

Administration

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will work with an assistant director in preparation of payroll and budget requirements for the unit.

In launching its new program in Unit Administration, Duke retained its veteran unit administrator, Ned Kearns, promoted three men from within the hospital and brought in two others from the outside.

Here are brief biographical sketches of the six:

NED KEARNS

Responsible for a unit of surgical wards made up of Reed, Cushing, McDowell and Halsted.

Kearns, who was born in Denton, N. C., and reared in Lexington, studied at the University of North Carolina and had worked in dealer and consumer finance and industrial loans before becoming collections manager for Duke Hospital in 1957.

In that first job he had responsibility for helping patients with better financial planning for hospitalization and for organizing a collections unit as part of the hospital business office.

From there Kearns was promoted to chief admitting officer, the position he held before being named unit administrator when the trial unit was established three years ago.

Kearns' main outside interest is singing bona fide barber shop harmony. He is an executive director, music librarian and master of ceremonies for the Raleigh chapter of SPEBSQSA, the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America.

He and his wife, the former Jane Bullock of Durham, have a son and a daughter and live at 1003 North Driver St.

LIN BENTEL

Responsible for the general medical unit including Minot, Hanes, Osler and Long wards.

Earl Franklin (Lin) Bentel II, a native of Durham, began work at the medical center in March as a staff accountant in the office of the assistant controller and was promoted to unit administration.

Prior to coming to Duke, Bentel was associated with the Crum and Forster Insurance Group and Reliance Insurance

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ON THE UNIT—Talking over dietetics procedures on the pilot unit are from left to right, Patricia Barber, unit dietitian, and new unit administrators Ned Kearns, Jim Daniel and Jim Carter. (photo by Bill Boyarsky)



GETTING ORIENTED—Lin Bentel, new unit administrator, talks with L. P. N. Jannie McCray about nursing on the ward. At left is Mary Norwood, ward clerk. (photo by Bill Boyarsky)



SURGICAL UNIT—John Kernodle, a unit administrator on four surgical units and the INU, works out an administrative problem on Strudwick. At left is Emily Sitnik, R. N., and at right is Walt Miller, fourth-year medical student. (photo by Bill Boyarsky)