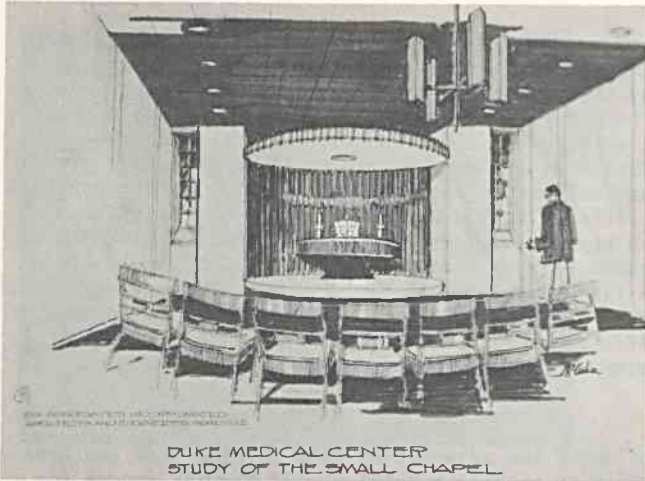


A New Chapel for the Old Lobby



For many years, people have been interested in and working toward placing a chapel in Duke Medical Center. The need for a chapel and its related facilities has always existed, and the desire and intent of many people to fulfill that need has never waned. Recently some have been asking, "What has happened to the Chapel Project?" It was decided as early as 1957 that the chapel should be a memorial facility making the primary source of funds memorial and honorary gifts. This is by no means a rapid way of gathering together a large sum of money, especially when the cost of the major Chapel Project is estimated to be at least \$250,000. This project has moved slowly; at this date we have received contributions totaling \$100,000, a balance of \$150,000 yet to be raised. Different families and friends have been responsible for significant portions; the greater portion of that amount has been contributed by our own hospital auxiliary for which we are deeply grateful.

The major Chapel Project is planned for the first floor level of the courtyard *behind* the old Main Lobby. This courtyard project, which will include several other facilities, will cost nearly three-quarters of a million dollars. Until the entire courtyard project can be funded, a chapel is going to be constructed *in* the present old Main Lobby. Construction on this chapel is imminent if not already underway by the time of this publication. This chapel being constructed is intended to be the first phase of a multi-phased plan to provide adequate religious "Sanctuary" for all people who come to this medical center, whether as patients, family members, or employees. It is intended that this chapel be appropriate and adequate as a sanctuary for people of all religions.

As other patient areas are constructed in the medical center, it is the plan of the Chapel Committee that adequate religious "Sanctuary" be provided which will be accessible especially to patients. Life too frequently requires people to struggle with great personal tragedy, anguish, grief, and suffering. Such great struggles cannot help but be part of the routine in a massive institution such as ours which is dedicated to helping suffering and troubled people. However, we dare never let these struggles become so routine that we fail to provide some sanctuary for those involved. I know we all look forward with great anticipation to the completion of our chapel...Chaplain Aitken

COFFEE BREAK FOR MT STUDENTS

A semester coffee break for the Medical Technology students was held on January 25th, to give the Medical Center a chance to express their admiration for the devotion to educational duties displayed by these students during their rotations. In this age of medical advances such as heart and kidney transplants, the medical laboratory has begun to claim the spotlight. Routine lab tests have always been tremendously important in diagnosis and treatment, but "routine" now encompasses a myriad of tests, varying in complexity, placing demands upon persons performing such tests and procedures. Duke Medical Center welcomes this opportunity to acknowledge, in a personal way, the invaluable contribution to the advancement of medical science that these people will make both now and in the future. We sincerely hope that many of them will feel so much a part of the "Med Center Family" that they will choose to remain with us and help us to attain our ever-expanding and far-reaching goals.

The Duke University School of Medical Technology is accredited by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, and, upon completion of this 12-month program, these young men and women will be eligible for examination to become Registered Medical Technologists. Mary Britt is the Registrar and Teaching Supervisor; Linda Garriss is Asst. Registrar. The present enrollment of 20 students represents 18 colleges and universities in 12 states. Members of the class are: Jeanine Creech, Pamela Hemphill, Anne Law, Cynthia Lawrence, Susan Lloyd, Ann Mayers, Pauline Morris, Mary Oliver, Margaret Presley, Susan Ramsey, Kathleen Rathmanner, Martha Roberson, Elaine Scroger, Betty Thompson, George Thompson, Mary Tyree, Mary Upperman, Patricia Wagner, Linnea Weblemoe, and James Whitecavage.



Community Health Project for All

Robert Emslie, fourth year medical student, announced that his committee and the SAMA Executive Council had unanimously agreed that everyone whether he or she be a student or a medical center employee should be allowed to participate in the Community Health Project. While similar programs at other medical centers have involved persons other than medical students, no other program has ever tried to involve everyone in a medical center.

The Community Health Committee was organized late this fall. The idea is not original, but comes from similar projects set up by the Student Health Organization at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, the University of Chicago School of Medicine, and the University of Southern California School of Medicine. These projects have been designed to help alleviate the health manpower shortage in their area and introduce the medical student to the current health problems faced by his surrounding community.

"The question, 'What health problems are there in Durham that we can assist with in finding their solution?' is what the committee is now studying," commented Robert Emslie when asked what his committee is now doing. He later stated that anyone interested in working with the committee or who had any suggestions should contact him.