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P.A. PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

Indiana's first program to train physician's assistants was announced last week by the Indiana University School of Medicine and by the United States Department of Health Education and Welfare. A grant of \$122,717 has been awarded by HEW to the Hoosier medical school, part of a nation-wide effort to provide more physician's assistants for primary care.

The I.U. contract is one of 25 awarded in 20 states to provide more than \$4,000,000 for programs in which more than 1,000 students are enrolled. The contracts are the first to be awarded for this type of training by the Office of Special Programs, a unit formed recently within the Bureau of Health Manpower Education. The bureau is the major educational component of HEW's National Institutes of Health.

"This program is really a joint enterprise of the School of Medicine, the Federal government, the Regenstrief Institute and the Fort Wayne Center for Medical Education," said Dr. Raymond H. Murray, professor of medicine and director of the program. He is also director of the medical school's Department of Community Health Sciences.

"The students will take courses on the campus of I.U.-Purdue in Fort Wayne and their clinical work, under the supervision of Fort Wayne physicians and technologists, will be done at Parkview, Lutheran and St. Joseph's hospitals there," he explained.

The physician's assistant, a relatively new breed on the medical scene, is trained to assist doctors practicing family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics, pediatrics or emergency medicine.

At the end of their two-year training program, physician's assistants, under the doctor's supervision, will be able to provide health education and preventive medicine (like give shots), treat minor illnesses, take a complete history from a patient and perform a physical examination.

"The assistant works closely with the doctor in diagnosis, somewhat as an advanced medical student would," said Dr. Murray. "He also can follow certain patients with chronic diseases, such as high blood pressure."

The physician's assistant program has been tried in other parts of the country, usually with great success. "It's estimated that one doctor with such an assistant can be from 30 to 50 per cent more effective; that is, he has up to 50 per cent more time to see patients who require his special skills," Dr. Murray said.

Twelve students have been selected to pioneer the course at Fort Wayne. Starting with the fall semester August 30, they'll take courses in subjects like medical biology, anatomy, physiology, pharmacology -- stressing the human point of view, according to Dr. Murray.

The second semester the course work will include introduction to medicine, lectures, laboratory studies, public health, medical ethics and clinical training, such as learning to perform a complete physical examination.

The second year will be entirely clinical -- working in offices, clinics and hospitals at Fort Wayne under the guidance of local physicians.

"We can handle only 12 students this first year," said Dr. Murray, "because of time and space and personnel limitations. You can't have a huge lecture-hall-type class standing around a patient's hospital bed. You really need a one-to-one or one-to-three relationship at the bedside."

Nearly 100 applications were received from across the country, many from medical corpsmen. Requirements for the Indiana program are one year of college work and one year of experience in patient care, such as work in occupational or physical therapy, nursing, military medical corps.

"We chose Fort Wayne for this program because it's a strong city with fine hospitals and a very active medical society. It is also the site of one of the School of Medicine's seven regional centers for medical education," explained Dr. Murray.

Dr. Franklin A. Bryan, assistant professor of medicine, is director of the Fort Wayne Center. Working closely with him will be Danny P. Fox, a 25-year-old physician's assistant who will administer the program in Fort Wayne. A native of Swayze (Ind.) and a graduate of the Cleveland Clinic's training program, Fox has been a physician's assistant for the last 1 1/2 years in Richmond (Ind.).

NEITHER RAIN, NOR HAIL, ETC. DEPT.

Pick-up times for mail and loci of U.S. mail boxes at IUPUI are as follows:

	Monday thru Friday	<u>Saturday</u> <u>Sunday</u>	
Allied Health Building	1:00 p.m4:05 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	
Union Building	1:00 p.m4:05 p.m.	1:00 p.m	
Chancellor's Office	1:00 p.m3:45 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	
Cavanaugh Hall	9:15 a.m1:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.		
Purchasing	1:00 p.m5:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	
Emerson Hall	1:00 p.m4:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	
Coleman Hospital	9:15 a.m1:00 p.m. 3:45 p.m.	9:15 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	
LaRue Carter Hospital	1:00 p.m5:15 p.m.	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p. 6:30 p.m.	m.

## THANK YOU

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Chancellor Maynard K. Hine wishes to thank his many friends for all the kindnesses extended during Mrs. Hine's illness, and to express his and his family's appreciation for the hundreds of floral offerings, cards and notes sent at the time of her death.

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## NEWS 'N' NOTES FROM HERE 'N' THERE

Pharmacy displays in University Hospital, first floor, this week will be Organon Inc. on Monday, Roche Laboratories on Wednesday and A.H. Robins Co. on Friday. All displays start at 8:30 a.m. and close at 3:30 p.m.

A pair of new telephone numbers for information about patients in the Indiana University Hospitals and for the offices and departments of IUPUI will go into service Monday (August 14). The new number for information about patients in any of the four I.U. Hospitals will be 635-8431. The general switchboard number for all offices and departments at IUPUI and the Medical Center will be 635-8661. If you need the direct-dial number for these offices, call 635-8661 after Monday.

The check cashing service at the 38th Street Bursar Office will be closed because of registration Monday through Friday and August 21-23.

<u>Diagnostic microbiology laboratories have moved</u> from Fesler Hall to the basement of Riley Hospital, new wing. The new phone extension is 3896.

A Medical Biophysics and Neuroscience Society Seminar called "Axoplasmic Transport of Acetylcholine in Rat Cholinergic Nerves" will be given at 4 p.m. Friday in Room 321 of the Medical Science Building. The seminar will be conducted by Dr. Annica Dahlstrom from the Department of Pharmacology, Institute of Neurobiology, University of Goteborg, Sweden.

News from the Research Computer Center -- INTERCOM will be down all day Tuesday for hardware additions in Bloomington. . Three classes will be taught on the use of INTERCOM on the CDC 6600: Wednesday, Thursday and August 22. All classes meet from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room Bl4 of the Medical Science Building.

Fall Eating Hours -- Food service schedule, effective Monday (August 14), is as follows:

Cafeteria (Union) Breakfast Dinner Supper	Mon Fri. 6 - 9:30 10:45 - 1:30 4:30 - 7	Sat. & Sun. 7 - 9:30 10:45 - 1:30 CLOSED
Snack Bar (Union)	Mon Thurs. 10 - 10	Fri. 3at. & Sun. 1 - 8
Faculty Dining Room (Union)	Mon Fri. 11:15 - 1:30	
Hideaway (Downtown Campus Library)	Mon. Thurs.	Fri. 9 - 2

Ups and Downs in Fesler -- The freight elevator in Fesler Hall will be taken out service Monday (August 14). It will completely removed and the new unit installed before any work is done on the passenger elevator. Estimated time for replacement of the freight elevator: three months.

## PARKING NOTES

A new edition of the IUPUI Parking Regulations for 1972-73 has been published, showing current locations of various parking facilities on the several campuses.

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An exception to the regulations will be made, in keeping with the spirit of the Federal price guidelines and continuing an exception made for 1971-72. A "sliding scale" will be maintained for green decals for faculty and staff, with monthly fees levied according to salaries rather than the published flat fee of \$3 per month.

The scale includes three levels of monthly fees, the highest being charged to those whose annual salaries exceed \$8,000. For those who earn from \$5,000 to \$8,000 a year, a lower fee is charged; and the lowest monthly fee is paid by those whose annual salaries are under \$5,000. It is expected that the monthly fee for green decals will be adjusted on a flat rate for the 1973-74 year. Registration forms will be available at IUPUI administrative offices.

FRINGES

## At their June meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a package of fringe benefit policy improvements as follows:

New Re-Employment Benefits: Upon reappointment of a person in any department within 15 months after being separated from the University for a non-disqualifying reason under the Unemployment Insurance Law, unused sick leave credits and length of service credits under the vacation plan, as of the separation date, may be restored.

Family Death: After 7/1/72, the three-day allowance for attendance of necessary affairs (when there is death of a parent, brother, sister, spouse, child, in-law relative of same degree, or other relative of whom the employee is the sole survivor) will be allowed within one (1) week following date of death. It was previously not allowed after the date of funeral.

Bonus Holidays at Retirement: After 7/1/72, retiring staff members (under the rules for terminal life insurance eligibility) will be allowed a proportion of their Christmas bonus holidays, based upon one (1) bonus day for each quarter of the final calendar year of service, provided the employee actively worked at least one month of the quarter.

Personal Affairs Absence Allowance: Effective 7/1/72, the two (2)-day annual allowance for necessary personal affairs, chargeable to accumulated vacation credits, has been changed to be chargeable to accumulated "sick leave" credits. Because the sick leave allowance can now be used for absence causes other than illness, the name of the plan has been changed to Income Protection for Necessary Absence. The one day accumulation per month remains the same as in the past.

Application for Income Protection for Necessary Absence: Effective 9/1/72, staff members absent for reasons covered by the Income Protection Plan for Necessary Absence (personal illness or injury, family illness or injury, Selective Service physical exam, necessary personal affairs) will be required to make a signed application for salary payment during the absence.

NOTE: Corrected Personnel Policy Manual pages are being prepared and will be distributed to Manual holders.

