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DENTAL RESIDENTS Philip W. Higgins, DMD, (foreground) and Pierre C. Beaudet, DDS, work in newly renovated quarters with the help of Janice Gowen (foreground) and Peggy Langely. (A/V Photo)

Area professionals help as preceptors for community-based dental residency

Maine Medical Center's two dental residents must survive a selection process that starts with 125 applicants. They win the privilege of seeing patients and working under the preceptorship of some of the area's best-known professionals in a wide-ranging educational program that is real and is practical, and that has all the problems and pressures of a general dental practice.

More than 700 patients benefit, too, visiting MMC's dental facility some 3,300 times annually, receiving modern examinations, prophylaxis, restorations and prosthetics. Most have waited a year, and are charged according to their ability to pay.

And this week, the program moved into two modern operatories in newly renovated quarters on the second floor of MMC's Bramhall building, site of other MMC outpatient activities. The move

consolidates MMC's dental program in one hospital area, and is expected to improve the care offered its patients.

The two current residents, Dr. Pierre Beaudet and Dr. Philip Higgins, are the most recent of ten who have participated in the MMC program. The first came in 1975, and were enrolled in an effort by the hospital and the community to meet at public need revealed in a United Way report on dental health in the greater Portland area. Funds from United Way **DENTAL RESIDENTS, page 2**

Campaign leaders, coordinators meet

Plans for the coming United Way campaign at MMC were formalized last week at a meeting of the campaign leadership and dozens of departmental coordinators.

The session included assignment of responsibility areas and special solicitations with stress on the needs of the United Way agencies throughout the Greater Portland area.



MMC's annual campaign begins next Wednesday, Sept. 26, under the chairmanship of Controller Michael M. Kilmartin and his associate chairman, Mary Lou Kiley, director of personnel. The goal is \$38,000, about \$4,000 than was contributed last year.

This year's United Fund coordinators include:

CICU, Caryn Perry; Delivery Room, Irene Murray; Diagnostic Exam Room, Bea Corey; Nurse Floats, David Baker; NICU, Barbara **UNITED WAY, page 2**

WHY SHOULD I GIVE THE UNITED WAY?

Last year over 115,000 individuals were served by the United Way's 41 agencies. Your gift, along with thousands of others, made these human care services available.

You and your family and your community benefit because essential services are here and available to all who work and live in 16 greater Portland communities.

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and from MMC have been used ever since to provide vital patient experience for new dentists, and at the same time, to provide modern dental care for the area's under-served population.

The residents, currently Drs. Beaudet and Higgins, see patients during a 40-hour work week, providing a full-range of care in a private-practice setting. In addition, the residents rotate in the hospital's Anesthesia and Emergency Departments, observe in the offices of local specialists, and scrub with dental surgeons in the hospital's operating rooms. They provide 24-hour coverage for dental services required by the MMC Emergency room patients, and somehow attend seminars and rounds, listen to lectures by members of the hospital's dental staff and participate in treatment-planning discussions and other diagnostic and therapeutic projects of the hospital's dental facility.

Their teachers are general dental practitioners and specialists of the Portland area...volunteer preceptors whose philosophy and experience benefits the younger dentists throughout their year at MMC, and later as they set up their own practices.

Of the ten dental residents since 1975, three have remained to open offices in the state. One of the two pioneer residents, Dr. Robert Beebe, is Gray's only dentist, and Dr. Thomas Anglim, here in 1978-79, is practicing in Bath.

The pioneers, back in 1975, included Michael Petit, then of United Community Services and now Commissioner of Maine's Department of Human Services. He worked with four professionals who are still involved—nearly five years later—in the residency program and its efforts to educate and to serve. Dr. Clarence E. McIntire, MMC Chief of Dentistry, remains in an advisory capacity; Dr. Lloyd B. Woolf is the active leader of the program, and Dr. J. Michael Taylor, associate vice president for Ambulatory Services, has overall authority with the help of J. Philip Nelson, Manager of Outpatient Services.

The third is Dr. Phil Higgins, a resident at MMC since June. It's just slightly presumptuous to predict that he'll work

in Maine, but it's almost certain. Where else would someone from Bangor set up an office?

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Reckitt; Nurse Clinicians, Nursing Office, Nursing Mgt. System, Nursing Supervisors, Cathy Wiles; Nursery, Cindy Gibb; P1A, Glen Breen; P1C, Olive Knoop; P2A, Judy Fradette, P2D, Virginia Reynolds & Judy Bucher; P3A, Brenda Provencher; Burn Unit, David Wehmeyer; P3CD, Denise Jones; P4D, Helen Pierce; P6, Debbie Janvrin.

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Bachelor degree as nursing prerequisite backed by Maine woman, now ANA president

A Waterville native who spent her childhood in Portland returned to Maine last week as the spokesperson for the nation's 1.8 million professional nurses.

And Barbara Nichols, first black president of the American Nursing Association, told an interviewer in Portland that nurses will continue to be "second-class citizens" until a four-year degree in nursing becomes a basic requirement for entry into the profession.

"We are, if you will, second-class citizens with two dimensions," she said. "First, we are not coming to the profession with the same educational credentials as other health disciplines. And then if you compare us with other professions which are predominately female, we do not compete at their level either."

Mrs. Nichols, 41, director of in-service education for a hospital in Madison, Wisconsin, has served one year of her two-year term as ANA president. She was here to address the annual convention of the Maine State Nurses Association.

Mrs. Nichols said the idea of a prerequisite bachelor degree for nurses surfaced first nearly 80 years ago and is still being debated in nursing circles.

"After years of rhetoric," she said, "we must resolve the issue and stop the debate because our credibility and the future role of nursing is tied to it." She pointed out that such a degree is required for pharmacists, dietitians, therapists and social workers, technologists and librarians.

The ANA has endorsed a proposal that a baccalaureate degree should be the minimum preparation for entry into professional nursing by 1985. The Maine State Nursing Association also has okayed the idea, but with a 1990 deadline.

A delegation of MMC nurses attended the session and Jessie Dennett, RN, MS, Rehabilitation Nurse Specialist and FNA and Maryann Ogonowski, RN, Director of Surgical Nursing were elected to the Board of Directors of the American Nursing Association.



Pul. Med. supervisor cites cylinder rules

Day Supervisor Jim Morgan, Division of Pulmonary Medicine, says MMC personnel responsible for supplying and administering medical gases should be aware of regulations designed to minimize accidents as required by the Occupational Safety and Health Act. He says these standards require that each hospital determines the safety of compressed gas cylinders used in that institution.

OSHA recommends, Jim says, that cylinders be returned if they don't have (1) a label or tag indicating gas content; (2) the proper valve outlet; and (3) the proper color identification for the gas inside.

He urged that all problems with medical gas delivery systems be reported for analysis and possible changes in handling regulations.

Associate V.P. for Data Management named

Donald A. Dods, 46, assistant director of management planning and systems development at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and a doctoral student in the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, has accepted the post of Associate Vice President for Data Management at Maine Medical Center.

His appointment was announced late last week by Wayne C. Patterson, Executive Vice President and Treasurer. Dods will assume his new duties at MMC Oct. 1.

A native of New York City and resident of Mt. Airy, Maryland, Dods is a graduate of Long Island University. He joined the Sperry Gyroscope, Co., in 1955 and served until 1966 as a mechanical-electrical tester, production planning representative and as a program manager in the firm's airborne radar production group. He became a contract administrator with the Applied Physics Laboratory, Johns Hopkins University, in 1966, and in 1974 was awarded the William S. Parsons Fellowship, a one-year grant for the study of systems applications at the Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Medicine.

He began doctoral studies in the School of Hygiene and Public Health in 1974, and in the following year was named assistant director of Management Planning and Systems Development, Administrator of the Clinical Practice Unit and Member of the Clinical Practice Advisory Council and Member of the Johns Hopkins Hospital Management Systems Committee. Dods held all of these appointments until accepting his Maine Medical Center positions, and was the designer and director of several hospital financial record systems.

139 pints donated to ARC Bloodmobile

Chairman Bill Gousse of the MMC Blood Donor Recruitment Committee said Tuesday he was "gratified" at response of MMC employees on the day

before at the Fall drawing. He said a total of 139 pints had been drawn by the crew of the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

Gousse had special thanks for the many new donors. He credited them with conquering fears, prejudices and other hang-ups to join the donor group. "I realize," he said, "that it was a far greater problem for them to give than it was for the old-timers to whom the process has become routine."

Chairman Gousse added that the MMC total comes at a time when Red Cross blood inventories are low. "Our efforts are really appreciated at this time of year," he said.

Conference slated on child abuse

A Maine Medical Center delegation will participate in a two-day program on child abuse at Holiday Inn Downtown, Oct. 29-30. The event, sponsored by the Cumberland County Child Abuse and Neglect Council, is entitled: "Open the Door...Are We Closet Supporters of Child Abuse?"

The Greater Portland United Way and the Department of Human Services are participating in the sponsorship of the program which includes some 19 workshops on various topics pertinent to the child abuse theme.

MMC people will provide two of them: the Emergency Department staff will conduct a panel on "Diagnosing and treating Child Abuse and Neglect in the Hospital Emergency Room; and MMC's Early Intervention project will be discussed by George Hallett, M.D., chief of Pediatrics, and Pat Todorich, R.N., nurse clinician.

A third MMC representative, Mary Beth Sunenblick, social worker, Division of Child Psychiatry, also will be a panelist.

Dozens of other authorities on the subject will participate in the conference which is expected to attract health and public officials, law enforcement officers and social workers from throughout the state.

Stove fair to deal with burning issues

Members of the MMC community who are watching dwindling supplies of home heating oil and wondering how they'll cope this winter (and that's about all of us) may wish to investigate an alternative.

If so, they'll attend a "Wood Energy Fair" Saturday, Sept. 29, at the University of Southern Maine.

The event promises some 50 commercial exhibits, entertainment, prizes and refreshments, plus nine workshops on "burning issues."

There'll be instructional material on the safe installation and use of stoves, selection and preparation of wood, and methods by which solar heat and energy may be employed to its best advantage.

The all-day event will be held in the USM gym.

THANKS...

I want to thank everyone who made my last day here at MMC so special. I especially want to thank all those who contributed to the fund that Denise organized—those in Dietary, Purchasing, the Storeroom, Engineering, Administration, the secretaries, Mrs. Burton, Ann Burke, Mark in Housekeeping and most of all, Denise.

Bernadette, Copy Center

you should know..

Despite full television coverage of the American Hospital Association annual meeting a few days ago in Chicago, we somehow missed the fact that MMC was cited for 50 years' membership in AHA. So was Waldo County General Hospital in Belfast, and we thought you'd want to know.

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Joe Nowicki in the MMC Storeroom has asked us to announce that the John Fyalta Memorial Softball Tournament is scheduled Sunday (Sept. 23) at Payson Park field.

Restaurateur F. Parker Reidy is sponsor of the event, and proceeds will benefit the Big Brother project.

Welcome...

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FOR SALE: 2 sets of snowtires. 1 set - G78-15; 1 set - 878-15. Call 846-9946 after 7 p.m.

FOR SALE: Double bed, asking \$15. Call 797-6222.

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