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267 Health Professionals Get Weekend Sheepskins

Two hundred and sixty-seven new health professionals will be recognized Sunday as the university celebrates its 124th commencement in Wallace Wade Stadium.

Eighty-three physicians, 91 nurses, 39 health administrators, 17 physical therapists and 37 physician's associates will be among the more than 1,800 who are making the transition from student to graduate at 3 p.m. that day.

Among the special events to precede formal graduation will be:

Saturday, May 8

9 a.m. Annual meeting of the board of trustees.

10-11 a.m. Guided tours of the campus. Buses leave from Duke Chapel at these hours.

10 a.m. School of Nursing faculty brunch.

10:30 a.m. The School of Medicine will hold the traditional Hippocratic Oath Ceremony in Duke Chapel.

12:30 p.m. The School of Nursing will hold its Recognition Service in Duke Chapel.

3 p.m. There will be a baccalaureate service for candidates for advanced degrees in Duke Chapel.

4:30-6 p.m. An informal reception will be held on the East Duke lawn on East Campus honoring the graduating classes.

6 p.m. The School of Nursing will host a reception in the Mary Duke

Biddle Music Building on East Campus.

8:30 p.m. Hoof 'n' Horn will present "My Fair Lady" in Page Auditorium. Tickets have been sold out for this performance, but as of Wednesday afternoon tickets were still available for the Friday performance.

Sunday, May 9

9 a.m. Baccalaureate service for candidates for bachelor's degrees whose last names begin with the letters A through K. Admission by blue tickets only.

11 a.m. Baccalaureate service for candidates for bachelor's degrees whose last names begin with the letters L through Z. Admission by buff tickets only.

3 p.m. Graduation exercises. President Terry Sanford will present the commencement address. The Honorable John J. Sirica, judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, will also speak.

Immediately following the graduation exercises, diplomas will be distributed at various locations on campus. The School of Medicine and the School of Nursing will distribute M.D., M.S.N. and B.S.N. diplomas in Wallace Wade Stadium.

B.H.S. diplomas will be given out in the Amphitheater. M.H.A. and M.S. diplomas will be available in the Varsity D of the Edmund M. Cameron Indoor Stadium. Ph.D. diplomas will be distributed in the lobby of the Paul M. Gross Chemical Laboratory.

In case of rain, commencement exercises will be held in Cameron Indoor Stadium, and admission of guests will be by ticket only.

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RAINDROPS KEEP FALLING ON HER HEAD—But that doesn't bother Susan Carlton Smith, assistant curator of the Trent Collection in the Medical Center Library, because the "million dollar rain" last Friday ended, at least temporarily, one of the longest spring droughts in recent North Carolina memory. Ms. Smith, like so many farmers across the state, has a vested interest in rain. She has begun a medicinal herb garden in two large wooden tubs on the back patio of the Seeley G. Mudd Building, and the shower was just what the horticulturist ordered. The garden, which will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Intercom*, includes plants such as foxglove, a source of digitalis, used in cardiology, and autumn crocus, a source of colchicine, used in the treatment of gout. In the photograph, the plant visible at right is a seedling from the Plane Tree of Hippocrates, used as a tourist attraction on the Greek island of Cos. (Photo by David Williamson)

National Forum Slated Here For Next Week

The 12th annual National Forum on Hospital and Health Affairs will be held in the Amphitheater next Friday and Saturday, May 14-15.

Sponsored by the Department of Health Administration and the Duke Endowment, the forum will focus this year on "The Impact of Collective Actions on Hospitals." More than 200 health administrators from across the United States and Canada are expected to attend.

Medical center personnel who wish to view the proceedings may do so on closed circuit television in Room 3031 on Friday and in Rooms M-410 and M-422 on Saturday.

The Amphitheater will be closed to all but those who have preregistered.

Tomorrow at 4:30 p.m.

Mudd Building To Be Dedicated

The Seeley G. Mudd Building, the medical center's new communications center and library, will be dedicated at 4:30 p.m. tomorrow on the building's northwest esplanade on the ground level.

Dr. Lewis Thomas, president of The Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, will give the principal address at the ceremony.

Robert D. Fisher, chairman of the Seeley G. Mudd Fund of Los Angeles, which gave \$1.5 million toward the building's construction, will speak briefly.

Others taking part in the ceremony will be Dr. Martin Cummings, director of the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Md.; Dr. Ewald W. Busse, director of medical and allied health education; James T. Cleland, dean emeritus of Duke Chapel; Dr. William G. Anlyan, vice president for health affairs; and Duke President Terry Sanford.

Guests will include the Duke Board of Trustees, representatives of the architectural firm that designed the building, Warner, Burns, Toan and Lunde of New York, and medical librarians from the area.

The \$5.3 million library and communications center, which opened in November 1975, has nearly five times as much usable space as the old medical library in the basement of the Davison Building. It is directed by Warren P. Bird.

The facility is expected to be one of the major biomedical reference centers in the southeast. The building houses the medical library, including the Trent Collection in the History of Medicine, and provides access to a variety of modern equipment in educational technology and communications.

Closed-circuit television from other parts of the medical campus can be piped into all the study rooms. Slide and microform equipment is

available in the stacks, study areas and the reserve reading room. Computer terminals can be located throughout the library.

All funds for construction came from private sources. Dr. Seeley G. Mudd, for whom the building was named, was a Harvard medical school graduate and a former dean of the University of Southern California's School of Medicine. He died in 1968.

The 10 miles of shelves in the Mudd Building are capable of storing 290,000 volumes. While the old library had seating room for only 70 readers, the new facility can accommodate 575 readers at one time.

The five-story building has 53 study rooms, including 13 group study rooms. It contains unfinished space in the basement for development into an auditorium and other facilities.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK
Sunday marks the beginning of National Hospital Week. The theme for this year's National Hospital Week is "Healthy Birthday, America."