

Research Team To Study Unit

A new research team has begun operations in the hospital.

Two nurses, an administrator, an industrial engineer, a sociologist, a dietitian, and a housekeeper are studying the unit administration project which began operations at Duke in 1964. (See center feature, pages 6, 7.)

The team is sponsored by a two-year U.S. Public Health Service grant of \$153,796, which was awarded to Mr. C. H. Frenzel, administrative director; Mr. R. E. Jennings, assistant director; and Dr. J. Goldman, a consultant and professor of industrial engineering at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

While studying the operations of the unit, the team will try to step back and look objectively at what has and has not been accomplished in the two and a half years of the unit project. Trouble spots will be pin-pointed. They will try to develop a more effective distribution of activities performed (who should be doing what) and study new methods of accomplishing the desired level of patient care.



Mr. Ken Schoonhagen (left) listens to members of the research team that is under his direction discuss some of the early results of the study they are conducting on the unit administration project at Duke. Involved in the discussion are: (from left) Susan Hutchins, a nurse; Mrs. Margaret Munn, a housekeeping consultant with a background in home economics; Mrs. Marjorie O'Rorke, also a nurse; and Miss Tiphaine R. Burgess, a dietitian and formerly the administrative dietitian at Watts Hospital in Durham.

During their studies, visits will be made to other hospitals to determine how the other institutions have attempted to relieve ward nursing of the "non-nursing" details of patient care and to see in what manner they provide assistance in the coordination of all patient services.

In general, the research will include trying to get at the root of such persistent problems as: What tasks must be done to provide ideal patient care? Who should do them? If patient care is not what it should be, why

not? What can be done to improve it on an administrative level?

It is hoped that the results of the in-depth study can be made available to others in the hospital field who could benefit from the new concept of unit administration. There is a noticeable absence of such a detailed study readily available for general reference, and yet it is estimated that the unit concept may conceivably be applicable to 15-25% of the hospitals in the United States today.

by the more than 200 alumni from the classes and housestaff of 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, and 1961 who were attending the weekend. (Over half of the class of '56 returned!)

In the course of the dedication program, Dr. Barnes Woodhall, vice provost in charge of medical affairs who has known Dr. Hart



Dr. Deryl Hart

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a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of the Southern Medical Association*. • MR. RAY E. BROWN, director of the Graduate Program in Hospital Administration, has been named to a special advisory committee to the U.S. Surgeon General. He was one of eleven national leaders in the fields of medicine, health, education, and civic affairs appointed to the committee. • DR. JAMES WILSON, of the Department of Anatomy, was guest lecturer for several weeks at Rutgers University Medical School, New Brunswick, New Jersey. This is the first year of operations for the medical school. • DR. GUY L. ODOM, professor of neurosurgery and



Dr. Eugene Day

chairman of the Division of Neurosurgery, was elected president of the American Academy of Neurological Surgery at the academy's annual meeting, held in San Francisco in October. • DR. EUGENE D. DAY, director of graduate studies in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, is the author of a new book, entitled *Foundations of Immunochemistry*. It is a study of the chemical events that take place in immunology. This is Dr. Day's second book. • DR. JOSEPH A. C. WADSWORTH, chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology, has been elected chairman of the Committee on Continuing Education of the Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology.

→ The new and retiring officers of the Medical Alumni Association are shown during the November medical alumni weekend. They are (left to right): Dr. George Baylin, professor of radiology at Duke (class of '37), re-elected treasurer; Dr. Joe Van Hoy of Charlotte (class of '38), retiring president; Dr. Everett Sawyer of Elizabeth City (class of '39), retiring vice president; Dr. Talmage Peele, professor of anatomy at Duke (class of '34), re-elected secretary; Dr. John Yarborough of Maryville, Tennessee (class of '44), vice president-elect; and Dr. Frank Chunn of Tampa, Florida (class of '36), president-elect.

Hart Honored At Alumni Weekend

The highlight of the November two-day medical alumni weekend was the dedication by Duke President Douglas M. Knight of the Deryl Hart Pavilion, a section of the medical center which accommodates private beds, the Private Diagnostic Clinics, and the Out-Patient Department.

Professor and chairman emeritus of the Department of Surgery and a past president of the university, Dr. Hart played a major role in building the medical center's reputation as one of the best in the country.

The dedication was witnessed

for over twenty years, spoke of the influence Dr. Hart has had on the medical center. Included in his remarks were the following quotes:

"Dr. Hart is a surgeon's surgeon. Since surgery is a rather lonely business, one can define the term only in intuitive and intangible ways with the important additional fact that patients get well when they are treated by a surgeon's surgeon. The early appointment of a surgeon of this stature 'set the style,' as it were, for the medical center. . . ."

"In a few years it was apparent to all that Deryl possessed

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