

Job Picture Brighter For Next Few Months

A cross section of Raleigh employers, queried on their hiring plans for the coming three months (April, May, June), are optimistic that the employment outlook, which has been good, will become even better, according to a quarterly survey of Raleigh businessmen recently released by Manpower, the world's largest temporary help service.

Bill Williams, owner of Manpower's Raleigh office, said, "Manpower's survey of hiring intentions for the next three months shows businessmen here expect an upturn in hiring activity. There is anticipated seasonality with 27% of the firms queried having hiring plans for the next three months, up

from 29% who made such projections in a similar survey by Manpower last quarter. Another 53% anticipate little change in their employment levels, 7% were unsure of their plans and a nominal 3% were considering reductions," Williams said.

In the Manpower survey last quarter, 60% forecast no change in their employment levels and 11% were considering reductions.

The most optimistic hiring forecasts came from the service industry employers, where more than half of those surveyed made hiring predictions. Also encouraging was the outlook among nondurable goods manufacturers.

Nationally, hiring confidence levels for the next three months are as strong as they have been at any time during the last two years.

The very positive employment outlook for the upcoming quarter registers the same positive expectations for new jobs as a similar Manpower survey taken one year ago for the second quarter of 1977. According to government figures, the second quarter was the best quarter of 1977. There were 1,500,000 new workers added to the U.S. employment ranks for the entire year.

Nationally, the employment outlook is optimistic. One out of every three (33%) of the employers interviewed, the same percentage as one year ago, anticipates adding more workers. The majority of employers, 58% this year compared to 57% last year, expect the hiring pace to remain the same. In the surveys taken both this year and one year ago, 6% anticipate a retrenchment in hiring.

The sharp jump in hiring confidence from last quarter to this quarter was largely due to anticipated seasonality. In the first quarter of 1978, 25% projected increases, 59% no change, and 13% decreases in hiring.

The construction industry registered the highest confidence level ever recorded in the history of the Man-

power survey with 53% of those surveyed anticipating increases in hiring, 40% projecting no change in hiring and 4% expecting decreases in hiring.

Strong showings were turned in by the durable goods and wholesale-retail industries. Durable goods turned in its best showing in two years with 36% predicting increases in hiring.

Although at a lower level, hiring confidence among manufacturers of nondurable goods continues to be strong with 29% forecasting increases in hiring. Forecasts for the wholesale-retail category are above those of a similar survey of a year ago. In the current survey, 34% project increases in hiring, compared with 31% one year ago.

The Midwest, which trailed the country in hiring confidence last quarter, is ahead of the national average this quarter. The breakdown for the Midwest has 34% increasing, 57% maintaining a status quo in their hiring and 5% decreasing their hiring levels.

The South and West lead the country in hiring confidence. Although extremely positive, the South no longer is the sole front-runner of positive hiring predictions with 35% increasing hiring and 56% expecting no change in hiring. For the first time in 12 months the West equaled the positive employment outlook in the South with 37% planning to increase hiring and 54% to keep hiring the same. The Northeast continues to trail the nation with 28% forecasting increases in hiring and 62% to keep it the same.

Forgotten Water

By PHIL HEITMAN

Bless the rains come tumbling down,
Nourish the dry, cracking ground.

Wheel I'm a drop.
The moment a trickle ran
To the present day of time,
The many triumphs of man
And none without mine.
I'm a spring,
A tiny thing.

Oh the spring, the melting snow
Is fresh to the cause
And the downward flow
Is letting momentum grow and grow,
Till we all form a one
That cannot stop.
I'm a creek.

At every branch
We brothers meet
To discuss our river's might,
Slowing down for moonlit lovers
And rushing the factories out of sight.

The stones I've worn
The battles torn
And still as close as breath,
I ask no fee
Please don't pollute me
You're choking poor trout to death.

I'm a river
I keep on flowin'
I keep on growin'
'Till I reach the sea.
Stay with me.
You have no choice
Relax and rejoice,
The simple life
Is best.

I am the sea.
I'm free to be
Anything,
Everything within a mile
And many a mile to go.
Sit back and smile
You never know,
Where
I'll be tomorrow.

LOCKER

CHAPEL HILL, N. C. (CH) — The U. of North Carolina has promised to double the number of locker room facilities available to women. Three sex discrimination suits had charged that men have 85 per cent of the lockers although women comprise nearly half of the enrollment, but the suits were dropped after the institution promised to eliminate the inequity.

ENROLL

PHOENIX, Ariz. — For the first time in history, there are more women than men enrolled in U. S. colleges and universities, according to an Arizona State University professor.

Dr. Robert Frenske attributes the nationwide trend to increased career opportunities for women, the women's movement, low tuitions at community colleges and that many women are waiting longer after high school to get married.

Frenske said, "More women than men graduate from high school, so, demographically the potential has always been there for women to outnumber men in higher education institutions, but social factors prevented this in the past."

"Strongest Team Ever," Coach Says

By MIKE BARNHARDT

"We've got one of the strongest teams we've ever had" is the way coach Linwood Ferguson describes Chowan College's 1978 track team.

The latest Braves' victory, a 104-40 triumph over the Newport News Naval Apprentice School, certainly substantiates that statement. Elizabeth City State University scored 30 points in the meet here April 4.

With only two meets left, the Braves boast a 3-0 record.

"Our streak this year for a shot at the region championships is our strength in field events in quality and number," Ferguson added.

Ferguson praised his 440-yard relay team that ran an excellent time of 42.7 seconds, saying, "Our slowest man ran a 9.7."

In the middle distance races Chowan has three sub-two-minute 800 men, including two high school All-Americans.

Jim King made a good showing, winning two events and placing third in another. He won the 800-yard run in 2 minutes 1.8 seconds and the mile in 4:38.7 before placing second in the two-mile run in 11:25.0.

Allen Porter also took two first places. He won the long jump and the triple jump with respective leaps of 20 feet 9 1/2 inches and 46-2 1/2.

Chowan's Mike Harding won the discus throw with a toss of 124-6 1/2 and the javelin throw with a heave of 163-0 1/2. He also placed fourth in the shot.

Brave runners Ricky Spruill and Ver-

non Morrison traded wins in the 100 and 220-yard dashes. Spruill won the 100 in 9.6 while Morrison took second in 9.8. Morrison came back to win the 220 in 22.6 while Spruill took second in 22.7.

Other first-place finishers for Chowan included Jim Estelle with an 11:04.0 two-mile run, Bob Trojak with a 5-10 high jump, Daniel Days with a 42-11 shot put and Maurice Berry with a 15.7-second 120-yard high hurdles.

Chowan Summary

**Shot — 1, Days (C) 42-11; 2, Kenan (C); 3, Boone (EC) 4, Harding (C).
**Discus — 1, Harding (C) 124-6 1/2; 2, Young (NN); 3, Kenan (C); 4, Boone (EC).
**Javelin — 1, Harding (C) 163-0 1/2; 2, Days (C); 3, Springfield (NN); 4, Randle (C).
**Pole vault — 1, Luten (NN) 9-6; 2, Conlon (NN); 3, Ayres (NN).
**High jump — 1, Trojak (C) 9-6; 2, Miller (EC); 3, Jackson (NN).
**Triple jump — 1, Porter (C) 46-2 1/2; 2, Williams (EC); 3, Miller (EC); 4, George (C).
**Long jump — 1, Porter (C) 20-9 1/2; 3, Peterson (NN); 3, Harris (C); 4, Williams (EC).
**100 — 1, Spruill (C) 9.6; 2, Morrison (C); 3, Thompson (C); 4, Lee (EC).
**220 — 1, Morrison (C) 22.6; 2, Spruill (C); 3, Washington (NN); 4, Cobb (EC).
**120 high hurdles — 1, Berry (C) 15.7; 2, Jones (EC); 3, Washington (NN); 4, Jones (C).
**440 — 1, Jackson (NN) 51.7; 2, Miller (EC); 3, Radcliffe (C); 4, Peterson (NN).
**400 hurdles — 1, Jones (EC) 59.9; 2, George (C); 3, Hood (NN).
**800 — 1, King (C) 2:01.8; 2, Estelle (C); 3, Kennedy (C); 4, Dye (C).
**1-mile — 1, King (C) 4:38.7; 2, Estelle (C); 3, Dye (C); 4, Lenon (EC).
**2-mile — 1, Estelle (C) 11:04.0; 2, King (C); 3, Robertson (NN); 4, Kennedy (C).
**440 relay — 1, Chowan; 2, Newport News.
**1-mile relay — 1, Newport News; 2, Elizabeth City.



Sometimes it's difficult to go to class . . . and this is especially true in the early spring when the first warm, sunny days arrive. These graphic arts majors used the front porch of McSweeney Hall to enjoy the

recent summer-like days, prior to going to their 1:00 o'clock lab. Left to right are James Estelle, Ronald Andrews, Keith Young and David Deese.

"To find peace and quiet. . ."

There are many places on and around the campus which provide exceptional beauty, especially in these early days of summer. The quiet, rustic scene above is

only about 20 yards behind Green Hall, where a small stream travels slowly to the rear of the campus and into Lake Vann.

Travel Catalog Ready For Overseas Trips

The Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), a membership organization of nearly 200 U.S. colleges and universities and a major force in U.S. student travel for over 30 years, recently announced publication of the 1978 CIEE Flight Catalog and its companion publication the 1978 Student Travel Catalog.

Together, these catalogs provide 112 value-packed pages of comprehensive flights, fares and travel information of

particular interest to students, teachers and the budget-minded who go abroad for longer than the average two-or three-week trip. The Flight Catalog is the "how to get there" book; the Student Travel Catalog is the "what to do when you get there" book.

At a time when international fares and charter regulations continue to change at an unprecedented rate, the CIEE Flight Catalog contains up-to-the-minute information on hard-to-find long-stay charters and low-cost scheduled airline fares around the world. Each issue of the Flight Catalog, updated whenever necessary, will contain the latest information on:

— CIEE's long-stay charter program to Paris, Amsterdam and Zurich from New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco. CIEE charters offer long stays at low costs for confirmed seats to Europe. Sample round-trip fare from New York to Paris OR Amsterdam OR Zurich — \$359; from the West Coast — \$479.

— A comprehensive selection of long-stay charters to other destinations in Europe and across the Pacific offered by commercial operators.

— Low-cost, scheduled airline fares from the United States to the major travel destinations around the world such as the new budget, standby and bargain fares.

— Special student flights and fares within Europe and from Europe to Asia, Australia and Africa offering savings of up to half the regular fares.

The new, colorful fifth edition of the 1978 Student Travel Catalog is more in-

formative than ever before. It contains wide-ranging information on some of the best and cheapest ways to get around over seas. Included is information on:

— The International Student Identity Card — the internationally recognized proof of full-time student status, which entitles the holder to thousands of discounts and benefits throughout the world.

— Discounts available on train travel through Europe.

— Tours for students to Israel and Russia.

— Camping, treks and expeditions across Europe, Africa and Asia.

— A work program that can help students cut the red tape to find jobs in Britain, France and Ireland.

— Bargains in car leasing and bus travel in Europe.

— Student discounts on Mediterranean sailings.

— Recommended books and travel guides.

— Travel insurance to protect against the unexpected.

Both Catalogs contain applications for everything described. Free copies of the 1978 CIEE Flight Catalog and the Student Travel Catalog may be obtained from CIEE, Dept. PR-ST, at 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017 (tel. 212-981-0310) or 386 North Santa Cruz, Los Gatos, CA 95030 (tel. 408-254-5147), enclosing 50 cents to cover first-class postage and handling costs. Both offices are open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Big Money, Red Tape

BALTIMORE, Md. (CH) — This is a short tale of big money and federal red tape.

Several years ago veterans were allowed to enroll in the University of Maryland's overseas campus without paying their tuition in advance. The university had the veterans sign a power of attorney so the veterans' benefit checks could be sent directly to the university.

But checks for many of the veterans — about \$900,000 worth — never arrived at the bursar's office. What happened to the money? Last year the university sued the Veterans Administration to find out and, hopefully, to be paid for the education of those veterans, long since departed.

But a judge ruled Jan. 30 that since no

constitutional question is involved, the university had no case. The university took a risk in allowing the veterans to enroll without payment, just like granting credit, said the judge. The university should have known that the veterans could have rescinded the power of attorney and asked the VA to send them their checks directly. And some students may not have been eligible for benefits in the first place, noted the judge.

Unless the university decides to appeal — and wins — it is apparently out the \$900,000, a loss that administrators say will cause the overseas program to suffer some curtailments. And in the future at the University of Maryland, students can expect to be asked to lay cash on the line when enrolling.



Another way to get about campus is an exerted unicycle, and this student has little trouble maneuvering on the walkways with his "one-wheeler."