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Beds Here Now Number 895

Hospital Opens 'Duke West' on Erwin Road



SITE OF NEW 'DUKE WEST' UNIT—This white-columned gray building, located at the corner of Erwin and Moreene roads, is now the home of the hospital's newest inpatient unit — 'Duke West.'

Visitor from New Mexico To Study Health Facilitators

The New Mexico Health Education Coalition (NMHEC) is sending its project coordinator to Durham to learn about Duke's Community Health Education Program.

The New Mexico agency is in the process of setting up a program similar to CHEP. They will be training "community health opinion leaders" in three Albuquerque area sites. These citizens are identified as key individuals through whom health care information can be made available, like the "health facilitators" CHEP trains in Bragtown and Rougemont/Bahama in Durham.

Ed Bartlett of NMHEC will spend Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, Jan. 13-14, meeting with staff of CHEP and the Division of

Community Health Models of the Department of Community Health Sciences.

He will also visit the target areas, talk with several "health facilitators" and review CHEP educational materials and procedures.

Bartlett's trip to Durham will be the second direct contact with the local project. CHEP's associate director, Ethel Jackson, went to Albuquerque to provide several days of consultation when the project was first begun last summer.

The New Mexico project was begun with a grant from the Bureau of Health Education of the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta. It operates in sites representative of Spanish and Indian communities in New Mexico.

Richard Peck, administrative director of the hospital, has announced the opening of a new inpatient unit in the Durham Rehabilitation Center Building at 3100 Erwin Road. With the addition, the total number of beds at Duke now stands at 895.

The new unit, which has no connection with the Durham Rehabilitation Center (a private nursing home), includes an annex of the Surgical Private Diagnostic Clinic, a surgical inpatient ward, the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit and the Sports Medicine Program.

The first floor of the gray Georgian building at the corner of Erwin and Moreene roads houses the Surgical PDC annex, including the offices of Drs. Frank Clippinger and Frank Bassett, and the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit.

The latter, formerly located on the second floor of the structure, now contains 22 beds.

The surgical ward, with 32 new beds, occupies the entire second floor and the Sports Medicine Program maintains facilities in the basement.

The entire complex is being called the Duke Hospital West Unit or simply "Duke West." A sign bearing the name Duke Hospital West Unit is scheduled to be erected soon.

Cy Rodio, who has administrative responsibility for "Duke West" said that the Health Planning Council of North Carolina approved the leasing of the additional space on Nov. 10, and the unit officially opened on Jan. 5.

"The surgical ward is primarily geared to accept post-operative surgical patients," he said. "The expansion has freed 32 beds at the main hospital for more acute surgical cases."

Rodio said that before the expansion there was an increasing backlog of patients waiting for beds to become available before their surgeries could be scheduled. The new ward should help to alleviate that problem, he said.

Patients housed at Duke West will undergo surgery at the hospital and will then be transferred to the new facility when and if their physicians feel they can be moved.

As in past years, the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit will continue to accept patients with spinal cord injuries and neurological disorders, and it will also continue to offer physical, occupational and speech therapy services. Clippinger is serving as medical director for both

EMPLOYEE HEALTH SUBSTATION HOURS

Following are the new hours for the Employee Health Substation located in the hospital. These hours will become effective Feb. 1.

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-12 Noon
1 p.m.-5 p.m.

the IRU and the second floor surgical ward.

The newly established Sports Medicine Program, under the direction of Dr. Frank Bassett, will be open every day for, the benefit of injured athletes.

According to Bassett, professional Duke trainers from the Athletic Department are assisting him there in providing therapy to young men and women with sports-related orthopaedic and muscular problems.

RN Ellen Hale will supervise all West Unit nurses. Lillian Gentry is head nurse for the IRU, and Carol Boggs serves on the surgical ward in the same capacity.

The following telephone numbers may be used to contact the West Unit:

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| Duke West #1-IRU | 684-4551 |
| Duke West #2-Surgical | 684-2451 |
| Nursing Supervisor | |
| Ellen Hale | 684-6642 |
| Unit Administration | |
| David Wessner | 684-5814 |
| Social Worker | |
| Sarah Fields | 684-2867 |
| Sports Medicine | 684-3609 |
| Registration and Appointments | |
| Catherine Horton | 684-5611 |
| Dr. Clippinger | 684-4229 |
| Dr. Bassett | 684-4378 |

Heart Disease Grant Continued

The Fannie E. Rippel Foundation has awarded a second \$50,000 grant to Duke in support of the "Computerized Textbook of Medicine" project.

Researchers here are computerizing detailed diagnostic and treatment information of cases involving coronary heart disease. As a result, they can identify from the computer patients whose case profiles most nearly match the particular case at hand.

This helps to determine what treatments have the best short-term and long-term results with different types of coronary patients. More than 3,000 patient histories are presently available to draw from. As the program grows, this is expected to increase by tens of thousands.

An initial \$50,000 grant from the Rippel Foundation in 1974 helped to establish a special coronary follow-up clinic, the major source of information being compiled in the "textbook." At the clinic complete patient information is obtained (including medical history, diet, status of body fats, cardiac function and exercise tolerance) and periodic follow-ups are performed.

The new Rippel gift will continue to support this phase of the project.

The gift is part of Duke's current development drive, the Epoch Campaign, which has now received gifts and grants totalling about \$83 million.