

12 New P. A.'s Get Certificates Oct. 3¹⁵



NEW GRADUATE—Ernest Eason, who recently completed the physician's assistant program, received his diploma from Dr. E. Harvey Estes, chairman of the Department of Community Health Sciences. At center is Dr. D. Robert Howard, director of the program. Twelve new PA's received graduation certificates October 3. (staff photo)



HONORARY PA'S—Dr. Eugene Stead, left, was awarded a certificate as an honorary physician's assistant at the 1969 graduation ceremonies October 3. Dr. Stead was ready for the surprise, though, as he presented honorary PA degrees to Dr. D. Robert Howard, center, and Dr. E. Harvey Estes. (staff photo)

Twelve students graduated October 3 from the Medical Center's pioneering Physician's Assistant Program.

The two-year course, begun in 1965, trains persons with health field backgrounds to become new members of the health care team. The graduate physician's assistant can aid a doctor with many of the practical aspects of patient care.

Dr. Eugene Stead, professor and former chairman of the Department of Medicine and founder of the PA program, spoke to the graduating class about "Why Moon Walking is Easier than Social Progress."

Dr. E. Harvey Estes, chairman of the Department of Community Health Sciences, and Dr. D. Robert Howard, director of the PA Program, presented the diplomas to the graduates.

Completing the course were Alfred T. Bibby, Jr., Ernest B. Eason, Carl E.

Fasser, Thomas R. Godkins, James C. Knight, Fred McCurdy, Jerry Miller, Ronald L. Peterson, Glenn L. Rowand, William D. Stanhope, William J. Vogler, and Roger G. Whittaker.

A new class of 40 students began classes earlier this month.

Newborn Symposium Attracts 50 Physicians

About 50 pediatricians from the Carolinas and Virginia attended the annual newborn symposium held at the Medical Center in September.

The symposium, sponsored by the Department of Pediatrics and the maternal and child health section of the N. C. Board of Health, was aimed at helping practicing pediatricians keep up with current developments concerning newborn babies and their medical problems.

Guest speakers from the University of Maryland, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, the University of North Carolina and the University of Washington joined nine Duke faculty members in presenting the symposium program.

OUT TO DINNER—

Candystripers who worked at the hospital this summer were honored at a dinner given by the Duke Hospital Auxiliary in September. A letter from an assistant director of the hospital praising the girls' contributions was read at the dinner. (staff photo)



'Candystripers' Feted at Dinner

The members of the Duke Hospital Auxiliary said "thank-you" to 63 junior volunteers at a dinner last month in their honor.

The candystripers, all between the ages of 14 and 18, spent a total of 5,929 hours in volunteer work at Duke Hospital during the summer.

The girls aided both patients and hospital personnel on the wards, in the clinics, post office, student health service and coffee shops. They answered call lights, made unoccupied beds, passed out

mail to patients and ran errands for clinic and ward employees.

Before each candystriper began her summer duties, she was trained for her position by the hospital staff.

All the volunteers were presented cards recognizing their participation in the junior program at the dinner. In addition, Mrs. Mary Daugherty of the auxiliary read a letter of appreciation to the junior volunteers from George H. Mack, former assistant director of the Hospital.