

# Strike

## 16th hospital joins nurses

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**MINNEAPOLIS** — The largest nurses' strike in the nation's history spread to a 16th hospital in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area Monday and most hospitals performed only emergency surgery.  
 About 300 nurses at Mercy Medical Center in suburban Coon Rapids walked off the job at 6:30 a.m. Monday, joining about 6,000 other members of the Minnesota Nurses Association who walked off the job Friday.  
 Bob Weisner, a labor relations representative of the nurses, said key issues remain the same — employment and economics.  
 Mercy vice president Michael Johnson said the hospital reduced its patient load to 102 from a capacity of 288 in preparation for the strike.

"We are not admitting patients to the hospital," Johnson said. "Only emergency surgery is being done."  
 Meanwhile, about 60 nurses were picketing outside the hospital.  
 The strike has affected 16 of the 33 hospitals in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. Other area hospitals are not involved in contract negotiations because they are not in the same bargaining unit.  
 While most of the hospitals are still restricting admissions, some have again begun to accept elective surgeries.  
 "Prior to today, we were only doing emergency surgeries," said Nancy Gustafson, spokesman for Fairview-Southdale Hospital in suburban Southdale. On Monday, they began to schedule a few elective sur-

geries, but only those that are one-day electives.  
 Metropolitan Medical Center also reopened its one-day surgery center to do elective surgeries. But a spokesman at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital said staffing levels would determine how much surgery will be done.  
 The hospitals are operating at 30 to 40 percent capacity, reducing patient loads by restricting admissions. Patients who can be moved are being sent home or transferred to skilled nursing homes.  
 The strike has increased patient counts at hospitals not included in the walkout.  
 The nurses are striking for improved benefits and a seniority clause in their contract protecting them from layoffs or forced reduction in working hours.

# Activists protest arsenal

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**Rock Island, Ill.** — More than 100 protesters were arrested Monday for crossing police lines at bridges leading to the Rock Island Arsenal and trying to halt vehicles of employees on their way to the Mississippi River island.  
 Another 200 demonstrators showed support with signs and songs critical of military weapons production at the century-old plant and the sending of arms to the Middle East and Central America.  
 "We know what the arsenal's for — murder in El Salvador," they chanted.  
 The nation's largest conventional weapons plant was guarded by 300 Army soldiers, who were not needed because none of the protesters reached the island facility.  
 Arsenal spokesman Paul Powell said several departments reported that work attendance was up from usual Monday figures. Employees

were urged to arrive at work several hours early and to take guarded buses into the installation.  
 "I think our employees were making a profound but quiet statement by showing up in such numbers," Powell said.  
 Most of the more than 100 people arrested were given citations and released, said police. Collections taken at a planning rally were used to bail out the rest of the protesters.  
 The arrests started at 5 a.m., when five people darted into the heavily guarded roadway leading to the Rock Island bridge. They were immediately taken away by police.  
 Brian Terrell, one of the first arrested, said some demonstrators were arrested twice.  
 "As soon as they were released, they ran to Rock Island as fast as they could and got arrested again," he said.  
 More than 400 police officers from several departments were sta-

tioned at the three bridges leading to the island.  
 The protest was organized by the Chicago-based Project Disarm, an umbrella group that coordinated the protest with peace groups from surrounding states.  
 Among the 35 arrested at the Moline, Ill., entrance to the island were eight people who chained themselves together. They held up traffic temporarily while police with bolt cutters separated and arrested them.  
 Gary Eklund, a Davenport peace activist involved in a federal court appeal of draft registration laws, stayed on the sidelines, fearful that an arrest would jeopardize his case. Eklund has been convicted of failure to register for the draft.  
 "We've been protesting at the arsenal for years. It's great to see so many other people join in and make this a national issue," Eklund said.

# CASE report gives colleges ideas for raising revenue

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**Colleges raise and save revenue** lots of non-academic ways these days. An inkling of what goes on is between the covers of a new report from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, CASE.  
 "New Sources of Revenue: An Ideabook" brings up bingo and bartering, oil and gas wells, among other old ways of raising revenue.  
 Consider the gym at Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio, has resounded with bingo calls Thursday and Friday nights for five years. Games net \$160,000 a year, half for scholarships and half for community organizations, such as American Field Service, that furnish the volunteer staff.  
 Lake Erie also generates \$1,000 a month selling natural gas pumped from a well it drilled on campus. In summer, the school picks up around \$80,000 by renting buildings for such things as camps or single parent retreats.  
 Harold Hodgkinson, senior fellow at the Institute for Educational Leadership, believes schools should put campus assets to work full time.  
 "One of the most productive and overlooked resources is the equipment storehouse," he says in the report directed to colleges and universities.  
 "Most institutions have a vast array of expensive equipment that sits idle for long periods. Many small firms do not have the capital to buy all their equipment in their start-up days.  
 "Access to your equipment

could be a great asset to them. In return, they might offer you any number of resources in exchange, ranging from typing services to research."  
 Hodgkinson also recommends that schools look into bartering.  
 Consider a school that needs word processors but has no money to buy them.  
 "It does have a fine physical education facility," he says. "Across the street is a rapidly growing business that has plenty of word-processing equipment but no health maintenance program for the people on its staff."  
 "The solution? The company staff swims in the college pool during off hours, and the college uses the company's word processors during the company's down time. Neither ... invests dollars, but both get what they need."  
 Opportunities in land promise to yield big revenue for the University of Texas at Dallas. Over the last 15 years the school was given about 1,100 acres of land, for starters.  
 Now the school intends to sell or develop 600 acres — at least 100 to corporations that want to put research and development or computer facilities on campus.  
 Richard Geyer Jr., UTD's vice president, believes the venture may eventually yield \$60 million to \$80 million from sale proceeds, options and leases.  
 On a smaller business scale there, is evening rental of classrooms and

other facilities to individuals and groups. Maria Regina Colege in Syracuse does this, as do numerous schools.  
 The Manual School in Albuquerque, N.M., leases its facilities to the University of New Mexico for a microcomputer school for students age 9 years through high school. Facilities also are leased for a four-day yearbook workshop.  
 Marylhurst College in Marylhurst, Ore., remodeled dorms into offices. Tenants include 25 non-profit agencies. Gross income: \$500,000 a year.  
 Xavier University's recreation facilities in Cincinnati, Ohio, are rented by hospitals and other health agencies for patients' physical therapy sessions. Memberships in the recreation facilities also are available to alumni and corporations for executive use.  
 Here are some other non-academic ways the report suggests schools make money:  
 • Renting tennis facilities to a local municipality or tennis pro who will run a program in the summer.  
 • Selling records, tapes, books, prints, other artwork, and school supplies if the community needs such services. "You can easily turn a bookstore into a community resource and increase the inventory to include items of interest to more people," the report said.  
 • If the publications unit has slow periods, a contract arrangement can easily carry that office through lean times. "Even the production of large mailings represents a capacity many others would wish to make use of," the report said.

### Study warns runners of anemia

## Athletes may bleed internally

**United Press International**  
**Washington** — Many of the nation's 10 to 30 million marathon and long-distance runners suffer mild anemia because they bleed internally while racing or training, doctors said Monday.  
 Researchers from the Mayo Clinic and Yale School of Medicine said in an interview that two studies showed the bleeding tends to be mild and its effects can be offset by taking iron supplements.  
 "My hunch is there is probably not a lot of importance to this," said Dr. Douglas McGill, a Mayo Clinic gastroenterologist and co-author of one of the studies. "If you run, forget it. Your knees are going to go first."  
 McGill said researchers have known about running-induced anemia for some time, but the condition apparently has not had much effect because "people keep running, and records keep falling."

Anemia is a shortage of red or oxygen-carrying blood cells, causing slight weakness and pallor in mild form.  
 The two studies, published in the June issue of "The Annals of Internal Medicine," showed that up to 30 percent of runners who completed marathons, half-marathons and other long-distance races showed signs of mild bleeding in their gastrointestinal tracts.  
 The runners for the most part were healthy. But for a few people blood loss during running could be more severe, causing a more serious form of anemia and — rarely — death from a heart attack.  
 McGill advised runners to keep in touch with their doctors and take iron supplements. Iron is vital to blood production and is a component of oxygen-carrying blood cells.  
 In an editorial to appear in July, Dr. Maire Buckman of the Univer-

sity of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M., said the reason for the bleeding is unknown, but the problem may be caused by the jostling of internal organs during long runs.  
 McGill said it could originate in cells lining the small intestine, which are sensitive to reduced blood flow. Blood supply to the intestines is reduced during running.  
 In the Mayo study, researchers measured the level of hemoglobin, the oxygen-carrying component of red blood cells, in stool samples from 24 long-distance runners before and after a 26.5-mile marathon, 13-mile half-marathon, and a 6-mile race.  
 The researchers found that after the race, runners had lower hemoglobin levels and high gastrointestinal hemoglobin levels than a group of non-runners.



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