

## FIRST NURSES GRADUATE IN DEGREE PROGRAM

Some 40 student nurses who exchanged blue and white uniforms for academic robes at Duke's 105th Commencement here on June 3, represent an important "first" in the Duke School of Nursing.

Candidates for the B.S. in Nursing degree, they are the first students to complete all four years of a new nursing degree program established at Duke in 1953.

Although the girls jokingly refer to themselves as "guinea pigs," they are actually pioneers in the degree program, which was set up to provide more nurses with a background for advanced training in instructional and supervisory fields.

This year also marks the discontinuation of the long-standing three-year program leading to the Diploma in Nursing, Dean Ann M. Jacobansky of the School of Nursing said.

She pointed out that this program will no longer be offered because the majority of Nursing School applicants now express preference for the four-year degree program.

The degree program is designed to integrate general and professional education by requiring undergraduate liberal arts courses as well as nursing studies. The diploma program, on the other hand, has stressed development of skills, knowledge and attitudes needed for bedside nursing in hospitals and homes.

In addition to the 40 candidates for the B.S. in Nursing degree, some 23 seniors received diplomas in Nursing on June 3. Last year, 35 B.S.N. degrees were awarded to transfer stu-

dents, 25 of whom took the final three years of the degree program, and 10 of whom held Diplomas in Nursing and completed academic requirements for the degree.

Since the new program was initiated in 1953, enrollment in the School of Nursing has increased from 130 to some 300. This fall, 80 students from North Carolina, a number of other states and two foreign countries will be accepted as freshmen.

—By Norman Nelson.

## Titus to Speak

Bert R. Titus, director of the Duke Hospital Prosthetic and Orthopedic Appliance Center, has been invited to serve as visiting instructor for a special prosthetics course at the University of California at Los Angeles, June 3-28.

He was selected from among outstanding prosthetists throughout the nation to join the faculty for the four-week course in upper-extremity prosthetics. The course is designed for prosthetists, doctors, physical therapists and occupational therapists.

## Summer Coffee Schedule

Summer hours will go into effect for the Lobby Coffee Counter after June 1. Mrs. Watt W. Eagle, coffee service chairman, announces that the Lobby Counter will close at 4 p.m. each day and will be reopened in the evenings in the fall.



DR. DAVID T. SMITH

## Dr. Smith Receives National Award

Dr. David T. Smith has been honored by the National Tuberculosis Association for outstanding research and leadership.

Dr. Smith, James B. Duke Professor of Bacteriology in the Duke Medical School, received the Trudeau Medal at the Association's annual convention as the person who has made the most outstanding contribution in tuberculosis work in the United States.

Dr. Smith has done extensive research in tubercular and non-tubercular infections of the lungs. During the past 10 years, he has worked on three revisions of Zinsser's *Textbook of Bacteriology*, an outstanding text in that field.

Dr. Smith served as president of the National Tuberculosis Association during 1950-51. He has also headed

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