

Editorial Revisited

Last year when the present Student Legislature was elected, an editorial, which voiced some doubt as to the capability of the new officers to fulfill some of their campaign promises appeared in the Collegian. The editorial is reprinted here in part to show that the doubts were justified; that this Student Legislature, despite what they may have said in order to get elected, is no different from the people they criticized.

In the runoff, John Scott, who has been referred to as the "leader of the fight against an unjust honor code", was voted into office as the President of the Executive Council of the Student Legislature. Since we have heard from John that he is in favor of some kind of an honor code, can we assume that as President, he will pursue the matter to completion, or were his words merely words?

Charlotte College functioned under an Honor System until the 1958-59 school year. At that time, it was felt by students and student leaders alike that the system in effect put too much authority into the hands of students, for under that system, the Student Council had the "responsibility for trial and recommendation for punishment". Since that year, Article Eight of the Constitutions which have been written and rewritten has not varied. For the past six years, Article Eight has appeared as the Supreme Student Law which states, "Present Laws and Rules to continue in effect." While the Student Government Association languished for want of a system and code of honor, the several councils came and went with annual regularity, always recognizing the problem, but never realizing a solution. Last year, it was thought that the end was in sight. The framework of a Code of Conduct was proposed, discussed, and approved for a referendum vote during the fall of this year. Through some quirk of the legislative process, however, the approved code was studiously ignored by this year's Student Council, and they set up their own committee which then drew up the ill-fated document which was a product of the few for the judgment of the many. This year's proposed Honor Code was defeated, and justly so, by the students.

And so, we have come full circle. With all of the above in mind, fact and question, we who do have the knowledge of the past and an eye to the future can only ask, "In light of past years, can we truthfully expect that "new blood" will not produce new versions of old problems? Can we honestly expect people who are not even familiar with the procedural process to grasp the concept of democratic government? May we expect them to cope with these problems and give the students and the college the concise, coherent type of Honor Code which is needed?

Since May 20 when the new legislature took office, they have shown no inclination to take action on a problem which has been too long left hanging. As of September 22 there was no mention in the legislature minutes of an Honor Code. No one moved that a committee be set up to study the problem. No one moved that a committee be set up to analyse our own particular needs and begin to draw up an Honor Code. Of the last thirty-five motions made on business before the legislature, fourteen of them have been made by the President of the legislature, John Scott, the very person who should lead the legislature in the consideration of major issues. But for some reason, the Honor Code is still studiously ignored by the leaders of the student body. There are provisions in the constitution for a student judiciary but as of yet the judiciary has nothing to enforce. Perhaps the student body as well as the student leaders should be reminded of Article 4, Section 7 of the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Charlotte College. This section provides a solution to the problem of elected officers who do not perform their duties to the expectation of the student body. The people elected to the offices must keep the covenant of faith with the people who elected them. If they do not they must be kept mindful of their duties by those whom they govern.

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Open Letters

Dear Editor:

We feel that special recognition is due our Freshman Advisory Council for an excellent performance during the formal orientation work and, especially, during the registration days.

Our sincere thanks go to the F.A.C. Chairman, Ray Soll; Co-chairman, Ann McMillan. Under their leadership, the 65 members of FAC provided us with an orderly, well-planned class registration and aid to the Freshmen and New Students for which we owe them a debt of gratitude.

Sincerely yours,
John D. Scott, President
Gus Psomadakis, Vice-Pres.
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Dear Editor:

We want to express our sincere appreciation on behalf of the Student Government Association for the excellent work done by the Handbook Committee. Due to the efforts of Henry Stinson, the Chairman, Miss English, and the other members of this committee, we were fortunate in having the Handbook completed in ample time to permit its being mailed to all of our new students. This was particularly significant in that it gave the new students some insight into the life that lay before them at Charlotte College in advance of the formal orientation program.

We hope this practice will continue in the years to come.

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Edits

To the new students at Charlotte College we extend the hand of welcome. To the incoming freshmen, not only the hand of welcome but a touch of envy. You will be the first class to go through Charlotte College while it has a full four year program in operation.

CC is yet but a new-born child, growing quickly, but still just a little unsure of itself and susceptible to change. You come to a campus that is twisted and torn by the birth-throes of the new buildings which you see being completed now, and it is unlikely that campus will be rid of the noise of heavy equipment for many years to come, for it has far to grow.

Each of you in your own way will help shape what will soon be the brightest star in the field of education in North Carolina. Each move you make, even if you do nothing, will in some way determine what future students will find when they first come to Charlotte College even as you are now doing.

So we offer you the hand of welcome, and we also offer you the burdensome but happy load of continuing the job that we have begun and in due time; passing it on, hopefully a little more finished than when you received it, to a new and younger group of Charlotte College students. We offer you our help and we ask your help.
Best of luck, Class of 1968.

DEBATING CLUB All students interested in training for the Charlotte College Debating team should be present at 2:00 p.m., Friday, Oct. 9, in C.U. 210. The club also sponsors a publication called the Tete a Tete for members who wish to express themselves in writing as well as orally.

Dear Reader

Dear Reader:

Welcome to vw's second year at Charlotte College. This is his sophomore year. He will never have a senior year. No vw carries enough weight to be considered more than a junior.

For those of you who are new here, vw is a beetle. As a journalist, he is a protege of Donald Robert Perry Marquis' "archy the cockroach." In much the same manner as archy, vw painfully hammers out his sometimes-rhymed but always deathless prose by climbing to the top of my typewriter and diving, headfirst, onto each key. Perhaps this fulfills his sense of the necessity of suffering to an artist, because he tells me the headaches are ferocious. Needless to say, the struggling little beetle is too much of a featherweight to depress the shift-lock key, so all his work is in lower case lettering. We won't mention the inherent laziness which prevents his using punctuation.

Sincerely yours,
Martin D. Richek, Personal Manager
vw the beetle

Dear Boss

i offer my kingdom
small though it be
for a place to park
small though it be
within 100 miles
of overcrowded c c

say fella
if you are reading this
in the cafeteria
please remember
to clean off your table
this time
that is
if you can read

one always wonders
about the mentality
of a pig

pigs
at least
are usually honest

and by the way
welcome to c c

ch
and if you are reading this
in the library
please remember
to check out that book
before you leave with it
this time

sophomorically' yours
vw the beetle

postscript

it really doesn't matter
what you say at gettysburg
mr lincoln
just get that golf course
dedication
zeroxed in time
for the final edition

vw

Open Letters

Dear Students:

This year we are trying to publish the best Si Si that Charlotte College has ever seen, and we need the help of many students to accomplish this.

If you would like to work on the annual, and are willing to give a great deal of time and effort to the job, we would like to invite you to attend a get-acquainted meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 11:30 a.m. in the College Union, room 210. The exact meeting room will be posted at a later date.

If you cannot make it to this meeting, leave your name, address, and phone number on a list at the College Union Information Desk. Also indicate what, if any, experience you have had in working with annuals.

Looking forward to seeing you,
—1964 Si Si Staff

1500 Students

There are approximately 1,500 students enrolled at Charlotte College. Of these 1,500, 1,491 are not members of the Collegian staff.

The newspaper urgently needs new staff members—experienced typists, writers, proofreaders and reporters. People with no previous experience who are eager to learn are also welcomed.

Those students who do not wish to join the staff, but wish to contribute material may leave editorials, letters to the editor, and other articles at the College Union desk.

Dear FACers:

We want to take this opportunity to tell you that, without your cooperation in the Orientation program and Registration, our preparational plan could not have been carried out. We have had many compliments from everyone concerned about your obvious interest and willingness to work.

We cannot say enough to express the pride we share in your attitude, which kept you going under the pressure you were asked to bear for six long days and nights. It is this type of student attitude that will strengthen the unity of our college.

No one had to be told that you went out of your way to be helpful. It showed. No one had to be told that you came and asked for a job to do when you found yourself without work. It showed.

Your time was what we asked of you and in return we received not only time but also enthusiasm.

Ray Soll and Ann McMillan
Thank you,

FACULTY COLLOQUIUM To take advantage of the abundant talent for discussion inherent in a faculty community, the DISTAFF CLUB of Charlotte College is sponsoring for members of the faculty, their wives or husbands, the first FACULTY COLLOQUIUM on Friday, Oct. 16, at 8:00 p.m. in the C.U.

Dr. Donald M. Freeman will speak on his (eyewitness) view of the 1964 Democratic National Convention. Dr. Robert M. Wallace will preside at the meeting, and coffee will be served.