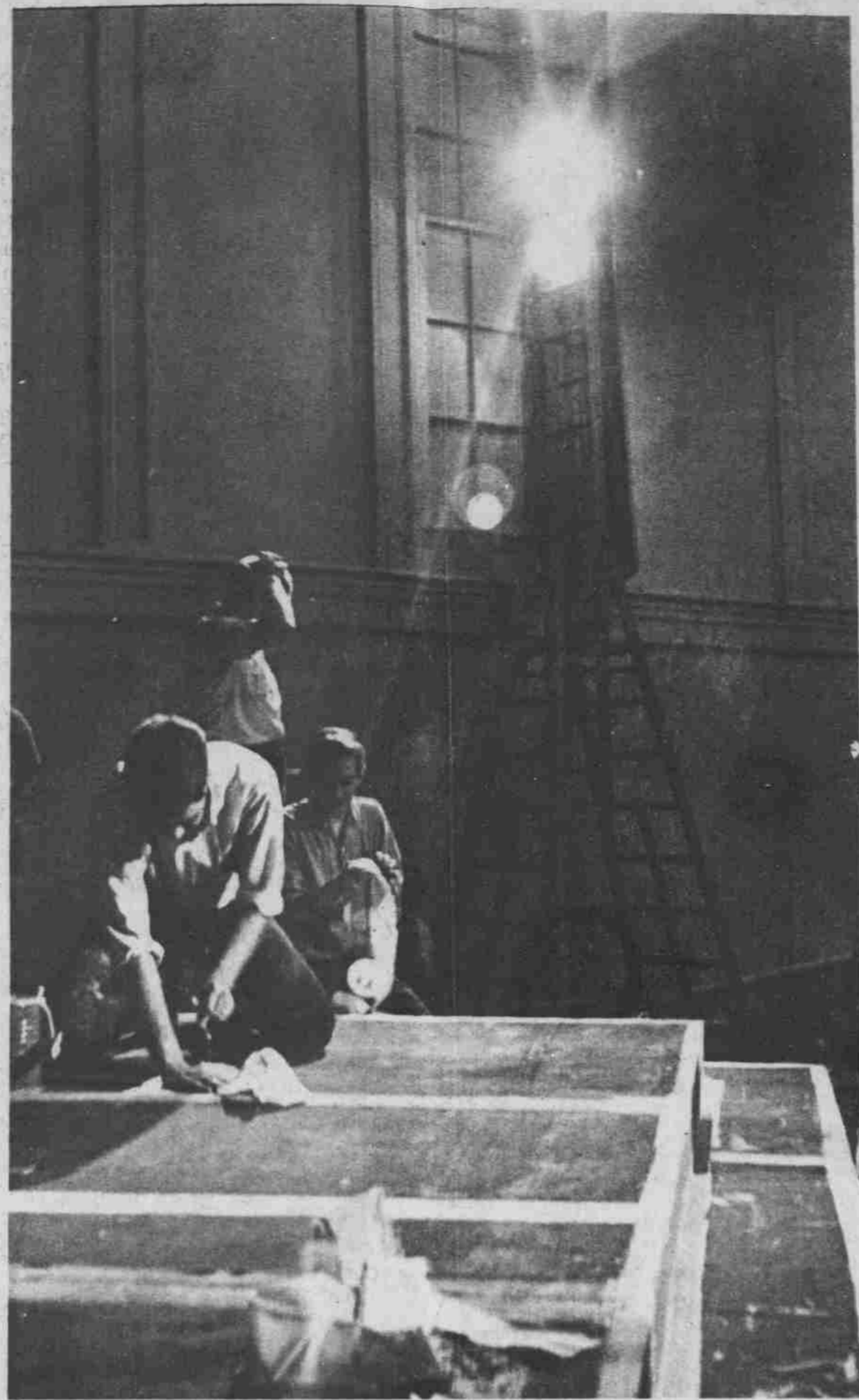


# The Play's The Thing—But Not Without Work



IT'S STRANGE how a technical crew can get so unconsciously swallowed up by a play that when they're out there working on the set they seem to take the shape and forms of the tortured characters of Jean Anouilh's "Antigone." This, the

second Playmaker production for the '66-'67 season, opens Wednesday, November 9 and promises to be a striking dramatic performance. First in these pictures, on the left, brightly-outlined Stan Eskridge appears as a solitary figure in space

as he adjusts a side light high on a ladder. Lighting Director Russell Graves, center, seems to be going through the agony of Creon as he ponders his next lighting adjustment. Finally, Bob Hardison, hoisting a heavy curtain from the rib-

bed catwalk, resembles some Grecian seaman straining at a rope pulling up a sail. Or, maybe it's all just our imagination. —DTH Photos by Jock Lauterer

## What Did Ungainly Dr. Swain Have That Put Him On Top Of The Pile?

By OTELIA CONNOR  
Third in a Series

When David Lowry Swain, Governor of North Carolina, and third President of the University was a small boy living in a mountain cove of western North Carolina, he saw a horse and wagon approaching in a washed out channel of the creek near his home, and was so frightened that he ran and hid.

What manner of man was this, who with only four months of college education at the UNC, got his law license when he was 22 years old, when he was twenty three years old was elected to the General Assembly for five terms. When he was twenty eight years old he was chosen solicitor for the Edenton Circuit, an extreme eastern district of North Carolina. When he was twenty nine years old he was transferred to the Superior Court bench.

When he was thirty two years old he was elected Governor of North Carolina, the youngest man ever elected to that high office.

During Governor Swain's last year in office, 1835, Joseph Caldwell, President of the University died and Governor Swain was elected to succeed him. He was then thirty four years old.

In appearance he had a homely face and a large, ungainly figure. He was so knockkneed that the students said that the pigs on his farm must have gotten away easily, as they could run right between his feet.

It is a fair question: What did this man have that other men didn't have, that he always landed on top of every pile?

As an educator it was held against him that for twenty years he never bought a book for the library. Except for the Phi and Di libraries, the University library was non-existent. Yet many prominent

men gave him credit for much of their success in later life.

He was accused by some of being a toady, and booting up the rich. If so, it seems to have paid off in his case, as his administration, and was rated the best college in the

and how to conduct business—this he had learned in his Literary Society. He had confidence in himself. He saw that his neighbors expected much of him and his self-respect forced him not to disappoint them, on the principle 'noblesse oblige.'

Swain aroused resentment in the village when his beautiful daughter, Elinor, married General Atkins, a Union General who was stationed at Chapel Hill at the close of the war. It was due to Governor Swain's conciliatory attitude that the 4,000 soldiers and their horses, quartered in the buildings on the campus, committed no acts of vandalism or looting in the town during that period of occupation.

Governor Swain was also on intimate terms with Republican General Sherman, who furnished him a team and gave him a horse. Governor Swain's death was inadvertently caused by his horse which bolted, throwing him out of the buggy on the ground. He died from shock about two weeks later.

Most people in the South were as poor as Job's turkey hen after the war, but Swain, who died three years after the close of the war was a wealthy man, worth \$600,000 notwithstanding the losses of the war.

Because of his great faith in UNC he kept the University open during the War Between the States, even when there were only thirteen freshmen admitted. After the war, the reconstruction government dismissed President Swain, the Board of Trustees, and the faculty, and the carpetbaggers took over. Because of the lack of money and patronage, the

University closed its doors in 1871, and remained closed until 1875.

President Swain died August 1868. Thus he was spared the pain of witnessing the desecration of the institution he loved and for which he had labored so long.

By his contemporaries Governor Swain was not considered a great man in many senses of the term, but he developed to the utmost all the talents and abilities he possessed, and in so doing "raised himself above and beyond the great mass of his fellows." Furthermore, he knew when he was licked and saw no point in continuing to fight for a lost cause.

If politics is the art of the possible, Governor Swain was a consummate politician. His political acumen, together with a very bright mind, was reason enough for his rapid rise in the world.

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### Grad Students Unionize

A small group of University of Minnesota teaching assistants organized recently to discuss the possibility of forming a union of part-time academic staff members who also have student status.

The union would include all students holding academic appointments. This includes about 2,000 teaching assistants, teaching associates, research assistants, part-time instructors, student counselors and laboratory instructors and assistants at Minnesota.

The group will strive to alleviate economic needs of student academic employees and make these needs known at all levels of the University structure, said Zev Aelony, teaching associate in the social science program.

Among the "tentative concerns" to be presented to the university administration, Aelony said, are a \$500 allowance for union members' dependents, guaranteed assistance during the summer, a re-evaluation of working conditions and a remission of tuition for academic staff members.

Nineteen assistants met last month to appoint a five-man provisional executive committee which will formulate statements concerning the group's goals.

At that meeting, teaching assistant Bruce Walker said he felt the purpose of any union would be to establish the role of teaching assistants as teachers. Other attending the meeting agreed with Walker that the status of teaching assistants is unclear. They pointed out that there are no uniform standards from department to department; in one department TAs grade papers while in another they teach recitation classes.

The University of Wisconsin has a similar organization of teaching assistants who expressed their "vested interest in the conduct of undergraduate courses and their role in teaching them," according to a National Observer article. They organized to gain a louder voice in academic decisions concerning these courses.

The organization, generally applauded by Wisconsin department heads and granted one request by the administration already, plans to concentrate on educational improvement and fostering two-way communication between faculty and TAs.

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