

700 Students Vie for 76 Places

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Statistics are usually dull, but these from Dean Davison's office give an interesting and amazing picture of the Duke Medical School.

From its beginning the Medical School -- that is, the Schools of Medicine and Nursing and Duke Hospital -- has maintained as its major objectives 1) cultivation and teaching of medicine on a strictly scientific basis; 2) correlation of medical research with medical training at all levels of instruction; and 3) the continuous search for, and experiment with new or improved methods of teaching scientific medicine.

This means that the faculty and staff are never completely satisfied with the status quo. They constantly want to do more than they have done -- and to have more than they have to do with. Consequently, in 1949, the Association of Medical Colleges and the American Academy of Pediatrics placed Duke among the top 25 medical schools in the country.

Although only 23 years old, Duke has trained a grand total of 1330 graduates. Of these, 22 now hold full professorships in other schools of medicine and 90 or more hold other academic and scientific positions. Hundreds more are practicing physicians. Duke also has had in graduate medical training 776 men who did not attend medical school here; and has become a training center for foreign students at both graduate and undergraduate levels.

All activities in the Medical School, of course, revolve around the training of the medical student. This year, there are 314 students. Admissions are at a rate of about one in 9 applications -- that is, for each class of about 76 students, some 700

CARTERS HOME FROM ENGLAND

Dr. and Mrs. Bayard Carter returned late in November after spending three months in England. Dr. Carter was visiting professor at the University of London's Institute of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

In December, Dr. Carter was installed as new president of the American Academy of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

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apply. It is no small distinction to be selected, nor is it a lesser achievement to stay in the school.

With the current enrollment, facilities of the Medical School have reached the saturation point, but the need for doctors is great and even now the faculty is studying ways and means to expand the size of classes while still maintaining the high standard of instruction.

Banquets

To Edith (Mrs. Paul) Horton for her yeoman service on the Christmas Gift Shop. Mrs. Horton deserves orchids for the many eight-hour days she spent at the shop.

To Bernice Long, who received a warm tribute from the daughter of a cataract patient. "When another cataract patient needs a nurse, I would like to recommend one of Papa's," writes Miss Louise Gilbert of Statesville. "They were all good, but the kindest and most considerate of all was Bernice Long. She couldn't have treated him better if he had been her own father."

To Dorothy Douglas, the recipient of the ton of coal given by Floyd Coal Company. With the true Christmas spirit, she in turn donated it to a deserving orderly.

To Bob Blake, whose drawing of the InterCom masthead on page one is a real masterpiece!

DR. AND MRS. FORBUS RETURN

Dr. Wiley D. Forbus, Duke Pathologist, and Mrs. Forbus, have just returned from a six-month stay in Formosa, where Dr. Forbus served as a consultant for the Mutual Security Agency. He assisted in the rehabilitation of the National Taiwan University Medical School. Enroute home, the couple visited with their daughters in Hawaii.

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