



Toby Benton

Barbara Sizer

Marcia D'Amato

## Secretarially Speaking, That Is . . .

### Pretty 'Interns' Make Medical Center Scene

"Flexibility" or "Versatility" could be the middle names of any of the six medical secretary interns who completed in May a year's internship at the Medical Center.

The girls were participating in a program set up with the cooperation of Duke University and Lees McRae College in Banner Elk, N. C.

Graduates of the two-year medical secretarial training program at Lees McRae are given the opportunity to spend a third year as medical secretary interns at one of several hospitals and clinics. It is felt that the internship gives the students not only some practical experience but also a better idea of what they specifically want to do.

Other hospitals and clinics participating in the internship program are located in North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, and Tennessee.

If there is one outstanding

thing about the experience gained at Duke, it is probably the variety! During their internships, each of the girls—with only a few exceptions—has worked in the Out-Patient business and/or insurance offices, has interviewed patients, worked as a receptionist and a secretary in at least one clinic, typed in a typing pool, and worked in the office of at least one physician.

Until March, Harry E. Brown, at the time assistant director of the Out-Patient Department, was responsible for the girls' orientation and the planning of their schedules. Since Mr. Brown has been named Operating Room administrator, Paul Seibel, business manager of the Medical Out-Patient Clinics, has been working with the intern program.

When asked how they felt about the internship at Duke, the girls agreed that the experi-

ence had, on the whole, been a good one—and definitely an enjoyable one, with the "best part being the people."

The girls with almost one voice also agreed on another point: "Mr. Brown . . . we couldn't have done without him! Duke is so big, and when we first came here we were really 'lost' . . . and he was always so helpful."

The six have already decided on their fourth-year destinations. Mary Luther is planning to go to Goldsboro, N. C., to work. Barbara Sizer will be working in an internal medicine clinic in Charlotte. Toby Benton, who was married March 26 to a student at U.N.C., will be remaining at Duke and working as secretary to Dr. Herbert Saltzman. Edith Rosenblatt, also remaining at Duke, will be working as a "PRN" clinic secretary and will be rotating through the Medical and Surgical Out-Patient Clinics. Susan Ferguson will be staying on as secretary to Dr. Donald McCollum. Marcia Tomlin D'Amato will be living with her parents

in Orlando, Fla., until the return of her husband, a Marine Corps officer recently sent overseas.

Before striking out on their own, the secretaries returned once more to their alma mater for the May 26 graduation ceremonies, at which they received medical secretary certificates and special pins. (The Associate of Arts Degree is presented at the end of the first two years.)

Collectively and singly the girls have been outstanding assets to the Medical Center in the past year. They have eased countless office and clinic situations when clerical and secretarial help was badly needed, and they have been most cooperative in accepting the frustrations that accompany frequent and sometimes sudden changes in location and duties.

The Medical Center bids a reluctant "good-bye" to the three who are leaving, extends a warm "welcome" to the three who are staying, and says a most sincere "thank you" to each.



Mary Luther

Edith Rosenblatt

Susan Ferguson

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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

### ● WE WELCOME . . . (Continued)

new son, born February 11. Mrs. Brewer is with the Physical Therapy Extension Services, jointly sponsored by the Durham County Health Department and the Duke P. T. Program. **William (Bill) L. Greeman** has been promoted to chief hyperbaric Engineer. He succeeds the late **Donald E. Aanerud**, who died November 21.

In Dietetics **Mrs. Annie Crawford** has joined the staff in the Ambulatory Dining Room. We are glad to have **Dorothy Werner** as Dr. George Wilbanks' secretary in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Nursing Service welcomes the following RN's: **Marilyn Evans** and **Joan Claytor** in the Delivery Room (Mrs. Claytor's husband Bob is a Hospital chaplain); **Ursula Meisner** and **Janel Gelein** in the CCU; **Marilyn Ogburn** on Meyer; **Mary Weiland** on Cabell; **Doris Haase** on Strudwick; **Diane Burke**, assistant director of nursing for Pediatrics; and **Kathryn Beall** in Obstetrics. We welcome in the Division of Audiovisual Education, Medical Photography section, **Richard A. Dever** who joined the staff in March as a dark-room specialist. We are very glad to have **Genevieve Polomka**, a visiting physical therapist from Adelaide, Australia, who will be here for a year evaluating patients with Parkinson's disease. **Joan**

**Creswell**, also from Adelaide, Australia, is here observing physical therapy in relation to orthopedic patients.

We are also glad to have **Neva Greenwald** from Columbus, Ohio, who is now on the supervisory staff in Physical Therapy. Also welcomed are **Paulette Purser** from Chapel Hill who joined the staff of the Private Medical Lab as a technician in February, and **Virginia Whitfield**, who transferred from the Private Medical Lab to be a technician in the Surgical PDC Lab. Employees welcomed in the Clinical Research Unit are: **Fred McCurdy**, a patient care technician who came in January; **Faith Russell**, an LPN who came in February; and **Mrs. Linda Heintzman**, an RN from Pennsylvania who came in December. We are glad to have **Wanda**

### New Secretarial Interns

During June seven students from Lees McRae College in Banner Elk, N. C., will be arriving at the Medical Center to begin an eleven-month internship as medical secretaries. Please be on the lookout for them, help them feel at home, and to find their way through our maze of corridors.