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BUMC Security Guard Captures Convict

Roderick Graham, Boston University Medical Center security guard, began a routine patrol of East Newton Street on a hot, humid Tuesday afternoon in July. The air was stagnant and heavy with heat and normal city hustle-bustle had lulled. This serene scene was soon to be shattered by a blur of grey and a lightening-like reflex action.

Down the street at Boston City Hospital a guarded convict was being treated for an undisclosed illness, having just been brought to City from Deer Island House of Correction.

His treatment completed, the prisoner was being escorted back to the patrol wagon for a return trip. Suddenly he bolted and raced down Harrison avenue. The two guards took chase but quickly lost him in a swarm of people.

Running faster and faster, the prisoner skidded around East Newton street, losing his shoes, and raced toward Albany street.

Graham saw a human streak, bare-footed and uniformed in grey from the corner of his eye.

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"bye" Ann Giuliotti

Unit Coordination Begins at UH

When Ann Giuliotti, head nurse on Evans 7, returns from vacation she'll have a new title and be involved in a pilot project that will put her, and other UH nurses, in closer contact with patients.

Ann's new title--nurse clinician--was nobly noted at a "Farewell-Hello" party given in her honor recently by the staff on Evans 7 (see party details on page 2). Her new position, as well as those of the other UH nurses involved, is the product of the Unit Coordination Program at University Hospital now on trial on Evans 7 and 8. The program is administered by John Gibson and was initiated by Ms. Alice Fraser, director of UH Nursing.

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Dear Staff -

Thank You

Editor's Note: The following letter was recently received by Dr. Lewis H. Rohrbaugh, director of Boston University Medical Center, from the parents of a patient treated at University Hospital.

Dear Dr. Rohrbaugh:

My husband and I would like to inform you how impressed we were with the wonderful treatment our daughter, Hope M. Ryan, age 17, received during her three recent University Hospital stays, including an operation.

The personnel at your Hospital were so thoughtful and kind, also gave her marvelous care, especially Drs. Robert Feldman, Edward Spatz and Simmons Lessel who saw to it that Hope received the very best of care. Thanks to their skill, care and concern, Hope is now able to continue on with school and other activities.

The atmosphere at the Hospital is most pleasant and even "homey."

Again our thanks to all your staff.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Martin P. Ryan, Jr.
6 Sycamore Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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sensed trouble. Unarmed, Graham raced after the man. Gaining speed, he recognized the drab grey outfit as a convict's uniform.

The two ran neck-and-neck until Graham tackled the man just as he nosed onto Albany street. Struggling and ducking flying fists, Graham finally twisted the prisoner’s arm, locking it behind his back in a "come-along-grip."

Panting, the two walked back toward Harrison avenue where they met the guards.

Graham, who has been a BUMC security guard for four years, said he didn’t stop to think of the danger - that the man might have been armed. "I knew there was trouble," he said, "and I just reacted instinctively."

A Pahty-ing Note to Ann

For Ann's party, nurses Aldona Kazak and Kathy Sliney thought a little clinical poetry would be apropos. Calling upon the talents of authors (and medical interns) Drs. Levy & Bress of "God Only Knows" fame (a smash-hit, one-night stand play preformed recently in Building A auditorium), a little literary genius was quickly typed (during lunch) on a UH Clinical Request Form and promptly sent forth. The piece follows - the first time reprinted anywhere!

Our ward is not in no condition
For you to rise to nurse clinician
Tears well up into our eyes
Cause only you know where's supplies
What's been hidden, what's been stolen
Which room the only IV pole's in
We're in for times of troubled waters
Without your thoughtful nursing orders
You are the supreme catalyzer
You even calm the supervisor
Only you know all routines
How to get a colon clean
O, farewell, Ann, Ann Giulotti
No longer "boss," but not forgotty
Your leadership we'll miss a lotty
We hope that you'll enjoy this party.

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available for parties,
bar-mitzvahs, weddings, and
cardiopulmonary consults

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"The change over," said Gibson, "is an attempt to return the nurse to patient care, for which she was educated, and to minimize costs and maximize medical backup services."

In the pilot program, administrative duties will be assumed by a unit coordinator who is responsible for the non-clinical patient care functions such as budget control, scheduling para-medical services, etc. Helping the unit coordinator is a staff of 26, including shift coordinators and secretaries.

If successful, the program, to last five months on a trial basis, will be extended throughout UH.

A Special Thanks

FRONT & CENTER wishes to thank Jerry Kerstein, a senior at BU School of Public Communications, for his help thid Summer in publishing this newsletter. Jerry is doing his internship with the Office of Communications at BUMC during July and August and has been of great assistance in a number of projects.

PIPE-UP... In case you're wondering why PIPELINES have been exposed up and down the streets and sidewalks bordering BU Medical Center-they're being cleaned and widened by the City of Boston. The reason? to restore normal pressure and obtain cleaner water. ROBERT WRIGHT, 9, of Harrison avenue, Boston, demonstrating his pipe-walking agility, thinks the whole idea is great.
Ida Malootian Begins Society for IV Therapists

"The better informed an intravenous (IV) therapist is, the better care she is able to give patients," said Ida Malootian, supervisor of the clinical laboratory at University Hospital. Explaining why she recently took the initiative to organize the New England Society of IV Therapists, the first such group in the East—or in the Country, Ida continued:

"Medicine is becoming increasingly specialized, she said, and this trend has affected the sub-specialties. "Today, everyone must have comprehensive knowledge about one area—and in health care, which is constantly barraged by rapid-fire change, up-dated, indepth knowledge is hard to maintain."

This dilemma was particularly relevant for IV therapists, according to Ida, "because a formal vehicle for disseminating information or exchanging ideas was blatantly absent."

So, last Spring she changed all that.

"I sent letters to IV supervisors in hospitals all over the State. After receiving an overwhelmingly positive response, the first organizational meeting of the New England Society of IV Therapists was set," she said. More than 130 therapists attended and fully endorsed the idea. Thereafter, wheels began rolling.

Three committees were set up at the first meeting—those for by-laws, programs, and membership, and the following officers were elected: President, Ida Malootian; Vice-President, Claire Watson, supervisor, Hunt Memorial Hospital; Secretary, Janet Southworth, supervisor, Quincy City Hospital; and Treasurer, Kay Smith, assistant director Blood Bank, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.

The groups' focus was determined—to develop an interhospital communication system where ideas involving IV therapy can be discussed and information disseminated. Workshops and seminars are now being planned as part of a regular program soon to be offered to therapists, according to Ida. These will provide a forum for ideas and help to insure that IV therapists are kept on the brink of breakthroughs.

With a Fall program scheduled, and the likelihood of a convention next year almost solidified, the possibility of a national society of IV therapists is inching toward reality.

RCCHC Holds Soul Health Fair

The July Soul Health Fair held at the Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Center on Savin street zeroed-in on a deadly serious target—community awareness about health hazards that yearly claim heavy tolls among area residents.

More than 800 people came to the day-long fair which was sponsored by the RCCHC and the Model Neighborhood Staff of Areas 3, 4 and 5. Fair features included exhibits, films, a bloodmobile which collected 29 pints of blood now on reserve for Roxbury residents at the Red Cross, screening centers for sickle cell anemia, lead poisoning and TB, and a hearing test van.

Entertainment by a local rock group—The Explosions—vibrated the neighborhood, charging enthusiasm.

A brief program included: Dr. David French, RCCHC project director; Dr. Bertrude Hunter, regional medical director of the Department of Health Education and Welfare; Mrs. Betty Wornum, president of the RCCHC Area Board, and Bertrum Walker, Model Cities Model Neighborhood Board Coordinator.
FINE, FURRY FRIEND. . . Research rats at BU School of Graduate Dentistry were checked out recently by 8th graders from the PRINCE SCHOOL in Copley Sq. who toured BU Medical Center. The animals are being used in a nutritional study to determine the relationship between diet and intelligence. David Newburg (cover) a graduate student at SGD, showed the students the SGD animal lab.

HATS OFF -- HANDS UP. . . A woman has been hired as a SECURITY GUARD by the Business Intelligence Group, a private security agency employed by the management of the Doctors Office Building (DOB). She is assigned to the parking garage in the DOB. Security CHIEF JOHN SMITH gives a tip-of-the-cap welcome to EARLINE GRAHAM (cover).

ACUPUNCTURE - A HELP OR HOAX? . . . Two Boston University Medical Center physicians are traveling to the Orient this Summer to learn more about the ancient art of acupuncture. DR. EDWARD MALOOF, professor of public health dentistry, and DR. BERNARD L. HUANG, a thoracic surgeon, plan to report back to their colleagues.

SHUFFLING THE TIME-TABLE. . . TIME is irrelevant in the NEW CURRICULUM approved by the faculty at the School of Medicine. In other words, exceptional students may be graduating in three years while slower students may take five years or longer. Incidentally, BU was the first medical school to adopt the four-year curriculum.

POLITICALLY SPEAKING. . . RUTH BATSON, director of the Consultation and Education program in the Department of Psychiatry at the School of Medicine, was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. She was also vice chairman of the Bay State delegation.

FALL SALE SCOOP. . . On September 6, 1972, there will be a USED MICROSCOPE AND USED BOOK SALE for the benefit of the BU Medical School classes. Anyone interested in selling, or wishing further details, please contact: Used Microscopes: RUTH ROTMAN, BUSM II, Box 439. Used Books: JOY DEPIERO, BUSM II, Box 212.

TWO FOR THE ROAD. . . UH Administration is losing two staff members - THOMAS (Toby) TIGHE, assistant administrator, has enrolled in the School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University; ANDY MCBRIDE, administrative resident, will begin studies at Columbia University Law School this Fall.

HEART-STOPPING SHOW. . . Channel 7's PAUL BENZAQUIN will devote his entire program on Wednesday, August 16 to University Hospital and the remarkable story of patient Thomas deF. Bull. deF. Bull, who wrote about his open-heart surgery, "Blood Pressure-Zero," in the May/June issue of CENTERSCOPE Magazine and the August issue of READER'S DIGEST, will appear with UH Cardiothoracic Surgical Chief, DR. ROBERT BERGER. It will be on from 9 to 9:30 a.m.

TURN OFF A BLACKOUT. . . THE BOSTON EDISON COMPANY alerted BU Medical Center of the possibility of service interruptions this Summer to ration electricity. Apparently delays in power plant construction and licensing of atomic power plants have taxed electrical reserves. You can help. Nonessential lights and appliances should be turned off. When you leave a room, turn off the lights. Your cooperation may help avert a total blackout and save money.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU. . . A special welcome to the 100 DENTAL ASSISTANTS who have started studies at the School of Graduate Dentistry.