



DUKE NORTH ANCILLARY SECTION — Standing about halfway between the School of Nursing and the Bell Building, one can get this view of Duke Hospital North. To the left at ground level is the site of the future emergency entrance. Radiology offices will be in the section in the right

foreground. Visible above the top of the hospital's ancillary section are the tops of the central core and the north bed tower. (Photo by Thad Sparks)



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OFF TO THE RACES—This August scene is presented not as a contrast to November's crisp weather, but to draw attention to November's designation as National Diabetes Month. This canoe race took place this summer at the Carolinas' Camp for Diabetic Children (see *Intercom*, 8/11/78). It was one of a number of contests staged between the medical staff and the program staff, to the delight of the campers, children with diabetes. The campers, however, were seldom just spectators. For more about the camp and about National Diabetes Month, see photos on page 3.

Speaker says screening procedures abused

By Parker Herring

Is the annual Pap smear necessary? How about the annual physical and the routine electrocardiogram?

A guest speaker at a recent family medicine conference here thinks not, and his views are certain to be at some conflict with those of other members of his profession.

The speaker, Dr. Paul Frame, practices family medicine in New York state. He addressed the Symposium on Screening and Health Maintenance at the Family Medicine Center on Crutchfield Street Oct. 20.

Slow process

"The U.S. medical establishment firmly believes women should have a Pap smear every year," he said. "But I think there is substantial evidence which proves Pap

smears are only necessary every two years."

Frame cited medical evidence which indicates that cervical cancer is a slow-growing process.

"That is my whole point," Frame said. "All of the evidence shows that it takes between five and 15 years for cervical cancer to become an untreatable or noncurable malignancy." Therefore Pap smears are only necessary every two years, he said.

Longer intervals favored

"The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG) recommends an initial smear at age 18 or when a woman first becomes sexually active," he said. "The ACOG recommends that a Pap smear be repeated in six months and then repeated every year."

Searle Center dedication set

The Searle Center for Continuing Education in the Health Sciences will be dedicated next Thursday (Nov. 9). The Dean's Hour lecture will follow the dedication ceremony.

Coffee and tea will be available at 4 p.m. in the foyer of the Searle Center, on the ground level of the Seeley G. Mudd Building.

The dedication ceremony will not exceed 30 minutes.

Dr. E. Harvey Estes, professor and chairman of the Department of Community and Family Medicine, will deliver the Dean's Hour Lecture at 5 p.m. in the same setting.

Estes was chairman of a national committee sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine on the future of primary health care in the United States.

The committee's report has generated lively discussion in the past and is

expected to do so following Estes' presentation.

The Searle Center was established with a \$1 million grant from the G.D. Searle & Co. Its purpose is to help physicians and other health care professionals keep up with the knowledge explosion in the health care field.

Upon announcement of the Searle gift in July 1977, Dr. William G. Anlyan, vice president for health affairs, said, "The center not only will be a local and regional resource, but also will be available for national and international meetings whenever appropriate."

The Wakeman Award international conference on neurobiology was held in the center last month (see *Intercom*, 10/6/78), and it has been the setting for numerous other meetings this fall. Most of next week's Medical Alumni Weekend activities also will be held there (next week's *Intercom* will carry a story about the weekend).

The Searle Center, which occupies most of the ground floor of the Mudd Building, includes a 250-seat lecture hall, several smaller meeting rooms, a projection room and closed-circuit television capability.

United Way goes over the top

The university and medical center went well over the 1978 United Way campaign goal of \$97,500.

"As of today (Oct. 31) total contributions are \$101,015.00," Larry Blake, chairman of the university-wide campaign, said. "The medical center contributed nearly \$40,000 of that amount."

Blake, Duke's fire safety officer, said he

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