



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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

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TO GIVE AND TO RECEIVE

Arrangements to eliminate the three most troublesome problems surrounding use of the cafeteria vending machines were made this week in response to reports from employees. Here are the problems: 1. Less than adequate selection of food items; 2. the machines malfunction..they taketh, but don't giveth; 3. no change is available anywhere near in the early hours.

Here are the solutions: 1. A new schedule will make selections at their peak from 3 p.m. on; 2. a repair serviceman will be on call, 24 hours, seven days; 3. a quarter changing machine will be installed.

They're machines, but they have some very human characteristics. When they're abused or cheated, they can be stubborn and uncooperative. Like people, they work best when they're treated gently and honestly.

SCARBOROUGH COURSE

Triage nurses from the MMC Emergency division were the "victims" last week when accidents were staged to test members of the Scarborough Rescue Squad, and one of them, Mrs. Beverly Farquhar, R.N., is a member of the Scarborough unit herself. Others from MMC helping with the testing at Scarborough were Carol Tracy, R.N., Jan Lamy, R.N., and Leslie Beatty, R.N. Dr. Phelps Carter of the EMD was a speaker on the evening program.

USED BOOK SALE

All kinds of used books are being collected by the Women's Auxiliary of the Cumberland County Medical Society for the annual book sale. The sale will be held in the South Portland Armory May 2, 3 and 4. Arrangements for book pick-ups may be made by calling 781-4570 or 781-4954. Books may be dropped off in the MMC Medical Director's office on Richards 1. Proceeds of the sale benefit MMC's Health Sciences Library.

GRANT AWARDED

A grant of \$1,000 has been awarded Maine Medical Center by the National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation, Atlanta, Ga. Dr. George W. Hallett, chief of Pediatrics, said the funds would be used to provide direct patient care services in the hospital's cystic fibrosis clinic.

SECOND LANGUAGE?

From time to time here at MMC we have an urgent need for persons who speak a foreign language to help us communicate with patients who are visitors from other countries, new immigrants or crew members from foreign ships docked at Portland. Our present list of interpreters needs updating. If you can help, please contact Ethel Lovatt, R.N. at 2373.

MRS. HANSCOME NAMED

Mrs. Christine Hanscome, R.N., formerly chief nurse in the special care unit has been appointed as nurse specialist in respiratory care at MMC. Her appointment was made possible by a grant from the Maine Lung Association and Maine's Regional Medical Program.

Mrs. Hanscome is involved in improving the quality of care of patients with respiratory disease at MMC and throughout the state via her participation in education programs for other health workers.

HAVE A NEW ADDRESS?

In order to keep their records current, the Personnel office would like to be informed whenever employees' addresses change. Drop in and let them know if you've moved recently.

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