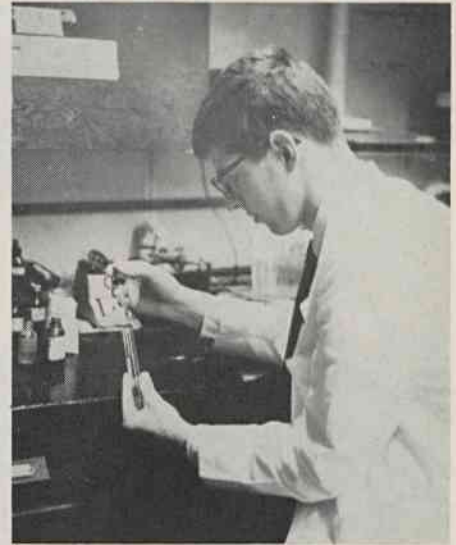




At night as well as during the day, the Duke telephone operators act as liaison between the public and the hospital administration. In this all-important job the pleasant and helpful operator is a wonderful good-will ambassador for the whole hospital. Carrying on in this job during the night hours is Mrs. Margaret Byrd—a Duke operator since the telephone board first opened.



Since most hospitals have not yet devised a system of "shifts" for their medical students and house staff, night and day are as one all too often. Here Walter B. Mayer, fourth year student, is busy in the lab on Howland long after midnight.



There are some nights when the administrative intern on duty in the Admitting Office doesn't even have time for a coffee break. Patients are supposed to come and go at respectable hours, but there are always emergencies to take care of. Or the patient who lives many miles from Duke can get a ride home only during the night hours. Besides admitting and discharging patients, the admitting officer is the night-time jack-of-all-trades who must deal with all kinds of problems from procurement of emergency drugs to the cure of a baulky elevator door.



Ellen Eagle and Dorothy Douglas work the Auxiliary's "night shift." In keeping with its policy of serving where and when needed, the Auxiliary has an active group of volunteers who staff one coffee counter from 6 to 9 P.M. Monday through Friday. These 25 young business women have done a full day's work before they go on duty at the lobby counter at 6 P.M. Keeping things going at this counter between 4 and 6 P.M. are the Duke co-eds. The night-schedule volunteers work an average of one night per week every other week. Their customers are the "night people" of the hospital: house staff, nurses, and patients' families.