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**UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL NURSES AND EMPLOYEES JOIN IN WALK TO BENEFIT AIDS CARE AND RESEARCH**

No matter what the weather, UH nurses and employees on Sunday, June 1, will join a 10-kilometer pledge walk to benefit AIDS care and research. All UH employees are invited to take part in the walk along the Charles River, starting on Boston Common and ending with a gala jazz concert at the Hatch shell on the Esplanade.

All proceeds from the event will be distributed to various local organizations including the AIDS Baby Hospice, the New England Hemophilia Association, the National AIDS Network, the Fenway Community Health Center, and the AIDS Action Committee. This pledge walk will be the largest fundraising event ever held in New England for AIDS research and care.

Participants who collect a minimum of $250 in pledges will receive t-shirts; those who raise $500 or more will receive pairs of sport shoes. The participant who raises the most money will receive a three-day trip for two to Montreal.

According to Chriss Lassen, R.N., of the Hospital's Nursing Education and Research Department, AIDS is a major health crisis that affects everyone. Says Lassen, "AIDS is not just the problem of one or two groups; it is society's problem. The money raised by this walk will help those who are working to stop the progress of this life-threatening illness."

For walking papers, more information, or to sponsor a walker, please contact David Froais at x7318 (638-7318) or Chriss Lassen, R.N., at x7608 (638-7608).

**CONFERENCE ON INFECTION CONTROL IN DENTISTRY OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE TO UH STAFF MEMBERS**

University Hospital staff members are invited to attend an upcoming conference entitled "Infection Control in Dentistry: The Impact of AIDS, Hepatitis B and Other Infectious Diseases on the Dental Team". This course will address the scientific, professional and legal issues relating to proper infection-control measures. Such issues as discrimination, patient abandonment and cross-infection will be discussed.

The conference will be co-chaired by Myron Allukian, D.D.S., N.P.H., assistant deputy and director of community dental programs for Boston's of Health and Hospitals, and lecturer in dental care management at Boston University's Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry, and Richard A. Whitman, D.M.D., assistant professor of dental care management, and chairman of the Infection Control Committee at GSGD. The conference is scheduled for June 6, 1986. For more information, call x4738 (638-4738) or x4739 (638-4739).

**UH PHYSICAL THERAPY SECTION PLANS SEVERAL EVENTS IN COMMEMORATION OF NATIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY WEEK**

The theme of this year's National Physical Therapy Week, June 1 through June 7, is "Physical Therapy—Leading the Way to Fitness." The Physical Therapy section of UH's Department of Rehabilitation Medicine will sponsor a physical therapy open house on Monday, June 2, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on D-9. In addition, fitness tips will be available from an information booth in the Evans lobby on Wednesday, June 4, and Thursday, June 5.

Members of the Physical Therapy Section also are encouraging UH employees to use the stairs rather than the elevators during National Physical Therapy Week.

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UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL BEGINS CLINICAL OPERATION OF UNIQUE MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING UNIT

University Hospital's new Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) unit is helping physicians at UH more accurately to diagnose a wide variety of diseases including multiple sclerosis and cancer. The Hospital's MRI unit began clinical operations in March. MRI is a vital new tool for medical diagnosis that produces images of the human body that reflect both anatomy and biochemistry.

The new MRI facility represents the first medical use of a rare-earth element. Samarium, a material present in very low amounts in the earth's crust, and cobalt make up the alloy from which the unit's permanent, novel ring-magnet is fabricated. The alloy is usually present in small amounts as the magnetic component in high-fi speakers. The operating cost of this facility is less than half that of more traditional MRI units.

The new MRI facility, a shared service with Boston City Hospital, is directed by Allan Green, M.D., chief of UH's Section of Nuclear Medicine.

University Hospital already is involved in research on a second-generation machine with Field Effects, Inc. of Acton, Mass., who provided the technology for our existing unit. The second-generation unit will use a different rare-earth element, neodymium, and is expected to provide images with even better resolution than those provided by the current unit.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION CEREMONY SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Hospital President J. Scott Abercrombie Jr., M.D., will honor employees who have been at the Hospital for intervals of five years in the annual Employee Service Recognition Ceremony. The Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, June 5, beginning at 3 p.m. in the Keefer Auditorium. A reception will be held in the Wilkins Board Room immediately following the Recognition Ceremony. All employees are invited to attend.

DINNER ON DUNSTER STREET—John Philipin of Pharmacy (pictured here with Francisco Velasquez, associate director of the Blood Bank and Hematology) was one of last month's Blood Bank raffle winners. Philipin received a gift certificate for dinner at 33 Dunster Street in Cambridge.

SAX TO BE ROASTED AT UPCOMING BENEFIT LUNCHEON

"The Joy of Sax", a luncheon and roast to be held in honor of Daniel Sax, M.D., in the Department of Neurology, will benefit the Massachusetts Chapter of the Huntington's Disease Foundation of America. The event will take place on Sunday, June 1, at noon, at the Marriott Hotel, 2345 Commonwealth Ave., Newton. Friends and co-workers of Sax are invited to attend the event, or to speak as roasters. Tickets cost $30 per person or $50 per couple. For more information, please contact May Long at x8333 (638-8333) or Fran Gardner at x8456 (638-8456).

SPINAL CORD CENTER VOLUNTEER CROTEAU AMONG WINNERS OF UNITED WAY AWARD

Charles Croteau, a long-time volunteer at University Hospital's New England Spinal Cord Injury Center, recently was one of 10 winners of the Massachusetts Bay United Way's Outstanding Volunteer Service Awards. Croteau was nominated for the award by staff members at the Spinal Cord Center.

For the past ten years, Croteau has served as a role model for patients at the Center. A quadriplegic, he works on several therapeutic programs that help wheelchair-dependent patients to adapt.

Croteau was chosen for the award from among many nominees recommended by agencies throughout the Boston area. He and his fellow winners recently were honored in the United Way's 10th annual volunteer recognition ceremony.

HELP FOR CHEMICAL-DEPENDENT HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONALS: Nightingale, the nation's only back-to-practice recovery program for licensed health-care professionals with alcohol or other chemical dependencies, is located in Brighton, Mass. The program offers specific return-to-practice counseling and legal assistance. All inpatient residential treatment costs are covered by Blue Cross and other commercial insurance carriers. Confidential inquiries may be directed to Nightingale at 1-800-446-2022.

FOR RENT: Large two-bedroom luxury condo, brand new. Eat-in kitchen, wall-to-wall carpet, dishwasher and disposal, washer and dryer in unit. Located on Harrison Avenue, half a block from University Hospital. Available immediately for $800 per month. No fees. For more information, please call 787-1440.

MEDICAL OFFICE SPACE available in historic Newburyport. 1100 square feet in established medical building, formerly dentist's office. Six rooms and reception area, shared waiting area. Lots of extras. Call the Rental Store, Carlson Real Estate, for details, at 462-4184.

1979 CAMARO FOR SALE: AM/FM, air conditioning. Low mileage, good conditioning. $2,500. For more information, call 665-8176, evenings.

FOR RENT: Vacation home beside lake in Ludlow, Vermont, available for weekly summer rental. Includes fishing boat with motor. $400 per week. Please call Kathy at x7290.