

Many Have Taken a Shine to Him

Ever noticed that gentleman who so very patiently sits and guards the entrance of Davison Building? Just like the Queen's guards, he never shifts his gaze, and no one has ever reported a blink.

Perhaps you've seen him but don't know his name.

He's a fine looking man, is prominent—and, although a bit dull, is a pleasant addition to the lobby of the Medical School.

His one outstanding feature is his shiny proboscis. And when a dull but prominent man has a shiny and prominent proboscis, he certainly stands out in a crowd.

Surely you've seen him there.

The dullness evidently came with age, for he is an elderly

gentleman. The shine, however, is relatively recent.

Those in the know say that the gentleman is a shining example of academic superstition.

And the superstition has certainly played havoc with decorum.

For instance, there is the somewhat indelicate matter of nose rubbing. Yes, *nose* rubbing.

Just the other day a nursing student was observed as she walked swiftly past the gentleman with her right hand extended. She quickly and surely gave a five-finger rub to his elderly and prominent nose.

And this was no slight rub; it was an energetic one.

Then, just as if she had done only the most ordinary thing, the thing that was expected of her, she past casually by and disappeared down a corridor.

Puzzled and in search of a reason, of some plausible excuse for such action, the observer began asking a few questions.

Soon it became quite clear that many other palms had crossed the same path, but the 'why' of the matter remained elusive.

Some said that it was for good luck. Pat Flatter, nurse in the hyperbaric chamber and a member of the Duke nursing class of '62, explained, "If you're sweating an exam, you go by and rub his nose . . . you learn about it as you go up from your freshman year." Nancy Gray, also a member of the nursing class of '62 and a nurse on Minot, said, "When you touch his nose . . . *that* does it! That's why it's so shiny!"

Dr. Woodhall, after a moment's hesitation, replied to the query 'why?': "Folk tradition, I suppose . . . a psychologist might be able to tell you . . . I don't know. The medical students started it a long time ago. You know, it's sort of like the story about Mr. Duke standing up every time a . . . well it's like at the Naval Academy; Farragut's nose is almost worn off."

The observer left with visions of the poor man in the lobby without any nose.

Oh yes, the observer did learn the gentleman's name.

It seems that he is Louis Pasteur—and perhaps *he* doesn't mind. Of course, he has never said; the mere fact that anyone would rub his nose has probably left him speechless.

The artist who sculptured the bronze likeness, however, would no doubt have a number of things to say about the matter.

Duke Joins Fight Against Major Disease Killers

Duke has been named a participant in the North Carolina Regional Medical Program for combating heart disease, cancer, and stroke.

The program is a joint undertaking of the Duke, Bowman Gray, and University of North Carolina medical centers and the North Carolina Medical Society (representing about 4,000 doctors), with support from a

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number of health-related organizations.

It is supported initially by a two-year, \$574,532 grant under a fund set up by the federal government specifically to combat heart disease, cancer, stroke, and related diseases.

By pooling the resources of these groups, medical leaders hope to insure that the latest in diagnosis and treatment of the major disease killers will be continually available to the people of the state.

The first step will be a move to strengthen relationships between the medical centers and community hospitals by an affiliation between the universities and three community medical facilities. Duke will link with Cabarrus Memorial Hospital in Concord, Bowman Gray with Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville, and the University of North Carolina with Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro.

These affiliations are designed to keep the hospital staffs abreast of the latest information on control of heart disease, cancer, and stroke. In addition, the medical centers will also offer consultation services for the establishment of coronary care and the other units and provide advice on patients and computer facility methods.

Dr. E. Harvey Estes, Jr., chairman of the new Duke University Department of Community Health Sciences, is chairman of the Regional Medical Program's board of directors. The board is composed of the deans and one other representative from each of the three medical schools and the University of North Carolina School of Public Health, the president and three other representatives of the State Medical Society, the state health director, the chairman of the N. C. Medical Care Commission, and the president of the N. C. Hospital Association.



Louis Pasteur . . . a man of mystery and few words.