**"Required request" passes state legislature**

Passage of a bill that will require hospitals to ask the relatives of a potential organ donor to consider donating vital organs has given new hope to hundreds of people in Missouri who are awaiting transplants.

The legislation, called a "required request" bill, passed April 30, on the last day of the Missouri legislature’s session, and was sent to Governor John Ashcroft for his signature. The bill contains an emergency clause making it effective upon his signature.

The bill is designed to help increase the number of donated organs for transplantation in Missouri by requiring hospital personnel to address the subject of organ donation with the families of possible donors. No request would be made if the hospital has notice that either the patient or family is opposed. The bill also will establish regulations concerning the training of hospital employees who make the requests.

Missouri will be joining more than 20 other states that have already passed or are currently considering similar legislation. Fewer than one-fourth of the 12,000 fatalities each year who are potential donors actually become donors. Lack of coordination among hospital staffs in identifying donors and asking for necessary approval is cited as a major cause.

"People who are placed on waiting lists for major organs such as liver or heart are extremely ill and do not have long to wait," said Dr. M. Wayne Flye, director of the Barnes liver transplant program. "Other states that have passed required request bills have had immediate success and I'm very encouraged we will have an increase in available organs in Missouri."

**Board member emeritus J. W. McAfee dies**

Former circuit judge and Barnes board member emeritus J. Wesley McAfee died in his home April 17 at the age of 83. Mr. McAfee, former president and chairman of the board of Union Electric, served on the Barnes board of directors for 33 years, during a period of tremendous physical and technological growth at the hospital.

When named to the Barnes board in 1945, Mr. McAfee became only the 15th person to serve on that board since it was created by Robert Barnes' will in 1892. In addition, he became the sixth chairman of the board, a position he held from 1956 until 1961. During his tenure, he also represented Barnes on the clinical board of managers and house staff committee. Mr. McAfee, an active and long-time St. Louis civic leader, retired from the Barnes board in 1978.

**Donation highlights**

**Auxiliary luncheon**

A $380,000 check presentation to Barnes Hospital highlighted the Auxiliary's annual spring meeting and luncheon April 18 at the Stouffer's Concourse Hotel. Auxiliary president Darlene Roland presented the gift, earmarked for the hospital's proposed skywalk project and Barnes Lodge, to Barnes board chairman Armand C. Stalnaker.

In other Auxiliary business activities, five members were elected to offices: Martha Eyermann, vice-president for finance; Gloria Elliott, vice-president for program and hospitality; Connie Foley, treasurer; Norma Riebeling, assistant treasurer, and Lynne Piening, corresponding secretary. Following an address by Barnes president Robert E. Frank and the check presentation, the annual luncheon concluded with a fashion show.

The Auxiliary, since its inception in 1959, has contributed more than $4.5 million to the hospital. Auxiliary-funded projects have included the Health Education and Screening Center, Barnes Lodge and renovation of the cardiac care unit and emergency department. The 749-member Auxiliary sponsors the Wishing Well Gift and Flower Shops, Nearly New Shop, Baby Photo Service, Tribute Fund and a 300-plus member volunteer program.

**Look out, Redbirds, for a team with heart**

The St. Louis Cardinals aren’t the only ballplayers in town anymore. The new team on the block—made up of heart transplant recipients—took to the field last month sporting gloves, caps and red and white jerseys. And a lot of heart.

Heart is the key for these players, many of whom once gasped for breath after walking a few steps or speaking a few words. Today, following heart transplants at Barnes, they shag flies, field grounders and snag line drives off the bat of Dr. R. Morton Bolman, who performed each player’s operation. Dr. Bolman, director of Barnes' heart transplant program, works to continually expand the team roster, which currently numbers 30, with 10 to 15 active players. (All transplant recipients automatically become team members and receive a jersey, but some patients live too far from St. Louis to regularly participate.)

The softball team was formed as an enthusiastic outgrowth of the Barnes heart transplant support group. Called the Heart Transplant Association, the group is composed of Barnes heart transplant recipients and candidates, as well as their families. Only recipients play on the team, with approval of Dr. Bolman about two months after surgery.

The Heart Transplant Association aims to provide support for families facing the prospect or dealing with the reality of a heart transplant, to increase public awareness of the need for organ donation, and to raise money for recipients who cannot afford the cost of medications necessary to prevent rejection.

“Our primary purpose in forming the softball team is to let the public know that heart recipients are healthy, active people with a strong desire to be contributing members of society,” said Clay Hyland, player-manager, who wears number 14 on the team. Each player wears the number that corresponds to the order in which he or she received a transplant. “We also want to point out that organ donation brings new life to an otherwise hopeless situation. We are actually healthier because of our experience.”

The softball team is currently winding up to take on a number of spirited challengers, ranging from Barnes transplant and cardiothoracic surgery staffers, to a kidney transplant team in Arkansas. The Pittsburgh Pirates baseball organization has invited the team out for an exhibition game and presentation preceding a Pirates baseball game later this summer.

**Poll cited among top industry professionals**

Max H. Poll, Barnes executive vice-president, was named one of the outstanding young leaders in the healthcare industry in the May 5 issue of Hospitals magazine, a publication of the American Hospital Association. Mr. Poll was among 51 healthcare professionals from across the country honored in the magazine’s 50th anniversary issue.

According to Frank G. Sabatino, Hospitals editor, the 51 "up-and-comers" were identified as representative of a new, innovative generation of leaders in the healthcare field. Candidates were selected on the basis of innovation, leadership, vision and organizational abilities by a panel of hospital industry experts.

Mr. Poll, former chief executive officer of Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, Missouri, joined the Barnes staff in 1982. He serves as a faculty member of the Washington University Health Administration and Planning Program, and is a member of the American College of Hospital Administrators, Missouri Hospital Association and Hospital Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.
Mike Majors, recently appointed director of food and nutrition, consults with Dorothy McCutcheon.

**Majors named head of food and nutrition**

Mike Majors has been named director of the department of food and nutrition, after serving as assistant director since April, 1985. He assumes responsibility for overall management of the hospital's food service, which includes the employee and visitor cafeteria, Queeny Tower restaurant, inpatient service and dietetic counseling, and community programs.

Mr. Majors, who holds a bachelor of science degree in food service management from the University of Minnesota, came to Barnes from St. Catherine's Hospital in Kenosha, Wisconsin, where he was food service director for the 300-bed center. Previously, he served as cash and catering manager of the City of Faith Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and principal manager of food services at the University of Minnesota Hospitals in his native Minneapolis.

Mr. Majors succeeds Gil Sherman as director of food and nutrition. Mr. Sherman, who worked at Barnes since 1981, was promoted within the Saga Corporation which provides food service at Barnes. He has been assigned to development and system implementation of the menu management systems and marketing programs for Saga’s Midwest region.

**Doctors to be honored for 25 years of service**

Nine doctors will be honored for 25 years of service on Barnes Hospital’s active staff during a silver anniversary reception June 18 at the University Club in Clayton.

The 1986 honorees are Drs. Oliver Abel, internal medicine; Lawrence A. Cohen, neurology; Robert C. Drews, ophthalmology; Ernst R. F. Friedrich, obstetrics/gynecology; John M. Grant, internal medicine; G. Lynn Krause, general surgery; John B. Martin, obstetrics/gynecology; Herbert E. Sunshine, urologic surgery, and Wayne A. Viers, otolaryngology. Their names will be added to the list of doctors whose names are inscribed on the 25-year plaque hanging in the Barnes corridor.

During the 10th annual award ceremony, Barnes chairman of the board Armand C. Stalnaker and Barnes president Robert E. Frank will present 25-year pins to the doctors following a dinner for the honorees and their spouses.

The tradition to honor doctors with 25 years of service to Barnes began in 1977 and the recognition plaque is updated every July.

**Scoliosis program open to public**

Scoliosis and other spinal problems will be the subject of a free program open to the public June 25. The informal presentation will begin at 7 p.m. in Barnes' East Pavilion Auditorium on the first floor.

Dr. Keith Bridwell, orthopedic surgeon specializing in scoliosis and spinal deformities, will discuss scoliosis (curvature of the spine), its diagnosis and therapeutic treatment, as well as other disorders of the spine. Dr. Bridwell is one of the only orthopedic surgeons in the area offering surgical correction of scoliosis with the newly developed Cotrel-Dubousset instrumentation, which provides more stable correction and eliminates the need for a body cast.

The program will include slides and printed materials as well as time for individual questions and answers. The program is one of a series to be presented by Barnes physicians and surgeons this year.

Although there is no charge for the program, advanced registration is required. Call (314) 362-5290. Free parking will be provided in the Barnes subsurface garage.

**Innovative instruments enhance sinus surgery**

Sinus surgery has reached a new level of precision with the advent of the latest in endoscopic surgical equipment designed exclusively for the intricacies of nasal sinus procedures. The new equipment is offering improved treatment for persons suffering from chronic sinus infections, polyps and other conditions affecting the nasal and sinus passages.

Although endoscope technology has been used for more than a decade to diagnose and treat esophageal, gastric and colon disorders, the technology has only recently been applied to nasal and sinus problems. Recent advances in the illumination features and optical quality of lenses, as well as the advent of angled telescopes, have helped to more precisely pinpoint disease.

The instruments consist of four endoscopes—lighted instruments used to look into an interior cavity—shaped to accommodate angles of the nose and sinus passageways. Scopes angled at zero, 30, 70 and 120 degrees are inserted into the nose and sinus cavities to allow surgeons to see the nature of the problem and to visually guide one or more of the 30 instruments specially designed to clear the sinus area of disease and restore drainage and aeration.

According to Dr. Stanley E. Thawley, otolaryngologist, the vast majority of sinus problems which can be treated with the endoscopic equipment result from recurring irritations which cause the linings of the sinuses to swell and block drainage of secretions, creating ideal conditions for infection. When the chronic infections progress to the stage that medication is required more and more frequently, many patients opt for surgical intervention.

"Today, the precision given to us by endoscopic technology, coupled with data from CT scans, allows us to do the procedure with less surgical trauma, in less time," said Dr. Thawley. "There is no longer a mandatory overnight stay in the hospital and most patients have the option of receiving only a local anesthetic. This not only allows for more rapid recovery, but also gives older and sicker patients an opportunity for treatment."

**Nurse’s quick thinking saves lives, wins award**

An alert observation and quick response by Barnes emergency department assistant head nurse Cheryl Waymire averted what could have been a tragedy, according to St. Louis Police Department officials. Mrs. Waymire was recognized for her lifesaving actions April 15 with a certificate and cash award from the St. Louis Grand Jury Good Citizenship Fund, Inc.

In the early morning hours of February 2, Mrs. Waymire became suspicious when the emergency department treated two persons living at the same address for lethal levels of carbon monoxide poisoning. She immediately contacted the district police department with the address. Officers dispatched to the apartment building evacuated 24 residents, 21 of whom required hospital treatment for carbon monoxide poisoning. Four residents were found unconscious. An investigation revealed that a gas boiler had been improperly vented.

"Had it not been for the alert response of Mrs. Waymire, this could have been a major disaster resulting in many deaths," said Thomas J. Mullen, of the Good Citizenship Fund. "We commend her for her quick actions."

**Barnes, Jewish laundries co-op during renovation**

The Barnes laundry is helping Jewish Hospital wash up. Laundry employees from Jewish Hospital have been sharing the Barnes facility while their own facility is being renovated.

The renovation, which began in December, 1985, is scheduled to be completed in July. In the meantime, said Gene Bonine, Barnes laundry director, Barnes employees complete Barnes’ laundry by mid-afternoon and Jewish Hospital employees launder their linen at Barnes each day during the evening shift. The arrangement has meant that the laundry has had to process an additional 538,177 pounds of linen since January.

“We’ve had to juggle some schedules,” Mr. Bonine said, “and it has put somewhat of an extra strain on the equipment, but we’re doing the best we can. It’s been working out pretty well.”

Mr. Bonine said the cooperation between the hospitals has saved time and money. “If we hadn’t been able to share the laundry, Jewish would have had to contract the work with an outside firm. They’ve told us how much they appreciate the help.”

Barnes’ laundry department has worked side-by-side with Jewish Hospital laundry employees for the past several months in a cooperative effort.
Employee retirements

Two long-time nursing employees retired from Barnes recently with a combined total of 47 years of service at the hospital. Dorothy Spencer and Jane Wallace received certificates of appreciation from Barnes Hospital president Robert Frank.

Mrs. Spencer, a registered nurse on the obstetrics division, first joined the Barnes staff in 1949. After taking some time off to raise a family, she returned to work full-time in 1959 as a staff nurse on the evening shift. Mrs. Spencer moved to the night shift four years later, where she remained until her retirement. Prior to joining the Barnes staff, Mrs. Spencer worked overseas in the Army Nurse Corps during World War II.

Mrs. Wallace, unit clerk on the neurology division, retired after 20 years at Barnes. She began her career here as a nurses’ assistant in the Rand-Johnson building. A few years later, she became a unit clerk and served the hospital’s cardiac care, self-care and neurology divisions. Following retirement, Mrs. Wallace plans to return to her Chattanooga, Tennessee, home.

Hospital notes

The following doctors are reported on staff: Drs. Gail Anderson, Joseph Fields, Perry W. Grigasy, Daniel D. Picus and Janice W. Semenovitch, assistant radiologists; Drs. Jeffrey A. Danziger, Stephen H. Dinwiddie, Terrence S. Early, David J. Goldmeier, and Richard G. Todd, assistant psychiatrists; Drs. Randall R. Odem and Gara M. Sommers, assistant obstetrician/gynecologists; Dr. George F. Schreiner, assistant physiologist; and Dr. Mark Udey, assistant dermatologist.

"Post-Anesthesia Care of the Ophthalmic Patient," by registered nurses Cathy Hubler and Jenny Mason, was published in the February issue of the Journal of Post-Anesthesia Nursing.

Mary Jane Meyer, Barnes School of Nursing director, has been elected to a three-year term on a review board of the National League for Nursing, beginning in fall, 1986.

Dr. Gary Ratkin, oncologist, in April addressed the "Make Today Count" national convention in St. Louis. "Make Today Count" is a national support group for cancer patients and their families. Dr. Ratkin also served as chairman of the clinical practice forum on infusional chemotherapy at the annual session of the American Society of Clinical Oncology last month.

Dr. Charles B. Anderson, vascular surgeon and general surgeon-in-chief, was named president-elect of the St. Louis Surgical Society at the organization’s annual meeting earlier this year.

The United Way of Greater St. Louis has selected Barnes volunteer Norma Stern as a Volunteer of the Month for the 1986. Mrs. Stern was nominated for the award for her commitment to the Alarms for Life program, which was established to provide for the installation of smoke detectors in low-income area residences.

An article by director of nursing school admissions Steve Turner and orthopedic division head nurses and Sandra Goelner appeared in the March/April issue of Orthopaedic Nursing. The article focused on the value of the participative management technique of quality control circles.

Dr. Philip A. Ludbrook, cardiologist, has been elected to serve as College Governor of Missouri by the American College of Cardiology. College Governors, who serve three-year terms, are responsible for reviewing all membership applications in their areas.

Employees honored for long-time service

A total of 189 employees representing 2,990 years of service to Barnes were honored for their dedication May 9 at the semi-annual service awards dinner and reception. Employees celebrating 35, 30, 25, 20, 15 and 10 years of continuous service between January 1 and June 30, 1986, were recognized with a dinner beginning at 7 p.m. at the Omni International Hotel at Union Station, followed by the awards program.

Three employees headed this year’s list of honorees with 35 years of continuous service each: Lillian Coleman and J. Esther Gateswood of nursing service, and Aminita Street, medical records. In addition, six employees marked 30-year milestones, including Alberta Curry, food and nutrition; Velma Hendrix, laboratories; Aretha Jenkins, laundry; Rose Porter, nursing; Emma Simms, housekeeping, and Jane Wallace, nursing.

Eight employees marked silver anniversaries: Leatha Dickens, nursing; Robert E. Frank, administration; Amanda Hayes, nursing; Ella Husher, medical records; Emma Johnson, laboratories; Nancy Julian, food and nutrition; Don McGeehan, supply, and Earnestine Williams, nursing.

A total of 52 employees were honored for 20 years of service, including Rutha Becks-Bray, nursing; Nathaniel Branchcomb, central service; Nancy Bryant, nursing; Barbara Callow, food and nutrition; Mark Borths, plant engineering; Linda Bowman and Ida Brooks, nursing; Edward Brown, food and nutrition; Robert Chalk Jr., security; Dorothy Conrod, food and nutrition; Valerie Danner and Naomi Davis, nursing; Marnell Dickson, laboratories; William Donaldson, nursing; Deborah Dougherty, anesthesia supply; Karen Dunn, nursing; Elzilina Evans, housekeeping; Jill Fincham, Mary Gilliam, Alyson Glassman, Sandra Goelner and Diana Goethe, nursing; George Goforth, laboratories; Larry Goleman, management information systems; Larry Goleman, management information systems; Cheryl Hairston, laboratories; Susan Higgins, nursing; Michael Hoerner, security; Angela Jakich, nursing; Dora Johnson, lab technician; Ethel Johnson, housekeeping; Joan Johnson, food and nutrition, and Maureen Keating, laboratories.

Kenton honorees, totaling 67, included Robert Barr, plant engineering; Joyce Booker, food and nutrition; Michael Breckinridge, plant engineering; Cathy Matson and Edda Brooks, nursing; Mary Thompson, nursing; Irene VanHooser, administration; Steve Turner, security; and Sadie Logan, laundry; Harvey Mack; Virginia Mangona and Janet Marshall, nursing; Dorothy McAllister, food and nutrition; Esther McCaden-Ingrra, nursing; Barbara McCready, laboratories; Mary McKee, nursing; Martha McCrilli, home health; Mary Meyer, housekeeping; Richard Mueller, laboratories; Timothy O’Rourke, plant engineering; Deborah Osborn, credit; Kathleen Pearson and Julianna Paog, nursing; Mable Price, housekeeping; Barbara Raycraft, nursing; Wanda Reed, management information systems; Patricia Rekart, nursing, and Georgia Richardson, housekeeping.

Dorothy Robinson, nursing; Dorothy Scanlon, security; Sandra Skinner, nursing; Shirley Smiley, food and nutrition; Richard Spencer, medical records; Debra Stachowski, nursing; Alan Strautman, credit; Joe Sullivan, management information systems; Patricia Thacker, medical records; Alice Thomasen, laboratories; Mary Thompson, nursing; Irene VanHoosier, admitting; Ida May Weatherford, credit; Tommie Wilson, housekeeping, and Jacqueline Zettler, laboratories.
The year was 1966. The Vietnam War and civil rights movement dominated national attention and a new federal health insurance program called Medicare was born. Mini-skirts caught the public eye and legendary cartoonist Walt Disney died at age 65. In St. Louis, major league baseball’s All-Star Game was held at newly built August A. Busch Memorial Stadium.

At Barnes Hospital, 39-year-old Robert E. Frank stepped to the helm of the then 800-bed hospital. Under the shrewd eye of St. Louis businessmen and board chairman Edgar Monsanto Queeny, Mr. Frank embarked on what would become a 20-year career as chief executive officer of St. Louis’ premier teaching hospital, leading it through a period of tremendous physical growth and guiding it to prominence as one of the top ten hospitals in the nation.

Last fall, Mr. Frank announced plans for retirement and on June 30, 1986, he will finish a chapter in his life that has shaped Barnes Hospital and influenced St. Louis healthcare.

When Mr. Frank joined the Barnes hospital staff in 1961 as an administrative intern—a requirement for his master’s degree in hospital administration—the skyline at Highway 40 and North Kingshighway looked vastly different than it does today. The original Barnes Hospital structure, just four stories tall, housed mainly wards and administrative offices. A squat building called the Private Pavilion sat at the corner where Queeny Tower now looms, and the Rand-Johnson building, at eight stories high, towered above the others. The McMillan and St. Louis Maternity Hospitals, which today house doctors’ offices and Washington University research offices, accommodated the majority of patients in multi-bed wards.

It wasn’t long after Mr. Frank’s arrival that the face of the hospital complex began to change. The construction and renovation trend began with a four-story addition to the Rand-Johnson building, which was soon to be dwarfed by the 17-story Queeny Tower in 1965. The Tower was a healthcare innovation at the time, introducing the concept of self-care and hotel rooms within a hospital complex. The skyline changed emphatically again in 1973 and 1980 with completion of the East and West Pavilion additions that shadowed the original structures and brought the hospital’s bed licensure to 1,208.

A commitment to continually modernize and improve upon physical facilities in pursuit of excellence has brought important changes into the 1980s as well. Most recently, the hospital totally renovated its emergency department and cardiac intensive care unit and constructed a new outpatient surgery center to meet the demands of a dramatic shift in healthcare service provision. In addition, each of the hospital’s 53 nursing divisions is currently undergoing total renovation.

But Robert Frank’s decades of accomplishment extend beyond the impressive evolution of the physical buildings. Robert Frank, the man, is well-respected by his professional colleagues, medical staff, hospital associates and employees for his leadership, knowledge and affability.

In 1984, the Barnes Auxiliary honored him by
"Bob Frank is a phenomenal leader," wrote one colleague. "His strong managerial skills, instinctive decision-making ability, command of the health care field, honesty and quick wit combine to make his accomplishments many."

On the eve of his retirement, Mr. Frank reflected upon his accomplishments at Barnes with modest eloquence. "The 'modern, general hospital for sick and injured persons without distinction of creed' envisioned by Robert Barnes in 1892 has grown into a world-renowned hospital at the cutting edge of medicine," he said. "In my years here, I have sought to make improvements to best benefit the patients, doctors, employees and, ultimately, community. I believe Barnes' success stems from the unified commitment of an outstanding medical staff, far-sighted board of directors, renowned medical school affiliation, strong management team and excellent employee body.

"Barnes' challenge for the future is to stay a competitive leader. The health care industry is in the midst of the most dramatic change in its history since the implementation of Medicare in 1966 and many analysts are offering dire predictions about its outcome. Yet I believe that this arena of prospective payment is the right place to be. The health care business has to be like most others, offering a good product or service at a competitive price. While concerns about quality are valid to a point, the system offers an incentive to strive for the best because those who don't produce, won't survive."

On June 30, 1986, Robert Frank will turn over leadership of Barnes Hospital to the next president, sixth in the line of distinguished chief executive officers in Barnes' history. That person will follow in the footsteps of Charles E. Bauer, D.D.S.; Louis H. Burlingham, M.D.; Frank R. Bradley, M.D.; Harry E. Panhorst, and Mr. Frank, who says his greatest accomplishment is not his alone... "that Barnes continues to be a world class hospital."
Dr. R. Morton Bolman, director of Barnes’ heart transplant program, and Clay Hyland, transplant recipient, were interviewed about the all-heart transplant softball team for a live segment of ABC’s “Good Morning America” April 21.

Media spotlight

As a national leader in patient care and medical research, Barnes serves as an information resource center. In 1985, 1,500 queries from broadcast and print media representatives were made to the public relations department requesting that Barnes medical and professional staff explain current health care concerns and discoveries. Highlights of the media’s coverage of Barnes during the last month include:

The world’s first all-heart transplant softball team, made up of Barnes patients, hit mostly fly balls during early spring practice, but outscored the major leagues in media attention. News wire stories on the team were carried from the Los Angeles Times to the London, Ontario, Canada Free Press, to the W. German magazine Stern. Team manager Clay Hyland and Dr. R. Morton Bolman, head of the heart transplant program, were interviewed April 21 during a live interview on ABC television’s “Good Morning America.” The segment was broadcast live during a practice in Forest Park.

A clinical trial of a new type of cream for burn victims was explained by Bev Weber, R.N. and head nurse over the burn center, in a story in the Belleville (Ill.) News-Democrat April 1. The cream contains chlorhexidine dihydrochloride (CHP), which may be superior in reducing the risk of infection from severe burns.

The popular antacid, Tums, contains pure calcium carbonate and may be used by women who need calcium supplements, agrees Dr. Godofredo Herzog, obstetrician/gynecologist. He was interviewed for a story in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat about reports that five Tums tablets per day can provide daily needs.

The discharge of liver transplant patient Frank Owens, 13, from Children’s Hospital April 22 was covered by KTVI-TV and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The teenager was comatose and near death March 20 when he was admitted to Barnes Hospital for a liver transplant. Dr. M. Wayne Flye, head of the liver transplant program, said the remarkable recovery demonstrated the ability of transplants to save even critically ill patients.

A record number of kidney transplants prompted an interview with Dr. Douglas Hanto, transplant surgeon, by Kay Quinn on KXOK-AM April 23. Dr. Hanto said 34 transplants were performed during the first four months of 1986. He attributed the record number to increasing awareness about the need for organs.

Dr. M. Wayne Flye, head of the liver transplant program at Barnes, and Kathy Bushong, Centralia, Ill., a heart transplant recipient, were interviewed by Betsy Bruce and Max Leber of KMOX-TV for the “Newsmakers” program April 26. Mrs. Bushong, who took time out from a stationary bike-a-thon for the interview, said heart transplant recipients are active, healthy people, but must take certain precautions. Her healthy heart recipe: “If it tastes good, spit it out.”

Dr. Gary Rackin, oncologist, explained the “CanSurmount” program on KMOX-AM April 27. The American Cancer Society effort pairs former cancer patients as volunteers to work with new cancer patients. The support program is coordinated through the Cancer Information Center.

The feet problems of working women were depicted in a special report on KSDK-TV April 29. Dr. Virlay Blair, orthopedic surgeon, said problems such as bunions can be caused by stylish yet poorly fitted shoes.

The nuclear reactor disaster in the Soviet Union brought numerous requests from the media for medical experts to explain potential dangers. Dr. William Daughday, endocrinologist, told Max Leber of KMOX-TV May 2 that radiation levels from fallout over the U.S., as reported by government agencies, would be harmless.

Barnes awarded 3-year JCAH accreditation

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH) recently awarded Barnes Hospital three-year accreditation without contingencies following an intensive on-site survey here last fall. The certification is the highest qualification granted by JCAH, a national organization which every three years conducts site reviews of every aspect of hospital operation, including patient care, administrative functions and physical facilities.

JCAH accreditation is professional and national recognition that a hospital is in compliance with the highest standards of patient care in all respects. Participation in the voluntary survey indicates a commitment to maintain and continually improve those standards. Barnes has never been denied accreditation in the history of the program and was last accredited in 1982. The accreditation process entails an on-site review conducted by an independent team including a doctor, nurse, hospital administrator and medical technologist. Hospital policies, procedures, practices and facilities are evaluated against a set of stringent standards developed by JCAH.

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The Beat Goes On: Barnes heart transplant recipients, led here by Kathy Bushong, Bill Kirby (left) and Nick Belfiglio, spread the word as they pedaled more than 100 miles on a stationary bicycle at Union Station April 25 during National Organ Donor Awareness Week. The goal of the relay ride was to raise funds to help transplant recipients pay for necessary medications that prevent rejection of donor organs. Only heart transplant recipients participated in the ride, cheered on by friends, family members, news reporters and shoppers, and raised more than $5,000 in pledges from area businesses and individuals who were contacted prior to the ride.

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