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## Frontiers in Medicine

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The Duke Medical Center played a major role in one of the biggest weekends in the University's history last month when university scientists explored the frontier lands of medical education and research.

On Friday, November 15 the University sponsored the tenth seminar in a series begun last year on "The University in a Changing World." The title of this seminar was "Frontiers in Medicine." Over 100 guests—leaders in the fields of business and the professions from across the country—were invited to participate in the seminar. The purpose of this series of seminars is to further the exchange of ideas between scholars and mature citizens from outside the university community on matters of importance to both groups.

Dr. Deryl Hart, of the Duke surgery department, and Dr. William G. Anlyan, associate dean of the Duke Medical School, presided at these sessions. Speakers and their subjects were: Dr. Ewald W. Busse, director of the Duke Center for the Study of Aging, "The Aging Process and the Health of the Aged;" Dr. Eugene A. Stead, chairman of the Department of Medicine, "The Future of Clinical Research;" Dr. Philip Handler, chairman of the Department of Biochemistry, "The Role of Government in Medical Education and Research;" and Dr. Barnes Woodhall, dean of the School of Medicine, "Long Range Plans in Medical Education."

Dr. Handler spoke out vigorously in favor of government support of medical research and education—but warned also that universities must be alert to the danger of federal control.



Laboratories in the new building are designed to provide efficient and pleasant quarters. Behind the intricate and gleaming glassware, Mrs. Rhoda Billings is at work in Dr. Stempfel's steroid lab in the Diagnostic and Treatment Unit. Duke photo by Sparks

Stating that "The nation's medical schools are a national resource and the American people are entitled to the best medical education, medical research and medical care they can devise and can afford," Dr. Handler said that "no mechanism other than the partnership of government and the medical schools will make this possible."

"Let us, therefore, welcome the partnership—while keeping our guard up," he said. "And the only means by which we can successfully do this is to continue to maintain our independence out of the knowledge that our basic operations are financed with funds privately and voluntarily given to the University in good faith. Only thus can we be truly partners in the enterprise rather than wards of the federal establishment."

In another seminar address, Dean

Barnes Woodhall said, "we are proud that many of our faculty have made substantial contributions in ideas and in time to government. . . . Certainly, if the university does accept from the government increased resources for the conduct of their mutual affairs, then the university must further its responsibility to government in the form of a more substantial operational unit."

Dr. Woodhall said also, "the university must say rather quietly to government in the next ten years the same thing that it has stated to church and state for many centuries—that it must preserve its freedom and its control of its destiny."

Dr. Ewald W. Busse, director of the Duke University Center for the Study of Aging, predicted that "in the years ahead, the problem of the aging and the aged will not decline