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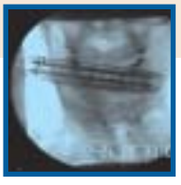
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MARY ANN AUG—Before today's 24-hour news cycle, Mary Ann Aug was doing PR for the medical school, handling early media coverage of such Pitt legends as Bernie Fisher and Hank Bahnson. (She got to watch Bahnson perform open-heart surgery—he wore cowboy boots, she recalls.) The associate vice chancellor would become a legend herself in communication circles: In her 30 years at Pitt she helped launch news events like the US-Soviet citizens summit, which included uninvited KGB, and built pathbreaking media programs (*Pitt Magazine* and *Pitt Med* were birthed under her watch). As she retires, we'll miss her wit and wisdom, but are pleased she'll pursue another love—plans include volunteering with the Audubon Society. But sorry, she says she's not doing the newsletter. C. E. MITCHELL—["On the Clock"] After spending 12 hours shooting our story on trainees at Presby, C. E. Mitchell later returned to photograph another procedure. He has also captured the last five presidents on film, and his photos have appeared in *Time, Newsweek,* and *Der Spiegel.* In 1994, Mitchell was caught sneaking into Haiti on a moped a few days ahead of the US Marines. He says he'll go anywhere for a great photograph. CHUCK STARESINIC—["The House that Hank Built" and other stories] admirably filled in this summer while Dottie Horn, our associate editor, was out. The job, he says, enabled him "to practice" journalism—as if his work with the *Washington Post* were just pretending. He's moving on to tackle *Bug Hunters,* his book-in-progress about entomologists.

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Sales of caffeinated products may dip slightly next year due to new restrictions on resident duty hours. (Illustration: © Michael Lotenero)

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