

duke university medical center

Gracious Letters

Dear sir:

This past Sunday my son was taken to the emergency room because of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. I wish to express my appreciation for the manner in which your staff handled my son, particularly to the young doctors, who were most attentive and kind and the young gentleman at the entrance desk. Would you please see that the people in the emergency room are commended for their kind attention and their speedy action. Your entire staff was of great comfort to my son, wife, and myself and should like to extend a warm thank you.

Very truly yours,
A grateful father.

Dear Friends:

I was a patient recuperating from minor surgery and since I was discharged I have wanted to write this letter. Please let me say now that I have been singing your praises in the meantime! You were wonderful to me in every way: skillful, thoughtful of my every need, considerate and warmly human. I want you to know that I greatly appreciated it. My best wishes to you all.

Sincerely yours,
A happy professor.

Dear Doctor:

I would like for you to know how much my husband and I appreciate your thoughtfulness toward our daughter during our numerous visits to your Private Surgical Clinic. It was very reassuring for her to know that she was in the care of such an outstanding doctor. I cannot say enough in praise of the friendliness and the attitude of genuine concern for each individual that was shown by everyone with whom we had contact at Duke. I realized in part this feeling of concern last Spring when I made two visits to Duke with a friend whose child had a malignant tumor of the eye. Every doctor, nurse, lab technician, and aide showed this same spirit of concern. I am very thankful that we are privileged to have such an excellent medical center as Duke here in North Carolina and that it has a wonderful staff of dedicated people. May God bless you in all of your endeavors.

Sincerely yours,
Comforted parents.

Dear Doctors and Nurses:

Since I have regained my senses, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for everything you did for my wife. I could not have taken my wife anywhere in the world where she would have gotten any better care than she did at Duke. I have never seen such friendly nurses anywhere. They were simply wonderful and really seemed to put their hearts in their work. I would like to thank you for everything that you did. May God bless you in your work.

Very truly yours,
A grateful husband.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

In Allergy & Chest, we welcome Mrs. Marie Murphy, a former Preventive Medicine secretary, who is now in Dr. Sieker's office. In Anatomy, we welcome Joletha Leathers, who is replacing Betty Jones, and George Mason is also new in the Department. In Biochemistry, Margie and Jerry Hoskins had a baby girl born Feb. 16.

In the Blood Bank, congratulations to Bettye Jones, secretary, who was married March 3 to Michael Fitch who works on CCU. In Data Processing, Barbara Pfohl is engaged to John Washburn, to be married March 23 in Duke Chapel. In the Emergency Room, we welcome the following RN's: Jane Copley, Diana Hensley, and Linell Bracey, Fanny Daniels who are new LPN's in the Emergency Room. Also, Pat Messick who is part-time orderly. Congratulations to Carol Jacobs, LPN who has a new baby girl born Feb. 19.

In Hematology, Dr. and Mrs. M. Julian Duttera, have a baby girl who was born March 6. On Holmes Ward, we welcome Mr. Guy Britton, PCA; Mrs. Frieda Nash, RN; and Aline Stone, Ward Clerk. Engaged are Mary Liles, LPN to George Jackson. Marriages were Anna Moore, Adv. LPN to Douglas Satterfield Feb. 16. Congratulations to Mrs. Sykes DeHart, former RN on Holmes who has a baby girl born February 28. On Matas Ward, we welcome Miss Robbie Parkerson, RN; Miss Beverly Bloss, RN; and Mrs. Nan Draeger, RN. Marriages: Jeanette Blalock, Ward Clerk, was married to Wayne Holloman Feb. 23, and Margaret Rastall, RN, was married to James Stewart and they have moved to Hershey, Penna. In Microbiology, we welcome Dr. Vinita Jotisankasa from Med. Science Dept. in Thailand, who is being trained in Medical Mycology under Drs. Conant and Nielsen. And, Emily Rendarvis as clinical microbiology technician. In Nephrology, congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Otis Holder, who have a baby girl born Feb. 21.

In Ophthalmology, Dr. & Mrs. Arthur C. Chandler, Jr. have a baby boy, born March 1. In Otolaryngology, we welcome Mrs. Jane Lynch, who is replacing Mrs. Sharon Gattis as ENT clinic secretary. In the Outpatient Dept. we welcome Jane Lynch, ENT Clinic; Lorita Kasden, Medical Clinic; Stephanie Smith, Messenger Service; Lois Howerton, Pediatric Clinic; Henry Burns and Freddie Kearns, Messenger Service. In Physical Therapy, we welcome Becky Gunter, Receptionist; Myra Cohen, Physical Therapist; and Mrs. Sandra Herzog, Physical Therapist. In Psychiatry, we welcome Mrs. Elaine Spalding as Admin. Asst. to the Research Training Prog. in Sciences related to the Nervous System. In the Radio Station, we are sorry to lose David Hoff who has joined the peace corps and will go first to the Virgin Islands and then to Ethiopia. In Unit Administration, we welcome Algen Stephenson, and Christine Jenkins, LPN; Rita Wood, and Jamie McCray; and Mary Dillehay, Ward Clerk.

Dear Medical Center:

This will be my last issue of INTERCOM as your editor and I want you to know that I have enjoyed working with and for all of you. The warm response to our "new format" that I have received over these past months is something that I shall cherish for a long time...Many, many thanks, E.R.S.