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## Visiting Lecturer Concerned with Future of Nursing

A nationally known authority on nursing and nursing education, Dr. Eleanor Lambertsen, delivered the third annual Duke University School of Nursing lecture.

In her lecture, entitled "Nursing Dimensions: Facing Nursing's Obligations for the Future," Dr. Lambertsen noted that excuses for mediocrity in patient and family services are influenced by "the ghost of nursing shortage."

"With the increasing complexity of health institutions, the most talented personnel in nursing service has been increasingly concerned with the management of things—supplies, equipment and the like," she said.

As a result, Dr. Lambertsen stated, less capable and less trained personnel are actually providing the nursing services to patients.

"It is my strong belief that there has been too much emphasis on role definition and isolation," she said. "Priority must be given to the effective utilization of personnel," she stressed. "And the introduction of every known method for increasing the potential of nurses must be encouraged."

She also noted that the improvement and provision of nursing services are challenges from the Medicare program.

The lecture was part of a series of lectures given annually

during the school's alumnae weekend to offer new concepts and to give greater impetus to the development of nursing.

The second day of Dr. Lambertsen's visit was set aside for group discussions of issues concerning nursing service, nursing students, and nursing education.

Dr. Lambertsen, Dean of the Division of Nursing Education at Columbia University Teachers' College, is an adviser to the Memorial Center for Cancer and nursing service department of Allied Diseases and a consultant to hospitals and schools of nursing in the United States, Brazil and Chile. She also is a consultant to the International Cooperation Administration.

## Ambulatory Dining Room Closed for Renovation

The Ambulatory Dining Room is being renovated in order to have an area for serving food to patients after the new wing opens. This third floor dining room will be closed to patients, administrative staff, and faculty for renovation after the noon meal on Friday, May 27. At present, it is scheduled to re-open near the first of September, 1966.

During this time, all patients will be served trays, and the staff and faculty are requested to eat in the first floor cafeteria.

The renovation includes putting a small assembly tray line in the back area and making the cafeteria area into one line. The dining room will retain the same seating capacity as now exists.

## OR SCOR BOARD

### Designed at Duke

The operating room SCOR Board is a Duke Hospital original.

The idea was conceived by an operating room committee of seven appointed persons and Dr. Jay Goldman, an industrial engineer at N.C. State University in Raleigh. The committee was asked to find a method which would help Duke Hospital to utilize the operating rooms in the best possible manner and at the same time reduce the overtime created by operations performed after 3:30 P.M. Serving on the committee with Dr. Goldman were Mrs. Margaret Watson, Mr. Charles Boone, and Drs. Cherny, Goldner, Silver, Stephen and Bassett.

Several reasons can be given for the operating room study. There was too much time lapse existing between cases. Study was needed to discover if more operating room space was needed or if the existing space simply was not being used to maximum efficiency. There was also the problem—shared by hospitals across the country—of a shortage in trained operating room personnel which called for carefully planned use of personnel available.

In addition to the committee meetings, studies were conducted for a year by Dr. Goldman and another industrial engineer also from N.C. State University.

The SCOR Board plan which resulted from the committee meetings and special studies was devised to help provide a visual monitoring and control system for operations scheduled daily in the operating rooms.

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Photo by Sparks

Entertained at a coffee hour given in her honor, Dr. Eleanor Lambertsen is shown engaging in some of the productive conversing which marked her visit to Duke University to deliver the third annual lecture of the School of Nursing's annual lecture series.