

## Advisory board close-up

# An important part of his life

By Parker Herring  
(The sixth in a series.)

Former Durham mayor James R. (Jim) Hawkins has a strong personal interest in Duke University.

"Duke is an important part of my life," Hawkins said. "In my opinion there is no greater institution in the world."

Hawkins entered Trinity College in 1942 and graduated from Duke's law school in 1951.

"I've lived and worked at Duke," he said. "And my wife also graduated from Duke."

### From the outside in

Hawkins has been active in local government and civic affairs throughout his career. He was mayor of Durham from 1971-1975. He is now secretary-treasurer of Allenton Realty and Insurance Co.

"When I was first asked to be on the hospital's advisory board, I wasn't sure if I could make any significant contributions," Hawkins said. "I felt like I really didn't know that much about how a hospital operates."

"But I think I can offer important points of view because I'm looking at the hospital from the outside in," he said. "The staff can get so wrapped up in the everyday operations of the hospital that they may overlook some community issues."

### Vital link

Hawkins said he thinks it is important for members of the advisory board to the hospital to offer their impressions and opinions.

"I don't really think it's necessary for the advisory board members to become involved with the day-to-day operation of the hospital, but we can offer our ideas."

Hawkins believes that Duke and Durham are vitally linked to one another.

"Duke Hospital cannot operate outside of the total community...the hospital and the community affect each other," he said. "Duke Hospital has a significant impact on the economic, social and health care factors of the Durham community," he said.

Hawkins has five children — including two sets of twins. One of his sons graduated from Duke in 1976.



JAMES R. HAWKINS



## Cardiology award goes to Williams

A young physician at Duke has been cited by the American College of Cardiology for outstanding research.

Dr. R. Sanders Williams, a fellow in cardiology, received the Young Investigators Award at a recent meeting of the organization in Anaheim, Calif.

Competition for the award drew entries from researchers under the age of 35 from across the country. Williams received the award on the basis of his studies of "Alpha-andrenergic receptors in rat myocardium."

A native of Athens, Ga., Williams graduated from Princeton University in 1970 and received his M.D. degree from Duke in 1974.

Following internship and residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, he returned to Duke as a cardiology fellow in January 1977.



**GIVE ME FIVE!**—The recent ICN reunion was a time for play, hugs and some good old handshaking, baby-style. Kay Harmon, ICN head nurse (left) watches one 10-month-old greet a new acquaintance. The baby on the right is held by her mother, Marilyn Burnette. Infants at the reunion ranged in age from 3 to 15 months. Twenty-four graduates who couldn't attend sent their pictures.

## Professional news

Dr. Rebecca H. Buckley, professor of pediatrics and associate professor of immunology, has been named president-elect of the American Academy of Allergy, a 3,000-member professional organization.

Buckley also is president-elect of the Southeastern Allergy Association (see *Intercom*, 1/20/78).

"Condominium Hospitals and Other Approaches to Organization of Health Care Systems" was the title of the keynote address delivered before the American Association of Hospital Planners yesterday in Houston by Dr. Montague Brown, professor of health administration.

While in Houston, he also participated in a Seminar on Research on the Structure of the Hospital Industry at the University of Texas School of Public Health.

Earlier this month, Brown spoke on "Trends and Issues in Contract Management" at an Institute on Contract Management sponsored by the American Hospital Association in Tucson, Ariz.

Brown has been appointed to an Advisory Panel on Sponsorship and Systems by the Catholic Hospital Association, a national group representing over 600 hospitals.

## VA celebrates 25 years of service, growth

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accelerator for the management and treatment of cancer patients.

### Allied health

The Allied Health Education Building was dedicated in 1971. It provides a number of classrooms, laboratories and offices especially designed for education in allied health fields. These programs are under the overall direction of Dr. Thomas T. Thompson, associate dean for allied health education in Duke's School of Medicine.

A two-story ambulatory care wing was added to the VA in 1974. One floor is arranged with clusters of hexagon-shaped examining rooms surrounding a large reception and admission area. The perimeter is ringed with offices, clinics and consulting areas. Through this building some 120,000 outpatients were seen last year.

The VA's specialty units include a

Coronary Care Unit, activated in 1967; the Renal Transplant Center, established in 1969; and an Epilepsy Center founded in 1971 and expanded in 1974.

The hospital's Hemodialysis Center, opened in 1966, has become a referral center for veterans throughout North Carolina and from parts of Virginia, Tennessee and South Carolina.

The Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory was established in 1967, and the Diagnostic Electron Microscopy Laboratory in 1973.

In February 1977, the VA Hospital here became the first in the 171-hospital VA system to use a CT (Computerized Tomography) scanner.

### Proclamations

Both Gov. Jim Hunt and Durham Mayor Wade Cavin have proclaimed this week as the "Silver Anniversary Week of the VA Hospital."

Exhibits have been on display

throughout the week in the hospital, commemorating its 25-year history.

A dinner-dance, held last evening, doubled as a celebration of the anniversary and the annual volunteer recognition ceremony.

## Medical history talk

The Josiah C. Trent Society for the History of Medicine is sponsoring a public lecture on "American Physiology in 1900: The Problem of Medical Relevance," to be given Thursday at 8 p.m.

The speaker will be Dr. Peter English, pediatrics house staff officer. The presentation will be in the History of Medicine Reading Room, Seeley G. Mudd Building.

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