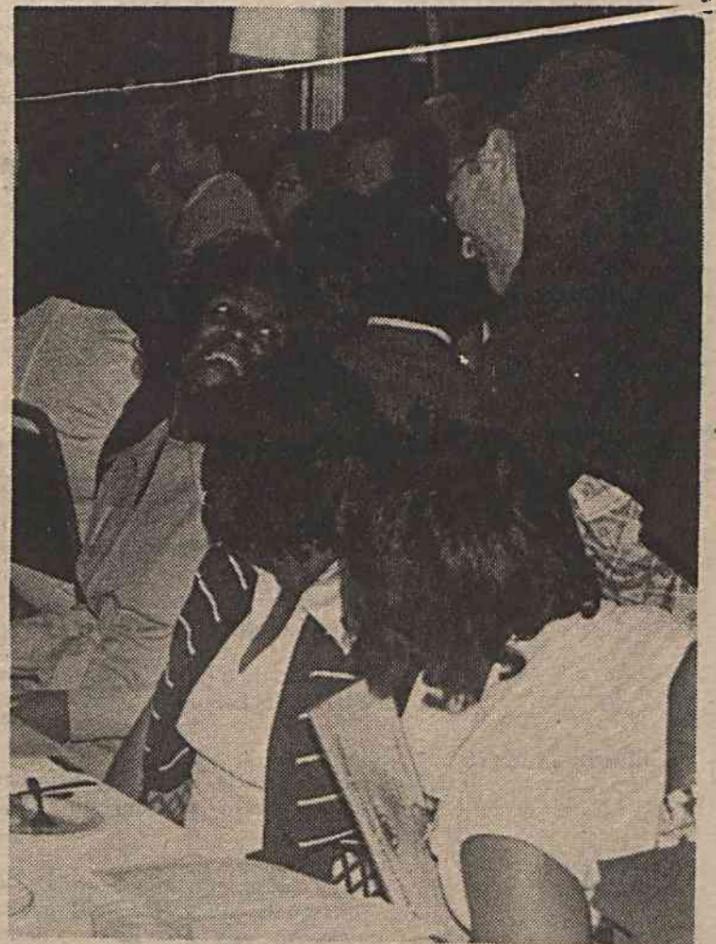


Theodore Johnson, pathology, was among those honored for thirty years of service to the medical center. He is being congratulated by Dr. William G. Anlyan, vice president for health affairs. Also participating in the spirit of the moment is the Rev. Wes Aitken (left), hospital chaplain, who was a 20-year award recipient. Anlyan presented awards to those marking 30- and 40-year anniversaries and to retirees. Dr. R.R. Robinson, chief executive officer of the hospital, and Richard Peck, administrative director of the hospital, presented 10- and 20-year awards.



A happy award recipient is congratulated by Sam Andrews, employee relations coordinator. Employee Relations was in charge of the awards dinner.

## Dinner Honors Employees

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Ossie Leonard, anesthesiology, a 10-year employee is shown with her husband Royster Leonard and Mary Campbell, director of the nursing anesthesiology program.

## OB Nurse Happy in His Role

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puzzlement, but good acceptance. I had a great interview with Ruth Bowers (nursing supervisor). We talked for about three hours, first about the department here, and then about philosophy of nursing in general."

### Little Resistance

Since joining the Carter Suite staff in March, 1975, he has had significant resistance from only two patients. And both of them were from other countries where most obstetric care providers, including doctors, are female.

"If a patient prefers a female nurse, that is her right. She should be as comfortable as possible," Tschannen said.

At other times, a patient has initially said she preferred a female nurse, but Tschannen has asked only "for a chance." He explains what he will be doing, promising that if the patient becomes uncomfortable with him at any point, he will call in another nurse.

"Sometimes someone will say, 'I have never had a male nurse,' and I just say, 'I've never had you for a patient before,' and we begin on this common ground," he said.

### Responding to Needs

Usually any misgivings are allayed by professional response to the patient's immediate needs.

"When people need some kind of support and you're there to give it, it doesn't matter if you're female or male, doctor or nurse," Tschannen believes.

### 'Kind of Neat'

Dan Tschannen enjoys being a pioneer.

"It's kind of neat to go into an area where no one's been before and map out your own way. I'm not limited by what has or hasn't happened before," he said.

Some of the rewards have come at points where his personal and professional lives have overlapped.

He got to know one couple, who, shortly after their baby was born, invited him to live on their farm.

There he got to know a second couple whose baby he delivered

(with the doctor's supervision) six months later.

It was his first delivery and it seemed very appropriate that it was an experience he shared with two close friends.

### Contributes to Profession

Tschannen also thinks he has definite contributions to make to his profession.

"There is no way I can ever bring a preconceived notion to the childbirth situation, while a nurse who has experienced childbirth might do so. Yet each woman has different responses to the experience," he points out.

And then there is what he can offer the father.

"Where do males who are about to become fathers get support?" Tschannen asks, pointing out that attitudes about sex roles make it equally difficult for a man to discuss this subject with either a woman nurse or his local bartender.

"They want a professional male to tell them what to expect, to get through the 'shroud of mystery,'" Tschannen says. "So I am able to help the father become part of the picture."

### Breaking Down Sex Roles

Finally, he points out a contribution he makes, which he has in common with a number of other pioneers.

"Whenever sex roles in a job break down, the field is enhanced," he states. "Everyone adds his or her own unique perspective."

The St. Louis native earned his undergraduate degree at Southern Illinois University. This fall he will enter the University of Colorado, Denver, to pursue an M.S.N. in maternal-new born nursing.

He plans for the graduate degree to lead either into university teaching or further training to become a certified midwife. (He knows of two males already certified in the U.S., and a few more in training.)

After he leaves, how long will it be before there is another male RN on Carter?

"It's no longer a foreign idea," Tschannen says. "They're ready."

## Intercomments

### IV Team

LPN Eldonia Bass has been discharged from the Hospital and is recuperating at home. She has been hospitalized twice, once each on McDowell and Reed Wards.

RN Penny Coble is taking a temporary leave of absence.

Reporter: Laura Chambers

### Physiology & Pharmacology

The First Annual Easter Seals Medium-pitch Softball Tournament was held May 14-15 at Rock Quarry Park. The Eye Center sponsored the Triangle Photography softball team in the tournament and the team, comprised mainly of students from the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, won first place and a prize of \$50.

All the proceeds from the tournament will be used to help send handicapped people to Easter Seals camps this summer. To further help this effort the team donated their prize money back to Easter Seals.

Reporter: Susan Eurquhart

### Aging Center

Jerri Ardis will be replacing Jocelyn Perry as secretary of KWIC. Perry will be attending graduate school at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Christine Hutchinson, data technician, left the center on May 27 for Palo Alto, Calif., where her husband is starting graduate work at Stanford University.

Reporter: Dorothy Heyman

### Intensive Care Nursery

Sharon Clark, LPN, is engaged to be married this summer. Becky Schilling, RN, was married to Walter Brice, April 2, and has moved to Charlotte.

Terry Bean, Sue Perkins, Annette Price and Sheila Robinson are new RN's. Donna Moultrou, RN, has resigned.

Reporter: Melodie Starr

## Camp Scholarships

The Duke Summer Daycamp, which began Monday, has scholarships available to full-time Duke bi-weekly employees on a level 8 wage scale or below.

These scholarships, a gift of Duke's Class of 1971, can provide free or heavily subsidized tuition payments for 10-20 children.

The daycamp runs through Aug. 19 and features activities built around weekly themes. It is open to children ages 5-12.

There is one counselor for every five children.

For more information, contact Peter Strimer, 682-5317, today or Saturday.