Junior volunteers feted at baseball game

Barnes junior volunteers were feted at a Cardinal baseball game on August 16 as part of ceremonies honoring them for their service at the hospital during the past year.

Two young volunteers, both of them in their third year at Barnes, were recognized for 1,000 hours of service. Kevin Lawrence has worked this year in the emergency room and Peggy Loewe served as a nurse volunteer.

Three junior volunteers received 500-hour pins: Mark Barnes, John Hutson and Rachel Jungkunz. Four had reached the 300-hour milestone: Renee Alexander, John Hutson, Leah Moore and Mary O'Sullivan.

One-hundred-hour pins were awarded to: Renee Alexander, Laura Brown, Dawn Burton, Sheila Clemens, Kellery Corinne, Monica Covington, Cynthia Davis, Vanessa Davis, Jean Deardcruff, Karen Dietrich, Belinda Flores, Stacey Franks, Wildred Green, Rosalyn Harris, Lori Hodges, Natalie Jando, Jeff Joehn, Angela Kincade, Daisy Kisart, Susan Koehler, Christine Kolnik, Lisa Larson, Nellie McAluife, Mlva McGee, Courtney McManus, Jeffert Mims, Renee Nix, Eric Pappert, Prentice Phillips, Jeff Pollack, Kristin Schwarz, Tary Schwarz, Lisa Shashke, Susan Tarde and Lisa Walker.

Rachel Jungkunz, Peggy Loewe and Mark Barnes spoke on “we are junior volunteers,” emphasizing the satisfaction they have received from helping patients at Barnes.

Robert Shircliff, administrative resident, complimented the volunteers on the great cheer they bring to patients. Others participating in the ceremonies before the baseball game included Betty Lupper, junior volunteer chairman; Deborah Lord Bobinette, director of volunteers; Ellen Bar-ron, assistant director of volunteers; and Marilyn MacDonald, vice-president, program.

The Cardinal management provided the tickets for the game, and Pet, Inc., provided complimentary parking. The Auxiliary treated the volunteers and their parents to hot dogs and soft drinks.

United Way campaign starts this month

The 1979 United Way campaign will get under- way this month with the kickoff set for Septem- ber 14. Paul Hartwell, Barnes chief cashier, is the chairman for the Barnes drive this year.

As in years past, each Barnes employe will be given an opportunity to contribute in one of two ways: by giving the full amount at one time or by participating in the payroll deduction plan which spreads the deductions out over as long a period as the employee would like. Pledge cards will be distributed within each department.

This year’s overall United Way goal has been set at $21,750,000. The goal for Barnes will be set in September after meetings with the goal-setting committees and representatives from the hospital. Last year’s goal of $74,000 was surpassed and Mr. Hartwell said he was confident employes would rise to the occasion again this year as in the past.

Parenteral and enteral nutrition workshop set

The Barnes Hospital department of education and training is sponsoring a workshop on parenteral and enteral nutrition to be held September 20 and 21 at the St. Louis Marriott Hotel.

The workshop is designed for physicians, pharmacists, dietitians and nurses. Speakers will include four nationally known doctors in the field of parenteral and enteral nutrition. Dr. Ezra Steiger, department of surgery, Cleveland Clinic, will discuss “Energy and Protein Metabolism in Starvation” and “Parenteral Nutrition—Central”; Dr. Michael Cashman, director of nutritional support service, Methodist Medical Center, Peoria, will speak on “Practical Nutritional Assessment” and “Parenteral Nutrition—Peripheral.”

Dr. Howard Silberman, department of surgery, University of Southern California Medical Center, will discuss “Parenteral Nutrition—Specific Use of Intralipids” and “The Future of Nutri- tional Support Services in the Hospital”; Dr. Howard Zaren, Oncology Associates, Philadelphia, will speak on “Enteral Nutrition.”

Others on the program will include Rich Grisham, vice-president of Barnes Hospital; Dr. Marc Wallack, head of surgical oncology at Barnes; Mary Haynes, dietitian in the Chromalloy Kidney Center; Anneliese Pelech, nutritional support nurse at Jewish Hospital; Dr. John Hirsch, instruc- tor in surgery at Jewish Hospital, and David Bradley, clinical pharmacist, Jewish Hospital.

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Barnes to participate in PEN program

Fifteen to twenty University City High School students will be working at Barnes starting in September as part of Practical Education Now (PEN), an expanding, successful business education program. Currently in its fifth year of operation in the metropolitan St. Louis area, the pro- gram provides students with an opportunity to learn about the many facets of their assigned industries, to acquire new clerical skills and to sharpen the skills previously learned in school.

The students, most of them high school seniors, apply their newly-acquired knowledge and skills in a rotation system which allows them to work in various departments for an hour and one-half each morning. In the afternoon some of them may work as paid employes and others work for nearby businesses. They relate their classroom learning to on-the-job training.

"Each student rotates through every participating department," said Wally Klein, assistant director of the Barnes department of education and train- ing. “This is the key to the program." When students complete the rotating portion of the pro- gram, they can be assigned to specific depart- ments.

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Dr. Karl named to National Committee

Dr. Michael M. Karl, a Barnes physician for more than 40 years, has been appointed by the Depart- ment of Health, Education and Welfare to serve on a 40-person National Advisory Committee that will guide the White House Conference on (continued on next page)
Dr. Karl on Committee  
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Families. The committee will meet in Washington to consider goals, issues and procedures for the White House Conference.

Dr. Karl is also a clinical professor of medicine at Washington University School of Medicine and has been active for many years in planning services for the elderly both in St. Louis and at the national level.

The National Advisory Committee includes persons with expertise in economics, health, sociology, education, psychology, welfare and family policy. Committee members will serve for two years.

**Cheryl Brady named activity therapy director**

Cheryl Brady has been named director of activity therapy at Barnes Hospital effective September 1. She succeeds Marian Warack, who is retiring.

Mrs. Brady, who for the past two years has worked as assistant director of activity therapy at Barnes, graduated from St. Pius X High School in Festus and received a bachelor of science degree in recreational therapy from Central Missouri State University. She previously worked at St. Mary's Health Center in St. Louis and at the Mount Vernon, Ill., YMCA.

Mrs. Brady is certified with the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association and is registered with the National Therapeutic Recreation Society of the National Recreation and Park Association. She is serving on the board of directors of the Missouri Therapeutic Recreation Society. She and her husband live in Richmond Heights.

**Bob Karsch named respiratory therapy head**

Bob Karsch was recently named technical director of respiratory therapy at Barnes Hospital.

A graduate of Hancock High School, Mr. Karsch holds an associate degree in cardiopulmonary technology from Maryville College and is a registered respiratory therapist. He is presently working toward a degree in health management at Maryville.

Mr. Karsch started at Barnes in 1976 as assistant day-shift supervisor in respiratory therapy. In 1977 he was an in-service instructor for the St. Louis Community College at Forest Park at Barnes. In June of last year he became technical director of respiratory therapy at Veterans Hospital while continuing to work part-time at Barnes.

**Hospital notes**

Dr. Jack Kayes, Barnes ophthalmologist, recently gave a paper at the mid-year meeting of the Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. He also lectured to the Medical College of China, Shenyang, People's Republic of China. Both talks were on "Intraocular Lenses; a Long-Term Follow-up."

Barnes otolaryngologist Dr. Gershon Spector recently returned with his family from a six-week trip to Israel, where he lectured in Haifi University, Ramdam Medical School and Meyer Hospital.

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**Gas shortage affects everyone at Barnes**

Security operating the medical center . . . the ambulance making a run from the heliport to the emergency room . . . activity therapy taking patients on outings . . . deliveries being made to the receiving docks . . . volunteers getting rides to the hospital . . . these are just a few of the daily services and people at Barnes Hospital dependent on the availability of gasoline.

Despite the fact that hospital-owned vehicles are not only necessary for routine daily duties but are also used in emergency situations, they are supplied with gas just like any other privately owned vehicles—which means long lines at the gas pumps, rapidly increasing prices and temporary shortages.

Security, which operates four vehicles, has been the department hardest hit by the gasoline crunch. "Although the price of gas has gone up considerably, I think that the gas situation is getting progressively better," said Bill Burkett, director of security. "As the price of gas goes up, the lines go down."

Security vehicles, which include a van for transporting patients to their cars in the parking lot and for running regular shuttle bus service in the evening, a stake truck used to pick up mail daily from the post office and to deliver large packages, a Scout for general patrol of the complex and an ambulance used to transport stretcher patients, are filled with gas every day. Like everyone else, they wait their turn in line at either of two nearby service stations.

"We've considered the idea of installing our own gas pumps, but there is no safe location to put them because they have to be buried underground," Mr. Burkett said. "Another possibility is buying an abandoned gas station, but at this time that is not feasible."

The four security vehicles make a lot of trips each day, averaging a total of 3,095 miles per month.

"We can't cut down on our patrols," Mr. Burkett said. "As the price of gasoline goes up, we have to consider the future is going to be. I've seen some trucks permanently parked, offered for sale."

In order to keep Barnes well supplied with necessary goods, Mr. McGeehan had some items air-freighted to avoid the gasoline crunch and the resulting trucker strike.

Many employees, visitors and patients who visit Barnes daily have also changed their styles of arrival. Pat Ponder, Queeny Tower receptionist, said that, although patients aren't cancelling their reservations, they are finding alternative methods of getting to the hospital. In the volunteer office, director Debbie Lord said that her people have been handling the gas shortage considerably well and for much longer than the current publications have been. Many Barnes volunteers walk, ride the bus and carpool in an effort to conserve on gas. It's likewise for many employees who are riding together to work each day.

And what does one do when the sometimes inevitable happens and he runs out of gas? Joe Burke, emergency room head nurse, said that persons should be aware of the hazards of syphoning gas. Chemical pneumonia could be caused when gas is gotten into the mouth and is taken into the lungs. Because gas is not water-soluble, it can't be washed out by the body and can cause irritation of the lungs. "If a person gets gas in his mouth and doesn't know if it is in his lungs or not, he should come into the emergency room and be checked out," he said. "It's better safe than sorry later."
Doctors honored on 25th anniversary at Barnes

Thirteen Barnes doctors who reached their 25th anniversary of active service at the hospital this year were honored July 24 in ceremonies in Queeny Tower. They join an elite group of 144 doctors, both emeritus and active, who have completed more than 25 years of active service at Barnes.


The names of these doctors have been added to a permanent plaque in Barnes corridor, which is updated each year in July.

KMOX-TV covered the ceremonies for their 6 o’clock news program.

Eleven of the 13 doctors celebrating their silver anniversaries at Barnes in 1979 attended the ceremonies in Queeny Tower July 24. They are: Drs. Reese Potter, Lawrence O’Neal, Margaret Chieffi, Todd Forsyth, Bernard Garfinkel, James Haddock, Earl Holt, Barnes president Robert E. Frank, and board chairman Harold Thayer. In foreground is honoree Dr. Mark Eagleton. The two honorees who were unable to attend were Drs. Bernard Becker and James Sisk.

A buffet offered opportunity for socializing.

Three members of the 25-year fraternity: Drs. Willard Allen, Samuel Soule and James Pennoyer.

Mrs. Rosenbaum, Dr. Rosenbaum and Mrs. Garfinkel.

Mr. Thayer, Dr. Forsyth, Dr. A. N. Arneson, and Mr. Frank.
Juniors Volunteering

Carolyn Hermann, Barnes clinics
Milva McGhee, respiratory therapy
Lisa Tabor, admitting

Jeff Joehnk, emergency room
Stacey Franks talks with orthopedic patient Minnie Peddicord

Providing Courtesy Cart service are, from left, Susan Koehler, Chris Friedman and Vanessa Davis
Kristin Schwarz, Wishing Well
Candystripers? They’re these kids who hang around the hospital in those funny-looking clothes and smile ‘til their cheeks ache, right?

Well, junior volunteers (or JVs as they are sometimes called) are young—ranging in age from fourteen to seventeen—they do smile a lot, and even if their uniforms aren’t the height of fashion, they are devoted.

Junior volunteers work primarily in the summer, up to seven days a week, for days that can be as long as ten hours. They work in many different jobs that range from dispatch to courtesy cart to floating (that is, running errands for patients) to working in the emergency room. They are the people who write letters, read menus, take ice to the patients, and take the time to smile and say “hi” when you need it most.

The reasons for the volunteers donating so much of their time, especially when many could have paying jobs, are as varied as the volunteers themselves. Some, like Jeff Joehnk who hopes to become a pediatrician, come for the inside look working in a hospital provides.

“It’s an experience,” says Jeff. “And you can really find out if working in a hospital is what you want to do.”

Others, like Carolynn Hermann, a high school sophomore, come for the satisfaction of helping out where she’s needed.

“You really feel appreciated. It makes you feel like you’re making a valuable contribution to both the patients and the hospital.”

Junior volunteers are much valued by both patients and staff. Says Dorothy Stewart, a 9400 patient:

“They’re always willing to ask ‘May I help you?’, and then follow through. You can count on them being there when you need them.”

Adds Ms. Wildemuth, unit manager on the same floor:

“Having a junior volunteer on the floor is like an extra gift for patients and staff. They’re able to add the extra little niceties the staff doesn’t always have time for.”

In order to become a JV, you must be at least fourteen, have a written recommendation from a teacher or counselor, be interviewed, go through orientation, and then be trained for your job. Says Debbie Lord Bobinette, director of volunteers:

“We look for young people who are mature, motivated and enthusiastic and who show a genuine desire to work.”

According to Mrs. Bobinette, the junior volunteer is a young adult trying to make decisions about the future. She said that working in a hospital can help in their career choice by giving them a first-hand look.

“What’s more, by giving up time in order to come and help, they are showing a great deal of maturity aside from being a great help to the staff in terms of patient welfare.”

Most of the volunteers have definite reasons for choosing to volunteer at Barnes as opposed to any of the many other hospitals in the area.

“It has a good reputation,” says one, “plus, the staff is very good and people are generally very friendly.”

For other candystripers, like Cammie Middleton, a recommendation from a friend decided the issue.

A good deal of a candystriper’s time is spent with the patients themselves. Often with the help of the volunteer office, candystripers run the courtesy cart, augment the admitting staff, and several, the elite of junior volunteers, work in the recovery room alongside the professionals. Says Lori Hodges, a nurse-volunteer on 10400:

“I think the patients seem happier when they know that somebody is there to help them and know that the volunteers don’t expect anything in return . . .”

“... It’s like whatever little thing you do helps a lot. And it all adds up.”

So, after all that, what could be wrong with the junior volunteers?

“Well,” says patient Rosalee Burkhart, “As far as I can see, the only thing wrong with junior volunteers is that there are too few of them.”
Perinetti, assistant urologic surgeon; Dr. Juliet S. Melzer, assistant general surgeon; Drs. David M. Ivey and Larry J. Pritchard, assistant oral and maxillofacial surgeons; Drs. Jeffrey J. Freitag, Michael B. Gutwein, Marc C. Hammertime, Leslie W. Miller, Alan J. Tiefenbrun, Stanley Mogelson and Edward M. Wolin, assistant physicians; Drs. Dolores R. Tucker, assistant dermatologist; Drs. William R. Riedesel and Lachman K. Abichandani, assistant psychiatrists; Dr. Thomas Reppun, assistant pathologist, Drs. Rebecca C. Ramirez-Inawat and M. Emin Kiyancilar, assistant anesthesiologists; Dr. Leroy Young, assistant plastic surgeon; Drs. Patrick R. M. Thomas and Fernando R. Gutierrez, assistant radiologists. Dr. S. Vic Glogovac, assistant orthopedic surgeon is on staff effective August 1, 1979, and Dr. William W. Monafio, general surgeon, effective October 1, 1979.

“High top” was curiosity piece in WWII days

It was in 1942 or maybe 1943, during those World War II years when automobiles were scarce and custom built cars were a novelty. The son of the founder of Mallinckrodt Chemical Co., Edward Mallinckrodt, Jr., needed some customizing done on his silver grey four-door Chevy sedan.

“What he wanted was a car built or modified with the roof behind the driver’s seat raised approximately 18 inches,” said John Wroblewski, plant engineering employee at Barnes Hospital. “Very few people custom-built cars in those days.”

Mr. Wroblewski worked with Ed Thomure at Thomure Auto Repair Shop, located at 4548 Bircher, right out front from the small arms plant (1-70 runs through there now). Mr. Mallinckrodt’s secretary contacted them concerning the custom work that he wanted done, but, being unaccustomed to seeing a male secretary, the mechanics thought that someone was playing a joke on them. They called the telephone number that the secretary had given to them, finding that it was indeed Mallinckrodt Chemical Co. and that Mr. Mallinckrodt was really serious about the project.

“Mr. Mallinckrodt wanted to be able to walk right out of the car,” said Iris Byrom, a Mallinckrodt Chemical Co. employee for 27 years and secretary to Edward Mallinckrodt, Jr., from 1957 to 1967. “He wanted to be able to step out upright.”

The work took four to six months to complete. The mechanics had to cut off the roof at the top of the windows, raise the roof 18 inches and put the roof back on.

“High top,” as Mr. Mallinckrodt called the Chevy, caused quite a sensation in the St. Louis area. Once, when his chauffeur let him out on Washington Avenue in downtown St. Louis, so many people stopped to stare at the car that traffic was halted and the police were called. Because of the attention that the car attracted, Mr. Mallinckrodt took the car to his farm, a country home which he owned near Clarksville, Mo., where he drove it himself up until the time of his death in 1967.

After Mr. Mallinckrodt’s death, his son, George Mallinckrodt, used the customized Chevy to briefly promote a toy that he had invented, a “go-go ball.” From St. Louis, he took the sedan to his ski lodge in Colorado where it remained. Today, although neither knows what happened to “high top,” a photo of the unique auto turned up recently and Mr. Wroblewski and Ms. Byrom both recall it with fond memories.

Barnes continues to conserve energy

In a continuing effort to conserve energy, Barnes Hospital has complied with President Carter’s most recent energy conservation mandate—despite the fact that hospitals were exempted from it.

Recently, the President delivered an executive order that all thermostats in nonresidential buildings be set at 65 degrees in the winter and at 78 degrees in the summer. The order was put into effect for nine months.

“There were some exemptions from this order and hospitals were one of them,” said Don Braeutigam, director of plant engineering. “Even though we were exempted, I wanted to continue with the set thermostat plan. Homer Pearson, one of our supervisors, immediately began calibrating all public area thermostats that needed it.”

Barnes’ thermostats were set at 75 degrees and had a plastic tamper-proof cover installed over them.

Barnes has continuously tried to comply with federal guidelines on energy conservation. In response to the President’s request in January, 1977, memos were issued asking hospital personnel to adjust their thermostats to an energy-saving level wherever possible.

Nursing School party for Barb Bradshaw

Barbara Bradshaw, former director of Barnes School of Nursing, was guest of honor at a tea held in the nurses residence August 3. It was hosted by the school’s faculty, staff and residence staff.

Mrs. Bradshaw, who has been making steady improvement since her illness, was presented an emerald ring and a gold necklace as tokens of the love and esteem of her friends and coworkers.

Nurses complete internship program

Diplomas were presented August 10 to 35 nurses completing the ten-week nurse intern program at Barnes Hospital.

Barnes president Robert E. Frank presented the diplomas and then officially welcomed the 28 nurses who are joining the hospital’s nursing staff. The internship was coordinated by Nancy Wilson of the education and training department and Lois Vahle of the nursing service.

Hospital notes

Robert C. Drews, Barnes ophthalmologist, has been named president of the Washington University Medical Center Alumni Association. Fred Peterson, pediatrician, is vice-president, and John Kissane, pathologist, is secretary-treasurer.

The president’s office has reported the following on staff, all effective July 1, 1979: Dr. Enrique
The following is a list of honorees (names in boldface) and contributors to the Barnes Hospital Tribute Fund from July 17 to August 15, 1979.

IN MEMORY OF:

- Ruth Coburn
- M/M Charles Berger
- Charles A. Thomas
- M/M N. I. Law
- M/M John L. Davidson, Jr.
- M/M Harold E. Thayer
- Dr. Donald H. Finger
- Dr. & Mrs. Morris Davidson
- Dr. & Mrs. Harold K. Roberts
- Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Ferguson
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- Dr. M. Richard Carlin
- In Memory of Mrs. Ruth Coburn
- Robert McAlulife

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- Scott Jalasnow Endowment Fund

In Honor of the Birthday of Mrs. Hope Komm

Joseph T. Greco

**Barnes employe by day, ER patient by night**

While at work at Barnes each day, one has the tendency to get accustomed to the sights and sounds associated with a large hospital. People coming and going to admitting and to the emergency room, patients on their way to x-ray and to the operating rooms, nurses and doctors scurrying here and there—these are familiar sights to Barnes employes. But, what happens when the employee suddenly finds himself in the role of patient, unable to care for himself, unable to provide food for himself (what a disaster!) and, basically, unable to function without the assistance of someone else.

Just recently I found out through firsthand experience what it's like to be a patient in the emergency room. Although on several occasions I had taken photographs there for the Barnes Bulletin and had many times spoken to head nurse Joe Burke and his coworkers to obtain information for stories, it was my first experience as a patient.

My visit to the ER was on one of the busiest days of the year. About 200 patients were seen that day (last year there were a total of 45,785 emergency room visits, averaging 125 per day). Besides me, a man with a gunshot wound in his head wandered in, two gentlemen carried in a lady who had taken an overdose of pills, a youth suffering from appendicitis came in, and so on.

When on that fatal day I was struck with a variety of unusual symptoms—sneeze, cough, wheeze, shortness of breath, itching, swelling eyes—my boss suggested that I immediately see a doctor (which was rather unusual since I normally talk to docs on a variety of topics, none of which are about me). I made my way to personnel health where the nurse took one look at me and sent me to the screening clinic, where, in turn, they rushed me off to the emergency room. I was not in ER more than 30 seconds before I was whisked away to an examination room. Nurses and doctors took my vital signs, asked questions, examined me and administered medication in a matter of minutes. The problem, they said, was a severe allergic reaction to something.

After making sure that I was not going to die on the spot, they parked my body in an available wheelchair where I assumed was to remain for observation purposes. Every day I see many patients sitting in wheelchairs and being pushed around the corridors by dispatch people, but it was the first time that I had occupied one. After the medication had taken effect and I was breathing somewhat normally again, I felt foolish just sitting there. After all, only sick people sit in wheelchairs. (And even at this time I still did not really consider myself sick—I just wouldn't admit to it.)

Being the knowledgeable person that I am (I do work in a hospital so I ought to know a little about medicine, right?), I asked that I be allowed to leave to go back to work. Not taking the staff nurse's no for an answer, I talked to the head nurse, thinking I could use influence to get me out of there. No such luck. He conferred with a doctor and they decided to keep me longer for observation. Seriously thinking of just casually getting up and walking out of the ER, I decided, instead, to wait for just a little while longer. (I also think that the friendly security officer who had been making conversation with me had seen the look of quiet desperation in my eyes and knew that I was thinking of escaping so he was keeping his well-trained eyes on me.) How fortunate I was that the ER personnel knew their business, for it was for after about two hours of observation that I had another severe allergic reaction, much worse than the first one. I can only guess what would have happened if I had left the hospital and the reaction occurred then.

After very little consideration of my opinion, I was whisked away again, this time to the observation unit, given an IV and told that I was secure for the night. Despite the fact that the nurse had to practically sit on my chest to hold me down while the IV was administered, she was really attentive and very considerate.

Being too upset to sleep very much, I was aware of many of the happenings around me during the long night, yet I could not really determine just exactly what everyone was doing. The observation unit had several other patients in it as addition to myself. I would drift off to sleep and then be awakened by unusual noises.

I survived the night and the next morning a very cheerful person brought me a breakfast tray complete with a large breakfast on it. Unfortunately, my body had no desire for food (which, indeed, is very rare) and I felt extremely guilty wasting all of the food. Just think of all the starving people in the world, as my mother used to say.

Once the doctor came in and gave his OK for me to get off the IV and to go home, I was anxious to get out of there. Unfortuantely, I was quite as in a hurry as I was to remove the IV. I was almost frantic. I finally found a friendly face who took it out. I got dressed and almost sneaked out of the unit—I was afraid that they would change their minds and make me stay. It wasn't that I didn't like the care that I had received—it was the best—but one night as a patient was enough. I'd much rather be an employe any day.

—Gail Johnston

**Two former Barnes employes die recently**

Two retired Barnes employes, 74-year-old Lorenzo Pelly, former maintenance office coordinator, and 73-year-old Ann Baranonic, former admitting clerk, died in August.

Mr. Pelly, who retired from Barnes in 1977 after 15 years' service, died August 6. He is survived by his wife, Blanche Pelly.

Ms. Baranonic, who first started at Barnes in 1952, and retired in 1965, died August 7. She is survived by a niece, Dorothy Stepanovic.

**Two Barnes employes die**

Ada M. Marx, a cashier at Queeny Tower restaurant since 1968, died Sunday, August 19, after suffering a heart attack. Mrs. Marx's late son, Jim, was a Barnes security officer, as is her daughter-in-law, Diane Marx.

George Smith, a security officer at Barnes since 1968, died August 21. He had gone off staff in May because of illness.
Thom Lewis, well-known St. Louis announcer and radio personality, was featured in a public service announcement filmed at Barnes Hospital July 18. The filming took place outside the East Pavilion operating rooms. The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Educational Foundation is sponsoring the announcement, which will be shown nationwide later this year. The announcement emphasizes the need for regular oral examinations in order to detect oral cancer, "the needless killer."