

Swain Prices Questioned

Barring unforeseen intricacies in accounting, the Phi Assembly is questioning the cover off one of the sorest spots in administration-student relations.

We concede that food prices in Chapel Hill are justifiably higher than those in Durham or Raleigh or Greensboro because of the transportation differential and because such a shortage of labor exists here. But food sold 40 per cent lower in Raleigh, and still at a profit, doesn't sound right. Most important, it does not follow that Swain hall with the benefit of State buying and ostensibly operating at a cost should be charging higher prices than other Chapel Hill establishments which cannot purchase through the State and who are admittedly making a profit.

We stop short of accusing the business office of breaking their promise to students until they have a chance to explain next Tuesday night. But the explanation needs to be good.

Highly charged or hungry students will be interested in more and cheaper food, not in an accounting seminar.

Students Are Cooperating

It's getting hot and the trees are budding and the Carolina campus is adopting the pleasant, easy, almost lazy pace that has always characterized the spring quarters.

But we are happy to see that the student body is not approaching that laziness to such a degree that they are not forgetting recent pleas to stay off the grass. Consequently the current replanting work is going on almost as fast and unhindered as possible.

There are still a careless few that persist in packing down the campus as quickly as workers can plow it up. Fortunately they are not many in number. Unfortunately they are very efficient in undoing many hours of labor in breaking up ground for planting.

A student body, the great majority of which has cooperated extremely well in the attempt to beautify the campus, can add still another step to their credit. They should speak to any careless friends they see who persist in trying to undo several thousands of dollars worth of work. They can discourage the few remaining offenders much easier than any impersonal committees or signs.

Strictly Detrimental

By Jud Kinberg

Bob Levin left school last quarter for the Army Air Corps and so far I've done a pretty poor job of keeping the column going. Once again he's come to my rescue and here's his column this week.

—J.K.

Am still down at Miami, one of the 26 boys chosen to stay here for 10 days of advanced conditioning. The rest are being shipped off to school but we remain and play rough.

Today we had to run at each other with clubs and get ready to strike while our opponent throws us over his shoulder and then stamps on us. I forgot myself and threw my man clear into the air, slammed him to the ground. In payment, the bull-like instructor did the same to me.

By now it must be full Chapel

Hill spring with the buds shading the walk between Murphey and Saunders, birds singing early in the morning, the grass dotted with coeds. Spring at the Hill is something you should enjoy to the fullest. It's a time when you want to sleep outside, talk to everyone you meet. If you could only feel the way we all do down here you'd jump on the grass and bury yourself in it now. We pray that we are sent to a training center where we can return to Carolina for just a weekend; a weekend of beer, women and warm nights.

Say hello to Bucky, Bob, HC, Ernie, Sylv, Henry. Say hello to Carolina for me, tell them how much they've got.

I'll write more when I get to pre-flight training.

Bob

Apropos

Help Wanted

Demand for accounting and auditing assistants has become great in Washington that the government will hire any person with two years' education in accounting at any time and without a written examination. The pay is \$2433 a year, including overtime.

There are numerous new opportunities for men and women with two or more years technical education in agriculture, too. Laboratory and field positions are opening in Washington and throughout the country at \$1970 to 2433 a year. There's no written test for these jobs, either.

Other technical jobs are available to those with a single year of appropriate college study in chemistry, geology, geophysics, mathematics, metallurgy, meteorology, physics or radio.

For Men Only

By Charley Johnson and Chuck Howe

From what springs much of the present dangerous trend towards irrational belief? Perhaps it seems a paradox, but it springs from science and the extreme thoroughness which logical investigation apparently demands.

The modern scientist has bemoaned the intolerance of certain social institutions. That is why I wonder and am somewhat surprised to discover some of the most intolerant men among distinguished chemists, zoologists, and physicists.

The old line thorough believers have exasperated the scientists by demanding that everything contradicting the old religious and social theories be thrown out as heresy against God and man.

The few remaining old-line thinkers are not breeding a healthy society by their unreasonable stand, but neither are the scientists breeding a healthy society by their violent reaction against metaphysical and philosophical study. The scientists tend to want to throw out everything which contradicts science. Scientists consider knowledge worthless which comes from sources other than those recognized by science.

We have two intolerant groups fighting each other.

The modern philosopher cannot accept either one of them en toto, for the full acceptance of one would mean the renunciation of the other. He sees much of worth and much, in fact, which can hardly be denied in science. He also sees much human wisdom, equally undeniable, in the poetry and books of philosophy which the scientists tend to cast aside in disdain.

An intelligent mind doesn't have to accept the Bible or any other philosophical teaching literally. An intelligent man, however, would hardly toss them aside as worthless.

Much is to be learned from theories which are not completely scientific. The sudden disregard for everything which does not strictly conform with science denotes not a rational but an irrational mind.

Hitler has accepted a logical theory. Once you accept his hypothesis, he can show you how logical it is. The dangerous stage this philosophy has come to now has been made possible by an almost unbelievable thoroughness.

Thoroughness and strict adherence to a set of principles is fine so long as your principles are correct. Even if your principles are only partially wrong, however, your thorough pursuit of them will result in a major catastrophe.

Can science explain everything suitably or is it a little wrong to claim that science can ever do this? If science can explain everything suitably, the thoroughness of science and the ruthless disregard for theories unscientific are for the best interests of everybody and everything. If science can't quite do all of this, it might be unwise to put aside everything else in order to fully accept its tenets and become 100 per cent thorough scientists.

—C.J.

By Mail and P M

Writer Defends Rickenbacker; PM Writer Is Sorry For Him

To the Students:

It is to be expected that Mr. Harvey Segal would take a stand behind labor leaders and racketeers in the smear campaign against one of America's greatest heroes, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker. Captain Rickenbacker, has risked his life in not one war but two in fighting for the things he believes to be right. Having seen the inadequacies of our fighting equipment all over the world, Mr. Rickenbacker has hit hard at the abuses of a minority of organized labor which retard our production.

Two of these are absenteeism and feather-bedding. Absenteeism is the absence of workers from the production lines. Feather-bedding is the practice of having four men to sweep out a telephone booth or having three men to drive a truck at the same time.

Yesterday it was my privilege to visit one of our foremost defense areas. With my own eyes, I saw feather-bedding not once but over and over again. I saw four men carrying a plank that one could have carried. I saw three men wheeling one wheelbarrow. I saw one welder and four advisers.

My guide assured me that absenteeism was as rampant as the feather-bedding. I saw no one who was apparently interested in getting his job done as quickly as possible. If this is typical and it must be from other claims, then I fear for the safety of this country.

I will support your right to freedom of speech but I must confess a doubt as to your right to criticize an outstanding American like Mr. Rickenbacker who has been to war plants and seen. Have you been, Mr. Segal? If so, have you seen?

Jack Lindsay
Former student now
in U. S. Army.

Editor's Note: Up until this time, the material on Colonel Rickenbacker in each issue has been either all pro or con. Richard Adler's column last Saturday implied for many, although he tried to avoid it, a condoning of Rickenbacker's recent criticism. Harvey Segal's column the following day attempted directly to refute Rickenbacker's criticism of or-

ganized labor. Without taking sides, we here throw into the boiling pot excerpts from William J. O'Brien's weekly column in PM, "Dear Joe," which dealt with the flyer's testimony about manpower before the Senate Military Affairs committee last week:

You see, Joe, there are two Eddie Rickenbackers: First, the brave, competent, friendly guy we used to read about in the newspapers and for whose rescue we hoped and prayed not long ago; second, the Eddie Rickenbacker who has been blasting organized labor and whom I saw in action last Friday.

The theme of his testimony was that there would be no production problem in America today if it were not for "labor racketeering" and "government interference"; if employers had the right to "fire people who won't work" and to establish the "incentive plan."

His evidence seemed to consist mainly of guesses into which he had inserted decimal points. For instance, he said "absenteeism in non-union plants is 'half' what it is in union plants." He said production could be "doubled" if the aforementioned "evils" were corrected. When a Senator pointed out that production depended also on availability of materials, Rickenbacker said "90 per cent" of the materials shortage could be blamed on labor. At another point he said production could be improved "33 1/3 per cent" by changing the labor laws. When a Senator referred back to this statement later and mentioned "30 per cent," Rickenbacker corrected him, saying, "I said 33 1/3 per cent, Senator." "At another point he said "at least 75 per cent—conservatively" of American workers would do their jobs well if freed from "labor bosses."

I heard the Captain say, "There is not a living soul in the boundaries of the United States who knows this problem (of manpower organization) better than I do. I have received over 50,000 communications (since the start of his labor-criticizing campaign) and I have read them all, because I wanted to know the facts."

"Think of this tired man poring over his fan mail—he said he read it "between 3 and 7 A.M."—adding it up, breaking it down, arriving inevitably at meaningless percentages, and concluding that he MUST be speaking the truth—a wistful picture of any man; a tragic picture when the man is a former American hero.

Somebody is playing Eddie Rickenbacker for a sucker. They are using him, using his hard-earned reputation, his intellectual failure to understand the workings of a modern industrial democracy, and his frustrated patriotism. (I have no doubt that he would like to be in there fighting today; that he would gladly risk his life for America today as he has risked it before; and being unable to do so, he is breaking his neck trying to do what he misguidedly considers the next best thing.)

And what are they doing to him? They are cold-bloodedly using him, as in the past they have used other men and other means, to fight labor unions and to emasculate the Nation's labor laws. To them he is a human broadcasting machine; you talk in here, and it comes out on front pages all over America.

When Rickenbacker has squandered his reputation in their behalf they will simply shrug him off and find another fall guy.

But Rickenbacker! What becomes of him? He had a fine record, and it must have meant a great deal to him. But before he gets through with this crazy crusade of his—unless he sees the light and gets out quick—he is going to wind up as that least respected of all ex-public figures in America: the sucker.

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of state buying, serves at an equal average cost per meal with food of equal quality and only slightly less quantity.

Reports were given on three representative campus fraternities. The one charging the highest price for food is able to serve at an average of 43 cents per meal with both chicken and steak on the menu twice a week. Quantity and quality of food is greater than that served at Swain. The fraternity charging the lowest price for meals on the basis of two daily for a month is able to serve at 33 cents per meal.

Fraternities, it was pointed out, do not have the benefit of state buying, but at the same time are making profits to defer costs of maintaining their houses.

At State College, where the cafeteria is privately run and at a profit, prices on all items except bread were reported to range 40 to 50 per cent below the prices charged by Swain hall. Quantity was equal or greater and quality was superior.

Earnheart, at the conclusion

of reports, asserted that "from all available evidence—and we have spent a long time in securing information—points to the fact that the University is not serving the best interests of the student body by charging the current prices at Swain hall."

Controller W. D. Carmichael and Business Manager L. B. Rogerson of the University will be asked to attend a follow-up meeting of the Assembly next Tuesday night.

Participating in the discussion last night were Frank Earnheart, the speaker pro-tem who supervised the investigation; Baxter Howell, Faison Thompson, Jean Lockridge, and Clyde Rollins.

DEBATE

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their present faculty members, Dr. E. J. Woodhouse, Dr. Godfrey, and Dr. Lefler.

It was decided to send several delegates to the Grand Eastern Debating and Speaking Tournament to be held in Charlotte April 14-16. All persons interested in making this trip are requested to be present at next Tuesday's meeting.

The women's service corps at Washington State college has 123 members who are being fitted for membership in auxiliaries of the armed forces.

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MUSICIANS ATTEN--SHUN!

The C.V.T.C. Corps needs and wants a Band. If you are interested in taking part in the formation of a band of this type, see Col. Raborg not later than next Monday afternoon, April 5.

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