



# Intercom

duke university medical center

VOLUME 23, NUMBER 33

AUGUST 20, 1976

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

## Children Learn To Listen, Then To Speak

# Acoustic Nursery Helps Hearing-Impaired

By Ina Fried

The little girl's back is to the door. As the teacher calls her name from the doorway, she quickly turns around.

Responding to the sound of her name is probably an everyday reaction for most children. But for a hearing-impaired child, it's a major accomplishment.

Even with hearing aids, the children in the Acoustic Nursery lack normal hearing. They must strain to use whatever residual hearing they have.

The nursery, which is part of the Speech and Hearing Disorders Program, is supported by the medical center and donations from private groups. It serves hearing-impaired children up to four years of age and their parents.

### Home-Centered Approach

The focus of the program is a home-centered, parent-guided, natural approach to language learning, Carol Wilson, coordinator-teacher of the nursery, explained.

The nursery is divided into two parts, the Parent-Infant Training Program, which serves the recently diagnosed child and parent, and the Acoustic Nursery, which provides a more structured learning environment for the child.

"I encourage parents to see themselves as the child's natural teachers, and I give them tools to work with in teaching," explained Susan McNair, counselor-tutor of the Parent-Infant Training Program.

### Counseling and Support

In a home-like setting, Mrs.



"COME OUT, CLOWN!"—Leslie Funderburk, 2, sees that the clown pops up when Susan McNair (center) calls him. At the Parent-Infant Training Center of the Acoustic Nursery, Mrs. McNair demonstrates how parents like Mrs. Leonard

Funderburk of Goldsboro can use toys to encourage hearing-impaired children like Leslie to use their voices. (Photo by Thad Sparks)

McNair first provides counseling and support for the parents, who have to face the fact that their child's hearing is impaired, and who may have feelings of guilt or frustration.

(Continued on page 3)

## Six Faculty Members Named In Medical Center Promotions

Six promotions on the medical center faculty have been announced by Provost Frederic N. Cleveland.

**Dr. Wesley A. Cook Jr.**, 40, was promoted to associate professor of neurosurgery. He is a native of Fresno, Calif., and received his medical degree at the University of Oregon Medical School in 1963. He came here as an intern in 1963 and later spent two years at the University of Pisa, Italy, on a special postdoctoral fellowship from the National Institutes of Health.

**Dr. Stuart Handwerker**, 37, was promoted to associate professor of pediatrics. A native of Baltimore, Md., he received his M.D. at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. He came to Duke in 1971 from Harvard Medical School, where he was a fellow in endocrinology and a teaching fellow in medicine. He was appointed as chief of the pediatric endocrine division and will continue to serve in that capacity and as assistant professor of physiology and pharmacology.

**Dr. Gerald A. Serwer**, 30, has been named assistant professor of pediatrics. He is a native of Oklahoma and received his medical degree from Duke in 1972. He

remained here as an intern, resident and fellow in pediatric cardiology.

**Dr. J. Bolling Sullivan**, 36, was promoted to associate professor of biochemistry. A native of Rome, Ga., he received his Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Austin in 1966. He came here that year as a National Institutes of Health postdoctoral fellow.

**Nancy F. Woods**, 29, was promoted to associate professor of nursing. The Eau Claire, Wis., native is a graduate of Wisconsin State and earned her master's degree in nursing at the University of Washington in 1969. A Duke faculty member for the past four years, she has studied biostatistics and environmental sciences at the University of North Carolina and currently is working toward a doctorate in epidemiology.

**Karen K. Yoder**, 29, was named assistant professor of nursing. A native of Garnett, Kan., she was an instructor at Parkview Methodist School of Nursing, Fort Wayne, Ind., for two years before she received her Master of Nursing degree at Emory University in 1973. She came here in 1974 as an instructor in the School of Nursing.

## Physical Therapy Chairman Heads National Association

The chairman of the Department of Physical Therapy has been elected president of the American Physical Therapy Association.



ROBERT C. BARTLETT

Robert C. Bartlett was chosen to head the 26,000-member organization at its annual meeting in New Orleans. The association is the primary representative of physical therapists in the United States with chapters in every state. It helps the federal government formulate national policy relating to physical therapy.

Bartlett came to Duke earlier this year from the State University of New York's Downstate Medical Center, where he was professor and chairman of the Program in Physical Therapy. He previously had worked at the New York University Medical Center as well as the United Cerebral Palsy Association of New York State.

A graduate of Springfield (Mass.) College, he earned a certificate in physical therapy at New York University's School of Education in 1957 and a master's degree in physical therapy there in 1959.