

# Duke Day Camp Provides Atmosphere For Creativity

It used to be that climbing trees, trading baseball cards and playing with water guns were constant sources of joy and happiness at camp.

Well, things haven't changed all that much today for children. But while the toys remain the same, given the right set of circumstances children can prove themselves to be quite different.

At the Duke Day Camp which completed its first season last week, children were exposed to an environment that encouraged them to express themselves freely, to be independent, do things on their own and make their own decisions.

"We at the camp," explained director Beverly Bickel, "tried to create an atmosphere of freedom and creativity for the children. Since most of the children attend schools that offer education on a formalized and structured basis, we felt that children should be given an opportunity to let themselves go and do their 'thing' for several months out of the year.

"As far as rules went," she added, "we, meaning the children and the counselors, made them up as the need arose. Instead of telling the children about what kind of rules they were to follow, we simply asked them what kind of rules they thought they should have.

"For the most part," Miss Bickel continued, "this method worked. At the same time the older children worked with the younger ones, they all were learning to respect the differences in one another."

The Duke Day Camp which drew campers from varying socio-economic backgrounds should not be confused with tennis coach John LeBar's former sports camp which bore the same name.

As a day camp Miss Bickel and her 17 co-workers planned and coordinated numerous daily activities for a heterogeneous group of from 60 to 90 children, ages five

through 12. Most of the campers came from Durham and Chapel Hill and many of their parents are connected with Duke and other hospitals and institutions in the area.

Tuition costs were kept at a minimum and scholarship funds were provided for children from low-income families.

The counselors were undergraduates or graduates of Duke and Durham High School students from the Neighborhood Youth Core. Miss Bickel, a native of Parma Heights, Ohio, is presently an undergraduate at Duke who will be spending this academic year in England, teaching at a British primary school outside of Oxford.

Operating out of the Southgate dormitory on the East Campus, the camp utilized many of Duke's athletic facilities and offered the children field trips to museums and movies, tours of the Duke Campus and Duke Homestead, seats at the USSR-USA Track Meet and an overnight camping trip in the Duke Forest.

Miss Bickel explained that she tried to plan a theme for each week in coordinating the camp's activities.

The only mandatory activity enforced by the camp was what Miss Bickel termed "parlour sessions." These sessions brought all campers together three times daily and were used to encourage them to talk about anything that was on their minds and to discuss and plan activities for the day.

"We always tried to discuss and iron-out problems that might have occurred during the day at these sessions," Miss Bickel emphasized, "and we found that both the campers and the counselors benefitted from this."

Though there are no definite plans for the camp to reopen next summer, several medical center parents whose children attended the camp expressed enthusiasm and support for its continuance.



CAN YOU GUESS WHO'S THE LEADER?-Under sunny skies and surrounded by a grassy lawn on East Campus near the Southgate dormitory, a group of campers and counselors from the Duke Day Camp are participating in an age-old game called "mimic." Camp director Beverly Bickel (center) and her 17 co-workers provided activities and recreation for more than 60 children a day this summer at the camp which completed its first season last week. (Photo by Dale Moses)

## CRITICAL CARE NURSES

The first fall meeting of the Triangle Chapter of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses will be held Sept. 9, at the Parkwood Baptist Church. The business portion of the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. and a panel discussion on "The National Teaching Institute 1974" will be presented at 7:30 p.m.

The organization is open to new members in critical care areas including the emergency room, the recovery room, the special care nursery, the intensive care units as well as the non-acute areas where acute care patients can be found.

## VA Rep. To Aid Student Veterans

The Veterans Administration has a new program designed to provide personalized service to veterans receiving educational assistance benefits under the G.I. Bill.

Under the new program announced in May by the VA, almost every college in the nation will have a Veteran's Education and Training Representative either on the campus or have access to a VET-Rep from a nearby college.

The VET-Reps arrived on campuses on Aug. 5 to help with processing the fall enrollments.

At Duke the Veteran's Education and Training Representative is Charles A. Thomas, who joined the VA in June as one of 1,327 VET-Reps hired nationwide. Priority in hiring was given to Vietnam Era veterans who have experienced campus life recently.

Thomas is a Vietnam veteran, having served with the Marine Corps from 1965 to 1969. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 1970 to 1974 under the G.I. Bill.

Veterans at Duke can contact him at 684-8111 or go by 108 East Duke Building with any questions concerning their education payments, the new 10-year delimiting date, the Veterans Insurance Act of 1974, payment for tutorial assistance or any of the VA benefits.

## NCME Presents CEA Program

The Network for Continuing Medical Education will present a special 31-minute taped program on "Carcinoembryonic Antigen (CEA): An Aid in Management and Diagnosis of Cancer."

The program will stress three areas in which CEA is most valuable: management, diagnosis and problem malignancies.

Dr. E. Douglas Holycke, chief of the Department of General Surgery at Roswell Park Memorial Institute, will review the history of a patient with colorectal carcinoma. Dr. Gustavo Reynoso, chief of the Department of Pathology at Charles S. Wilson Memorial Hospital and associate professor of medicine at Upstate Medical Center, State University of New York, will show how CEA was used as an aid in correcting an initial diagnosis on entrance to a hospital.

The third part of the program will be presented by Dr. James L. Quinn, director of nuclear medicine at Northwestern University Medical Center. He will discuss the use of CEA in problem malignancies. One of the cases he will present is a patient with pancreatic carcinoma.

On Aug. 28 and 30 and Sept. 4, 6, 11 and 13 the program can be seen at 2 p.m. in Room M 224 and on Aug. 29 and Sept. 5 and 12 at 3 p.m. in Room 3031. From Aug. 28-30 the broadcasting can be seen in the Medical Student Lounge (Channel 7) at Duke and from Sept. 4-13 in the Medical Student Lounge (Channel 9) at Duke, as well as Rooms A4002, C9013, CCU and the laboratories of the Allied Health Bldg. at the VA Hospital.

## NEW CLINIC HOURS

The University Health Services Clinic, located in the Pickens Building, has announced a new schedule for outpatient visits. Effective August 26, the new hours are:

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Sunday and Holidays 2-7 p.m.

## Controller Lochbaum Leaves Duke

Ronald A. Lochbaum, former assistant university controller for the medical center has begun work at the National Institute of Medicine (IOM) in Washington as senior professional associate and deputy study director.

His office is in the Watergate, in the exact suite occupied by the Democratic National Committee at the time of the Watergate break-in.

Lochbaum is working with a group of the IOM that is performing a study for the Social Security Administration, seeking to determine the means by which physicians are reimbursed in teaching hospitals, the geographic and specialty distribution of doctors throughout the country and the impact of foreign medical graduates.

Lochbaum, 44, a certified public accountant, is a business adminis-



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tration graduate of West Virginia University. He was comptroller of Forsyth Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem before becoming assistant controller at Duke in 1967.