

THE FIRST YEAR—Staff members, volunteers and patients in the year-old cancer recreation therapy program shared fondue and birthday cake with guests at a party on Rankin Ward last week. The party was a salute to all those who have made the program possible, said Bev Rosen, director of rehabilitation for the Cancer Center, and Louise Bost, recreation therapy director. (Photo by Ina Fried)

## First U.S. Welfare Commissioner To Speak on Health Aide Services

Dr. Ellen Winston, a North Carolina native who served as the first United States commissioner of welfare from 1963-67 and is currently vice president of the International Council for Homemaker Service, will speak on "Meeting Community Needs: Homemaker-Home Health Aide Services" on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Her talk, which is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. in Room 1504 of the Gerontology Building, is sponsored by the university's Council on Aging and Human Development.

Nationally recognized for her work with child welfare, migrant labor, programs to improve slum housing and the problems of the elderly, Dr. Winston is expected to discuss the role of homemakers and home health aides in keeping handicapped and

elderly persons out of institutions by performing routine housework and simple nursing care.

Born in Bryson City, N.C., in 1903, the University of Chicago Ph.D. served as commissioner of public welfare in North Carolina from 1944-63 and has won numerous state and national awards.

## Weather Brings Freezing Coal

If you've ever tried to chip apart a solidly frozen bagful of ice, you may be able to imagine trying to break up a solidly frozen railroad carload of coal.

That's what the physical plant is doing these days.

"Our coal comes from the Kentucky mountains," explained Ronald L. Wilson, associate director of the physical plant. "The coal is moist when loaded into the cars or picks up moisture along the route to Duke. The lower the temperatures, the harder and more thoroughly it freezes.

#### Can't Unload Fast Enough

"Consequently it is more difficult to unload, and the additional unloading time costs money," he said. "At this point, we are burning more coal to produce heat than we are able to unload."

The university burns about 115 tons (about 105 metric tons) of coal per day, Wilson said. "Reducing the amount of heat required by lowering the temperatures in buildings will conserve coal and save money."

Cold weather also is causing an unusually high demand for electricity, Wilson noted. The university purchases about 500,000 kilowatt hours of electricity a day, compared with about 100 kilowatt hours a day for an average home.

How You Can Help
Wilson suggested several ways
everyone can help in conserving
energy at home and at work.

1. Set your thermostat at as low a temperature as will allow you to work. In no case should this be over 68 degrees (20 degrees Celsius) in occupied space and 60 degrees (16 degrees Celsius) in unoccupied space.

2. Shorter shower use. It takes purchased energy to heat water.

3. Wear additional clothing for warmth where needed. If you have a desk job, a blanket, afghan or beach towel wrapped around your legs and feet will add to your comfort. Be aware that some areas may be warmer than usual because of needing (but not getting) mechanical cooling.

4. Reduce use of electric appliances in the dorms and offices. Rely on the central preparation of food for hot foods and drinks. It's more efficient.

5. Turn off lights in areas not in use. This includes offices, dorm rooms, commons areas, bathrooms and classrooms



## **Immune Reaction Studied in Simulated MS**

A researcher here who is studying the basic mechanisms of multiple schlerosis, the chronic and often crippling disease of a half million Americans, has received a three-year, \$163,955 grant from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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Announcement of the grant to Dr. Eugene D. Day, professor of immunology and experimental surgery at Duke, came from Lee Carey, chairman of the Triangle North Carolina chapter of the organization.

The award brings the society's support of Day's research to \$370,000 since 1973.

Simulating Multiple Sclerosis

The scientist said he and his associates are using experimental allergic encephalomyelitis (EAE), a disease they can induce in research rats, to simulate the action of multiple sclerosis in humans.

Specifically, they are examining the immune reactions that occur in rats' bodies when EAE breaks down myelin in the brain into its basic proteins and other elements and allows them to reach the lymph nodes where the reactions begin.

Myelin is a fatty protein substance which under normal conditions sheathes some nerve axons.

Multiple Immune Responses

"What we are trying to do is to understand the multiple immune responses and sort out which of them may be important in the cause and control of the diseases," the scientist said.

"Some immune responses are harmful and some are beneficial," he said. "We want to learn to exploit the good ones and get rid of the bad ones."

Day said multiple sclerosis appears to be caused by an unidentified virus or group of viruses that may be related to measles. The way the body's immune system — normally a powerful defense against illness — reacts with products of myelin breakdown seems to sustain the severe symptoms of MS and related diseases.

Collaborating with Day in the studies are Vincent Varitek, a Ph.D. candidate, and immunology research technicians Vicki Ashley and Lewis Rigsbee.

## Health Colloquium

Clark Havighurst, professor of law, will speak on "Competition, Anti-Trust and Health Policy," Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 224, Social Sciences Building.

His talk is part of the Duke Colloquia on Health Policy sponsored by the Institute of Policy Sciences and Public Affairs.

## **Daily Mass Begins**

Mass will be celebrated every afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Hospital Chapel beginning this week.

The celebrant will be Father Roland Murphy, professor in the Divinity School.

The mass is principally for patients and family members but is open to medical center personnel as their work schedules permit.