



MEDICAL MATERIALS SUPPORT OFFICE—Seated is Bruce Bateman, director of the office. Standing from left are Warren Wagner, Lee Knight, Norman Mock and Arthur Collins. (photo by Thad Sparks)

Medical Materials Services Office Organized for Efficient Operation

The newly established Medical Materials Services Department is being organized to provide every facet of medical supplies and equipment conceivable to personnel in the Medical Center.

The department, under the directorship of Bruce Bateman, was established in July as part of a decentralization program to bring a more complete materials service to the Medical Center. The change is aimed at eliminating the necessity of sending orders for some products and equipment to the University's central purchasing office.

Personnel at the new office have been selected in order to provide more specialized attention to unique medical materials. They will guide the inventory control—the purchasing, stocking, issuing and distribution—of all Medical Center materials.

Mr. Bateman announced this month that Arthur Collins, formerly a senior buyer at the University purchasing office, has been named Medical Center purchasing manager. He will be in charge of buying all pharmaceuticals and radioactive isotopes in addition to auxiliary products.

Warren Wagner has been named buyer

in charge of hospital purchasing. He is responsible for purchase of all medical, surgical and photographic equipment and supplies.

Lee Knight, formerly with central purchasing, has been appointed buyer in charge for scientific and laboratory supplies. His duties include acquisition of all chemicals.

Named hospital storeroom supervisor in the department's new organizational layout was Norman Mock. He has been acting in this capacity for several months.

The appointment of Mr. Bateman to the directorship post makes the department administratively responsible to Jeff H. Steinert, assistant vice president for business and finance at the Medical Center.

The goal of decentralization has been defined as assigning responsibility and decision-making authority where the action is.

The action for Mr. Bateman and his staff will generate from within the hospital. At present, Mr. Collins and Mr. Knight are retaining offices at the central purchasing headquarters on Buchanan Boulevard until renovation within the hospital can be completed.

Mrs. Silberman On N.C. Council

The president of the Duke Hospital Auxiliary has been appointed to a three-year term on the Council on Hospital Auxiliaries of the North Carolina Hospital Association.

Mrs. Harold Silberman will represent District 4 at the quarterly council meetings. In her new post, Mrs. Silberman has charge of auxiliary activity in the district and is responsible for planning all district programs.

She recently announced that the fall workshop for District 4 will be held October 9 at Blair House on the Chapel Hill Highway beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Mrs. Silberman replaces Mrs. Henry C. Hurlburt of the N. C. Memorial Hospital Auxiliary in Chapel Hill on the council.

Medical Student Gets Clinical Traineeship

The Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association Foundation has awarded a traineeship in clinical pharmacology to a second-year M. D.—Ph. D. student from Richmond, Va.

Arnold Grandis, 23, is one of 20 students from 17 medical schools across the country who received PMA Foundation traineeships this year.

The award, which carries a \$1,000 stipend, provides each student an opportunity for a three-month study assignment concerned with research and training in the field of clinical pharmacology. Mr. Grandis will begin his project in March.

Endowment Head Dies

Carl Rowland, director of the Duke Endowment's Planning and Design Service, died August 20 while attending the American Hospital Association convention in Chicago.

He had served as an expert on hospital design and construction for many of the hospitals built in the Carolinas since he joined the Endowment in 1951.

Mr. Rowland graduated from Davidson College with a B. S. degree in business administration and served in the Navy's amphibious forces during the Second World War.