

Whitaker describes trip to Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong

By PAULINE ROBINSON

To the surprise of many students on campus Dr. Whitaker, president of Chowan, has recently returned from a trip which carried him across the world dateline twice.

This year's America Association of Junior Colleges, of which Chowan's a member, met in Honolulu, Hawaii March 1-6. An adjunct to this association, the National Council of two year colleges of which Whitaker is on the board of directors also met during his stay in Honolulu. Whitaker is a consultant for this new organization and has worked with the AAJC in developing a junior college in Kentucky, Georgia, and Kittrell College here in North Carolina.

With a note of disappointment Whitaker explained that he did not get a chance to go sight-seeing at all in Hawaii. He explained he was late in arriving and was kept quite busy upon arrival.

On March 6 Dr. Whitaker and 22 other college presidents and educators left Hawaii on a special educational mission sponsored by the AAJC to Japan and Hong Kong.

In Japan he visited a number of colleges, universities, private and public schools. An interesting fact the president mentioned was that 70 per cent of those in college were enrolled in private ones whereas here in the United States that same percentage are in public colleges.

He explained that the educational system was quite different from ours and is not nearly as developed. Speaking of both Kyoto and Tokyo, where he spent most of his time, Whitaker went on to say that the majority of schools are in bad condition for the state puts a meager amount of aid into the funds as compared to our system. Despite their bad schooling he mentioned that it was more developed than other Asian countries. One reason for this poor pattern of schooling is their lack of emphasis on education. Compared to our 50 per cent of high school graduates who go on to college, only 10 per cent of their students further their education.

In spite of Japan's de-emphasis on education, they are a fast growing country, quite high in progress in economy, development, etc.

He described the Japanese as aggressive, inventive, highly-motivated materially speaking, very polite and appropriate but not at all friendly. This lack of friendliness does not reflect any ill feelings toward the United States however, he stated. It is just their nature. Surprisingly enough he said that the people feel we've been a great help, especially in their farming methods. In addition to the traditional rye, barley, rice, etc., they are now prosperous in gardening vegetables and fruits.

In speaking of the Japanese, Dr. Whitaker mentioned that they cater to the Western tourists. This is reflected in their building the Imperial Hotel at Tokyo which is completely Western in style and is as fine as our best over here. English is spoken by many Japs and all the menus are written in both Japanese and English. Unusually enough the Japanese themselves live by their own patterns at night still sitting and sleeping on the floor.

Another interesting sideline Whitaker brought out was the size of the Japanese people. He said he felt like Wilt Chamberlin compared to the average person over there. He mentioned that their small size was reflected in their housing for he always had to stoop over just to enter a typical home. These houses are usually small two-story buildings covered in thatched roofs. These roofs will last 40 to 50 years if the occupants keep a fire going year round to smoke out insects.

One end of the house is usually opened and their only heat is one fire in the middle of the dwelling. Dr. Whitaker insinuated they were quite hot-natured for he caught a bad cold while over there due to lack of heat.

Religion doesn't seem to mean much to these people according to the president. They have thousands of shrines around but aren't religious. Upon entering a temple Dr. Whitaker was asked to take off his shoes. He said the floor was like ice. Only one million of the 100 million people are Christians. There is a Southern Baptist hospital with 125 beds in Kyoto which he visited. He was also able to visit with a missionary friend of his from Franklin, Virginia, in Tokyo.

The 100 million people of Japan, which is half the population of America, are crowded into an area smaller than California. Over 300,000 Americans visited Japan last year and 600,000 are expected this year because of the fair. Dr. Whitaker was there for the opening of Expo 70 and described it as a beautiful layout and mentioned that the engineering was fantastic. The highlight of his visit was none other than a ride on a three mile roller coaster!

Dr. Whitaker described his ride to Kyoto on the bullet train which averages 100 miles an hour as a clean and quiet trip. He mentioned that meals cost the same as over here.

He described the Japanese women as a Utopian of what American men dream of marrying. They are completely submissive and are given no respect but are merely looked upon as a means for satisfying men's desires for sex and housekeeping. The women accept this role and expect no better. They even look after the men's privacy rather than the policy here in the States.

Before leaving Japan Dr. Whitaker met with Diane Wondergem's parents in Tokyo who are stationed in Japan. Diane is a freshman at Chowan.

On March 16 the president departed for Hong Kong. En route he stopped in Taipei, Taiwan. He described Hong Kong as a very interesting British colony but stated that the Chinese are not nearly as developed as the Japanese in some ways and more developed in other ways. He explained that the Chinese were not as aggressive and intelligent as the Japanese.

He went to the Red Border and learned more about the people who fled Red China. For these people 2,500 public dorms were built on one city block to take care of one million people. There is only one kitchen and bath per floor. He said there were children begging everywhere.

Eighty-thousand people live on 18 foot boats in the province of Hong Kong in various bays. A whole family will live in one of these small boats and the vast

majority never goes to school.

As Dr. Whitaker put it, "Until one travels, one cannot know of the United States advantages as compared to other areas of the world, especially Asia!"

He described Hong Kong as a city with no heating for the average temperature is 50 degrees. One city in the province was completely walled-in built over 600 years ago. He described it as independent and full of tradition never broken.

He viewed the manufacturing and stated that the people often average less than \$1,000 a year earnings which explains why the goods from there are so cheap here in America.

In 1958 Dr. Whitaker went to Russia, East Berlin, and Czechoslovakia—behind the Iron Curtain, but he stated that this most recent trip was more of an eye opener to human nature and a way of life. He called his trip last month "a chance of a life-time."

Schenbrun enraptures captive audience

David Schoenbrun, presented by the SGA and the college's spring lecturer, addressed between two and three hundred people in the Column Building at 8 p.m. Monday, April 6. He also addressed an enraptured capacity crowd at the eleven o'clock chapel on Tuesday.

Schoenbrun, award-winning CBS News Correspondent, 1947-63, now Senior Lecturer, Graduate School of International Affairs, Columbia University, is one of America's best distinguished journalist-historians of our times.

Unique in American letters, he utilizes every modern means of communication—radio, television, newspapers, magazines, books, the classroom and the lecture platform. In the summer of 1967 he made a tour of the world, interviewing leaders of 15 countries. The world is quite literally beat.

Schoenbrun has covered some of the most important and dramatic events of modern history, from the American landings in North Africa, through the liberation of France, the capture of Berlin, the wars of Indochina and Korea, the post-war creation of the Marshall plan, the Atlantic Alliance, the Common Market, the return power of Charles de Gaulle, the Kennedy Administration and assassination, the pilgrimage of the Pope and the 1964 election.

His career began as a teacher of French and Spanish. He served as a Combat Correspondent with the 7th U. S. Army and the

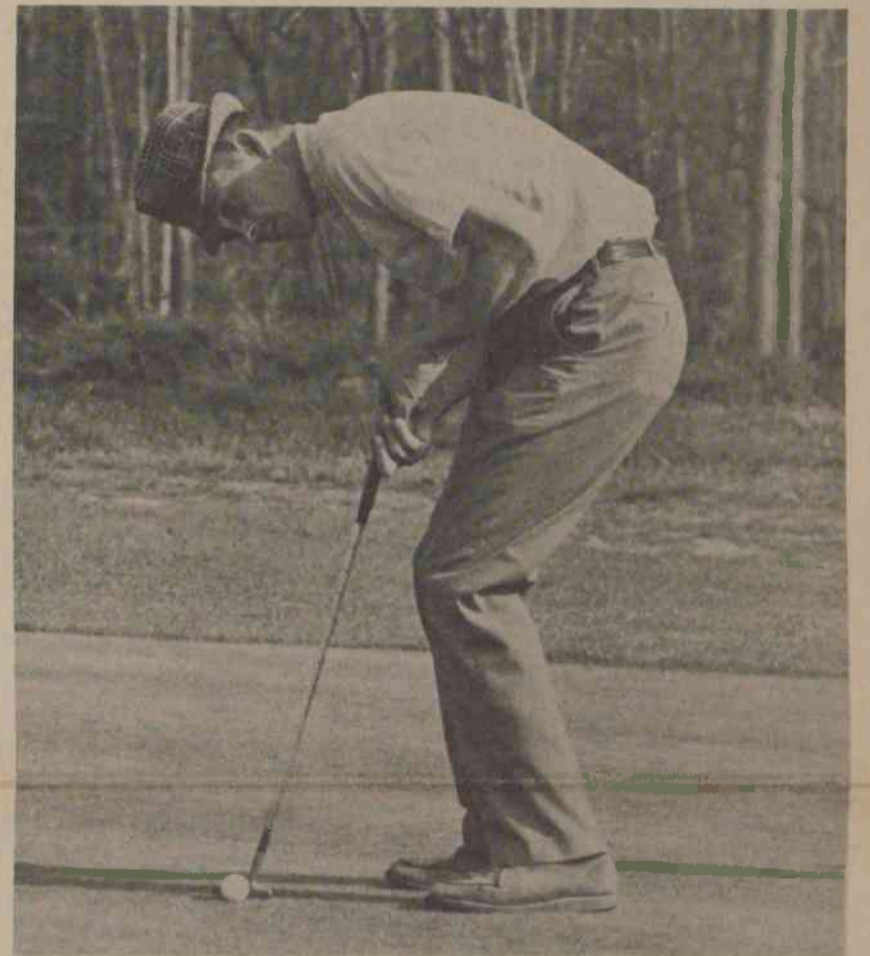
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Could this be an Arnie Palmer stroke!

Coach Garrison concentrates to make this last hole under par as he demonstrates form to his golf team.

Touring choir on the go

The 28-member Touring Choir of Chowan College, under direction of James Chamblee, head of the Daniel School of Music, will present concerts in five Virginia Baptist churches beginning Sunday, April 12. The schedule: Sunday, Camellia Church, Norfolk; Bayside Virginia Beach; Monday, Chester; Tuesday, Westover, Arlington; Wednesday, Sappony, Stoney Creek. All performances will be in the evening except Norfolk, set for 11 a.m.

The choir has appeared on several television programs and was invited to perform at the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in November. The choir has also performed before the North Carolina legislature in Raleigh.

The choir is comprised of 15 girls and 12 boys. Fifteen members are from Virginia and 12 from North Carolina. One is from New Jersey.

The members are: (women) Bonnie Austin, Elizabeth City, N. C.; Margaret Sparrer, Seaford Va.; Amelia Garner, Newport, N. C.; Claudette Denny, Roxboro, N. C.; Deborah Brown, Virginia Beach, Va.; Cathy Jones, Durham N. C.; Mary Hampton, Roanoke Va.; Paula Welch, Arlington, Va.; Brenda Carpenter, Hampton, Va.; Amelia Vann, Murfreesboro, N. C.; Margaret Harris, Farmville, N. C.; Betsy Smith, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Evelyn Brown, Norfolk, Va.; Brenda Gregory, Camden, Camden, N. C.; and Mary Stevenson, Elizabeth City, N. C.

Men members are: Tom Currie, Norlina, N. C.; Andy Merrill, Beaufort, N. C.; Mike Gibson, Richmond Va.; Jim Krone, Virginia Beach Va.; Ken Lassiter, Newport News, Va.; Larry Tice, Virginia Beach, Va.; Leon Boyd, Gloucester, Va.; Dennis Richards, Elberon, Va.; Jim Cherry, Norfolk, Va.; Tom Rose, Fredericksburg, Va.; Mike Hopkins, Moorestown N. J.; and Fred Talmade, Richmond, Va.

Graduation is planned

By DRINA HULINGS
Commencement exercises for 1970 will be held May 17.

Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, native of Chase City, Virginia, who pastored the Capital Church from 1936-1969, will bring the baccalaureate sermon at 11:00 a.m.

Also on the program will be Mrs. Kimsey King, professor in the department of English, will give the invocation; Dr. R. Hargus Taylor, chaplain, will deliver the scripture and prayer; and Barry Cohen, professor in the department of social science, will deliver the benediction. Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, president of the college will introduce the speakers.

The commencement address will be delivered by Dr. Cameron West, Tarheel educator, at 3:00 p.m. Others participating in the graduation exercises include Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, president, and Dr. Ella J. Pierce, Chairman of the department of English, who will deliver the invocation. Both services will be held on the front lawn. In case of inclement weather, programs will move to the gymnasium. At present the candidates for graduation are approximately 250.

soprano. This program will be at 8:00 p.m. and Mrs. Vivina Kirkland will be at the piano for Miss Denny.

The fifth and final student recital will be held on Sunday afternoon, Arp. 26 in Columns Auditorium at 4:00. The students participating in this recital are as follows: Leon Boyd, organ; Margaret Sparrer, piano and soprano; and Betty Slaughter, piano and organ.

Recitals planned

Each spring finds several music students preparing for their sophomore recitals, sponsored by the department of music.

The first recital was given on March 20 in Columns Auditorium by Vivian Kirkland, piano and organ, and Cathy Jones, contralto with Blanche Rountree accompanist. The second recital consisted of Blanche Rountree piano and Peggy Davenport, mezzo-soprano with Vivian Kirkland accompanist, given in Daniel Hall on March 25. Mike Hopkins clarinet and saxophone, assisted by Robert Brown on the flute and Carole Nicholson on the piano presented a recital on March 26 in Daniel Hall.

The fourth recital will be held on April 20 in Daniel Hall presented by Brenda Carpenter, piano, and Claudette Denny,



A penny for your thoughts

But a penny wouldn't buy the expensive thought this CBS television personality, Schoenbrun, presented Chowan with during his two lectures April 6, 7.

on the Klondike late!

The Wichita Kansas based group, which had its beginning in August, 1967 at Glorieta, New Mexico, has since sung almost 300 concerts to some 300,000 people in 26 states. During this current six month tour, the Pilgrims will sing in 31 states.

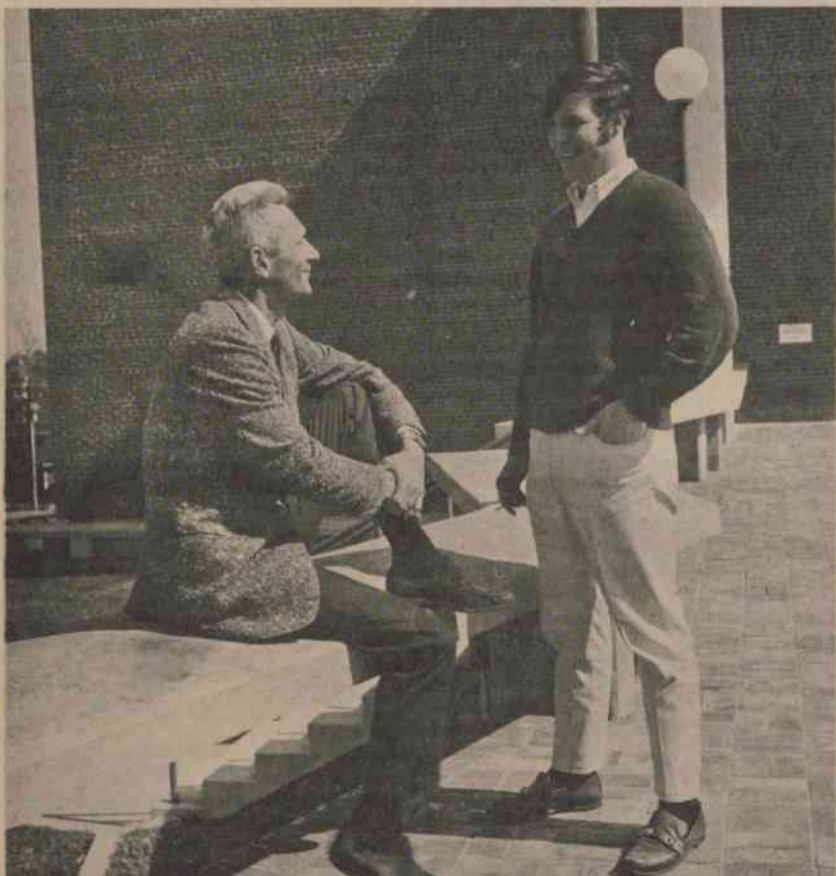
Present Pilgrims are Joey Gilmore, Dade City, Fla.; David Ingrham, Midland, Tex.; Ingrid Larson, Leawood Kan.; Kerry Martindale, Bartlesville, Okla.; Terry Mosier, Sterling, Kan.; Tony Ward,

Duncan, Okla.; and Meredith Wood, Weslaco, Texas.

The admission fee is \$1.00 per person. Advance tickets will be on sale after April 20 from Chaplain Taylor's office.

Mutual Alliance

This country will always have two political parties. They need each other for abibus — Ties, Southern Railways



Could both these men be freshmen?

Yes, both are freshmen despite Adrian Wynns is Morris Haas' superior by 30 years.

Pilgrim 20 to Perform

A concert featuring the Pilgrim 20, seven young professional musicians who witness to their faith through the sounds of contemporary music, will be presented at Chowan College Thursday, April 30 at 8 p.m. in McDowell Columns auditorium.

The group of three girls and four boys have made the country their stage. "They have performed everywhere," said Dr. Hargus Taylor Chowan's chaplain, "on campuses and beaches, in churches, hospitals and prisons."

The Pilgrims use psychedelic lights and

slides to accent their folk-rock beat. Instruments include drums, bass-rhythm- and lead guitars, organ, tambourine and harmonica.

Over fifty songs comprise their repertoire. Some of them are "Jesus is a Soul Man," "The Iron Butterfly's "In the Time of Our Lives," and "One." Two of their originals are "Life Ain't Easy" and "Did You Turn Away."

The Pilgrims have cut two long play records with the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission. Their latest record "The Way We Live" and "The Minority," was recorded recently