



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT ■ MAINE MEDICAL CENTER ■ PORTLAND, MAINE 04102

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MMC TO RECEIVE AWARD

MMC will receive a special achievement award from the Maine State Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting Oct. 15 at the Augusta Civic Center. The public service award--newly created this year--recognizes MMC for "many unique patient care achievements, effective leadership in the recruitment and education of physicians for Maine and a dedication to human problems in the community, state and region."

L. L. Bean Co., Freeport, known world-wide for mail-order camping and sporting goods, will also be honored by the Maine Chamber for "outstanding achievements and long-term contributions in Maine."

FIRST M.I.S. UNITS

R7 and CICU went on M.I.S. this week, one day late but without another hitch. The action put MMC's first nursing units on the system, together with many supporting departments. Together, they constitute a large component of the patient care activities at MMC, and a large segment of the hospital's employee population. Saying it another way, the Medical Center took a long and significant stride this week toward completion of the M.I.S. installation and computerization of the entire institution.

With this development, M.I.S. Administrator Clint Cooper inaugurated a series of 8 a.m. sessions in Classroom 1 devoted to the previous day's computer problems. He asks that supervisory personnel with M.I.S. difficulties attend these sessions. They'll be held daily, Clint says, as long as necessary.

TO MEET THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Edward C. Andrews, Jr., president of MMC, will join Vice President Philip K. Reiman and Personnel Director Charles Huff at a series of informal meetings with employees. The sessions are scheduled Sept. 30, Oct. 3, 6 and 8 in the NDF classrooms at times that will allow employees from all shifts to attend. All MMC personnel are invited to discuss hospital topics and issues.

DR. RITCHIE APPOINTED

Dr. Robert F. Ritchie, MMC rheumatology laboratories, has been named to the Immunology Subcommittee of the Diagnostic Products Advisory Board of the U. S. Food and Drug Administration. He will attend a session in Washington late this month when the subcommittee will review methods and set standards and limits for the performance of several hundred tests now being performed with the use of commercial kits. These range from pregnancy tests to drug assays. The subcommittee includes four physicians, five Ph.D.'s from universities or health agencies, and six non-voting representatives from government and industry.

Dr. Ritchie also is a member of the World Health Organization Standards Committee.

B/C - B/S RE-ENROLLMENT

Employees who are not members of the group Blue Cross-Blue Shield plan may enroll for coverage effective Nov. 1 and benefit from one of the most valuable fringe benefits available to MMC people. Coverage is free for full-time employees, with the \$19.58 monthly charge paid by the institution. The small additional cost for family coverage must be borne by the employee. The Personnel office will accept enrollments before Oct. 1, when the books will be closed until next September.

FLU VACCINE AVAILABLE

As has been done previously, free flu vaccine will again be offered to employees this Fall. Those who wish may call the Employee Health Office (2607) for an appointment.

MMC BOWLING LEAGUE

The MMC Employees Activity Committee is sponsoring a bowling league at the West Port Lanes, near Bradlees Department Store, on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. The group is looking for additional members to make up a full complement of 32, and men and women interested in joining may contact Ruth Conley, Dietary, or just be at the West Port Lanes Tuesday evening.

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