

what's happening

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Users, doers look at Materials Management

A massive study is underway in Maine Medical Center's Materials Management Department, involving the efforts of over thirty people known collectively as the Materials Management Study Committee. The study is aimed at improving the operations and service of the department, which over the five years of its existence has experienced a dramatic increase in demand and is facing even greater pressures due to MMC's proposed expansion. The principle underlying the entire study is one of assuring user satisfaction and customer service.

The process being used by the committee is based on a simple premise -- that the people working in Materials Management and the people who are served by that department know what is needed and what can be done. Accordingly, subcommittees including personnel from Materials Management and user departments will tackle the study's broad objectives, which are:

- 1) to determine safe stock levels of critical items; 2) to investigate improved systems for the charging of patient supplies; 3) to centralize distribution of supplies (CSD and Storeroom); and 4) to investigate the economies of bulk purchasing.

The Materials Management study is important in light of expansion plans for MMC, and the method being used mirrors that found throughout the hospital's facilities planning process. Employees have been involved in the planning process in their areas of expertise, such as in the planning for SCU IV, which drew on the knowledge, skills, and experience of the physicians, nurses, and others who work in critical care.

Five subcommittees are at work, each co-chaired by Materials Manage-

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BIG BIRD -- all eight feet of him -- arrived at MMC's Pediatric Unit last week. Youngsters from the Riverton School made the Sesame Street character and brought him here to cheer up the young patients. Lindsey M. White, 2½ (left) applauds the generous gesture while school children Mei-ning Gregory, 5½, Leeann Reynolds, 6, and Benjamin DeVilleneuve, 7, put the finishing touches on their present.

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ment personnel and consisting of volunteers from user departments. The Materials Management staff will do the bulk of the work, with input from users. Subcommittees are: Patient Charge System, chaired by Rick Dambrie and Jerry Gaskins; Bulk Purchases, chaired by Rita Nielsen and Heidi Pelletier; Critical Item List, chaired by Jeri Mundi and Carol Rairdon; Consolidation of CSD and Storeroom, chaired by Joe Fraser and Karen Bowen; and Supplies Distribution System, chaired by Charles Dibble and Greg Gelinas.

As these subcommittees complete their work, the results can be used to address the question of off-site warehousing. An off-site warehouse will be a necessity during construction and once the new building is completed, and the data compiled by the entire Materials Management Study Committee will be necessary to make the best decisions about such matters as location, size, and layout.

Those employees volunteering their time to serve on the various subcommittees are: Eric Anderson, Data Management; Doug Axelson, Accounting; Donald Beddie, Management Engineer; Chuck Chandler, Internal Audit; Mary Corbin, R-3 Unit Clerk; Ken Davis, Linen Services; Charles Dibble, Materials Management; Don Dyer, Engineering; Bill Gousse, Pharmacy; Ken Hill, Anesthesia; Charles Kettell, Pulmonary Medicine; Sandra Larlee, Hematology Laboratory; Pat Laroche, Chemistry Laboratory; Sidney Leighton, Central Service; Carol Mullen, Radiation Therapy; Heidi Pelletier, Materials Management; Kendall Pierce, RN, Special Care Unit; Alice Rose, Cancer Registry; Richard Roy, Patient Accounts; Michelle Sewall, RN, R-3 Surgical Unit; Art Stevenson, P3A, P3CD, R3 Unit Manager; Cathy Sumpter, RN, Operating Room; Mike Swan, Housekeeping; and Robert Underwood, Food Services.

“Values” are topic of adolescent forum

The Maine Region I Adolescent Pregnancy Program forums continue this month with “Values -- Differences between teens’ and adults’ clarification processes.” Speaking at this ninth in a series of Forums on Adolescent Issues will be Louise Zubrod, Ed.D., a Family Therapist. The session is scheduled for 12 Noon-1:00 PM, Monday, June 28, in Classrooms 3&4 at Maine Medical Center. This is the last forum for the summer.



THE PATIENT CHARGE SYSTEM subcommittee of the Materials Management Study Committee hears recommendations from Rita Nielsen, CSD.

(A/V Photo)

You Did It...

As I'm sure you are aware by now, Friday, June 11, was a milestone in MMC Blood Drives. The previous record of 187 pints was smashed as we recorded 216 pints collected. Two hundred and thirty-eight people presented, and 33 were first-time donors.

All of this would not have been possible without the enthusiastic efforts of the recruitment committee and those who ventured down to Classrooms 3 & 4 to donate. My sincere thanks are extended to all of you.

*William Gousse
Recruitment Chairman*

The Best Ever!!

New Employees

NURSING: Mary C. Agnew, Lisa T. Bower, Robin L. Chadbourne, Gail K. Cinelli, Barbara A. Conti, Elizabeth J. Gosselin, Sharon B. Judkins, Diane A. Langlais, Margaret Lawrence, Diane T. LeBlond, Lisa R. Littlefield, Eilyn F. Manning, William C. Mayfield, Susan E. McCoskrie, Debra L. Morse, Anne E. O'Brien, Ruth C. Pelkey, Laura J. Pinkham, Frances M. Todd, Jacqueline Yardumian

SMACH plans another COPD seminar June 25

The Southern Maine Association of Cooperating Hospitals (SMACH) and the Maine Lung Association have planned a follow-up to their well-attended May 28 seminars on Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. A workshop on *Pulmonary Rehabilitation Skills for Nurses and Therapists* is scheduled for Friday, June 25, at the Kimball Health Center in Saco.

This day-long workshop will provide much more detailed information than the initial seminars, and focus on the skills and knowledge required for effective pulmonary rehabilitation. The morning session will consist of lectures, the afternoon of skills-building workshops.

Faculty for the workshop includes Teresa Getchell, RN, MA, a pulmonary nurse clinician at Mercy Hospital, Christine Hanscome, RN, a respiratory nurse specialist at Maine Medical Center, and Lee Goulet, RPT, a physical therapist at Mercy Hospital.

Topics to be covered include the assessment and evaluation of patients, the design and implementation of a rehabilitation program, and the evaluation of results.

There is no charge for the workshop, and lunch is available at \$4.00. The workshop has been submitted to the MSNA for 6 CEUs. To register, call the SMACH office at 283-0126 no later than today, June 23.

MMC flag raising is impressive ceremony

Flag Day did not dawn sunny and fine as it has in the past, but the spirit of the participants shone through during MMC's traditional flag-raising ceremonies last week. The Employee Activity Committee, as custodian of



the hospital's flag, staged the ceremony as an observance of the June 14 holiday, to be sure. But more importantly, it was a special remembrance of and by MMC people.

The flag raised during the ceremony had been presented to the hospital by Cathaleen Hodgkins, NA, in memory of her late husband Charles Hodgkins,



PRINCIPALS AT MMC's flag raising ceremony included (from left) Ed Meehan, Paint Shop; Cathaleen Hodgkins, NA; President Edward C. Andrews, Jr., M.D.; and a U.S. Marine Corps guard. (A/V Photo)

who had worked in the Paint Shop. MMC President Edward C. Andrews, Jr., M.D., announced the gift during the ceremony. Warm words from the participants took away the chill of the weather, and a U.S. Marine Corps color guard added a bit of brightness.

In the invocation, Chaplain John Simpson expressed gratitude for a flag that "stands above us, yet speaks clearly for us. . .it cannot feel pain, it cannot become personally involved in our problems of space or lack of facilities. . .nor change our destinies if we

are ill. . . But it reminds us of the freedom to speak: to those caring for us, to those caring about us, to those being with us. . . May it ever symbolize trust, loyalty and commitment to human dignity and freedom for all."

Ed Meehan of the MMC Paint Shop spoke for the employees. He spoke of a deep pride in the flag and its history, and said: "It represents our unity and power as a nation. . .Our hopes and dreams of a lasting peace on earth. . .I am proud to be part of it, and that is why I am here today."

Audio/Visual posts new summer hours

The Department of Audio/Visual Resources announces new summer hours, effective July 1 through August 31, 1982. Currently open for all requests from 8 AM to 5 PM, the department will, for the summer months, be open from 8 AM to noon and from 2 to 5 PM.

The two hours during which the office will not receive requests will provide the staff with an uninterrupted block of time in which to organize and work on production, according to Department Director William Cohen.

These experimental new hours will affect people who are requesting production work -- such as slides, transparencies, typesetting -- as well as those calling for work or picking up or returning equipment.

Third TSA meeting set for Monday

Representatives of Capital Guardian Trust's Mutual Fund Annuity Account will be at MMC on Monday, June 28, to meet with all interested employees and explain their annuity program. The program, one of three chosen by an employee committee, offers a selection among 12 different mutual funds.

The representatives will be in Classrooms 3 & 4 from 8:00 to 9:00 AM on Monday, June 28. For further information, contact Employee Benefits Manager Jill Johnson at x2973.

Cut up with a new EAC discount. . .

Men and women employees and retirees can take advantage of the latest EAC Discount offering, available at Permanent Wave Hair Stylist, 921 Congress St. in Portland. Stylist Tony Donovan will give a 15% discount on a cut; a shampoo cut; a shampoo, cut and style; a shampoo and set; and on frosting. (The discount is *not* available on Mr. Donovan's \$25 perm package which includes shampoo, cut, perm and style.)

The offer is good to all MMC people who show their MMC ID card, Tuesdays through Saturdays between 9 AM and 5 PM. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will be welcomed. The Stylist number is 773-9052.

Marketplace

BABYSITTING: Will babysit in my West-gate home. Have refs. Call 775-0477.

FOR RENT: Large horse stall. Good care in rich pasture. Call Michelle at 797-6994.

FOR RENT: MMC, USM, Mercy Hospital area. 5 large, sunny rooms and bath. Hardwood floors, frpl. Parking. \$375/mo. plus utils. Call 772-3171 eves. Ask for Mark or Jim.

FOR RENT: 2 BR apt. overlooking Casco Bay. Available to sublet July 1 to Labor Day or longer. Call 774-5127 after 5 PM.

FOR RENT: Large sunny 3 RM apt. Newly renovated, refinished hardwood floors. Located near MMC. \$250/mo. plus utils. Call 772-1295.

FOR RENT: Gracious Portland Colonial. Furn., 4 BR, 2½ baths. Washer, dryer, dishwasher, garage. Near hospitals and university. Avail. Sept.-May. \$725/mo. Call 773-7928 after 6 PM.

FOR RENT: Apt. in quiet, well-kept house on Spruce St. 6 rooms. 2 BR, with frpl. and hardwood floors. \$425/mo. includes heat and utils. Parking. Refs. required. Avail. after July 6. Call 773-3913 between 5:30 PM and 10 PM.

FOR RENT: Apt. available on quiet street, free parking. Large LR w/frpl., large DR, full KT, 2 BR and bath. \$395/mo., utils included. Refs required. Call 772-1011 between 8 AM and 4 PM.

FOR RENT: 91 Congress St. 3rd-floor apt. with 3 BR and w-w carpet. Avail. immediately. \$275/mo. plus utils and sec. dep. Call 767-3136 after 6 PM.

FOR RENT: 2 BR apt. (5 rooms) on Congress St. across from MMC parking ramp. \$325/mo. everything included. Call 773-9052 anytime.

FOR SALE: Brown tweed 100% wool topcoat, man's size 36, Benoit's label; dark blue leather jacket, man's size 36, Giorgio Armani label; black 100% cashmere top coat, man's size 36, Giorgio Armani label. All items like new. Price negotiable. Call 799-5646 after 5 PM.

FOR SALE: Drake Smith solid pine Captain's desk. 26 x 57 in. on top, 4 shelves, 8 drawers. \$375. Call 799-0794 eves.

FOR SALE: 1966 Chrysler 300. Good cond., sticker, no rust. New exhaust system, battery, tires, immaculate interior. Asking \$600. Call 829-6619.

FOR SALE: Treadle sewing machine in good condition. \$35. Call 892-8039.

FOR RENT: Cottage on Frye's Island on Sebago Lake. 2 BR, sundeck. \$150/wk. 11 beaches on the island, tennis courts, pool, store. Hiking and golf course. Call 883-2730.

FOR RENT: Basement apt. in residential Portland area. 1 BR, LR, KT, bath. \$245/mo. unheated; all other utils included. Sec. dep. Avail. July 1. Call 774-0854.

FOR SALE: Fiberglass Glassmaster 14-ft. boat. 70 h.p. Evinrude motor, trailer included. \$2,900. Call 772-1497 between 9 AM and 6 PM.

FOR SALE: 1960 Impala. PS/PB, 282 V-8, Southern car. Asking \$3,500. Will consider partial trade for pick-up. Call 846-5226 between 1:30 and 2:30 PM, anytime on weekends.

FOR SALE: 1974 Starcraft tent trailer. Mint cond. Call 799-2843.

FOR SALE: 18-ft. travel trailer. Sleeps 6, stove, refrig. Good cond. \$1,500. Call 846-9916 after 5:30 PM.

FOR SALE: Moped. Less than 250 miles. Ex. cond. \$250. Call 846-9916 after 5:30 PM.

FOR SALE: 12-ft. Penguin sailboat with trailer. Call 892-9435.

FOR SALE: 8 x 10 rug and pad. Oriental design. Call 892-9435.

FOR SALE: Kustom PA 300 watts with two SH15-2 EV cabinets. One Zeron microphone with cord. All other wires also. Asking \$1,100 or best offer. Call Henry at 775-6708 after 5 PM, or call 799-5185 and leave message.

FOR SALE: Gold plaid colonial sofa with double-size bed. Also gold chair. 1 yr. old, in perfect cond. \$425. Call 892-4929.

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FOR SALE: Elsa, a 4-year-old, well-mannered, spayed female Doberman, needs a good home. She needs fenced yard or a jogging partner. Prefer adults only - no cats. She's a good companion. Reason for selling - relocating to Portland. Will sell only on 1-month trial basis. Call 892-3094.

FOR SALE: 1972 Buick Skylark. Ex. running cond., new sticker. Needs body work. \$650. Call 846-3349.

ROOMMATE WANTED: Female non-smoker seeks same to share 3rd floor, Western Prom location apt., 4 sunny rooms, KT, bath. \$175/mo. plus deposit; heat and gas included. Share electricity. No pets, please. Call 774-1318 mornings or after 5 PM.

ROOMMATE WANTED: Female roommate to share a furn. Brackett St. apt., just 3 blocks from MMC. \$35/wk., sec. dep. required. Avail. July 2. Please call Cathy at 773-9045 after 6 PM weekdays.

ROOMMATES WANTED: To share 2 BR apt. with young mother and 1½-year-old son. Duplex in Prides Corner area - 7 miles from MMC. \$145/mo. plus ½ utils. Please call 797-2715.

FREE: To good homes. 4-5-week-old kittens. Well trained for their age. Affectionate. Prefer people who will have them neutered. Please call 773-4217 between 9 AM and 3 PM.

FREE: To good home. Kittens. 2 Tiger and 1 mostly gray. Very cute. Call 799-1885.

WANTED: Used playpen in good cond. Reasonable price. Call 926-4611.

WANTED: Medical assistant's position in doctor's office. Am a graduate of Westbrook College's Medical Assistant's program. Qualified in both administrative and clinical duties. Call 772-2286.

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