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HANK AARON

Celebrities Will Play on Children's Team

If you could have the New York Yankees all-time winningest pitcher on the mound, and baseball's all-time home run champ batting clean-up, how could you lose?

The Children's Classic will have both these men (Whitey Ford and Hank Aaron, for the uninitiated) on its team in May. And, though the game is golf, everyone will come out a winner, especially children everywhere.

Other celebrities from the sports world will include Joe Garagiola, Sonny Jurgenson, Billy Kilmer, Chi Chi Rodriguez and Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice.

And in case sports isn't your cup of teas, these figures will be joined by entertainers such as Buddy Hackett, Chet Atkins, Dick Martin, Jack Albertson, Tom Hallick and

Perry Como, honorary chairman of the classic.

Few Things More Important

All proceeds from Duke's annual celebrity golf tournament help support the fight against children's diseases.

"There are few things in life more important than the health of our children," Hall of Famer Ford said. "That's why I am looking forward to coming and supporting this tournament again."

Duke continues to pioneer in the treatment of children with heart disease, kidney failure, lung disorders, immune defects and a number of other challenging medical problems.

"Funds are greatly needed to perpetuate this treatment and research," according to Dr. Samuel L.

Katz, W. C. Davison Professor and chairman of the Department of Pediatrics.

Present and Future Examples

Examples cited by Katz include the pediatric department's Developmental Evaluation Clinic, the Duke Poison Control Center and the Division of Pediatric Oncology, an integral part of the Comprehensive Cancer Center.

And there will be more in the not-too-distant future.

"We are planning to establish a Children's Center at Duke as a specialty referral center for the area," Katz said.

"For example, we are already a major pediatric cardiovascular diagnostic center."

Their Very Own Floor

Katz also pointed out that infants, children and adolescents will have their own floor in Duke Hospital North, scheduled to open in 1979.

"It is designed to provide maximum comfort for the patients and to make their stay in the hospital as effective and pleasant as possible," he explained.

This year's Children's Classic, the fourth annual event, will be May 29-30.

Each \$5 ticket (individual adult price, good either day; bring your children for free) not only will give you a chance to see a host of stars, but will further the effective treatment of children's diseases.

For more ticket and patronage information, contact Claudia Jordon, Box 2975, medical center, or call 286-1605.

Learning How Clergy Can Help Families Faced with Cancer

Clergymen will learn some new ways they can help cancer patients at a conference here April 18.

"Many clergypeople see their role with cancer patients as handling the termination of life, the funeral service, handling the grief of the family after the funeral," said the Rev. Wes Aitken, head chaplain the medical center.

"We would hope to have clergy see themselves as members of a team assisting cancer patients and their families in rehabilitation," he said.

Members of a Team

Aitken is co-chairperson of the conference with Bev Rosen, director of rehabilitation at the Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center. Final registration begins at 9 a.m. at the Duke Memorial United Methodist Church in Durham, located at the corner of Chapel Hill and Gregson Streets.

Sponsors are the Community Clergy Task Force on Cancer Care,

the Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center's Cancer Control Program and the Durham County and Orange County units of the American Cancer Society.

Aitken said religious leaders need to start helping their congregation members at the first hint of cancer.

"Many people, if they think they have a sign of cancer, will not seek care because of their fear," the chaplain said. "Clergy could help overcome this fear."

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WHITEY FORD

Patient's Father Returns Favor

It was snowing when Jacqueline Robins, nurse clinician for the Environmental Safety Project, left the Area Health Education Centers meeting in Fayetteville.

She noticed that one tire was low. She stopped at a service station where a man put more air in the tire, but as she drove on she realized that the tire was going flat.

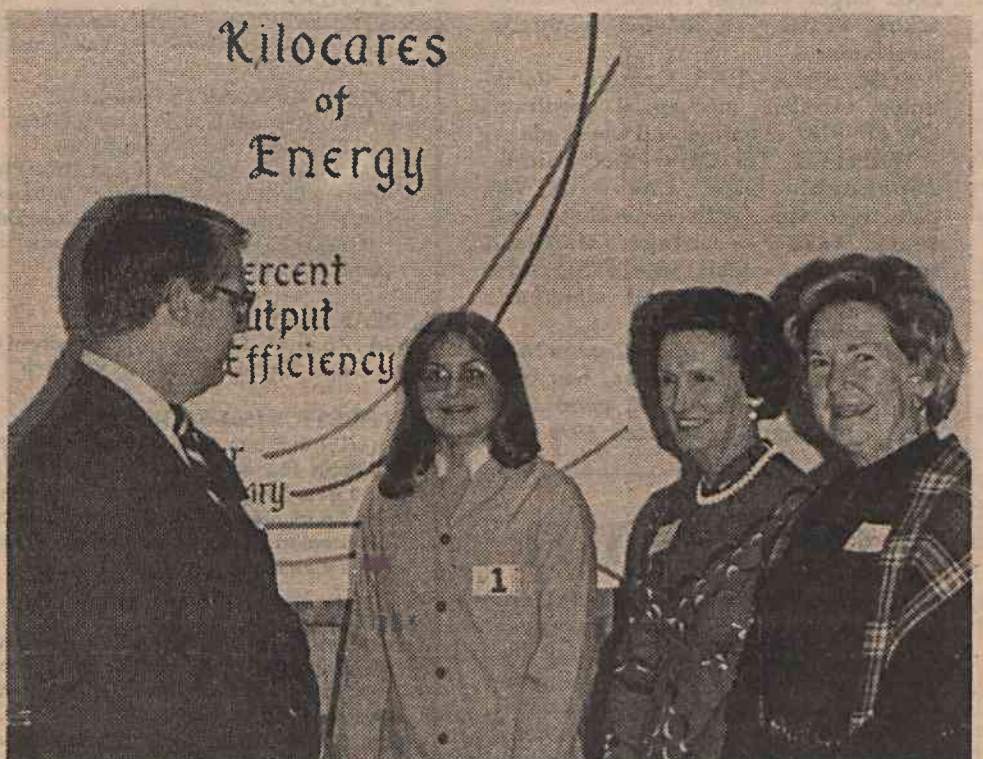
She stopped at another service station and asked one of the two women there if someone could help her change the tire. "Oh no," they told me. They didn't want to get pneumonia going out in that bad

weather," Robins remembers.

She was trying to learn where she might find someone to help when a man came in and offered to change the tire.

"While he was changing the tire, he looked at my parking sticker and said, 'You work at Duke,'" Robins said.

"When I offered to pay him, he said Duke had done so much for him, his family and his child who had cerebral palsy that he was glad he could help. He was just as nice as he could be and he wouldn't take any money."



MORE ENERGY THAN THE SUN—Pausing in front of a display showing that the Hospital Auxiliary produces more energy than oil, coal or the sun are (left to right) Dr. Roscoe R. Robinson, chief executive officer of the hospital; Debbie Eikenberry, Dietary Services; Ort Busse, president of the auxiliary; and Florence Spivey, vice president of the auxiliary. Other pictures from the annual appreciation dinner for the auxiliary are on page 2. (Photos by Ina Fried)