

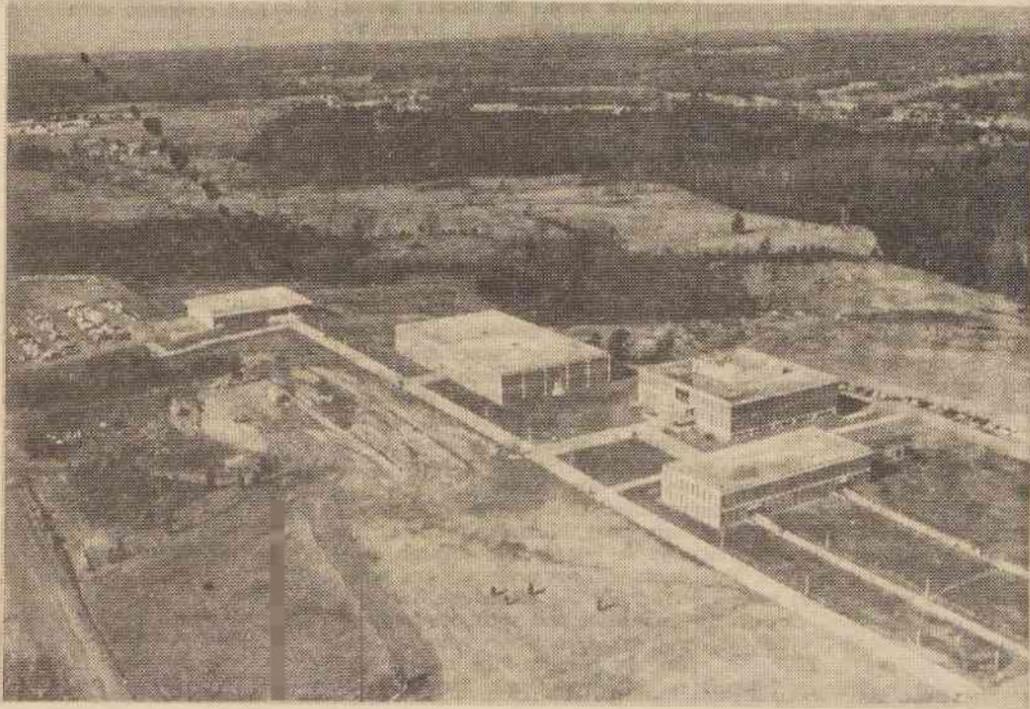
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Books For Library

Library Week Here

April 12-18, National Library Week, has as its slogan, "Reading is the Key". But Charlotte College, because of small numbers of books in the library, has as its own slogan, "Books for the Library".

During National Library Week, a table will be placed in the middle of the Library for students and faculty members to donate several of their unwanted books to the Books for the Library drive. Dr. George Abernathy Jr. of the Faculty Library Committee said, "The faculty response is encouraging. It is the students' library and it should be up to the students to contribute a book or a book. CC Students can also mention it to their friends, relatives, and acquaintances."

The reason for the Books for the Library drive has always been with Charlotte College. That is, not enough books because of a lack of Library planning during the College's first stages. According to the American Library Association, a college or university with 1,000 enrolled students should have 50,000 books in its library and 10,000 more for every additional 200 students. So CC, in order to meet ALA's standards, needs twice as many books as it will have at the end of this semester. The N. C. General Assembly is now budgeting money for books, but this is considered inadequate by the college administration. But, there is no specific source to make up for the Library's deficits. There is where "Friends of the Library" come in. "Friends of the Library" are book-and education-minded benefactors. Thus, Books for the Library is an obvious start at fulfilling the Library's book deficit.

The American Association of University women has given the Charlotte College Library a check for \$200. In addition, the AAUW will conduct a drive among its membership and among citizens of the community. Members and citizens of the community are asked to scan the bookshelves for volumes suitable for a college library. Reading is the key, and the CC Library has the readers. What it needs now are books, books, and more books.

Decline Of The Sex Frontier

The Sex Frontier in fiction has been so thoroughly exploited through the release of the works of D. H. Lawrence and Henry Miller, among others, to the American reading public, that sex has been taken just about as far as it can go on the printed page.

Today's authors are beginning to realize that sex, as a fictive element, is a broken crutch—In short, that it is no longer, by and of itself, sensational.

Jesse Hill Ford is one of the few newcomers to fiction who believes this decline signals a trend towards a fresh vision of comedy in American fiction, a comedy rooted in the tradition of the vigorous New World. Taking his own works, themselves prize examples of the new buoyance and comic release in thoughtful fiction. He gets at the origins of the new trend in delightful scenes from the novel, the short story, and the drama.

Heard Jesse Hill Ford discuss this trend in the lecture which kicks off our Annual Spring Weekend, Friday, April 17, 10:20 A.M., in the Library Auditorium. Mr. Ford will also be available for individual discussion during the Informal Coffee Hour, Friday, April 17, from 2 to 4 P.M., in the College Union, room 206.

CU Parking Lot Study In Black Is Completed

By Joe Williamson

The rut-filled rockpile behind the College Union has finally become a respectable parking lot. Students were pleasantly surprised on April 6, Monday morning, when they arrived at college to find a smooth black asphalt driveway and lot, where before there had been only tire-piercing gravel.

Mr. Kenneth Batchelor, Business Manager for the College, said in an interview that the lot was paved from necessity, since the road was continually washing way, and had to be graded and refilled. Money for the paving came from funds owned by the school before it became a state-owned institution. The job cost a little over \$25,000.

Work on the lot and driveway was completed on Friday, April 3, just in time for classes the following Monday. The contractor was Crowder Construction Company. When asked about the parking lot, Mr. Batchelor said that there is not enough money at present for the job. The college has applied for a loan from the State, but the application has not yet been approved. The money from this loan, according to Mr. Batchelor, will also help to pay for expansion of the College Union lot when the Union building addition is completed. The loan will be partially supplemented by the increased Student Activity Fee.

Further expected additions to the Union lot are speedbreaks and a YIELD sign for the intersection of the driveway and the road.

Commissioners Decide Donate 520 Acres

The County Commissioners approved unanimously Tuesday, April 7, the gift of 520 acres of land to Charlotte College, subject to ratification by the General Assembly next year.

If the assembly does not ratify the gift, or if the college does not carry out the terms of the ratification, the land will revert to the county.

If commissioners determine at any time that any part of the land is not being used for educational purposes, it will revert to the county also.

The college will use the county land which lies along U. S. 29N in putting together a 1,500-acre tract which it feels necessary for the university it hopes to become. A special committee from the Consolidated University of North Carolina is studying the college's bid for university status, and it was felt that the land donation would have a favorable affect on the committee's recommendations. The gift brings the total now to 917 acres. The remainder is expected to come from a donation by a college trustee and by additional purchases.

The land is valued at one million dollars.

The land immediately surrounding Green Acres, the county-owned home for the aged, is not in the donation.

Monday's unanimous decision by the commissioners gave college officials clear-cut demonstration of the community's official enthusiasm for Charlotte College and its future.

The action ends about two years of discussions between college and county officials over the feasibility and legality of the gift.

Earlier this year, commissioners decided to give the land outright, then called a November 3 referendum to insure its legality, and finally decided once again on the outright gift after it was determined that a referendum would not legally be held for at least a year.

College officials expressed relief and delight at the decision. "The action today", said Miss Bonnie Cone, "recognizes the importance of this institution to our people and will help enable Charlotte College to assume its prospective role of a campus of the university".

Preyer Is Here Today

Judge Richardson Preyer, Democratic candidate for governor of North Carolina will be on campus Monday, April 13th. He will speak in room 206 of the coffee hour will follow, with dising sponsored by Charlotte College Students for Preyer. Judge Preyer's speech will last from 10:20 until 10:40. An informal coffee hour will follow, with discussion until 11:00.

College Trustees Name Library For Atkins

The Charlotte College trustees have voted to name the school library in honor of the late J. Murrey Atkins. Mr. Atkins, chairman of the trustees and a former member of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Board of Education, died last December.

The trustees unanimously voted to name the building the "J. Murrey Atkins Library", and to have an official dedication in the near future. It was announced that the Dickson Foundation had donated \$5,000 to Charlotte College to be used for educational purposes, and as memorial to Mr. Atkins. Mr. Atkins was president of the investment firm of R. S. Dickson and Co.

As an area business and social leader, Atkins served as city councilman, as chairman of the former city school board, and as a director of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. He had also been a member of the Board of Governors of the Investment Bankers Association and District Chairman of the American Securities Dealers Association.

Governor Terry Sanford, Mayor Stan Brookshire, and many others praised Atkins' many contributions to the community he loved.

Said Sanford: "Murrey Atkins earned his reputation as a successful businessman, a strong supporter of education, and a civic leader. The Charlotte area and the entire state benefited from his work. For years to come, the students at Charlotte College will be beneficiaries of his efforts."

Mayor Brookshire expressed his feelings this way: "In the death of J. Murrey Atkins, Charlotte lost one of its finest citizens... an outstanding leader who placed service to his community above self-interest. He will be greatly missed in the business, civic, and church affairs of our city."

Bulletin! Constitution Defeated

A Special Student Council Meeting has been called for 10:30 A. M., Monday. It seems that the Referendum will be declared void... watch for results.

Student Activity Fees Are Itemized

By Nina Castles

Student activity fees, at the present time, are set at 16-dollars for the first semester and 11-dollars for the second semester.

In the first semester, 5-dollars out of the 16 is used, not to operate the College Union, but to pay for furniture and equipment. The student council receives 6-dollars which it uses for activities such as athletics, concerts, lectures, and social events. The remaining 5-dollars is for the publication of the Charlotte College annual.

Again, in the second semester, 5-dollars out of the 11 is to pay for furniture and equipment, leaving 6-dollars for the student council activity fee.

Beginning with next semester, students will pay a first semester fee of 13-dollars, no part of which is earmarked for any particular activity such as the annual. The second semester fee will be 7-dollars, making a yearly total

of 20-dollars.

In addition to this 20-dollars, students will pay a separate fee of another 20-dollars. This fee will be the sole source of payment for a new addition to the College Union. The cost of the addition will be \$572,000. Annual payments of \$40,000 must be made on the loan. Assuming an enrollment of 2,000 students, this amounts to 20-dollars per student.

The Charlotte College Board of Trustees approved this raise in fees reluctantly, realizing the burden it will place on the students. However, no state appropriation money is available for building the addition.

The addition to the College Union will increase the present area of 24,000 sq. ft. to 60,000 sq. ft. It will include a cafeteria that will seat 436 people, allowing the present cafeteria to be converted completely to a snack (Continued on Page 2)