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Dr. Anlyan Outlines New Health System

(For the past year, Dr. Anlyan, vice president for health affairs, has served as chairman of the Association of American Medical Colleges, the organization that most closely guides the course of medical education in this country. Tomorrow he will deliver the chairman's address at the AAMC annual meeting. Here is a portion of an advance story on his address, released by the Duke News Bureau for publication in the national news media tomorrow.)

The chairman of the Association of American Medical Colleges, declaring an end to what he called "the days of ivory tower isolation" in academic medicine, today prescribed a 12-point program "to accomplish our task of bringing the nation's health system to an optimal level by 1985."

In his chairman's address to the AAMC annual meeting here, Dr. William G. Anlyan of Duke University proposed:

* Development of a time-availability health-care system in which no one in the nation would be beyond one hour's time of a doctor's care.

* Building into the system equal care for all under a non-voluntary insurance program, but with the options of pre-payment or fee-for-service financing.

* Establishment of a peer review system for recertification of physicians every five years and making continuing education mandatory.

* Instilling a greater awareness among physicians that, in the health-cost spiral, "the doctor's order in the hospital or office is far costlier than any other trigger mechanism."

* Increasing medical school admissions to a level of 25,000 by 1985-- double the current number of medical freshmen.

* Creation of a separate, cabinet-level rank of Secretary of Health, and coordination of all health programs of the present Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the Veterans Administration and the Department of Defense under a

Federal Health Council reporting directly to the President.

Dr. Anlyan also called for sustaining a "first-rate national effort in bio-medical research," noting that "a thriving research and development program is a vital component of every industry, and the health industry is no exception."

He said that in addition to increasing the numbers of specialists in medicine, schools should make a major effort to train primary care physicians based in general internal medicine or general pediatrics, and that selected community hospitals should serve as their educational laboratories.

Among his other points, Dr. Anlyan called for greater flexibility within medical curriculums; educational programs for upgrading the quality of management in academic health centers; restructuring their organizational charts

to fit administrative responsibilities; and acceptance by academic medical centers of "the total continuum of medical education" and assumption of "new roles tailored to the health-care needs

Dr. Anlyan is vice president for health affairs at the Duke University Medical Center. He steps down from his one-year chairmanship of the AAMC at this meeting.

In seeking a title for his address, Dr. Anlyan chose "1985."

"Not because it's one year past 1984," he said, "but because 1985 is already upon us."

Because of the years of study required for a medical education beyond high school, "major changes initiated today that affect the physician's education and role as leader of a health care team will not have their full impact on society until 1985," he explained.



O HAPPY DAY!—It was happy day in the Hospital cafeteria last week because, according to the Dietetics Department, the employes deserved a day of cheer after all the rainy weather. During happy day, anyone who entered the cafeteria received a free cup of coffee. Dietetics reports more than 100 gallons of coffee were given away. Posing with some of the happy day decorations are from left to right, Lelah Ervin, Joyce Watson, Mary Pulley, and Dorothy Long, all of dietetics. The idea for happy day came from Gerald Forton, director of dietetics, while Linda Kelley, dietitian, worked to set it up. (staff photo)