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PROUD GRAD—Madeleine Fraley (center), this year's winner of the Richard John Sheele Memorial Award for academic excellence in the Physician's Associate Program, shows off her plaque to fellow '74 graduates Landis Hackney (left) and John McElligott. Mrs. Fraley will remain at the Medical Center, assisting doctors in the Department of Surgery. (Photo by Bill Erwin)

43 Graduates

New Physician's Associates To Settle in North Carolina

Thirteen new physician's associates, have decided to begin their careers in North Carolina.

Their decision means relief for doctors in four rural areas of the state. It also means that some urban doctors will be able to treat as many as 33 per cent more patients, cutting the time those patients have to wait for appointments.

The thirteen are among 43 recent graduates of the medical center's Physician's Associate Program—the largest graduating class in the program's nine-year history. They bring to 193 the total number of Duke graduate physician's associates, (PA's) and to 53 the total number of graduates employed in North Carolina.

The winner of the Richard John Sheele Memorial Award for academic excellence this year was Madeleine A. Fraley. She received the award plaque from the person who first brought her to Duke, Paul S. Toth, supervisor of PA's in the medical center's Division of General and Thoracic Surgery.

The Duke program got some unrestrained praise from the evening's guest speaker, James D. Bernstein, director of rural health activities for North Carolina.

"I am sure that one of the programs Duke is most famous for nationally is the physician's associate program," he told the graduates, their families and friends.

"I must say that when I go around the country to meetings and I say I'm from North Carolina, it never fails that someone says: 'Oh, isn't that where the Duke physician's associate program is located?'"

According to Dr. Reginald Carter, associate director, the new PA's are fully

qualified to examine patients under a doctor's supervision. Freed from this vital but time-consuming task, the doctors can spend more time in actually treating and following up on their patients, Carter said.

"It's not uncommon to find physicians among rural practices in the Southeast who are seeing more than fifty patients a day. We found that the average amount of time these physicians spend with each patient is less than five minutes," he noted.

"But in offices with a PA plus a physician, the time jumps to eight or nine minutes that the patient is seen by a professional," he pointed out.

Dr. Carter also said that physician's associates apply and remove casts, suture wounds, conduct after-hours lab studies and monitor the progress of ill patients.

Four of the new PA's will be working in North Carolina towns having fewer than 5,000 residents.

Frederick S. Lipman has accepted a position with the Garner Professional Center in Garner, about 10 miles south of Raleigh.

Russell E. Mitchell will be employed by the Norris-Biggs Clinic of Rutherford Hospital in Rutherfordton, about 50 miles southeast of Asheville.

William G. Vaassen will be assisting doctors at Drexel Medical Associates, a family practice group in the 1,431-person town of Drexel—some 15 miles west of Hickory.

Bound for the community of Lawndale is Paul E. Stout, who will be working with Dr. Richard M. Maybin. Lawndale, 10 miles north of Shelby, has a population of 544.

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Motor Vehicle Registration To Start Here on Monday

Motor vehicle registration for medical center personnel begins Monday.

The registration fee is \$20 and may be paid in cash or by payroll deduction. The motorcycle registration fee is \$10.

Documents and information that must be presented at the time of registration are the state vehicle registration card, valid driver's license and the name of the vehicle insurance company.

All members of the house staff are to register their vehicles at the House Staff Office.

For the convenience of other medical center personnel, the Parking and Traffic Office again will send registrars to buildings throughout the medical campus.

The registration schedule is as follows:

HOSPITAL—In Medical Center Boardroom (first floor, yellow zone, next to chapel), Monday, Aug. 19, through Wednesday, Aug. 21, from 8 a.m.-noon, 1-4:30 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

NANALINE H. DUKE BUILDING—First floor, main entrance, Thursday, Aug. 22, 8:30-11 a.m.

ALEX H. SANDS BUILDING, RESEARCH PARK, VIVARIUM—First floor,

main entrance, Sands Building, Thursday, Aug. 22, 1-4:30 p.m.

EYE CENTER—Conference room, second floor, Friday, Aug. 23, 8:30-11 a.m.

PICKENS, CHILD GUIDANCE, CIVILIAN—Pickens basement conference room, Friday, Aug. 23, 1-4:30 p.m.

BELL BUILDING—Room 314, Monday, Aug. 26, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

HANES HOUSE, HANES ANNEX, GRADUATE CENTER—(registration for faculty, staff and employees) Hanes House lobby, Wednesday, Aug. 28, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

HANES HOUSE, HANES ANNEX, GRADUATE CENTER—(registration for nursing and graduate center students) Hanes House lobby, Wednesday, Sept. 4, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

New parking decals must be displayed by Sept. 1. With the exception of the registration scheduled at Hanes House on Sept. 4, all others who want to register vehicles after Sept. 1 may do so at the Parking and Traffic Office, 314 Bell Building, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.



Anatomy Prof. Hetherington Dies

Dr. Duncan C. Hetherington, professor emeritus of anatomy, died Wednesday night, Aug. 7, in Duke Hospital. He would have been 79 the following day.

Death resulted from a heart attack, but Dr. Hetherington had been ill for several months and had been hospitalized since May.

He was one of Duke's earliest faculty members, coming here in July of 1930 from Vanderbilt as an associate professor of anatomy. He became a full professor in 1945.

From 1930 until 1947 he was in charge of microscopic and neuroanatomy. When departmental responsibilities were divided in 1947, he retained directorship of microscopic anatomy until his retirement in August of 1965.

After retiring from the Duke faculty, he taught microscopic anatomy at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill for two years.

Dr. Hetherington was born in Denver, Colo., in 1895. He earned an A.B. degree at Colorado College in 1919 and an M.A. at the University of Illinois the following year.

He received a Ph.D. in parasitology at the University of Illinois in 1922 and earned his M.D. degree at Johns Hopkins

University in 1926. For the next four years, prior to joining the Duke faculty, Dr. Hetherington was an instructor in anatomy at the Vanderbilt School of Medicine.

Dr. Hetherington was a member of several academic honoraries, including Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha, honor medical society, and he was active in numerous professional organizations,

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