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Richard Nixon leads in popular vote

Panty raid staged by 'Halloweeners'

The last 15 minutes of Halloween night proved to be exciting for the students at Chowan. At this time a full squad of boys emerged on the girls' dorms. There were chants, and uproar boasted by the boys.

The swarmed around the dorms, and with the help of a few anonymous girls, the boys were encouraged on. If a tape recorder had been in operation it would have picked up what sounded like an Indian raid from the inside of the dorms.

Several of the girls who had not received the word on the raid were completely taken by surprise and commensed to scream as is the fashion of most girls. Although a few brave boys managed to enter the hall of this one particular dorm, they did not get very far. The door was promptly shut, much to the dismay of the boys and a few of the girls.

It is understood that the boys were up to no harm, just out for a little fun and excitement, and they certainly got that.

Two of the "big" girls in this particular dorm, meaning those

two young hearted women in charge, showed a great deal of restraint. By this, it is meant that although they were really enjoying all of the action, they had to keep the order in the dorm, and reassure those girls that were truly afraid that no harm would come to them.

After the action ceased a little, a suggestion was made that the girls should perhaps pull a raid on the boys? Can this be right? As far as this writer knows, that was the suggestion. Sounds like a good idea to me, and a lot of the girls feel the same way.

Those in the dorm described would like to thank these two women and let them know that they don't really think they are so terribly awful, well not all the time anyway.

And speaking for the majority of the occupants, we would like to thank the boys for an enjoyable evening, and, would it be possible again? We are waiting to see. But of course, the views of the administration must be looked upon first, for we don't want any unhappy and troubled faculty members.



RICHARD NIXON

California returns may be factor

As 8:30 a.m. rolled around on Nov. 6, there was still no "clear-cut" victory in the presidential race, with five key states still undecided. The 1968 race is being described as probably the closest since Wilson defeated Taft with a 43,000 popular vote margin.

Today, Wednesday, Richard M. Nixon had, at 8:30, a small 360,000 popular vote lead over what many experts called a surprisingly strong Hubert H. Humphrey come-back.

With Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, California and Texas, along with Alaska, still undecided, it was expected to be late in the day before either candidate can claim a concrete victory.

However, California with its 40 electoral votes has been given to Nixon by both United Press and Associated Press. In Illinois and Ohio Nixon is maintaining a small lead. These two states can give him another 52 electoral votes. He also leads in Alaska with three electoral votes.

Humphrey is leading in Texas and Missouri and has captured Washington which was thought to be Nixon country.

If the vote trend continues and Nixon wins Ohio, Illinois, California and Alaska, he will push over the 270 electoral votes required to capture the presidency. Wins in these key states will give the Republican candidate 290 electoral votes.

Humphrey must win all of these in order to throw the race into the House of Representatives.

In popular vote, the closeness of the presidential race is seen with the percentage standing at 43-43 percent, while George Wallace is holding to 14 percent.

Most reports give Nixon a razor thin win in this race for the White House. The Democrats however, have maintained control of both the House of Representatives and the U. S. Senate.

In North Carolina, Bob Scott withstood a strong Jim Gardner challenge to capture the governorship. But out in the Piedmont "Vinegar Bend" Mizell, a Republican, beat out Smith Bagley to capture a seat in Congress.

In Illinois Nixon leads HHH 1,877,700 to 1,810,000. In Ohio he holds a lead of 1,694,000 to 1,608,000, and in California Nixon is out front 3,146,000 to 3,013,000.

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'Life with father' set tonight

Chowan College's campus is "stage struck" as curtain time approaches for the only performances by junior college dramatists chosen to participate in the American College Theater Festival and the Chowan Players prepare for a command performance before college and university students from many nations studying in America.

The Chowan Players will stage "Life With Father" Wednesday-Friday, November 6-8, in the college's McDowell Columns auditorium and today received requests from officials in the nation's capitol to restage this drama during Thanksgiving holidays for students of many nationalities who are studying at American colleges and universities.

The American College Theater Festival offers the Chowan Players an opportunity to perform in the restored Ford Theatre in Washington.

Further screenings of the Chowan Players' entry will occur at Greensboro next month when their performances will be staged along with dramas produced by the North Carolina School of

the Arts at Winston-Salem, Catawba College and East Carolina University.

Regional screenings will be held in Atlanta, Ga., later in December, with competition furnished by drama troupes from colleges and universities in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and West Virginia.

Skits from the play will be presented Monday at the schools throughout the area surrounding Chowan's campus, starting at nearby Ahoskie and completing the whirlwind tour in Northampton County and student groups from numerous high schools in northeastern North Carolina are traveling by bus to attend one of the performances.

Performers, chosen from a record number of contestants for roles, include Johnny Edwards, Belhaven; Pauline Robinson, Ahoskie; Francine Sawyer, Elizabeth City; Mel Weston, Richmond, Va.; Grant Upchurch, Chapel Hill; Hugh Lewis, Henry Reville and Warren Taylor, all of Murfreesboro; Frank Davis, Conway; David Mashaw, Virgin-

ia Beach, Va.; Lawrence Shears, Somerset, N. J.; Libby House, Rocky Mount; Pam Willard, Frederick, Md.; Donna Tolson, Clifton, Va.; Wanda Monts, Irmo, S. C.; Linda Caldwell, Richmond, Va.

Chowan's drama program, directed and produced by Professor Edith Larson, features Broadway type stagings by the Chowan Players along with the Children's Theater for children in public schools throughout a large area of northeastern North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia.

The Carriage Performers selected from the Chowan Players present imaginative and innovative theatrical productions for churches, meetings of civic and social clubs and for other interested organizations.

American Airlines, the Friends of the John F. Kennedy Institute for the Performing Arts and the Smithsonian Institution are sponsoring the first American College Theater Festival, which is being organized and produced by the American Education Theater Association and the American National Theater Academy.

Chowan students hired to man voting machines

Students from Chowan College, trained to repair disabled voting machines in polling places throughout America on election day, were flown Sunday to their farflung destinations.

They had been trained at Chowan by Ransom F. Shoup, II, director of national and international service for Shoup Voting Machine Corporation, and Ted Dunning, vice-president of the Shoup Boat Company who also serves as supervisor and administrator of his company's voting machine department.

Sixty-eight student, employed by Shoup, successfully completed their course of instruction and passed a comprehensive examination on repair of Shoup voting machines.

Milwaukee, Wis., and New York City were among locations chosen by groups of students for election day work, but multitudes of other U. S. cities had individuals and smaller groups keeping voting machines in working order.