

Hospital Installs Laser System

A new photocoagulator laser system, used for microsurgical treatment of detached retinas, glaucoma, and diabetic eye disease, has been installed at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

"This ophthalmic equipment is a welcome addition to the

extensive laser capability of our hospital in other areas such as OB-GYN, ENT, Urology, and General Surgery," said Emile L. Gebel, M.D. "This institutional size laser can be used beyond ophthalmology. Also, this state-of-the-art equip-

ment can be upgraded to other laser modes."

The new instrument produces a tiny-but powerful-light beam capable of sealing off hemorrhaging blood vessels within the eye, attaching detached retinas, or drilling a tiny hole in the iris to relieve internal eye pressure caused by glaucoma. The National Eye Institute has confirmed that the laser can relieve diabetic retinopathy (the leading cause of blindness among adults) more safely and effectively than any other treatment.

Ophthalmic laser surgery requires only a topical anesthetic. The physician uses a contact lens over the patient's eye and aims the beam through this lens into the eye. The patient does not feel anything; they only experience a flash of light.

These treatments are performed with no stitches, hospitalization, or prolonged recuperation. The patient returns home for recovery.

The laser is manufactured by Coherent Medical of Palo Alto, California. It features a unique, highly advanced coupling between the laser and the fiber optic cable, giving the physician more accurate control of the beam during delicate microsurgery.

"Since the laser's introduction in 1971, over 3,000 have been installed in hospitals and medical offices worldwide," said Paul Ellison, President. "This is an additional vital service we're glad to offer our community. It complements the many other outpatient services now available at Cleveland Memorial."

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Duke Should Retire Alaries Number Too

I respect the way Mike Krzyzewski does things at Duke, but I've been wondering a lot lately about this business of retiring Johnny Dawkins' number. I've been wondering if they took time to call Mark Alarie in to talk about it, before making the decisions.

I mean, look back over the statistics. Both Dawkins and Alarie came to Duke at the same time. Both have played in all of the games, both have made a tremendous contribution to the resurgence of Duke basketball. Dawkins has scored a few more points, Alarie's grabbed a few more rebounds. Dawkins was first team All-ACC last year, but Alarie was first team All-ACC the year before.

In my opinion, though Dawkins is more spectacular at times, he also makes more mistakes. To go a step further, I think Duke could win often without Dawkins, but less often without Alarie. Of course, to some extent it's a case of apples and oranges, trying to decide whether a big man or a guard is more valuable. But that is precisely my point. Why did anyone decide to honor the apple and not the orange?

I think the Dawkins honor put Alarie in a very comfortable position. Naturally, in the middle of a big season, during a fight for an ACC crown and a national championship, a player of Alarie's caliber—and character—isn't going to cause a scene over some other player's award. But it is easy to realize that he can hardly be overjoyed about it either.

Not in the least am I trying to discredit Johnny Dawkins' efforts. But by raising those efforts to this special point of recognition, it certainly does diminish Alarie's contribution, doesn't it?

Consider Mark Alarie's position. He's quiet, business-like, personable—probably the guy every man hopes his daughter is going to marry. He gives every impression of being the All-American boy. So he isn't going to announce that he feels slighted. He is, instead, going to say that Johnny is a great player, he is happy for Johnny, and all he cares about is winning and doing the best job he can for the team.

Duke kids are surely intelligent enough to know what to say. But I really can't see forcing Alarie to deal with this.

In the Duke press release, there was a quote from Amaker—"It's something he'll treasure for life"—and one from Henderson:

"Every player wishes he could have it done to him, but Johnny's a very special player who needs to be remembered like this."

There wasn't a quote from Alarie. But here's mine. "Why not retire 32?"

Although I don't see them every day in practice, so of course I am not as valid a judge as Coach K, there have certainly been many games this year when Alarie appeared to be carrying the team.

Often I think Duke should be more patient, get the ball to Alarie more often. His career percentage is considerably better than Dawkins'—because his shot selection is much better.

Oh, there I go, running down Dawkins. I didn't want to do that. Johnny is a great player. But I just have to put in a word for the kid who is too intelligent and discreet to speak out. I would like to see Duke put 32 away as well—though I think it would have been better to keep both their jerseys on the rack and let them play out this season undistracted by awards.

The more I think about it, I just can't believe they could make all that fuss about Johnny without so much as a word about the concurrent contributions of Mark. It really doesn't make sense to me at all.

Program Helps Students Prepare For Kindergarten

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Shannon Lawing, Nicky Isehour and Dara Smith agreed reading and playing were what they enjoyed the most, while Colin Monk summed up the class' feelings with his "I know I'll be ready for Kindergarten next year."

For those interested in the schedule of Sacred Heart Grade School's Prekindergarten, it is as follows: 8:20 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Educational Program; and 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Educa-

tional and Day Care provided. There is also an After School session available to the entire student body from 3-6 p.m.

On the campus of Sacred Heart College, the grade school is conveniently located off Wilkinson Boulevard at 416 N. Main St., Belmont. Further information about continuing registration for the 1986-87 term can be obtained by calling the school office, 825-9896. Prekindergarten students must have reached their fourth birthday before Oct. 16, 1986.

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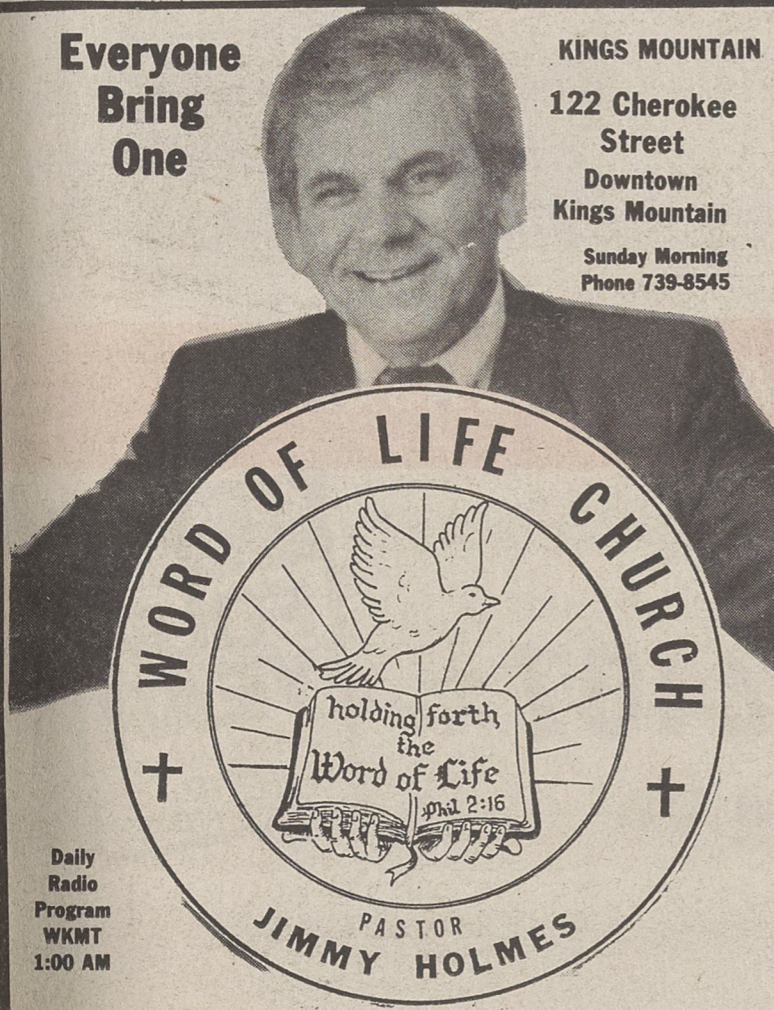
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