on the railroad, and assigned to a diesel train, and we all know what the recent rail negotiations in Washington did to them.

BRAIN HONESTY

TO THE STUDENTS

To the 49.74% of the voters in the presidential election who voted for me, I wish to extend a sincere thank you. I also wish to thank those few people who were intimate with my campaign and worked tirelessly on my behalf. Throughout the past year several people put forth a great deal of effort for those activities with which I have been involved. I have found the faces repeatedly familiar in every activity, and although grateful, I am also sorry that the same few have always had to bear the full load of work.

Congratulations to John and those 50.26% of the voters who came through victorious. I sincerely hope that those who were so vocal in his support will become equally productive and active in his student government next year.

For my part I do not plan to retire from the political field and "return to my law practice and move to New York" next year. I feel that there are still portions of my platform that can be useful to the students and the school. I offer these ideas to the new Legislature and if at all possible I will also endeavor to work for what I believe in through another medium.

Thanks once again to those

DEAR BOSS..

dear boss
we insect folks
are better off
than human folks

we never search
as people do
who search for truth
of puzzling life
through brightest joy
and dark despair
the wisps of truth
are almost there
but never quite

and this is good
for all the hope
of human life
would dissipate
at first success

despairingly happy
vw the beetle
postscript

i once knew an anteater
who managed to starve
to death because
instead of using his
god giving facilities
to catch the ants
he lay in the grass
cursing them
for not walking
into his open mouth

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Open Letters

To the students of the Freshman Class,

Now that the Executive Elections are over, far too many students feel that they have elected their representatives. This is not so. The election of the class officers and the representatives is the most important of all elections. It is these representatives and officers who hold the majority of the votes, thus deciding what passes through the Student Council and what does not.

The rising Sophomore Class is the largest class in this school and their decision on voting day will effect the largest single group of students. This year's Freshman Class produced a few capable individuals who can actively represent and serve next year's Sophomore Class.

Jan Galloway is the best prepared and the best choice for Sophomore Class President. Can a girl handle the job? The answer is yes. During the past year Jan has served as vice-president of the Freshman Class, organized the car wash for WUS, served on the Elections Committee, was chairman of the decorations committee for the Sadie Hawkins dance, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and on the Dean's List. These are only a few of the many activities which she has participated in. These speak for themselves. They show a girl who is capable, efficient, organized, and cares about the majority of the students of this year's Freshman Class.

Jan wants more class meetings in which the students of the Sophomore Class can voice their opinions and have their wishes and desires represented on impending legislation. Jan wants more activities for the class as a whole. This would include such things as dances, parties, etc. Jan wants the representatives and officers of the Sophomore Class to represent the class and not small groups and cliques.

Jan is not a machine candidate, nor is she the representative of a small group. She is the only candidate truly interested

who supported me. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated.

Bob Schaeffer

in the representation of the Sophomore Class.

Vote for the most capable person, not the personality, Jan Galloway for sophomore class president.

Ken Spencer,
Member of the
Freshman Class

Open Letters

To the students

John Scott, Kearney Smith, Linda Kincaid, Sid Llewellyn and Students for Better Government wish to thank those interested and faithful students who gave the votes and their support during the recent campaign.

John Scott
Kearney Smith
Linda Kincaid
Sid Llewellyn and
Students for Better
Government

C. C. Chorus

Students at Charlotte College will have an opportunity of hearing a program presented by our own Charlotte College Chorus on Monday, May 18th, at 10:20 A. M. Classes will be dismissed for the presentation, which has an international theme, featuring national anthems and patriotic songs of France, England, Canada, Cuba, Norway, Puerto Rico, Israel, Newfoundland, the Philippines, and The United States.

The Chorus will have presented this same program on May 15, to the Dilworth Rotary Club, who will visit the College for lunch on that date. On the 17th, the program will be presented in the Library Auditorium, and will be open to the public.

Mr. W. A. Kennedy, for whom our Science-Engineering Building is named was a past member of the Dilworth Rotary Club. The Dilworth Rotary Club donated the songbooks which the Chorus is now using.