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Bill Passes; Charlotte University Town July 1

The afternoon of Tuesday, March 2 saw a new name and status for a growing college on Highway 49 North in the city of Charlotte, North Carolina. The new name was "University of North Carolina at Charlotte; the new status was University."

The North Carolina House of Representatives voted and passed on a bill to make Charlotte the fourth branch of UNC. The measure would actually take effect July 1, 1965, but as soon as the Charlotte College trustees execute some necessary papers the University trustees

would take over the new branch's assets.

The final House vote was contested by only one representative, Roger Kiser of Scotland County. This was symbolic of the sporadic and one-sided opposition that had unexpectedly faced the measure. All through the Senate and House readings it was opposed by sometimes one, sometimes a handful of men, but never by anything close to a majority. Debates and delays only slightly hindered the measure's progress through the legislature.

Some amendments were proposed in the House to delay making the college a branch until 1967, but these were voted down overwhelmingly. As Rep. I. C. Crawford of Buncombe said, "I think this is the most important legislation that will come before this body. I'm not favorable to dilly-dallying and putting in these amendments."

In the House as in the previous Senate readings, there was fear that the financial side of the measure had not been investigated fully. However, many (including Senator Martha Evans) thought the college would be an asset since the plant is already in operation.

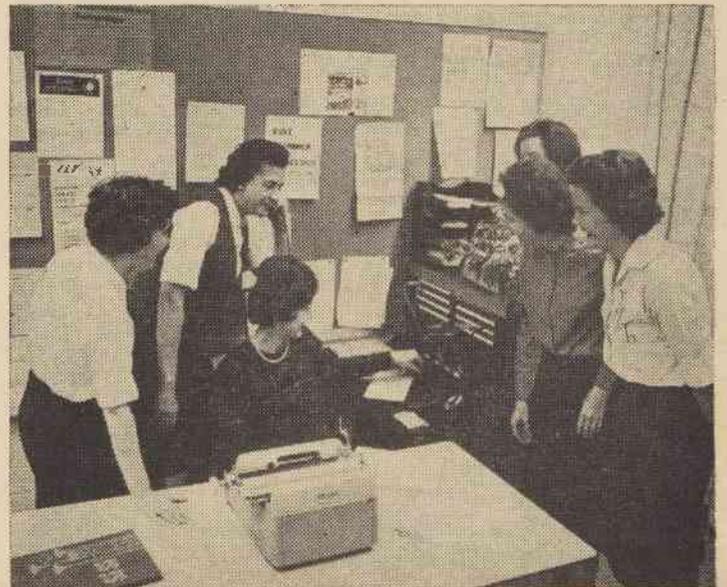
Despite this stretch of unsmooth sailing, the measure was passed into law on Tuesday to the relief and joy of many. The college campus itself was the scene of bell ringing, cheers, shouts, and tears of happiness. On the next day, students entering the campus drive viewed a blue and white sign pasted over the old Charlotte College one. It merely said "UNCC," in giant letters. In the student union signs bedecked the walls saying "Thank you, Dr. Bonnie," "UNC-C", or just "Dr. Bonnie."

All through the process of the college's attempt to gain university status, many influential men have been its strong supporters. Such men include Gov. Moore, Mayor Brookshire, Sen. Belk, Sen. Scott, Sen. McLendon, Sen. Evans, Rep. Vogler, Dr. King of UNC, and Dr. Archie of the Board of Higher Education.

On the other hand, Sen. White

had allies in his opposition to the measure. Among them were Sen. Hyde, Sen. Allsbrook and Rep. Kiser. Senators Bailey and Rowe had voiced concern over appropriations in the Higher Education meeting but proceeded to vote favorably anyway. In this same meeting, after an admission from Dr. Archie that he didn't know where the money would come from, Sen. White voted "no," saying, "I do not like to vote for legislation until I know what we're doing." Many senators and representatives were willing to sign the bill but did so with reservations. It was feared appropriations for another branch at Charlotte would pull funds away from the other three branches. (Western Carolina, Eastern Carolina, and Appalachian)

Not to be outdone, Dr. Friday of UNC, Mayor Brookshire, Sen. Scott and others stressed the great need for another university branch. The



"CAN YOU HEAR THE BELL RINGING"—Dr. Cone's secretary Juanita Sims talks with Miss Cone immediately after the bill has passed its final hurdle on the switchboard. Others (from left to right) are Mary Dennis, Betty Adkins, Ruth McCoy, Gail Sims and Lois Liles.

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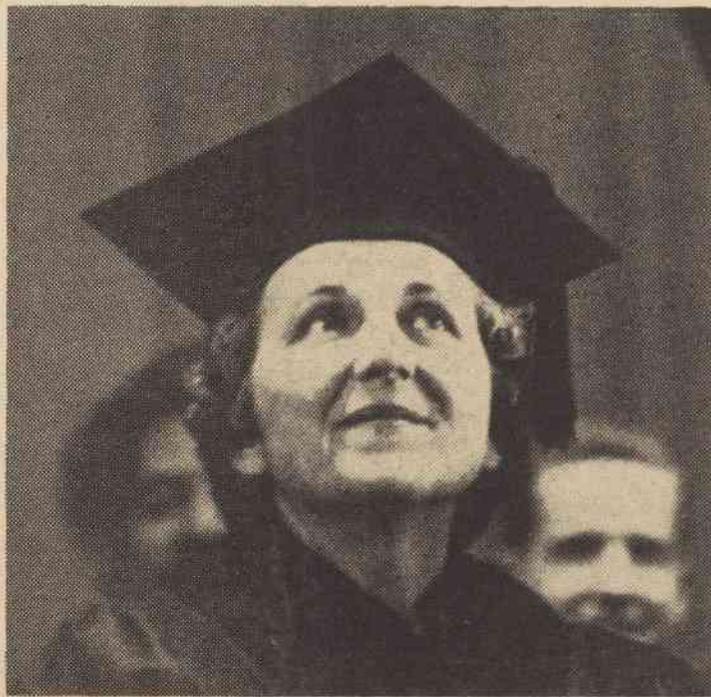
"It Had To Succeed-- Cone"

By SUSAN PROCTOR

The air in the neat, business-like office was sweetly scented with a mingled odor of flowers. At a glance one could see several dozen red roses, large azela plants, and a beautiful red rosebud corsage which lay on the desk.

"I think it's one of the greatest things to happen in North Carolina's history of higher education." These are the words of Dr. Bonnie Cone as she chats informally about the events leading up to and the final passage of the bill to make Charlotte College the fourth branch of the Consolidated University of North Carolina "We have received many telegrams and letters of congratulations" she smiled indicating the stack of mail strewn over the otherwise tidy desk.

Immediately after the 1963 legislature, they set about to study Charlotte College and the needs of the state. Charlotte was studied as the location; but even then there was the question of whether to use an existing site or to find a new campus site, in which case, it would have taken until 1975 to get where we are now. Among the deciding factors were: Charlotte is a growing metropolis area. We have the cultural, educational, and industrial opportunities needed by a university. There are a great many people to be served; plus a large commuting population. Also, Charlotte College was a young institu-



DR. BONNIE CONE . . . "Greatest Thing"

Golden Dedicates New Building

By BETTYE TRAPPS

"The American Dream" was the topic selected by Harry Golden when he recently dedicated Charlotte College's new liberal arts building.

Mr. Golden, an eminent author and editor, told his large audience of faculty members, students, and visitors that the liberal arts building is the place where challenges will be met.

"It is a place of blasphemy

against the status quo; a place for ideas to be born and developed."

Mr. Golden believes that God has been kind to America. It began as a colony of immigrants and grew into the most prosperous nation in the world. A portion of the nation's prosperity is due to the awareness and development of her natural resources.

"One of the most important resources in America is the younger

generation," he told the students. "You hold the key to our nation's future, but you must have a place to nurture your ideas. The liberal arts building is that place."

In recalling the advancements which have been made in science, technology, and the exploration of outer space, Mr. Golden concluded, "Let us go to the moon and explore, but remember that the ideas were born and developed in the liberal arts building."

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Senior Wins \$500, 10-Week Internship

Keith Baker, Charlotte College senior, will go to Washington this summer to use Capitol Hill as a classroom.

He has been awarded a \$500, 10-week congressional internship by the North Carolina Center of Education in Politics.

Along with seven other interns selected from N. C. colleges, Keith will work and study in Washington from June 1 to August 15. The nature of his duties will be left up to the discretion of the Congressman to whom he is assigned.

Keith was told that his home would be a boarding house which is "rather shabby but respectable and clean." He will be expected to live on \$50 a week which might sound impossible, but, as he was reminded, "UNC students have been doing it for years."

Keith, a political science and business major, is the first student to represent Charlotte College in this program.

Nominations Set For CU, SGA

Nomination and election dates for executive officers of Student Government Association and College Union were announced at the Student Legislature meeting Monday, March 8.

SGA: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.

CU: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer.

Nominations: Tuesday, March 16—Tuesday, March 23.

Campaigns: Starts Wednesday, March 24.

Elections: Thursday, April 1—Friday April 2.

Run-off elections: Monday April 5—Tuesday, April 6.

See separate story for further details.