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Five Maine hospitals join VHA-New England

Five Maine hospitals have agreed to join hospitals in New Hampshire and Vermont in a New England regional partnership within the nationwide Voluntary Hospitals of America, Inc. (VHA) system.

They are: The Aroostook Medical Center (Presque Isle), Central Maine Medical Center (Lewiston), Kennebec Valley Medical Center (Augusta), Maine Medical Center (Portland), and Mid-Maine Medical Center (Waterville). The Boards of Trustees of these hospitals, representing one-third of all the hospital beds in the state, voted in late May to enter into the partnership.

The VHA is a nationwide cooperative of voluntary, non-profit hospitals, dedicated to providing its members with the advantages of a national multi-hospital system while maintaining community ownership and control. VHA-New England is one of 15 regional partnerships in the system.

The other hospitals in the New England partnership are: Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital (Hanover NH), Concord Hospital (Concord NH), Elliot Hospital (Manchester NH), Medical Center Hospital of Vermont (Burlington), Central Vermont Medical Center (Barre), Rutland Regional Medical Center (Rutland VT), and Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (Bennington). The New Hampshire and Vermont hospitals have been regional partners since January of this year. James W. Varnum, president of Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, serves as chairman of VHA-New England.

VHA is one of the largest multi-hospital systems in the country. Its member hospitals number 400, representing over 110,000 beds in 41 states. All the members are voluntary, non-profit hospitals committed to the non-profit philosophy

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VHA-NEW ENGLAND PARTNERSHIP agreements were signed May 24 at MMC. Among those at the signing were (from left): William P. Spolyar, president, Mid-Maine Medical Center; Donald L. McDowell, Executive Vice President and Treasurer, and Edward C. Andrews, Jr., M.D., president, MMC; and F. Regis Kenna, partnership administrator for Voluntary Hospitals of America, Inc. (A/V Photo)

Two-day ATLS course trains EMTs in trauma

An Advanced Trauma Life Support Course being offered to eighteen emergency medical technicians June 6 and 7 marks the first time Maine pre-hospital personnel have been given specific training in trauma care. The two-day program was developed by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians and the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons, and is being sponsored in Maine by Director of Trauma Services at MMC, David Clark, M.D., and Alan Hume, M.D., of Waterville.

The Maine Consortium for Health

Professions Education is funding the program.

Trauma is the leading cause of death in the first forty years of life in the United States, and is surpassed only by cancer and atherosclerosis in all age groups. The goal of the training program for pre-hospital personnel is to reduce the number of disabling injuries and trauma-

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THIS IS IT!!!!

This Friday, June 7, is the
deadline for the 1985 MMC
Employee Photo Contest.

and to community control of hospitals. The purpose of VHA and similar groups of non-profit hospitals is to band together to provide the same advantages for non-profit hospitals that the for-profit hospital chains do for their hospitals. These include economies of scale in purchasing, the pooling of economic resources, and the sharing of expertise and programs.

The cornerstone of VHA's programs is group purchasing. The collective purchasing power of the participating hospitals allows VHA to negotiate very favorable prices on such products as pharmaceuticals, medical/surgical supplies, capital equipment, and forms. Other programs available in the VHA system include efforts in management services (financial systems, productivity pro-

grams, and human resources programs), the provision of capital financing, and assistance in capital development and diversification. As partners, the Maine hospitals may choose to participate in all, some, or none of the available programs, depending on the needs of each hospital and its community.

Chief executive officers will represent the Maine hospitals in VHA-New England. They are: Stanley F. Lowrey, executive director, The Aroostook Medical Center; William W. Young, Jr., president, Central Maine Medical Center; Warren C. Kessler, president, Kennebec Valley Medical Center; Edward C. Andrews, Jr., M.D., president, Maine Medical Center; and William P. Spolyar, president, Mid-Maine Medical Center.

"We have joined VHA-New England to

help us, in the long run, to improve the quality and accessibility of health care in the region," Dr. Andrews said. "To improve quality and access, we can use the partnership to make our hospitals more efficient and productive. The partnership will help each hospital to deal with rapidly changing economic and other pressures, and to improve our financial strength."

A chance to learn about TSAs — Today

MMC employees have a chance to learn about TSAs—tax sheltered annuities—today and tomorrow, June 5 and 6. Informational meetings will be held in Classroom 7 on the following schedule:

- *Wednesday, June 5*

For employees currently enrolled in a TSA program: 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM. For all other employees: 1:00 PM, 2:30 PM, and 4:00 PM.

- *Thursday, June 6*

For all employees: 10:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM, and 2:00 PM.

If you cannot attend one of these sessions, but would like information, please contact the Employee Benefits Office at x2973 or just stop by.

VHA-New England MAINE PARTNER HOSPITALS

THE AROOSTOOK MEDICAL CENTER, Presque Isle

Chairman of the Board of Directors of TAMC, Inc.: Milton S. Adelman
Executive Director: Stanley F. Lowrey
Bed complement: 230
Employees 703 full- and part-time

CENTRAL MAINE MEDICAL CENTER, Lewiston

Chairman of the Board of Trustees: Marcel Bilodeau
President: William W. Young, Jr.
Bed Complement: 250
Employees: 1,100 full- and part-time

KENNEBEC VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER, Augusta

Chairman of the Board of Trustees: Brian Rines, Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer: Warren C. Kessler
Bed Complement: 201
Employees: 850 full- and part-time

MAINE MEDICAL CENTER, Portland

Chairman of the Board of Trustees: Mrs. Herbert S. Holmes, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer: Edward C. Andrews, Jr., M.D.
Bed Complement: 533
Employees: 3,241 full- and part-time

MID-MAINE MEDICAL CENTER, Waterville

Chairman of the Board of Directors: Earl H. Smith
President and Chief Executive Officer: William P. Spolyar
Bed Complement: 276
Employees: 1050 full- and part-time

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related deaths by training first-responders. Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) training has been provided to physicians and nurses in Maine for several years, and the pre-hospital course brings the training to the initial phase of care.

Dr. Clark and Dr. Hume will conduct the course in conjunction with physicians from MMC, Central Maine Medical Center, St. Mary's Hospital, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Mid-Maine Medical Center, Osteopathic Hospital of Maine, and Mount Desert Island Hospital. Dr. Clark is an active member of the Maine Committee on Trauma, and Dr. Hume chairs the committee.

The Maine Consortium for Health Professions Education is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of health care in Maine through the education of health professionals. It is composed of more than fifty health and educational organizations, including hospitals, educational institutions, health care agencies, and professional associations.

MSFCU set for big move to Park Avenue

The Medical Services Federal Credit Union will close its Western Prom doors for the last time Friday, June 15. The credit union will move to its new building at 272 Park Avenue over the weekend, closing Monday and Tuesday, June 17 and 18, to complete the move. It will reopen Wednesday, June 19 in the new location.

MSFCU customers will need to learn the new location: 272 Park Avenue, diagonally across from the Portland Exposition Building; the new telephone number: 772-0808; and new hours: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday—Friday. The mailing address will stay the same: Box 673, Portland, Maine 04104.

Those interested in softball need apply

The teams in the *HealthStyles* intramural softball league are full, but there is still a need for interested people on the "call-up" list. Players on the call-up list will be used to fill in for people on vacation, ill, etc.

Also, those on the teams and those who join the call-up list should bring their own mitts to the games if they have them; the supply is short.

Anyone interested and knowledgeable who would like to act as a referee is also urged to make his or her interest known.

For any of the above, call x2974.

More Marketplace

WANTED: Ride from Campbell, Payson & Noyes to Gray at 4 PM or willing to wait until 5 PM. Call 774-1431 days or 657-4143 eves.

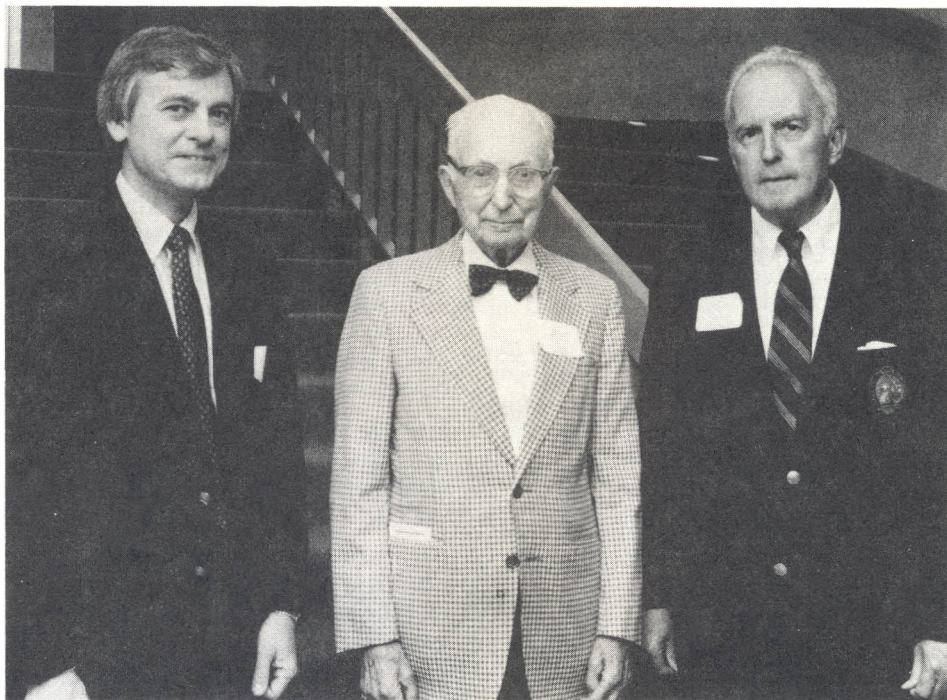
WANTED: Babysitter for occasional weekend and week night in Scarborough area. Call 883-3652.

WANTED: Used lawnmower (22 in. walk-behind). Call 725-8944 eves.

WANTED: Reasonable rent for months of July, Aug., and Sept. in Windham area for family of 4. Temporary lodging while we build house. Cottage or mobile home would be fine. Call 655-4713 after 7 PM and ask for Debbie or Joe.

WANTED: Employee needs ride Mon.-Fri. to MMC from Woodfords area. 7:30 AM - 4 PM shift. Call 772-4345.

FOUND: Stethoscope in the Dana Building week of May 20-24. Call x2131.



THE 16th ANNUAL ISAAC M. WEBBER, M.D., SURGICAL SYMPOSIUM, presented by the MMC Department of Surgery, was held May 24 and 25 in the Dana Health Education Center. H. William Scott, Jr., M.D. (right) Professor Emeritus in the Department of Surgery at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, Tennessee, presented the Webber Lecture, "Surgical Experience with Carcinoma of the Colon and Rectum." Dr. Scott and MMC Chief of Surgery James M. Thomas, M.D., (left) pose with the guest of honor, Isaac M. Webber, M.D. (A.V. Photo)



WHEN IRVING L. SELVAGE, M.D., RETIRED as an Associate Radiologist at MMC, the number of friends attending a farewell party in the Radiation Therapy conference room created a standing-room only crowd—several people even had to step outside for a while as Big Bird delivered greetings. (A.V. Photo)

The Employee Activity Committee is planning another Mexibean cruise next April. More information is coming soon.

Marketplace

FOR RENT: 6 room apt. at 52 Bramhall St. Very large, 2nd floor, heated, 2-3 BRs, hardwood floors. Avail. July 1. \$590/mo. including parking. Call 774-8652 eves.

FOR RENT: House at 81 Pitt St. near USM. 3½ BRs, LR, DR, eat-in KT, finished basement, parking. Avail. July 1. \$700/mo. plus utils. Call 774-8652 eves.

FOR RENT: 300 ft. shorefront cottage (3 BR) on Great Diamond Island. 20 min. ferry ride from Portland. All modern conveniences. Avail. Aug. 3 - Aug. 24. \$375/wk. Also avail. part of June. Call 799-7139.

FOR RENT: Nothing down. 2 apts. Lease/option. Newly decorated. Near USM/MMC. Call 772-2204.

FOR RENT: 3 BR garrison with eat-in KT, dining area, den, LR, sundeck, above-ground pool, garden space. \$650/mo. plus sec. dep. Call 854-9500.

FOR RENT: Avail. June 28 - Aug. 18. Room or apt. in West End near MMC/Mercy. Call 879-3428 days or 871-1412 eves.

FOR RENT: 4 blocks from MMC. 4 room apt. on 1st floor. W/w carpet, stove/refrig., parking, storage shed. No dogs. \$320/mo. plus utils. and sec. dep. Call 892-6085.

FOR RENT: Sublets avail. June 1 - Sept. 30. Hight St., Portland. \$300/mo. furnished with all utils. included. Call 774-1043.

FOR RENT: Westbrook. 2 BR apt., LR, KT, bath, 1st floor, heated, appliances, utils., basement with washer/dryer hook-up. Non-smokers. Sec. dep. and lease. \$450/mo. Call 854-2220.

FOR RENT: Seasonal rental. Cottage on Pitcher Pond, 10 miles from Camden. Avail. Aug. and Sept. Quiet, picturesque, reasonable. Call 725-8944.

ROOMMATE WANTED: I am looking for a parent and child (around age 6) to share a roomy house. Call Brenda at 772-1906 anytime and leave message.

ROOMMATE WANTED: Responsible female seeks same (approx. 25 yrs. old) to share 2 BR apt. \$225/mo. plus utils. Call Donna at 774-2775 before 2:30 PM.

ROOMMATE WANTED: RN seeking 1 or 2 roommates to share 8-room duplex in Woodfords area. Avail. July 1. \$250-\$350/mo. Parking. No pets. Call 773-3339.

FOR SALE: 10 Miles from MMC in So. Windham. Dr. Branson's former office which has been converted to 2 apts. A quality building. \$69,000. Call 892-6085.

FOR SALE: 6 room cape with attached garage. Cheverus area of Portland. Excellent condition. \$68,500. Call 774-5221 after 5 PM.

FOR SALE: 1977 Pontiac LeMans with PS, PB, auto., AM/FM radio. Well-maintained. \$1,000 firm. Call 767-2990 or 772-4310 after 6 PM.

FOR SALE: 1975 Suburban 4 WD with auto. trans., PS, PB, AC, CC, tilt-wheel, good condition. \$3,000 or best offer. Call 799-4129.

FOR SALE: 1979 Yamaha motorcycle. 250 cc., excellent condition, low mileage, \$550 or best offer. Call 883-3652.

FOR SALE: 1980 Honda Custom 650 with 5-spd. chain drive, 17,000 miles, new battery, \$1,000 firm. Call 767-2990 or 772-4310 after 6 PM.

FOR SALE: 1976 Honda Goldwing. Excellent touring bike. Windshield, other extras, always garaged, 12,000 miles. \$1,695. Call 799-2978 after 5:30 PM.

FOR SALE: 1976 Harley-Davidson 125 Enduro motorcycle in very good condition, \$325. Call 772-7143.

FOR SALE: 1983 VW camper. 24,000 miles, excellent condition, 2-way refrig., sink, gas stove, pop-top for extra bunk, 4-spd. trans., stereo, CB. Call 655-4019 anytime.

FOR SALE: Vanity with blue sink, formica top, 48 in. long, 22 in. wide, \$25. Apt. size gas stove, white, \$15. Call 797-3347.

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FOR SALE: Dalton 10½ ft. truck camper. Sleeps 4, gas/electric refrig. and stove with oven, bath. Great condition. \$1,995. Call 854-1397.

FOR SALE: Vito alto saxophone. Used 2½ years, good condition. New \$575; asking \$375 or best offer. DP gympac fitness center model 2000. Used 3 months, \$225. Call 854-9500.

FOR SALE: Love seat and matching chair in good condition, \$125 for both. Call 854-4036.

FOR SALE: 23 channel CB Eversonic transmitter, with power pack, in excellent condition, \$50. Women's white Spring coat in excellent condition, size 14, \$20. Call 772-5103.

FOR SALE: Ibanez electric acoustic guitar with hard shell case in excellent condition, \$350. Call 772-7143.

FOR SALE: 5 ft. x 3 ft. utility trailer, heavy duty, tandem axles, electric brakes, \$1,200 or best offer. Call 799-4129.

FOR SALE: Baby lop bunnies, \$5. Call mornings at 799-1389.

FOR SALE: DR set with 2 upholstered chairs, 1 bench, and table, \$75 or best offer. Call 839-4844.

FOR SALE: Dark pine colonial style DR set with table with 2 leaves, and 6 chairs, \$145. All steel osteo construction trundle bed with 2 twin mattresses, \$65. Call 767-5224.

FOR SALE: Antique hand-crocheted bedspread for double bed. Also, sterling silver. Call 772-7909.

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