

3-11 Employes Fete Student

Editor's Note: *This article was written by an employe on the 3-11 shift in the Intensive Care Nursery about an African student who worked his way through school as an orderly at Duke.*

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Justus Mutia Muthembwa is a native of Kitui, Kenya, Africa. Oldest of five children by his father's first wife, he has four other siblings, children by his father's second wife, Africa being polygamous.

Mutia, a member of the Kamba tribe, was educated in Kitui High School, a Baptist mission school. He came to America to complete his education, attending a college in Chicago for one

term. He then entered Shaw University, completing his undergraduate work at that school.

Entering North Carolina College in the fall of 1967, he completed his graduate work in economics in January of this year.

At the time he came to this country, Kenya was a British colony; therefore his schooling was sponsored by the British government. However, when Kenya became independent, his sponsorship by the British ended. In order to complete his education, he found it necessary to find work compatible with his class schedule. Consequently he came to Duke, working as a male attendant on the 3-11 shift, carrying his class load in the morning and working a 32-hour week which is all his visa as an alien student would allow.

He did a most creditable job, endearing himself to all the patients with whom he came in contact. He was a very pleasant and willing worker, often expressing concern for the little effort our own young people make to take full advantage of their educational opportunities.

Mr. Muthembwa signed a contract with the government of Kenya last August at a substantial salary and is working with the ministry of commerce and industry directorate of supplies in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya.

PCA Class Will Begin This Month

An eight-week intensive training program will begin April 14 for 37 future patient care aides. The class will end June 6.

The new PCA class will spend the first week in a classroom orientation program. The remainder of the course will be devoted to clinical experience on one of six hospital wards, in addition to two hours of class each day.

Instructors for the course are Miss Janet Askew, R. N., and Mrs. Carol Schutz, both of Patient Care Education, and Mrs. Thelma Cheek, R. N.

Hospital employes taking the course include Edith Ashe, Alice Barbee, Margie Barbee, Rebecca Bland, Sheridan Brown, Emily Carlisle, Annie Couch, Bessie Cozart, Mary Downey, Catherine Hannah, Ronnie Johnson, Annette Jones, Leora Jones, Freddie Kearns, Margaret Lloyd, L. Beatrice McNeill, Lottie McPherson, Catherine McRae, Annetta Markham, Dorothea Mayhue, Alma Morris, Jerry Mosley, Nellie Newman, Lora O'Neal, Hazel Parker, Ruth Partridge, Mary Prince, Nannie Proctor, Joyce Roberts, Lucille Robinson, Vernetta Royster, Lottie Smith, Gladys Spransy, Bill Swain, Annie Taylor, Therlan Thompson and Herman Thorton.

Duke Hosts Session For Milwaukee Club

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology hosted members of the Milwaukee Hospital Travel Club at a scientific session and visit March 6-8.

The club, composed of physicians who are former OB-GYN residents at the Milwaukee Hospital, was organized in 1962 to allow residents to visit facilities at other medical centers and to promote acquaintances with other doctors in the OB-GYN field.

Nine physicians in the Duke department presented discussions of scientific subjects including cancer of the cervix, immunology and pregnancy, and genetics as related to gynecology.

The visitors also observed gynecologic surgery and toured the OB-GYN department and other sections of the medical center.

On February 5 the 3-11 hospital employes surprised him with a bon voyage party and gift of an attache case packed with a few appropriate items. In his acceptance remarks he commented that so often his work had seemed so unrewarding, but nowhere in his expansive travels had he even seen such a gesture of friendship which, to him, made up for the hard work, loneliness, and privation of friends and family for the past five years. A home-baked and decorated bon voyage cake, sandwiches, cookies, chips and nuts with punch was the compliments of the 3-11 staff to a friend whom we would all like to see again and wish well in his far-away homeland.

P. S. He says he is going to have two wives!

Duke RT's At Meeting

Two radiologic technology students won the first-place award for student papers at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Society of Radiologic Technologists March 15-16.

In addition, four Duke RT's were named to state offices and a staff technologist was elected North Carolina's delegate to the national association.

Miss Wanda Davis and Miss Sharon Wicker, both juniors, received a cash award and trophy for their presentation on "Mammography."

Miss Elizabeth Norris, a senior student, won the third-place trophy for her exhibit on the styloid process of the temporal bone.

Eric Porter, assistant chief technologist in the Department of Radiology, was installed as president of the North Carolina association.

Other staff technologists elected to posts in the state organization include James Miller, treasurer; Richard Whorton, chairman of the Publications Committee, and Miss Bobbie Holtzman, chairman of the Health Careers Committee.

Miss Cindi Campbell, also a staff technologist, was elected North Carolina's delegate to the American Society of Radiologic Technologists meeting in Atlanta in June.