

2 Physician likes his part in sports productions

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There are, of course, more names to announce, and they seem to average more letters per name, he explained.

Chandler does have qualified help with football games. Dr. Maurice B. Landers, professor of ophthalmology, is his spotter, the guy who looks to see if it is a "35" or an "85" on the bottom of the pile.

Different perspective

There's no pay for the job, though Chandler points out that he always gets a good seat.

"At basketball games I am right on the floor," he said. "You get an entirely different perspective of the game there. You can see, for example, how hard it is for players to find open lanes that are quite evident to someone looking down from high up in the stands.

"I also am close enough to hear some of the comments visiting coaches make. Some are 'X-rated,'" he said.

Behind the scenes

An advantage of his reserved seat for football games, Chandler said, is that it is sheltered from the weather.

"And I am up there 'behind the scenes,' which gives me an appreciation for what a big production a football game is. It's like producing a play or a movie," Chandler said. "Our sports information people really do an incredible job."

Chandler thoroughly enjoys his part in the production.

"There's a little bit of ham in all of us," he points out, citing his brother, John

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Davis Chandler, a Hollywood actor, as an extreme example.

"If you're interested in athletics, but are not able to be in it directly, this is a good way to be involved," the former Florida Southern tennis player said.

Avoids fumbling names

Chandler checks with coaches or team managers before games to be sure he knows how names are to be pronounced, spelling them out phonetically if necessary, and trying to be sensitive to individual's wishes regarding nicknames.

"These things are so important to coaches and players," he explained. "They say a player isn't aware of anything other than the game, but if you mispronounce his name, he'll hear it."

Still, there are occasional miscues.

"A couple of weeks ago I had (Coach) Mike McGee out there making a tackle rather than (player) Carl McGee."

March of Dimes grant supports nitrogen study

A scientist here who is trying to gain a better understanding of how the body metabolizes nitrogen in illness and in health has received a \$27,000 grant from

the National Foundation-March of Dimes.

Dr. Edward W. Holmes Jr., associate professor of medicine, is studying the

roles of ammonia and glutamine, two nitrogen-containing compounds, in slowing or speeding the production of purines.

Purines are the chemical parents of uric acid which is excreted from the body as a component of urine, Holmes explained. Purines are also important "building blocks" of RNA and DNA, carriers of genetic information in all living things.



DR. HOLMES

Various inherited defects of purine production cause different diseases, including a severe disturbance of brain function called Lesch-Nyhan syndrome, fatal deficiencies of the body's immune system, kidney stones and gouty arthritis.

In experiments with normal and defective cells grown in the laboratory, Holmes said he is trying to learn the relationship between the pathways of purine and nitrogen metabolism.

The scientist said that when this relationship is clearer, it may one day become possible to divert ammonia or glutamine into one or the other pathway as a form of therapy for purine and nitrogen metabolism disorders.

'AND THIS IS THE PLAYROOM' — Dr. Samuel L. Katz, professor and chairman of pediatrics, gives a brief tour of the department to Robert Fishman and Al Sawyers. The two members of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity had brought a \$4,800 check which they presented to Katz to be used for cancer research. The money represented the proceeds from the fraternity's annual celebrity auction. (Photo by John Becton)



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Expert on aging to discuss 'individuality'

Harriet Miller, former executive director of the National Retired Teachers Association and the American Association of Retired Persons (NRTA-AARP) will speak here Tuesday.

Her talk, which is open to the public without charge, is entitled "Aspects of

Individuality." It will be held in Room 1504 of the Gerontology Building from 4-5 p.m.

Miller, a former faculty member at the University of Montana, served as superintendent of public instruction in Montana from 1956-1968.

She joined the staff of the NRTA-AARP, affiliated organizations with a combined membership of 11 million persons dedicated to improving the lives



HARRIET MILLER

of the aged, in 1972 and stepped down as executive director last month.

A long-time advocate of the elderly in the United States, Miller has received numerous awards for her efforts on their behalf.

Among these honors are the Associated Press' Woman of the Year Award in Montana for 1964, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy Award and the Award for Outstanding Service to the Job Corps from the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity.

Her talk is being sponsored by the Duke University Council on Aging and Human Development.

BICP class on tour

The second of four classes participating in the Biomedical Interdisciplinary Curriculum Project is touring the medical center today. Today's guests are from Richmond Senior High School in Rockingham.