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my direction and fleetingly wondered if anyone would be hurt by this moving sea of humanity. Suddenly, I was pushed through the exit gate and was once more free. I made my dash for the North Carolina bus and nervously awaited the long ride back to the hotel.

Disillusioned, Distressed

Since nothing catastrophic occurred to me or to the convention during the first session, my fears were somewhat allayed and I looked forward to the remaining sessions with real anticipation.

I came from the convention experience disillusioned and distressed by two things particularly. First, I was disillusioned with the news media—noting how they sought and reported violence and dissension. Upon viewing on television an incident I had witnessed, I was appalled by the bias, innuendos, and so forth provided by the reportorial staff. In my judgment, the news media prepared the public for disorder and violence and relentlessly pursued any indication of same. The newsmen and cameras constantly attended the dissenting delegations. Scuttlebutt had it that the youthful dissenters were told to go into action only if cameras were turned on them. From what I witnessed, this rumor seemed fact.

I saw many pictures of police "cracking" heads but not one picture of a tired, harassed policeman standing his lonely vigil on an overpass. I saw a plethora of pictures of angry, defiant, shouting people but not one of the people of all ages lining our route of travel carrying American flags, holding friendly placards, and waving.

Actually, I could not understand anyone's blaming the Chicago police. The protesters had been training in Grant Park for at least two weeks in judo tactics and practicing with bars which the Japanese use for crashing police lines. The news media had covered this activity. With this large group moving into the city, actively training, and announcing that they intended to disrupt proceedings, I honestly cannot see what other course of action was open to the police.

Furthermore, with thousands of police and civilians in Chicago for the convention, only a few were involved in the disorder. From the attention devoted to it by the newsmen, however, one would think the city was filled with such activity.

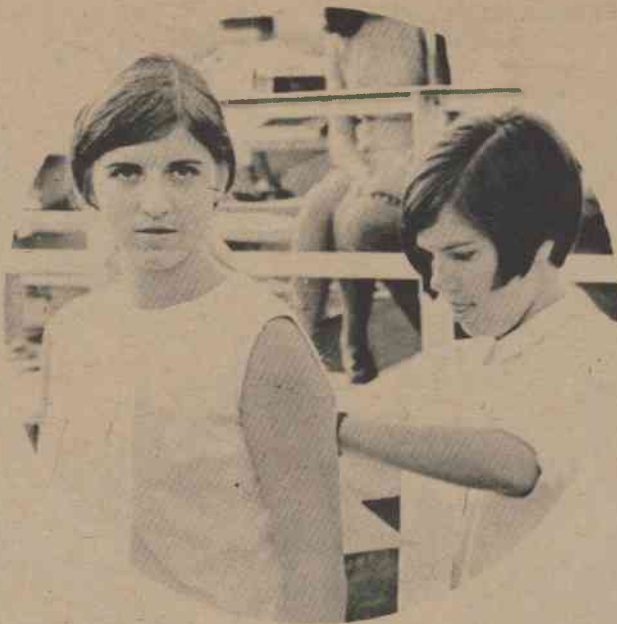
"Senseless"

One senseless thing to me that these "young" people did was dropping tissues dipped in vituric acid in the lobbies of many of the hotels in the Loop. My last morning in Chicago, I went by the Conrad Hilton (Democratic Headquarters) and I can attest to the utterly vile odor that permeated the building.

There were police and "yippies" that morning in the Conrad Hilton. As I watched them I saw no evidence of real animosity. As the police marched by, I saw the "yippies" lift their hands in the victory sign and utter a few good-natured "oinks". Many of the police winked back in acknowledgement.

In my judgment, the young people were deliberately led into the courses of action they pursued by a maybe "not so young" group of revolutionaries. The distressing thing to me is pondering the possible ultimate goal of these hard-core dissenters.

The second most distressing



Lending a helping hand

A member of the Bravettes, Chowan's precision marching team, pins a number on her friend prior to trying out for the team recently.

thing of the convention was witnessing first-hand what an organized minority can do. There were only four really dissenting delegations out of the fifty-odd, but this well-organized minority almost disrupted proceedings completely. From my vantage point I could see a member from Wisconsin rise, give a signal, and the four groups and their companions in the galleries would go into action as if as one. That same leader could lift a hand and quiet would be restored.

Small Minority

When votes were tallied, this seemed unwilling to accept the results. It is alarming to note what a small, well-organized, dedicated minority can do; and, I hate to accept the fact that a minority can destroy the rights and will of the majority.

Lighter Sides

There were lighter sides to the convention surely. It was exciting to attend Paul Newman's tea for Mrs. McCarthy. It was also exciting to see him in action on the convention floor. Three things I remember about him: he wore white socks to the tea; he has the bluest eyes blue eyes imaginable; and he said that he is opposed to the Vietnam War because he is the father of six.

It was also an interesting experience to attend a social gathering for the Humphreys and to see all of them as a family. It was satisfying to me to get so close to McCarthy and McGovern (while listening to them speak) that I could scrutinize their mannerisms and study their facial expressions. McCarthy arranged the corners of his papers endlessly and looked downward much of the time. Humphrey I saw only on the last night. I sat in the press section to his left. With my binoculars I could follow his speech as he delivered it, noting his deletions and additions.

Name Personalities

Everywhere I went I encountered name personalities from the news media, the entertainment world, and the realm of politics—Pearl Mesta, Sonny of Sonny and Cher, Peter and Mary of Peter, Paul, and Mary, Eddie Fisher, Governor Connally, Mayor Daley, Pierre Salinger, Ted Sorenson and Julian Bond to mention a few.

In addition to activities at the amphitheater, much was going on in the North Carolina delegation. Senator Irwin Belk gave a breakfast and all of the North

Carolina Democratic politicians, past and present, were in attendance. It was good to see these people and to talk with many of them privately. I attended caucuses of the North Carolina group and some of them became quite heated—particularly the one prior to the seating of the North Carolina delegation at the convention. Within our own group we had a candidate for the presidency (Governor Moore) and of the front-runners for vice-president (former Governor Terry Sanford). Their names appeared alternately on the marquee outside the hotel. Also, in our hotel with the D. C. delegation was Channing Phillips, another nominee for president. At the Holiday Inn next door was Senator Muskie. The morning before the vice-presidential candidate was announced, television trucks were very much in evidence as cameras were set up in our lobby and in the Holiday Inn in anticipation of the announcement.

I am indeed appreciative of my signal opportunity of attending a national convention. Witnessing American democracy in action was a thrilling experience for me. At times I thought of Aristotle and his admonitions about uncontrolled democracy and seriously wondered if that is the brand of democracy we are really experiencing. At times I knew fear, at times I was depressed by what I witnessed, but mostly I was mesmerized completely by the men and the events. I would not have relinquished one moment at this most unconventional convention.

Many try-out for play

Try-outs for "Life with Father" proved to be a smashing success. Many Chowan students came out on Sept. 18 and 19 and demonstrated some sort of performing talent. Those who came had a real fun evening.

No barriers were set and much adlibbing was done. The skyness of the weeks before disappeared, the self-doubt was erased and confidence and some poise was replaced.

The father in "Life With Father" is a stubborn, and domineering old man. The mother is passive and builds father's ego up every chance she gets. The kids do their own thing, (only when father isn't around). They respect and worship him.

It certainly isn't like the

Chinese student enjoys atmosphere at Chowan

By TOMMY GARNER

Victor Daniel Wu Wan Tak comes to Chowan College from Hong Kong, B. C. This is his second trip to the United States. The first trip was on his way to Hong Kong from Buenos Aires, Argentina where he was born and lived with his family until the age of ten.

At that time Victor's parents thought it would be best for him to be brought up with a good Chinese background, thus they moved back to Hong Kong where Victor's father went into the import-export business.

It is interesting to note that Victor's grandfather was the first Chinese to ever live in Buenos Aires. He ran an antique shop.

People are friendly

When asked about living in Argentina, Victor said the people were very friendly and that he hoped to return there some day as an agriculture major and settle down for the rest of his life.

As for living in Hong Kong, he said it isn't like a lot of western people think. It is just like a lot of American cities, with just about the same problems.

Victor returned to the U. S. two months ago to attend Chowan College. Before coming to Chowan, he and 170 other youths representing five Asian countries went on a two-month grand tour of the United States by bus, taking in most of our big cities.

Victor said he even got to live



VICTOR D. WU WAN TAK

with an honest-to-goodness Indian while in New Mexico.

"Sing out Asia"

The tour of the United States was sponsored by the "Up With People" program and was called "Sing Out Asia." Victor says he really enjoyed the trip and met a lot of friendly and interesting people.

He concluded the interview by saying, "I am really grateful to all of the people here at Chowan who have lent me a helping hand when I first arrived. It helped a great deal in making me feel at ease here at my new school. I look forward to my school year and in meeting new friends."

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dramatist and journalist.

The role of "Clarence" will be acted by Charles Melville Weston, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Weston of 807 Erich Road, Richmond, Va., who is better known to campus friends as "Mel. He is preparing to be an architect.

Otho "Grant" Upchurch, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Upchurch of Rt. 2, Chapel Hill, will be Clarence's brother, John. Upchurch is a varsity tennis player at Chowan.

Hugh Lewis, son of Dean of Students and Mrs. R. Clayton Lewis, is a junior high school student who will play one of the juvenile roles as "Winthrop" and the other role—that of "Harlow" is double cast with Henry Revelle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Revelle, Jr., of 503 Woodridge Drive, Murfreesboro, and Warren Taylor, son of Fr. and Mrs. R. Hargus Tahlor of 212 College St., Murfreesboro,

alternating performances of the role.

A high school student from nearby Northampton County High School won for himself the role of "Dr. Lloyd." He is Frank Davies. Chowan College students will perform as two other "doctory" in the drama with David Andrew Mashaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mashaw of 4509 Powells Point Drive, Virginia Beach, Va., being "Dr. Humphreys" and Lawrence Richard Shears, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Shears of 24 Spencer Road, Somerset, N. J., acting as "Dr. Somers." Both of these Chowan students have performed in Broadway-type musicals and have varied backgrounds of acting experience.

Freddie Elizabeth House, better known to many campus friends as "Libby," will be seen as the family's cook—"Margaret." A student in Chowan College's unique 33-month program of education for nursing, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. House of 501 North Taylor St., Rocky Mount. Former stage appearances for her include a starring role in "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes."

Pamela Dale Willard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Willard of Rt. 5, Frederick, Md., will be "Annie." She is an active journalist and singer who has starred in three serious dramas.

Donna Sue Tolson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Tolson of 6915 Clifton Road, Clifton, Va., is a talented choral performer who will be seen as "Delia."

Wanda Joyce Monts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Monts of Rt. 1, Irmo, S. C., is an active athlete and dramatist who will perform as "Nora."

The role of "Maggie" will be performed by Linda Carol Caldwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Leo Caldwell of 4518 Welford Ave., Richmond, Va.