



READY AND WAITING—Workmen were busy putting on the finishing touches and moving equipment into the new Eye Center this week in preparation for its opening Tuesday. Dr. Joseph A. C. Wadsworth, chairman of ophthalmology, said the operating rooms and all patient care and outpatient facilities will open Tuesday. There will be no formal dedication ceremonies for the \$3.7 million structure until November. The department closed down its eye clinic in the Davison Building Thursday and will see only emergency patients until the new facilities open next week. The three-story structure contains a 43-bed inpatient unit and has been under construction for two years. It is the first center of its kind in the Southeast north of Miami. (Photos by Dale Moses)



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New Clean-up System Explained

Some changes in the medical center's Environmental Services program constitute the subject of the article below by Richard L. Jackson, the university's assistant vice president for personnel:

"A step forward is being taken in Duke's continuing program to improve patient care and enhance the attractiveness and cleanliness of our Medical Center.

"Environmental Services personnel assigned to the cleaning and housekeeping of patient's rooms and other areas will become individually responsible for the overall cleanliness and appearance of an assigned number of rooms. This change is designed to benefit both hospital personnel and patients.

"Under the best circumstances, the cleaning and housekeeping of a patient's room is disruptive to the patient because of the dusting, emptying of trash, cleaning and floor care that must be done. The new procedure will reduce the disturbance to the patient.

"Prior procedure involved two people

and two interruptions for the patient. Under the old system, both a male and female housekeepers were assigned to the patient's room. After the female housekeeper had finished with the room, the male housekeeper would sanitize the floor with an antibacterial solution. This procedure was inefficient, and disruptive to the patient.

"Under the new system, the female housekeeper assigned to the patient's room will be responsible for the complete procedure including sanitizing the floor using a special light-weight mop and household-size bucket.

"Since the new procedure will require additional time spent in each room, the total number of rooms or responsible area assigned to an individual will be reduced considerably to offset that added time. Total work load for most individuals will be reduced slightly and no one will have work load increased.

"With this new procedure, Duke Hospital is following the examples of other hospitals — including Watts and the VA hospitals in Durham and N.C.

HOMEMADE FAREWELL PARTY—Peggy Hoffman, nursing supervisor in the Emergency Department, was all smiles recently when she was given a surprise farewell party by her friends on the ER, clerical and nursing staffs. Many of the people who attended the party brought homemade delicacies from their kitchens, and as a going away present, Ms. Hoffman received a set of beautiful lemon glasses. A native of Binghamton, N.Y., Ms. Hoffman will be moving to Charlotte where her husband is working in advertising management for the Charlotte Observer. According to Ms. Hoffman, her work at Duke has been a rewarding, educational and growing experience and she hopes to continue her nursing responsibilities in Charlotte. (Photo by Dale Moses)

Memorial in Chapel Hill — which have used this procedure for a number of years.

"The new procedure apparently was not clearly understood when it was scheduled to be implemented several weeks ago. At that time a number of Environmental Services personnel left their jobs because some believed the female personnel would be required to handle heavy mops, increase their work load and perform floor scrubbing.

Since that time, employees involved have been met with in groups for a detailed explanation and discussion of the new procedure. Points discussed have included:

"The task of applying a sanitizing solution with a small mop is an essential final step toward making a patient's room as bacteria-free as possible, and by assigning this duty to one rather than two persons, the patient is not disturbed needlessly.

"Work loads will not be increased because total areas of responsibility are being reduced. The mop-applicator used is a special light-weight one and not burdensome.

"Heavy work such as cleaning corridors and stairwells, transporting trash, wall washing, refinishing floors and scrub cleaning will be as previously assigned and will not be assigned to personnel cleaning patient rooms.

"It is recognized that some personnel object to using a mop. Some feel, in spite of the mop's small size, that they may not be physically able to do this work. Others have strong feelings against using mops for personal reasons.

"For those who feel unable or unwilling to assume responsibility for total room care under the new procedure, Duke University will make every attempt to find employment elsewhere in the University. This will be done at the employee's request through our

Russian Scientists To Visit D.M.C.

A delegation of five Russian scientists will visit the medical center next week to look over the hyperbaric facilities of the F. G. Hall Laboratory for Environmental Research.

The Russian Hyperbaric Oxygen Group will visit Duke next Wednesday through Friday as part of a two-week tour of hyperbaric facilities in the United States.

The visit is being sponsored by the Individual Scientist Exchange Program operated by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the Russian Ministry of Health.

Host for the visiting scientists will be Dr. Herbert A. Saltzman, director of the Hyperbaric Unit.

The visitors will be Leonid A. Bokeriya, chief of the Laboratory of Hyperbaric Oxygen, Institute of Cardiovascular Surgery, Bakulev Academy of Medical Science, Moscow; Dr. Ivan A. Sapov, professor, Department of Military Medicine, Kirov Academy, Leningrad; Rustam E. Utyamishv, director of All-Union Scientific Research and Experimental Institute of Medical Technology, Ministry of Health, Moscow; Vladimir V. Rodionov, senior scientific associate in the Department of Hyperbaric Oxygen, Ministry of Health, Moscow; and Sergei N. Yefuni, head of the Department of Hyperbaric Oxygen, Ministry of Health, Moscow.

After visiting Duke, the delegation will visit hyperbaric facilities in Livingston, N.J.; Buffalo, N.Y.; and Philadelphia, Pa. Employment Office.

"A number of other steps aimed at making hospital areas cleaner and more attractive are being developed. These include painting, the installation of drapes and, on a trial basis, the use of carpeting in some patient's rooms and in some of the more heavily traveled corridors in the medical center.