

# Professional Dietary Adopts New Service System

## News

### Presents Paper

Dr. Doyle Gentry, head of the Division of Medical Psychology, attended a meeting of the Connecticut Heart Association and the Yale University School of Nursing Conference on "Psychological Aspects of Myocardial Infarction" in New Haven, Conn., Dec. 1-2.

At the meeting he presented a paper on "Emotional Reactions: Changes in Affect, Orientation and Interpersonal Relationships Evidenced by Patients During Intensive Coronary Care."



### Attends Meeting

Mrs. Jean B. Rogers, pediatrics social worker, recently attended the Health and Mental Health Section meeting of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) symposium in New Orleans. Mrs. Rogers also has been appointed a member of the Mayor's Committee on the Handicapped.

### Attends Meeting

Milton W. Skolaut, director of the Department of Pharmacy, attended the clinical meeting of the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists in Las Vegas, Nev., Dec. 2-7.

Don C. McLeod, assistant director of pharmacy, also attended the meeting and presented a paper entitled "The Dosing of 50 Antimicrobial Agents in Renal Impairment."

### Attends Meeting

Don C. McLeod, assistant director of the Department of Pharmacy, attended the Southeastern Mental Deficiency Association meeting in Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 1-2.

### Sails South

Dr. James A. McFarland, assistant professor of medicine and community health sciences, sailed on Duke's marine research vessel "Eastward" from Jan. 11 to Jan. 23 as the ship's physician on a voyage to the Caribbean.

INTERCOM is published weekly for Duke University Medical Center employees, faculty, staff, students, and friends by the Medical Center Public Relations Office, Joe Sigler, director; Miss Yvonne Baskin, medical writer.

Co-Editors

DAVID WILLIAMSON  
MRS. DALE MOSES

Public Relations Advisory Committee:  
Sam A. Agnello, director of the division of audiovisual education; James L. Bennett, Jr., executive assistant to the vice president for health affairs; Wayne Gooch, director of Medical Center Personnel; Kenneth M. Holt, assistant director of the Hospital; and Julia Taylor, RN, head nurse on Strudwick Ward.

During February, a new tray service system for patients will be put into use by the Dietary Department.

Gerald Forton, director of Dietary Services, said the new system is designed to maintain the temperature of hot food being served to the patient for up to an hour. This is accomplished by a heated unitized pellet base that fits beneath the entree plate.

"The implementation of this new system will greatly enhance and improve our patient food service," Forton said. "It is one of many changes being initiated to improve patient food service."

The new system is very compact in design and is modeled after the

streamlined food service used by the airlines. From the size of the 12 by 16 inch tray to the accompanying dishes, the total service is scaled down to get the maximum number of trays into the smallest tray delivery cart.

The new tray delivery cart holds 28 trays compared to the 20-tray capacity of the old, large, mechanical hot-cold carts. However, the new cart is about half the size of the old cart and it will be much easier to manipulate in the hallways.

Another feature of the new system is that there will be no reassembling of hot and cold food on the trays in the patient areas.

"With the new system we will be eliminating the use of most of the disposable items now being utilized in patient food service," Forton said. "The new tray accessories are color coordinated in gold tones and will add to the eye appeal of the overall service," he added.

**SPACESAVERS**—At left, Shirley Anderson, registered dietitian, displays the difference in size between the old tray service used by the Dietary Department on the right and the new, more compact tray service which will be adopted this month. Gussie Ray, relief food service worker, makes the same comparison below between the old-style tray delivery cart and the new one (at left) which holds eight more trays and is only half as large. (Photo by Jimmy Wallace)

