

Employees Trained For Crises



QUICK RECOVERY -- No matter how realistic a disaster drill is, human nature still comes through. The fellow here was playing his part well as a disaster victim until something in the way of a skirt brought about a speedy recovery. Even miraculous, you might say. He was supposed to be DOA.

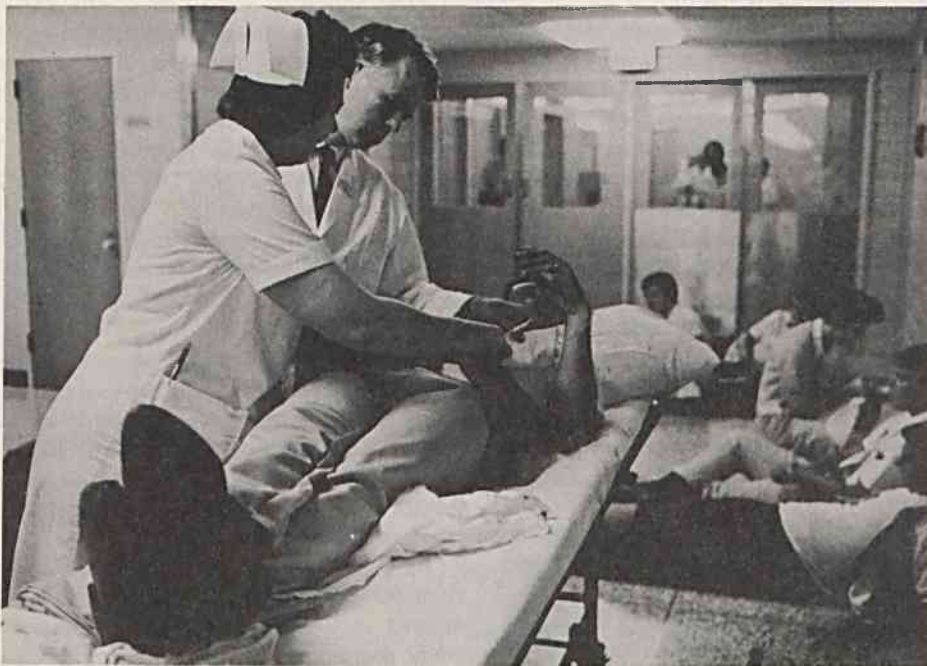
Planning doesn't always mean preparing for something certain to happen. It means, also, preparing for something that hopefully never happens.

An example of the latter was the disaster drill at the Medical Center early in September, which was one of a series of practices scheduled to test the operational efficiency of the new Duke Medical Center Disaster Plan.

The recent drill primarily tested the emergency clinic's capability to receive a large number of injured, tag them as to injury, administer treatment and transfer them to disaster wards.

Medical students, posing as victims, wore realistic makeup in the form of mock wounds prepared by Bob Blake of the audiovisual education staff.

Hospital administration points out that everyone who has a role in the disaster plan should begin immediately to familiarize himself with his duties. A real disaster may not wait until everyone has practiced.



MOCK REALITY IN EMERGENCY CLINIC -- Dr. Delford Stickel and Nurse Gwen Doby work over a "patient" during the Medical Center's disaster training drill. The drill was one of a series scheduled to test the effectiveness of the new Duke Medical Center Disaster Plan.



'VICTIMS' LOOKED THE PART -- Mrs. Betty Derosiers checks in one of the "patients" during the emergency disaster drill. Second-year medical students played the roles of victims and their make-up was prepared by Bob Blake of audiovisual education.