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## Five File For SGA President



JOHN SCOTT

### John Scott

I, John Scott, a candidate for president of the student legislature and an interested student and council representative, believe that there is an urgent need for reform in our present student government at Charlotte College. I feel that these reforms must be dealt with now if the student government is to fulfill its purpose and meet the demands of a growing senior college.

First of all, I do want to make it known that I am supporting the new constitution as it now stands amended as of April 13. It is a sound and workable document. However, I am strongly in favor of including a bill of student rights in our present constitution, which would define the rights and responsibilities of every student in relation to his fellow students and to the college. Furthermore, I am for increased class representation in the student council.

I am for a basic honor code at Charlotte College; however, I do not feel that the proposed code satisfies our needs at this college. I am against the proposed code because it does not have a system of higher appeal; it has placed the burden of proof on the accused, and it can render only one punishment for any and all violations, that is, expulsion from school.

In the student council, as a sophomore representative, I voted against the council's recommendation to raise the total activity fees from \$16.00 to \$23.00 for next fall. I firmly believe that this increase is particularly unfair to our night students, who, if taking one course, will have to pay more money in activity fees than in tuition. Furthermore, our night students seldom have the opportunity to benefit from our day-time social programs, yet they are required to pay the same social fee as everyone else. If elected I will do everything within the power of the office of president to bring about a move reasonable social activity fee!

NOW is also the time for the student legislature to exercise tighter control over its financial budget. If student money is only allocated to those campus organizations and events having definite purposes that will benefit the college as a whole, I am sure we can keep the activity fee at a minimum.

In closing I urge all students, who are not satisfied with the way things are being run by our present student council, to vote for some new blood to fill these offices. If your views are compatible with mine and if you are interested in seeing these important reforms and better government come to this college, give me your full support!



MARTIN RICHEK



GEORGE SIMPSON

### George Simpson

The time has come once again when you the students will elect those persons whom you wish to represent you during the coming year.

While announcing my candidacy for president of the student body, I would like first of all to introduce myself to those of you who may not be acquainted with me. I am a rising senior, majoring in English. I am now Junior-Class President and Chairman of the Special Activities Committee of Student Council. I hope to meet each of you and to answer any questions you may have concerning my platform, beliefs, or qualifications.

(1) If elected president, I shall strive to work as a liaison between students and administration or faculty.

(2) Since I do not believe in the Spoils System of government, I shall do everything in my power to see that this system is not used in the student government.

(3) I shall endeavor to procure a more united council—as free from “cliques” as possible. In the past a great deal of legislation has been passed to please a small factor in the council rather than to please the student body. I shall try to keep this type of thing from occurring.

(4) I shall strive to see that each student gets something for each dollar he pays into the student council. There has been much thoughtless spending to benefit a few students in the past.

(5) I shall strive to keep friendships from influencing any decisions I might make; so if you are considering voting for me with some personal favor in mind, please do not vote for me. This does not mean however that I have a closed mind to advice or suggestions.

I realize the duties of president are not easy to perform, but if

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BOB ANDREWS



BOB SCHAEFFER

### Bob Schaeffer

As a candidate for President of the Student Legislature, I feel that I have an obligation to the students of Charlotte College to state the reasons why I am seeking this office. In my opinion a candidate should be motivated by a genuine desire to take on the responsibilities involved.

My foremost desire is to raise Charlotte College to a level of equal respect with other educational institutions in North Carolina. It is my belief that with hard work and good representation, this College can have a place in the minds of school officials, students, and the public equal to that of any other school in the state. Once this is accomplished, the benefits in terms of pride, gratification, and opportunities to the students of Charlotte College will more than make up for the work that goes into this.

I am equally interested in promoting better campus relations—especially between the student government and the student body which it represents. Included in my platform to promote better communication is a separate Student Legislature publication, a prominent posting of committee actions and issues before the legislature, recorded vote of the representatives, required class meetings, regular student surveys through questionnaires, and improved methods of obtaining student suggestions.

Part of my platform to im- begun. At their last meeting of the Student Council I introduced Amendment Into the new constitution which provides for election of night student representatives. I am also interested in the establishment of a girls service organization similar to the present all-male organizations. I also favor revision of student fees, making part mandatory and part optional, depending upon the particular situation and desires of the student.

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Nominations closed Wednesday night for the elected offices of the Executive Council of the Student Government Association. There are five nominees for the office of President, three for the office of Vice-President; and two for the office of Treasurer.

Nominees for President are: Robert Andrews, Martin Richek, Bob Schaeffer, John Scott, and George Simpson.

For the position of Vice President those nominated are: Manuel Kennedy, Kearney I. Smith, and Gus Psomadakis.

Judy Hardison, Carole Kennedy, and Linda Kincaid are competing for the office of Secretary.

The two nominees for Treasurer are J. Morris Spearman and Sid Llewellyn.

All campaign material must be placed on the bulletin boards on campus. Posters are not to exceed the size of 2- inches by 27 inches, and each candidate must

not have more than 15 posters on campus, Ethelyn McMillian is Chairman of the Publicity Committee.

The election qualifications are as stated in Section IV, Article III of the the Constitution. Section IV states.

a. A candidate for the Executive Council must have successfully completed at least 45 semester hours credit at any nationally accredited college or university.

b. A candidate must have successfully completed at least nine semester hours credit at Charlotte College during the semester immediately preceding the election.

c. A candidate must be carrying a minimum course loan of nine hours at Charlotte College at the time of election, and he must maintain this minimum course load during his term of office, except when only fewer than nine hours are needed to complete the chosen curriculum.

d. A candidate must have an overall scholastic average at Charlotte College of at least 2.0 at the time of election, and he must maintain an overall scholastic average of at least 2.0 at Charlotte College during this term of office.

### Bob Andrews

This candidate does not wish to make known his platform at this time.

## New Constitution Approved

By DAVE NANNEY  
Demonstrating their concern

### Martin Richek

At Charlotte College, Student Government can no longer be a game. It is a business. This year it was a \$20,000 Charlotte College Student Government, a very serious business. It would seem, then, that we, as students, owe it to ourselves to choose executives who have shown evidence of ability and interest.

The first rule of efficiency in business is specialization of duties. The College Union is the obvious center of, co-ordination for cultural, recreational, and social activities. At the same time, control of this large segment of campus life must remain in the proper hands—the hands of the student “stockholders.” I would propose, therefore, that the Executive members of the College Union be elected by the Student Body at large, and that the Student Legislature be continually informed of the Union's progress through the Student Legislature Liaison to the Governing Board.

We continually hear cries of “factionalism” in our Student Legislature. This may very well be true. But the reason for this “minority control”, is not found in any sore of corruption, nor is it found in that favorite of all college political issues, Student “Apathy.” The overwhelming majority of our students are not kept properly informed of actions of the Student Legislature. I propose a constant grinding out of news, both in detail and in eye-catching synopsis form, of all the events on and about our campus, and, especially, those concerning Student Government. It takes much more than posters and bulletins to keep our students properly informed. The members of the Student Legislature must themselves be active sources of campus news. The responsibility falls on the President more than anyone else. This calls for a president who has more than just a general knowledge of what is going on. It calls for a president who knows from first-hand experience what is happening on all levels of Student Government.

It would be foolish and irresponsible for me to attempt a “brief” solution to the various problems involved in the area of student rights and responsibilities. I will say that it is time to stop putting this matter off for the next administration to tackle. The next administration to solve this issue is this coming year. It is time we learned to progress instead of procrastinate.

for and obviously their confidence in the widely-discussed Constitution Referendum a whopping 85.6% of those who cast their ballot voted in favor of the revised edition. Only 72 students of the 484 who voted were opposed to the referendum, and in total almost fifty per cent of the student body voted.

Only a few days after the first version of the Constitution failed to be approved, a group of interested students met, discussed the weaknesses, and recommended changes in the former Constitution. The changes were (1) The new Constitution stipulates that class officers and council representatives shall take office on the same day before or on the first day of May. This change satisfied students who felt that the old Constitution did not prohibit perpetuation of membership. (2) The old Constitution made it necessary for the secretary and treasurer to have 45 hours to be qualified for election, thus making the sophomore actually a rising junior. (3) The old Constitution gave the President the power to appoint new officers to fill vacated offices with the approval of the Executive Council. The new Constitution stipulated that the vacancies of the Presidents shall be filled by election. (4) The old Constitution gave a vote to only the President of the class officers. The new one gives the vote to both Presidents and Vice-Presidents.

Other changes in the Constitution were stylistic.

“I am,” states newly-appointed elections chairman Bill Queen, “very proud of the forty students who made it possible for the election to come off so smoothly. The polls were attended at all times by two responsible students during the two days of the referendum.” The new elections committee is composed of Dennis Pressley, Susan Proctor, Dave Nanney, Alma Royster, Manuel Kennedy, Bob Schaeffer, Granville Broome, Laurie Auten, and Ben Horack. “Also,” says Bill, “I want to thank Gerald Broome, Joyce Pressley, Frank Swearington, Manuel Kennedy, Bob Schaeffer, Granville Broome, and Alma Royster for serving on the Counting Committee. They did an excellent job. Then there was Mrs. Gates who served as faculty representative.”

The new Elections Committee will be handling the upcoming Student Government elections.