The first alumnae officers of the Barnes Hospital School of Nursing, pictured with Dr. Bradley are Martha Durbin Mikhail, Recording Secretary; Evelyn Green, Corresponding Secretary; Dixie Kemp, Treasurer; Miss Ann Campbell, Director. Seated are President Jennie Sleight and Joan Young, Vice-President.
BARNES ENTERTAINS DANFORTH BOYS

Last month Barnes played host to the Danforth boys, a group of agricultural majors representing state and territorial universities. Mr. Earl A. Sindecuse, Ralston-Purina Company, accompanied them during their sojourn. Arriving at the hospital early one morning, the young men witnessed a breast operation and rapidly became oriented to the medical center. Surprisingly, there were no ill effects, and the group jaunted over to tour the School of Occupational Therapy. Returning to Barnes, they received refreshments in the cafeteria, where Miss Ellison explained the dietary procedures before the dieticians and dietary interns showed them through the department.

Over in the medical school they saw a cadaver in the anatomy lab. To further their laboratory experience, Dr. Hemprova Gosh explained the cancer lab’s electronic microscope, the processes involved in staining and preparing slides, as well as the transplantation of cancer to mice. Following luncheon and more touring, the young men gathered in the Danforth Chapel for devotional services conducted by Dr. Allen Hackett, Minister of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, where Mr. William H. Danforth formerly belonged. Mr. Danforth, founder of the Ralston-Purina Company, established scholarship funds for these college students to spend several weeks during the summers becoming acclimated with industry.
DR. OGURA ATTENDS CONFERENCE IN BRAZIL

Returning from Brazil, Dr. Joseph Ogura, Assistant Otolaryngologist, commented, “I can now certainly more readily appreciate how foreigners here must feel, for it is very difficult to comprehend what others are saying as well as to make one’s own ideas known.” Although Dr. Ogura found the language barrier an inconvenience, he nevertheless thoroughly enjoyed his first trip to the South American country. One of five from the United States, he attended the Pan American Association for Otolaryngology and the First International Committee for Classification and Staging of Cancer of the Larynx, held during August in Rio de Janeiro. There papers were delivered in the native tongues and translated on the spot by Spanish and Portuguese interpreters. Dr. Ogura’s contribution was entitled, “Classification and Staging of Cancer of the Larynx.”

In Brazil he found a very high quality of medicine practiced. Most hospitals are controlled by the government, resulting in doctors’ working half of each day for the government and devoting the other half to private practice. Public health standards, however, are surprisingly low. One should drink bottled chlorinated water rather than that from the faucets. Bottled water, costing 20 cents, is more expensive than beer, which sells for a dime a bottle. Merchandise, even meat, is displayed out in the open, where flies swarm all over it. Steaks are plentiful, and so inexpensive that the United States tourist soon tires of them. Practically non-existent are fresh vegetables. Because of the low standards in keeping foods clean, one doesn’t dare touch fresh salads. The five United States delegates were very cautious about their diets, yet all were victims of diarrhea.

To see a new car is an oddity. Of the 400,000 vehicles in the country, United States cars seem to be the most popular. A late model Chevrolet sells there for $11,000. The doctors, however, seem to prefer European sports models. Driving there is more sport than skill, for the code of the road seems to lie in horn blowing. He who toots loudest has the right of way. With that attitude prevalent, it is not surprising that there is a high mortality rate among children.

Dr. Ogura was impressed by the sharp contrast between tourist center Rio and the rapidly growing industrial giant of Sao Paulo, only 200 miles away. The most breath-taking scenes he viewed from the summit of Corcovado, a peak rising 2310 feet and on which sits the tremendous statue of Christ. This hill may be ascended via twisting and winding roads. Famous Copacabana Beach is composed mostly of large hotels and apartment buildings, for the hills seem to be conducive to apartment dwelling. There Dr. Ogura found the beach literally swarming with soccer players. The countrysides are aflame with the foliage of brilliant trees which have pointsettia-like leaves. These impressions and many more Dr. Ogura captured in color slides.
chatter of the various services, as well as household hints, precedes these meetings.

This year's officers include Marge Perkins, president; Betsy Crossen, vice-president; Pamela Stewart, secretary and editor of the "Distaff Club News;" Dee Lansche, treasurer; and Barbara Costen, membership chairman.

**SPOTLIGHT ON THE AHA CONVENTION**

The 1958 Meeting of the American Hospital Association convened August 18 in Chicago. Highlight of the event was the dedication of the new 9-story headquarters building for the association.

A fellowship in the American College of Hospital Administrators was conferred upon Dr. C. O. Vermillion, Associate Director of Barnes Hospital.

Barnes Hospital received the Malcolm T. MacEachern Memorial Award for an outstanding annual report.

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE BEGINS SOON**

University College, the evening adult education division of Washington University, will offer over 400 courses this year's program. Registration for those evening, late afternoon and Saturday classes is scheduled from September 15 to 20. Those interested may obtain detailed information by picking up a catalogue from the Personnel Office or by phoning University College, Parkview 7-4700, Station 212.
September is often spoken of as the time to "get goin," a period of renewed vigor and enthusiasm. Vacations are over for most of us, and the same job has a way of looking a little more interesting as we return to it. The streets are filled with children going to school in the morning and coming home in the afternoon, and their voices add a note of cheer and happiness to the air. Young people thrill with the prospect of going away from home to pursue their educational endeavors or of beginning the first full-time job. The heat of the summer has not altogether left most areas, but there are mornings and evenings which remind us that the autumn days are not too far away.

This is one way of looking at September, but we can, of course, look upon September or any other month as we please. The cynic would say of such an outlook, "humbug." Like Ebeneezer Scrooge, some try very hard to convince themselves that no day is different from any other. This is a very difficult conviction to build, and in the process there is a certain loneliness that most of us do not enjoy. When we are willing to look upon a day, a season, or any other period of time with the seriousness that finally came to Scrooge, we can change our attitudes and outlooks also.

So, if we can't go all the way in appreciating the thrill of September, let us at least be thankful that we do not have to mow and water the lawn as often.

PEGGY JEAN SPENCE, Clinic Administration Secretary, was married to DENNIS SNEED August 1 at the Hope Congregational Church of St. Louis. The couple honeymooned in the Lake of the Ozarks region.

. . . . DR. WILLIAM A. SIMS, Assistant Resident in Anesthesia, and ELIZABETH LEIGH GREEN were married September 6 . . . . Wedding bells rang the same day for MARTHA DURBIN, R.N., and DR. GIRGIS MIKHAIL . . . . CLEMIE HUBER, Barnes Medical Records, left September 2 for a visit with her son, Captain Richard Huber who is stationed in Murnau, Germany. Mrs. Huber expects to be gone for about two months. . . . . Congratulations to DOLORES ANN CALAME, R.N., on her promotion to Assistant Head Nurse, and to ELIZABETH ANN BURNS, R.N., on her appointment as Head Nurse in Renard.

. . . . LOIS FITZWATER, Dietary Secretary, was recently a patient on 5200 following a fall in her home. . . . . PEARL OF THE MONTH: "An expert is a person who learns more and more about less and less until eventually he knows everything about nothing." . . . . Best wishes to ALMA JEAN TTTINEB, Nursing, who became Mrs. Curtis C. Lee on August 4 . . . . BARBARA JOHNSON, Laboratories, and James Goodwin were married at her mother's home in St. Louis August 8 . . . . THELMA HERRON, Nursing, married Owen Simpson June 15 . . . . JENNIE BEASLEY, Barnes O.R., became Mrs. Thomas French July 19 . . . . FRANCES HOWELL, W.U. Snack Bar, was promoted from Counter Woman to Dishroom Supervisor . . . . REGINA DOOLEY, Nursing, is now Mrs. Jesse Lee . . . .
The last week in August was a period of celebration and festivity for the first graduating class of the Barnes Hospital School of Nursing. Thirty-two of the 48 seniors whose formal graduation service was held in June at St. John’s Methodist Church donned their graduates' "whites" Saturday morning, August 30, for the senior breakfast. During an informal ceremony immediately following, the 32 seniors received from Miss Ann J. Campbell, Director of the School of Nursing, their graduate pins. Dr. Frank Bradley presented the diplomas. The remaining 16 graduates, whose completion dates range from September to December, will receive their pins and diplomas the morning of their last day of training.

Earlier in the week the senior class was honored with a tea, where the group presented an engraved silver punch bowl to the school. At the Senior Dinner alumnae officers were installed by Miss Campbell, Miss McIntosh, Mrs. Glasscock, Miss Bryant, and Dr. Bradley. Advisors selected for the new Alumnae Association include Mrs. Phyllis Beard from the Nursing School Faculty and Miss Ella Tabbert, Nursing Service.

Many "firsts" were scheduled for the week, for both students and school realized that they were setting precedents which in a few years will mature into fond tradition of the Barnes Hospital School of Nursing.

Miss Joanne Hermerling, whose birthday coincided with the senior breakfast, is recognized at the festivity.
Graduates in their new whites are pictured in the upper left at the senior breakfast. In the upper right, Miss Ann Campbell pins Miss Sandra Chesley. The lower photo, taken in the nurses' residence, is self-explanatory.
Miss Campbell admires the graduating class' gift.

Senior officers pose with Miss Campbell and Mrs. Beard.
Dr. Copher, above, with the ever-ready surgeon's knife, aids the ladies in distress. Below, Mr. Horsh chats with a group of student nurses.
DIETICIANS, LAB TECHNICIANS GRADUATE

Of this year's dietary graduates, four, Misses Simmons, Culler, Rison, and Mrs. Robertson will remain as assistant administrative dieticians at Barnes. Miss Parrish will join a hospital staff in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Miss Timpe is currently preparing for her marriage to George Breiman in Havana, Illinois. Miss Viray has not formulated any definite plans. Certificates of residency in dietetics were awarded to Miss Joan Ellison upon the completion of one year's work. Miss Marion Caddy, also a recipient, was on vacation and absent from the ceremony. Included in this year's program, which is available to the graduate staff members, is advanced work in administration, teaching and therapeutics. Peggy Rison, Grace Simmons, Eleanor Robertson, and Jean Redfern are currently enrolled in the residency program.

The traditional "ripping of the bands," removal of dietary intern bands, preceded the reception, which concluded the afternoon's festivities.
1. Dr. Bradley presents Miss Howard's diploma.  2. Miss Simmons has her dietary patch ripped off.  3. Left to right are standing Misses Viray, Simmons, Timpe. Seated are Miss Rison, Mrs. Robertson, and Miss Parrish.  4. Mrs. Edna Boekesh serves punch to Mrs. Cornelia Knowles.
WHICH IS THE SYMBOL OF MEDICINE?

Many of us incorrectly consider the emblem of Mercury as the medical symbol. Mercury, or Hermes, who was a thief, the god of scoundrels, as well as the messenger deity, carried a magic wand to which a pair of wings and two serpents have been attached to form the caduceus. The snakes are said to symbolize peace, and the wings the god’s trade. According to legend, Mercury separated two fighting serpents with an olive branch, “thus converting hostility to love.” The caduceus, which in the Greek language signifies “herald’s staff,” probably made its initial appearance as a medical symbol during the sixteenth century when the title page of a publication bore the sketch with the following adage as caption; “Be ye wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.” In 1902 the United States Army officially adopted it as the insignia for the Medical Corps, which previously had used the staff of Aesculapius.

The staff of Aesculapius, the authentic medical emblem, features a single snake entwined around a walking staff. The Greek god of medicine, Aesculapius, was elevated to this position because of the unusual healing powers that he possessed. While making rounds, the god carried a walking stick and was generally accompanied by one of the numerous snakes dwelling in the temples erected throughout Asia Minor in his honor.

Anesthesia students who began their training in July are left to right Lorraine Helgaas, Constance DeSimone, Loretta Daniels, Mubeccel Aral, Natalie Abbott, and Frieda Palo.
DR. CARL V. MOORE PRESENTS STUDY IN ROME

Dr. Carl V. Moore, Chairman of the Department of Medicine, reported recently to the International Congress of Hematology in Rome on a study of Mediterranean anemia. In this study, he, Dr. Robin Bannerman, and Dr. Moises Grinstein found that the red blood cell defect is a decrease in pigment formation, not in the formation of the protein globin.

Surgery, recently escaped injury when his sailboat overturned in the Mississippi River. . . . C.C. DADE, Personnel Director, was not so fortunate when his bicycle overturned in Forest Park. He swerved to avoid colliding with another cyclist and is now nursing a broken left arm. . . . DR. WILLIAM S. COSTEN, Surgery, became father of a boy September 3. . . .

CANDY STRIPERS PROVIDE CHEERY NOTE IN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY CLINICS

This summer has provided an invaluable experience for 26 high school girls, the Washington University Clinics "Candy Stripers." Several have now definitely decided to enter the nursing profession. A branch of the Women's Auxiliary, the stripers were recruited during the spring by the auxiliary and Miss Mary Lewis, Director of the Social Services, who worked through the Girl Scout Social Planning Council.

After enlisting in the program, the girls were assigned to the medical records, physical therapy, social service, and nursing departments. There they simply pitched in and helped wherever needed. Those who could type handled filing and clerical duties while others washed and powdered surgical gloves, took temperatures, sterilized instruments, weighed patients, sharpened needles—in short, served as "girl Fridays." These young ladies in the snappy uniforms, who gave 1097 working hours, will be sorely missed now that school has resumed.
Joan Gasner, Clinic Admitting, prepares lab requests for a new patient.

Judy Burnett assists with social service summaries.
Carol Albrecht, right, and Carol Leonard make appointments in the eye clinic.

Karen Thoma, Susan Fiock, Joan Hucher, and Perry Schirmer, left to right, spend a busy morning in the Medical Records Room.
Connie Risley, Medicine C, powders surgical gloves while Julie Kohler, Ob/Gyn Clinics, readies the examination table for the next patient.

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