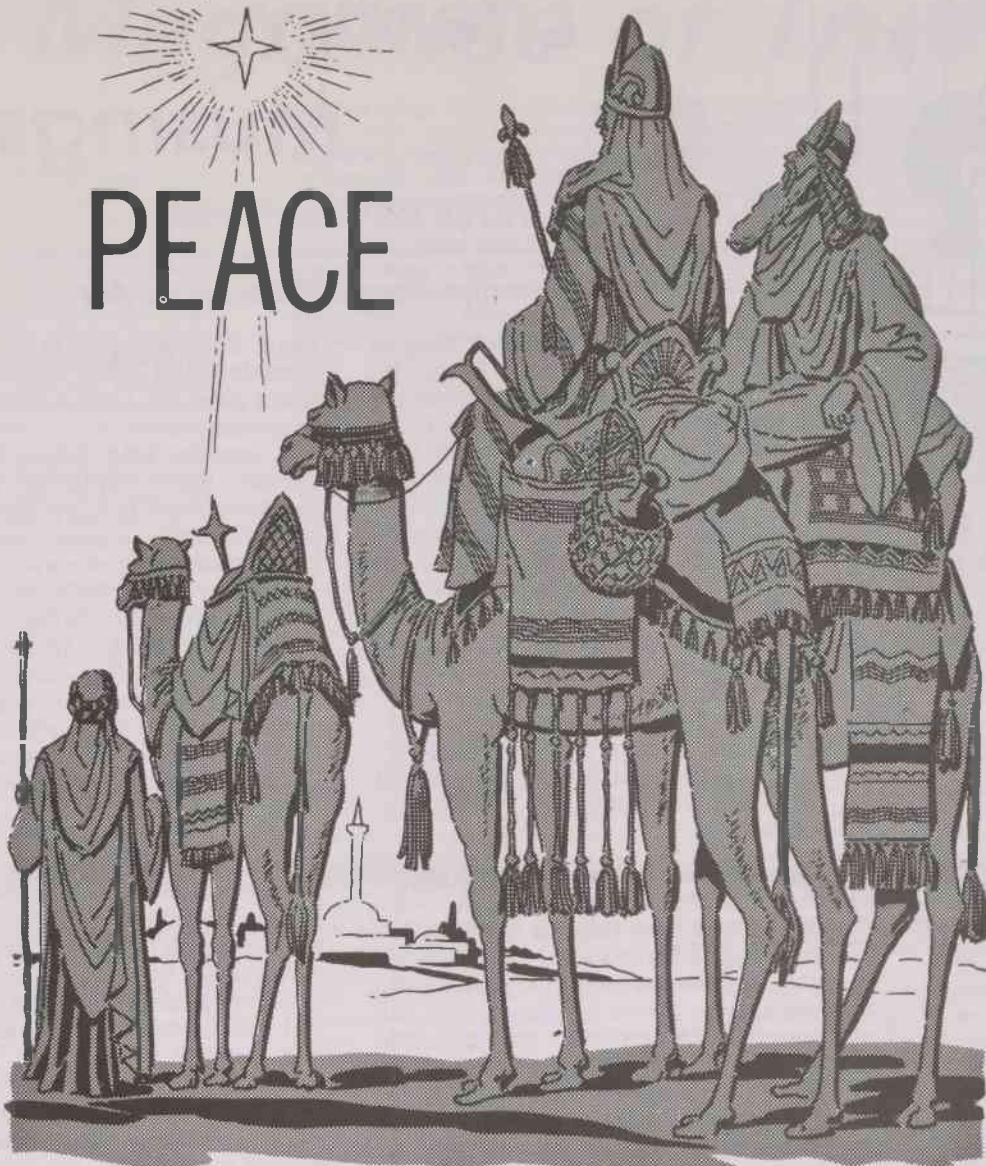


PEACE



May the gift of peace be yours this Holy Season and may it fill your life with joy.

The Smoke Signals Staff

Art Students Tour New York City

By BECKIE WORKMAN
The Art Department of Chowan College planned a trip to New York City to visit museums of interest. The trip started out as a plan for all art students to participate in. Due to problems there were not enough art students that would go. As a result of this, other students were eligible to go. A mixed group of 41 students, including art students, were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Craig Greene and Mr. and Mrs.

Parker and Mr. Doug Eubank, all three men are from the art department.
The departure of the group from the campus of Chowan, was at 11:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 14. They arrived in New York after having breakfast in New Jersey, at approximately 11:00 a.m. The group stayed at the George Washington Hotel.
The students were required to visit three museums. The museums were: The

Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Museum of Modern Art, Guggenheim Museum. All types of art were seen, however, there was an emphasis on classic, greek, and Roman Art. Among great pieces of art seen were Vincent Van Gogh's "Soul's Sorry Night"; "Guernica"; and Picasso's "Les Femmes d'Alger".

During their free time students divided up and visited other

places of interest, such as Greenwich Village, Macey's, The Empire State Building, Broadway, Fifth Avenue; Staton Island. The trippers enjoyed shopping; ice skating near Rockefeller Center; and dining at Mamma Leone's.

Many comments were heard concerning New York City. In New York City you "sink or swim". The buildings are "tall" and the streets are "clean". The traffic is "terrible". New York is a busy city with "never a dull moment". The people did not seem to pay attention to the energy shortage, "all the lights were on in the buildings". Macy's main floor was compared with the "distance between Parker and Belk", and the prices were "fantastic".

The people of New York City are "very clothes conscious". The people were not as "weird" as they were expected to be. People of New York City are not ashamed of "what" they are. The young people are "friendly". They "accept".

The trippers arrived back on the Chowan College campus at approximately 9:30, Sunday night, Nov. 18. Many thanks were due to the careful driving of Greg White.

Material for this story was available through an interview with Vickie Stewart.

NEA Is Active Organization

By BECKIE WORKMAN
An active organization on the Chowan College campus is the NEA, National Education Association. The members of the organization have been student teaching in several of the nearby schools, Murfreesboro High School and Riverview Elementary School. Officers of the NEA are Marilyn Booth, President; Mark Gupton, Vice-President; and Hope Warren, Secretary-Treasurer. The sponsor is Mrs. Dell McKeithan of the English Department.

When asked about her teaching experiences Marilyn Booth said "It is helpful and educational. Anyone who intends on being a teacher needs this type of experience."

Mark Gupton was told by the

principal of the Murfreesboro school that the NEA students were helpful and the teachers appreciate their efforts. When Mark was asked about his teaching experiences he stated "The students are nice and cooperative."

Larry (Yank) Allen commented on his teaching experiences as "It gives us a chance to have a teaching experience. It gives us a chance to get out and do something worthwhile. We all get enjoyment out of teaching, because we get real close to the kids."

Linda Vaught summarized her teaching experiences as "I feel it is very profitable. I feel like I

have learned as much from them as they have from me."

Future plans of the NEA are to participate in the Homecoming parade, and Spring Festival. They also plan to have a fund raising project.

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR WOMEN

Lindenwood College has forty (40) scholarships at \$1,000 each to provide financial assistance to the graduates of 2-year colleges to assist them in furthering their college education at Lindenwood. These grants would be awarded to qualified women students on the basis of financial need and leadership potential.

Car Club Hit By Shortages

All auto rallies at Chowan College will be temporarily discontinued until next spring. It was announced at the conclusion of the Press-On Regardless Rally conducted on November 1st by Bob Mulder, Faculty sponsor of the Chowan Motor Sports Club.

Only twelve cars turned out for the new town-country route which was designed by Mark Killmon and Mike Davis. This participation was about half the total cars normally entering these time-speed-distance contests.

"It really doesn't make good sense," Mulder said, "to be having pleasure driving events such as ours with the gas shortage so severe. I'm sure we won't have another event until March or April."

The November 15th event was won by Michael Canada and Carol Till. Second place winner was Randy Hawthorne with Hugh Lewis coming in third place.



1973 CAGE SQUAD—The 1973-74 Chowan College basketball team, front row, from left: Barry Parker, Creedmoor; Alton Tillery, Tarboro; Lue Ward, Brookllyn, N. Y.; Tim Lyons, Smithfield; Rickey Weires, Beaufort; and Connie Tripp, Farmville. Back row,

from left: Greg Wilson, Phillipsburg, Pa.; Dennis Adams, Raeford; Barry Poole, Ettrick, Va.; Keith McClearn, Smithfield; James Soard, Smithfield; Jackie Barrett, Farmville; John Byrd, Durham; Ralph Stewart, Hampton, Va.; and Willie Johnston, Denver.

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A Review

'Charlie Brown' Provides Rewarding Entertainment

With the pressures of over-soaked politics and fuel shortage glaring at every turn of the road, it is pleasantly rewarding to sit back, relax, and chuckle to the shenanigans of Charlie Brown and his friends. Based on Charles M. Schultz's comic strip "Peanuts," this delightful musical was presented on our campus November 14, 15, and 16. I enjoyed the light comedy on the first night of its production.

If the audience was looking for elaborate scenery, it was sadly disappointed, for the sole set consisted of six two-foot colored cubes and one dog house. The entire play revolved around the movable squares and the stationery dog house, and these props were quite sufficient and appropriate for the play presented.

Director Nan Robinson had her cast well trained and this reviewer has rarely seen a first performance move any more smoothly. If lines were dropped, they were done backstage, for the audience was aware of very few, if any, blunders so far as speaking parts were concerned. The many shifts of mood were instigated nicely and lighting, headed by James Luxford, was a definite asset to the tonal shading.

Musical director James

Chamblee has a right to be proud of his production orchestra. Complete with improvised pit, the sixteen member group furnished a delightful accompaniment to the cast. Never too loud for the soloists, Chamblee kept his players under the singers and at no time did they try to take from the main stage.

The piano work of Paul Batchelor was notably commendable. Besides being rehearsal pianist, Batchelor played for each performance, and his familiarity with the score and the ease with which he played were quite obvious to the audience. He was definitely an important aid to conductor Chamblee and "Charlie Brown."

The lead role, that of Charlie Brown himself, was played by Jeff Moser of Annandale, Virginia, who by no means is a new face for the Chowan audience. Last year Moser had roles in "JB," "Interview," and "Kiss Me Kate." His performance in "Loveliest Afternoon of the Year" will long be remembered by those who saw him in this year one-acter. This year he has really been featured in "Waiting for Lefty."

His role of Charlie Brown required extreme care in the handling of mood extremes. Often up but many times down, Charlie Brown was no problem for Moser. He moved among his friends on stage with complete ease and confidence, and he invoked the sympathy of the audience at intervals, particularly with his song chant to a pen-pal about the baseball game. On his several difficult numbers, he stayed with the orchestra extremely well and his voice, both speaking and singing, presented a good characterization of the popular comic.

Jeffrey Roberts of Virginia Beach carried the popular role of Snoopy. The diversity of his abilities made it possible for him to steal the show in many places, for many of the best lines were given to him. His singing voice was extremely resonant and clear, and his occasional barks

punctuated the show convincingly. There is no doubt that his "Supper-time" number including vocals, dance, and struts, was one of the extreme highlights of the play.

Choreography for the show was done by Richard Tracy of the Norfolk ballet. The authenticity of dances from the original show was transferred to our show by Tracy's having participated in the first "Charlie Brown."

Female parts were taken by Donna Elks (Lucy) of Lasker and Georgia Clark (Patty) of Newport News. Both girls added a refreshing spark to the show and each player an important role in the plot development which led the ultra-pleasing climax.

Linus was played by Bill Dunkum of Newport News. Always clad in blanket, Linus was the little brother image who commanded a share of attention with his "Peter Rabbit" dissertation (which incidentally was a totally clever scene) and solo acrobatic dance. J.C. Watford of Powellsville was a thoroughly dedicated

Beethoven enthusiast. Playing the part of Schroeder, Watford's characterization was a direct contrast to Charlie Brown's other friends. The serious Schroeder formed a stable upon which much of the serious attention pivoted.

The other distressing thing about "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" was the absence of Chowan students. No more than forty saw the production on opening night. It is quite unfortunate that the small charge of \$1.00, if this were the cause, kept so many away. It has been the desire of the director that most of our students would see the play. For this reason the production dates had been changed for students advantage. Hopefully, as time goes by, more students will come to support the major works done by the Chowan Players, who certainly did credit to themselves with this show.

At any rate, those who attended laughed a lot, enjoyed a variety of comedy, and left with the strains of "Happiness Is" singing in their ears. Who could ask for more.

A Message from the President

President Nixon stated in his nationally televised appeal, "the fuel crisis need not mean genuine suffering for any American, but it will require some sacrifice by all Americans."

The American people have traditionally reacted with ingenuity and resourcefulness to crisis situations, with the effect that crises have tended to strengthen, rather than weaken us. I believe that we will again experience this reaction, both as regards our nations and our college community.

It has been a source of satisfaction to me that members of the Chowan College community are revealing evidence that Americans, individually and collectively, must do what they can to conserve energy in every possible way. There is an apparent determination within the college community to cooperate with this effort.

The Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, the Student Personnel Deans, and the Dormitory Head Residents and their assistants, have made an earnest effort to convey reasons why and how we must conserve fuel and to indicate what steps are being taken on the part of the college in order to help meet the energy crisis. The Dean of the College and members of the faculty have informed the college community of the revised academic calendar, especially with respect to the second semester, in the aforementioned regard. The top SGA leadership was involved in the decision relative to the revision of the academic calendar for the remainder of the current year.

A point at which all of us will be affected is that of travel involving shortages of gasoline. It behooves all of us to try as best we can, to keep our gasoline tanks as nearly filled as possible, so that we will have fuel for necessary and emergency driving. I am especially aware of student needs along this line involving your having enough gasoline in order to "get home" at Christmas following the close of final examinations.

I know that all members of the college community will do what they can in order to conserve our precious energy resources. I urge you to do so.

Good luck on final exams! And, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Bruce E. Whitaker, President
Chowan College

Many Bicycles Are Stolen

According to Security Officer Euel Atkinson, 12 bicycles have been reported stolen. Of the 12, none of which were registered, 7 have been recovered and returned to their owners.

"Two unregistered bicycles have been found and have not yet been identified," reported Mr. Atkinson. Students who have lost bicycles and not recovered them are asked to check with Mr. Atkinson.

Registering bicycles is not required at Chowan. Bicycle owners register them voluntarily. Registered bicycles are (1) more easily found in case of theft, (2) stored, upon request of their owners, by the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, during vacations and between semesters, and (3) provided with bicycle racks located near residence halls.

Bicycles are not to be parked in rooms, halls and stairwells of residence halls.

New Grant Available

Warren Wilson College of Swannanoa, is offering a number of \$500 competitive scholarships for qualified graduates of two-year colleges.

- The requirements are:
- (1) Graduate of a junior college or other two-year degree granting program (A.A.).
 - (2) Applicant for admission to Warren Wilson College.
 - (3) Demonstrated academic competence, with a cumulative scholastic average of at least 3.0 out of a possible 4.0.
 - (4) Official transcripts and recommendations from all institutions attended by applicant.
 - (5) Personal interview with Admissions and Financial Aid Officers at Warren Wilson.
- The deadline for application is March 1 before August matriculation.

Magazine Sued By VW Firm

By BARBARA PUTNEY
After many years of enjoying the freedom of press, the National Lampoon has been quieted for a while.

In a mock advertisement in Lampoon's 1973 Encyclopedia of Humor has come upon misfortune. The ad had a Volkswagen floating in water and caption, "If Ted Kennedy drove a Volkswagen, he'd be President today." The ad went on to explain how the VW is watertight and would have prevented the drowning of Mary Jo Kopechne in 1969.

After receiving angry letters from persons who believed VW was responsible for the ad, retorted with a \$30 million damage suit against Lampoon. Lampoon agreed to withdraw all unsold copies of the magazine by November 15 (450,000 were printed), to destroy the plates of the ad, and to run Volkswagen's statement on the incident in the January issue of the magazine.

The magazine has a following of 800,000 and their profits have been high. This incident may lead to a serious impairment of their independent style and leaving them more open to similar attacks.