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Boston University
UH, city agency launch unique plan for homeless elders

The University Hospital launched an innovative program last month designed to temporarily house a portion of Boston's estimated 300 to 500 homeless elderly. On May 6, UH President J. Scott Abercrombie Jr., M.D., signed a unique agreement with the Boston Housing Authority to lease six or more units of temporary, rent-free housing to homeless elders in ill health. In doing so, UH became the first hospital in the Commonwealth, and perhaps the nation, to provide such housing for the elderly.

The units, located at Washington Manor at 1701 Washington Street in the South End, are available to people 60 years of age and older who have been displaced from their homes and suffer from ill health. Residents can remain in the units for up to 45 days and extensions of up to 15 days will be granted as needed.

The program is an expansion of the Elders Living at Home (ELAH) program, a nationwide model program in which UH's Home Medical Service (HMS) is involved. Anna Bissonnette, R.N., ELAH director and HMS associate director, said, "The relationship between poverty, homelessness and poor health cannot be exaggerated. I hope this is just the beginning of future attempts to integrate hospitals into the service of frail and homeless elders in the community."

UH's mission
At an afternoon press conference which took place at Washington Manor, Hospital of-

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Broadway Shuttle fee being dropped; vehicles upgraded

Beginning July 5, the shuttle bus service provided by the Medical Center Parking Services office will be a "new, improved" version, according to Donald R. Giller, BUMC director of Marketing/Public Affairs. On and after that date, both the Lot C and Broadway shuttles will be serviced by more "comfortable" vehicles, Giller said. In addition, the 25-cent fee for the Broadway shuttle service will be eliminated 'to encourage greater use of public transportation,' he noted. The changes are being made in response to suggestions from employees and staff.

The Lot C shuttle service operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Pickup and discharge points are at the Boston University Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry entrance, in front of the University Hospital's Atrium Pavilion, at the end of Evans Way near the School of Medicine and at the side of the Talbot Building. The Parking Services office cur-

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4-day shift into ORs, other units, completes move into Atrium Pavilion

The University Hospital's core facility, the Atrium Pavilion, is now fully occupied. The recent move into the building's operating rooms, recovery room, surgical intensive care, cardiothoracic and progressive care units marked the full occupancy of the ultra-modern Atrium Pavilion. The Atrium Pavilion houses nearly two-thirds of the Hospital's 379 beds, including a 16-bed surgical intensive care unit (SICU).

In the 23 years that he's been employed by the University Hospital, Al Busa, assistant administrator of Plant Services, has helped coordinate moves into four buildings. In all those years, however, Busa said he can't remember one that went so well. "More effort was put into this move than the move into any of the other buildings," he said, while hailing the "tremendous effort" of the nurses and the many others who participated.

In one week
The most recent move into the operating room and special care units, which occupy 50,000 square feet of space, took only four days to complete from Friday, April 29, to Monday, May 2. On May 23, the
Where have all the F-1 vendors gone?
Over the last month, Hospital employees may have noticed the disappearance of some food vendors from their usual spots on East Newton Street. Several persons have asked Connections to report on the matter, saying they had heard the Hospital was involved in the affair.

According to Martha Baron-Berg, a UH vice president for clinical operations, the situation was the result of City of Boston action. All food vendors are required by the City to be licensed. Upon a recent visit to the Medical Center on unrelated business, city officials found inquiry that the majority of the vendors who have been doing business on East Newton Street lacked the adequate licenses, and those vendors lacking appropriate licenses were asked to leave. In addition, the city officials observed, the vendors were stationing themselves in improper parking spaces, removing handicap and other parking spaces from circulation. Simultaneously, a major move of the City of Boston sewer replacement and modernization project on Newton Street required the cleansing off of parts of the roadway, and closing many of the spaces where the vendors had been parked. The sewer project is expected to take several months to complete.

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rently is exploring the possibilities of erecting several shelters in front of the hospital, set up and drop off points as well as additional deep fryers, as a means of improving the shuttle’s running time.

The Broadway shuttle service operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., on Saturdays from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m., on weekdays (except lunch), on Saturdays from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m., and on Sundays from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Medical Center. The service is free to all patients and visitors, and the shuttles run on a fixed schedule.

Hospital employees and staff are fielding a number of recent complaints on all MFTA passes. Passes can be purchased through the shuttle service's office.

Bus stop moved

The MFTA bus stops on East Newton Street has moved to the front of the Preston Family Pavilion. Previously, the stop was located in the Health Services Building entrance on East Newton Street.

Dining at UH: Elaine’s a new option, F-1 expands fare; Dining Pavilion on the way

When UH’s Dining Pavilion opens in the Atrium building at the end of this month, about 1,000 staff and employees—dubbed the “buffet”—will have access to a variety of food, desserts and freshly prepared food. The 4,000-square-foot tent and adjoining pavilion will be open seven days a week. A hot breakfast buffet is served Monday through Friday, and a continental-style breakfast is served Saturday and Sunday. Breakfast buffet is served from 7 to 10 a.m. and 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, and Sunday. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Menu items, which include hot and cold specials, fresh foods, deli and grilled sandwiches, a salad bar, desserts and frozen yogurt, are available at prices lower than those at Elaine’s Cafe or the Atrium Bistro. In addition to a continental-style buffet, a recent addition to the F-1 catering menu features such hot food items as breakfast sandwiches, croissants, pastries, French toast, quiche, bacon and sausage. A “Your Self/You Right” lunch, which will feature a variety of low-calorie foods, will be offered daily beginning this month, said Baron-Berg. Other lunch-time foods include hot and cold menu items.

Vending machines, located in the rear of the cafeteria, offer beverages, snacks and other food selections round-the-clock for those frequenting the cafeteria during its off-hours.

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Economist and historian Scott Taylor and Partners, Inc. of Boston, will feature private dining, butler service, a larger serving area and expanded hours. The Dining Pavilion will also have several function rooms for parties or meetings. “The Pavilion will offer overall improved service,” she said. “We’re going to continue to be creative in our offerings.”

In the mean time, the UH employees, staff and students can find a variety of mealtime choices and price ranges at several Hospital eating places. The Atrium, located on the second level of the Atrium building, is easily accessible from all areas of the Hospital. Serving three food-and-drink carts, it is designed for quick walk-in, walk-out service.

Open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Atrium offers such delicacies as muffins and pastries as well as soups and sandwiches, at prices comparable to those at Elaine’s.

According to Baron-Berg, the Atrium will be expanding its clientele by offering salads and other specials. The UH cafeteria recently added customer seating inside as well as outside on the “terrace” overlooking the Atrium lobby.

For more information on the Universtity Hospital Pavilion, call 2-2500.

Confronting AIDS in the workplace: Education and precautions are key tactics

A s a member of the Hospital’s AIDS Task Force Committee, nursing supervisor Tricia McLaughlin, R.N., M.S., is responsible for educating new and current employees on infectious diseases, including the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) virus.

Since last fall, both McLaughlin and Kom, who also are alternate members of the Hospital’s recently established AIDS Task Force, have held open half-hour forums in Ketter Administration, where they have utilized a question-and-answer format to get employees to air their concerns about AIDS. To reach an even broader audience, the pair plans to air an educational video on the Hospital’s monitors in all patient units.

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Chobanian: UH hypertension chief, takes helm at BUSM

A man with patients considered “high-risk.” Today, McLaughlin said, health-care providers utilize universal precaution with all patients.

Level of caution uniform “The goal of our education is that the same level of caution is used for all patients,” she said. “Some of the precautions staff and employees are urged to take include wearing gloves and, in some cases, face masks, as well as utilizing needle testers in patient rooms. A degree of caution we health care providers practice by taking care of patients must be uniform. "We can’t afford to be inconsistent in our level of caution."

McLaughlin said people who come to work at a hospital need to be provided with information—correct information—about AIDS, a virus which, although it weakens the body’s immune system, is spread primarily through sexual contact and the sharing of contaminated needles among intravenous drug users, and, in some cases, casual contact, as studies have shown. "AIDS is something on people's minds when they come to work at a hospital."

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Hospital honors its own in special Employee Week/Charter Day festivities

A week of festivities celebrating both the University Hospital's employees and the Hospital's founding in 1855 was held last month during Employee Recognition Week, May 16 to 20. The festivities were highlighted by an additional celebration of the Hospital's 133rd "birthday" on Charter Day, Thursday, May 19. The kick-off event for the week's festivities was a special brunch on May 16, held in the University Hospital's 133rd "birthday" on Thursday, May 19. The festivities were held in the UH Pavilion, at which more than 50 hospital employees were honored for five years of service. Later that day, 10- and 15-year employees were recognized in a luncheon at the Hospital's 1855 reception area. The hospital staff and employees were given the opportunity to participate in the mouth-watering class taught by Carolyn Schaefer of Joyce Chen Unlimited. Also during the week, departmental open houses were held at the Hospital's Pavilion during the month of May.

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Several of the Hospital's activities included visits to Nantucket and dinner in Boston for her first-place photo "Ready for Takeoff" in UH's first-ever employee photo contest, "A Day in the Life of the University Hospital." The winners of UH's first employee photo contest, "A Day in the Life of the University Hospital," were announced on Charter Day.

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Employee dollars help ease patients' financial burden during times of real need

When Stasz Kaziow left his native Poland for the United States in the summer of 1986, he had no idea that he would be returning home more than 15 months later as a quadriplegic.

What should have been a happy journey home was brought to the University Hospital in New Hampshire, Kaziow.

The University Hospital, Boston

Help Fund, which is administered by the U-Help Fund, provided funds to Kaziow.

Kaziow is only one of a number of patients who have been helped through the generosity of staff members.

Security staffer recruited to New England Patriots

Former security guard Dan Stoklos has been recruited to play football with the New England Patriots.

Donna Angeley, R.N.

The award is given to the UH nurse who best epitomizes the light moment.

Larry Mint, Materials Management

Donna Angeley, R.N.

M. L. Carr was held after the University School of Medicine, shot an

Raymond L. Flynn's proposed needle-exchange program for drug users, as a means of curbing the spread of AIDS, is attracting widespread interest.

Basm Badigam, M.D.

Laboratory Medicine

I do not have any positive feelings about the proposed program. I think I would actually encourage people to use drugs. Even if the addicts do use new needles, once they run out, they'll just end up sharing them with one another.

Rosalind Russell, Dietary

"I'm for the proposed program to stop AIDS, but it does encourage people to use drugs and that's wrong."
Gordon Gaul: A self-help advocate at UH and at home

The Spotlight Award winner for June, Gordon Gaul of Respiratory Therapy, begins his workday by 4:30 a.m. When his eight hours at UH are completed, he packs up and heads for his "second job"—his volunteer work in the Dorchester community.

A 15-year member of that Boston neighborhood's Area Planning Action Council (APAC) and a seven-year member of Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), Gaul, 64, is also a member of five ABCD subcommittees and Dorchester's Meeting House Hill Civic Association.

Gordon Gaul is a man committed to helping others. His philosophy is simple: "If you give a person assistance, he'll pull himself up." Here at UH, Gaul, a 20-year employee this November, is co-chairman of the Health Care Project, which is working toward the construction of an on-site day-care center for children of employees. In March, Gaul helped to coordinate a raffle that netted $2,900 for the Project. In addition, he also sits on the Hospital's Affirmative Action Committee.

Gaul said he enjoys both his Hospital and community work. In fact, he said the two are intertwined. As the president of APAC, which provides employment and training, food-surplus distribution, housing and youth-oriented programs to people in need living in Dorchester, Gaul said as that organization's spokesman to his fellow UH employees, many of whom are Dorchester residents:

"I believe that the more people know about the organization's services, the more they'll take advantage of what's available to them."

While APAC offers assistance in a multitude of areas, including emergency fuel assistance and food-pantry programs, its primary focus is on helping youths and working parents, Gaul said.

Offering year-round after-school and day-care services, APAC also employs about 700 inner-city youths a year through a special summer job program. In addition, the organization accommodates more than 250 Head Start preschoolers each year at four sites in Dorchester.

Since he is the father of seven sons, it is not surprising that Gaul is involved in an organization that dedicates itself to youth. "Children are our future; we have to look out for them," he said. The love of children apparently runs in Gaul's family. His wife, Bessi, operates a day-care center in Dorchester. "My wife always asks me when I'm going to give up all my activities," Gaul said. With a chuckle, he makes it clear he never will.

A reception honoring Gaul will be held on June 29, at 3 p.m., in the Atrium's C and D conference rooms. If you would like to nominate a fellow employee for the award, please call Gloria Shaprio, R.N., M.S., C.S., Nursing, x7500. All nominees must have been employed at UH for at least one year.

THE SECOND ANNUAL OFFICE SUPPORT STAFF WEEK was sponsored by the Hospital's Department of Training and Development from April 25 to 29. Pictured here at a special breakfast on April 27 in the Robert Wilkins Board Room (Evans 113) are from left to right: Mary Willis, Laboratory Medicine; Helen O'Meara and Yvonne Sanders, Rehabilitation Medicine, Jennifer Matthews and Jacqueline Holcombe, Nursing, and Karen Wenger, Human Resources.

3. Delegate morning jobs on a regular basis (i.e. feeding the dog or washing the breakfast dishes).
4. Choose clothes for yourself and the children the previous night.
5. Set the breakfast table the previous night.
6. Keep a small petty cash fund for easy accessibility when the children need quick change for school.
7. Keep a calendar in the kitchen and check it each morning.
8. Give each child his/her alarm clock.
9. Play loud music 10 minutes after the alarm clock should have sounded.

Today's Parent would like to know your thoughts about communicating small concerns about your child's care to your child care provider. Please send your responses to the Child Care Office, Talbot 205.