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**Award winning nurse--** Sara Coleman, R.N., right, presents the first annual Night Supervisor Memorial Award to Aline Moran, R.N., a night nurse on F-5. The award was established in the memory of Peggy Cenci, R.N., a UH employee for 20 years. See story inside. (Photo by Lucy Milne)

## Need-to-know

### The University Hospital sponsors employee dinner dance

Employees of the University Hospital are invited to take part in an elegant evening of dining and dancing at the Royal Sonesta Hotel. "Heartstrings", the Hospital's upcoming employee dinner dance, is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 13, from 7 p.m. to midnight.

The cost of each ticket--\$12.50 per person--includes a cocktail hour (with a cash bar); a four-course dinner featuring seafood bisque, Sonesta salad, roast sirloin strip of beef with Bordelaise sauce and an ice cream truffle with mocha sauce; courtesy parking in the Royal Sonesta parking lot; a coat-checking service; complimentary wine for each table; and dancing to a five-piece band. In addition, everyone who attends the dinner dance will be eligible to win a variety of door prizes.

A total of 350 tickets are available on a first come-first served basis, with a limit of two tickets per employee. The tickets may be purchased between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the UH Personnel Office, located on the first floor of the Talbot Building. Tickets also will be sold in front of the F-1 cafeteria from Monday, Feb. 2, until Friday, Feb. 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Identification badges must be presented at the time of ticket purchase.

Hospital employees with dietary restrictions are asked to notify the Personnel Department when purchasing their tickets, so that special meals may be arranged to meet their needs.

### New Hospital building on schedule and within budget

The new University Hospital building, with windows being installed and interior work progressing, is coming along on schedule and on budget. Early this fall, the first Hospital employees are expected to begin moving into the new building. Transfer of patients to the building is expected to take place in late December 1987.

The new Hospital will include a central kitchen for the entire Hospital complex, located under the entrance plaza. Plans for the central kitchen were approved somewhat later than the building itself was approved. However, the kitchen will open at the same time as the remainder of the new University Hospital.

In addition, the Hospital recently filed with the state for a Determination of Need for a major new dining facility in the new building. The facility would encompass a new employee and staff

dining area, a private dining area and function rooms. The facility will be designed so that, at non-peak times, a coffee-shop will remain open. Total capacity of the dining facility will be about 325, approximately double the capacity of the F-1 Cafeteria.

### Night nurse on F-5 chosen to receive memorial award

Aline Moran, R.N., a night nurse on F-5 for 20 years recently was chosen by her fellow nurses to receive the first annual Night Supervisor Memorial Award. The award consisted of an engraved gold Cross pen and pencil set and a certificate.

The award, which pays tribute to outstanding performance in the field of nursing, was established in the memory of Peggy Cenci, R.N., an employee of the University Hospital for 20 years. Cenci, who died in June 1985, began working at UH in the Cardiac Care Unit and later served as a Nursing Supervisor during the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift. Friends and co-workers of Cenci, from both inside and outside of the Hospital community, made donations toward the establishment of the "Peggy Cenci Fund".

Nursing department members chose Moran as the most appropriate recipient for the Night Supervisor Memorial Award. According to Odie Groveli, R.N., "We plan to give this award each year to a member of the Nursing Department who puts extra effort into his or her contact with patients, just as Peggy Cenci did."

### UH employees take part in service in memory of Rev. Martin Luther King

For the fourth consecutive year, the University Hospital recognized the important contributions of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., with a special memorial service held on the

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anniversary of his birth. Rev. Larry Burton, senior chaplain and director of Pastoral Care and Education at UH, presided at the service, which was held on Thursday, Jan. 15, in the Hospital's Interfaith Chapel.

Vernon Truell, chief pathology assistant at BUSM, directed a choir made up of Medical Center personnel. The choir performed "We Shall Overcome," "Lift Every Voice and Sing," "Oh Freedom," "America the Beautiful," and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." The choir was made up of the following BUMC employees: Orville Rodgers, Section of Arthritis; Ed Artiano, Plant Services; Judy Linkenhoker, Evans Medical Group; Debbie Varr, Esther McNeil and Karen Biggs, Purchasing; Terry King, Accounts Payable; Nathalie Sandiford, Nursing; Darlean McBrayer, Development; Addie Smith, Emergency Room; Beatrice Hamer and Frank Harris, Dietary; Cathy Simmons and Amelia Thomas, Computer Center; and Jeanne Scammel-Mallory, Hematopath at Boston City Hospital. Christian Haudenschield, Cardiology Research, provided organ accompaniment for the choir.

### UH's Strassfeld profiled in the news

In a related story, Rabbi Meyer Strassfeld of the Department of Pastoral Care and Education, was profiled in a recent issue of *The Journal*, a newspaper published in Marblehead, Mass. In 1965, while a spiritual leader of Marblehead's Temple Sinai, Strassfeld was among the tens of thousands of civil rights activists who took part in a march from Selma, Alabama to Montgomery, Alabama. The march took place within a month after King's assassination, and was held in support of his campaign to establish voting rights for all people.

"We had been trained in non-violence," Strassfeld is quoted as saying. "King's principles were those of Gandhi. At all costs, we were not to retaliate against violence. Before leaving Boston, marshals told us how to behave. We role played. 'If they beat you, don't beat back,' we were instructed. We were taught to fall down and cover our heads. We had something to say to the community, and we were there to say it peaceably and with dignity."

In addition to his involvement in the civil rights movement, Strassfeld was one of the first rabbis in Massachusetts to openly oppose American involvement in the Vietnam war. He also was an incorporator of the Boston Clergy Fair Housing Authority and the head of the Holocaust Committee of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Boston. Strassfeld has been a member of the Hospital's Department of Pastoral Care and Education since 1979.



**Special Service--**  
*The Hospital paid tribute to Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., with a recent memorial service. Vernon Truell, chief pathology assistant at BUSM, left, directed the choir. Director of Pastoral Care and Education, Rev. Larry Burton presided at the service. (Photo by Lucy Milne)*

### Gallon blood donors invited to annual luncheon

In recognition of National Blood Donor Month, January, the UH Blood Donor Center is sponsoring the Annual Gallon Donor Luncheon. The event will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 27, in the Wilkins Board Room. Gifts will be awarded to gallon donors beginning at 11:30 a.m., and a buffet lunch will be served from noon to 2:30 p.m. All previous and new gallon donors are invited.

In addition, employees of the University Hospital and of Boston University will receive a donor pledge card in their paychecks during the week beginning Monday, Jan. 19. Pledge cards should be filled out and returned to the Blood Bank via interoffice mail.

According to Donor Recruiter Marilyn Karpenski, the holiday season, recent snow storms, and flu outbreaks have prevented many people from donating blood, resulting in a nationwide blood shortage. Medical Center employees are urged to donate as soon as possible. Most people are eligible to donate every eight to ten weeks, says Karpenski.

The University Hospital Blood Donor Center is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays. Please call x7855 for more information.

### Friday Lunch Series of lectures to address vacation planning, new tax law

Due to popular request, the Hospital's Friday Breakfast Series of lectures has been rescheduled to become the Friday Lunch

Series. The first Friday Lunch Lecture, which is scheduled for Feb. 6, from noon to 1 p.m., is entitled "Planning Your Vacation." Susan Shumacher, travel and sales executive from Classic Tours, will present a step-by-step technique for planning an enjoyable vacation. She will share tips on traveling solo, vacationing with children, choosing a package or planning independently, and on what to expect when dealing with a travel agent.

The next lecture, which will be held on Friday, March 6, is entitled "Completing Your Tax Return Without Confusion." Tax consultant Jim Sullivan will discuss the nature of various deductions. He also will give advice about obtaining helpful information quickly, and explain the effects of the new tax law.

The lecture series, which is sponsored by UH Training and Development, is free of charge to all employees of the University Hospital. Interested employees are encouraged to bring their own lunches to the lecture. Employees who wish to enroll in any Training and Development class or workshop should complete a Training Request Form (available outside Talbot 207) and have it signed by their immediate supervisors. For further information, please contact Marcia Lowry at x8576.

### Volunteers sought for abdominal pain study

Hospital employees with arthritis who take Naprosyn, Feldene, or any medication containing ibuprofen, such as Motrin, Advil or Nuprin, are eligible to participate in a research study being conducted by the division of Gastroenterology. A new medication that was proven safe in previous studies will be tested to determine its effectiveness in people who suffer abdominal pain or indigestion associated with drugs taken for arthritis.

Medications and exams will be provided free to qualifying participants during the two-month study. For further information, please call x8330.

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