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To the STUDENT BODY... ... from the EDITOR

STUDENTS ASK FOR DECENT FOOD

The petition on the front page of this issue, signed by the highest leaders of student government and campus activities and representing an almost unanimous appeal from the student body here at the University, has a more sweeping and universal significance than merely the spontaneous outburst of hundreds of students who are disgusted with the service of private enterprise which does not have to contend with competition.

The conditions existing in Chapel Hill eating establishments have at last thrown the student body into a state of action, but this action is only a part of the great national endeavor against profiteering during war. With the nation still in a wartime crisis, the people of every community are now looking on their economic system which must recover from the greatest transition of money, material, and man power in the history of mankind.

There can be no doubt that the cafe owners of Chapel Hill are victims of the wartime hardships which have been forced upon all businessmen everywhere. In many admirable cases, we have seen businessmen carry on to the very best of their ability with greater desire to see peace than to make undue profit. However, capitalism and the American economic system under ordinary conditions do not demand that businessmen give unselfish service; it is only demanded that the laws laid down by the legislatures and agencies of the legislatures be obeyed.

Chapel Hill cafes have been convicted of violations of the rules of the Office of Price Administration and of the health code of North Carolina; we do not believe that we have witnessed in Chapel Hill any strikingly unselfish service or extraordinary effort to bring the war to a close. Nevertheless, the cafe owners of Chapel Hill have managed to stay out of jail.

The cafe owners of Chapel Hill became considerably alarmed after reading the Tar Heel editorials stating the poor eating conditions in Chapel Hill brought on by formerly crowded conditions, a rapidly shifting student body, and lack of competition. The students are not able to demand the kind of service that the established residents of a normal village can demand. There is no doubt that the student body has been exploited and is being exploited by conditions on Franklin Street.

The bad food in Chapel Hill is becoming the talk of every dormitory, fraternity, and sorority on the campus. Students have come by hundreds to sign petitions and write letters of protest against Chapel Hill cafes. The campus organizations will soon discuss the matter; the student legislature is expected to take action; there is talk of boycott and consumers' unions.

A committee was formed at the meeting called by the Chapel Hill cafes; this committee will investigate the conditions in the eating establishments. The last time the Tar Heel made such a survey, evidence of price raising was shown. Repulsive pictures of the unsanitary kitchens gave the reason for there not being an A grade cafe in town. We know that the present committee can bring back evidence of unsanitary conditions, but we are doubtful of what else it can accomplish.

It is not likely that a solution to the eating problem in Chapel Hill will come from private enterprise itself; instead, we must look to the University to protect the health of its students. A plea goes out from the infirmary doctors, from the University Health Service, and from an overwhelming majority of the faculty and student body for the University to in some way provide for decent food for the students. Scientifically conducted surveys have unmistakably shown that the University student is not receiving adequate nutrition. We believe that if the University feels obligated to spend millions of dollars for a physical education program for the students, that the University is also obligated to insure the students of the right kind of meals to maintain health.

The University has in Swain Hall a place to feed enough students to force the downtown cafes to either clean up or go out of business. Swain Hall is being used as only about one-third of its capacity by the naval students. The fact that the ration points permitted for a Navy man's meal in Swain Hall is about four times the number of ration points allowed for a civilian should present no difficulty other than that civilians and naval students be fed separately. We believe that any system whereby the University could run a dining hall under either a subsidy

or a non-profit basis would be better than the present necessity of patronizing the little low-graded cafes scattered throughout the downtown section.

The University must now see that this is a concentrated appeal from faculty, students, townspeople, and members of the University Health Service. We feel certain that in the face of appeal by so many persons, students may soon be able to obtain a decent meal at a price they can afford to pay.

ANOTHER GENERATION ARRIVES

Another wave of new students thronged the campus this week. They are here to be absorbed in the Carolina way of life. As we all know from having observed the past classes arrive, these students will soon begin to find their places in a world which is now rather strange to most of them. Some will distinguish themselves as campus leaders, others will drop out of school. All will be influenced by what this University has to offer.

Regardless of what interests a student may have, he will find some group at Carolina which shares his interests. If he likes football, track, swimming, boxing, tennis, basketball, baseball, or any sport he has every opportunity to find the right equipment and the right associates. The student will find the University rich in opportunities for good intramural games.

Social life is certainly not neglected here. On our campus we have chapters of the finest fraternities and sororities in America. Carolina has been known throughout the state and nation as a college with great stress upon recreational and social opportunities. There are numerous groups to whom the student liking dances and parties can ally himself.

The new students will find Carolina to be a cosmopolitan community—a replica of society. Here are mingled hundreds of different theories of government, religion, and society.

If the student likes music, he will find here the University Glee Clubs, the University Symphony Orchestra, the University Band, the Chapel Hill Choral Club, and a music fraternity.

Stage acting is a fine art fostered by the nationally known Carolina Playmakers and "Sound and Fury."

Debating, public speaking, and forensics are ably represented by the oldest extra-curricular activity in any state university, the Dialectic Senate. Newer but high ranking forensic organizations and discussion groups are the Carolina Political Union and the International Relations Club.

The churches of the village and the Council for Religion in Life offer to all denominations a place to worship.

The three publications, the Yackety Yack, the Carolina Mag, and the Tar Heel, offer to every student a chance to practice the art of journalism. Every student has an opportunity to write and have his writings printed and distributed to thousands of readers.

Every institution existing in the world social system can be found in miniature on this Hill. Student government, as free as it can be found anywhere in the nation today, reaches out and controls all parts of campus life in a truly democratic fashion. The students are citizens of a real, self-governing community.

There is a place for everyone here at Carolina. And no one will have difficulty finding that place if he looks around.

Letters

To The Editor

Chapel Hill, N. C.
June 20, 1945.

To whom it may concern:

During the Summer School term of 1944 I was a student in the graduate school of U.N.C. My custom was to get my meals at the N. C. Cafeteria until I discovered a large cockroach mixed with a vegetable on my plate at lunchtime.

John W. Washburn,
Principal Chadbourn Schools,
Chadbourn, N. C.

Dear Editor:

We—as students of UNC, as members of this or that campus organization, or as citizens of the USA—have often indulged to a great extent in self-pride and self-congratulation that this nation leads the world both in standards of living and in democratic government through representation.

While we are thus indulging, we should at all times remember the duties of the citizens of a democratic country if it is to continue to lead the world and forever hold high the torch that others may see our light and follow. The greatest of these duties is that of being intelligently informed at all times on

all subjects of pertinent interest, of having well-founded viewpoints and opinions as well as tolerance for the other individual's ideals and opinions.

We, as maturing persons, receive the majority of our intellectual enlightenment on the college campuses of this nation and also form there the mental habits which are to be carried by us through life. Let us, therefore, take increased interest in such campus organizations as foster the understanding of current problems.

This editorial is a plea for the reorganization of the Philanthropic Society of UNC; an organization which is vitally connected both with the standards of living and with democratic government. The cardinal objective of this organization is the enlightenment of student opinion by discussion and presentation of factual reports both by students and by members of our faculty. An objective which leads to a truly democratic government by establishing the principle of well-informed opinion. Also, standards of living are created, to some extent, by science, but they are maintained by tradition. The Phi is a UNC tradition, but during a war to preserve our traditions and our way of life, it has been allowed to fall by the wayside. Let us take up the challenge and restore it! Sincerely,

Fred Chamberlain.

IRC Forum

By BUDDY GLENN

Since Truman's ascendency to the presidency, most observers predicted the removal of Stettinius from the office of Secretary of State. Last week it happened when Stettinius became head of the American delegation to the United Nations organizations. The wise-aces had predicted that James Byrnes would replace him.

This is once that the Washington prophets were right; and the South Carolinian, described as "a small, wiry, neatly made man with an odd, sharply angular face from which his sharp eyes peer out with an expression of quizzical geniality" became the most important Secretary of State in U. S. history. Under his administration the United States will either join the proposed world security organization or shirk its responsibility again. If the U. S. joins, Byrnes will have part of the responsibility of making the security organization secure for the small nations as well as for the Big Five.

Byrnes' rise to this position has followed the Horatio Alger motif. His father died before he was born and left his mother with no money and a big family. Following the great American custom in vogue before the WPA, she took in sewing to support her family. James was a brilliant student in school and received recognition as such, but he was forced to quit school at the age of 14 and go to work. He worked as office boy in a law firm and did stenographic work in the evenings.

He obtained his entree into politics in 1901 as a court reporter. He was admitted to the bar in 1903 and edited a law journal. After turning in a good job as Solicitor of Barnwell County, S. C., he ran for congress in 1910 and won with a 57 vote majority. He served successfully in the House until 1924 when the Republican majority was unbearable. He decided to run for the Senate but was defeated. He practiced law until the next election and ran successfully for the Senate.

After Roosevelt became President, Byrnes soon became his spokesman in the Senate. He displayed great skill as a politician and won the admiration of his colleagues. Some of his remarks were widely quoted. He stated that, "You've got to sacrifice your opinion to your party on minor questions, or you'll lose your influence on the major issues"—Machiavelli was never more axiomatic.

He and Roosevelt disagreed on some domestic issues from 1937-39, but the rise in importance of foreign policy on which he and Roosevelt agreed effected a rapprochement between the two. Byrnes was the guiding force behind many war preparatory measures, such as lend-lease. In June, 1941, he was appointed to the Supreme Court and the Senate voted unanimously to ratify his appointment. He resigned from the court Oct., 1942, to become Director of Economic Stabilization. In May, 1943, he became director of War Mobilization and was called "Assistant President." After he returned from Yalta, numerous reports stated that he and Roosevelt were disagreeing and that his resignation was a matter of months. A few weeks before the President's death, Jimmy Byrnes resigned and returned to South Carolina.

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