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REVIEWING THE TRASH SITUATION--Public Health Commissioner Bailus Walker Jr., left, visited UH earlier this week to review the emergency trash situation being experienced by a number of Boston hospitals. Walker is pictured here with John O. Gibson, UH Plant Services Administrator, center, and John Clemons, BUSM safety director, right. See story inside. (Photo by Domenic Scrcenci)

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**UH'S TRASH-BUILDUP SITUATION IS RESOLVED
AS HOSPITALS COME TO AGREEMENT WITH DISPOSAL SITES**

University Hospital's trash-buildup situation was resolved on Wednesday, Jan. 15, when an agreement was reached between the Massachusetts Hospital Association and representatives of the disposal sites serving a number of area hospitals. UH President J. Scott Abercrombie Jr., M.D., thanks all those UH employees who helped the Hospital to run smoothly through the duration of the situation. The effort was spearheaded by Plant Services Administrator John O. Gibson, Assistant Administrator of Plant Services Alfred Busa, BUMC Safety Director John F. Clemons, and Chief of Maintenance John Bulygo.

As you may already know, the buildup began on Friday, Jan. 3, when the waste-disposal contractor serving a number of area hospitals including BUMC became unable to dispose of a portion of the Center's waste. This situation was brought about by the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering's (DEQE) recent reclassification of hospital waste materials.

The DEQE's action stemmed from a concern of waste-disposal workers fearing infection from items generated by area hospitals. Items cited included blood-stained materials and other items containing body fluids. While negotiations ensued, trailers were installed in Parking Lot A and behind the Talbot building for temporary trash storage.

Now that the situation has been resolved, Busa reminds Hospital employees that separating various kinds of hospital waste materials remains their responsibility. Waste from patient care and medical-research areas must be segregated from general office wastes, according to Busa. Items that could pose a potential contamination or an unpleasant appearance, and items containing sharps (syringes, needles or scalpels) must be separated into appropriate identifying containers for disposal through incineration at DEQE-approved locations. Additional instructions for dealing with waste disposal are being distributed to all managers, said Busa.

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**UH EMPLOYEE CHORAL GROUP PERFORMS
AT SERVICE HONORING MARTIN LUTHER KING**

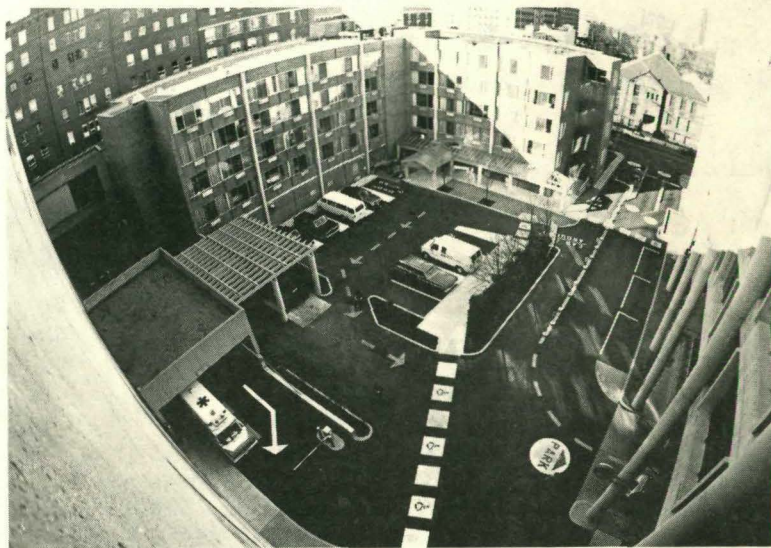
A special service honoring the late Rev. Martin Luther King was held on Wednesday, Jan. 15, in the Hospital's Interfaith Chapel. The service, which was presided over by the Rev. Larry Burton, UH's director of pastoral care, included a performance by a choir made up of Hospital employees and led by Vernon Truell of UH's Pathology Department. The service was broadcast over the Hospital's closed-circuit television channel.

Many of the choir members taking part in the service also performed on the patient floors and in the Hospital's chapel during last month's annual holiday carolling event. Carollers included Esther McNeil and Debbie Vanns, BUSM Purchasing; Darlean McBrayer, and Michael Valentine, UH Development; Orville Rodgers, Arthritis Section; Bradley Turner, Gastroenterology; Paulette Fontaine and Stephanie Plummer, Laboratory Medicine; Joanne O'Donnell, Volunteer; Muriel O'Neil, F-3; Susan Mallard, Radiology; Karen Rasmussen, Emergency Room; Erica Brotschi, Surgery; and Ami Israel, Volunteer Services. BUMC employees who took part in the service held on King's birthday included Catherine Ware and Beverly Dolin of the EKG laboratory, and Keith Scott and Beatrice Hamer of the Dietary department.

Truell, who takes this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the Christmas carollers in their yearly effort. Truell extends special thanks to Esther McNeil for putting together the music folders and the Santa Claus-style hats that were worn by the carollers as they sang their way through the Hospital.

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A FACE-LIFT FOR THE COURTYARD--The new look of the courtyard between the Doctors Office Building (DOB) and the Preston Family Building can be seen in this photograph, which was taken from the roof of the Health Services Building. Renovations have been under way in this area since last summer. Improvements include a canopy over the entranceway to the Preston Building; a trellis covering the dumpster in the adjacent courtyard; new electronic traffic gates with card-readers for permanent parkers in the DOB garage; and complete resurfacing and recurbing of traffic areas. Those responsible for the improvements include: Larry Tomlinson, project manager; Wile Construction Co.; Moore-Heder architectural firm; Jane Howard, traffic analyst; and Carol R. Johnson Associates, landscaping designers. (Photo by Richard Green)

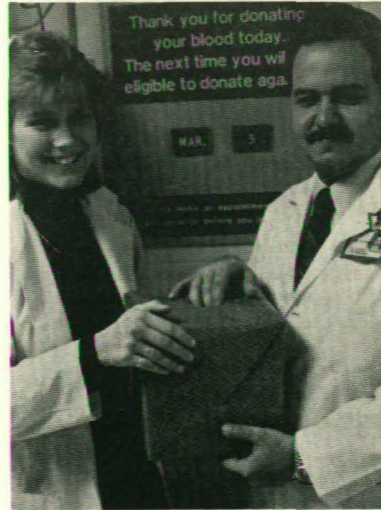
HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES URGED TO GIVE BLOOD DURING NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH

January is National Blood Donor Month, and UH Blood Donor Recruiter Marilyn Karpenski encourages all Hospital employees to stop by the Blood Bank in room 420 of the Health Services Building, or to call x7855 to set up an appointment. Due to a national shortage of blood, the Hospital is very much in need of donations, according to Karpenski.

The names of all UH employees who donate blood during the National Blood Donor Month will be

entered in three separate raffles; the prizes are dinner for two at Capucino's restaurant, tea for two at the Copley Plaza bar, and a pair of tickets to a Boston Celtics game. Employee donors will also receive four hours of vacation time or earned time.

A pledge card will be included in employee pay check envelopes on Thursday, Jan. 23, according to Karpenski. Those employees wishing to donate may return their card to the Blood Donor Center at H-420. In addition, all new and past one-gallon donors are invited to the Gallon Donor Celebration on Friday, Jan. 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the School of Medicine's Hiebert Lounge. Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP by calling x7855 before Wednesday, Jan. 15.



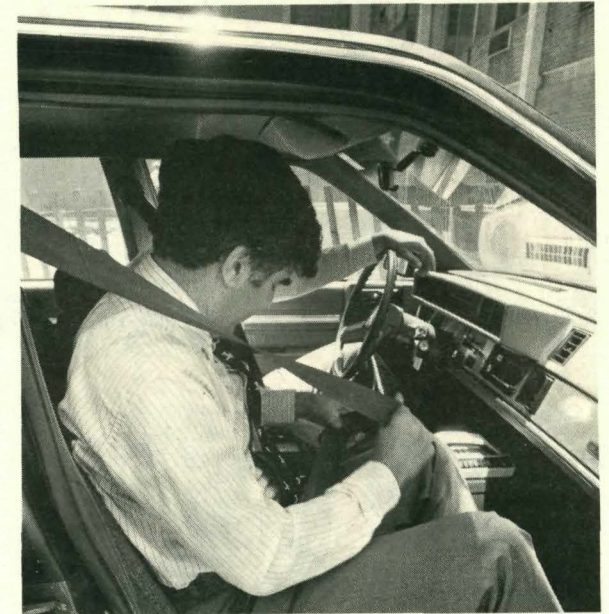
BLOOD BANK PRIZE DRAWING--Blood donor Marian Savickas was the winner of a pair of Celtics tickets in the UH Blood Bank's most recent prize drawing. Everyone who donated blood in December was eligible for the drawing. Pictured are Suzanne Ledwith, Blood Bank technologist, and Francisco R. Velazquez, M.D., associate director of the Blood Bank and Hematology, who drew the winning entry. (Photo by Marilyn Karpenski)

DISCOUNT TICKETS TO THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE NOW AVAILABLE TO HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES

A limited supply of discount tickets for admission to Boston's Museum of Science now are available to University Hospital Employees. The tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, with a maximum of three tickets per employee.

For more information, please see the receptionist in the Hospital's Personnel Office,

which is located in the basement of the Talbot Building.



DON'T FORGET TO BUCKLE UP--Governor Michael S. Dukakis, shown here buckling up after a visit to University Hospital, recently signed a seat-belt bill making it mandatory for Mass. residents to buckle up as of Jan. 1. The governor's visit to UH last summer signaled the start-up of UH's Northeast Regional Center for Brain Injury. (Photo by Bradford F. Herzog)

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BROOKLINE CONDOMINIUM FOR SALE: Two bedrooms, two bathrooms, living room, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, oak floors throughout, fireplace, porch. Two-car parking. \$199,500. For more information, call 734-5176 after 6 p.m.

TWO CERAMIC HUMMEL CLOCKS FOR SALE: Hand painted by owner. \$40 each. For more information, see Mollie, F-1 Cafeteria cashier.

YOUR HOME MOVIES TRANSFERRED TO VIDEO TAPE: For more information, call 1-655-5505.