



'We're getting ready for a test'

At least that's what this group of graphic arts students said when asked why they were loafing. From left to right are: George Gettridge, Larrie L. Matthews, Phil Ferguson, Frank Granger, Pete London and Tom Manning. Incidentally, they did have a test.

Supreme Court rejects ICC ruling on raising rail rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court rejected today a 1965 Interstate Commerce Commission finding that northern railroads were entitled to an increased share of north-south freight revenues.

The unanimous ruling criticized procedures used by the ICC in assessing division of rates between northern and southern carriers for moving freight between the two regions.

Some 57 railroads in the North were to share in a revenue increase of about \$8 million a year. This money was to be

shifted to them from 40 southern carriers.

The ruling was a victory for the southern roads and a defeat for the northern carriers and for the government, which had appealed to the court to reverse an August 1967 decision by a federal court in New Orleans. That court had held unanimously that the ICC's record was inadequate, its evidence not substantial.

A joint rate is charged for shipping freight from one territory to the other and the revenue divided between railroads in the two regions. Northern

roads are those that operate generally east of Lake Michigan, Chicago and St. Louis and north of the Ohio River. The southern roads are generally those south of the Ohio River and east of the Mississippi.

The two railroad groups were dividing these joint freight revenues on an equal basis until the ICC, at the request of the northern lines, re-examined the division and ordered a 3.5 per cent increase for the northern carriers and a 3 per cent decrease for the southern roads.

The ICC found in a sample year, 1956, that the northern lines were receiving 44.64 per cent of the revenues while incurring 46.35 per cent of the cost of the joint shipments.

Justice William O. Douglas, noting that the cost figures used were for all freight traffic, said there was no evidence that the northern figure was not boosted by costs for shipments entirely within the northern region. He said nearly 80 per cent of the total northern traffic is within the territory itself.

Beyond that, he said the average costs for the north could have been boosted by commuter deficits, which are a bigger problem in that region than in the south. And, he said, the ICC allowed northern lines a 58 per cent higher cost for changing cars at points between the two regions when there is evidence that these operations are no more costly to northern carriers than to southern roads.

The court in New Orleans, in its ruling, said the northern roads were to turn over the ICC-approved increases to the southern railroads if the Supreme Court affirmed its ruling. This is what the court did.

Vietnamese said balking

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Defense Clark M. Clifford accused South Vietnamese leaders today of balking at a peace talks arrangement "in the last out of the ninth inning."

Clifford said the United States should go ahead with the peace talks with North Vietnam in Paris if President Nguyen Van Thieu continues his refusal to take part.

The defense secretary told a news conference that President Johnson had a duty to go ahead with his announcement of the bombing halt, despite last-minute South Vietnamese reservations, because Johnson had a commitment to North Vietnam. That arrangement was developed in secret talks in which Clifford said the Saigon government was kept fully informed.

A student newspaper

If there is some question about this issue of the Smoke Signals being a "student newspaper," it should be explained that the staff did not turn in copy. Thus, you will find by far a greater percentage of the material used has come off the Associated Press wire.

The issue, itself, has been fine for the purpose of training graphic arts students, but the prime purpose of a student publication is to publish news of the campus and most particularly its student body.

How about it staff?
How about it students?

Cafeteria committee minutes released

The following minutes of an October meeting of the Cafeteria Committee has been submitted for publication in this issue of Smoke Signals.

Mr. Gibby Thrift, President of the Freshman Class, and Mr. Hugh Brown, Vice-President of the Sophomore Class, joined the Committee at its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 12 noon, in the President's Dining Room. Mr. Lewis was out of town and unable to attend.

Mr. Sutton, chairman of the Committee, led the members in a discussion of the reactions to the Wednesday night dinners. In explaining the importance of requiring that the students attend the dinner in proper attire, Mr. Sutton and Mrs. McKeithan cited the fact that the formal dinners were planned in order to promote

the use of better table manners and social conduct as well as to give a festive air to the dinner hour once each week. The importance of preparing young men to conduct business transactions during meal-time meetings was also discussed.

The Committee voted in favor of Mr. Wooten's motion that a memorandum from the Committee be sent to Mr. Gilbert stating that any student who was not properly attired on Wednesday night would not be served; that an effort be made to remind students of this regulation by placing posters illustrating the information in the cafeteria; and that a copy of the memorandum be handed to students on this date. Mr. Toddy assumed the responsibility of having the posters made and posted.

We were advised by Mr. Sutton

that the grill still has not arrived; however, the bill has been received.

In answer to Mr. Thrift's question about second servings of food, Mr. Gilbert explained that students could not get extra portions of meat but that extra portions of some other foods were permitted. He also explained that the menus were based on a survey made of students' desires and that he would welcome any suggestions.

Mr. Sutton suggested to the student members that they have students submit their complaints in writing and report them to the Committee.

Mr. Garrison did not attend the meeting.

The chairman adjourned the meeting until November 6, 1968.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen G. Burgwyn

Statement issued by Business Manager

(Editor's note: The following comments were prepared by Ben Sutton, business manager of Chowan, and submitted for publication in Smoke Signals in reply to a recent letter to the editor regarding formal attire on Wednesday evening in the cafeteria. Elsewhere in this issue is a Cafeteria Committee minutes report.)

Several students have recently commented to me that some members of our student body have questioned the policy which requires more formal attire—coats and ties for men; dresses and heels for women—for the regular Wednesday evening meal served by the dining hall staff. The answer requires a review of our experiences during the past four years.

In the summer of 1964, the college contracted with the food service firm, Servomation Mathias, to operate the dining hall. Until that time the cafeteria committee consisted of the dietitian and several members of the faculty and staff.

Servomation requested in their contract that a formal committee be appointed with at least five student representatives. This was done for the next three years, but student representatives showed very little interest and rarely attended the meetings.

In 1967-68, for the first time, students began to play an active role in planning and formulating policies. The committee began to make plans for the new contract (1968-69) in order to incorporate a new

concept in dining. Responsible students were invited to attend meetings. Two student leaders, Jim O'Neil and Tom Soter, continued with follow-up reports, requests and suggestions in the summer following graduation.

Traditionally, it has been our policy to require appropriate dress on Sunday and at special dinners which were formerly served only at Thanksgiving and Christmas, prior to the holidays.

Servomation, the college and the student leadership worked out a number of changes: unlimited beverages at each meal (formerly only one glass of milk was allowed at breakfast and dinner); choice of entrees and vegetables at lunch and dinner, with seconds on several

selections (formerly one meat and two vegetables were put on the plate); meat served at each morning's breakfast (formerly we served meat for the breakfast three times each week); a choice of breakfast menu, which is to be implemented after the Thanksgiving holidays; and a special "high-light dinner" one evening each week with table linens, candlelight and soft music appropriate for such a dinner.

The Clothing and Etiquette Committee and the Cafeteria Committee, both of which have student representatives, believe this to be a part of our continuing objectives to give students experience in necessary social graces—a necessary part of formal education.

It is important that college

students not only recognize proper table manners, but to be able to participate in a formal social occasion with some measure of comfort and confidence, and not be like so many people who have to watch to see what others do before they "make their move."

It may be well to report here the response to the Food Service Director's request for menu selections distributed to all students Oct. 31.

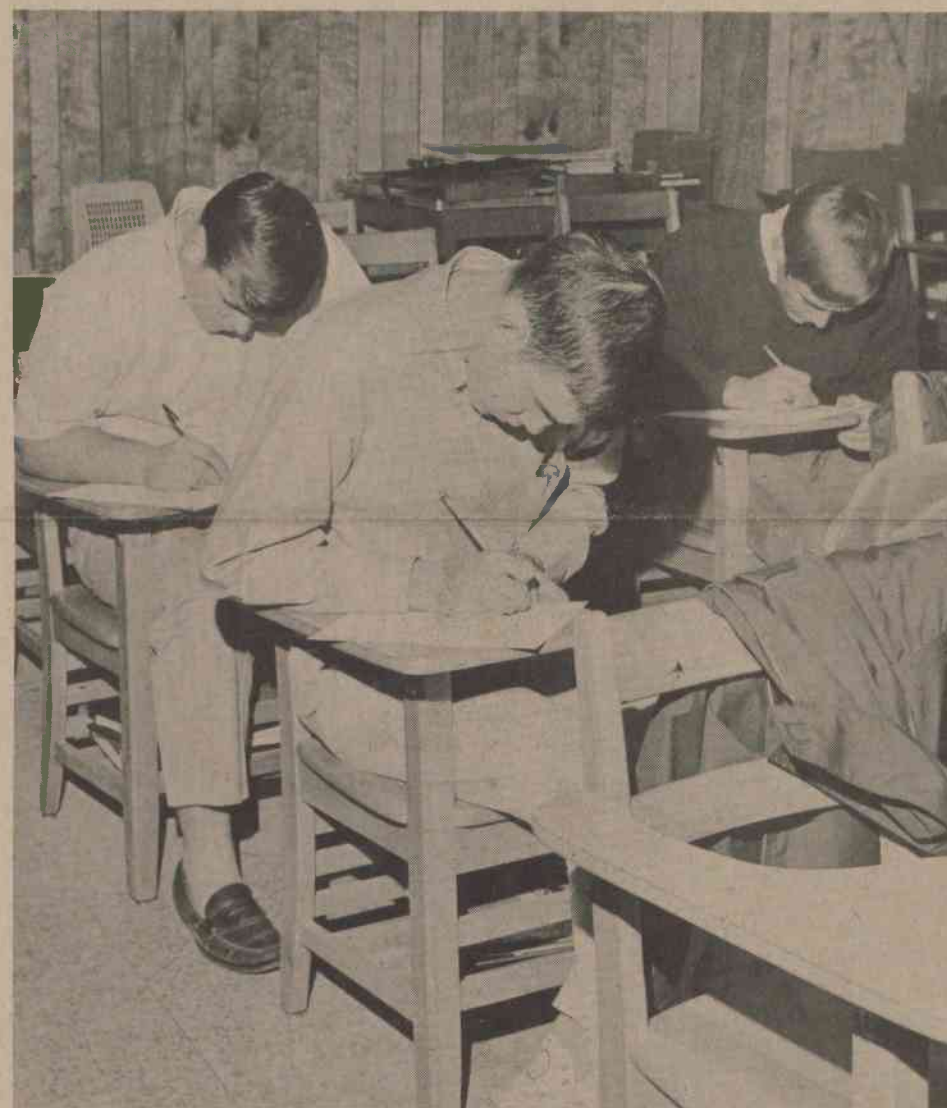
Mr. Gilbert, I, and others welcome your constructive criticism—at any reasonable suggestions for improvements. I would only remind you that there are channels for your communication, and we hope you will use these methods in a positive manner if you expect them to be effective.

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James Ray murder case postponed



We're always having another test!

But they love 'em! Three students are busily engrossed in a test on offset by Professor Sowell. Testing their learning capacity are Bob Eason, back, Frank Granger, front, and Barry Brown.

John Llewellyn veteran of Marine Corps tour

By TOMMY GARNER

John "Lew" Llewellyn from Sandston, Va., entered the U. S. Marine Corps on June 17, 1963. He went through basic training, "boot-camp" at Parris Island, S. C.

He was assigned to a rifle company out of Camp Lejeune, N. C., where he took part in field exercises in Puerto Rico, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic. While in Puerto Rico, he visited San Juan.

In June of 1964, he was transferred to California, where he served as a brig guard at An Diego Naval Brig until January of 1965. He then received orders for Okinawa, where he stayed for three months. From Okinawa, he was transferred to Viet-Nam as an advisor in the Saigon district. Upon completion, he was reassigned to forward observer unit as a radio man, and took active part in the assault for hill 881.

"Lew" took R & R in Bangkok, Thailand and in Hong Kong. He also visited Sydney, Australia, and served in the Philippines and Japan.

Upon returning to the United

States, he was assigned to Officer's Candidate School at Quantico, Va. as an instructor.

"Lew" attained the rank of Sgt. (E-5) during his tour with the Marines, and was also awarded a Good Conduct Medal, a National Defense Medal, a Medal of Viet Nam Service (2 Stars) Republic of Viet Nam campaign Medal and a Naval commendation Ribbon.

Cruise ship hit by fire in engines

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — The passenger cruise ship Oceanic, bound from New York to Nassau, reported today that it had turned back and was proceeding slowly to home port after an engine room fire.

The Coast Guard in Miami said it received a message from the ship at 8 a.m. reporting the turnaround. A spokesman said the ship did not request aid.

The 782-foot Panamanian cruiser operated by Home Lines Inc. has a capacity of 1,200 passengers, according to Lloyd's Register of Ships.

Accused of killing Martin Luther King

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — James Earl Ray's first-degree murder trial in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was postponed today until March 3. The state objected to the delay, accusing the defendant of "trifling with the court."

Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle granted the continuance to give Ray's new lawyer, Percy Foreman, time to familiarize himself with the case.

The tall Texas attorney only last Sunday night replaced Arthur Hanes as defense counsel.

It was learned that a major issue in the split between Ray and Hanes was the insistence of the lawyer that the case be opened today as scheduled.

Hanes told the court: "The defense was ready to go to court today."

The 40-year-old Ray, dressed in a blue pin-stripe suit, was taken from his third-floor cell quarters with its metal sheath windows to the second floor courtroom. This was his first journey out of his limited confines since Sept. 30, when he appeared in the same courtroom.

He was unfettered in any way by handcuffs or other devices, but appeared to need a haircut.

Observers who had seen him at his last public appearance said his face appeared more drawn than in the past.

Ray was shown a copy of his handwritten letter, asking that Hanes be replaced by Foreman. He arose with the letter in hand as Judge Battle asked him, "Did you send that letter?"

"Yes sir," he answered.

Q. "You said you wanted to terminate the services of Mr. Hanes?"

A. "Yes, sir."

Q. "You said you wished to hire other counsel?"

A. "Yes, sir."

Ray then resumed his seat to follow intently the ensuing arguments over the trial postponement.

Speaking for the state, Robert K. Dwyer, 45, a peppery grey-haired assistant district attorney general, pointed out that Ray was captured last June 8 in London as a climax by a record FBI manhunt which began when King was shot to death here April 4, on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in downtown Memphis.

Dwyer said that Hanes, the dapper 51-year-old former mayor of Birmingham, Ala., had been Ray's defense attorney since June 13, including the date when he was returned to the Shelby County Jail here July 19. "He's been here four months or better and it appears to me he's trifling with the court," Dwyer declared.

The State of Tennessee is ready for trial. We have something like 90 witnesses alerted nationally and in various parts of the world to come in here.

"What assurances are there that at the last moment the defendant might not come in and say, 'I don't want this gentleman here,'" Dwyer nodded at Foreman, 66, a colorful 6-foot-4 criminal lawyer.

"It's a unique case in the eyes of the world, but it's still a piece of business," Dwyer continued.

With the state and Foreman at odds over the trial extension, Judge Battle remarked: "Well, you gentlemen have dropped this right in my lap."

He then set the trial date for March 3, and received a commitment from Foreman that the new defense chief would let the court know on Dec. 12 if he could be ready for the March trial.

Demonstrators are arrested

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — About 100 antiwar demonstrators barricaded themselves in a University of Connecticut Administration building today.

The university president called for the assistance of state police in dealing with what he termed the "disruption" at the campus in this rural village.

State police and university officials had no further comment on how they planned to handle the takeover of Guley Hall, where university President Homer Babbidge Jr. and other university officials have offices.

Babbidge had indicated Monday, when a sit-down began in Guley Hall, that no attempt would be made to remove the protestors while their demonstration remained peaceful.



He's gonna take our picture

Gary Whitley and Ronald Simpson, left to right, demonstrate their skill with the Ludlow type casting machine during a lab period.