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Graduation day for Class of '85

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With everything on their caps from bull-eyes to "Thanks Mom!", the class of 1985 poured out of the south side of Kenan Stadium. As the band played "Pomp and Circumstance" they sat facing the Commencement Committee, all together for the last time. A great cheer rose from the audience of the families and friends as each craned to spot his or her special graduate among a sea of about 3200 Carolina blue robes. The 196th Annual Commencement had begun.

Christopher C. Fordham III, presiding over

the ceremony, began by introducing several members of the platform party, including Chairman of the Board of Trustees George R. Ragsdale. Since graduation was held on the same day as Mother's Day, he also acknowledged the mothers of the graduating class. The Chancellor said he felt that UNC had provided the graduates with a "good basic education (and) an excellent start in life."

The entire assemblage then sang the national anthem and the invocation was given by Sally Pistole, vice-president of the senior class. Scott Weirman, senior class president, gave the presidential address saying the

graduates have benefited from Carolina's renowned faculty, top-notch facilities, and campus organizations. He also said Carolina had benefited from the class of '85 which, among other accomplishments, has raised over \$194,000 in its Class Spirit Campaign.

Doris Betts, chair of the Faculty Council, introduced commencement speaker Charles Kuralt. "Those who have watched TV grow from infancy to adultery," Betts said, "could easily feel that there has been no good news since the New Testament if it weren't for Charles Kuralt."

Kuralt is best known for his *CBS Evening News* series "On the Road," reporting on ordinary people across America. He attended UNC from 1951-55 as a history major and edited *The Daily Tar Heel*. He was paid \$55 a week at his first job with *The Charlotte Observer*. In '56 he became a news writer for CBS where he has substituted for Walter Cronkite, has been the anchorman for the station's *Morning* news show, and now anchors *CBS News Sunday Morning*. Kuralt was also the host for CBS Radio's *Dateline America* and is the author of *To the Top of the World*.

Kuralt said his speech would be full of advice. "Thirty years is a blink of an eye in the long story of the human race, but it is a long time in the life of our nation," he said. When Kuralt graduated "we were just beginning to think about the deep racial injustices (and) had not yet begun to think about laws unfair to women (or about) the environment," he said.

Today these ideas are "familiar to every third grader in North Carolina," Kuralt said. "We have come a long distance in thirty years, and we have come by many different ways, but the main way was by learning to care about one another." Kuralt's main advice to the graduating class was: "Care about one another."

Kuralt said that in the world "much evil masquerades as good." He mentioned "politicians of undoubted popularity" who have "increased our military power immeasurably," but have "reduced our moral influence until it is also no longer measureable."

Kuralt also spoke of businessmen who treat "great enterprises patiently constructed over the decades as a load of porkbellies" and "preachers on the television preaching hate." He described the United States as "long on force and short on principles."

Kuralt said we must fight this with the Constitution and the English language. "We did nothing to deserve them, but they are ours to use," he said. With them we can "say that they are wrong, these smiling men in high offices, (who) help themselves and their friends without ever reaching out to help a struggling people overseas." Kuralt said we should also use the Constitution and the English language to "say that we will not permit the corporate raider to become the standard bearer of our commerce (and) that we will not be frightened by any Bible-thumper . . . into forgetting the

one thing Jesus undeniably said: 'Love one another.'"

Kuralt challenged the class of '85 to, in the words of Norman Corwin, "do a little civil thinking every day." He said it was on the UNC campus that he first became aware of "an association of men and women, who, while they may not even know one another, might still be called a conspiracy of good people." These are the people who are "willing to be heard when they have to be heard." Kuralt said that although North Carolina has sent "scoundrels" to represent itself in Washington, always in Chapel Hill this "saving minority has returned us to reason, compassion, and decency."

Kuralt mentioned UNC's "great faculty," especially Frank Porter Graham who declared UNC an "outpost of light and liberty among all the frontiers of mankind." He also mentioned several of his own classmates including Al Lowenstein and Terry Sanford, and said that each graduating class added a "handful of new members to the conspiracy of good people."

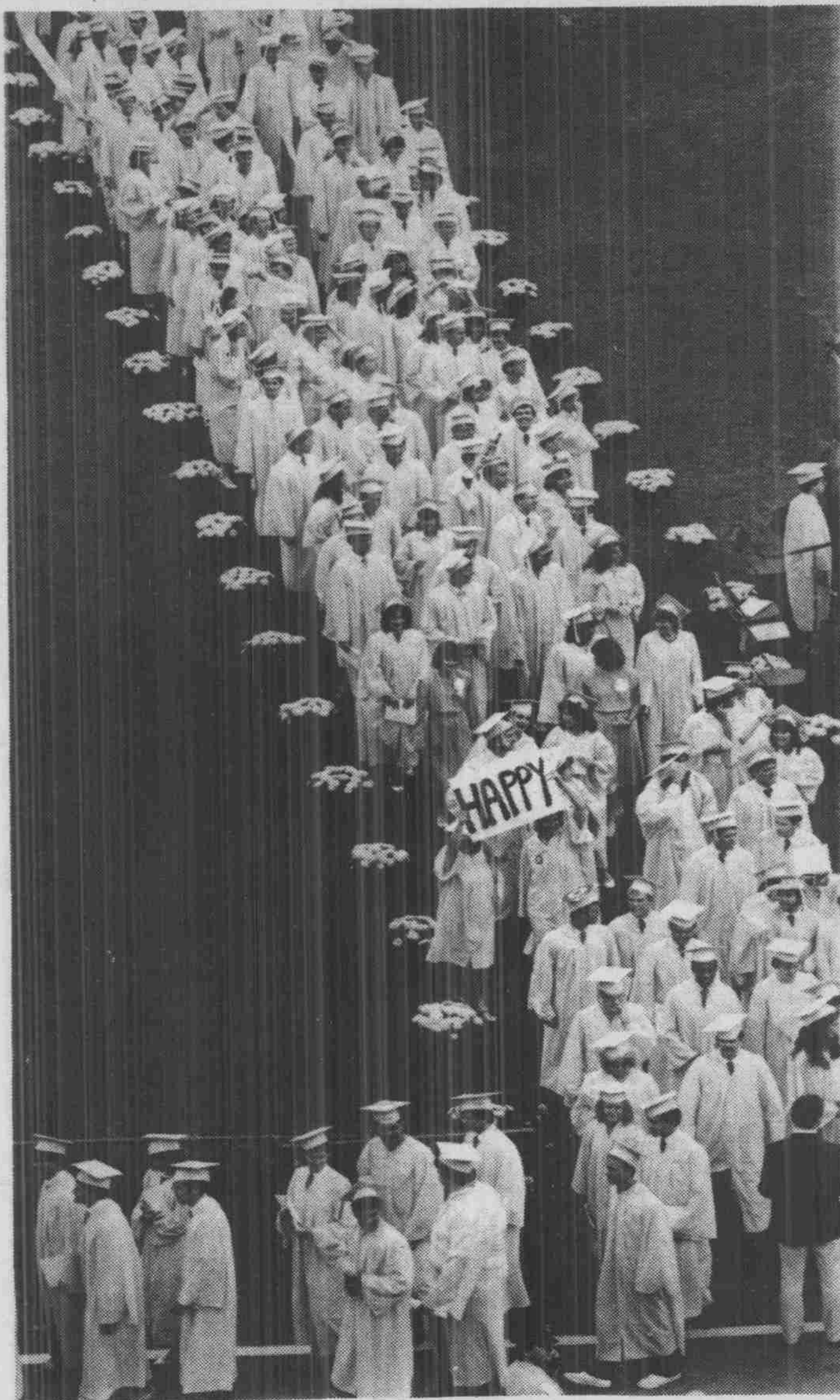
"This university knows that ignorance will have its innings, but will always lose in the ninth," Kuralt said the class of '85 had learned at UNC that "there are purposes and undertakings ahead that are decent and compassionate, and unsullied by arrogance, or hostility toward other people, or delusions of superiority, or motives of greed."

"My warmest wish for you is that you be sensitive enough to feel supreme tenderness towards others, and that you be strong enough to show it," Kuralt said. He concluded his address by saying: "That is a commandment, by the way, and not from me."

President William Friday ended the Commencement exercises by advising the graduates to "heed what Charles says (and) among those for whom you care, include the university." Friday said that "when you do this, there will be no reason to fear the future. This university will remain strong, and be the fortress which (Kuralt) spoke of."

Other commencement ceremonies included a reception by Chancellor Fordham for all graduates and their families on the lawn of South Building, luncheons for the Johnston and Morehead Scholars and special ceremonies by thirteen individual schools and departments. An entire weekend of activities for seniors, alumni and visitors began on May 6 with the Friday Frolic, an all-class "get-reacquainted" social and supper on Fetzer Field.

The weekend also included "Saturday Morning in Chapel Hill" (which featured a special presentation on the late Sen. Sam Erwin hosted by Charles Kuralt and a contest between the 1984-85 UNC College Bowl team, which won the National Championship and members of the class of 1960), the annual alumni luncheon at the Carolina Inn (at which Distinguished Service medals were presented), and several class reunions as far back as the class of '35.



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Class of '85 processes into Kenan Stadium at Commencement Ceremony

Rhodes Scholar graduates

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Robyn Hadley is a Public Policy Analysis major from Graham who said she came to Carolina for many reasons.

"Here there is not only the opportunity to excel in academics, but in my case also to try my hand in college athletics," she said. "As I got closer

to high school graduation, it became more important for me to choose a college close to home. I also could not see myself going to a small college, so Carolina was the choice," Robyn said.

Hadley, who was selected for a Rhodes scholarship next year, says

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