

what's happening

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MMC Friends hold annual meeting

Election of officers and a panel program on foster care in Maine highlighted the annual fall meeting of the Friends of Maine Medical Center. More than 100 Friends were present for the meeting in the NDF classrooms.

Mrs. George W. Foley was reelected president of the auxiliary organization, which is entering its 21st year of service to MMC. Elected to serve with Mrs. Foley were: 1st vice president, Mrs. Anne VanLonkhuyzen; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Donald N. Reed; recording secretary, Mrs. John McGorriell; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Clinton Blood; treasurer, Mrs. John Keenan; assistant treasurer, Mrs. Harold Fralich; and members-at-large, Mrs. Cedric J. Porter and Mrs. Henry W. Saunders.

MMC president Edward C. Andrews, Jr., M.D., welcomed the group to their annual membership meeting; members of the 1980 Friends Board were hostesses for the afternoon.

"Temporary Parenting for Troubled Homes" was the topic of a discussion on foster care in the State of Maine. Panelists were: George W. Hallett, Jr., M.D., Chief of Pediatrics at MMC; Portland attorney Thomas H. Allen, chairman of the Governor's Task Force on Foster Care; and foster parents Mrs. Marge LeBeau and Mrs. Louise Tierney. Mrs. LeBeau is president, and Mrs. Tierney secretary, of the Southern Maine Foster Parent's Association.

Mrs. LeBeau and Mrs. Tierney spoke of the rewards and the difficulties encountered in their years as foster parents, and both called for closer communications among representatives of all agencies involved in the care of each individual child. A gift from the Friends had enabled Mrs. Tierney and Mrs. LeBeau to attend the National Foster Parents Training Conference in Kansas City last spring.

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PANELISTS discussing foster care in Maine at the annual fall meeting of Friends of MMC are, from left: George W. Hallett, Jr., M.D. chief of Pediatrics; Mrs. Louise Tierney and Mrs. Marge LeBeau, officers of the Southern Maine Foster Parent's Association; and Thomas H. Allen, chairman of the Governor's Task Force on Foster Care. (A/V Photo)

1980 United Way Campaign Update

As of 10/22

GOAL	\$39,000
TO DATE	\$35,211
REMAINING	\$ 3,789

39% of employees have given.

100% Departments

Diag. Exam Room, Unit Managers, Radiology Ultrasound, Linen Service, Accounting, Internal Auditing, Switchboard, Development Office,

Volunteer Services, Nursing Coordinators, Nursing Management System, Health Ed., Infection Control, Chaplaincy.

Departments giving 95-99%

Delivery Room, Staff Development (Nursing), Audio Visual Resources, Research, Library, O.R.T. School, Occupational Therapy, Personnel Department, Cardiac Surgery, Engineering, Central Service, Administration, Tumor Registry, P-1A, Nephrology, Social Services, Mental Health — Child, A.S.U., Blood Bank, Materials Management.

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Cafeteria price rise reflects rising costs

Prices in the MMC Cafeteria have gone up again. The increases took effect Monday, October 27, and affected 44 of the approximately 275 items offered in the Cafeteria. In a letter to Cafeteria customers, Assistant Vice President David Lieberman attributes the increases to continued rises in raw food costs, and recent increases in pay rates for hospital employees, including the Food Services staff.

Before the increase took effect, Food Services personnel surveyed the prices on popular items at various local restaurants. A com-

parison with the *new* prices at the Cafeteria revealed that its customers are still getting quite a bargain. A small cup of coffee, for instance, costs 25¢ at MMC, but anywhere from 33¢ to 45¢ at the surveyed restaurants. Likewise, the 80¢ tuna sandwich offered in the Cafeteria runs \$1.50 at a local shop.

Lieberman says the Cafeteria is committed to offering a quality program at prices at or below other operations, and the price comparison shows they are doing just that. He also reminds customers that their comments or suggestions are welcome, in the suggestion book located under the Daily Special board.

Awards coffee is set for November 24

About 170 Maine Medical Center employees will be honored November 24 for five years or multiples of five years service to the hospital. The star of the Employee Service Award Coffee, scheduled for 9:30-11:00 AM in the Cafeteria Conference Rooms, will be Eleanor Gee of Food Services. She has been with MMC 40 years, and served as both Director of Food Services and as a consultant to the department, the position she currently holds.

EAC News

The Employee Activity Committee elected new officers at its October 15 meeting. The new officers are: President, Joyce DeCesere, Accounting; Vice President, Paul Labbe, Clinical Engineering; Secretary, Sally Nason, Chaplain's Office; and Treasurer, Tom Linehan, Unit Manager. The EAC meets every other Wednesday, at 3 PM in the Engineering Conference Room, and the next meeting is October 29. All interested employees are invited to attend.



UNITED WAY SOLICITORS AND COORDINATORS were treated to an Appreciation Coffee in the Cafeteria Conference Rooms October 7. Shown above are three particularly successful solicitors, from left, Julie Wooden, Data Management; Sally Nason, Chaplaincy; and Mary Wheelden, Development. They produced 100% participation in their departments, as did other campaign workers throughout the hospital. (A/V Photo)

Admitting lot to be closed weekends

Beginning Saturday, November 8, MMC's Admitting Parking Lot will no longer be open on weekends and holidays. According to Security Chief William Burnham, the lot is unnecessary for the limited traffic on weekends, and it is uneconomical to keep it open. He says the Bramhall Lot will open at 8:30 AM instead of Noon, and that patients being admitted on weekends and holidays may be dropped off under the canopy at the Bramhall entrance.

FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK

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ANDREW DEMAKIS
DIETARY AIDE

Women are having more smoking problems now

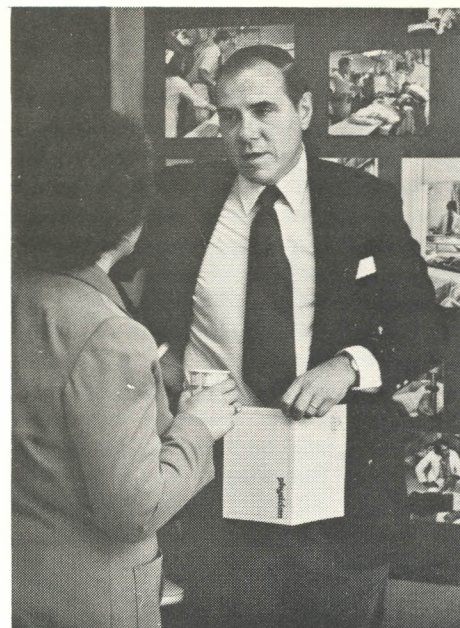
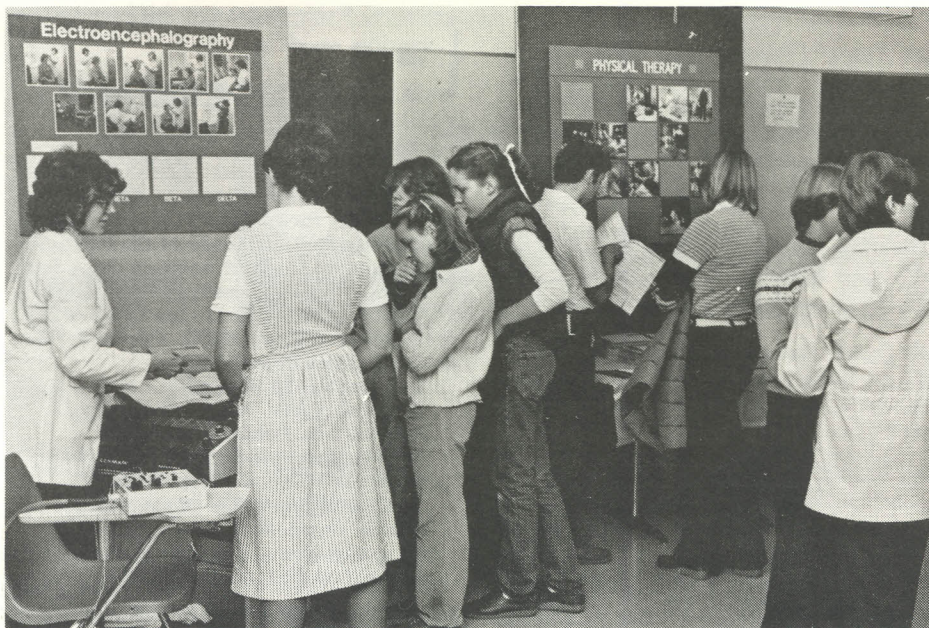
According to figures obtained recently at Maine Medical Center, chronic obstructive lung disease (COLD) has become an equal opportunity health problem. Of 50 patients requiring hospitalization at MMC for the condition, 28 were women and 22 were men. Albert Aranson, M.D., MMC Chief of Medicine, supplied the figures and attributes the marked change in the male/female ratio to the increase in smoking by women. He says COLD is "a disease that was formerly predominantly male and is definitely related to cigarette smoking."

COLD includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema, diseases which result in difficulty expelling air from the lungs. As Dr. Aranson says, "You've come a *wrong* way, baby."

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CAST WITH THE MAJORITY**



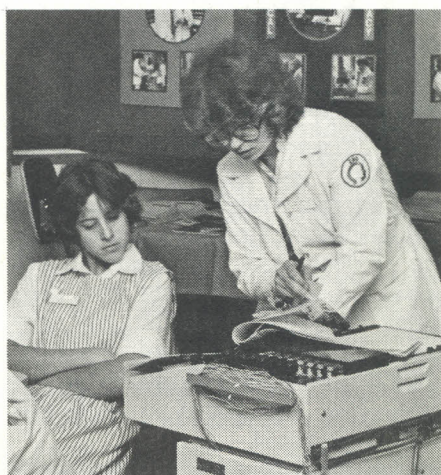
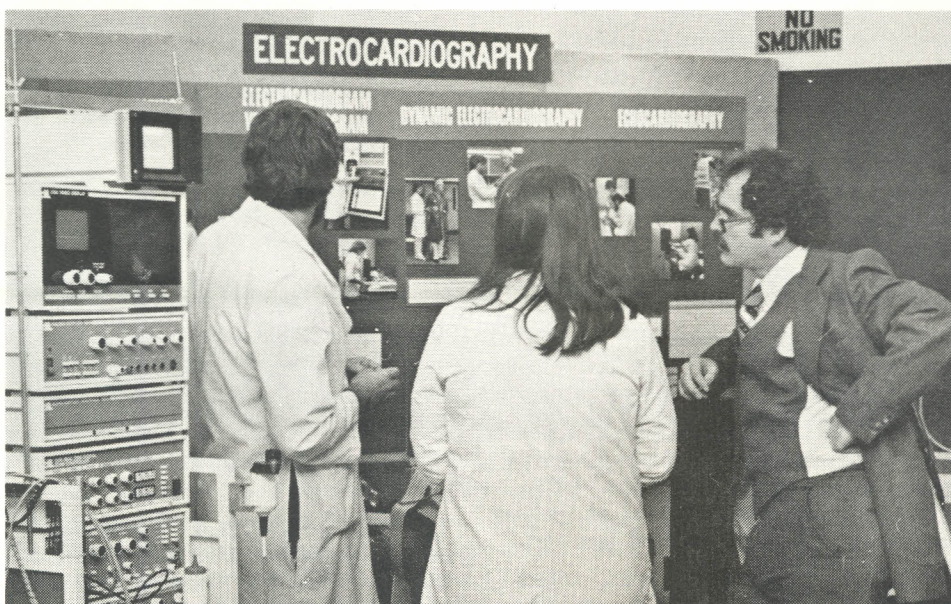
YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT



Career Day 1980 gets good marks

Visitors to MMC's annual Health Career Day, October 18, ranged in age from ten to "over 40," although the majority were aged 16 to 18. They represented 31 schools and colleges and several occupations. Exhibits and slide presentations produced by Audio/Visual Resources, and equipment demonstrations and tours lead by hospital health professionals, offered information on more than 20 career opportunities in the health care field.

Personnel specialist Lynn Breckenridge, Career Day coordinator, reports that feedback from the visitors, most of whom filled in evaluation sheets, was "overwhelmingly positive." Most found the day "helpful," "interesting" and "well organized." Many expressed "surprise at the number of fields available."



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Dr. Hallett expressed his hope that efforts will be forthcoming to help elevate the self-image of many foster parents; he also suggested that those making recommendations and decisions could more frequently decide that alternative parents may be better for a child than its natural ones.

The Governor's Task Force, organized last fall, has had to deal with input from individuals and organizations holding vastly varied viewpoints, Mr. Allen said. Its report, issued this past September, calls generally for changes throughout "the system" and suggests searches for alternatives to foster care as well as attempts at eliminating the need for it.

The responsibility toward each child, he says, rests with all concerned: the natural, foster or adoptive parents, all helping agencies and courts involved, as well as the Department of Human Services, which has been charged with protecting children in need of help.

Marketplace

FOR RENT: 2 BR home, electric and wood heat, 30 min. from MMC. Located on State Game Preserve. \$300/mo. Call 637-2373.

FOR RENT: 2 BR, 1st floor apt. in 2 family colonial home, quiet street, children and pets welcome. Call 772-5546.

FOR RENT: 1st floor apt. in 2-family home, 40 Powsland St. 4 RMS, 1 BR, bath, off street parking. Heat and hot water included. \$325/mo. Ref. and sec. dep. Call 774-2188.

FOR RENT: 3 BR chalet at Valley Crossing, Carrabasset Valley. Christmas and February. 5 miles from Sugarloaf. Call Janet at 773-5555.

FOR RENT: Deering Ave. apt., furnished, 2 BR, bath, no pets, 1 adult, \$215/mo. Call 772-8530.

FOR RENT: 1 BR apt. near MMC, newly redecorated, w/w carpet, new appliances, heat included, all utilities. \$250/mo. Call 773-9662 after 5 PM and Wednesdays after 7:30 PM.

FOR SALE: 1972 Capri 2000, std. 4-speed, red with black vinyl top, sunroof, FM stereo cassette, four Pirellis in good cond., ex. mech. cond., needs body work, \$800. Call 772-9505 eves.

FOR SALE: Round card table, 40" diameter, ex. cond., \$15. Brand new Kneissel skis for intermediate skier, no bindings ever put on, \$160. Call 772-3130 eves.

FOR SALE: 1976 Mercury Capri II, 4 cyl. std. transmission, just over 30,000 miles, good cond., open to offers. Call Jim at 799-7467 eves. or 799-5825 days.

FOR SALE: 1971 Plymouth Fury III, good cond., best offer. Call 772-1045 before 3 PM.

FOR SALE: Queensize boxspring, used 2 mo., \$60. Call 799-1885.

FOR SALE: 1972 Jeep Wagoneer, good driving cond., much work has been done on the body, call 799-2677 eves.

FOR SALE: 1974 Volvo, 4 cyl., 4 speed, reg. gas, AM/FM, tinted windows, electric rear defroster, no rust. \$2495. Call 775-0109.

FOR SALE: Gulbransen Organ, ex. cond., \$600. Jenny Lynd twin size spool bed, \$60. Call 892-4829 eves.

FOR SALE: 1976 Datsun 280Z, standard, AM/FM stereo cassette, A/C, mags, radials, etc. No rust, exc. cond. Call 1-783-2227.

ROOMMATE WANTED: 3 BR townhouse to share with 2 females. \$150/mo. includes heat and hot water. Call 797-4887 after 5:30 PM.

ROOMMATE WANTED: M/F to share renovated townhouse loft apt. 1st floor: 2 BR, K, bath, DR. 2nd floor: Large LR, sleep loft, 2 fireplaces, exposed brick and beams. Share \$525/mo. Call 774-2458.

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ROOMMATE WANTED: M/F, to share house in Deering High School area, \$125/mo. Call 799-5039 eves.

WANTED: Housecleaning work, 4 days per week, \$4.25/hr. Call Florence Samson at 883-4031.

WANTED: Person to care for 2 children, ages 9 and 6, in my home on Vaughan St. from 6:45 AM to 8 AM, 5 days/wk. and from 3:15 to 5:30 PM, 4 days/wk. Person needed every other week. Salary negotiable. Call 799-1885 eves. and weekends, keep trying.

WANTED: Driver or rider in Dover or vicinity, traveling rotating days and eves. to MMC. Call Kathy at 603-742-2315.



One final reminder: "LIVER ROUNDS" will happen Halloween night at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Saco Street in Westbrook. The Holden Bros. will provide the music, you will provide the costumes, and the organizers will provide a prize for the best costume. A \$2.00 donation is requested at the door. The fun starts at 7:30 PM Halloween night.

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