## ${ }^{2}$ Hyperbaric Unit Ready for Sharking Study



PRE-DIVE CHECK-UP-Dr. Peter Bennett, professor of anesthesiology and director of diving research here, examines one of the tiger sharks supplied by the Australian government for oxygen toxicity studies that will take place at Duke soon. Bennett said he regrets being unable to participate further in the study, though his injuries are healing nicely. (Photo by Day, fly by night)

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LOOK FAST-The Evelyn Waods Reading Institute will offer a course in speedreading for all drivers who must find their way through the campus traffic circle, the hospital's administrative director Richard Peck has announced. The course is being sponsored by the hospital administration in an effort to help dizzy employees. Supervisors are currently giving each employee a card indicating in which of the 54 instruction sessions he or she may participate. (Photo by Steve Roper)
(Continued from page 1) us by the Australian government," he said between bites on a cucumber sandwich during an interview held recently in a local health food restaurant.
"Pardon me for talking with my mouth full, but I am really excited about this and I also am really hungry," Custodian explained. "The Aussies said they were only too happy to oblige us with the sharks so long as we agreed not to send them back to Australia when we have finished with them."

Putting the Bite on Volunteers
Current plans are to have the feisty fish released off Emerald Isle, N.C., for humanitarian reasons, once the work is complete.
Seven of the sharks are great whites, the student said. There are also four tigers, two basking sharks and "a quite large hammerhead."
Duke scientists are encouraging undergraduates and vacationing medical center employees to sign up as volunteers for the study, but so far the response has been disappointing, according to Custodian.
"Believe it or not, we still have 24 openings out of two dozen available positions," he said. "Volunteers will be paid out of the grant at a rate of $\$ 2.50$ per hour under water. Any grant funds remaining at the end of the tests will be divided up equally among the scientists."

Sharks Known to Cause Stress
Custodian said sharks were chosen for the experiments because they are known to create stress in humans. The subjects will be provided with scuba equipment without charge for use in the wet pot which, when flooded with water
under pressure, can stimulate depths up to 1,000 feet beneath the sea.
Cylindrically-shaped, the wet pot measures about five feet across its base and is approximately six feet tall.
The subjects will also be provided with shark billys - short clubs for fending off the fish - if they are needed, at a modest cost
Custodian said he hopes at least a few of the billies will be needed, not only because his family owns a franchise for them in the Southeast, but also because their effectiveness has never been proven. He added, however, that he will feel personally responsible for the safety of any volunteers.

Skeptics Known to Cause Stress
"In any academic community there are skeptics who will not take experiments like these seriously, and that is one of the problems with American universities today," he said. "Not enough blind faith.

But make no mistake, we are deadly serious, and I hope to get a publication out of it. A publication would look great on my transcript," Custodian said
"Would you like a bite of my cucumber sandwich?'

## ON TOUR TODAY

We are happy to have a combined fourth-fifth grade class from Thaddeus Stevens Elementary School, Washington, D.C., touring the medical center today. They are accompanied by their teacher, Verona Meeder, and three Secret Service agents.


