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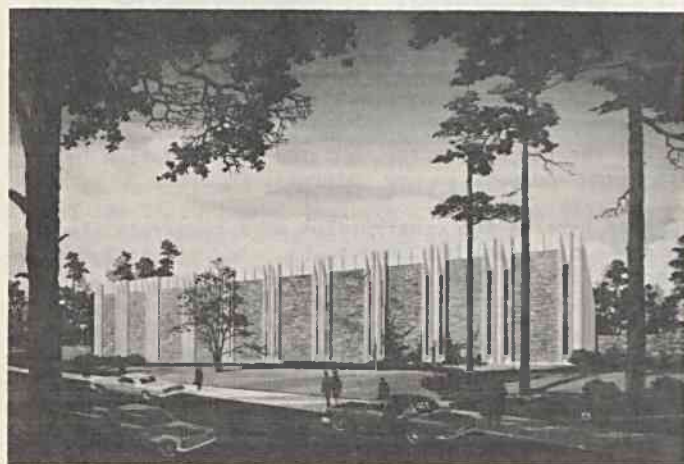
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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Rehab II Gets Off the Drawing Board



The construction of our new Rehabilitation Center began right after zoning approval was given by the Durham Board of Adjustment on January 30th. The center, the second construction project of a three-phase program, will be located adjacent to the Southside School and across Erwin Road from the Duke Men's Graduate Center. The first phase of Duke's new facilities for rehabilitation of the injured and disabled is located behind Baker House at the east end of Duke Hospital and is scheduled to open in February. That unit, costing \$850,000 will be primarily for rehabilitation of surgical patients, speech and hearing diagnosis and therapy and orthodontic (teeth and jaw) therapy. Phase III is only in the earliest planning stages.

The proposed structure on Erwin Road will be two stories and contain 26,664 square feet. Louis E. Swanson, Director of Planning for the Duke Medical Center, said it will have contemporary Gothic design, using Duke stone and precast concrete. The total projected cost is \$1,052,059 including architectural and engineering work performed by J.N. Pease Associates of Charlotte. The George W. Kane Construction Co. of Durham has been awarded a construction contract totaling \$886,400 and calling for a 12-month construction period. The Hospital Section of Duke Endowment has pledged \$440,000 toward the costs, and the remaining \$612,059 has been provided by the North Carolina Medical Care Commission, which assisted in the financing of Rehab. I, the Baker House unit.

Dr. James Elmore, chairman of Duke's rehabilitation planning committee, said the Erwin Road facility will be designed to provide a broadly based rehabilitation program for ambulatory patients. In addition to the physical aspects of rehabilitation, Dr. Elmore said the

center also will focus on "social, vocational and educational rehabilitation, as well as dealing with attitudinal problems that accompany injury and disability." Staffing the center will be by what Dr. Elmore called the "team concept", and will include persons trained in psychiatry, psychology, sociology, nursing, vocational rehabilitation, occupational therapy and educational counseling. "We will try to provide continuity of care from the acute phase in the hospital to the point where the patient reaches his maximum capacity" at the center, Dr. Elmore said. Personnel at the center will continue to follow patients' progress after discharge "until they reach their maximum of potential," he said.

The center will not be an in-patient facility, and patients living outside the commuting distance will have to arrange for housing outside the Medical Center. In-patient arrangements for rehabilitation patients are part of the third phase planning. Dr. Elmore explained that the attitudes and expectations of the families of the disabled are important aspects of patients' rehabilitation, and that family counseling will be part of the broad program at the new facility. With this facility added to the growing Medical Center complex, Duke will be extending its scope of services to a segment of the patient population.



HOSPITAL FACTS: 1967

Total Inpatients	21,433
Total Inpatient Days	211,847
Average Daily Census	587
Average Length of Stay	10.25
Emergency Visits	14,582
Births	1,593
Public Out-patient Visits	116,309
Private Out-patient Visits	111,453
Physical Therapy Treatments	28,000
X-ray Examinations	136,618
Volunteer Hours	14,277
Active Medical Staff	227
Interns, Residents & Fellows	394
Other Trainees	140
Hospital Employees	1,977
Prescriptions Filled	182,500
Laundry Processed (pounds)	3,662,641
Laboratory Examinations	1,497,000
Surgical Operations	13,725
Meals Served	1,085,989
Total Beds Staffed for Use	639
Total Payroll	\$ 7,735,763
Total Budget	\$13,151,133