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R.N. RECOGNITION: Karen Kirby, R.N., UH nursing administrator, talks with nurses at a reception honoring May 7 as National Nurses Day.

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HOSPITAL TELEPHONE OPERATORS WEEK RECOGNIZED AT UH

The week of May 22 to May 29 was proclaimed Hospital Telephone Operators Week last year by Governor Michael S. Dukakis. Communications centers, according to Dukakis, "are the nerve center of health-care institutions, and yet the operators are rarely seen by the public and often go unnoticed."

The BUMC/UH Telecommunications Operations, supervised by Eva Santiago, provides a 24-hour service to the community. In addition to a large volume of routine telephone traffic for over 2,100 active lines, the 15 operators handle patient information inquiries and in-house pager operations, as well as cardiac-arrest and telephone alert announcements.

The following are the operators who work to keep the BUMC lines of communication open and moving: Estelle Barry, Jean Britney, Joycelyn Buckmire, Maire Colantonio, Patricia Forgiione, Sarah Jones, Rita Miller, Ross Ormond, Evelyn Robertson, Carol Simmons, Grace Smith, Evelyn Thompson, Rhonda Wolcott and Mary Walsh.

UH EMPLOYEES REACH OUT TO MEDIA TO HELP PATIENT

In an effort to help a UH patient who is seriously ill with heart disease to enjoy what may be his last summer, members of the UH community recently contacted a Cape Cod newspaper for help.

David Redlund, a 38-year-old resident of Dennis, Mass., has received virtually every form of medication for his disease without success and although he will never give up without a struggle, he would now like to spend more time with his wife and five children who live on Cape Cod. To do this it will be necessary for him to obtain a van, since a knee-injury prevents him from riding in a conventional automobile. With the purchase of such a van being financially impossible for the Redlunds, UH employees have asked for the help of his Dennis community, through the Cape Cod Times.

Employees who wish to join in the efforts to help Dennis Redlund and his family can contact the UH Development Office at x5590. All contributions will be greatly appreciated.

events

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR PETER DECKERS, M.D.

University Hospital's Department of General Surgery will host a farewell reception for their colleague, Peter J. Deckers, M.D., surgical oncologist and associate professor of surgery at BUSM, on Thursday, May 31, from 3-5 p.m. in the Wilkins Board Room. Deckers will be leaving UH to go to Hartford Hospital and all UH employees are invited to his reception.

ANNUAL SERVICE RECOGNITION CEREMONY TO BE HELD

University Hospital will honor some 200 employees for their service to the Hospital on Monday, June 4. Hospital employees who have records of extended service to UH will be recognized at a ceremony in the Keefer Auditorium at 3 p.m. and at a reception in the Wilkins Board Room immediately following the ceremony. In addition, there will be a service recognition dinner that evening at the St. Botolph Club for this year's retirees and for employees who have been with UH for 20 or more years.

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HOSPITAL COMPLETES EMERGENCY EXIT ALARM SYSTEM

The Hospital recently completed the installation of alarms at all designated emergency exits. There should be little confusion as to which doors this applies to, as the doors have been marked "Emergency Exit Only, Opening Door Sounds Alarm."

According to Edwin Stedman, director of Security and Telecommunications, the alarms are for the protection of the employees as well as the patients. Employees who insist on using these doors are not only jeopardizing Hospital safety, however, they also are creating an annoying disturbance for other employees and patients by sounding off the alarms. Therefore, by using these exits you will not only be helping security, but patients and fellow employees.

around about UH

UH THERAPIST IS EDITOR OF RESPIRATORY CARE MANUAL

Linda Fitzgerald-Viano, R.N., R.R.T., UH's chief respiratory therapist, is one of four editors of the Massachusetts Thoracic Society's recently published manual, "As I Live and Breathe." The manual, a respiratory-care procedure manual for home patients, is written in a side-by-side format with patient information complemented by practical applications. It was designed for use by health-care professionals involved in the instruction of respiratory home patients and covers such topics as activities of daily living, tracheostomy care, relaxation techniques in chest physical therapy and a general conditioning program.

MAYOR THANKS BUMC FOR PARTICIPATION IN CITY CLEAN-UP

In a recent letter to BUMC, Boston Mayor Raymond L. Flynn thanked the Medical Center community for its contributions to the South End clean-up on Saturday, April 21. Flynn said the equipment and trash bags provided by BUMC were

greatly appreciated and helped make the event a success. "It contributes to a cleaner South End," he said.

DONATING BLOOD CAN BE A GROUP EFFORT-- UH COMPUTER CENTER SETS THE 'SILENT HERO' EXAMPLE

More than two-thirds of the staff of University Hospital's Computer Center got together on Monday, May 7, to make donations to the Hospital's Blood Bank. According to Janette Boudreau, the group was a mixture of first-time, regular and gallon donors who recognized the Hospital's need for blood and decided to make a group donation. "This day was set aside because all of the Computer Center employees would like to encourage others to follow their example," she said.

If other Hospital departments follow this lead and recruit donors as a representative group, UH will be less likely to ever face a shortage of blood. "This is especially important with the summer vacation months approaching," said Boudreau.

Employees at the Computer Center agree that giving blood is a fast and relatively painless process, and they encourage all Hospital employees to "be a silent hero--give blood."

Individuals or departments who wish to donate blood should call the UH Blood Bank at x5255.



COMPUTER CENTER DONORS: First row, left to right, Janette Boudreau, Marilyn Choukas, Genene Choukas, Amelia Thomas, and William Bulger; second row, William King, Kathy O'Leary, Pete Gouger, Dianne Sartanowitz, Ida Fortune and Martha Simokat; third row, Jim Staunton, Steve Cattaneo, Greg Davis, Ken Zweig, Nick Noyes and Robert Koza.

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SUMMER RENTAL: Hyannis, Cape Cod. Ocean-front; 4-bedroom (sleeps 10); 2 baths; carpeted. \$725/wk. Call Indira at x5099, or evenings at 964-1220.

ISLAND RETREAT: Cozy island retreat off Conn. coastline. 2-bedroom cottage. Fishing, clamming, beaches, boat and motor. Great vacation. Only \$375/wk. Call 367-8255.

CAR FOR SALE: 1978 Plymouth Horizon. 4-door; AM/FM; new tires; good condition; reliable; 92k miles. \$1,400. Call 787-1676.

BIKE FOR SALE: Raleigh Gran Sport 10-speed bicycle. 21-inch lightweight frame; alloy crank, rims, stem and post. Excellent condition. \$225. Call 787-1676.

BEACON STREET CONDOS: Condominiums on Beacon Street (21 Beacon Condominiums) available for rent immediately. First, a large, 2-bedroom with large living room, 2 baths, small kitchen overlooking Boston Common and State House, floor to ceiling windows, hwd floors, located on the fourth-floor. \$1,300/month. Also, a small one-bedroom with a living room. \$525/month. Call 771-8578 or 771-4265 for further details.

MOVING SALE: Living-room, dining-room and bedroom furniture--couches, sleep sofas, chairs, tables, breakfronts, etc. Moving from West Newton apt. and must sell. Call Bette at x5152, or 969-4912.

APT. FOR RENT: Lovely five-room apartment in two-family house in West Newton. Close to Route 128 and Mass. Pike. Two/three-bedrooms, separate dining room, backyard and off-street parking. \$575 per month, available June 1. Call Bette at x5152, or 969-4912.

APT. WANTED: Professional woman with 12 and 14 year-old daughters is offering a \$200 reward for an apartment, preferably in Brookline Village or Washington Square. She seeks a 2+ bedroom apartment with charm and is willing to pay up to \$650/month. Call 738-1751 if you have any clues.