

Retirees To Teach, Learn in New Institute

The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation of New York City has awarded a three-year \$95,000 grant to Duke to help establish an Institute for Retired Persons.

Announcement of the grant came from Dr. George L. Maddox, director of the Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development, and Dr. Jean O'Barr, director of the Office of Continuing Education.

The institute, which will be formally dedicated in May during Senior Citizens' Month and is scheduled to open in July, will be an association of retired or partially retired persons over the age of 50 with a common interest in education, according to Maddox.

Institute members will design and

administer their own activities which will include courses, field trips, discussion groups, peer counseling and community service oriented programs. One of the few requirements for becoming a member, Maddox said, is that individuals agree to teach a course or lead an activity in which they have some expertise.

"Students in the 1960s complained that education tended to be a one-way street," the sociologist said. "There was no exchange, and you either had to be a teacher or a learner."

"In the program we have envisioned, a person must be prepared to give as well as receive in the learning process, and because there won't be any paid professors,

the cost to members will be low, perhaps \$100 a year."

Self-Supporting

Maddox said the Clark Foundation grant will lend administrative support and continuity to the institute during its early years. As more retirees begin participating, the program will be supported entirely by its members.

In the planning stages since 1975, the institute will be a division of the Center for Lifetime Learning, a joint effort of the Center for the Study of Aging and the Office of Continuing Education. It will be located in a white wooden building that was once the home of the dean of Trinity College behind the library on East Campus.

"The establishment of the institute represents a very important development for Duke University and its surrounding community," Maddox said. "It reflects the growing awareness in this country that education should be thought of as a lifetime affair and not just an activity for children and young people."

Lifetime Education

The sociologist said continuing education was once believed to be "a second-rate activity that some colleges and universities did for those people who weren't really scholars."

Along with the realization that professionals like doctors and engineers need to keep up with the rapidly changing technology, also came the notion that limiting education to the young "runs counter to our sense of fairness in this society," Maddox said.

"More and more older people are coming to late life in better health, with better educations and with more adequate financial resources," he pointed out. "Many of these people have discovered that learning is an excellent way to spend their leisure time, but only recently have universities begun to respond to

their educational needs."

Extensions of University

The institute and the Center for Lifetime Learning which admits all ages to short courses and conferences are not to be in competition with the university, Maddox said. Rather, they are "logical extensions of it."

Jane Monroe, associate director of continuing education, said the membership goal for the institute's first year will be 70 persons. Within three years, she said that number should increase to approximately 300.

"The New School for Social Research in New York City, where the first institute for retired persons was founded 16 years ago, now has 800 members and a long waiting list," she said. "Currently, there are about a half dozen of the centers located at universities across the United States."

Degree Not Required

Monroe, who has been working with an organizing committee of the institute's first members, said retired business executives, physicians, lawyers and teachers have all expressed interest in the learning venture, but a college degree is not a requirement for joining.

"All we ask is that a person have some knowledge or experience that he or she is willing to share with others and that members make a commitment to take some sort of active leadership role," she said.

Persons most suited for the institute are those who read a lot, continue to learn all their lives and want to share their talents for personal and social good, she added.

Spach Named Duke Professor

Dr. Madison S. Spach, professor of pediatrics, is one of three faculty members appointed to James B. Duke Professorships, the university's highest academic honor.

The others are Dr. James David Barber, professor of political science, and Reynolds Price, well-known author and professor of English.

They were honored at a dinner on the campus last week, along with others who hold distinguished chairs at the university. Their appointment brings to 50 the number holding James B. Duke Professorships, including 18 emeriti professors and three who will retire Aug. 31.

Spach is a specialist in heart diseases among infants and young children. He is chief of the Division of Pediatric Cardiology in the Department of Pediatrics and in recent years has played a key role in developing new techniques for mapping the electrical activity of the heart.

Spach is the author of more than



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100 articles in professional medical journals. He is a past president of the North Carolina Heart Association and holds membership in numerous research and professional societies.

A native of Winston-Salem, he is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Duke and also attended Duke Medical School. He took both his internship and residency training here and was appointed to the faculty in 1957.

Promotions Go To Five Medical Center Faculty

Five promotions in two medical center departments have been announced by Frederic N. Cleveland, university provost.

Dr. Jesse Oscar Cavenar has been promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of psychiatry, and Dr. William N. Grosch, associate in psychiatry, will become assistant professor on May 1.

Promoted to assistant professors of obstetrics and gynecology are Drs. Herbert J. Schmidt, Gary Wayne Sheldon and Selman Irvin Welt, former associates in the department.

Cavenar earned a B.S. and M.D. in 1963 from the University of Arkansas, in his home state.

He completed an internship and residency in surgery while serving in the U.S. Navy, 1963-68, and served his psychiatric residency at N.C. Memorial Hospital, where he was chief resident in 1971.

Certified by the UNC-Duke University Psychoanalytical Institute in 1975, Cavenar is head of outpatient psychiatry services at Duke and chief of Psychiatry Service at Durham's VA Hospital.

He joined the Department of Psychiatry here in 1971 as an associate.

Grosch came to Duke in 1970 as a psychiatric resident and earned a

Master of Divinity degree at Duke in 1974.

He holds a B.S. degree from Albright College, Reading, Pa., and earned an M.D. from Albany Medical College in 1970.

Grosch is a staff psychiatrist in the VA Hospital.

Schmidt graduated from the University of Missouri in 1955, earned his M.D. degree there in 1959 and completed his internship and residency in obstetrics and gynecology there in 1963.

He served in the U.S. Air Force, 1963-65, and was in private practice before coming to Duke as a faculty fellow in Gynecologic Oncology in 1975.

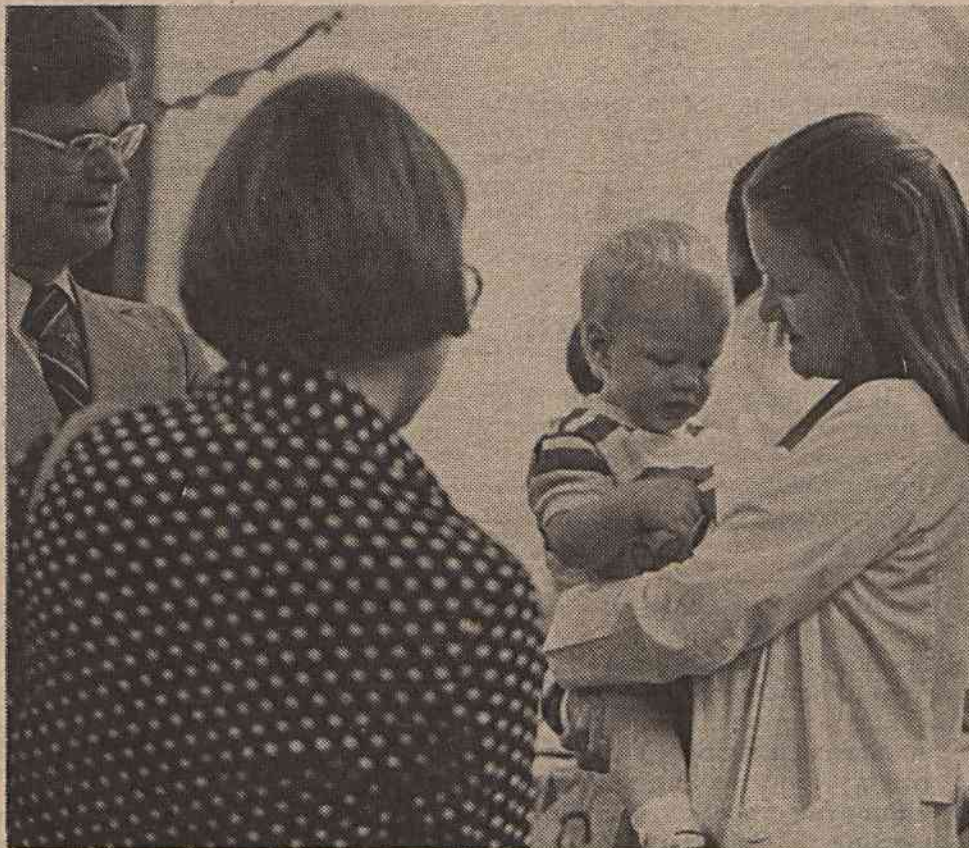
Also from Missouri, Sheldon is a 1967 graduate of St. Louis University, where he received his M.D. degree in 1971. His residency there included rotations in Colorado and Los Angeles hospitals.

Welt was awarded a B.S. degree by The College of William and Mary in 1968, and an M.D. by the UNC School of Medicine, 1972.

His obstetrics and gynecology residency was completed at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, where he was chief resident, 1974-75.

Welt came to Duke in 1975 as Fellow in Fetal Maternal Medicine.

His wife, Dr. Ann Groce, is a chief resident in the Department of Anesthesiology.



HOW NICE TO SEE YOU—Dr. Lillian Blackmon (right), unit physician for the Intensive Care Nursery, and other staff members had a chance to see the results of their efforts in the happy, healthy children who attended the ICN reunion.