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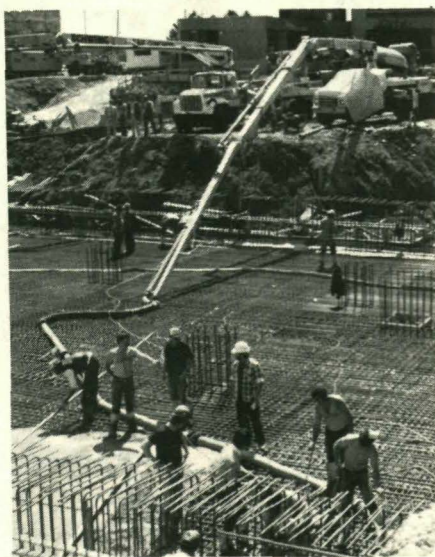
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THE BIG POUR: Construction of the Hospital's Partial Replacement Project moved into the next phase on Wednesday, May 15, when workers began pouring cement for the foundation. This put a cap on the pile-driving that has been going on since February. (April Lindner photo)

DIMENSION EQUIPMENT HOISTED INTO PLACE ON THE ROOF OF THE HEALTH SERVICES BUILDING

Hardware for Dimension 2000, the Medical Center's new telecommunications system, including the central processing unit, line-carrier cabinets and auxiliary cabinets, was lifted by crane to the roof of the Hospital's Health Services Building on Friday, May 10, according to Edwin Stedman, director of Security and Telecommunications.

The next step towards the scheduled June 28 switch-over to Dimension is the training of key Hospital personnel currently being identified by department heads. This training will take place from June 3 to 7. These key people will be responsible for the long-term training of all new UH employees on the use of the Dimension system, said Stedman.

All other Hospital employees who currently have telephones will learn to use the new system in their workplaces between June 17 and 21. These employees will be informed of their new telephone numbers at that time and will also be supplied with postcards for notifying associates and patients of the change, according to Stedman.

PATIENT ASSISTANCE FUND FLIES UH PATIENT TO NEW JERSEY FOR TREATMENT OF KIDNEY INFECTION

Money from the Hospital's Patient Assistance Fund was used to fly James H. William, 45, of Dorchester, to New Jersey recently for artificial blood needed for transfusions in connection with the treatment of a kidney infection.

According to an article in the Friday, May 17, issue of the Boston Globe, Williams, a patient in the Hospital's Intensive Care Unit since April 25, needed artificial blood because his religious beliefs will not allow him to accept whole blood, which he would have been given here.

Patient Assistance Fund dollars for other projects are still available. Staff members knowing of patients in need of assistance are encouraged to submit applications to Susan Siegel, Fund manager. Call x5590 for forms or for more information.

events

EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Hospital President J. Scott Abercrombie Jr., M.D., will lead the Hospital's annual salute to employees who have been on the Hospital's staff for intervals of five years. The event, the Employee Service Recognition Ceremony, will be held on Monday, June 3, at 3 p.m. in Keefer Auditorium. There will be a reception immediately afterwards in the Wilkins Board Room. All employees are invited.

'CELEBRATION OF FITNESS' TO FEATURE APPEARANCE BY UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL'S ANTHONY SCHEPSIS, M.D.

Anthony Schepsis, M.D., of University Hospital's Sports Medicine Program and one of University Hospital's orthopedic specialists, will be one of the special guests appearing at the June 1 "Celebration of Fitness" fair sponsored by the Metropolitan District Commission and Bay State Health Care. Governor Michael Dukakis and several Boston sports celebrities also are expected to be on hand. The event, which begins at 9 a.m., will be held on the Esplanade.

Participants will be able to take part in aerobic workouts or test their fitness levels at a "Fitness Cluster" made up of four exercise stations. Free tee-shirts, balloons, Frisbees and food will be available. A live jazz band is scheduled to perform at the event. Admission is free.

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ARTHRITIS SEMINAR HELD HERE OFFERS
INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS WITH FIBROSITIS.

Clinical researchers at Boston University Medical Center's Arthritis Center held a patient information seminar on Saturday, May 18, on newly published findings on fibrositis, the most common cause of rheumatism in women between the ages of 25 and 50. Approximately 130 participants, half of them patients, and half family members, gathered in the Wilkins Board Room to learn more about this mysterious disease.

Don L. Goldenberg, M.D., chief of the Arthritis Section at University Hospital, started the program by presenting recent data on sleep disorders that frequently accompany fibrositis. According to Goldenberg, the cause of fibrositis is unknown, but researchers are now looking at a connection between fibrositis and such psychological symptoms as depression and sleep disturbances.

The second half of the program was devoted to a panel discussion on related issues by patients with the disease, including testimonials by members of an upstate New York fibrositis support group.

Noreen Additon, R.N., clinical supervisor of the Trygve Gundersen Eye Clinic at BUMC, is currently organizing a similar group in the Boston area. Anyone who has been diagnosed as having fibrositis is invited to call Noreen Additon at x5634 (247-5634) for more information.

STOLLERMAN HONORED BY NATIONAL MEDICAL GROUP
FOR LEADERSHIP IN AMERICAN MEDICINE

Gene H. Stollerman, M.D., chief of the Hospital's General Internal Medicine Section and a professor of medicine at BUSM, has been chosen by the American College of Physicians (ACP) to receive the James D. Bruce Memorial Award for his contributions to the field of epidemiology (preventive medicine). Stollerman accepted his award during the ACP's recent annual scientific meeting in Washington, D.C.

Stollerman was honored for his work in the prevention of rheumatic fever and for his leadership in many aspects of American medicine.



THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT: Patients Robert E. McDonald, left, and Richard Paine watch the color t.v. purchased for C-3 neurology and neurosurgery patients with money from the Patient Assistance Fund. (April Lindner photo)

UH DEPARTMENT OF RADIATION MEDICINE PLAYS KEY
ROLE IN FILMING OF TWO WBZ TV-4 PROMOTIONAL SPOTS

A team of technicians and actors accompanied Jean Blake, medical reporter for WBZ TV-4, to University Hospital's Department of Radiation Medicine on Wednesday, May 15, to film two promotional announcements for the station. Merrill I. Feldman, M.D., director of radiation medicine appeared with Blake in the first spot. The other spot featured the Department's linear accelerator.

The filming began at 4:30 in the afternoon and lasted until 7:30 p.m. During that time, Susan Engleman, A.S., R.T.T., chief technologist of radiation medicine, was on hand to lend technical expertise.

In order to get every detail just right, the crew shot "take after take after take," said Engleman. Lighting technicians spent a great deal of time filling the room with a reddish glow which, on film, will look like ordinary daylight, according to Engleman.

Dates and times when the promotional spots will air will be published in a later issue of Take One.

UH NURSE'S MEMORIES OF VIETNAM WAR ARE
FEATURED IN UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL ARTICLE

A UH nurse's recollections of Vietnam were published in a widely circulated United Press International (UPI) news story as part of the recent observance of the tenth anniversary of the fall of Saigon. Upon her graduation from Philadelphia General Hospital's nursing school, Sharon Courage, R.N., head nurse for F-3 North, worked for a year as an intensive care and emergency room nurse in an evacuation hospital outside Saigon, according to the article.

Courage is quoted as saying, "I think you never forget what it's like...When I think of it still, I tend to become horrified."

In the article, Courage spoke of the fact that many of the critically wounded and dead men brought in from the battlefield were strikingly young. "What you do remember is that they were young, that they were kids. And they weren't doing a kid's job or living in a kid's world. They couldn't even go in a PX and buy a beer, some of them."

Courage was one of the 8,000 women, mostly nurses, who served one-year tours of duty in Vietnam.

WANTED: TAKE ONE EVALUATIONS

All Hospital employees who have not yet filled out the Take One evaluation in the May 10 issue are urged to do so. Your suggestions will help us better serve the needs of the UH community. Copies of the May 10 issue may be found in display boxes around the Hospital or ordered from the Office of Informational Services by calling editor April Lindner at x5606.

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