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HOSPITAL TO INCREASE  
OPERATIONAL BEDS

The Hospital Center has notified the Pennsylvania Department of Health that 32 additional beds will be opened on June 1, 1978. This will bring the total number of beds in operation to 382.

Morton Schneider, President of the Center's Board, said that the increase was voted by the directors in response to the constantly increasing occupancy rate, reflecting over-all community needs. The occupancy at the Center so far this year has averaged 91.5%, and for the month of March, will exceed 95%.

Industry-wide standards indicate that a hospital should not exceed an 85% occupancy rate. Here at the Center, the census has exceeded that 85% rate for eight months in 1977, and will probably exceed 85% for eleven months in 1978.

According to Ellwyn D. Spiker, Administrator, the Hospital was approved and licensed to operate 460 beds, but that number of beds in service was voluntarily reduced to 350 when the hospital opened, based upon community need at the time. Present Federal regulations requiring review of new beds and services excluded all projects approved before December 1972, therefore, approval to open the additional 32 beds is not needed from the planning agencies.

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RISK MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAM

An inservice program on Risk Management for hospital personnel will be conducted on April 4, 5, and 6, by representatives of the Hartford Insurance Company, the Center's liability carrier.

The training session in techniques of liability reduction will be offered on:

Tuesday, April 4, for non-nursing personnel, in the auditorium, 10-11:00 A.M.;  
2-3:00 P.M.; and 6-7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, April 5, for nursing personnel, in the 4C Conference Room, 10-11:00 A.M.;  
2-3:00 P.M.; and 6-7:00 P.M.

Thursday, April 6, for nursing personnel, in the 6C Conference Room, 10-11:00 A.M.;  
2-3:00 P.M.; and 6-7:00 P.M.

Thursday, April 6, for night shift nursing and non-nursing personnel, in the auditorium,  
1-2:00 A.M.; and 2-3:00 A.M.

This inservice program is of special interest to any hospital employee who enters information on patients' medical records. As an effort has been made to make program scheduling flexible, all those involved are urged to attend.

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DON'T TOUCH THAT DIAL!  
PBS FILM FEATURES  
A&SHHC PERSONNEL!

MGM may not be interested, but picture, if you will, John J. Shane, M.D., Director of the Clinical Laboratories, testifying in The Old Lehigh County Court House! Joe Stumpf, Outpatient Coordinator for the Clinical Labs, performing a blood alcohol test in the Clinical

Labs! Joseph Fassl, M.D., ably assisted by Emergency Room personnel, Betty Williams, R.N., and Eva White, R.N., treating a couple injured in an auto accident.

Although it sounds like business as usual, in this case the business was conducted under the watchful eye of a television camera. Their "routine" performances were filmed for an upcoming Public Broadcasting Service Network special entitled "The .10 Influence."

Produced by WLVT-TV, Channel 39, the hour-long docu-drama is intended to dramatize and draw attention to the problem of driving under the influence. The Pennsylvania Public Television Network statewide broadcast can be seen on Channel 39, Tuesday, April 11, at 9:00 P.M.; and Sunday, April 16, at 1:00 P.M. Watch for it!

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PATHOLOGIST  
PUBLISHES PAPER

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Be sure to check Nursing '78 for an excellent in-depth article on Blood Transfusion by Michael Scarlato, M.D., Associate Pathologist, here at the Center.

Dr. Scarlato's article deals with minimizing the risks a patient can experience when receiving transfusions -- allergic reactions, circulatory overload, hepatitis -- and guidelines for transfusing whole blood, packed red blood cells, plasma fractions, platelet transfusions and volume expanders.

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NATIONAL MEDICAL  
LABORATORY WEEK

Nationwide attention will focus on the critical role of medical technology when National Medical Laboratory Week arrives, April 9 to 15. According to Linda Simrell, M.Ed., M.T. (ASCP) SH,

Educational Coordinator, School of Medical Technology, statewide activities include the annual spring meeting of the Pennsylvania Society for Medical Technology at the Pocono Manor Inn. Proclamations from Governor Shapp and the mayors of Allentown and Bethlehem are expected to be sent to the meeting, which will be attended by over 600 lab personnel.

Activities of the meeting include workshops and seminars featuring:

Gerald Clement, Ph.D., Clinical Chemist, "Should you really have a Toxicology Department in your Lab?"

Kay Churchman, Coagulation Supervisor, "Platelet Overview."

Richard Cipoletti, Director of Personnel Services, "Personnel Administration and the Law - an Overview."

Thomas Dondore, Director of Educational Development, "Serial Communication."

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PERSONNEL  
CHANGES

Frank Bratlee, Pharmacy Technician, has become the new Housekeeping Supervisor, taking over for Carl Solt, according to Tom Birmingham, Director of Housekeeping. Mr. Solt has accepted the position of

Executive Housekeeper at a 200-bed hospital at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantool, Illinois. Both Mr. Solt and Mr. Bratlee began working at the Center in February, 1975. Good Luck to both!

Welcome to Kathy Malone, the new Benefits Clerk in the Personnel Office. A former personnel clerk at Zollingers, Kathy will be responsible for preparing enrollment cards and bills for submission to insurance companies.

Congratulations to Raymond "Wally" Smith of Respiratory Therapy, one of the Center's familiar faces. Mr. Smith, who started here in September of 1974, has recently been promoted to Senior Staff Technician, according to Bob Evans, Technical Director of Respiratory Therapy.

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CREDIT COMMITTEE  
MEMBER SOUGHT

The ASHHC Federal Credit Union is looking for an interested individual to join forces with Gary Haas, Donna Hedash, John Howells, and Noreen Shannon on the Credit Committee to review loan applications. Anyone

interested in the position, please see Donna Hedash, ICU West.

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MAY DAZE TICKETS  
ON SALE

Spring has arrived! Robins, green grass again, flowers in bloom, and, of course, "May Daze."

Saturday, May 20, is the day for the annual lawn festival, sponsored by the Auxiliary. Right now, tickets are on sale for prizes to be given away at the big event. You can get your tickets at the Gift Shop, at the May Daze prize display in the Main Lobby, and for 2nd and 3rd shift people, at the reception desk also in the Main Lobby.

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RECREATION  
COMMITTEE

The Intra-Hospital Volleyball League is at a temporary standstill, due to high gymnasium rental costs and various logistical problems. Relocation of a site and reorganization of the league will take place in mid-April. Competition is expected to begin again in May. Watch UPDATE for details.

A&SHHC employees and their families will be offered a substantially reduced rate at the Body Factory Health Club at Vantage Point.

Rates: Men - \$100/12 months (Normal rates: \$225/12 months) Includes: lockers, instructor, weight room, lounge, sauna, steam, sun room, whirlpool, and dietary bar.

Women - \$100/12 months (Normal rates: \$150/12 months) Includes: lockers, scheduled exercises, instructor, sauna, lounge, whirlpool, and dietary bar.

The Body Factory is open from 8:00 A.M. to midnight, 7 days a week. For more details, contact Paul Dowling, Personnel Department, Extension 3100.

Discount admission tickets to Great Adventure Amusement Park in New Jersey will be available soon. Prices are: Safari Park & Entertainment Park - regular \$11.50, discount \$9.00; Entertainment Park only - regular \$9.50, discount \$8.00.

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