



Lee-Jen Lin impersonates a palace maid in a ribbon dance from the Han Dynasty during the Youth Good-Will Mission of the Republic of China performance Wednesday at the Nebraska Union. Photo by Mark Billingsley

Variety show from Taiwan makes music on college tour

It isn't necessary to be a music major to perform in a variety show in a foreign country. At least it isn't necessary in the Republic of China (Taiwan).

Students of the Youth Good-Will Mission of the Republic of China are touring America and, according to director Eugene Chien, only a few music majors are in the group. The performers major in everything from engineering to business.

Chien, speaking at a reception in the Nebraska Union Wednesday, said he does not even have a music degree but rather a doctorate in engineering.

He said he was chosen because he had lived in America while attending college and the group needed someone "to check on reservations and hotels."

The students, eight girls and six boys, were recommended by their respective schools because of their excellence in performance of one or more of the types of acts offered in the show.

For example, Chien said, one of the students, a mathematics major, had been playing ancient Chinese music for ten years as a hobby.

The students are touring America "as a sign of friendship, to promote goodwill and

understanding," he said.

One of the students said he had gotten the impression that "in America, you can do anything."

Sometimes this is bad, he said, such as in New York where the students heard that everyone carried a gun for protection.

"There are bad things and there are good things which are not in my country," he said.

Chien said he enjoyed New York, where he attended college, and he did not feel afraid in the city, which he said has more to offer than fear.

"I was only mugged once," he said. "That is pretty good for four years."

Chien said the students have had no major problems since arriving in the United States.

The only problem that they faced was a lack of sleeping time, he said. The students usually only get four or five hours of sleep because of a demanding schedule.

UNL was the 29th stop for the students, Chien said. From Lincoln they will travel to St. Joseph and Maryville, Mo., and Emporia, Kan. before returning to Taiwan.

At the end of the trip, the students will have been in America for 60 days, he said.

Health Center for "minor lacerations" and cuts around the eye, police said.

A passenger in the car, also involved, was injured slightly, but not treated, police said.

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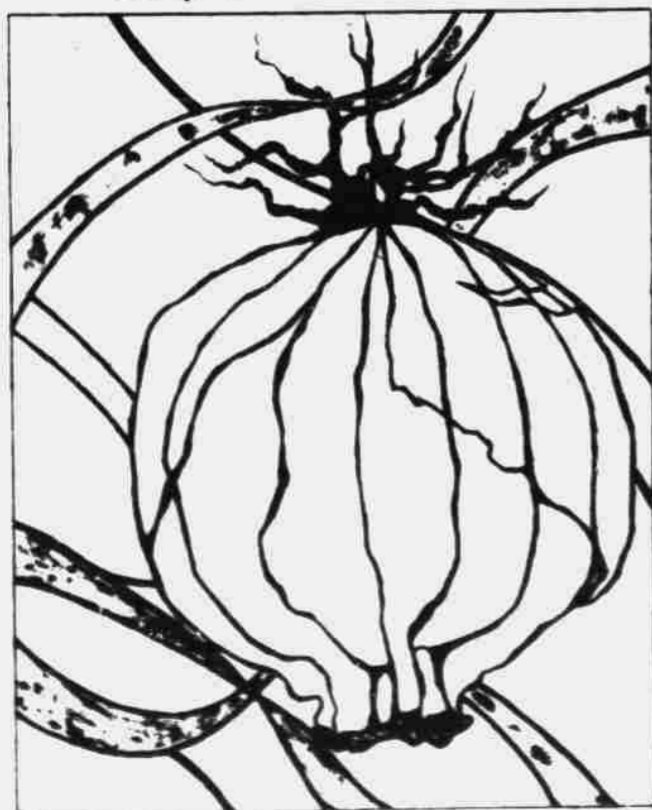
Words led to blows Wednesday in an incident occurring in an Area 7 parking lot south of Memorial Stadium.

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