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Mrs. David T. Smith stands with her husband and the life-size oil portrait of Dr. Smith which was presented to Duke University by the School of Medicine at a medical alumni banquet held October 7. Dr. Smith, Professor of Microbiology and Chairman of the Department of Preventive Medicine, was described by the Dean of the Medical School, Dr. William G. Anlyan, as "one of the most distinguished faculty members at Duke since the Medical School's inception."

A Tribute to Dr. David T. Smith

The October 9 newspaper article read: "The presentation of a life-size oil portrait of Dr. Smith to Duke University was the highlight of a Medical Alumni banquet held [Thursday] at the Jack Tar Hotel. Making the presentation for the medical school was Dr. William G. Anlyan, dean."

Those were the reported facts. But the evening in question was more than just a time for a portrait presentation; it was also a time for a tribute.

And facts, alone, cannot fully do justice to a tribute, for a tribute by nature involves more than facts—it involves feelings.

In an attempt to convey the "feelings" of at least one man who participated in the October 7 tribute, *Intercom* has been given permission to share with its readers the remarks made by Dr. Barnes Woodhall, Vice Provost of the University, upon acceptance of the portrait of Dr. David T. Smith for Duke University.

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"Dr. Hiatt, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It seems peculiarly appropriate that we should engage in this matter at hand during a meeting of our medical alumni.

Many of you have been taught the basic science of microbiology, the clinical science of diseases of the chest, and the rare art of the practice of medicine by Dr. Smith.

Many of you have been happy hosts to his exquisite talent for

telling stories. I hope that we may be favored in this regard this evening.

You may not know that *all* of us have been taught in one way or another by Dr. Smith, because he is a very wise man in the ways of men and women.

In these days, every year we lose a small number of students from medical school for diverse and sometimes rather obscure reasons. A few years ago, when Dr. Smith was a medical student, students were largely lost from medical school for a single reason—tuberculosis; and Dr. Smith was one of these.

Few students, however, subsequently were found as advanced students in the Rockefeller Institute, few have been awarded the Trudeau Gold Medal,* and few have been honored as President of every major national and international society devoted to this subject [tuberculosis].

Tuberculosis was eventually controlled in large part by a magic drug derived, as I recall, from the science of organic chemistry.

Sometime later, Dr. Smith retired as Chairman of the Department of Microbiology. Before and after this moment, he

* The coveted Trudeau Medal was presented to Dr. Smith in 1957 by the National Tuberculosis Association, which singled out Dr. Smith as the person who had made the most outstanding contribution in tuberculosis work in the United States.

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MR. JOHN B. CAHOON, Assistant Professor of Radiologic Technology, was the keynote speaker at the Northwest Symposium for Radiologic Technologists at the University of Oregon Medical Center in Portland, Oregon October 15-17. Mr. Cahoon spoke on "Radiographic Exposure Factors," and presented a new system of radiographic conversion worked out jointly between Duke and the DuPont Company. The symposium was sponsored by the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

DR. PATRICK D. KENAN, Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology, attended the VIIIth International Congress of Otorhinolaryngology. The Congress, which is held every four years, was held this year in Tokyo, Japan, October 24-30.

DR. ROY T. PARKER, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Chairman of the Department, presented a paper on "Chemotherapy in Genital Cancer" at the District IV meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, held October 20-23 in Norfolk, Virginia. DR. BAYARD CARTER, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Chairman-Emeritus of the Department, presented two papers at the meeting: "Post-Surgical Treatment of Carcinoma of the Ovary" and "Hirsutism."

DR. SAUL BOYARSKY, Professor of Urology and Assistant Professor of Physiology, participated in the 14th Annual Spinal Cord Injury Conference and presented a paper on "New Vistas in the Pharmacology and Other Control Mechanisms of the Ureter." The conference was sponsored by the Veterans Administration and was held at Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, October 27-29.

DOROTHY TATE, Director of Dietetics, and HELEN McLACHLAN, Education Director in Dietetics, participated in the American Dietetic Association Meeting held in Cleveland, Ohio, October 30-November 5. Miss Tate participated as a delegate from North Carolina. During the Conference for Dietetic Internship Directors and University Faculties, Miss McLachlan appeared on a panel which discussed "The Future Education of the Dietitian."

DR. D. C. TOSTESON, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Physiology, and DR. JOHN W. MOORE, Associate Professor of Physiology, attended the New York Academy of Science's Conference on "Biological Membranes: Recent Progress," held October 4-7 in New York City. Both presented papers. Dr. Tosteson presented a paper on "Some Properties of the Plasma Membranes of High Potassium and Low Potassium Sheep Red Cells." The subject of Dr. Moore's paper was "Alkali Cation Selectivity of the Squid Axon Membrane."

Dr. Tosteson also participated in the Sodium Symposium sponsored by the University of North Carolina and held in Chapel Hill October 18.

DR. JOSEPH E. MARKEE, Chairman of the Department of Anatomy and Assistant Dean in Charge of Admissions, participated in the meeting of the Southeastern Section on Student Affairs of the American Medical College in Little Rock, Arkansas, September 27-28. Dr. Markee presented a paper on "Multiple Factors Utilized in Selection of Medical Students." Also in attendance were Dr. Suydan Osterhout, Associate in Medicine and Assistant Professor of Microbiology, and Dr. E. Croft Long, Assistant Dean in Charge of Medical Student Affairs.

DR. WILLIAM P. WILSON, Professor of Psychiatry, has been elected Secretary to the Section on Neurology and Psychiatry of the Southern Medical Association.

BEULAH M. ASHBROOK, Registrar of the School of Medical Technology, attended the ASMT-ASCP Regional Seminar on "Medical Technology Education," October 8-9 at the West Virginia University Medical Center, Morgantown, W. Va.

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