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250-Year-Old Trent Room Travels Again to New Home

Over the past three weeks, hospital carpenters have been busy in an unusual task—disassembling the medical school library's Trent Room and reassembling it in the heart of the new Seeley G. Mudd Communications Center and Library.

Their job consisted of painstakingly removing the 250-year-old knotted white pine paneling from one end of the reading room in the present library and then piecing together a complex and delicate jigsaw puzzle a quarter of a mile away.

According to Pedro Seagroves, head of the carpentry shop, the lumber which composes the room is both delicate and expensive. It was brought to Duke in the middle 1950's to provide a suitable home for the School of Medicine's sizeable collection of rare medical books, and at that time, the paneling was already 230 years old.

An English carpenter removed the paneling from a house in the south of England. That stately structure, built in 1725, was being torn down, and Mrs. James H. Semans saved a part of it by bringing it to the United States.

The English carpenter accompanied the paneling here and set about restoring it into a room. Seagroves said he helped the Englishman with the task.

Of the current move, senior carpenter Joe T. White said, "It was definitely like putting a 1,000 piece jigsaw together. The new Trent Room is almost exactly the same size in circumference as the old one, but is also shorter and wider."

As a result, there wasn't any extra paneling to correct mistakes. A local woodcrafting company told Seagroves that they could furnish duplicate molding with new lumber, but that molding, which would have to be hand-carved, would cost between \$300 and \$800 per foot.

Pointing to minute chisel marks put in when the original craftsmen carved the molding 25 years before this country declared its independence, White said, "You can see someone took pride in making this stuff."

"We took pride in putting it back together again."

Registration Time Is Here Again

Urging as many employees as possible to form car pools for the coming year, the Parking and Traffic Office has announced that September 1 is the deadline for re-registration of employees' cars.

"The Traffic Office strongly recommends the forming of car pools," said a recent memorandum, "especially since the loss of parking spaces at the H Zone parking lot on Fulton Street and the increase in gas cost. This would also be a savings to individuals participating."

The office entitles two or more persons to register their vehicles to form a car pool. A fee of \$20 will pay for a car pool pass, which is transferable between car pooling vehicles. Payment for these passes can not be deducted from the payroll.

All other medical center personnel must pay \$20 for the year for each vehicle registered, with a limit of two vehicles per person. The registration fee may also be paid by payroll deduction at a charge of \$1.67 per month for 12 months.

Motorcycles may be registered for a charge of \$10 per year. No payroll deductions are allowed for motorcycle registration.

All House Staff must re-register at the House Staff Office, Rm M-131, Davison Bldg. No payroll deductions are allowed for the House Staff.

The Parking and Traffic Office reminds all employees to bring the necessary documents for registration:

- Valid driver's license
- Current vehicle registration card
- Social Security card

"A vehicle can **not** be registered without all necessary documents," the office said.

The memorandum also stated that reserved parking patrons will be notified by mail of regulations and fees for re-registering.

Vehicle registration will begin August 18 and will take place in various buildings on the medical center campus. *Intercom* will carry a detailed listing of registration times and places next week.



PUTTING IT BACK TOGETHER AGAIN—Piece by piece, the antique white pine paneling and moldings of the Trent Room were brought the quarter mile from the medical center's library to their new home in the almost completed communications center. Carpenters J. T. White, right, and Pedro Seagroves have spent the better part of the past month painstakingly recreating the room, which houses rare books. (Photo by Margaret Howell)

From Duke Endowment, Trust

\$11 Million Committed to New Hospital

The Duke Endowment and the Nanaline H. Duke Trust of New York have made an \$11-million commitment to the university for the financing of the new \$96.3 million Duke Hospital North, president Terry Sanford announced last Friday.

Construction of the 616-bed facility is scheduled to begin on Sept. 1.

Trustees of the Duke Endowment have approved support of as much as \$8 million over the next several years. Another \$3.3 million has been made available by the Nanaline Duke Trust.

These grants provide the university with the necessary minimum equity funds of \$30 million to proceed with construction, a minimum established last May by the university trustees. The remainder of

the construction costs will be raised through sale of bonds.

"The Endowment and Duke Trust pledges are the keystones for financing the new hospital," Sanford said. "Construction of the facility will enable the university to strengthen its commitment to the health of the region and the nation."

The Duke Endowment has granted more than \$200 million to the university since its founding in 1924 by James B. Duke.

Other beneficiaries of the endowment include Johnson C. Smith and Furman universities, Davidson College, hospital and childcare institutions in the Carolinas, and Methodist churches, ministers and their families in North Carolina.

The two gifts come to Duke through its Epoch Campaign, a \$162-million development drive. Commitments to the campaign now total more than \$74 million.

Bowling, Ladies?

The Duke Ladies Bowling League will hold their organizational meeting on Tuesday night, August 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairlanes Bowling Alley on the 15-501 by-pass. The 1975-1976 bowling season will begin on Tuesday night, Sept. 2, at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the league is urged to attend the organizational meeting. Additional information may be obtained by calling Linda O'Neal at 684-5732 or Lessie Welborn at 684-2727.