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MMC 'University' Has 700 Students

It was back-to-school on campuses across the nation last week, and an appropriate time for a student inventory here in what might be aptly called "the Maine Medical Center University."

A quick check revealed a total enrollment of about 700 students of all stripes. Some have been here for weeks and even months. A few, like the physician assistant residents and the Tufts students, began programs here only last week. Others are scheduled to arrive later in the academic year.

A total of 99 are residents enrolled in ten specialty programs of varying lengths. They're members of the House Staff, and the roster this year measures a foot and a half by almost three feet and includes the pictures of every one of them.

Nursing contributes almost 500 to the total, and is the largest student group. They were baccalaureate degree students from the University of Southern Maine, and St. Joseph's College and Associate Degree students from Westbrook College, along with the diploma candidates from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing and the Maine School of Practical Nursing at SMVTI. Here at various times, they gain clinical experience on the MMC patient units.

The MMC School of Radiologic Technology has a total of 33 students in two classes; there are six physicians' assistants in a new Emergency Care residency; 24 Tufts medical students; 12 Medical Technology students; 32 in Operating Room Technology, two in Physical Therapy and one each in Pharmacy and Ultrasound.

It adds up to 704, exactly, and gives MMC a larger 'student body' than many full-scale colleges with faculties and football teams.



U—FUND LEADERS . . . Mary Lou Kiley and Mike Kilmartin discuss plans.

Chairman Kilmartin Sets United Fund Kickoff Sept. 26; Target Is \$38,000

Controller Michael M. Kilmartin, MMC Campaign chairman, said late last week that the hospital's 1979 United Fund Campaign is scheduled to begin Wednesday, September 26, with a goal of \$38,000. He also announced the appointment of Mary Lou Kiley, director of personnel services, as vice chairman of the campaign.



Kilmartin's announcement followed a meeting Friday at which plans were finalized for the annual in-house fund raising effort. The drive, which will involve the work of many departmental coordinators and solicitors, coincides with the Greater Portland United Way Campaign, and will raise the hospital community's share of the \$2.4 million area total.

The MMC 1979 goal of \$38,000 exceeds last year's record hospital employee gift by about \$4,000. Kilmartin said the

increase reflects a comparable boost in the Greater Portland goal, and "sets the challenge for all of us as hospital people to meet our community responsibilities and assume our share of what it costs to support the U-Way agencies."

Curtis Scribner, president of the Greater Portland United Way, noted last week that the needs of these agencies and the people they serve have increased dramatically.

"Preliminary 1980 agency requests total \$2,658,511 or about 20 percent over funds distributed from last year's campaign," said Scribner. He stated that
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Trustees Appoint Ten To Med Staff

Ten physicians have been named to the MMC Medical Staff by action of the Board of Trustees.

They are as follows: Associate Staff — Omar D. Carothers, MD, Orthopedics; Thomas J. Delaney, MD, Anesthesia; William C. Ervin, MD, Medicine; Donald R. Howard, MD, Path. & Lab. Medicine; Christiane L. Northrup, MD, Obs/Gyn; Paul A. Parker, MD, Nephrology; Peter K. Shaw, MD, Cardiology; and R. Scott Springer, DO, Obs/Gyn.

Courtesy Staff (without admitting privileges) Lawrence J. Losey, MD, Pediatrics, Brunswick, and Richard P. Corbin, MD, Medicine, Lewiston.

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SONDRA EVERHART

Medical Director Robert F. Ritchie and members of the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Blood Research have announced the appointment of an administrator for the Scarborough laboratory facility.

Sondra Everhart, director of Maine's Genetic Disease program for the past five years, assumed her new duties at the Foundation this week.

She is a 1968 graduate of the University of Maine at Orono with a major in education. She taught in Glens Falls, N.Y., high school for two years, then returned to Maine to direct information and education activities for the Northern Maine

Chapter of the March of Dimes. She became director of the Hemophilia Project of the Maine Department of Human Services in 1972, and moved to the directorship of the Genetic Disease program in 1974.

Miss Everhart is a member of the Maine Health Systems Agency, Inc., plan development committee and a member of the board of directors of the Northern Maine March of Dimes, Brewer.

JAMES H. STUART, MD, a surgical resident at MMC in 1968-1973, has completed examinations for certification by the American Board of Surgery. He lives in York Harbor, Maine, and has been a member of the York Hospital medical staff for the past five years.

NANCY BEUERLE of Infection Control was winner of the fruit basket at Wednesday's bake sale sponsored by the Employee Activity Committee, which thanks everyone for their patronage.

Radioassay Society

Laboratory and research people from throughout Maine are expected at MMC Friday, Sept. 28, for the opening session of a four-state lecture series planned and sponsored by the New England Clinical Radioassay Society.

The organization is headed by Charles E. Pierce of the MMC Endocrinology laboratory who has been joined by members from Hartford, Conn., and Boston in planning the series. Other sessions will be held in Pawtucket, R.I., Oct. 26; Hartford, Conn., March 16, 1980; and Boston, March 30, 1980.

Mr. Pierce will serve as chairman of the lecture series, introducing Dick Dauphais, M.D., and Judy Hopkins, Ph.D., of St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, and Allyn Rule, Ph.D., of Boston College and Bob Grimaldi, M.A., of the N.E. Medical Center, Boston.

The event, supported financially by the Ventrex Laboratories, Portland, is scheduled for 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and will include "RIA theory and use," "Troubleshooting RIA," discussions, questions and answers.

MMC's Pierce also is serving as chairman of the Society's 6th Annual National Convention, scheduled May 27-30 in Boston, and attended a planning session last week in Philadelphia. He reported that he has received many early reserva-

tions for the event from throughout the U.S., and even one from Japan.

The annual convention, billed as the "1980 Bostonova," will include scientific presentations, papers, exhibits, six workshops and five internationally-known guest speakers. A series of special entertainment events also is being planned, including a harbor cruise and visit to the "Tall Ships," scheduled to be in port at the time.

Disaster Plan Rehearsal Called

Terry Zipper, M.S., Coordinator of the MMC Radiation Disaster Plan, has announced that classroom rehearsal of the disaster plan will be held in the Radiation Therapy conference library Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 9 a.m.

He said the rehearsal is in preparation for an actual walk-through and possibly an unannounced drill early in October.

Zipper said the possibility of contaminated persons arriving at MMC is very real, and "it is our responsibility to be able to treat them effectively without endangering the health or safety of the staff or patients." This can only be done with the full cooperation of all those involved, he said.

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cutbacks in government funding and increased operating costs, particularly fuel, pose serious problems to the continued operation of many agencies.

The goal was set after a series of meetings which considered agency needs as well as the economy. Last year, the United Way raised \$2,229,795, which was distributed among 41 member agencies.

"The challenge facing the volunteer Budget and Allocations Committee this year is enormous," said Scribner. The 33-member volunteer committee meets year-round in review of agency programs and budgets to assure that contributed funds are used effectively in meeting urgent current needs.

The volunteer chairman of this year's campaign is Wayne C. McGarvey, senior vice president at Maine National Bank.

The United Way of Greater Portland includes over 170,000 residents in 16 communities. The kickoff for the 1979 campaign is Tuesday, September 25.

AFP Screening Project Now Includes 20 Percent of Maine's Mothers-to-be

Begun at MMC and continuing at the Foundation for Blood Research, Scarborough, the Alpha-Fetoprotein Screening Project now reaches about a fifth of Maine's mothers-to-be.

The test, ordered by family physicians and obstetricians throughout the state, is useful in a number of determinations, and is the first step in the diagnosis of neural tube defects in an unborn child. Edward Kloza, who directs the screening project, said last week that better than 80 percent of neural tube defects can be detected through such tests. He said the number of physicians who order tests of blood serum at the FBR has doubled in the past year.

Identification of neural tube defects is the principal aim of the AFP project, although the testing frequently reveals other high-risk situations and is useful in determining prematurity, multiple pregnancies, errors in gestational age and even sex of the unborn child.

Kloza described the process as starting with a test of blood serum for elevated

levels of alpha fetoprotein, a "marker" for neural tube defects. About 95 percent of all women tested are found to be normal, Kloza said, but the remaining five percent, the positives, provide a second serum sample. About 3½ percent of all women tested are then examined by ultrasound and nearly half of them are found to be normal. Kloza said about two percent are candidates for the final test, the examination of the fluid surrounding the fetus.

"Of these," Kloza says, "about five percent have a problem with their baby — about one woman in 500."

Then comes counseling, he says, and eventually the decision to terminate the pregnancy or to prepare for a major medical problem. "It's always an individual decision," Kloza says, "and the program will support whatever the family chooses."



NEW RESIDENTS in the Physician Assistant Emergency Care program were welcomed Wednesday. From left, they are Jeffrey Beckett, Kenneth Nadeau, Joseph Conrad, Jack Cassidy, Richard Mudd, and Carl Toney (A/V Photo)

16 To Receive O.R.T. Diplomas

A total of 16 graduates of the MMC School of Operating Room Technology will receive diplomas Friday in special ceremonies. They are members of the 17th class to complete the one-year course.

The graduation ceremony at 10:30 a.m., in Classroom 3-4, NDF, will include the welcome by Dr. Richard C. Britton, Chief of Surgery, and the remarks of Associate Vice President Robert Campbell, and Operating Room Supervisor Catherine Blanchard. Dr. Britton and Mrs. Miriam Brouillard, director of the program, will present the diplomas.

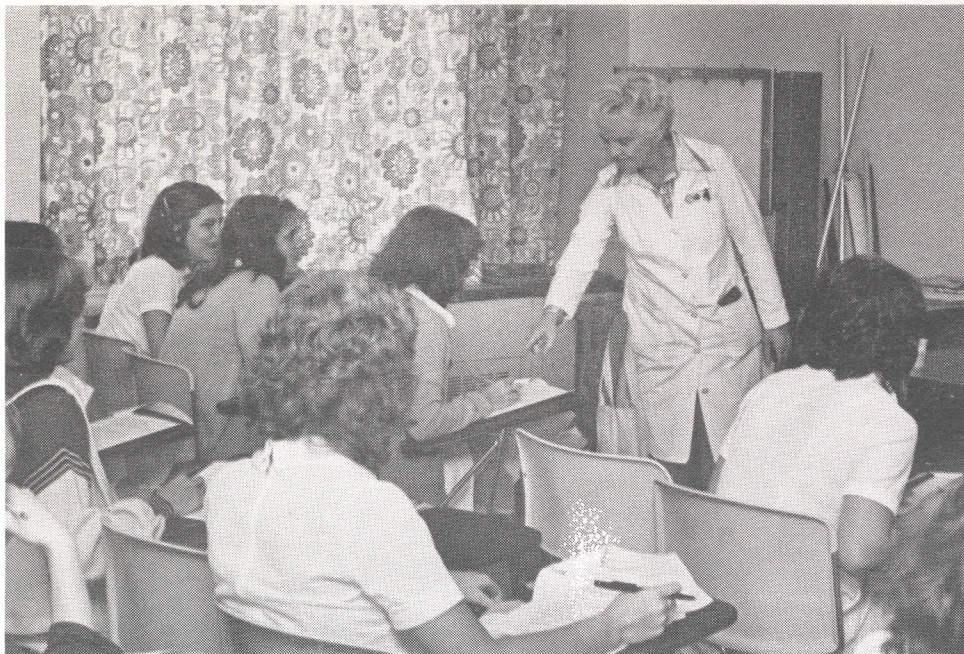
The student response will be by Janet Pulver, top-ranking student in the graduating class, and the invocation and benediction will be by Dr. John Simpson, MMC director of Pastoral Services.

The graduates: Constance I. Andrews, Lewiston; Jacqueline A. Butrick, Oxford, Mass.; Justine L. Clohosey, Rumford; Laura S. Connolly, Norwood, Mass.; Charles E. Fortier, Jr., Old Orchard Beach; Margaret S. Grafton, Thomaston; Tara L. Hall, Oxford, Me.; Peter T. Holmes, South Berwick; Deborah A. Lavoie, Naples; Donna M. Marsh, Dexter; Susanne M. Muesse, Portland; Laurie M. Pompeo, Portland; Janet K. Pulver, Falmouth; Jan L. Sorenson, Camden; Amy L. Stackhouse, Portland; and Lorrie L. Watson, South Casco.

CCN's To Hear Talk By Dr. Peter Shaw

A program on Cardiomyopathy will be presented at the season's first meeting of the Southern Maine Chapter, American Association of Critical Care Nurses, at MMC September 12.

Dr. Peter Shaw, MMC Cardiologist, will be the speaker. The session is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Classroom 2, with a business meeting earlier at 6:45 p.m. The business agenda includes organizational planning and committee reports. Members and non-members will be welcome.



MMC CLASSROOM — One of many class sessions currently in progress is this group of Radiologic Technology students and Mrs. Ann Matthews, F.S.A.R., Education Director of the R.T. School. (A/V Photo)

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