

what's happening

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MMC Board, Physicians oppose DOE proposal

Maine Medical Center's Board of Trustees and Medical Staff have adopted a resolution opposing the U.S. Department of Energy's consideration of Maine's Sebago Pluton and Bottle Lake Complex areas as repositories for high level radioactive waste.

The resolution---citing a potential for "significant dangers to public health"---opposes consideration of the Maine areas as well as any other sites that do not assure isolation of high level radioactive waste from the biosphere for at least 10,000 years.

Members of the hospital's Board and its Medical Staff approved the resolution in their respective March meetings and have submitted it jointly to the Department of Energy, the Governor of the State of Maine, the Governor's Task

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Board votes interim adjustment in rates

The Maine Medical Center Board of Trustees has approved an adjustment in charges for services, effective Tuesday (April 1, 1986), for the remaining six months of the hospital's fiscal year 1986 (ending September 30, 1986).

The rate changes, which will average 3.7% cover ancillary services and the semi-private room rate, which will drop from \$229 to \$225 per day.

The rate adjustment will keep the Medical Center's revenues within the patient care revenue limits permitted by the Maine Health Care Finance Commission. Increased demand for services, especially in ancillary areas (laboratory tests, radiology, operating rooms, etc.) had pushed revenues beyond budget projections for the first five months of the fiscal year.



THE FIRST WARM DAYS OF SPRING last week brought winter-weary sun lovers out into the MMC courtyard for a dose of sunshine. For a closer look at the courtyard, see page 2. (A/V Photo)

Health educators plan Career Day at MMC

Students, prospective students, parents, and educators are invited to Maine Medical Center Saturday, April 12, to learn about more than a dozen different health career fields. Representatives from Maine Medical Center and many of the schools associated with MMC will be on hand to talk about the careers and education necessary to enter them, and there will be exhibits representing many of the fields.

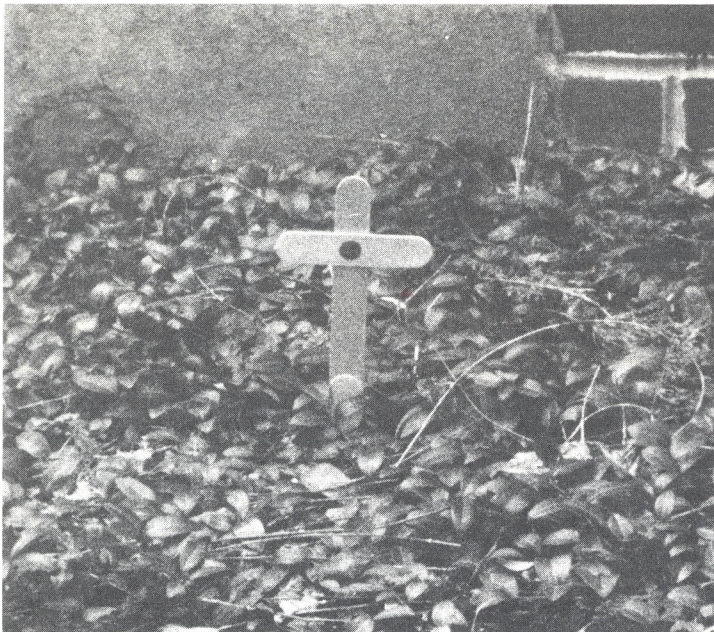
Health Career Day was organized by the participants to provide all those interested in health careers an opportunity to meet people currently involved in them. Prospective students will be able to investigate many opportunities in a single location and have their questions answered on the spot.

The day will include presentations on

medical technology, nursing careers, rehabilitation medicine, nutritional services, respiratory therapy, radiologic technology, radiation therapy technology, surgical technology, dental hygiene, pharmacy, physician assistant, nursing unit clerk, and nursing assistant. Westbrook College, Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, and the University of Southern Maine will be among the educational institutions represented. MMC's School of Surgical Technology staff is coordinating Health Career Day.

The program will run from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with the afternoon portion a repeat of the morning portion. The repetition of concurrent sessions will allow the greatest possible flexibility in attending different presentations.

For information, contact Diane Dusault, MMC School of Surgical Technology, x2141.



THE GREAT FLAMINGO CAPER brought an intense but light-hearted mystery to MMC late last month. Two plastic flamingos--diminutive versions of the larger lawn ornaments--had taken up residence in the courtyard shortly after it was completed last summer and survived their first Maine winter unscathed. Suddenly, they disappeared. Whence they went was as much a mystery as whence they came, but the reaction from their friends was swift. Clockwise from above: a cross fashioned of tongue depressors mourned their passing; one of the leggy birds reappeared with an egg; from the egg came a new member of the family.



Personal protection program is offered

MMC employees have a chance to learn how to protect themselves with a new *HealthStyles* program called "Choices for Safety." The six-session course will help participants develop emotional and physical well-being for dealing with emergency situations. Emphasis will be on awareness, prevention, and protection.

The course will be taught by John Jenkins, who is a member of the U.S. World Karate Team and U.S. World Ju-Jitsu Team. He was World Ju-Jitsu Champion in 1985.

"Choices for Safety" will be offered Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 PM, in the McGeachey Hall gym, beginning April 17. Call Anita in Training and Development, x2824, to sign up. The fee is \$60, with a 50% rebate for successful completion. Space is still available; call x2824 to register.

Caretaking examined in special session

The role of the caretaker will be the focus of a presentation Wednesday, April 16, 4-5 PM, as Registered Substance Abuse Counselor Judith Redding speaks about how we can create external and internal support systems for ourselves.

Ms. Redding is in private practice, and is former chairperson of the Maine State Board of Examiners to Register Substance Abuse Counselors. She will address issues including: why do we become caretakers in our families and our professions? what are our needs within the caretaking relationship? what do we need to do to make sure that these relationships don't create dependencies or drain our own resources?

The program is scheduled for 4-5 PM, April 16, in Classroom 2. To register, call Anita in the Office of Training and Development at x2824.

Service Award Coffee is set for April 8

The April Employee Service Award Coffee for 1986 will be held Tuesday, April 8, at 9:30 AM in the Noyce Auditorium of the Charles A. Dana Health Education Center. Employees will be recognized for 5 to 35 years of service to MMC, attained between January 1 and June 30, 1986 inclusive.

New Employees

EMERGENCY MEDICINE: Mary Ann Forgit

FOOD SERVICES: Judith A. Guisti

OR: Maria S. Knipp

MATERIEL MGT.: Jeffrey G. Joyner

HEMATOLOGY: Dorothy McMurtry

CSD: Wendy Van Betuw

NURSING: Donna M. Wood

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Force on High Level Radioactive Waste, the Maine Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste, the Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives, the President of the Maine State Senate, and members of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, the United States Department of Energy has announced its intention to consider the Sebago Pluton and Bottle Lake Complex areas as primary areas for potential repository sites for high level radioactive waste; and

Whereas, such waste causes significant health hazards if it is not isolated from the biosphere for at least 10,000 years; and

Whereas, in recognition of the need to isolate high level radioactive waste for the protection of the health of present and future generations federal law requires that such waste be placed in repositories that will insure isolation for 10,000 years; and

Whereas, the Maine State Geologist and other experts have determined that the crystalline rock formations in the Sebago Pluton and Bottle Lake Com-

plex areas of Maine are heavily fractured and subject to frequent earthquakes; and

Whereas, the unstable nature of the Sebago Pluton and Bottle Lake Complex formations would not assure isolation of the wastes and would probably lead to contamination of ground and surface waters by any radioactive wastes deposited in them; and

Whereas, such contamination would pose significant dangers to public health and would represent a violation of the federal law that governs the high level radioactive waste repository program; Therefore,

Be it Resolved, That the Maine Medical Center Board of Trustees and Medical Staff oppose consideration of the Sebago Pluton and Bottle Lake Complex areas as primary or reserve sites for high level radioactive waste repositories; and

Be it further Resolved, That the Maine Medical Center Board of Trustees and Medical Staff of the Maine Medical Center oppose consideration of any site for a repository for high level radioactive waste that does not assure isolation of such waste from the

biosphere for at least 10,000 years; and

Be it further Resolved, That the Maine Medical Center Board of Trustees and Medical Staff urge the United States Department of Energy to delete Sebago Pluton, Bottle Lake Complex and any other areas that are similarly unsuited from consideration as potential sites for high level radioactive waste repositories.

CCRN group to cover organ donation issue

The Southern Maine Chapter of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses will meet Wednesday, April 9, at 6:30 PM to discuss "Organ Donation: Dealing with the Decision to Donate." Sue Flewelling, RN, CCRN, and Rita Menard, RNC, will lead the discussion. The meeting will be held in Classroom 7. A \$3 guest fee will be charged to non-members.

"Lunchtime Box Office" film series offered

The MMC Office of Training and Development is offering a lunchtime film series beginning March 25th. Each film will be shown between 12:00 and 1:00 PM. You can sign up to see the films by calling Anita at x2824.

THE UNORGANIZED MANAGER, PARTS I & II

John Cleese stars as St. Peter in a two-part film series that defines what disorganization is, the provides a blueprint for eliminating distractions, setting priorities, and organizing staff. 51 minutes for both parts. April 8, Classroom #7.

THE ABILENE PARADOX

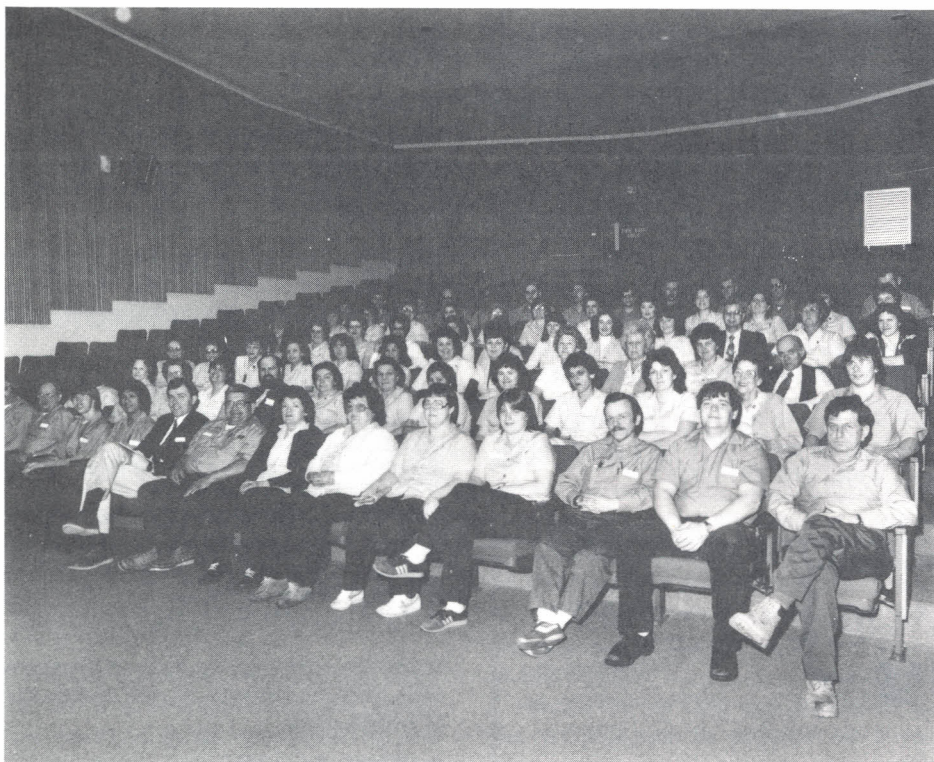
An amusing and insightful film about conformity and false group consensus. 21 minutes. April 22, Classroom #3.

A PASSION FOR EXCELLENCE

Tom Peters, author of the book *Passion for Excellence*, appears in front of a live audience as he describes passionate customer service heroes. Mr. Peters uses slides and video segments to reinforce his ideas in this dynamic presentation. 55 minutes. May 6, Classroom #3.

ABEL'S CONSERVATIVE PRINCIPLE:

Never do anything for the first time.



A CHILD IN BOLIVIA will soon be receiving a copy of this photograph, showing his American "family"--MMC's Housekeeping Department. The department's employees have been sponsoring David Aruquipa, now 16, for four years. Deposits from bottles and cans from the employee soda machine have provided the sponsorship funds, and the deposit revenue has even grown to the point where the family is considering adding another child. (A/V Photo)

Marketplace

FOR RENT: Ocean front furnished 4 BR home on private beach in Cape Elizabeth. 2½ baths, DR, LR, modern KT. Avail. Sept. 1-May 31. \$1,200/mo. plus utils. Call 799-6100.

FOR RENT: Yarmouth. 1 BR apt. with large yard, garden, parking, intown location close to shops. Avail. May 1. \$390/mo. plus utils. Call 846-5795.

FOR RENT: Western Prom contemporary condo with 1,850 sq. ft. 2 BRs, 2 baths, W/D, fully carpeted, on-site parking. No pets. 2-yr. lease preferred, but 1-yr. okay. Avail. April. \$900/mo. plus utils. Call 772-2301 anytime or (516) 575-8618 days.

FOR RENT: Large 1 or 2 BR apt. near MMC. Hardwood floors, fireplace, off-street parking, large fenced yard. \$400/mo. plus utils. Call 772-3822 after 6 PM.

FOR RENT: Western Prom area. Clean, quiet building, 3 room studio apt., separate entrance, all utils., appliances, parking. Suitable for single adult or married couple. No smoking or pets. For appt. to see call 998-2373 eves. or 871-0619 days.

FOR RENT: 2 BR condo Portland/Deering area at Glenridge. 1½ baths, DR, LR. Energy efficient, window quilts. \$550/mo. plus utils. Call 799-5207.

FOR RENT: Winter St. Historic brick duplex with wide pine floors, high ceilings. 1 BR, LR, KT, Dining area and bath. Sec. dep. and refs. \$375/mo. heated. Call 773-1268. Avail. May 1.

FOR SALE: 1984 Camaro. V6, auto., black with white interior, AM/FM, rear defrost, rust-proofed, 24,000 miles, excellent condition. \$7,500 or best offer. Call 856-6465.

FOR SALE: 1983 Ford Escort GL. 4-dr., automatic, power brakes and steering, AM/FM, 34,000 miles, excellent condition. Good value for nice little car at \$3,500. Call 799-5183 eves.

FOR SALE: 1980 Dodge Omni with 4-drs., hatchback, excellent condition, low mileage. \$1,995. Call 892-8269 eves.

FOR SALE: 1977 Ford Pinto wagon with 4-spd., 4-cyl., inspected, good condition, 74,000 miles. \$625 or best offer. Call 772-7143.

FOR SALE: 1977 Datsun F10 hatchback with 64,000 miles, AM/FM radio. Good condition, original owner. Asking \$1,195 or best offer. Call 799-7925.

FOR SALE: Sailboat. 23 ft. Sea Sprite. Fully equipped, six sails, radio, 6 hp. Johnson motor, cradle, \$9,200. Also, heavy duty trailer for the sailboat, \$1,300. Call 799-7979 after 12 PM.

FOR SALE: 1973 Mobile Traveler motor home with 40,000 miles, air conditioning, cruise control, sleeps 6. \$6,995 or best offer. Call 799-4129.

FOR SALE: 1985 Yamaha 200 ATV; used only 6 hours. Excellent condition. \$1,000 firm. Call Kim at 772-0808.

FOR SALE: Four P205-78-14 radial tires. Barely used, \$100 firm. Call before 12 PM at 829-5748 and ask for Brad.

FOR SALE: 60 gal. aquarium including accessories and 3 large fish (Cichlids). Also, 2 Nandy Conures (parrots); mated pair, hand-fed; 2 cages included. Call 284-8998 days.

FOR SALE: Kenmore refrig., \$250. Kenmore electric range, \$150. Call 773-6373 after 6 PM.

FOR SALE: Women's 5-spd. Ross Diamond Cruiser bike with 19 inch frame, excellent condition, big tires, regular handle bars, \$150. Call 775-6007 AMs.

FOR SALE: Leather sofa, \$600. Wing chair and ottoman, \$350. Sleep sofa, \$300. Queen-size bed, \$350. Plus other pieces in excellent condition. Call 892-6085.

FOR SALE: 19 inch Zenith Chromacolor II solid state color TV in very good condition, \$100. Call 797-6008.

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FOR SALE: DR set including table with ebony and chrome base and smoke glass top and 4 ebony chairs with cane backs. Also, coffee table and light fixtures made of chrome and glass. Excellent condition. Best offer. Call 774-8115.

WANTED: Daytime babysitter for 3 month old baby. Pleasant surroundings near MMC. Salary negotiable. Call 775-6727 eves.

WANTED: Grandmotherly women to love my 3 yr. old daughter and care for our home. Driver's license required. 7:30 AM-5:30 PM Mon.-Fri. Call 781-4752 after 5:30 PM.

WANTED: Babysitter for 9 wk. old. Starting in May. Rosemont or MMC area. Refs. required; nonsmoker preferred. Call 774-1575 and keep trying.

WANTED: Widow or widower who likes animals to occasionally live-in and care for gentle Lab and 3 cats. Cape Elizabeth. Refs. required. Call 799-7979 after 12 PM.

WANTED: Softball players. Competitive softball team looking for players in the South Portland summer women's softball league. If interested please call Mary King at 799-3150 or Tom Merrill at 799-1080.

WANTED: Garage to rent in Portland area. Need 5/1 but avail. to rent before. Call 871-2526 days.

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