

# Computer confirms it—this flu season worst in years

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infirmary for flu so far this year than during any comparable period since 1970.

Hansen said the number of patients complaining of flu-like symptoms reached highs of 335 and 251 during the third and fourth weeks of January when A-Texas and A-Victoria influenza strains were sweeping the nation.

### Second surge of Russian flu

"This died down relatively fast, but then we saw a second surge of what we believe was A-Russia virus which includes more intestinal symptoms such as nausea, vomiting and diarrhea," he said.

### Friends for finale

The 1977-78 series of Sunday afternoons in the library will conclude this Sunday with a talk on "The Friends of the Library," given by JoAnne Sharpe.

The program will be held in the Rare Book Room of Perkins Library at 4 p.m.

"Until the students went home for spring vacation, the average was 159 cases a week."

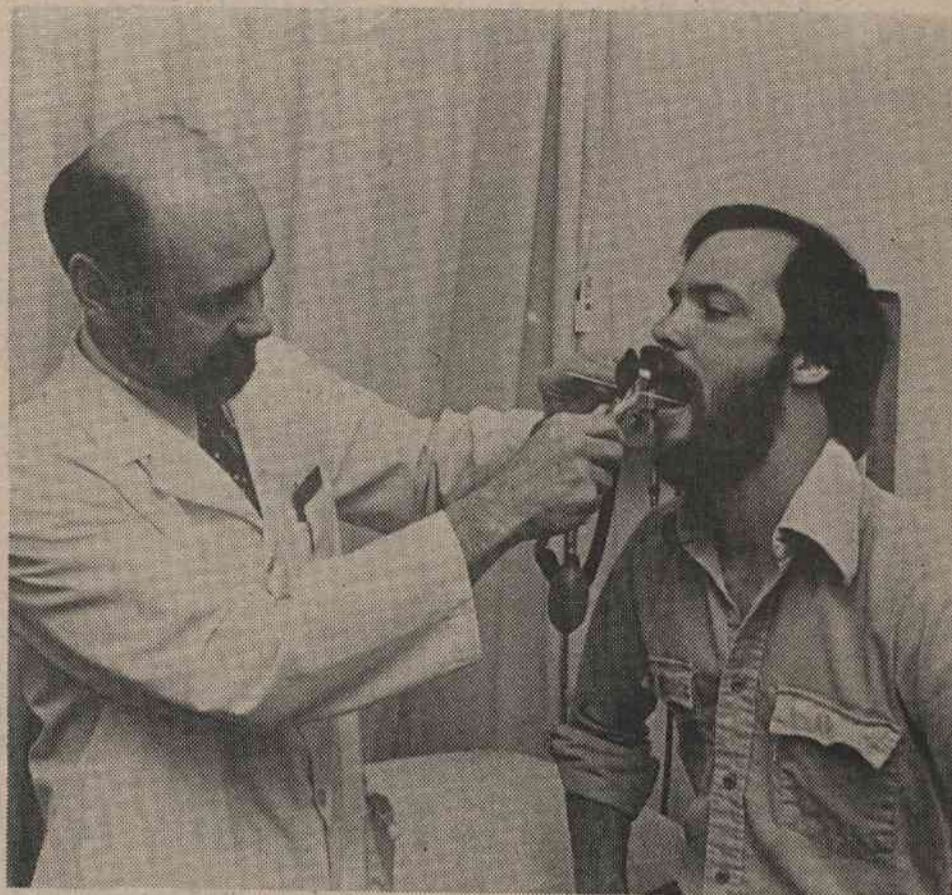
Since February, most of the patients have been under age 26. Most people older than 26 have already developed protective antibodies, he explained, because the Russia flu or a closely related strain probably hit the United States in the early 1950s.

### Take aspirin and...

Hansen said there is no practical way to avoid the flu, and the best treatment is still bed rest, regular doses of aspirin and drinking extra fluids to prevent dehydration.

"Pneumonia is occasionally a complication of the illness, so if symptoms are quite severe or persist, that's the time to seek medical care," he said. "When influenza is fatal to old people or people who are debilitated with other conditions, it is usually because of pneumonia."

Hansen said that with the advent of warmer weather, he expects the number of flu cases to drop sharply.



AH-H-H-H-H!!!—Steve Good, a patient at University Health Services Clinics, opens wide for Dr. John Hansen, director of the clinics. A record-breaking number of area residents, students and employees visited the clinic this year for treatment of influenza. Hansen said he suspects there were more cases of influenza at Duke and in Durham since 1970 or before. He also said that the computer for University Health Services tabulated that visits for influenza since the second week in January had averaged almost three times as high as during the same periods in 1976 and 1977. (Photo by Parker Herring)

## Series treats interrelated history

A noted British historian and a prominent U.S. molecular biologist will be featured in a lecture program on the development of molecular biology, in Research Triangle Park Monday, April 3.

Robert Olby, professor of history at the University of Leeds in England, will speak on "The Evolution of Molecular Biology."

He is widely known as the author of "The Path to the Double Helix."

Dr. Seymour S. Cohen, professor of pharmacological sciences at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, will speak on "The Whig History of Molecular Biology."

Cohen is renowned for his studies of viruses, bacteria, metabolism and the biochemistry of cancers.

The lectures will be given in the Burroughs Wellcome Auditorium beginning at 2 p.m.

The program, sponsored by The Burroughs Wellcome Fund, is under the joint direction of the departments of history at Duke, N.C. State University and UNC at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Seymour Mauskopf, associate professor of history, has represented Duke in the planning of a lecture series dealing with the interrelationships occurring in the histories of science, medicine and technology.

Monday's lectures will be the first in this series.

## 'The Chief' continues to share his books

By Jacqueline D. Wright  
Reporter

### Department of Radiology

The Department of Radiology has been a beehive of activity over the last few months. Particularly noticeable have been the physical renovations, most recently producing the new R.J. Reeves Library, named for Duke's first professor of radiology.

Dr. Robert James Reeves, born in 1898 in Texas, had received his B.A. degree in 1920 and his M.D. in 1924 from Baylor University.

Following a residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital, he had moved to the Columbia University as instructor in radiology.

In 1929, Dr. Wilburt C. Davison, newly appointed dean of Duke's yet-to-be-completed medical school, asked Reeves to join the faculty.

### Active teaching program

Reeves arrived with the campus in the throes of construction and remained as professor of radiology until his death in 1968.

From the start he worked diligently to

create and enlarge an active teaching program within the department, which he served as chairman until 1965.

Reeves possessed a personal library that always was available to residents and students. His love of books inspired the formation of the R.J. Reeves Society and later the creation of the R.J. Reeves Radiology Library in his honor.

The library was made possible by donations to the R.J. Reeves Society and by the generous financial support of the professor's many friends across the country.

By 1966 the library was an integral part of the radiology department and quite appropriately "the Chief," as Reeves was known, lived to see this project completed and his portrait hung in the library.

### Now has librarian

Currently the new library is rapidly taking shape near the department's main offices (blue zone, second floor). It is larger than the old facility and contains office space for the recently appointed full-time librarian, Susan Hamrell.

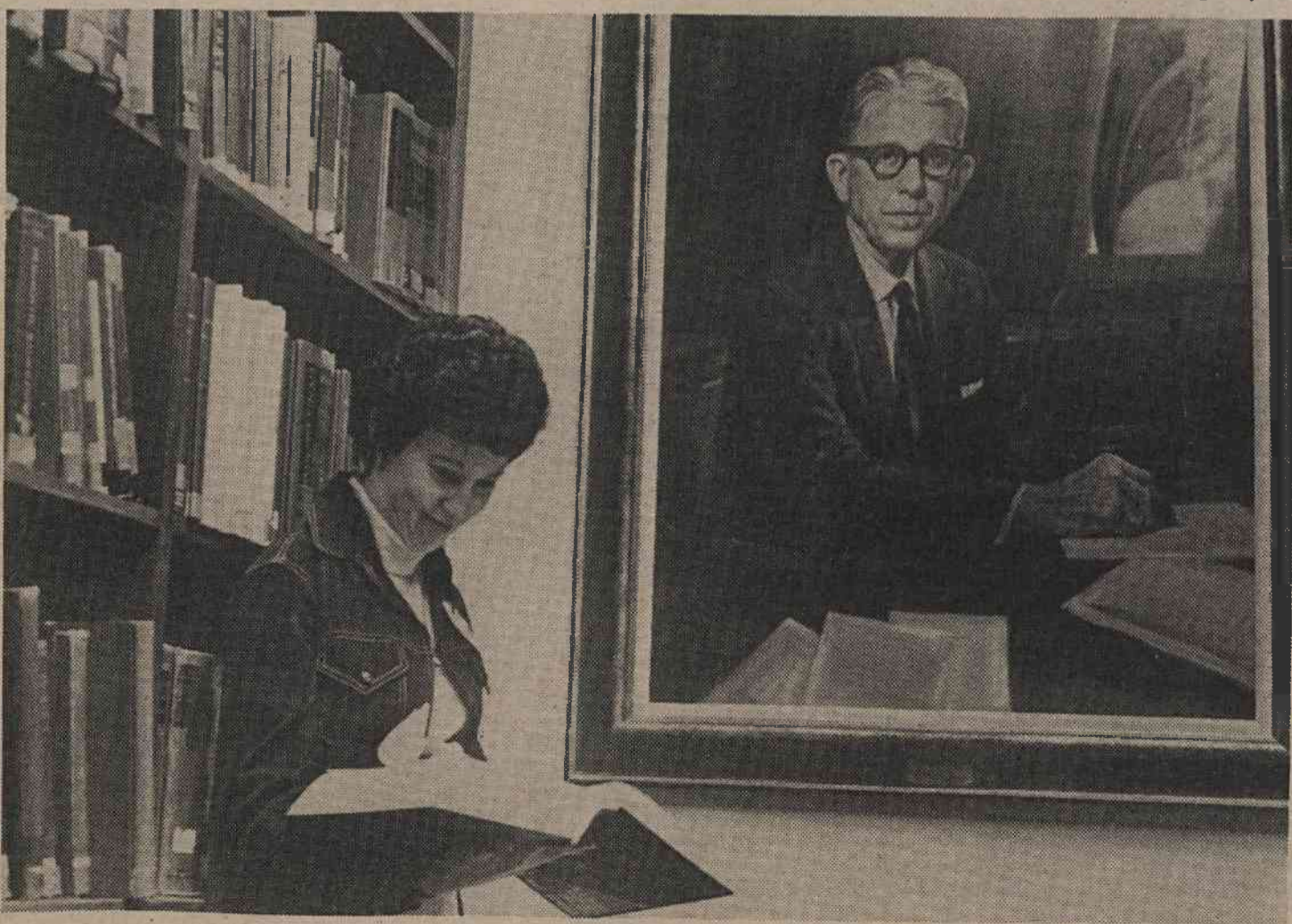
Furniture, bookcases and other appurtenances from the old Reeves library are utilized in the new facility. Responses to correspondence sent to members of the now disbanded R.J. Reeves Society returned not only with interest in reorganizing the society but also with offers to donate rare and important books dealing with the field of radiology and its development.

### Continued expansion

It is the hope of the department to build a larger section of post-graduate education, utilizing the new R.J. Reeves Library as its nucleus.

Individual sections devoted to various modalities of radiologic instruction including audiovisual materials soon will be incorporated into the library expansion.

It is the goal of the department to provide integrated educational opportunities to all radiologists, and the R.J. Reeves Library serves as one important means of fulfilling this goal.



TWO FIRSTS — Susan Hamrell, who recently became the radiology library's first full-time librarian, examines one of the texts, as she begins organizing and updating the collection. In the background is a portrait of

Dr. R.J. Reeves, Duke's first professor of radiology, for whom the library is named. (Photo by John Becton)