

'Charley' Won't Be Coming Back

There's a sad post script to the Charley Cooper story. Charley was the 10-year-old kidney dialysis patient whose life was saved on the sidewalk in front of the hospital on June 25 through the quick thinking of Security Guard Martha Anne Fairchild. (Intercom, July 11).

The child apparently suffered a cardiac arrest that day just as the family arrived by car at the front of the hospital. Ms. Fairchild and Dr. George F. Wittkopp kept his lungs working until the cardiac arrest team arrived, and Wittkopp credited Ms. Fairchild's quick administration of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation with Charley's recovery.

At 4:30 a.m. Monday, July 14, Charley's physician here, Dr. Ronald Krueger, received a call at home from the emergency room in a Conway, S.C., hospital. The Cooper

family had been trying to get Charley to Duke from their home at Murrells Inlet, S.C. He apparently had another cardiac seizure en route and they went to the Conway hospital.

Krueger gave the attending physician there emergency instructions. Subsequently the child was put into an ambulance for the rest of the trip to Duke, but he died on the way.

Krueger said he learned of it at 6:45 when the ambulance driver called. The body was not brought on to Duke but was returned to South Carolina.

In the meantime, the boy's parents, exhausted from the ordeal and thinking Charley was safely en route to Duke, pulled off the highway and slept.

They arrived at Duke later in the morning, unaware of what had happened until Krueger told them.



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Russian at Duke Exchanges Views As US-USSR Meet in Space

By William Erwin

One Russian in North Carolina didn't watch Thomas Stafford and Alexei Leonov shake hands in space last week. His tube went on the blink.

But an American colleague at the medical center saved the day when she heard of Dr. Adolf A. Lev's problem. She delivered a spare TV in time for the re-runs.

Lev is getting used to this sort of neighborliness. "Everyone has been friendly to me here," he said in perfect English.

The tousle-haired grandfather has been a visiting professor at Duke since December. He's investigating cell membrane mechanics. In another three months he'll fly back to Leningrad, where he's a senior researcher at the Institute of Cytology (cell studies).

He was invited here by Dr. Daniel C. Tosteson, former chairman of the Physiology and Pharmacology Department and now dean of the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine.

The two had met in 1970 at an

International congress in the USSR. Tosteson visited Lev at the Leningrad Institute; they've corresponded ever since.

What images of America will the Russian take home with him? Turning away from his microscope, he listed a few.

"It's very easy to make contact with scientists in this country," he said.

He said he has enjoyed his talks with his lab partner, Dr. Hie Ping-Beall, an adjunct assistant professor of physiology and pharmacology. It was Dr. Ping-Beall who brought by the spare TV.

But he added: "It's not possible to find good movies. We have fewer Westerns and detective-type films. I must say — and I don't mean to offend—our films are more...serious. We have more classic films."

Lev laughed when he told of his one brush with a lawman in Durham. He said he was walking across the lawn of Duke's Central Campus Apartments about 9 o'clock one December evening when an officer in uniform stopped him and asked him

where he was going.

"I told him I was going home," the professor recalled. He rents one of the Central Campus Apartments.

"Then he told me: 'You can't walk here. This is private property'."

Lev said that remark took him by surprise because "In the Soviet Union, we have no private land where you can't go."

His everyday life in the U.S., he said, is "more or less" like that in Leningrad. "Work takes most of my time here, and it took most of my time there," he explained.

He said in Leningrad he awakes about 8 a.m. and works from 9:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. His wife, an electronics engineer, is usually up at 6 and in the office at 8, he said.

A 10-minute program of callisthenics is broadcast on the radio before breakfast and twice more during the morning in the Soviet city. For breakfast, Lev said he enjoys a veal cutlet or spicy sausages, porridge, fried eggs and yogurt. His favorite mealtime drink is strong tea, which he said is surpassing coffee in popularity all over the Soviet Union.

With his borrowed television, Lev didn't miss much of the Apollo-Soyuz mission. "I hope it will help us have a closer relationship," he said.

The words came naturally. For Dr. Adolf Lev, detente is already second-nature.

To feel better, think less about your health.



DR. THOMAS T. THOMPSON

Thompson Named Allied Health Head

Duke has a new associate director of medical and allied health education, Dr. Thomas T. Thompson.

He will be responsible for the approximately 20 allied health programs.

At the same time, the Durham VA Hospital appointed Thompson associate chief of staff for education. He has been chief of the radiology service at the VA since January of 1970.

Along with his appointments to the allied health post here, the University Board of Trustees approved his promotion to associate professor of radiology, effective Aug. 1.

Thompson, 42, is a native of West Virginia. He attended the University of Virginia, earned an A.B. degree in mathematics and physics at Lenoir-Rhyne College and received his M.D. degree at the Medical College of Virginia in 1964.

Following an internship at DePaul Hospital in Norfolk, Thompson came to Duke for residency in diagnostic radiology. He was chief resident at both Duke and the VA hospitals and received three commendations from the Veterans Administration for professional ability in radiology.



BUILDING BRIDGES—Dr. Adolf A. Lev, a senior researcher at the Institute of Cytology in Leningrad, investigates the workings of cell membranes in his lab at Duke. Dr. Lev has been a visiting professor here since December. (Photo by Thad Sparks)

TV Series Helps Many 'Feel Good'

"Feeling Good," public television's adult answer to "Sesame Street," presents a wide variety of educational programs on health.

The series, which originated last fall and was revised in March, "has been praised for its stimulating and thoughtful presentation of what is often sensitive or unattractive information," according to programmers at the University of North Carolina Television Network, which airs the shows.

"To make the series even more valuable, the local network is presenting local referrals so North Carolinians can know where they can turn for specific help, a UNC-TV statement said. The series also provides subtitles to aid deaf viewers.

"Feeling Good" programs for the coming weeks will include the following topics:

* VISION: "Two Eyes For Keeps," July 30

* DOCTOR/PATIENT COMMUNICATION: "Medical Jargon," August 6

* TEEN ALTERNATIVES: "Show Me Something Better," August 13

The series may be viewed on UNC-TV, channel 4, at 8 p.m. on the dates listed above.