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Provost Announces Nine Changes For School of Medicine Faculty



AFTER-DINNER CONVERSATION—Mrs. Alma Smith, left, and Mrs. Julia Negley talk with Assistant Hospital Director Kenneth M. Holt following the annual Auxiliary "thank-you" dinner March 16. (staff photo)

Hospital Tells Duke Auxiliary 'Many Thanks'

Nearly 100 members of the Duke Hospital Auxiliary were on hand for the Hospital's annual dinner in honor of the volunteers March 16 in the main cafeteria.

Dr. Stuart M. Sessoms, director of the Hospital, presided as master of ceremonies.

Following the dinner, B. G. McCall and Ashley Gale, both with the Duke Endowment staff in Charlotte, presented a slide-tape program on the history of the Endowment's charitable work in North and South Carolina.

During the year 1970, the Duke auxiliary volunteers, along with the teen-aged candystripers, gave nearly 24,000 hours of service to the Hospital.

Duke University Provost Dr. John O. Blackburn has announced promotion of four Medical Center faculty members to the post of full professor.

Two new associate professors and three assistant professors were also named.

The new professors are Dr. Stanley Appel and Dr. Harold E. Lebovitz, both in the Department of Medicine, Dr. Philip C. Pratt in the Department of Pathology, and Dr. George G. Somjen in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology.

Dr. Appel, chief of the division of neurology since 1969, is a graduate of Harvard University and earned his M.D. from New York's Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1960.

He came to Duke in 1967 from a post with the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia. Dr. Appel, who also holds the position of associate professor of biochemistry at Duke, won the Golden Apple Award for excellence in teaching here in 1970.

Dr. Lebovitz came to Duke in 1959 as a clinical fellow in endocrinology and metabolism and has been associate professor and director of the division of endocrinology since 1965. He was named assistant professor of physiology in 1969.

Dr. Lebovitz is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and received his M.D. from the medical school there in 1956. Since 1963, he has been a research career development awardee of the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases.

Formerly associate professor of pathology at the Ohio State Medical School in Columbus, Dr. Pratt came to Duke as an associate professor in 1966. Last fall he was named chief of laboratory services at the Durham Veterans Administration Hospital.

Dr. Pratt is a 1941 graduate of

Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Me., and completed his medical training in 1944 at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore. He was affiliated with Saranac Laboratory at Saranac Lake, N.Y., for nearly 10 years before joining the Ohio State faculty in 1955.

Dr. Somjen, a native of Hungary, received his medical training at the University of Amsterdam Faculty of Medicine in Holland. He received his research doctorate from the University of New Zealand in 1961.

He was appointed to the Duke faculty as an assistant professor of physiology in 1963 and was promoted to associate professor in 1966. Dr. Somjen also holds the position of lecturer in psychology.

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BOTTLES TO BAGS—Assistant Hospital Director Richard Peck holds in his right hand a plastic bag filled with intravenous (IV) solution. The bag-type packaging replaces the glass container which he holds in his other hand. In citing their adv antages, Mr. Peck said the plastic containers are unbreakable and they reduce the chance of contamination because fluid flows from them by atmospheric pressure on the outside of the bag. Room air must be used to maintain flow from the bottles. (photo by Jim Wallace)