

UPDATE

CLARIFICATION OF BOARD CHANGES

THE FEBRUARY 3, 1978 issue of UPDATE featured a story on changes in Board composition and number, which were approved at the last meeting of the Hospital Center's Board. The story stated that each class (Allentown and Sacred Heart) will be increased by 3 members, 2 of whom will be chosen by the Allentown Class of Members and 2 by the Sacred Heart Class of Members, and 2 of whom will be members of the Center's Medical Staff representing each of the 2 classes.

In clarification, it was voted to expand the Center's Board of Directors by 6 members, 3 from the Allentown Class and 3 from the Sacred Heart Class. One of the 3 additional members from each class will be a physician and a member of the Hospital Center's Medical Staff.

The President of our Medical Staff presently meets with the Center's Board at all of its meetings. If the President of the Medical Staff is not one of the physicians elected, he will become an ex-officio member of the Board. If the President is elected, the President-Elect of the Medical Staff at the Center will serve in an ex-officio capacity.

As was previously reported, all changes are contingent upon the approval of the Corporation at a meeting of its members.

LOOK FOR THE INITIALS...

CRTT behind the names of Ruth Garcia, Bev Stauffer, and Ken Miller of Respiratory Therapy. It signifies their successful passing of a National Certification Exam for Respiratory Therapy Technicians. According to Eric Bakow, Assistant Technical Director, this brings the number of certified techs at the Center to 5; two more are registered.

Ruth has been at the Center since November 11, 1975; Ken since February 17, 1975; and Bev since July 19, 1976. Congratulations to all three!

A REMINDER

ALL EMPLOYEES WHO ARE COVERED BY the Hospital Center's Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plan should review their present coverage, according to Joyce Fleischer, Assistant Director of Personnel Services. If you have had new additions, deletions, or children who have reached the age of 19, please go to the Personnel Office and complete a change of agreement form to insure that you are receiving the proper coverage.

ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

THE HOSPITAL CENTER'S NEW ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM will become operational on Tuesday, February 21, 1978.

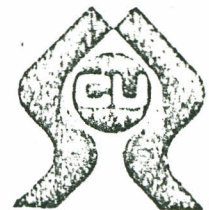
The Energy Management System is a computerized system which will be integrated into our existing ventilation system. It will provide energy and cost savings within the hospital while continuing to provide a comfortable environment for all personnel.

An important aspect of the system is to monitor excess consumption of energy and to control such excesses. As a result, there may be times during the day when the ventilation system in your area will be down for a brief period until energy consumption again falls within a normal range. When a normal level is reached, the system will again resume activity. Patient and operating rooms will not be affected.

Energy conservation is something which must concern all of us. Each of us is a key element in any energy conservation by remembering to do such things as turn off lights when they aren't needed and keep hot water usage to a minimum.

Thank you for your cooperation.

- GOOD NEWS IS THAT money is still available for signature loans. The unsecured signature loan limit has been raised to \$400...the Credit Union is accepting automobile loan applications...and, if you are interested in borrowing money but are not yet a member, remember that you must belong to the Credit Union for 30 days before becoming eligible. So, Join the Credit Union, It's Where You Belong!



- Incidentally, members' quarterly statements are still available at the Credit Union Office during office hours: 12:00 Noon to 4:30 P.M., Wednesdays and Fridays...all members are asked to pick up their statement if they have not yet done so...special discount rates are available to Credit Union members for "Freedom Weekends" at Hotel Hershey and Country Club, according to Steve Harding, Chairman of the Promotional Committee. Offer includes 3 days and 2 nights, and is available until April 16, 1978...The Annual Meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 1978, at 2:00 P.M., in the auditorium. Elections will be held for 7 members of the Board, and 5 members of the Credit Committee.

MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY COURSE CONCLUDES

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING individuals who completed the Medical Terminology Course sponsored by the Center:

From the Business Office: Sue Galiszanski, Debbie Haas, Karen Kline, Jeanne Macaluso, Betty Porambo, Diane Rubin, Ann Terleski, and June Weber.

From Medical Records: Pam Brunner, Mary Doherty, Kim Farrel, Sandra Kutz, June Miller, Inge Meyers, Daphne Roos, and Andrea Sawka.

From Nursing: Lucinda Bernhard, Carol Brobst, Donna Collins, Joanne Deibert Hetrich, Patricia Kressler, Germaine Lee, Debbie Minder, Lisa Schaffer, Nancy Taniser, Vilma Waltz, Evelyn Watson, Bonnie Winkler, and Ann Zeravsky.

Would you believe that the average final exam score for the class was 95.68?

SYMPOSIUM '78 PRESENTS...

SEIZURES - FACT AND FICTION on Saturday, February 25, at 8:00 A.M., in the Hospital Center auditorium.

The program will feature Neurosurgeons, Robert M. Jaeger, M.D.; Harry Stephens, Jr., M.D.; David A. Tilly, M.D.; and Neurologists, Lawrence P. Levitt, M.D.; Martha A. Lusser, M.D.; and Ronald E. Wasserman, M.D. Guest faculty includes Fritz E. Dreyfuss, M.D., Professor of Neurology at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville; and John M. Van Buren, M.D., Head of the Section of Functional Neurosurgery at National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

CRITICAL CARE NURSES SPONSOR BAKE SALE

HUNGRY? WELL CHECK OUT the Main Lobby on Tuesday, February 21, beginning at 8:30 A.M. There you will find a Bake Sale sponsored by the Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center members of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of Critical Care Nurses. Proceeds from the sale will be given to the educational fund of the LVCCCN. Be sure to be there!

SPORTS SPOT

THE ASHMEN & WOMEN are challenging the Housestaff to a Basketball game. Anyone interested in playing for the ASHTEAM, please contact Bill Schaude, Extension 3082; or Bill Hoffert, Extension 2191. Housestaff who would like to participate should contact Dr. Tom Kimmit. The game is tentatively scheduled for mid-March at the Lehigh County Community College.

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Issue No. 1, already a collectors' item, published on January 14, 1974, months before the Center opened its doors to the public, which welcomed Florence Brown, R.N., to Nursing Service, and John Reges to Materials Management.

Issue No. 26, April 18, 1975, which announced the acquisition of the C.A.T. Scanner.

Issue No. 50, March 24, 1976, which reported the opening of the Short Procedure Unit and the relocation of the Cardiac Rehabilitation Unit from 6B to 7A.

Issue No. 72, January 21, 1977, which blames the severe cold for problems encountered by employees in starting their cars (little did we know that over a year later, as reported in last week's Special Snow Issue of UPDATE, Engineering would be digging out 600 cars from 18 inches of snow).

We hope UPDATE is reaching you with information you need and want. Our future plans call for expanding the focus of UPDATE, changing its format, content and size. We try to be responsive to the needs of our readers and always welcome suggestions for changes and improvements. If you have any articles or comments, please contact the Public Relations Office, at Extension 3084.