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Medical Class Size Goes to 104

Responding to the need for additional physicians in the United States, Duke will accept more medical students this fall than ever before.

The planned increase, boosting enrollment in the freshman class from 86 to 104, will mark the third time within five years that Duke has expanded its medical school classes.

Citing the need for more doctors, Dr. Thomas D. Kinney, director of medical education, said, "The American public has come to expect the best in medical care. For this reason, medical schools must train more first-class doctors."

Dr. Kinney announced receipt of a \$1,640,000 grant from the federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare to facilitate the increased medical enrollment.

Additional faculty members are being recruited to preserve the high quality of medical education now available at Duke. To provide adequate working space and equipment for the additional students, some of the research laboratories on the fourth floor of Davison Building will be relocated to the nearby Bell Building and the vacated area in Davison Building will be used for classrooms.

Existing teaching facilities at Duke were designed to accommodate about 80 medical students per class.

"The faculty of Duke University Medical Center recognizes the great need for additional physicians in this country

and it seeks to do its share to respond to that need by increasing the enrollment," Kinney said. "At the same time the faculty is determined to maintain the same high-quality medical education for which Duke is widely noted."

The Duke School of Medicine received approximately 1,800 applications for positions in the first-year medical class in 1969. Dr. Kinney noted that entrance examination scores of those admitted to Duke Medical School rank in the upper 10 per cent in the nation.

The plan for making funds available for the expansion of medical school classes was fostered by the Association of
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Bus Service Begins Soon

Beginning about the middle of June, the Medical Center will provide bus service to medical buildings outside the main hospital complex.

The bus, a 30-passenger model, will travel to the Pickens Rehabilitation Center, Research Park, the Nanaline H. Duke Building, the back entrance of Davison Building, and outlying parking lots.

In addition to the bus service, hospital administration hopes to arrange a mail and parcel service to the buildings.

The bus schedule will be based on need and will be announced in the near future.



GOIN' HOME—Three Duke nursing students packed up their four years' worth of memories and all their belongings a few days before graduation. From left to right are Lynette Wechsler, Mary Castle, and Jo Anne Schlutter Judd. For stories on the medical and nursing student graduation, see pages 8 and 10. *(photo by Dave Hooks)*