

It's Really Easy and Doesn't Cost Anything

"Giving blood doesn't cost anything except a little time and it makes you feel good that you can do it," says Robert Wildermann, laboratory supervisor in Clinical Chemistry.

"I work in a lab so I know the need for blood and blood products," he said.

Wildermann has given two gallons of blood to the American Red Cross. The Red Cross will conduct a blood drive, Wednesday, Sept. 21, from 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., in the first floor Cafeteria.

"Giving blood has never bothered me when I get back to work as long as I give myself a few minutes to get

collected," Wildermann said. "Usually I don't try to jump up and run around like a hero."

New Way To Give

For the last few months he has been giving blood in a new way at the Red Cross Forest Hills center. Called plateletpheresis, the technique separates large numbers of platelets (a component necessary for clotting) and returns the rest of the donor's blood to him.

Platelet transfusions can prevent bleeding in patients with leukemia, cancer and various types of bone marrow failures.

Wildermann reads or naps for about two hours while platelets are removed from eight pints of his blood. His blood is run directly into a special machine which extracts the platelets and returns the rest of the blood into his other arm.

"It's not possible to mix up your blood with someone else's," he emphasized. The machine is used for only one person at a time in a continuous process.

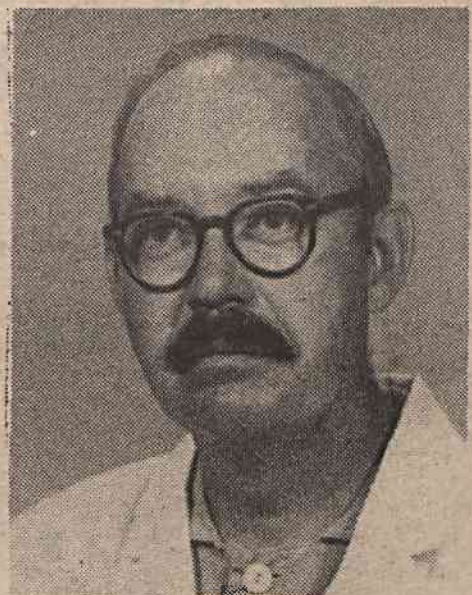
Safety Precautions

"All of the materials your blood touches are disposable, and a whole new apparatus is used for a new person," he said.

A donor's body replaces the platelets so quickly that the Red Cross allows plateletpheresis every two weeks instead of requiring the usual eight week waiting period for donating whole blood.

Because of the special equipment required, plateletpheresis is conducted only at the blood center. More information is available from the Forest Hills center, 489-6541; from the nurses at the blood drive; or from Dr. Joseph Fay, associate in medicine here who is also assistant medical director for the Red Cross' Piedmont Carolinas Blood Program.

Everyone is invited to participate in the blood drive here next Wednesday. Special emphasis is being placed on donations from Medical and Surgical Private Diagnostic Clinics, Psychiatry, Nursing Units, General Surgery, Special Surgery, Obstetrics-Gynecology and the School of Nursing.



DR. BLAINE NASHOLD

Nashold Heads World Society

Dr. Blaine S. Nashold Jr., professor of neurosurgery here, is the new president of the World Society of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery.

His election came at the organization's annual meeting held recently in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in conjunction with the Sixth International Congress of Neurosurgery. While in Brazil, the neurosurgeon presented the inaugural address at the opening of the new Functional Neurosurgery Research Center at the University of Sao Paulo Medical School.

The World Society of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery consists of more than 400 neurosurgeons from throughout the world.

Its members are particularly interested in stereotactic surgery — the use of instruments that guide probes and electrodes within the brain to control pain and such involuntary movement disorders as epilepsy and parkinsonism.

Nashold is a native of Lennox, S.D. He earned his M.D. at the University of Louisville in 1949 and joined the Duke faculty as assistant professor in 1957. In 1973, he was named full professor.



TO SAVE LIVES — Robert Wildermann, laboratory supervisor in Clinical Chemistry, is a regular blood donor. The Red Cross will have a blood drive for the medical center Wednesday, from 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., in the first floor Cafeteria. (Photo by Ina Fried)

Put Some Computing in Your Life

Interested in learning a little about computers? Now is your chance!

The Computation Center is offering a series of eight courses this fall. The first courses assume no background in computing, so inexperience should not hold you back.

These courses are free and open to all members of the Duke community, including students, faculty, employees and their families. Classes meet from 4-5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information call Mara Simmerman, 684-4217.

Classes are "Introduction to Computing," Sept. 19-23; "Beginning PL/I Programming," Sept. 26-Oct. 14; "Advanced PL/I Programming," Oct. 17-Nov. 4;

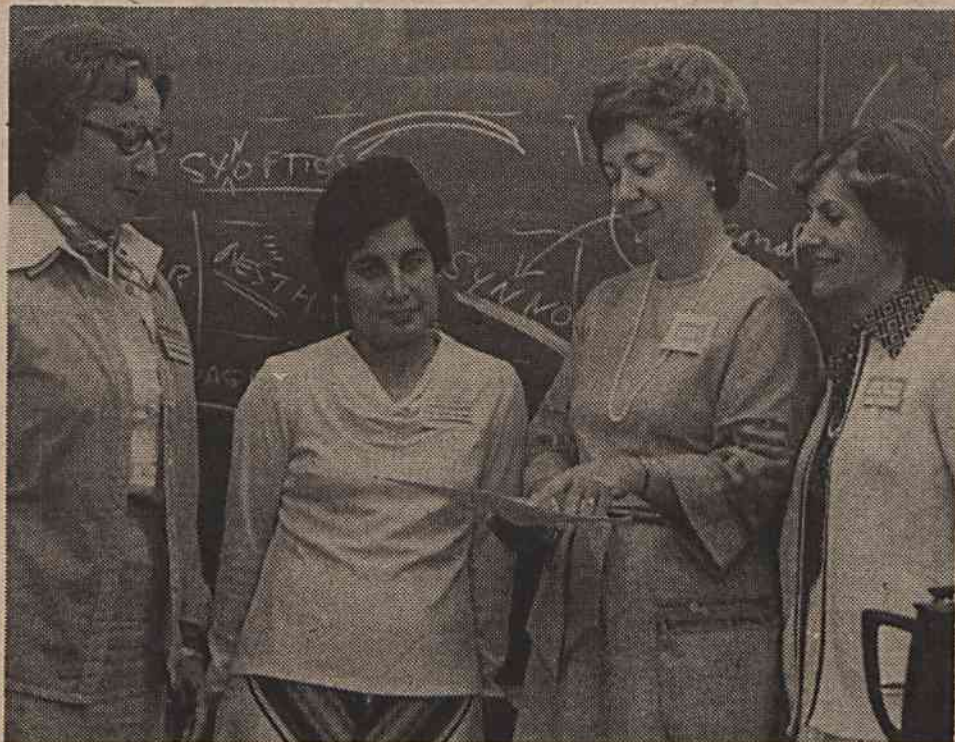
"Beginning FORTRAN Programming," Sept. 26-Oct. 14; "Advanced FORTRAN Programming," Oct. 17-Nov. 4; "Beginning COBOL Programming," Sept. 26-Oct. 14; "Advanced COBOL Programming," Oct. 17-Nov. 4; and "SPSS," Sept. 26-Oct. 7.

Nursing Faculty Attend Management Workshop

About 35 faculty members from the School of Nursing attended a workshop, Sept. 1-2, to consider curricular aspects of nursing service administration for the undergraduate and graduate programs.

Program faculty for the workshop on "Managing in a Complex Health Environment: Implications for Nursing," were Dr. Loucine M. Huckabay, assistant professor of nursing, University of California at Los Angeles; Dr. Margaret L. McClure, director of nursing, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y., and associate professor of nursing, Columbia University; Dr. Shirley M. Stinson, professor of nursing and health services administration, University of Alberta, Canada; and Dr. Robert E. Taylor, assistant professor of management sciences, Duke.

Chairpersons were Wilma A. Minniear, professor of nursing and executive director of nursing services for the medical center, and Barbara Lynds, assistant professor of nursing.



MANAGEMENT AND NURSING—Dean Rubv Wilson (second from right) of the School of Nursing talks with guest speakers during a break in a nursing workshop. Pictured are (left to right) Dr. Shirley M. Stinson, University of Alberta, Canada; Dr. Loucine M. Huckabay, UCLA; Dean Wilson; and Dr. Margaret L. McClure, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. (Photo by Ina Fried)

Children's Films

A Children's Film Series is being presented this fall by Freewater Film Society to provide educational entertainment for children of the Durham community.

The first film will be tomorrow, 10:30 a.m. in the Biological Sciences Auditorium on Science Drive. The feature will be "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland." The show will include Bugs Bunny and Roadrunner cartoons, and live entertainment.

Admission price is one dollar.

Other films scheduled include "Meet Me in St. Louis" and "Gunga Din," and they will be listed in Intercom's campus calendar.