

Trading Post

FOR SALE—Sweet potatoes, \$6 per bushel. Call Elizabeth Smith at 688-1669.

RIDE-RIDER WANTED—Would like to either have a ride or a rider from Burlington Monday-Friday (8-5). Please contact Anna Moorefield at 226-1901 after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE—Girls' bicycle, Columbia, 26 in., middle-weight, single speed. In excellent condition. Call 489-5708 between 4 and 9 p.m. \$35.

FOR SALE—1973 Vega GT Hatchback, air conditioning, good condition. Call 929-1681 between 5 and 6 p.m.

FOR SALE—1965 Mercury V-8. Full power and air conditioning. Excellent condition. \$300. Call 596-4368.

FOR SALE—Fishing boat and motor. Hand-crafted, sturdy 13' wooden boat with 5 h.p. Elgin outboard motor. Sears boat trailer, paddles, life jackets. Price reduced to only \$300 (formerly \$400 total). Call 688-5825 after 5 p.m.



NEW ANALYZER—Johnny Manning, left, and Reddit Alexander still give some help to the new automatic clinical analyzer, but they don't have to perform all the tests manually anymore.

Lab Receives New Analyzer

The Clinical Chemistry lab recently installed a new instrument which automatically analyzes blood serum and other body fluids.

The Automatic Clinical Analyzer (aca), developed by Du Pont, performs rapid chemical analyses that were formerly done manually. With a basic capacity of performing 30 separate diagnostic tests, the analyzer is expandable to 62 tests.

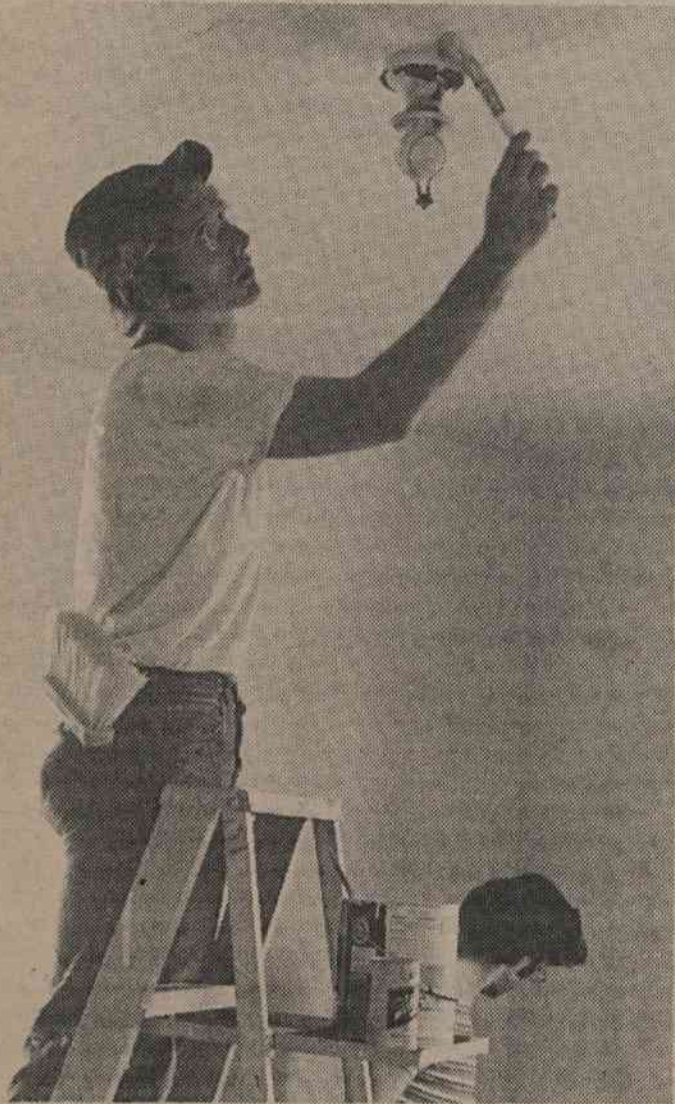
Twenty-five tests are programmed on the medical center unit. Others may be added later through the use of additional computer control panels.

According to Reddit Alexander and Johnny Manning, supervisors of the lab, one test can be run on the analyzer in seven minutes. As many as 12 separate tests can be made on one sample of serum or other body fluids, with consecutive result printouts produced in 37 seconds.

Both Alexander and Manning completed a week-long training session on the operation and maintenance of the analyzer at Du Pont's headquarters in Wilmington, Del.

Tests which may be performed on the aca range from the simple analysis of glucose level in the blood to more sophisticated analyses such as liver-lactic dehydrogenase, used in suspected cases of liver disease. Among other tests being made on the medical center's analyzer include those for determining enzymatic activity in the bloodstream, sugar content in the blood, protein amounts in spinal fluid and tests for blood alcohol levels.

CORNERED by the Camera



TRIMMING UP—Jim Nicely, a first year student in the Physicians' Associate program, puts some final touches on a lighting fixture in the Watts Street Group Home in Durham. He was cornered by the INTERCOM camera when he and his fellow students along with the Physicians Associates Women's Club volunteered their time to paint the home which is sponsored by the Durham County Association for Retarded Citizens. The structure provides shelter to citizens with learning deficiencies who are finding jobs and re-entering a normal society. (Photo by David Williamson)

Professional News

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED

Dr. Leonard Goldner, chairman of the division of orthopaedic surgery, recently was invited by the Armed Forces' Institute of Pathology to serve on its Scientific Advisory Board of Consultants. His appointment is for a five-year period ending in October 1979.

VISITING PROFESSOR

Dr. Daniel C. Tosteson, chairman of the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, served the week of Dec. 9 as the William D. Stubenbord Visiting Professor at the Cornell University Medical Center.



.. Personnel Paragraphs ..

This is a column for and about employees, faculty and staff at the medical center. The subject matter will cover a wide spectrum of personnel policies, benefits, federal and state regulations, payroll information, wage and salary data, and many other matters affecting employees at Duke.

Questions from readers are encouraged. If you have a question, send it to:

Personnel Paragraphs

Box 3354, Duke Medical Center

All inquiries must be signed, but you may request that your name not be used if your letter is published. All questions will be answered or referred to an appropriate source, but only questions of wide, general interest will be published. "Personnel Paragraphs" is your column, so let us hear from you.

ABSENCES DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER

It is the policy of the university to continue its operation to the greatest extent possible during periods of severe weather conditions. Many critical functions on campus and in the medical center must be staffed regardless of weather. It is recognized, however, that other activities may be curtailed and some individuals may not be able to be at work due to hazardous conditions. With these considerations, the following policy governs absence due to severe weather such as snow, storms, etc.

Q. What if I report for work during a period of severe weather?

A. Employees reporting for work, unless notified in advance not to report, will be given available work and will be paid for the day.

Q. What if I am notified in advance not to report to work because of severe weather conditions?

A. Employees notified in advance not to report to work will be given an opportunity to make up the compensation lost. Whenever practical, this will be within the same pay period.

Q. How will I know not to report for work during periods of very severe weather?

A. Decisions to shut down portions of the university, including the medical center, which would necessitate advance notice to employees not to report to work must be approved by the President, the Chancellor, the Provost, the Vice President — Business and Finance or by the Vice President — Health Affairs. The required notice may be by individual telephone calls, or may be by general public announcement on radio or television. Employees are expected to be on alert for such notices during periods of severe weather.

Q. What if I am unable to report for work because of hazardous conditions due to the weather?

A. Employees unable to report to work because of hazardous conditions caused by the weather will be given an excused absence for the period. Such employees will be on a non-pay status but may, at their option, elect to consider such time off as vacation time.

Q. What if I report to work and find that my work area has been closed or my responsibilities cancelled for the period due to the weather?

A. Employees in closed portions of the university who report to work because of failure of notification should perform their ordinary work insofar as possible.

The university retains the option to close one or more departments during the day, releasing employees early with full pay; or to notify employees that they may leave early and at their option have such time considered either without pay or charged to vacation.

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90 Proof Toothpaste

A 68-year-old patient recently created a stir at an Oklahoma City dental clinic. His dentures, worn every day for 20 years, were in top condition and completely free of stains.

A dentist first thought the teeth had been soaked in commercial bleach each night. Then he learned they'd been placed in a fresh glass of alcohol.

"Rubbing alcohol?", the dentist asked.

"No, good bourbon alcohol," the patient responded.

The dentist observed that while the unorthodox practice appeared to fulfill the requirements of good dental care, it offered no evidence that it would do the same for natural teeth.