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CAR TROUBLES?

AS THE WINTER SEASON APPROACHES, many people will be returning to their cars in the parking lot to find out that they won't start. In the event that this happens to you, you will be pleased to know that the Center's Engineering Department has planned for such contingencies.

A box containing jumper cables, a wire brush, and a flashlight, has been strategically located under the Information Desk in the main lobby for use in such emergencies. It is strictly available for use in the hospital parking lots and must be returned immediately.

Leonard Farkas, Acting Director of Engineering, stated that members of his department will try to be available to help those who need aid in starting their cars. However, if possible, it would be preferable to enlist a fellow employee to help you in your car-starting effort. This is especially applicable after 4:30 P.M., when their staff is smaller.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

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ADMISSIONS SUPERVISION

THE HOSPITAL CENTER regretfully announced the resignation of Charles Striffler, Admissions Supervisor. Charlie is moving to California where he will spend a week vacationing prior to beginning his new position in the production of promotional, educational, and training videotapes. He has been the full-time Admissions Supervisor since September 1, 1975, and had worked previously at the Center in Coordinating Admissions and the Emergency Room.

We all wish him well in his new career!

The new Admitting Supervisor, Jewel M. Alpaugh, will join our staff on November 15, 1976. Mrs. Alpaugh had three years experience in hospital admissions in Santa Monica, California, and has also been employed previously in office supervision and sales accounting.

We welcome her to the hospital.

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SYMPOSIUM '76

"COMA AND THE DYING PATIENT" will be presented Saturday, November 20, 1976, as part of the Symposium '76 series in the Hospital Center Auditorium. The program will include speakers emphasizing various pastoral, medical, legal, and emotional, aspects of death and dying.

The symposium will be held from 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., and is approved for 4.5 hours of Category I credit. All interested employees and staff members are invited to attend.

For reservations or information, call the Educational Development Office, at Extension 2026.

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CAFETERIA QUANDRY

IN RESPONSE TO THE MANY SUGGESTIONS AND QUESTIONS which have been submitted regarding the problem of long lines and overcrowding in the cafeteria during peak hours, several steps have been taken. A second cashier who accepts both cash and meal tickets has been added at the noon hour. In order to speed up movement through the cashier stations, please get your meal tickets out ahead of time so that the cashier will know what kind of a sale it is.

The additional tables which were ordered have arrived. However, as some of the tables need to be refinished, the total complement is not yet set up.

There have also been many suggestions to establish a non-smoking section in the dining room and to restrict its use to employees only. The feasibility of establishing a non-smoking section is being discussed and developments will be followed up in future issues of UPDATE.

The question of restricting the cafeteria to employees is a difficult one. Because there are no restaurants close to the hospital for visitors to eat quickly while they are spending time with patients, we cannot make this kind of a restriction. However, if you only have a few items to pick up in the line, please by-pass the bottleneck of people ordering, it will speed up the food service.

Your suggestions to help with the problems are always welcome.

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EXPLORERS MEET

ELLWYN D. SPIKER, ADMINISTRATOR, opened the meeting of the Center's Explorer Post 916, on Monday night, November 1, 1976, with congratulations to the Post for their victory in the Explorer Olympics. Over 50 Explorers were in attendance for the program entitled "Careers in Nursing," which was moderated by Nancy Stevens, Patient Representative.

Dawn Costello, Ph.D., Associate Director for Nursing Education, began the two-part program with a discussion of the educational requirements necessary for various nursing careers. This was followed by a presentation of "Care of the Cardiac Patient - Nursing Specialties Involved," which included members of the nursing staff from several areas. Sheryl Smith, R.N., discussed Pre- and Post-Operative Care and the Cardiac Rehabilitation Program. The aspects of O.R. nursing involved were covered by Shirley Lathbury, R.N., and Intensive Care and Post-Coronary Care Nursing were discussed by Donna Hedash, R.N., and Karen Scanlon, R.N., respectively.

Many thanks to all for an excellent program.

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NURSING NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO SUSAN DELGUERICO, R.N., the new Head Nurse on 4B. Mrs. DelGuerico has been working here at the Center as a staff nurse on 4A. She has had eight years of nursing experience including three years as Assistant Director of Nursing in an extended care facility in Doylestown. Mrs. DelGuerico replaces Carol Balcavage, R.N., who began a course in Stoma Therapy at the Cleveland Clinic, on November 1, 1976.

CPR COURSE

IF YOU WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH to be in the last CPR course, you may have been a member of a resuscitation team with the hospital's administrator.

To show his support for the 100% employee certification goal, Mr. Spiker joined seven other employees who learned the basics of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.

CPR QUIZ:

Caption this cartoon.


