

# Hospital Re-Trains Workers 'Campus Change' Program Tops University News Briefs List

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When SAGA settled its dispute with striking workers in early December the company agreed to find new jobs for any employees it laid off.

workers were shifted to the University School of Medicine, where they are now being trained as laboratory assistants. According to Dan Leonard, an instructor in the program, everyone seems satisfied.

The ex-cafeteria workers, whose ages range from 19 to 50, are learning the basics

about physics, chemistry and biology. They should, upon completion of the seven-month course, be able to pass high school equivalency tests and get jobs in the hospital.

"The Research Triangle may also have jobs available for some of them," Leonard said. "The thing that amazes me about this program," he added, "is that the people are really motivated. They really want to learn and I'm convinced they can do it."

The training of these includes a daily schedule of labs, lectures and on-the-job training and is geared to giving them practical, more than theoretical, knowledge.

Each morning, the workers receive formal laboratory training in which they learn how to weigh and prepare chemicals for solutions. These labs are followed by lectures on basic scientific knowledge.

Then for an hour each afternoon, they are given on-the-job training on practical technical skills.

"The work they do there," Leonard commented, "is as varied as the research projects in the Medical School."

At the end of the day, the worker-students participate in vocational rehabilitation programs which are designed to help them pass high school equivalency tests at the end of the course. If they do pass these exams they will be eligible for permanent employment in the hospital or with other technical firms.

While they are in the training program the workers receive a minimum-wage salary—and upon completion of the course they will receive increases of up to a dollar an hour.

All of the twenty instructors in the program are volunteers from departments in the Medical and Dental Schools. The director is Dr. Edward Glassman, a professor in the Department of Biochemistry.

Leonard noted that many of the trainees have become frustrated at one time or another because of their lack of scientific skills.

"However, they are progressing well and are getting more confidence in themselves," he added.

"THE CHANGING CAMPUS" will be the topic of an in-service training program at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, in 104 Peabody Hall.

A film entitled "The Frustrated Campus" will be shown, followed by open discussion concerning new demands which are being made of colleges and universities in all areas and the difficulties which arise in trying to meet them.

"LAWS, RIGHTS AND AUTHORITY" is the topic of a Philosophy-Political Science Colloquium here Feb. 20-21.

Marshall Cohen, Rockefeller University philosopher, opens the program with a discussion on "Authority and Violence" at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20.

On Saturday, Feb. 21, Michael Rogin will discuss "Paternal Authority and the Indian Question" at 10 a.m. and David Braybrooke will

discuss "Rights: Redundant, Useful, Non-Redundant" at 2 p.m. Rogin is a political scientist at the University of California at Berkeley and Braybrooke is a member of the philosophy faculty at Dalhousie University.

All lectures will be held in Room 104, Peabody Hall. A general discussion session is scheduled for Saturday at 8 p.m. in Room 213, Caldwell Hall.

JAMES J. BATTEN, of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been appointed director of the UNC Computation Center effective Feb. 1.

He succeeds Dr. Paul Oliver, who has accepted a position as senior staff scientist with the Computer Sciences Division of UNIVAC in Washington, D.C.

A candidate for the Ph.D. degree, Batten was a research assistant last year at UNC. He

holds the B.S. and M.S. degrees in physics from Xavier University (Cincinnati) and John Carroll University respectively, and for three years, 1963-66, served as an

instructor at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. He holds a certificate in data processing from the Data Processing Management Association.

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apply.

The program, now in its ninth year and financed by the Institute for International Order in New York, offers the interns the chance to work at a job related to their background and interests. This summer the internships will run from June 5 through Aug. 13.

each intern will be paid a stipend of \$850 to aid expenses.

Selections from the program will be based on interest, academic achievement and experience. Interns who plan to visit New York during the spring may arrange interviews so they can be briefed by the departments where they will work.

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## SAGA Lays Off 7; Strike May Result

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month. Two strikes took their toll. Three strikes could be disastrous.

Some workers feel, however, they have little choice. The University agreed to help find laid off workers jobs within the University and give the workers preferential treatment "when their qualifications are equal with other applicants."

This is no guarantee, however.

Many cafeteria workers have worked with the University for 10 or 15 years (SAGA took over food operations May 19, 1969). It would not be easy for these people to find other jobs.

On the other side, few companies could afford to keep a work force disproportionate to its needs.

SAGA officials say their figures show business down 50 percent since November and meal ticket sales less the 50 percent of the fall's total.

The critical points here would be whether SAGA has

been hiring white students to replace black employees and whether SAGA is actually in such poor economic condition. Jesse Epps, special assistant to the president of AFSCME, said his group would try to find the "truth" to these critical questions.

Porters, maids and hospital employees have charged they have been mistreated and denied fair overtime pay. Their position is less clear than the cafeteria workers'.

Young said he did not want another strike.

The workers have said they do not want another strike. Undoubtedly, the University would not want a general walk-out of its non-academic employees.

As one worker said, however, "What choices do we have?"

The choices may lie in the union's letter to the Chancellor and in his reply. Of course, there just may not be any choices.

## Adult Classes To Discuss Themes Of Modern Novel

A new course in the Residential Adult Education series will begin Feb. 18.

"Living in the Sixties," taught by Mrs. Lewis Lipsitz, wife of associate political science professor Lewis Lipsitz, will study the relationship of the modern novel to the problems of today.

"As the novel was once concerned with the experiences of human nature," Mrs. Lipsitz

said, "it is now engrossed in the problematic nature of experience itself."

The course will use the writings of such authors as Bernard Malamud, Saul Bellow and James Baldwin to examine the effect that society exerts upon the "anti-hero" so prevalent in modern literature, according to Mrs. Lipsitz.

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