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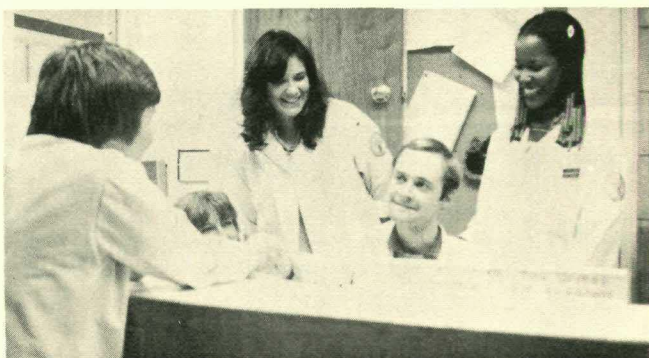
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QUICK ACTION SAVES LIFE-- Robert McConnell (center), from Unit Management, is congratulated by members of the Emergency Room staff for helping to save the life of a cardiac arrest victim. See story inside.

people

UH EMPLOYEE RESPONDS QUICKLY AND SAVES LIFE OF CARDIAC ARREST VICTIM

Robert McConnell, a secretary from Unit Management in the Emergency Room at UH and a full-time student in the LPN program at BCH, responded to a call for help on March 23 from a security guard in the parking lot who was trying to help a woman who had fallen to the ground. McConnell recognized that the woman required cardiopulmonary resuscitation and immediately began chest compressions.

According to Jeanne Kenney, R.N., the charge nurse in the Emergency Room that evening, McConnell performed confidently and competently. When Kenney arrived on the scene a few minutes later, McConnell directed her to relieve the patient's son, who was delivering mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

McConnell guided the patient onto a stretcher with the help of others. He continued CPR while in transit from the parking lot to the emergency room and sustained the patient's life. Fortunately, with prompt medical treatment, the patient survived her cardiac arrest. Kenney commended McConnell for his professional behavior. She said that his immediate action saved the patient's life and that he is "an asset to the emergency room nursing staff."

MARCELLE WILLOCK, M.D., APPOINTED ANESTHESIA CHIEF, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

Marcelle Willock, M.D., recently was appointed chief of Anesthesia at UH and professor and chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology for the School of Medicine. Her UH appointment, announced by Hospital Administrator J. Scott Abercrombie Jr., M.D., became effective April 1.

Willock, a native of Panama, received her medical degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C. She did her residency under Emanuel Papper, M.D., at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. She went on to direct

the residency program at Bellevue Hospital Center while on the staff at New York University Medical Center. Willock also served as director of obstetric anesthesia at Roosevelt Hospital in New York City, after which she returned to Columbia Presbyterian and obtained a master's degree in higher education from Teacher's College at Columbia University.

UH EMPLOYEES RESPOND QUICKLY DURING STORM; HOSPITAL OPERATIONS CONTINUE SMOOTHLY

Because the snow has given way to the power of spring, it's difficult to believe that only a little over a week ago, Greater Boston was besieged by a blizzard that rivaled any other storm in the long 1981-82 winter. The surprise timing of this freak "April shower" caught cities with their plows down and car owners with their snow tires off. At UH, though, quick planning and a lot of extra effort by staff members helped to keep things operating with minimal disruption.

During the contingency situation, extra shuttle buses were put into service. Many nurses worked double shifts to provide continuous care during the storm. Mattresses and bedding were issued to accommodate the many staff members who spent the night. The new SICU on B-7 served as a makeshift dormitory. The Dietary Department served free meals throughout the storm.

Tom Casey, evening administrator and head of the Hospital's Contingency Group, praised the exemplary performances exhibited by UH employees. He said people responded quickly and unselfishly during the emergency situation. According to Anne Sweatt, R.N., administrator for nursing services, normal care was delivered because of "the support and loyalty demonstrated by all the staff."

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events

NEW B-7 SICU TO OPEN APRIL 18;
OPEN HOUSE SET FOR EMPLOYEES APRIL 16

The new SICU on B-7 is scheduled to open on April 18. An open house for UH employees will be held on April 16 at 3:30 p.m. Staff members are invited to stop by and tour the new facility, which includes such features as two nursing stations, a larger medication area, additional monitoring equipment, a waiting room and two isolation rooms.

The 13-bed unit will be formally dedicated in a luncheon ceremony on April 16. At the dedication, the major donors to the project will be honored for their generosity that helped to make construction of this larger and more sophisticated SICU possible.

HOSPITAL'S FIFTH ANNUAL GALA EVENING
SET FOR APRIL 16 AT PARK PLAZA HOTEL

University Hospital's Fifth Annual Gala Benefit Evening will be held on April 16 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston.

Trustees, incorporators, physicians and friends of the Hospital will attend the Gala, which is a formal fund-raising event on behalf of the Hospital. The special guest speaker will be Mark Russell, a political humorist.

The cost is \$125. a person. For more information, call the Development Office at x5590.

UH 'NIGHT AT THE POPS' SET FOR MAY 6;
HALF-PRICE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR UH EMPLOYEES

Tickets are still available in the Personnel Office for the UH "Night at the Pops." The May 6 performance, which begins at 8 p.m. at Symphony Hall, will be televised. Symphony Hall is located at 301 Massachusetts Ave., Boston.

The tickets, originally priced at \$14, are being offered to UH employees for \$7. The seats are on the floor of the hall; a limited menu of beverages and sandwiches is available in this area. Tickets may be purchased before April 22 from the receptionist in Personnel. Checks will be accepted with an I.D.

need to know

RADIATION PROTECTION OFFICE PLANS
INFORMATIONAL DAYS APRIL 20-21

The Radiation Protection Office of BUMC will hold two informational days, April 20 and 21, in order to answer employees' questions about radiation. Members of the Radiation Protection Office will be on hand in Keefer Lobby from 7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on both days. The informational days are open to anyone who has questions about radiation. For more information, call x5212 (247-5212).

C-LOT PARKING: A LITTLE COURTESY GOES A LONG WAY

Paul Marcin, area director for Plant Services for the Medical Center, has asked for the cooperation of Medical Center employees in an effort to make parking in C-Lot more efficient.

Marcin urges employees to take care when parking to leave enough space so that other cars can maneuver without difficulty in and out of parking spaces.

RILEY COMPLETES WORK ON NEW BOOK DESIGNED
TO HELP DOCTORS TREAT PSEUDOEPILEPTIC SEIZURES

Terrence L. Riley, M.D., director of the Hospital's EEG and Sleep laboratories and an associate professor of neurology at BUSM, recently completed a book entitled *Pseudoseizures*, which he co-edited with Alec Roy, M.D., an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Toronto.

According to the editors, the book is the first authoritative review to deal with the clinical evidence and physiologic facts that can be used to distinguish between epileptic and nonepileptic seizures.

Sir MacDonald Critchley, a prominent neurologist from National Hospital in London, has written the foreword for the book.

FAMILY OF FORMER PATIENT THANKS UH STAFF

The family of the late Mary E. Lawson recently sent a letter to the Hospital, thanking the staff for the "kindness and thoughtfulness shown them during their time of sadness." They also extended special thanks for the many cards received and the donations made in Mary's name.

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AIR CONDITIONER FOR SALE: Moving to a cooler climate, selling 10,000 BTU GE air-conditioner. Call Stephen, x6721.

APARTMENT FOR RENT: Newtonville, roommate wanted to share spacious 2 bdrm. apt. in 2-family house. Seek balance of independence and friendship. \$300 plus 1/2 utilities. Call Phillip Paquet, 969-2064.

HOME FOR RENT: Furnished 4 bdrm. home for rent in Newtonville, July 1-Aug. 31. \$480 per month (includes utilities). Take care of pets. Call 424-5319.

MACRAME FOR ALL REASONS: Do you want to dress up your office with a unique wall hanging or plant hanger? Do you need a special gift for a wedding or baby shower? How about hanging end tables? Very reasonable prices and excellent work. Call Kathy Hudson at x5578.

SEEKING FEMALE ROOMMATE: Roommate needed (24+) to share 3 bdrm. apt. in Allston with 2 other females. Available May 15. Rent \$170, near MBTA, Commonwealth Ave. Call Chris, 254-8075.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE: The Greater Boston Hospital Softball Association is looking for hospital teams to join its league. Contact Jim McKinnon at Children's Hospital, 735-6156.

SUMMER RENTAL: 2 bdrm. cottage on Quahog Bay, near Brunswick, Maine, just 2 3/4 hours from Boston. Cottage offers privacy with modern kitchen and bathroom, deck overlooking bay and dock for swimming, fishing or boating. Available in season at \$240 per week. Contact Ruth at x5534 or 861-6190.