

Co-Supt's Corner

Traffic Regulations

If you haven't already done so, please re-register your car.

A new University Traffic Commission regulation states that everyone who operates a car on either of the campuses must re-register before Dec. 10, and we hope that none of our people will be liable for fines because they have not re-registered or for failing to properly display the sticker.

If you have not received the recently revised traffic regulations, you may pick up a copy either at the Hospital Personnel Office or at the Superintendent's Office.

With approximately 2,500 cars operating daily on our campuses, the easy-going "first come, first served" policy just does not work.

Special arrangements must be made for visitors, professors and students who must meet classes on both campuses, doctors from town who must visit the Hospital for emergencies, staff doctors who must travel several times a day between Duke and the VA Hospital or 2204 Erwin Road, and others who must have special consideration.

Our traffic regulations have grown over a period of years to meet many special problems, and the Traffic Commission is in a position to see the overall problem and to adopt measures that are most equitable to everybody.

It would be well to remember also that our campus police have a very difficult job and that they are only carrying out their instructions.

If you are not pleased with a situation, bring your problem to someone in authority. With sincere cooperation, we can make traffic problems the least of our worries.—*J. M. Pyne and L. E. Swanson.*

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Poison Control Center Opens

Duke Hospital has just established a new emergency Poison Control Center to meet the rising incidence of accidental poisoning.

The Center has been set up to serve as an information bureau, as well as to treat any case of poisoning.

In any such emergency, the public or a doctor should call Duke (9011) and ask for the Poison Control Center. The operator will switch you to the Center where a doctor will have immediately available the latest available information on any poisonous agent, as well as the newest form of treatment.

The Center is under the direction of Dr. Jay M. Arena, associate professor of pediatrics, and Dr. Haywood M. Taylor, professor of toxicology and associate professor of biochemistry.

Of the approximately 14,000 accidental deaths that occur each year among children from one to 14 years,

almost 1,500 are reported as being caused by accidental swallowing of poison. Actually, the figure is even higher because the correct diagnosis is never made in many cases where small children have died from poison, Dr. Arena says.

"With the use of more and more poisonous agents in our homes," he points out, "there has been a continuing rise in the number of cases of accidental poisoning."

Among the poisonous products commonly used in the American home are deodorants, detergents, insecticides, pesticides, rodenticides, stimulants, sedatives and analgesics.

The new Center is establishing contact with the nation's drug houses as well as the Federal Food and Drug Administration, so that the Center will know at all times the ingredients of every poisonous product, the newest form of treatment, and the correct dose.—*Wendell Weisend.*