Students Become Professionals

Two hundred and fifty-nine new health professionals are expected to receive degrees Sunday as the university celebrates commencement at 3 p.m. in Wallace Wade Stadium.

About 73 physicians, 85 nurses, 35 health administrators, 16 physical therapists, 36 physician's associates, nine medical technologists and five pathology assistants will be among the more than 2,000 men and women to graduate.

Secretary of Commerce, Juanita M. Kreps will give the commencement address. At the time of her appointment to President Carter's cabinet, she was a Duke vice president and James B. Duke professor of economics and currently is on leave of absence.

Honorary Degrees

The university will award four honorary doctorates. Recipients will

Doctor of Laws. A historian as well as diplomat, he was one of the first Americans stationed in Moscow after the U.S. and the Soviet Union resumed diplomatic relations in 1933. He has won two Pulitzer prizes and two National Book Awards.

- Dr. N. Ferebee Taylor, chancellor of the University of North Carolina, Doctor of Laws. A UNC graduate and former Rhodes Scholar, he was a lawyer in New York City before returning to Chapel Hill in 1970 to take a post in the UNC General Administration. He became chancellor in 1972.

- Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, chancellor of North Carolina A & T University in Greensboro, Doctor of Laws. He has been the chief executive of A & T since 1964 and is active in Greensboro civic affairs as well as national educational organizations.

- Entertainer Perry Como, Doctor of Humane Letters. His affiliation

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with Duke goes back three decades, from concerts to support of the Poison Control Center and the celebrity golf program that raises funds to battle children's diseases.

Saturday Events

The graduation exercises will climax the commencement weekend activities that begin Saturday at 9 a.m. with the annual meeting of Duke's Board of Trustees.

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

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

A Baccalaureate Service for recipients of advanced degrees will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Chapel. Dr. Harmon L. Smith, professor of moral theology in the Divinity School and professor of health sciences in the Medical School, will deliver the sermon.

A reception honoring M.D. graduates will begin at 4 p.m. on the lawn in front of the west entrance to the Davison Building.

The School of Nursing will host a reception in the Mary Duke Biddle Music Building on East Campus at 6 p.m.

Graduates of the Master of Science in physical therapy program were honored at a dinner at the Country Squire on Thursday evening.

Schedule on Sunday

Split baccalaureate services will be held for undergraduates Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. in the Chapel. Bishop James Armstrong, ecclesiastical leader of United Methodists in the Dakotas area, will deliver the sermons.

Immediately following the 3 p.m. graduation exercises, diplomas will be distributed at various locations on campus.

The medical and nursing schools will distribute M.D. and B.S.N. (Continued on page 4)

Wood-Cutting Prof Honored for Effort

Dr. Paul Killenberg, assistant professor of gastroenterology, was named one of seven Key Volunteers for 1977 in a recognition program co-sponsored by the Volunteer Services Bureau and the Durham Morning Herald. He received a plaque at the fourth annual volunteer recognition luncheon at Duke Memorial United Methodist Church. April 26.

Killenberg was named in the "Concerned Individual" category for

Chaplain's 'Tools' Include Teamwork, Love

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When he talks about his patient care ministry, Chaplain White Iddings talks a lot about love, support, relationships and team work.

When he talks about his upcoming retirement, he doesn't have much to say about it. That's because at the young age of 72, he has only scheduled one month for retirement before his next venture. (As a church-supported chaplain and not a Duke employee, he was not obligated to retire at 65.)

Iddings retired May 1, after 12 years as a chaplain at the hospital and 35 previous years in the parish ministry.

Beginning June 1, he will assume a new position in development and public relations for Lenoir-Rhyne College, his alma mater.

Happy, Rewarding Success

"The parish ministry was rewarding, but there was a longing





for a more specialized ministry," Iddings said of his decision to enter the hospital chaplaincy.

"These past 12 years have been among the happiest, most rewarding and most successful of my entire ministry," he said.

The hospital chaplain ministers to the diverse needs of patients and their families. For Iddings that has meant a great deal of counseling, but has included performing baptisms, administering Holy Communion and conducting marriages and funerals.

His ministry also has been extended to hospital personnel, for whom he has been a counselor, pastor and "father figure."

Establishing Relationship The Lutheran minister said he was in this profession "primarily because



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I love people and I love myself. This kind of projection helps establish relationships with patients, as well as medical and nursing personnel."

It is not uncharacteristic for Iddings to tell a patient, "You know God loves you. But I want to tell you that I love you."

He related the story of a terminally ill patient who, 20 minutes before his death replied to this by saying, "That is what I was trying to say to you." Ministering to the families of

terminally ill patients is probably the greatest challenge for the hospital chaplain, Iddings said.

He said that introducing a sense of hopefulness is important, but it needs to be balanced with an acceptance of the reality of the situation.

"It is a beautiful experience to talk with terminally ill patients who have come to a degree of acceptance of their condition," Iddings said. (Continued on page 3)

his contributions to the local drive to provide fuel for needy families caught in the heating crunch during the unnaturally cold months of the past winter.

Using a Christmas gift chain saw, he and his Boy Scout Troop organized a wood-cutting program. They participated in the community program, then continued on their own as long as there was need.

He was responsible for starting the larger Duke Forest wood-cutting effort and he provided "not only ideas, but great amounts of his own perspiration" to it, his nomination said.

The volunteers were invited to join other volunteers across the state in a recognition reception, April 29, given by Gov. and Mrs. Jim Hunt at the Governor's Mansion.