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Is The Community College The Answer?

The North Carolina General Assembly is now in session. The action that the members of the General Assembly take toward community colleges will greatly affect the educational foundations of North Carolina. Community colleges are the solution to the increasing demands upon the higher institutions of learning. Everyone seems to believe in Charlotte College and in her value to the city and state. We hope that this belief will stand when the bill that will give Charlotte College the money she needs to operate comes to a vote before the Assembly. Dr. Purks of the State Board of Higher Education has predicted that in the future, "Charlotte College will become more and more important."

Charlotte College celebrated her Tenth Anniversary a few weeks ago and the friends of the school came out to help her do it. Dr. Jesse P. Bogue, executive secretary of the American Association of Junior Colleges, was the principal speaker for the Convocation Exercise. Dr. Bogue praised Charlotte College for her remarkable achievement and predicted, "that if you can get the right kind of a college plant and the right kind of support, 10 years from now you will be far more amazed at what you have done than you are tonight." Dr. Bogue noted that Charlotte College students were using the classrooms and facilities of Central High School and pointed out the value of a campus to college students. He said, "When a junior college has its own campus and plant, there is a decided change in the atmosphere and in student achievement. I've seen it happen before and it will happen to you here."

A community college like Charlotte College is not a college that people have to leave home to attend. It is a college that goes to the people. It permits the people of our area to continue their educations in the area in which they live and work.

Community junior colleges have been used very successfully in California as a bridge between high school and college. They are supported by the public school system and are free to students who maintain a good scholastic average in high school. One of the major obstacles to many North Carolinians who wish to attend college is the cost. A college near home can save a student up to \$600 per year because the expenses of room and board are eliminated. A community college in Corpus Christi, Texas, offers college educations to students for as little as \$100 per year.

Geography also plays an important part in the education of a student. According to a 1949 survey by the Minnesota Commission on Higher Education: "One-fourth of our young people who live within 10 miles of a college are attending college the first year after they graduate from high school. But among the youth who live more than 25 miles from a college the ratio is one in seven."

Charlotte College, having demonstrated her right to exist, is looking forward to the next stage of her development—that of being a PERMANENT addition to the educational institutions of this area. While the General Assembly is considering the legislation that will give Charlotte College the necessary operating and building funds, local efforts should be made to acquire the site for a campus. Charlotte College has proved her value to the people of North Carolina; now is the time for the people to show their appreciation by giving Charlotte College the funds she needs and deserves.

Parking Is A Privilege

A few months ago Student Council took up the problem of disorderly parking in the parking area behind the college. It was decided at that time that steps to eliminate or restrict parking in that area would have to be taken if the disorderly and overloaded situation continued to exist. Before action was taken, the situation cleared up. No further action was required.

Now the situation has arisen again. Broken tail lights and scraped fenders are its most prominent signs, but other problems are created by this situation. If a fire occurred behind the college, it would be hard for the firemen to reach the area; personal safety is also jeopardized when some drivers (because they do not have room enough to turn their cars around) have to back blindly into heavily traveled Elizabeth Avenue.

The only solution to the problem, if we persist in believing that life is so short that there is no time for courtesy or the respect of others' rights, is to mark off the lot into designated parking areas and tow off all offenders.

"It Is Not Popular To Be A Christian"

By Merle Taylor

Where is your heart? Is it toward Almighty God, or does it take you in the direction of the acts of the world? Only two in the whole universe know your heart—you and God. This is the counsel David gave Solomon: "Know the God of your father and serve him with a complete heart and with a delightful soul, for all hearts Jehovah is searching and every inclination of the thoughts he is discerning. If you search for him he will let himself be found by you forever." (I Chron. 29:9.)

In Romans Chapter One, verses 18 to 32, the apostle discusses ungodliness and unrighteousness. The world of today has a greater capacity for covetousness, envy, strife, deceit, and murder than that of the apostle. The fruits of discord are now being gathered in all parts of the earth.

Evil conditions are a product of wrong thinking. Certainly it is wrong thinking if a person considers himself fulfilling his obligations to God if he devotes only one hour (Sunday morning) to worship activity. The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. reported recently that 100,162,529 persons belong to some 258 religious bodies in the United States. Church membership was up 2.8%. But look on the other side of the ledger. The F. B. I. said, at the same time, that major crimes were up 14.4% the first six months of 1956. Over 2,000,000 major crimes per year for five years. An important question: Is Christendom's religion helping America or the world?

Materialism has advanced rapidly and strongly into many religions. How many persons pray "Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven" and actually mean it? Many persons do not want the kingdom. Would it not end their private code of ethics and morals? A Christian does not lead two lives—one public, the other private. "But do you have this idea, O man, while you judge those who practice such things and yet you do them, that you will escape the judgment of God?" (Rom. 2:1-3.)

It is not popular to be a Christian. Your conduct will disapprove of the conduct of the larger number, your interests will differ with those of the majority, and your principles will prevent you from approving of the convenient morality of most individuals. People may admire your stand, others may hate you for it, but popularity will not accrue. The apostles and disciples were not popular. We could hardly hope to fare better.

Where is your heart? Are you giving God exclusive devotion? Are you seeking first the Kingdom? Are you growing in spiritual maturity? Do the answers to these questions apply to your daily lives? Are you busy with the affairs of the world? Are you devoting all your time to getting security through material wealth? Modern conveniences could be time savers instead of time consumers.

"Store up for yourself treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:19-21.)

from the night owl



Charles Couch

Pet Peeve of the Week: people who park their cars so that they block others. The common thought seems to be, "I'm almost late to class, and I probably won't be blocking anybody who has to get out, so why not?" I have been blocked twice in the last week, and I have heard comments from others who have been in the same predicament.

Congratulations to our director for being selected "Woman of the Year." There couldn't have been a more deserving person. Miss Cone has worked hard for Charlotte College. I am sure I speak for the entire student body when I say, "Thanks, and congratulations."

I have often wondered how Miss Markham keeps smiling during rainy weather.

All geography students are looking forward with gleeful anticipation to the field trip to Washington, D. C. Should be another in the long line of "Dr. Heck's Hilarious Escapades." Included in the agenda is a trip to the Smithsonian Institute to study old bones and skulls.

Ann McRorie has been seen carrying a book around with her the last few days. Wonder what the name was?

CC Bulletin Board

Congratulations . . .
To MR. and MRS. VANN SISTARE on the birth of a daughter.

Listen to . . .
MERWIN FOARD who will sing the role of Falstaff in Nicolai's "The Merry Wives of Windsor," to be given tonight at Ovens Auditorium by the Charlotte Opera Association.

The Staff . . .
Joins with the Student Body in extending their deepest sympathy to BILLY STEWART on the death of his father.

You Can Expect . . .
EARNEST PREVATTE back next quarter. He will have completed his tour of duty by then and expects to re-enroll here at C. C.

We Hope That . . .
LEONARD HOWELL who has had to withdraw from C. C. because of an injury will soon be back.

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No, I'm not an imbecile; I know how to spell. But I understand that not everyone is reading my club's column; so I have decided on this catchy title—just read it backwards. Hey, don't stop! You may find something that interests you.

The first Rho Gamma Alpha meeting of the winter quarter was held at the home of the vice-president last month. A Constitutional Committee was appointed by the president in order that such a document be drawn up to secure the permanence of Charlotte College's only sorority. Pins will be decided upon at the next meeting on March 2nd. (RGA gals please note that date.) Since almost everybody likes hamburgers, a hamburger supper was served. (If you ever need anyone to fix hamburgers, Jane Anne makes plain ole' hamburgers taste like filet mignon.) Mrs. Hoyle and Merle Reynolds carried on a hot debate over "What is Elvis Presley?" The RGA members still haven't decided who won the argument and are still wondering "What." The Rho Gamma Alpha wishes to take this opportunity to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hinson for their behind-the-scenes assistance and co-operation in helping to make this meeting possible.

The Charlotte College Choir is now in the process of planning three programs for assemblies. The first will be a musicale for the entertainment of the student body. The choir will also provide a musical background for the Easter program in April. During the commencement, the chorus will make its final and greatest performance of the school year.

Four of the members in the FTA broadcasted on radio, Tuesday night. Ann McRorie, Nancy Fisher, Loretta Young, and Jane Anne Carmichael — all assistants in the special education classes in the city schools — told of their work and experiences in this type of teaching. You're doing a grand job, girls, keep it up.

Officers in the Spanish Club were elected last month. They are as follows: Johnny Craig, president; Brona Foster, secretary-treasurer; and Charles Furman, program chairman.

The Spanish Club started out with a bang this quarter. The seniors and senioritas met at the home of their adviser, Mrs. Hoyle; and the entire meeting was held with a background of Spanish music. Five of the members presented a lively dramatic production centered around a Spanish cafe. Here's the play in brief: Charles Furman, el inglés (the Englishman) enters the cafe with a hat on his head sup-
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