

# Psoriasis

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**COLLEGE GRAD HONORED**—For DTO Betty Johnson going to school during the day and then working the 3-11 shift at night on Howland Ward for the past six years was a grueling task. But her efforts paid off last week when she culminated her years of study at N.C.C.U. and received a B.S. degree in business education. In honor of her graduation, members of the hospital team who have worked with Ms. Johnson in the past, got together and raised over \$100 which they presented to her as a congratulatory gift. Presenting the gift to Ms. Johnson (left) are LPN Margie Evans (center) and RN Delores Atkins, 3-11 charge nurse. (Photo by Dale Moses)

## Asian Year Funds

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finalized until the group undergoes an "Asian briefing" at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., and an orientation program at the Chinese University of Hong Kong in September, the Duke medical students already have an idea of what they'll be doing.

Mrs. Cooper, who will be accompanied by her husband Donald, intends to study the health care delivery systems of Taiwan and Indonesia "at the grassroots level." She said she hopes to gain a perspective of how these countries, which have few doctors in proportion to the total population, make use of auxiliary personnel in health care.

Stoughton, who plans to practice family medicine in Oregon after he completes his residency, has similar goals. He said he'll be visiting rural clinics in the

Philippines and possibly working in the Santo Tomas Hospital in Manila.

Luce scholars were selected from nominations submitted by a group of 60 cooperating colleges and universities around the country. Three distinguished selection committees named by the foundation picked five winners from each of three broad geographic regions made up of all 50 states.

The late Henry R. Luce established the Henry Luce Foundation, Inc., in 1936 as a tribute to his father, a minister who spent many years in the Far East teaching and helping to establish universities in Shantung and Peking, China. Since that time, the foundation has appropriated grants of \$14.3 million for a broad range of philanthropic projects.

## Trading Post

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**HOUSE SALE**--Good quality furniture, ornaments, pictures, silver and glass objects and many other small items will be offered for sale tomorrow (Saturday) at 28 Lebanon Circle off Guess Road by the Eno River. The sale will run from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

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**FOR SALE**--Sofa and two matching chairs, two matching chest of drawers, call 929-6032 evenings and weekends (Chapel Hill).

dermatologists have already begun studies on nine patients with severe psoriasis, and will be starting 16 more patients from North Carolina and neighboring states to make a total of 25.

"These patients will be carefully monitored for two years," Tindall said, "to determine the usefulness of mycophenolic acid and to detect any possible side effects." All medical bills will be paid by funds from the Lilly grant.

The patients will be admitted to Duke Hospital for complete physical examinations to make certain that, apart from the psoriasis, they are otherwise healthy. After the physicals, they will be released from the hospital, treated with the drug and examined once a week for eight weeks to see how their skin problem is responding.

When two months have elapsed, they will be seen biweekly for two years.

"We're working with patients with very severe psoriasis—the kind whose lives are being disrupted by the condition, primarily on referrals from physicians around the state," Tindall said. These patients, he indicated, would be part of the 15 per cent of psoriasis sufferers who are incapacitated physically or emotionally by the disease.

Current estimates point to between two and four million victims in the United States. Although it acts like cancer in that there is an uncontrolled and unnatural reproduction of cells in the affected areas, Tindall indicated that psoriasis is a benign condition. That is, it will not spread to internal organs, and it will never lead to death by itself. Some individuals have had it for as long as 70 years.

Exactly why the condition does not spread internally and doesn't even itch in most cases is still a mystery to medical science. When the mechanisms which cause and contain psoriasis are understood, he said, this information may well be helpful in the battle against cancer, and would be "an instance where study of a non-malignant disorder aids in understanding the malignant ones."

"Nine out of 10 sufferers are able to use methotrexate with no liver damage," the Duke dermatologist declared. "But we still need to be concerned with the one patient in 10 who might have toxicity problems. It's no good relieving a person's skin troubles, if you're going to give him serious liver complications in exchange."

"We want patients to be free from psoriasis and safe as well," he added.

—DAVID WILLIAMSON



DR. ROY PARKER

## Parker Elected To Head ACOG

Dr. Roy T. Parker is the new president-elect of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and will be president during the organization's silver anniversary year, 1975-76.

Parker's predecessor as chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. F. Bayard Carter, is a past president of ACOG, as was the late Dr. Robert A. Ross. Another past president is the retired department chairman at Bowman Gray, Dr. Frank R. Lock.

"This makes our district (District IV) the only district in the ACOG, and North Carolina the only state, that will have produced four national presidents," Parker said. The ACOG has 16,000 members in the United States and Canada.

Parker, who is a past chairman of District IV, served the ACOG as national program chairman in 1962 and as national assistant secretary from 1963-67. He will be a member of the organization's executive council for the next three years.

Among other related activities, Parker was president of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics in 1969, and he currently serves on the editorial board of ACOG's official journal, "Obstetrics and Gynecology."

## Suggestions Sought About Bus Service

An additional trial run of a Duke-Chapel Hill bus service will be conducted in September, but suggestions on scheduling are being sought now.

In a letter to faculty, students and employees, H. F. Bowers, director of operations for the university, noted that a trial schedule will run from Tuesday, Sept. 3, through Monday, Sept. 30.

"In order that we might gain the most meaningful experience," Bowers said he is seeking suggestions on what the new schedule should include.

Suggestions should be sent to Bowers at 203 Maintenance no later than Friday, July 30. Suggestions should include times of departure from both the Duke Chapel Quadrangle and the Chapel Hill bus station and proposed intermediate pickup stops.

When a bus began running last April, it left Duke at 7:05 and 9:10 a.m. and 1:20 and 2:15 p.m. It left Chapel Hill at 7:25 and 9:30 a.m. and 12:25, 1:45 and 5:30 p.m. The departures from Chapel Hill at 9:30 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. were later discontinued because of lack of patronage.

"Fares for public transportation are regulated by the State Utilities Commission," Bowers said. "Therefore, the continuance of this service is dependent upon developing a sufficient volume of traffic to make it economically feasible. Your assistance in this effort will be appreciated."

"Every effort will be made to include your suggestions," Bowers said. "However, there are limitations which may prevent including all of them."

## DUKE'S SUMMER TAVERN

Where: University Room (air-conditioned) in the West Campus Dining Halls.

When: Mon.-Fri., 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., Happy Hour daily from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (beer is cheaper).

What: Schlitz and Budweiser on tap at \$.35 per 12 oz. glass, six-packs for carry out, Coke, Tab, Sprite and assorted Frito-Lay snacks.

Diversions: Chess, checkers, cards and juke box.

Who: Sheila Bryson, proprietress.

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