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Commuting is reason for Rideshare booth

There are people out there who think they know of a better way for you to get back and forth from work each day, and they're coming to Maine Medical Center July 22 and 23 to try to convince you. The Greater Portland Council of Governments and the METRO bus system will send representatives to a booth in the Admitting Lobby from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM each day.

The Greater Portland Council of Governments is promoting its Rideshare program, an outgrowth of the computerized carpool matching system initiated by the Portland Chamber of Commerce. It is now a hand-match system, allowing for more personal attention, and the representatives will be taking information from interested employees while they are here. They have promised lists of matches within one week.

The METRO wants to promote the bus as a commuting alternative, and representative Don Cushing will be on hand to provide information, answer questions, and listen to complaints, compliments, and suggestions. He will also be talking about a special program for MMC employees, which is detailed elsewhere in this issue of *What's Happening*.



SUMMERTIME means lunch on the lawn for many MMC people, including these employees from Medical Records. (A/V Photo)

The Maine Medical Center Carpool Project will continue as before, but those employees who participate in the Rideshare program will, of course, have greater possibilities for matching due to the large number of participants. However, the list of participants in the **RIDESHARE**, page 3

State pays honor to unique MMC program

A Maine Medical Center program, the people behind its birth and development, and the very special people who are participating in it were honored last week by the State of Maine. Governor Joseph E. Brennan and Commissioner of Mental Health and Retardation Kevin Concannon visited the hospital to present an Award of Merit for the Hospital Industries Project of the MMC Department of Medical Rehabilitation.

The project, funded by a federal and State Bureau of Rehabilitation grant, is providing a supportive work opportunity within MMC for 17 clients of the Bureau of Rehabilitation and the Bureau of Mental Retardation. It is unique in Maine in that it offers a sheltered shop within a working plant that doesn't exist solely for the purpose of employing

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All in the MMC family are invited to

A Morning Coffee in Honor of

TURNER BLEDSOE, M.D.

**who is leaving MMC after four years as
Vice President for Health Affairs**

Coffee and Good Wishes, 9 to 10 AM

Thursday, July 29

Cafeteria Conference Rooms

Maine HFMA elects 1982-83 officers

The people who manage the complex financial workings of the health care industry have their own national organization -- the Healthcare Financial Management Association -- to improve themselves through education and information sharing. The Maine chapter of the HFMA, with a membership including hospital financial administrators, nursing home officials, and outside accountants, has elected officers for the coming year. They include two from MMC's Accounting Department.

Installed as president of the Maine Chapter was David L. Wheeler, FHFMA, Assistant Administrator of Finance for the Osteopathic Hospital of Maine. Mr. Wheeler will oversee programs for the year, which will include a major regional conference on the effects of federal budget cutbacks. Past topics addressed by the organization include corporate reorganization, voluntary budget review, and the activities of the Maine Health Facilities Cost Review Board.

Other officers elected were Dean J. Bither, FHFMA, a budget analyst with the Voluntary Budget Review Organization of Maine, President-Elect; Raymond J. LaPlante, Controller, Northern Cumberland Memorial Hospital, Vice-President and Program Chairman; Gail E. Day, Reimbursement Specialist, Mid-Maine Medical Center, Secretary; and M. Dale Shaw, FHFMA, Project Accountant, Maine Medical Center, Treasurer.

Directors for 1982-1983 are Donald E. Bowker, FHFMA, Vice-President of Finance, Kennebec Valley Medical Center; Mark A. Biscone, Controller, Waldo County General Hospital; Daniel B. Coffey, Assistant Vice-President -- Reimbursement Services, Eastern Maine Medical Center; William C. Whitley, Director of Finance, Waterville Osteopathic Hospital; William H. Burgess, FHFMA, Controller, Kennebec Valley Medical Center; Robert A. Calderwood, Director of Finance, Miles Memorial Hospital; John H. Jackson, Jr., C.P.A., Arthur Young & Co.; and Gene C. Joyner, Director of Budgets and Reimbursement, Maine Medical Center.

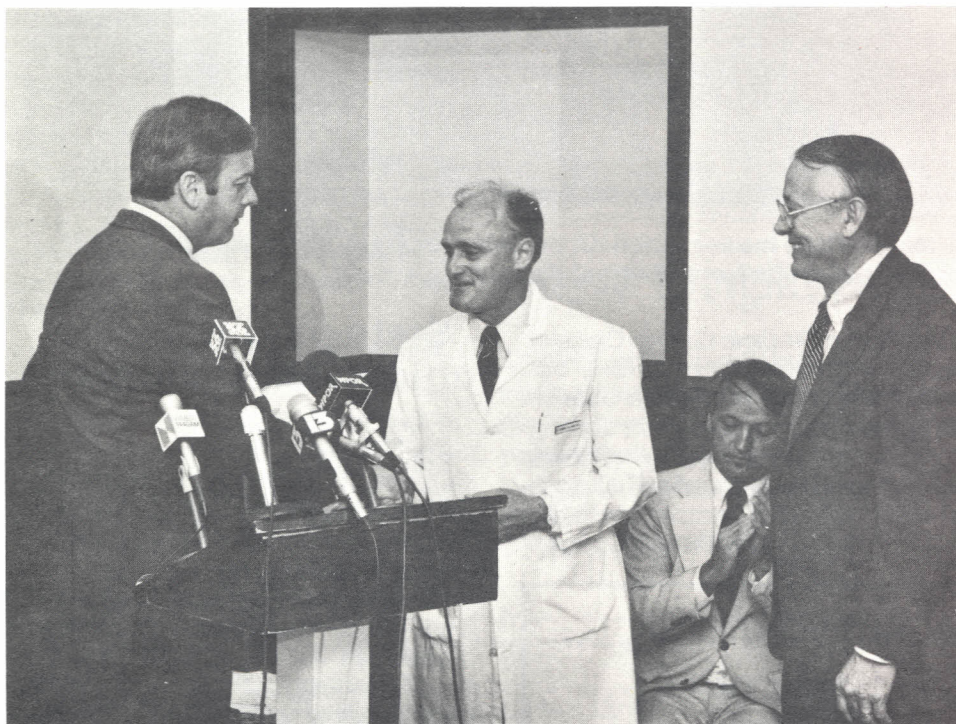
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handicapped people.

Governor Brennan made note of the project's value to the mentally handicapped, restating his conviction that "the best human service program for many persons is a job." He also recognized its importance as a cooperative venture, because it involved close work among several state agencies -- such as human services, mental health, and rehabilitation -- the private sector as represented by Maine Medical Center, and several departments within MMC -- notably Medical Rehabilitation, Food Services, Housekeeping, Personnel, Employee Health, and Accounting.

The Administrative Director of MMC's Department of Rehabilitation, Richard Balser, expressed his appreciation for the recognition, and also announced that the program had received the Regional Award of the Northeast Rehabilitation Association. He stressed that the clients were not being given work "because we felt sorry for them," but rather to prove that "they can function as welcome and productive members" of the workforce. The clients are, in fact, employees of the hospital, and the same level of performance is expected of them as of any other employee.

The special state Award read, in part: "In recognition of the commitment of the Maine Medical Center to exemplify and to promote innovative practices in the pursuit of rehabilitation of handicapped persons..." Governor Brennan acknowledged that the Hospital Industries Project was a small step on a long road, but nonetheless a "vital opportunity that is being provided to persons from this area of the state of Maine through training in meaningful employment. It is a marvelous example and one that hopefully will be imitated and emulated elsewhere in the country."

While those who spoke at the awards ceremony cited many ways the project is important, Governor Brennan closed his remarks by noting that "most important of all, it is important because it is people working *with* people and *for* people." For those involved, that is truly the most important part of the entire project.



MMC RECEIVED A SPECIAL AWARD from the State of Maine recently, for the Hospital Industries Project of the MMC Department of Medical Rehabilitation. Governor Joseph E. Brennan, left, presented the award to Chief of Rehabilitation Medicine B. Cairbre McCann, M.D., while Maine Commissioner of Mental Health and Retardation Kevin Concannon (seated) and MMC President Edward C. Andrews, Jr., M.D., looked on. The program, unique in Maine, employs 17 mentally handicapped individuals in the Departments of Food Services and Housekeeping. It has also received the Regional Award of the Northeast Rehabilitation Association.

(A/V Photo)

**Maine Medical Center
Health Sciences Library**

Summer Hours
7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

METRO makes an offer ...

The METRO, Portland's bus system, wants to increase its ridership, particularly among commuters. The people at the METRO believe the bus is a viable alternative to the automobile for many people, and they're putting their money where their beliefs are.

In order to convince MMC employees that they can use the bus successfully and happily for commuting, they will introduce it to them by letting any Photo ID carrying employee ride it *absolutely free* during the work week of July 26-30. If you've ever thought of taking the bus to work, or if the idea sounds interesting, you now have absolutely nothing to lose by giving it a try -- and you may have a lot to gain.

To take advantage of this unprecedented offer, just call the METRO at 774-0351 for route and scheduling information (or stop by the booth in the Admitting Lobby July 22-23), go to the nearest bus stop during the week of July 26-30, and have your Photo ID ready. That's all there is to it. There is a bus stop right outside the Bramhall entrance, so your "chauffeured" ride could even end with virtual "doorstep delivery."

So give some thought to a bus ride. You can try it for a few days to see if you like it, without risking a penny. If you find you don't like it, you've lost nothing. If you do, the savings in time, money, and aggravation may surprise you.

... that may be hard to refuse

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MMC program will *not* be made available to the Rideshare people, so if you wish to participate in that program you will have to sign up again.

Information will also be available on vanpooling and buspooling, and new METRO schedules and route maps will be there for the taking. METRO has also hinted at the possibility of some pass giveaways and discount offers.

The benefits of carpooling have been explained many times, but as transportation costs increase, the savings possible in a carpool increase as well. The Rideshare representatives will have plenty of documentation on hand, and will be happy to answer specific questions if they can. Those who are interested might want to ask specifically about the benefits of operating a vanpool, a concept which has worked out profitably for some employees at Bath Iron Works and other large employers in New England.

The booth will be open from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM Thursday, July 22, and Friday, July 23.

EAC News

The *Kinder-Care Learning Center*, at 2195 Congress Street in Portland, has joined the Employee Activity Committee's Employee Discount Program. Kinder-Care offers a variety of programs, including an infant/toddler (3 months to 2½ years) program, a pre-school program, a state-certified kindergarten, and an after-school program. The discount offer, available only if at least five children of MMC employees are registered, is 10%.

Tuition amounts and the specifics of the program vary, so contact the Center directly at 774-7195 for more details.

Photo Contest winners are now on display

If you haven't seen them yet, the winning photos in the 1982 Maine Medical Center Employee Photo Contest are on display awaiting your perusal. They are displayed in the enclosed bulletin boards near the *What's Happening* box and across from the Richards wing elevators on the Ground Floor.

There are twenty-two photos in all, the winners chosen from 335 photographs submitted by sixty-six photographers.



THE CLASS OF 1982 of the School of Medical Technology. Standing, from left: Victoria Stanley, North Edgecomb; Donna Wrigley, Oakland; Sarah Farr, Harrison; Claire Coleman, Portland; Tracy Ludwig, Gardiner; Donna Gagne, Biddeford; and Lee Perkins, Exeter, N.H. Seated, from left: Christopher Cabana, Waterville; Patricia Owen, Bethel; Alison Luck, North Hampton, N.H.; Aphrodite Goulatis, Portland; Sherry Tome, Bowdoinham; and John Edicola, Utica, N.Y. The graduates represent five New England colleges: the University of Maine at Orono, Westbrook College, Colby-Sawyer College, the State University of New York at Plattsburg, and the University of New Hampshire. (A/V Photo)

Marketplace

FOR RENT: 1 BR unfurnished apt. LR, KT, bath. 1 mile from MMC. \$260/mo. includes heat and utils. Call 854-5959.

FOR RENT: 4 RM doctor's office located in Gorham. Avail. late August. Call 839-6025.

FOR RENT: Room in private home at Pine Point. Kitchen privileges, parking. \$50/wk. Call 883-4452 after noon.

FOR RENT: Oakhurst area of Cape Elizabeth. 5 BR Cape, 1-car garage. \$500/mo. plus utils. Call 772-4030.

FOR RENT: 2 BR apt. at 5 Walker St. Stove, refrig., shower. \$225/mo. includes hot water. Call 772-9816.

FOR RENT: Room in private home near MMC. Kitchen privileges and parking. Call 773-0478 between 5 and 9 PM.

FOR RENT: House on shore in Falmouth Foreside. 2 or 3 BR, large private lot. Avail. Sept.-May. \$550/mo. plus utils. Ideal for children. Call 781-2672.

FOR RENT: Sunny, 5 RM apt. in South Portland. Unfurn., \$300/mo. Call 767-3516.

FOR SALE: 1972 Suzuki T 350. New tires, chain, and sprockets. Needs clutch. \$300. Call 839-4131.

FOR SALE: Ashley wood stove. 4 years old, used only one season. Very good cond. \$85. Call J. Haddow at 883-4131, days.

FOR SALE: Extremely neat 3 BR Cape in South Portland. Must see to appreciate. \$52,900. At 37 Massachusetts Ave. Call 773-7403.

FOR SALE: Clogs, size 7½. Brand new, \$35. Please call 772-7063 anytime.

FOR SALE: Atari TV game, 2 programs, \$100. Panasonic Easaphone answering device, \$200. Bearcat 20-channel programmable scanner, \$225. Call Jim Fraser at 773-8851.

FOR SALE: 12 ft. x 12 ft. rust carpeting and padding. Ex. cond.; used 1 year. \$75. Call 775-4362.

FOR SALE: Size 7 wedding gown with train and veil. Lots of lace. In a care-pack. Call Bridgett at 799-6608.

FOR SALE: 1969 TR-6. Completely restored. Best offer. Call Steve at 854-9147 between 9 AM and 5 PM or 934-4604 after 5 PM.

FOR SALE: Enameled wood cook stove with warming oven and hot water tank. Needs work. \$300 or make offer. Call 655-4052.

FOR SALE: Utility trailer. Converted pickup box with plywood sides, tarp top, 12-ply tires, heavy duty frame. Excellent for moving. Make an offer. Call 774-2876.

FOR SALE: 1970 Detroit mobile home. 3 BR, attached roof, sunporch. Must be moved. \$8,000. Call 727-3466.

ROOMMATE WANTED: Mature, responsible female to share ½ duplex with woman and 13-mo.-old daughter. 6 RM, large yard. \$150/mo. plus ½ utils. Call 767-4613 days or eves.

ROOMMATE WANTED: For spacious, quaint house 2 blocks from MMC. Off-street parking, backyard, dishwasher, color TV, etc. \$200/mo. plus utils. (not bad). Call 773-3930 or beeper 528.

FREE: Kittens. 5 weeks old. They love people, are litter-trained. Will deliver. Call 865-3735 or see Cat in Nuclear Medicine.

New Employees

EMERGENCY: Cheri Booth

FOOD SERVICES: Susan M. Ferrante, David Howard

PERSONNEL: Dawn Reevy

PHYSICAL THERAPY: Jana Lynch, Lynn M. Sicuro

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1983 Holiday Schedule

For the benefit of those who like to plan well ahead, the Personnel Department has announced the 1983 MMC holiday schedule as follows:

New Year's Day Friday, December 31; **Washington's Birthday** Monday, February 21; **Patriot's Day** Monday, April 18; **Memorial Day** Monday, May 30; **Independence Day** Monday, July 4; **Labor Day** Monday, September 5; **Veteran's Day** Friday, November 11; **Thanksgiving Day** Thursday, November 24; **Christmas Day** Monday, December 26; and **Personal Day**.

Please note that MMC policy allows the substitution of one other religious holiday for Christmas Day, if desired and with departmental approval.

The Personal Day is a floating holiday which may be used at any time with prior supervisory approval. The only condition is that it not be used to extend any of the other holidays.

Morphology

MANN'S FOURTH LAW OF MEDICATION

The frequency of dosage is in direct proportion to cost.

Corollary

Cost per tablet is inversely proportional to tablet size.

PAULG'S LAW

In America, it's not how much an item costs, it's how much you save.

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