

Duke sociologist offers family forecast

Despite cries of alarm about the declining strength and stability of the American family, the traditional two parent family will remain strong for many years.

That was the forecast offered by Dr. Jacquelyne J. Jackson, associate professor of medical sociology, in a speech delivered in December at the American Public Welfare Association National Round Table Conference in Washington.



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Jackson cautioned, however, that the proportion of families deviating from the traditional ideal will increase.

"Most of these deviations will occur in the form of female-headed families with minor dependents, but there will also be an increase in male-headed families without spouses, with minor children present."

Illegitimacy rate

She also predicted that the illegitimacy rate among whites will climb more rapidly than among blacks.

"Over the next several decades, although the black illegitimacy rate will remain proportionately higher than that among whites, the rise in the white illegitimacy rate will be much more dramatic, due largely to the greater adjustment which whites must make to the decreasing availability of white males. However, it is also possible that we will witness increases in the proportion of white females marrying nonwhite males," she said.

"Although most children now born are 'wanted children,'" Jackson continued, "an increasing proportion will fall within that category in the future, provided that women have sufficient access to birth control measures, including abortions.

"In addition, recent biologic techniques will enable women to select the sex of the children whom they birth at full or 'survival' term" she predicted. "They will also be able to abort abnormal fetuses, thereby reducing the numbers of mentally and physically malformed children. Eventually, in this connection, the laws must follow the will of the majority directly concerned, so as to safeguard their health."

More predictions

Also on Jackson's look-for-in-the-future list were these forecasts:

—The age at first marriage for both women and men may well increase

slightly, and marital partners will be more homogeneous in the future by broad educational and economic levels.

—The higher their educational levels, the greater the likelihood that they both will be gainfully employed, "which suggests," she said, "that an increasing number of couples with minimal education will be unemployed."

—Divorce and remarriage rates will increase somewhat, particularly among middle-aged couples.

—Government intervention in, and regulation of, policies directly and indirectly affecting the family will increase sharply.

THIS SHOULD FIT HERE, THEN — Jane Mahoney, assistant administrator for patient services, shows Duke senior Brian Siegel one of the toys available for children in the pediatric playroom. Siegel's fraternity, Theta Chi, contributed \$200 to the ENT outpatient clinic to help finance a children's recreation therapy session in the waiting room of the clinic. Mahoney said the money will be used to purchase toys and to salary a work/study student who will hold the therapy sessions one and a half days a week. The fraternity raised the money through a drawing for an autographed football prior to this fall's Duke-State football game. (Photo by Parker Herring)



"Now I've seen everything—
a 'Dior' virus!"

Professional News

Three nurses and a physician from Duke will serve on the faculty of an Advanced Pacemaker Workshop sponsored by the North Carolina Heart Association, Jan. 19-20, at the Governor's Inn.

They are Wanda Bride, head nurse, Cardiac Care Unit; Mary Manwaring, nurse clinician, Division of Cardiology; Ceeya Patton, nurse clinician, Matas Ward; and Dr. James J. Morris, associate professor of medicine (cardiology).

David K. Wessner has resigned as Duke Hospital West unit administrator to take a post at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa.

Wessner has been named administrative assistant at Geisinger, it was announced by F. Kenneth Ackerman Jr., senior vice president and administrative director there.

Wessner will have administrative responsibility for Geisinger's Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology, physician's assistants and clinic support personnel.

Dr. Reginald D. Carter, adjunct assistant professor of community and family medicine and assistant professor of physiology, has been appointed to the board of trustees of North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc.

Carter is associate director of Duke's Physician's Associate Program.

Dr. Seymour Grufferman, assistant professor of community and family medicine, spoke on "Teaching Cancer Epidemiology at Duke" at the American Association for Cancer Education meetings in San Francisco last month.

Dr. Robert H. Shipley, assistant professor of psychiatry, chaired a Symposium on

Psychological Preparation for Stressful Medical Procedures at the Association for Advancement of Behavior Therapy meeting in Atlanta last month. He also presented two papers in this area.

Dr. Elizabeth J. Fox, associate professor of anesthesiology, addressed the *Journées Post Universitaires de l'Association des Anesthésiologistes Français* in Paris, Dec. 17-18. The title of her lecture was "La modalité des différents aspects de l'analgésie par stimulation."

Dr. David M. Hawkins, assistant professor of psychiatry and chief, Adult Psychiatric Clinic, will lead a workshop for therapists at the American Group Psychotherapy Association meeting in New Orleans next month. The workshop will deal with the changing idea about contact between group members especially when the therapist runs multiple groups in a small community.

Dr. John M. Harrelson, assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery and pathology, will present a paper on "Skeletal Metastases in Melanoma" at a meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. The group will meet in Dallas, Feb. 23-26.

Earlier in the month, Harrelson will attend the Southeast Oncology Group Workshop for Soft Tissue Tumors in Atlanta.

Dr. David C. Sabiston, professor and chairman of the Department of Surgery, has been elected to the board of directors of Central Carolina Bank, bank president William L. Burns Jr. has announced.

Burns is a member of the Durham Advisory Board to the hospital.



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The Medical Center Calendar lists lectures, symposia and other medical center activities. Notices should be sent to Box 3354, Hospital, no later than one week prior to publication. If last minute scheduling makes it impossible to send a written notice in time, please call 684-4148.

Friday, January 13

- 12:30 p.m. Biochemistry Seminar. Dr. Lewis Siegel, associate professor of biochemistry, "The Heme-B12 Connection," Rm 147, Nanaline H. Duke Bldg. Coffee at 12:15 in the lobby.
- 1 p.m. Network for Continuing Medical Education (NCME). Programs on "Frostbite: Decrease Tissue Loss," "Vulvovaginal Candida, Alias Monilia" and "The Overgrown Infant: An American Problem." View in Rm M405 at Duke and Rms D3008, C6002 and C7002 and Bldg 16 at the VA Hospital.
- 2 p.m. Videotape showing. "Infectious Disease, Page 5," Rm M405.

Wednesday, January 18

- 1 p.m. NCME. See Fri., Jan. 13, for programs and viewing areas.

Thursday, January 19

- 12:30 p.m. Special Biochemistry Seminar. Dr. Hans C. Freeman, School of Chemistry, University of Sydney, Australia, "Prediction and Experiment: The Crystal Structure of Plastocyanin, a 'Blue' Copper Protein," Rm 147, Nanaline H. Duke Bldg. Coffee at 12:15 in the lobby.