



Miss Ann M. Jacobansky has been dean of the Duke University School of Nursing since 1955. She has had the satisfaction of being able to expand her staff with excellent teachers, attract more highly qualified students and has seen the authorization in 1956 of the important addition of the Master of Science in Nursing degree at Duke.



Somewhat unusual on campus is the close relationship of student and teaching staff. This is in part due to their sharing of living facilities and administrative spaces in Hanes House, but more important are such functions as the weekly student-faculty tea held in Hanes House lounge.



Sue Bustard, Kay Caldwell and Mary Saylor pay close attention to instructor Lynn Collins as she discusses a solution found in the cabinet in the Hanes House Fundamentals of Nursing Laboratory. It is in this lab that the art of nursing is first taught to sophomore students. A hospital bed, wheelchair and life-size doll are used to give the feel of the hospital room before the student arrives at the bedside of a real, live patient!

Also taught in Hanes House is the introductory course in the techniques of interviewing. This freshman course (the only nursing course the freshman takes) is a very comprehensive one. As Miss Jacobansky points out, no college freshman is used to being in a situation where she must interview an older adult with aplomb. Furthermore, most students have not been exposed to serious illness before. This course, given by Miss Betty Sue Johnson, head psychiatric nurse on Meyer Ward, is designed to help the student understand how a patient reacts to disease as well as how the student will react to both patient and the problems of her patient.



The School of Nursing library is conveniently located in Hanes House and always offers a quiet place to study. As nursing grows ever more complicated with each advance in medicine, bedside teaching—though still very important—must be supplemented more and more with “book learning.”



Student nurse Shirley Allen checks blood pressure of Mrs. Georgianna Ray in Mrs. Ray's MacDougald Terrace apartment. As part of the nursing student's public health course, 12 weeks is spent working with the Durham County Public Health Department. Each student during this time carries a case load of several families whom they visit regularly. The Ray family has been followed in this way for many years.