

Medical Freshmen Begin the Long Haul

Did you know that the first woman doctor cut her hair, disguised herself as a man, received a medical degree from the University of Edinburgh in 1812 at the age of 15 and kept the secret of her sex with her until she died?

Did you know that the first woman to graduate as a woman from a medical college was a naturalized American citizen who had difficulty obtaining her degree although she had the highest marks in her class?

And did you know that the first woman doctors, meeting great resistance while trying to establish their practices, were frequently slandered with charges of being "mesmerists," "clairvoyants," or even "streetwalkers"?

Indeed, the times have changed since those dark days of the mid-Nineteenth Century, and if statistics give any indication, they're still changing.

There will be 400 per cent more women doctors graduating from medical

school at Duke when this year's class of entering freshmen finishes its undergraduate medical studies in 1977 than when the class of 1974 graduates next June.

This year 32 women have accepted admission to the School of Medicine. That's almost twice as many as last year and four times as many as 1970.

Dr. Suydam Osterhout, professor of medicine and microbiology and associate director for medical school admissions,

attributed the rise in the number of female admissions to the rise in the number of women seeking higher education in medicine.

"In the past," he said, "medical schools were subject to the same sort of ideas which permeated our society, and one of these ideas was that the woman's place was in the home. Now more women than ever before are applying to medical school, and I might add that their qualifications are excellent.

"It wouldn't be right for these women to be denied admission because of their sex," he added.

Like last year, there has been a large increase in the total number of applications to the School of Medicine. Duke received 3,621 applications this year for 114 openings in its school—twice as many as it received in 1970.

The students come from 31 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. North Carolina has the largest representation with 28, while New York follows with 17. California and New Jersey have contributed seven students each. Twenty-three members of the class are Duke graduates.

Included in this year's class are eight students who are in the Medical Scientist Training Program, a course of study which enables the students to earn both an M.D. degree and a Ph.D. in one of the basic sciences in six to seven years.

In addition to Duke's reputation for having an innovative curriculum and a strong medical research program, Osterhout cited the environment around North Carolina's Piedmont as an increasingly important factor for the students' choosing to apply to Duke.

Eight of the 28 North Carolina students in the new class are women.

The North Carolinians are:

Beverly S. Adams, Marjorie A. Boeck, Robert Burgess Bressler, Edward G. Buckley, Ralph Lawrence Ely III, Robert D. Francis, Gail Hurd Gallemore, Richard Krull, W. Paul Nichol and Linda Gage White, all from Durham.

Robert Lee Bloomfield, Sarah F. Wilkerson and Henry S. Willis III of Chapel Hill; Paul P. Gilbert of Statesville; Larry C. Harris of Fayetteville; Lawrence B. Holt Jr. of Winston-Salem; Claude LeBernian Hughes Jr. of New Bern; Marvin E. Lymberis and Olivia Diane Stinson of Charlotte; Gary Michael Miller of Jefferson.

James W. McGinnis Jr. and Dannie L. Steward of Cary; Wendy Carol Paulson of Camp Lejeune; Robert B. Stanley Jr. of High Point;

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Nurses Seek Relevance to Societal Needs

Ninety-nine freshmen have begun their course of study in the School of Nursing. This class, the largest to be admitted to date, represents an increase of seven over last year's incoming class of 92.

In addition, 22 students have been admitted as transfers into the sophomore and junior years. Twelve of the transfers are from Trinity College and of the remaining 10, one is a male student from Port Vue, Pa.

According to Dr. Ruby L. Wilson, dean of the school, "The increasing demand of students for an educational program relevant to perceived needs of society has been reflected in not only the number of applicants to the School of Nursing but in the low attrition rate once they are admitted."

The freshman students come from 21 states, and one is from Japan. New Jersey has the largest state representation of 22. New York and Maryland follow with 13 and 10 respectively.

There are seven students from North Carolina. They include: Wanda Sue Andrews of Durham; Linda J. Bowden of Henderson; Ola Beth Daniel of Smithfield; Miriam K. Jernigan of Dudley; Dianne Johnson of Charlotte; Connie L. King of Roanoke Rapids; and Peggy A. Wright of Hendersonville.

Constance Lambur is from Sagami-hara-Shi, Japan.

Other students are from:
CALIFORNIA—Margaret Ann Roberts of Saratoga.

CONNECTICUT—Laura K. Englund of New Canaan; Deborah B. Hennessy of Greenwich; Deborah A. Schwengel of Enfield; Kim P. Spalhoff of Riverside; and Laura P. Steward of Brookfield Center

DELAWARE—Lois M. Heckmann of Newark.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Kathleen M. Bauman and Suzanne Nugent of Washington.

FLORIDA—Elizabeth F. Baldwin of Coral Gables and Carol Ann Birt of Jacksonville.

ILLINOIS—Darcy E. Lewis of Wilmette and Pamela S. Palmer of Westmont

KANSAS—Holly Cullison of Overland Park.

LOUISIANA—Alicia M. Gonzalez of New Orleans

MARYLAND—Susan Jane Dallas, Susan E. Morris and Brenda K. Ronk of Salisbury; Susan A. Frisby of Chevy Chase; Hannah B. Harris of Baltimore; Joni M. Light of Cumberland; Carol Ann Miller of Rockville; Deborah S. Peck of Westminster; Susan E. Rector of Garthtersburg; and Freda L. Shifflinger of Hagerstown

MASSACHUSETTS—Susan E. Carey of Hingham; Mary S. Choroszy and Dale Eastman of Newtonville; Melinda J. Katzman of Fall River; and Anne C. Young of Chelsea.

MICHIGAN—Julie A. Remter of Grosse Pointe Woods

MISSOURI—Victoria Erickson of Kansas City.

NEW JERSEY—Christine A. Baser and Cynthia A. Janett of Westfield; Linda A. Bjornstad, Kathryn L. West and Anne E. Winch

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IT'S A MATTER OF TRADITION, AND GOOD LUCK—Sherry Pogmore of Middlefield, Conn., a senior in the School of Nursing, explains to two freshman nursing students that rubbing the nose of Louis Pasteur is a long-held gesture of good luck practiced by Duke nursing students over the years. The members of the entering class are Sue Frederick (left) of Rock Hill, S.C., and Anne Young of Boston, Mass. For many years the Pasteur bust was in the lobby of the Davison Building. Following a renovation of that area, the bust was moved to the short hallway connecting the main lobby with the medical center's main corridor where it can be seen and admired by more people. (Photo by Dale Moses)



MOVING TO MED CENTER Duke basketball coach Bucky Waters has resigned from his coaching post to assume a new administrative position at the medical center, where he will be assistant to Vice President for Health Affairs William G. Anlyan. The appointment was announced this week and will be effective tomorrow. For more details on the appointment, see story on Page 3.

Two Symposia in Ob-Gyn To Attract 350 Physicians

Some 350 physicians from across the nation will gather at Duke next week to attend two symposia being sponsored by the Department of Obstetrics-Gynecology.

The first will be the Angus M. McBryde Perinatal Symposium Wednesday and Thursday sponsored by the Division of Perinatal Medicine. More than 200 obstetricians, gynecologists, pediatricians and family physicians from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia are expected to attend.

Thursday through Saturday the Division of Oncology will sponsor the third Walter L. Thomas Symposium on gynecological cancer. Between 125 and 150 gynecologists from as far away as California and Canada are expected to attend.

All sessions for both symposia will be held in the Hospital Amphitheater.

The McBryde Symposium is being co-sponsored by the Maternal and Child Health Section of the State Board of Health. The presentations will include

such topics as cardio-respiratory failure in newborns, hexachlorophene bathing of newborns, maternal drug addiction, use of oxygen on newborns, basic concepts of eclampsia and detection and management of chronic fetal compromise.

The four guest faculty members will be Jo Ann Goldman, an RN who is the clinical specialist for the High Risk Infant Nursery at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta; Dr. Norman Talner, a pediatric cardiologist from the Yale University School of Medicine; Dr. John C. Sinclair, director of the Newborn Division, Department of Pediatrics at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ont.; and Dr. Frederick Zuspan, professor and chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Chicago Lying-In Hospital at the University of Chicago.

Twenty Duke faculty members from the Departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Ophthalmology, Pathology and Surgery will also participate in the program.

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