

ATU buys National Labor College campus

WASHINGTON, D.C. (PAI) — Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) has purchased the 46 acre campus of the National Labor College in Silver Spring, Maryland for \$31.4 million. The international union will move its headquarters there from Washington, D.C.

The campus, which was purchased by the AFL-CIO about 42 years ago, closed due to financial reasons after this year's class graduated. The NLC was the nation's only college dedicated to labor-related studies, such as collective bargaining, organizing, mobilizing and grievance handling.

"Today the ATU has stepped up and assumed a greater leadership role in the molding of minds, values and progressive reform for both Canada and the United States, where we represent more than 190,000 workers," ATU President Larry Hanley said. "The state-of-the-art conference and training center will again be a hub of activity for ATU and the entire labor movement."

ATU has trained more than 10,000 members this year and plans to do so at the NLC campus in Silver Spring, Md. It will also make the campus available to other unions and progressive groups.

The college "represents a new beginning in terms of our capacity to train not only our leaders and members, but also those who work every day to improve the life of our society," Hanley said.

"The campus has been the preeminent training facility for organized labor over the past 40 years," Hanley continues. "ATU will build on and expand that legacy to educate and train new generations of workers and activists across North America and the world who share our values."

Machinists Guide Dog Dash slated Aug. 23

The 8th Annual Guide Dog Dash benefiting Guide Dogs of America will be held Saturday, Aug. 23.

Sponsored by Machinists Lodge 63, the motorcycle poker run starts at IBEW Local 48 Union Hall, 15937 NE Airport Way, Portland, and ends at Machinists District W24 Hall, 25 Cornell Ave., Gladstone.

First riders depart at 9:30 a.m.

Registration is \$25 per rider and \$10 per passenger. Registration includes a T-shirt, barbecue lunch, and music featuring The Mike Branch Band.

This year's ride will be held in honor of Chuck Drake, who had the original idea for the ride/fundraiser. Drake passed away last December.

All proceeds benefit Guide Dogs of America.

For more information, or to register, go online at www.iamw24.org/, or call John Hall at 503-449-0969 or John Kleiboeker at 503-863-7304.



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-from Business Manager Gary Young, Officers & Staff of IBEW Local 48.

