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**DINNER TIME**—Food production manager Silas Boone slices a piece of roast for a member of the Duke Hospital Auxiliary at the Hospital's annual banquet honoring the volunteers. More than 100 ladies attended the dinner in the first floor cafeteria last week. Dietetics Department employes decorated the room with flowers and candles, and planned, prepared, and served the banquet. (staff photo)



**AFTER DINNER**—Dr. Stuart M. Sessoms, director of Duke Hospital, speaks to Auxiliary members about the plans for growth and progress at the hospital. The after-dinner program also included a Blue Cross-Blue Shield presentation on hospital costs. At Dr. Sessoms' right is Julia Negley, president of the Auxiliary. (staff photo)

## Of Duke Hospital Study To Define Future

Better health care for America, which is the ultimate objective of everything that goes on at Duke Medical Center, is one of today's central social, political, and economic issues.

As one of the nation's leading educational and health care institutions, Duke will be in the forefront of tomorrow's developments.

What are the alternatives for Duke Hospital and the Duke Medical Center? What will be the manpower needs, and the needs for physical facilities? Is a new hospital one of the answers, or should the present structure be renovated and expanded?

These and hundreds of other questions are under discussion daily by Medical Center planners.

Some of the answers will be sought in a study that is getting underway now and will continue throughout the rest of the year.

The study's formal name is "Duke Hospital Modernization and Expansion Project" and is being conducted by American Health Facilities, Inc., of Evanston, Ill. During the peak of the study, in the next two months, AHF will send approximately 50 people into the Medical Center to assemble information.

The administration wants as many Medical Center personnel as possible to be familiar with the details of the study. To make this possible, several steps will be taken.

On Wednesday, April 12, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Hospital Amphitheater, an orientation session on the AHF study will be held for members of the Medical Center administrative staff and Hospital department heads.

On the same day from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Amphitheater, a similar session will be held for clinical division chiefs and the medical staff.

On Wednesday, April 19, a session will be conducted from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Room M-224 of the Davison Building for head nurses, supervisors, and unit administrators.

The sessions are being divided because the study will involve different groups in different ways, and the orientations will have a slightly different emphasis from one session to another.

However, if anyone cannot attend when his particular group is meeting, he should feel free to attend any of the other sessions. All the sessions will be open, and anyone else in the Medical Center who has an interest is welcome to attend.

To further familiarize people with the study, a future issue of *Intercom* will be devoted to the study in detail, and subsequent issues will contain progress reports.

## Cafeteria Establishes Visitor Restrictions

Last week, dietary personnel started monitoring the first-floor cafeteria lines to restrict visitors and patients between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Gerald T. Forton, director of dietary services, said that monitoring the line for this 90-minute period is necessary to provide faster service for Medical Center personnel. The policy was initiated to enable employes to eat within the limits of their lunch period.

Visitors are welcome to use the cafeteria any time except during the restricted period between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Employes are requested to wear their name tags for easier identification by the monitors.