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There is a traditional University story that any president of a modern educational system can succeed if he does three things well. (1) For the Alumni, he must provide winning athletic teams; (2) for the students, he must provide a happy environment for student activities; and (3) for the faculty, he must provide suitable parking facilities. A good university medical center must do these things as well. However, medicine conducts itself under a primary ethic, and so there is a fourth "thing to do well." A good medical center must concern itself with patient care, which includes parking for patients, too.

The parking situation for our patients and their visitors has been acute for a long time, and this is true for faculty and staff as well. Our patients are not only late for appointments, but those who are disabled must walk long distances. Until the Main Entrance Building developed, patients had two choices upon entering - walk up six steps or be carried. Inclement weather is a further nuisance.

The Medical Center's program to resolve some of these problems has finally been approved. In essence, it establishes these points: (1) The present patients and visitors' parking lot and the upper main entrance parking area will be converted, through the use of parking gates and toll attendants, to reasonable-fee parking facilities. (2) Conservative amortization plans will allow construction of a parking garage at the location of the first two Graduate Center parking lots adjacent to Yearby Street. (3) Completion of the Main Entrance canopy to protect the Outpatient Department and the Private Diagnostic Clinic entrances. (4) Attendants at these entrances for elderly and infirm patients. (5) New and temporary staff parking lots or peripheral-parking shuttle service during construction periods. (6) Continued development of restricted and gated parking areas as resources.

The last issue of INTERCOM stressed the possible establishment of group-riding. I trust that the staff of the Medical Center will entertain this concept, and that of faculty fees for parking as this develops in the near future. The transitional period may be difficult, but at least we have started!

Dr. Montrose J. Moses was elected President of the American Society of Cell Biologists at their annual meeting Nov. 13-15 in Denver, Colorado. John C. Watts has joined Audiovisual Education as a staff member of the Medical Photography Facility. Before coming to Duke, he was at the Nuffield Orthopedic Center in Headington, Oxford, England. Wayne C. Williams, Coordinator of Medical Photography, was elected Chairman of the Southeastern Chapter, Biological Photographic Association in Winston Salem, Oct. 29.

Dr. Victor S. Behar, who has served as a research fellow in the Duke Cardiovascular Laboratory and presently is an instructor in medicine, will hold the Teaching and Research Scholar of the American College of Physicians award through 1970. He has recently been involved in research on the effects of hyperbaric oxygenation on heart function and on changes in heart function in experimental coronary artery disease using special radiographic techniques. Drs. J.H. Hall, J.P. Tindall, J.L. Callaway and J. Graham, Jr. attended the Southern Medical Assn. meeting Nov. 10-14, presenting a paper on the use of Lincomycin in Dermatology. And Dr. George Miller in Dermatology went to Carville, La. to visit a leper colony Oct. 9-11. Dr. Wayne Rundles participated in the International/Leukemia-Lymphoma Conference held at the Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Oct. 9-13.

Evelyn M. Bedard, Acting Director of Nursing Service, presented a paper at the American Nurses' Association Regional Conference at Philadelphia on Nov. 1. The paper "Unmet Needs Versus Perceived Needs - The Effect of Inadequate Communication" was based on a study of chronically ill patients discharged from a medical center. It deals with the defects of health care systems as practiced today and how they adversely affect patients and their families. The paper will be presented Nov. 13 at a similar conference in Kansas City, Kansas. Mrs. Verna Sticht was promoted to Acting Assistant Director of Nursing Service as of Oct. 2.

Dr. John Paul Kapp, Assistant Resident in neurosurgery has received the 1967 Resident's Research Award of the American Academy of Neurological Surgery. Dr. Roy T. Parker, Professor and Chairman of Ob-Gyn and Professor of Endocrinology, is the new Chairman of District Four of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Mrs. Susana B. Farrier represented Duke's O.T. Dept. at the American Occupational Therapy Association's October meeting in Boston.

Dr. Joseph A.C. Wadsworth, Dr. James P. Gills, and Dr. Banks Anderson, Jr. attended the American Academy of Ophthalmology Oct. 29. Dr. William Johnston, Director, School of Cytotechnology, attended the American Society for Cytology meeting in Denver, Colorado. Dr. James F. Glenn and Dr. Saul Boyarsky attended the American College of Surgeons meeting in Chicago, Oct. 1. Dr. Glenn was panel moderator of "Lower Urinary Tract Pediatric Problems," and panel participant in "Reconsideration of Carcinoma of the Prostate." Dr. Wyland F. Leadbetter, chief of urology at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, has been named the first Edwin P. Alvea Visiting Professor of Urology at Duke Medical Center, and was guest speaker during the 1967 American Urological Association Postgraduate Seminar at Duke.