



ALREADY BUSY—United Fund co-chairmen Stan Morse and Gene Winders discuss plans for the drive which officially begins Sept. 21. (Photo by John Becton)

Preparations Underway for United Fund Drive Kick-off

Ninety-one cents of each dollar given to the United Fund goes directly to serve people.

The medical center has set a goal of providing 44,110 of those dollars this year, and those chairing the drive are confident of exceeding that amount.

The campaign officially begins with a kick-off breakfast Tuesday, Sept. 21, involving designated representatives from each of the 159 pay points.

Yet much of the work is already going on under the guidance of Gene Winders, business manager in the Department of Pathology, and Stanley Morse, assistant director of

Duke's Area Health Education Center (AHEC) programs, who are co-chairing the drive in the medical center.

"We have sent out letters and are beginning to get workers," Ms. Winders said.

The real story, however, is not the drive itself, but the purpose it serves.

Thirty-two agencies receive support from the United Fund. Thus, one contribution aids in the work of the Red Cross, Scouting groups, "Y" activities, organizations serving the handicapped and the indigent, and many other agencies caring for various needs of Durham County citizens.

"This is the one time in the year when the fortunate can be thankful they are healthy and employed, and the time to share with others in the community who are less fortunate," Morse said.

He pointed out that medical center employees are especially aware of the needs of others because of seeing so many examples first-hand.

Contributions of all sizes are appreciated, Morse said, and there are three methods of giving.

A check may be paid directly to the Durham United Fund, or by direct billing from the United Fund office.

Most, however, opt for payroll deduction, and Morse stressed the utility of this method.

"If someone says he or she will give \$10, that sounds like a lot," he said. "But if they pledged just 50 cents per pay period, that would amount to \$13 in a year."

He went on to point out the recommended "fair share" would total even more for most employees, because "if you give regularly in small amounts, it amounts to a lot over a year's time."

For example, someone earning \$80 a week could donate just 47 cents each week for a total pledge of \$24. Eighty-five cents of one's weekly earnings of \$150 would amount to \$45 for the year.

Morse added that another advantage of the payroll deduction is that it is "painless" because it's already taken out before you get your check.

Approximately 250 medical center contributors gave \$50 or more last year. Those doing so are honored as "Pacesetters."

The Rev. Robert T. Young, university minister, is the U.F. campaign chairman for the entire university this year. Young noted that Duke surpassed its goal last year by three per cent, and that this year's campus-wide goal of \$97,200 represents a three per cent increase over last year's contributions.



SOMEONE TO CARE

The Cancer Recreation Therapy program is recruiting volunteers to work with Duke's cancer patients in a therapeutic and supportive way. Males and females of all ages with different backgrounds, interests and time availabilities are needed. Anyone interested should call Bev Rosen at 286-5697 for more information or to set up an appointment for an interview.

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Butterflies Accompany Medical Freshmen To First Classes of Demanding Education

By David Williamson

Waiting in line outside the cafeteria and embracing like a life preserver a manila envelope crammed with maps, directories and schedules, Linda Abbey of Somerset, N.J., confided: "I'm impressed but confused."

"I really don't know what I'm getting into," said Alfred Chu of Hong Kong, who paused momentarily after registration. "I don't think any of us do."

"It's hard to realize that in a few years, we'll know what we're doing like all these people in white coats around here," a hopeful Cynthia Krause of Baltimore, Md., said.

"It's just like being a freshman all over again," observed Dana Rosenberg of Scarsdale, N.Y., between bites on a sandwich.

For 114 young men and women who entered the School of Medicine last week, it's not surprising that things seem "just like being a freshman again."

The comments a few of them offered on the first day of their intensive medical education reflect some of the butterflies that have been gathering all summer:

"I wouldn't exactly say I'm scared, but I am a bit nervous," Miss Krause added to her earlier statement.

"A little bit self-conscious and a little bit awkward," was the way Duke graduate Emily Yarbrough of Durham described herself.

"Getting the cadaver in anatomy on the first day of classes hit me," she said. "I don't think I've ever seen a dead body before." "I'm not nervous yet," said Buffy Anders of Riverdale, Ga., with a smile. "I'm just trying to figure out what's going on and waiting until they assign us some work to do. Talk to me in about two weeks."

"Future plans?" a somewhat incredulous Rebecca Willis of Perry, Iowa, and Yale University repeated. "My only plans so far are to pass the first year of medical school."



GETTING ADJUSTED—Dr. Michael K. Reedy, associate professor of anatomy, helped first year medical student Chalmers M. Nunn Jr. of Clarksville, Va., learn the focusing mechanism on his microscope on the first day of classes last week. Reedy teaches microanatomy to the freshmen. (Photo by Ollie Ellison)

While members of the medical class of 1980 will admit being apprehensive at the beginning of their studies, they are already the survivors of one of the most rigorous competitions in all of academia.

This year, — 4,063 young people, most of them college seniors, applied for 114 available positions in the medical school, according to Dr. Suydam Osterhout, associate dean for admissions.

The students finally selected represent 49 colleges and universities and 29 states. Three foreign students, from Costa Rica, Hong Kong and Nigeria, also were admitted.

They are, in Osterhout's words, "Outstandingly well-qualified students who are understandably anxious as they embark on a most demanding course of study."

In the first semester alone, the students will take courses in gross anatomy, microanatomy, neuroanatomy, biochemistry,

physiology and genetics, he said. The second term will be devoted to pathology, microbiology, clinical diagnosis, pharmacology, human behavior, community health sciences and immunology.

Other statistics show that the class includes 30 North Carolina residents, 32 women and 10 sons or daughters of Duke medical alumni.

Six of the students have enrolled in the university's Medical Scientist Training Program which enables them to earn both M.D. and Ph.D. degrees in one of the basic sciences in six to seven years.

Approximately 40 per cent of the class is receiving some financial aid, according to financial aid coordinator Nell Andrews. A few can expect to accumulate as much as \$23,000 in loans during their medical education.

Here are the members of this year's class:

ALABAMA—James H. Broom of

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