

Grant To Support Study Of Mental Health in Elderly



DR. DAN G. BLAZER JR.

Dr. Dan G. Blazer Jr., assistant professor of psychiatry, has received a \$170,000 Research Career Development Award from the Research Science Development Section of the National Institute of Mental Health.

The award will provide salary support to the psychiatrist for five years and enable him to pursue training in environmental stress and mental health in the elderly.

Blazer, who is also associate director of programs for the university's Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development, said he will study the broad relationship between social change and psychiatric problems among older persons — how shifting patterns in family, church and neighborhood life along with other factors affect the status, emotional

well-being and satisfaction of the elderly.

He said that during the first two years of the grant he will also pursue a master of public health degree in epidemiology at the University of North Carolina School of Public Health.

The physician is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and the University of Tennessee Medical

School. Before coming to Duke as a resident in psychiatry in 1973, he was medical director of the Christian Mobile Clinic in the United Republic of Cameroun, West Africa.

Dr. H. Keith H. Brodie, chairman of psychiatry at Duke, will serve as sponsor for Blazer's training program, and Dr. George L. Maddox, director of the Aging Center, will be his research advisor.

Course Responds to Need

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"It is not geared to any one population," she said. "We have students from all over the medical center, representing a variety of jobs. Just about every department has people in class or on the waiting

list."

Further, the course reflects the overall purpose of developing employees in order to have better patient care, she pointed out.

Citing the medical terminology class as "one example of many to come," Britt said she has been assessing other needs by various means, such as interviews.

"But when some one picks up the phone and says here is what we need, that helps our planning significantly," she said.

Awards Go to Dietary Services Employees

Four employees in Dietary Services have been named charter members of the department's new Thirty Year Club. Clara Jackson Adkins, cook; Roscoe Graham, food service supervisor; Parker Leigh McDonald, diet assistant; and Sam Wilson, food service supervisor, were honored at a special awards ceremony, June 21, for working at least 30 years in the department.

During the ceremony McDonald also was named Best Dressed Employee of the Year.

Long-Term Service

Members of the new Thirty Year Club will be entitled to have every weekend off. They received gifts of appreciation, mugs (for the men) and serving plates (for the women) with the Duke seal.

Sam Wilson has the longest service record. He began work Aug. 4, 1939, as a relief person. He worked as relief dishwasher, dish machine operator and dish machine foreman before his promotion to food service supervisor in 1974.

Roscoe Graham began July 25, 1940, as a trainee butcher. He worked as a stockroom attendant, food service worker I and food service aide senior before his promotion to food service supervisor in 1974.

Parker Leigh McDonald began work on March 17, 1941. Attending Durham College part-time, she completed a business course while holding a full-time job. She worked in tray service and as food service supervisor in Tray Unit III before beginning her present job of diet assistant in the Medidata Office in 1975.

Clara Jackson Adkins started as a dishwasher on Oct. 28, 1947. She was later a food service worker before her promotion to cook in 1975.

Best Dressed

McDonald was selected by the managers and supervisors from among the monthly winners in the Best Dressed Employee program. She received a flower arrangement and the grand prize of a trip to Carowinds.

Runners-up for the second annual award were Delores Leathers, tray unit; and Mary Satterwhite, main kitchen. They received bud vases with pink carnations.

Best Dressed Employees are chosen on the basis of consistent good grooming and proper dress. Each month one person from each of three unit groups is honored. Each monthly winner receives five free meal tickets and

has a photograph posted on the bulletin board outside the cafeteria.

The unit groups are Cafeteria/Catering/Diet Office/Rankin; Main Kitchen/Storeroom; and Tray Unit/Nourishment Center.

FOR THIRTY YEARS AND MORE

By Sam Wilson

The following are the sentiments of Clara, Parker Leigh, Roscoe, and Sam, based on our years at Duke Medical Center.

*For thirty years and more
We participated in the patient health and care.
We may not have been directly involved,
But our contribution was there.
We worked hard through the years;
To be consistent was our aim.
We didn't call in sick
For every ache or pain.
We always showed up for work
Through rain, sleet, or snow.
The welfare of the patient came first with us;
We were a part of the show.
For thirty years and more
We gave our energy, our all.
During any and every emergency
We responded to the call.
For thirty years and more
We have been blessed with health and strength;
For the health we are enjoying
To God we owe our thanks.
To each employee in the Dietary Department,
Including the Administrative Staff as well,
May God grant you the desires of your heart;
May His presence in you dwell.*

Psychoanalysts Elect Nash as President

Dr. James L. Nash, assistant professor of psychiatry, has been elected president of the new North Carolina Psychoanalytic Society. The society was accredited by the American Psychoanalytic Association (A.P.A.) at its annual meeting in Quebec, Canada, in April.

Other officers of the society include Dr. Charles R. Keith, associate professor of psychiatry, secretary, and Dr. David A. Worman, associate professor of psychiatry, delegate-at-large.

The society is composed of about 60 psychoanalysts living in North Carolina who are graduates of or candidates in psychoanalytic training programs approved by the A.P.A. and the International Psychoanalytic Association.

The purpose of the society, according to Nash, is to maintain and develop psychoanalysis in the state by conducting scientific meetings and through contacts with physicians and the public.

Further information about the society may be obtained by calling Nash at the VA Hospital, 286-0411, or Keith at 286-4456.



CHARTER MEMBERS—Four employees in Dietary Services have been named the first members of the department's new Thirty Year Club. Receiving gifts from Robert F. O'Connell, director of dietary services, are (from left) Roscoe Graham, Parker Leigh McDonald, Sam Wilson and Clara Jackson Adkins. (Photos by Ina Fried)



BEST DRESSED—Parker Leigh McDonald (center) receives flowers from David J. Scheible, associate director of dietary services, in recognition of being named Best Dressed Employee of the Year. Delores Leathers is honored as a runner-up.