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FIRST THE GOOD NEWS

The Medical Center and Dr. Robert M. True, chief of Family Practice, have received word that a grant of \$170,493 has been awarded to the Family Practice program by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The award carried the recommendation for future support of the program through 1979 subject to the availability of funds. The activity also receives financial support from the Tufts-administered Area Health Education Center program, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Maine Medical Center.

The Family Practice Unit on Munjoy Hill provides improved medical care for people of the Peninsula and the Casco Bay Islands, and serves as a training situation for family practice residents. Eleven are currently enrolled, and all have indicated their intention of remaining in Maine and establishing family practices of their own.

NOW THE BAD NEWS

We don't recall the last general price increase in the MMC Cafeteria, and we've been wondering how Mrs. Gee can make ends meet the way prices for everything are increasing. The answer is that she can't any more, and has been forced to institute what she calls a "slight increase" in the price of most cafeteria items. The change will be noticed Tuesday, and while the prices will be up some, the food quality will still be high, and the MMC Cafeteria will still be the best restaurant in town.

A POSTCARD FROM ARTHUR

Art Stevenson, unit manager, is taking an unusual vacation, traveling across the country by bus, and we had a card this week from Art in Gallup, New Mexico. It had a picture of a windowless, falling-down structure in a ghost town, and Art wrote that this was their motel, that it was air-conditioned, had a private path to the outhouse, and had running water whenever it rains.

NEW NUMBERS IN RICHARDS

A new numbering system for the patient rooms in the Richards Wing will become effective at midnight, JULY 31. The system eliminates the odd and even-number groupings of rooms, and numbers them in order consecutively, beginning on the helicopter pad corner and working around counter-clockwise.

MEMORIES OF MGH

Members of the Alumnae Association of the Maine General Hospital School of Nursing have published a 40-page booklet entitled "Memories of Maine General Hospital." The booklet is a commemorative, and appears as a feature of the Association's annual reunion held at MMC and the Red Coach Saturday. The book is a fund-raising effort, and is being sold by the Association for \$3.50 per copy. Proceeds go to the Alumnae Association treasury and will be used for a philanthropic project. A limited number of copies is available through the public relations department this week.

A THOUGHTFUL BEQUEST

The late Llewellyn Carleton of Portland has bequeathed \$17,436 to the Maine Medical Center. This sum establishes the "Carleton Fund," the principal of which is to be invested and the income to be used as directed by the MMC Trustees.