Hopkins study

New drug may be answer to herpes virus

Doctors at the Johns Hopkins Hospital this week released results of a study which has tentatively found an effective drug treatment against herpes simplex virus in cancer patients.

The drug acyclovir was used in a group of 20 cancer patients who had undergone bone marrow transplants for the treatment of their disease.

While the drug did not permanently cure the patients of the herpes simplex, none of those treated over the 18-day period developed new lesions during the season.

At a press conference held this week Drs. Albert Owens Rein[illegible] and William Burns explained that the drug is in an experimental stage and that as yet no one knows for sure if it can be used for the general populace for the treatment of the disease.

Herpes is an extremely common sexually-transmitted disease which manifests itself in the form of cold sores and rashes in the mouth and in the genital area.

Up to this time doctors have agreed that there is no cure for the disease unlike antibiotic treatment available for other venereal diseases such as syphilis and gonorrhea.

But the results of the study involving acyclovir may provide clues on how to best treat the disease in the future Dr. Burns said.

Burns explained that in cancer patients especially those who receive bone marrow transplants the dormant herpes viruses are activated causing the emergence of extremely painful mouth lesions that prevent the patient from eating.

Noticing the high incidence of herpes in their patients the three doctors began their research on drug treatment that might alleviate the symptoms.

The research with its unexpectedly good results took the doctors about a year and a half to bring them to conclusive statements that acyclovir was an effective anti-herpee agent.

Burns was careful to emphasize at the press conference that no one can predict at this time the precise implications of the drug in herpes treatment for the general populace. He said that only further research will provide medicine with that answer.

But he and the others did say that with the emergence of acyclovir there is at least the potential for effective drug therapy against herpes which affects an estimated 40 million Americans annually.

Working women workshops to be held

Baltimore Working Women, the organization of women office workers, is holding free workshops for working women over the age of 40.

Although the main focus will be toward women of this age group, women of all ages are encouraged to attend to prepare for their future work lives.

Some of the topics to be covered are: Myths and Realities of Women Over 40; Assertiveness Training; Retirement Income Planning; and Legal Rights Regarding Age Discrimination.

These workshops will be held Saturday, July 25th, and Wednesday evening, July 29th. Space is limited so please contact Baltimore Working Women at 837-3930 to register and for further information as soon as possible.

Fortune Cookie

The white of one egg, a little flour, a bit of sugar, a tab of butter, and a lot of baker's magic will help a few dozen children this summer learn how to solve one of the happiest mysteries of the Orient—how to make Chines Fortune Cookies.

The young chefs, ages 11-18, will be enrolled in a week-long kids' Kitchen Camp at the Culinary School of Washington on MacArthur Boulevard. The July session runs from the 20-24, and the August one is scheduled for the week of the 10-14.

Classes at the camp emphasize international cooking. The children learn to contribute to the family kitchen by fixing gourmet dishes in the Chinese, Italian, French and Mexican styles.

Those students who have already enrolled for this summer's sessions have received a home study assignment—how to compose the fortunes for their fortune cookies. Each one has been asked to prepare ten versions of te future for the lucky few who will open their delightful pastries.

Additional information on the Kids' Kitchen Camp is available thoug the Culinary School of Washington. The number is 333-0600.

Phi Delta Kappa offers tutorial program

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc. Gamma Chapter's Krinon Group is presently operating an educational project — a Tutorial Program.

This program began on July 6 and will run until July 31 from 9:00 - 12:00 at Dallas F. Nicholas Sr. Elementary School, 201 E. 21st Street for students in grades Pre - K - 4.

The focus is on Reading, Math, and Language Arts on Tuesday and Wednesdays by certified teachers.

On Mondays and Thursdays, reinforcement plans are implemented by Summer Corp Workers.

Trips are taken Fridays and lunch is provided daily at 12:30.

The goal is to provide additional help in the listed skills area for the upcoming school year.

The Krinon Group consist of 11 members. The officers are: Lila Makle, Pres.; Anna Fisher, Vice Pres.; Peggy Jackson, Sec. and LaNita Brown, Treasurer.

Other members are: Vera Bethune, Climmie Cornish, Elaine Davis, Barbara Johnson, Althea Lucas, Angela Williams and Yvonne Woods.

Dean of Pledgees is Mrs. Ardena Dixon who is principal of School No. 39.

ECC offers Career Planning

A one - credit course in Career Planning will be offered during the summer sessions at Essex Community College in both the first five - week session, beginning June 8, and in the second five - week session, beginning July 15. The course is aimed at both the recent high school graduate and the older member of the community.

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