

# Joint Drug-Testing Program To Be Launched at Duke

Duke and Burroughs Wellcome Co. will launch a cooperative program in clinical pharmacology designed to enhance the development and testing of new drugs.

Representatives of the medical center and the pharmaceutical company have signed a three-year, renewable agreement setting up a Wellcome Unit in the Division of Clinical Pharmacology at Duke.

The unit will be staffed by a group leader and members who are fulltime faculty members of Duke. They will have joint appointments in the Pharmacology Division and in one of the medical center's clinical departments. A grant from Burroughs Wellcome to the university will pay for salaries and supplies for the unit.

Dr. James B. Wyngaarden, chairman of the Department of Medicine, said the program will meet the needs of both institutions for strong programs in clinical pharmacology.

"New and better drugs are absolutely necessary to the progress of medicine, so every medical school is interested in them," Wyngaarden said. "On the other hand, it is the drug companies who are the major developers of new drugs, but they need a way of testing these drugs in patients."

Pharmaceutical firms have tried several types of arrangements, including giving grants to university researchers to test their products of leasing space in medical centers where corporate employees with part time faculty appointments could do clinical studies. Neither method has been entirely satisfactory in meeting the needs of both the companies and the medical center, Wyngaarden said.

The agreement between Duke and Burroughs Wellcome will be unique, he said, because it will allow researchers to spend two-thirds of their time on their university duties—teaching, seeing patients and carrying out research in their own areas—and up to a third of their time on projects of interest to the company.

Such projects would include helping in the testing of new drugs, planning drug research, writing up new drug applications to the Food and Drug Administration and arranging and planning for drug studies to be done at other appropriate institutions.

The group leader and members of the new unit have not yet been named. The first two members are expected to be named by June 1, and two more are scheduled to be named during the next fiscal year.

Wyngaarden said these initial appointments will probably be researchers in the fields of clinical immunology, cancer chemotherapy, cardiovascular drugs, infectious disease antibiotics and anesthetics.



**JUNE GRADUATES**—Pictured above is the latest class of licensed practical nurses to complete their training at Durham Technical Institute and Duke. Graduation ceremonies will be held at the institute in June. They are, from left to right, front row—Joyce Nichols, Marjorie Lipscomb, Joyce Smoot Phillips, Phyllis Patterson, Rilla Vanhook, Carolyn Sherer, Nannie Brooks and Virginia Kennedy. Second row; Linda Huggins, Brenda Stevens, Anna Miller, Hilma Lynch, Phyllis Byrd, Evelyn Henderson and John O'Quinn. Third row; Barbara Antony, instructor, Mary Tumeay, instructor, Betty Ray, Lillie Moss, Deborah McCoy, Sarah Fuller, Leona Crockett, instructor, Georgia S. Watkins and Carol Toomer. PEP program participants include Evelyn Henderson, Walter Lyon (not shown) and Mary Burgess (not shown). (Photo by Lewis Parrish)

## Cancer

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Dr. Robert McLelland, associate professor of radiology, noted that the mortality rates from breast cancer have not improved significantly in the past 30 years.

"Ninety-five percent of breast cancers are still found by the women themselves after the lump has become large enough to be felt," McLelland said. "This means the cancer may be fairly advanced by the time the doctor sees the patient."

The purpose of the project is to see whether mass screening programs can be valuable in cutting the death rate, he said. Findings from each of the 27 projects in the nation, as well as data such as patient age and family history of breast cancer, will also be collected in an effort to try to come up with some predictive factors that will tell which women are at greatest risk of developing the disease.

— YVONNE BASKIN

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**ACTION ON THE HARDWOOD**—The medical center's volleyball team, captained by Dr. William Devries, clinched the university intramural championship recently by defeating the Afro-American Club squad in straight games, 15-13 and 14-4. The team, composed of physicians and medical students and undefeated this season, will advance to the state volleyball tournament to be held soon. Noting that the string of victories was all over younger men, Dr. Charles Scoggin expressed his satisfaction that "the spirit of George Blanda lives."

## Apathy Greets Car Pooling Efforts

It has been estimated that if Americans would carry two people to work in every automobile instead of the current average of one and a sixth, there would be a savings of five billion gallons of gasoline each year.

If each car carried four people, there would be a savings of 20 billion gallons yearly.

The savings, according to Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Russell E. Train, would put an end to the "energy crisis."

Last month, the university began a program to aid those who wish to form or join car pools. Ten thousand car pool information forms were distributed by payroll clerks, and the forms also were made available at both the main campus traffic office and the medical center's Parking and Traffic Office in Room 350 Bell Building.

Unfortunately, the response to the service has been disappointing, according

to Preston Stainback, traffic coordinator for the university. Of the 10,000 forms distributed, only 825 were returned to the traffic offices, and this number, only 785 reported an interest in forming car pools.

Stainback said he believed part of the problem was caused by the diversified schedules of employees at the university and the medical center and part was due to the apathy of employees who wouldn't take the few minutes necessary to complete and return the forms.

The service is still available, however, and it's not too late to sign up. Employees of the medical center may either visit the traffic office in Bell Building or call Ext. 5773 for information. Employees on the campus may stop by the Public Safety Office at 2010 Campus Drive or call Ext. 3348.

It's a good way to save gasoline, reduce the number of occasions one has to wait in line at the stations, ease the parking situation and meet some nice people along the way, car pool promoters say.

## Yvonne Baskin Wins Award for Writing

Four articles that appeared in INTERCOM and dealt with cancer research at Duke have won first place in the technical newspaper article category of regional competition sponsored by the Carolina Chapter of the Society for Technical Communication.

The articles, which appeared in October and November, also were published in state and regional newspapers following their release by the Duke News Bureau.

The cancer series was written by Miss Yvonne Baskin, who was medical writer in the Office of Public Relations until moving to Salt Lake City, Utah, in February.

Winning entries in the various categories of regional competition have been sent to New York for national judging.