



ELECTED AGAIN—Dr. Rebecca H. Buckley, professor of pediatrics and associate professor of immunology, has been named president-elect of the Southeastern Allergy Association for 1977-78. She is president of the Southern Society for Pediatric Research and of the Tri-Council which represents that organization and two other research societies. Buckley will be in New Orleans next week for a meeting of the Southern Society for Pediatric Research and to give several lectures for a Pediatric Pulmonary SuperCourse. She will give lectures at similar meetings next month in Los Angeles and Phoenix. Three scientific papers Buckley has written will be published in the Journals of Clinical Investigation, Pediatrics and Immunology during the first three months of this year. (Photo by Jim Wallace)

Program to respond to educational needs

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going to ask, 'What do you need?' Then we will be responding to these needs," she said.

McGrath said she wants to avoid unnecessary duplication of services offered by other medical centers and organizations.

"We look forward to a cooperative relationship with every group concerned about cancer," she said.

Organized information service

A resident of Chapel Hill, McGrath received her Ph.D. degree in communication from Pennsylvania State University. Most recently, she organized the Duke Cancer Information Service as the service's first director. She retains responsibility for the service in her new

position.

The Cancer Information Service operates a toll-free telephone line which North Carolinians can call for answers to almost any questions they have about cancer. They also can find out what resources are available for cancer patients and their families in each county of North Carolina.

More than 10,000 people have called since the service opened the line in May, 1976. The toll-free number is 1-800-672-0943; Durham area residents should call 286-2266.

LAUGHTER IS BEST MEDICINE — Robert Miller's (in civilian clothes) spirits were lifted when a dozen of his old buddies, members of the 143rd Tactical Airlift Group from Warwick, R.I., flew down to visit him late last month. Miller, an employee of Lockheed Air Corp. and former member of the Rhode Island Air National Guard, was flown to Duke for treatment of burns he received in a cargo plane fuel tank explosion in Saudi Arabia Dec. 12. He credits Air Guard training with saving his life during the explosion. The Air Guard members visited with Miller for a few hours and returned to Rhode Island the same day. (Photo by Parker Herring)



Need temporary office help?

A new service being established by the employment office will reduce the cost to individual departments of hiring temporary clerical help.

The Duke University Clerical Service will make available employees in eight different job categories ranging from secretary to receptionist, according to coordinator Tamara Chitwood.

"When a department has additional work that needs to be done, or has someone out, the administrator can call us and we'll supply someone to fill in," Chitwood said.

She added that this service will not be "like a typing pool. It'll be more like a school's list of substitute teachers."

The new service will eliminate much of the need to hire temporary workers through off-campus agencies. Thus, departments will pay less for temporary help.

Yet employees hired through the Clerical Service will actually earn higher wages.

"Because they will receive top wages, we expect to be able to hire well-qualified people," Chitwood said.

She said that another advantage would be that since the employees will work only at Duke, they will become familiar with the university, both administrative-

ly and geographically.

Chitwood will meet with administrative assistants from each department to explain the program in more detail prior to the initiation of the service on March 1.

She said the employment office would begin screening applicants at the end of this month.

Young VA psychiatrist dies

Dr. Albert R. Alden, 31, associate in psychiatry, died Jan. 5 in Duke Hospital after a brief illness.

A native of Ohio, Alden graduated in 1968 from Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, and in 1972 from The University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio.

He was a resident in psychiatry here from 1972-75, and served on the outpatient psychiatric staff at the VA Hospital at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife and daughter, his parents, and two brothers.

Memorials may be made to the Dr. Albert R. Alden Research Fund, in care of the dean of the School of Medicine, Box 3005, medical center.

Gobbledygook revisited

A recent Associated Press report notes that members of the Montana legislature directed its staff to rewrite the following rule so that it could be better understood:

An amendment to a motion may be amended, but an amendment to an amendment to a motion may not be amended. However, a substitute for an amendment to an amendment to a motion may be adopted and the substitute may be amended.

This gobbledygook is reminiscent of a World War II communique issued by an aide to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The aide's memo read: *Such preparations shall be made as will completely obscure all Federal buildings occupied by the Federal Government during an air raid for any period of time from visibility by reason of internal or external illumination. Such obscuration may be obtained either by blackout construction or by termination of illumination. This will, of course, require that in building areas in which production must continue during the blackout, construction must be provided that internal illumination may continue. Other areas may be obscured by terminating the illumination.*

President Roosevelt provided the following revision:

"Tell them that in buildings where they have to keep the work going, they should put something across the window. In buildings where they can afford to let the work stop for a while, they should turn out the lights."

The battle against gobbledygook — confused unintelligible language — continues.

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