



END OF THE FIRST THOUSAND, BEGINNING OF THE SECOND—David Wellons, president of the Duke Credit Union, presents the one-thousandth Credit Union membership card to David R. Fuller, son of J. Peyton Fuller, assistant controller and budget director. Looking on at right is Mrs. Mildred E. Ford, an employe of Medical P. D. C. Mrs. Ford subsequently became the 1001st member of the association. At left is young Mr. Fuller's sister, Valerie. The Duke Credit Union, established in 1968, provides high-dividend savings plans and low-interest loans for its members. Only Duke employes and members of their immediate families are eligible to join. For further information, visit the Credit Union office at 01C Union Building on the West Campus or call extension 6704.

Letter to the Editor

The Administrator
Duke University Medical Center
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

I recently have been a patient under Dr. Sieker's care for 10 days. I would like to express my appreciation on what a well-run hospital you have. Knowing somewhat the problems that administrators have today in staffing, equipment and remodeling, I would like to specifically bring to your attention the following points, some of which are good and some of which are in need of improvement.

The colored food slip on the door and on the bottom of each bed for each patient certainly must be of great advantage to the Dietary Department. This is an item which we will certainly consider doing ourselves. I was asked several times by the Dietary Department whether the menu was satisfactory or whether I wanted anything special. The public relations on this were outstanding or I wonder whether it is practical for I was turned down on my order for "Baked Alaska." I was surprised at the very well planned schedule for the various tests that I went

through because there was little or no waiting at the pulmonary function lab, EKG and the radiology department. The various laboratory technicians and therapists couldn't have been nicer.

May I suggest that along with a map of the Duke Medical Center that some descriptive material be made available to patients not only concerning the Medical Center but also Duke University as a whole. I believe that the average patient would be interested in reading certain fact sheets. The only physical change that I felt to be important were certain old elevators which would be replaced with newer models or at least re-painted.

Knowing each hospital's need of money, I am enclosing my check for \$500. This is to be used at your discretion either for operating expenses or new equipment. Without tying your hands, I would be pleased to have this used for Dr. Sieker.

Sincerely,

Arnold Cogswell
President, Albany Medical Center Hospital
Albany, New York

Grad Program For Genetics Now Underway

The expansion of man's knowledge of genetics and its relation to mankind and other forms of life is the aim of a new graduate curriculum titled the University Program in Genetics.

"The object of the program is to coordinate several biological science departments and present a flexible course of study leading to a Ph. D. in genetics," Dr. Samson R. Gross, director of the plan, said.

Dr. Gross, a professor of biochemistry at the Medical Center, added that the new curriculum provides a study of "all facets of biology related to genetics for students with varied backgrounds and objectives."

The National Institutes of Health awarded a \$434,000 training grant to support the graduate program for the next five years.

Biochemistry Given \$110,000 NSF Grant

The Medical Center's Department of Biochemistry-Genetics has received a \$110,000 grant for research from the National Science Foundation.

The award, which will be under the direction of Dr. Charles Tanford, professor of physical biochemistry, will be used for "Physico-Chemical Studies Related to the Structure and Function of Cell Membranes."

The N. S. F. grant became effective September 1 and will continue for approximately two years.

'Durham Is Different'

"Durham is Different" is the title of a presentation to be given by the city's Chamber of Commerce at the Medical Center October 9.

The slides and tape program will illustrate industry, schools, shopping, recreation and many other aspects of Durham. Jack Andrews, industrial director of the Chamber, will make the presentation.

It is scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, October 9, in the hospital amphitheater, and is open free of charge to the public.