



Is Change in Working Schedule Adversely
Life of Housekeeping Staff?

About three years ago the work schedule of the Housekeeping staff of UNC was changed from 7am-4pm to 3:45am-12noon. The purpose was to allow cleaning without disturbing the "professional staff". Thus the lives of these people (most of whom are Black, of course) have been disrupted creating real hardships in a number of cases so as not to "disturb" the "professionals".

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To those of you who have noticed the lingering "caste" system (probably a holdover from "our" "antebellum" past), this callous decision, without regard to the concerns of the less paid, is nothing new. This situation is important to us for a number of reasons. The vast majority of those affected are Black and Less Paid. It is exemplary of the kind of discrimination we now face. It is not that the decision was made in hopes of disrupting, principally Black, families: It is that it was made without any regard to its impact. As Black Students we need experience in dealing with this kind of situation, as we will surely find ourselves in the same position at some time in the future (if we are not already there).

The situation is not simple. There has been some resistance to anyone looking into the situation. Pressure has been reportedly put on those who questioned the change. Since the head of the Housekeeping staff did not bother to make any study of the impact of the change, some survey of the Housekeeping Staff will have to be made. Dr. Hatch has allowed the survey to be a part of a class project. Some of us will be needed to do the interviewing. If you are willing to help with this please contact Bill Jenkins (EPI)

SURVIVAL SEMINAR

For some of "us" the academic atmosphere at SPH/UNC has not been particularly stimulating. Having few professors with whom we can relate and who are willing to deal with our interests has not been the least of our academic problems. As with other students, large classes and lack of feedback increase our awareness of grades and decrease our desire for skills development. While there have been few instructors who overtly display their racism, many have shown a lack of sensitivity. The stimulation of our desire to learn lies with us.

Let us come together to discuss our survival... intellectual... philosophical... economical. Let us come together to increase our respective skills, to increase our self discipline, to increase devotion for ourselves.

It suggested that we meet once a week on subjects related to "our" survival. Those who may be interested in participating may contact Dave Phoenix (HADM).

The first seminar will be held on Thursday March 27, 1975 at 5pm in room 231-C. We will be discussing studying for the 'Comps'.

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What happens

to a dream deferred?

Does it dry up
like a raisin in the sun?
Or fester like a sore—
And then run?
Does it stink like rotten meat?
Or crust and sugar over
like a syrupy sweet?
Maybe it just sags
like a heavy load.
Or does it explode?