

## All In Vain?

"To create a wholesome school spirit:

To support the best traditions of the institution it represents;

To encourage worthy school activities;

To promote scholarship;

To publish and record the history of the school;

To act as an outlet for the expression of opinion on the part of any recognized student organizations and/or individuals."

Above are premises laid down in the Charter of The Collegian under the heading "Purposes." This is all fine and good. We don't mind it in the slightest, and, in fact, are quite proud of having all this responsibility.

However, there is a flaw. The Collegian can go about its purposed duties to an infinite degree, but if the newspaper is not read it will all be in vain. We can (at least try to) create all the school spirit in the world; we can support all the best traditions with all our might; we can do all these things called for in our charter. But if you, the students, don't ever take time to see if there's a new paper out, how can we be expected to accomplish anything.

Here's another light. Remember last fall when you paid that 13 dollar activity fee? Well, among a few other things you bought yourself twelve copies of this newspaper. Each student was billed approximately five cents each issue that comes out, **WHETHER HE READS IT OR NOT.**

The Collegian published itself at the very convenient rate of 1,500 copies per issue. There are approximately 1,500 students enrolled in this school at present count. It follows then by very complicated modern mathematics that each student should receive one (and only one) copy of The Collegian every time it is published. But wait. It so happens that we see Charlotte Collegians everywhere, in the library, in the liberal arts building, in the Kennedy Building, and about a ton of them way over in the College Union Building. Trouble is, they stay there. Nobody picks them up, except maybe the janitor, who obviously has better things to do than to go around picking up old Charlotte Collegians.

Now obviously this particular Charlotte Collegian got picked up. But look around. Chances are some of those other 1,499 Charlotte Collegians didn't get picked up. Here is where you, the student, can really help us. Say something about us to somebody. Say, "Pretty good paper they did this time," or "Stinkiest, damn paper I ever saw." Just make them interested enough to take a look themselves. You see, we want people to notice us. We want those who obviously didn't pick up a copy to pick one up and say something. Then maybe we can start living up to those purposes in our constitution a whole lot better.

## New Year's Resolutions

Well, here it is time to make New Year's resolutions again, and we'd like to suggest a couple for the student body of Charlotte College.

1. We promise to go to every basketball game we can possibly get to. Furthermore, we promise to cheer when the cheerleaders cheer, stomp when the cheerleaders stomp, clap when the cheerleaders clap, and yell like hell when CC scores a point.

2. We promise to take all dishes we use in the cafeteria to the counter and not leave any mess where we have been eating. We also promise not to try to get by the cash register without paying the correct amount due.

3. We promise not to throw trash and especially cigarette butts on the floors and sidewalks. We promise, instead to throw trash and cigarette butts in trash cans and cigarette butt cans.

4. We promise to study hard and get all As on our report cards. We will do this by studying a minimum of two hours of outside study for each hour in class.

5. We promise to read the Collegian every time it is published and to contribute articles to whenever we can.

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## Letters To The Editor

# Even Fantastic Chef Like Jim Can Do Little With Food

The Collegian welcomes letters for its "Letters To The Editor" column. All letters should be legible and written on only one side of the paper. All letters must be signed. (However, the signature will be withheld on request.)

### Editor, The Collegian:

This fall I was pleased to find the cafeteria food much superior to that of the preceeding spring. But soon I discovered that even a fantastic chef like Jim could do little or nothing with the cuts of meat we are expected to eat in the lunch room.

With Charlotte College being as far out of town as it is, it is almost a necessity for the majority of the faculty, administration, and students to eat their noon day meal in the school cafeteria. This cafeteria is like any other cafeteria: It is here to serve us and serve us food which is enjoyable. It is not as though we are being given something. We are actually paying for the meals we get.

I realize it is difficult to run a cafeteria with all its varied problems; but if we cannot get well balanced meals, why have anything? I had much rather put 25c in a machine and get a cold sandwich and know what to expect than to be so darned surprised (and not pleasantly, I may add) by what we are (or are not) having in the lunch room.

I have trouble understanding also how one day we can have a hot dog with no slaw because they

are out of slaw, and the next day we can have slaw with no hot dog because there are no more hot dogs. Sure, I know every once in a while one runs out of something, but this is a little ridiculous! We are **always** out of something: bacon, slaw, hot dogs, pickles, dressing for salads, salads, tomatoes, etc., etc., etc.

I think, by George, when we spend our money, we should receive quality in return: even if it means our cranking up our cars to spend it!

Of course, even if we had the best food in the world, it would be hard to enjoy it in a cafeteria where people do not care enough to clean up after themselves.

ANN McMILLAN

## Yearbook

### Editors, The Collegian

It is most important that all club presidents present the amount of pages they wish to use in the yearbook, and if they plan to have them. The prices are as follows:

\$ 5 half page  
\$10 full page (1st full page)  
\$20 every additional page

For organization under the Student Government Association there will be no charge for the first page. These organizations include:

Honor Court  
SGA Executive Council  
Legislature

## Dave's Raves

# Philosophy Broadens Minds

In a matter of days we will begin a different schedule of courses, and I'm trying to plug philosophy as a means of broadening some narrow minds I find myself conversing with on the campus particularly in the science and math departments. Philosophy's major concern is with theory and criticism, and the following is a summary of a view of life. I am not suggesting that it is my philosophy or that it should be yours; I am suggesting that it is worthy of consideration.

One of the first questions in Ethics is—Why ought I to sacrifice myself for the sake of somebody else? If someone shows me that an action will have bad consequences for me, then obviously that is reason why I should not do it. If, however, somebody shows me that I should not further my interest because it is detrimental to others, then it is not so obvious a reason for me not to further my interest. It is impossible to completely synthesize the interest of the individual and that of society. Yet every system of ethics has prescribed duties to others as well as to oneself, and no good man is uninfluenced by the prospects of his action having bad ef-

fects on others. Confronted with this situation one might reply that to fulfill my duties to others helps me in the long run. Then I might conclude that if I direct my life toward my own happiness, then that fulfills my obligation to society simultaneously. Thus my pursuit is personal pleasure, and by pleasure I mean all satisfactions including the joy of selfless and spiritual love, the satisfaction of the righteous in furthering the public good, the satisfaction of the religious mystic in communion with God, as well as the simple pleasure of eating a piece of pie. Thus I pursue the path to pleasure by actually sacrificing a present pleasure for a future one which, I might add, is a point of division of man from animal.

This philosophy is not extremely popular today among intellectuals; however, a large number of phil-anthropists use it as a basis of action. It's called egoistic hedonism. As for the studies involved in philosophy, I think they stretch and broaden the mind more than any other subject one could undertake. Please consider the courses in philosophy offered at C. C. and perhaps you'll stop asking "What's it all about?"

This information must be in my hands by January 20.

SHARRON HACKER,  
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## Open Bars In Charlotte?

### Editors, The Collegian

There is a great deal of controversy at this time on the issue of open bars in Charlotte. Many people are against this issue because of the connotation which is often associated with bars. I personally believe that we would be better off with open bars.

Most of the churches in Charlotte are against this issue because they feel that open bars would bring an increase in crime and immorality. Yet, we already have a very high crime rate. Therefore even with open bars the crime rate wouldn't increase that much if any. As for immorality, Charlotte already has a problem with prostitution, adultery, drunkenness, and rape. It seems that we already have the problems which more people associate with bars without them. At least if we had the bars some ladies organization could picket one of them and feel that they had helped the cause of morality.

Not having open bars is in many ways a detriment to the growth of Charlotte. The increase in night life which open bars will bring to Charlotte will be an underlying factor in helping Charlotte grow. Sooner or later Charlotte will have open bars if it continues to grow at its present rate.

One of the advantages of open bars will be the increase in revenue for both the city and the state. This will be obtained, not so much from increase in liquor consumption but from the sales tax of each drink sold.

If no one or only a few drank then we would not have any problem, but the amount of people carrying paper bags under their arms into clubs and lounges is increasing. It does seem rather odd that grown people should have to hide the fact that they drink. Another fact which shows itself is that we are making alcoholics out of the people who do drink. This comes from the fact that you cannot carry an open bottle in your car. Therefore you must either leave a partially filled bottle at the lounge or finish the bottle, which most people do. If there were bars in Charlotte, you could go into a bar and one or two drinks without having to worry too much about becoming an alcoholic.

The question of whether or not Charlotte should have open bars should be left up to the people. I personally do not feel that there is anything immoral about drinking if it is done in a reasonable manner. We must also realize that we cannot legislate morality, especially drinking. If you are still against this bill to have open bars ask yourself this question: "Are the laws against open bars helping to prevent drinking, crime, and immorality?" If you feel they are not then open bars must not be a factor in this area, and we may be doing more harm than good by not having them.

JIM CUNNING