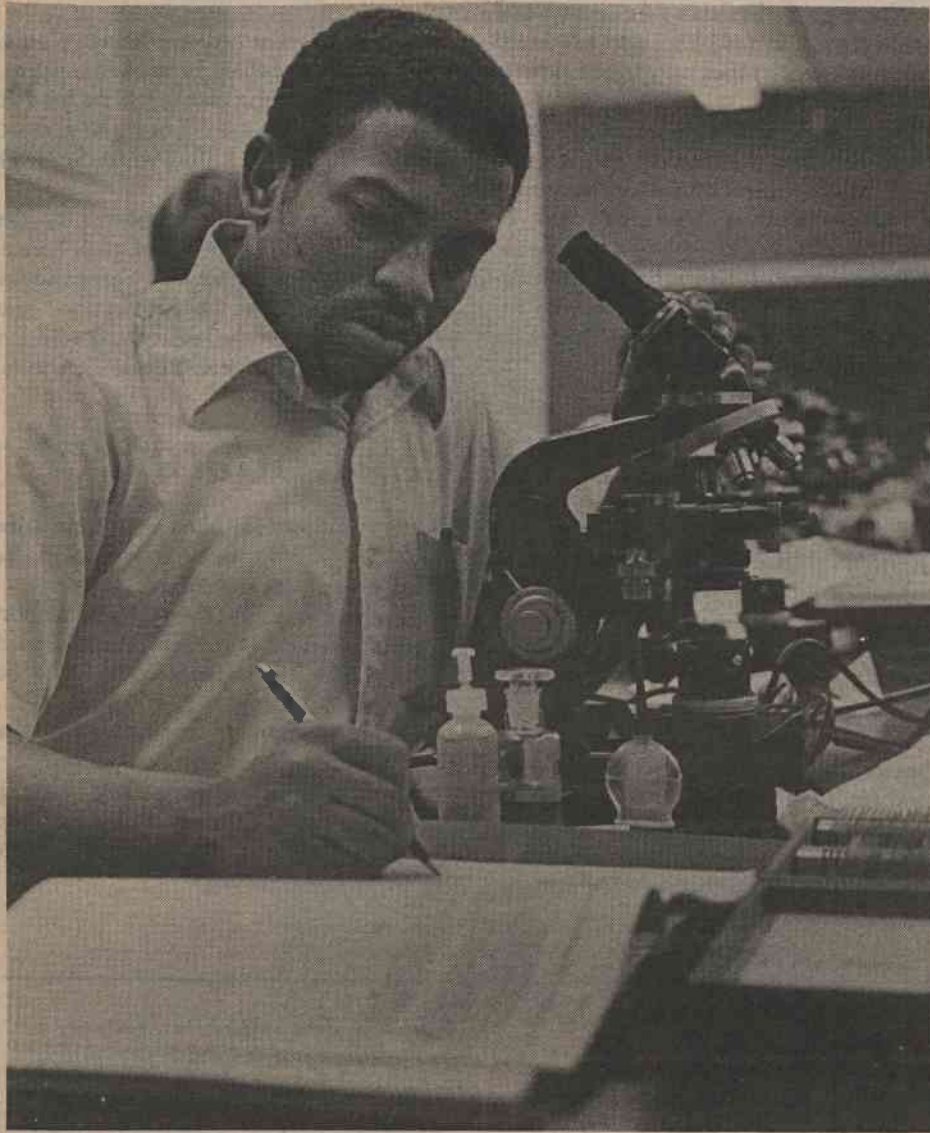


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WHEN MED SCHOOL STARTS, CAN LAB TIME BE FAR AWAY? — Joseph Martin Jr., one of 114 new students in the School of Medicine, becomes acquainted with the lab where he and a number of his classmates will spend a significant amount of time this year. (Photo by Jim Wallace)

Shots, books, photos, orientation all part of starting to med school

By John Becton

"Wow! I'm going to medical school!"

That's what Joseph Martin Jr. of Durham said he thought as he and 113 other students began their first day at the School of Medicine recently.

Their first day was devoted less to the study of medicine than to the preparation for studying it. There was equipment to check out, photos to be taken for identification cards, books to buy, shots to receive and orientation to Duke and its surroundings. But they did receive notes to study before beginning classes on the following Monday.

Tar on their heels

Martin is one of those for whom the orientation was more of a review. One of 32 students in the class who are from North Carolina, he spent two college summers working in the medical center where his father has worked as long as the future physician can remember.

Joseph Martin Sr., a supply clerk in central processing, has worked here for nearly 25 years. His wife, Joan Martin, is a registered nurse who teaches nursing at North Carolina Central University.

The younger Martin gives his parents much of the credit for his decision to pursue a career in medicine.

"Because of the work of my parents, I've always been around that kind of environment," he said. "I saw the role of the physician and grew to appreciate the challenge. I think it is a role I can feel comfortable with."

A 1974 graduate of Durham's Hillside High School, Martin earned a degree in zoology from Howard University where he was a solid A student.

Fifty-three colleges

Altogether, 53 undergraduate schools are represented by the men and women in Duke's entering medical class. Thirty-one are Duke graduates.

The students, who come from 30 states, were chosen from among nearly 4,000 applicants, after a selection process that included interviewing 45 per cent of the candidates.

"Duke interviews more of its applicants than most medical schools," according to Dr. Suydam Osterhout, associate dean for admissions.

Mixture of emotions

Duke was Martin's choice for medical school, he said, "because it's a good school and it's home. I keep in mind the possibility of practicing in Durham."

The excitement of beginning medical school was one of a mixture of emotions Martin said one feels on the first day. There's also some anxiety about the four years of intensive academic and professional training.

And, as he headed toward the student health clinic, the sturdy young medical student admitted he was uneasy about getting the necessary inoculations.

"But, I'll be all right," he said with a smile of returning confidence.

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Three physicians fill administrative posts in medical school

Three medical center faculty members have been appointed to administrative posts with the School of Medicine, Dr. Ewald W. Busse, dean of medical and allied health education, has announced.

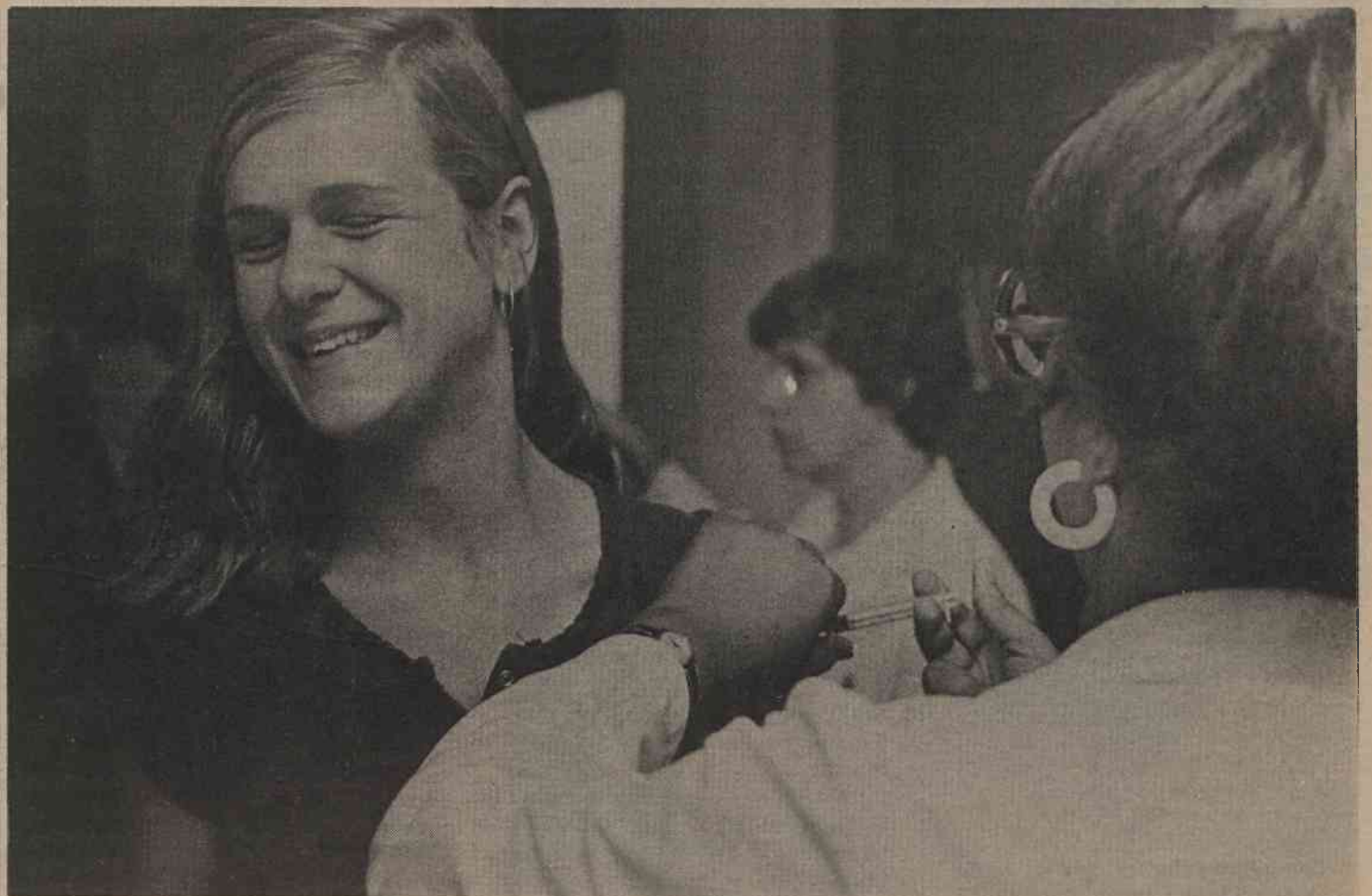
Dr. Arthur C. Christakos, professor of obstetrics and gynecology, has been named associate dean of graduate medical education. He succeeds Dr. William D. Bradford in the position.

Dr. Delford L. Stickel, professor of surgery and associate medical director of Duke Hospital, succeeds Dr. John L. Weinerth as director of postgraduate medical education.

The new position of associate dean for allied health and administrations has been filled by Dr. Thomas T. Thompson, associate professor in the departments of radiology and community and family medicine. Thompson already had responsibilities for allied health education.

Christakos, a native of Batesburg, S.C., earned his undergraduate degree at Duke in 1951 and his M.D. at the Medical College of South Carolina in 1955. He

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LEARNING WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT — In the years to come, Margaret Ann Bowring will be more often on the giving end than the receiving end of hypodermic needles. But it was all part of the routine as Bowring and 113 other first-year students in the School of Medicine lined up for

medical student orientation. During her four years at Duke, Bowring won't have to change her address, just her ZIP code. She's from Durham, N.H. (Photo by Parker Herring)