

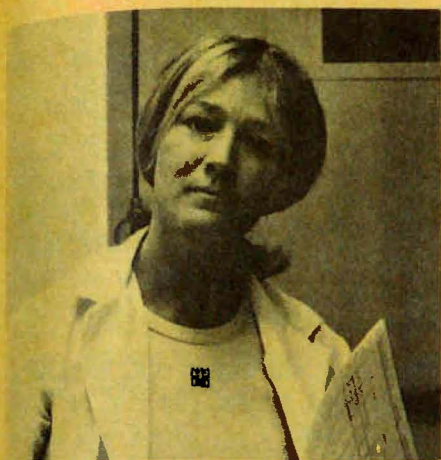
# Clinical Center Closeup

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## Dodds, Boone, New Nursing Service Chiefs



Virginia Dodds (left) is the new chief of the Heart and Lung Nursing Service. Before coming to the Clinical Center at the end of July, Ginny was coordinator of the surgical intensive care unit at Georgetown University Medical Center. Jean Boone has been selected as chief of the Cancer Nursing Service. Prior to her appointment in late August, Jean was clinical nurse educator for three years here at the CC.

## Blood Drive Planned

The Clinical Center Blood Bank and the Montgomery County Chapter of the American Red Cross are sponsoring a joint pre-Fall blood drive on September 21. It will be held at the Westwood Building, (5333 Westbard Avenue), Conference Room D from 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The drive is being held in support of patient care at NIH and in the Washington Metropolitan area. If there are any questions, please call 496-1048.

## ANA Fellows Visit CC



CC Nursing Department chief, Vernice Ferguson (left) and Dr. Faye Abdellah, PHS Chief Nurse Officer and Assistant Surgeon General met with the interns.

Four American Nurse's Association legislative interns visited the CC as guests of the Nursing Department on August 10. The interns were part of the ANA Registered Nurse Fellowship Program for Ethnic Minorities. Also present for

the discussion was Dr. Faye Abdellah, Assistant Surgeon General, and Public Health Service Chief Nurse Officer.

The interns came to the CC to share ideas and reflections of the program's goals with members of the nursing staff.

The internship program lasts five weeks, and is designed for minorities enrolled in doctoral programs. The ANA fellows are assigned to the offices of Congressmen for the five-week period, where they observe and participate in the legislative process as it pertains to health care/health-related legislation; assist with research and data concerning health related bills in Congress; and identify issues which minority individuals or groups need to become aware of in proposed health-related legislation.



The ANA Minority Fellows are (from left) Carmen Ramirez, Nora Aquino, Kem DeFabrizio, and Barbara Logan.

The interns were: Carmen Ramirez from the University of Oregon School of Education, assigned to Congressman Claude Pepper and the House Committee on Aging; Nora Aquino, from the University of Chicago Department of Higher Education, also assigned to Congressman Claude Pepper and the Committee on Aging as well as the Subcommittee on Health; Kem DeFabrizio, doctor of Nursing Science student from New York University, assigned to Representative John Moss and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Barbara Logan from Northwestern University Department of Sociology assigned to Senator Ralph Metcalfe.

## The CC Veterans



Fannie Jackson is a dietetic assistant in the CC Nutrition Department. She joined the staff when a friend of her husband's, who worked in the Transportation Section, asked one day if anybody wanted a job, because NIH was hiring. She applied for a job with the Nutrition Department, and here she is. "The first thing I remember is the supervisor of the Patient Dietetic Service, the late Ann Reimer asking me, 'are you sure you'll be able to handle the trays because they get very heavy?' I was very thin at the time . . . there were four trays on a cart. We were using china at that time. But I did manage the job and also other duties I've performed in the last 25 years." Fannie's main objective is helping the patients, giving them the food they like and cheering them up. "I enjoy the contact with patients . . . I have enjoyed working at the NIH. Any job has its ups and downs and changes, but I have tried to be a good employee and to obey the rules and regulations of the job. I've made many friends for which I am grateful." She would tell a new employee "to work hard . . . do a good job regardless of what the tasks are, and make someone happy as you do. Be happy that you can serve a less fortunate person."



Fannie Jackson

L. Faythe Habeck is a clinical nurse expert in the Nursing Department. After she graduated from St. Elizabeth's nursing program and worked there two years, she heard about the opening of the CC and applied for a job here. The main thought that stands out in her mind in reflecting on the past years is "the individualized care that we've been able to give the patient in this research setting." She has seen a lot of patients coming and going and "it is gratifying to see them leave in a better state of health," she says. Pondering the differences the years have brought to her role and the department, she says, "NIH has grown. I think Nursing has progressed to keep up with the growth." The staff has also been important, ". . . it's been a pleasure to work with the nursing staff and other staff members in other departments." She would tell anyone just starting to work here that NIH "has a wealth of opportunities to take advantage of—education, skills. I would advise them to avail themselves of these things."



Faythe Habeck

"I was working for the Public Health Service with the Hill-Burton Program when they solicited my services," says Edith Jones, chief of the Nutrition Department. Sena-

tors Hill and Burton had introduced legislature to assist states in providing hospital care. She was "borrowed" from her job to order equipment for the Nutrition Department and was asked to come to the CC to interview for the chief dietitian position. "Initial CC department heads had to be interviewed by the Institute or clinical heads. They had to vote unanimously." She recalls setting up one full day of appointments with the various doctors. "I saw 14 of them. It was a totally unreal thing to do," she says. Her prominent memories of the CC are ". . . the people I work with. They have made it the place it is. I've made many friends and acquaintances." Also, change cannot be left out. "It's part of the research environment," she says. "When you look at old pictures of this place, you can hardly believe it. (the change) I'm looking forward to the days when we are no longer remodeling this building," she adds with a smile.



Edith Jones