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Ga. General Assembly approves MCG tax break

Karin Calloway

The Georgia General Assembly passed legislation during its 1987 session to exclude Teachers Retirement System contributions from federal income taxes.

According to House Bill 277, which is expected to be approved by the Internal Revenue Service this month, the six percent employee portion deducted each pay period will be deducted before tax, thus lowering taxable income and slightly increasing take-home pay.

Director of personnel William G. Hayes said the MCG payroll department has made the necessary program modifications to

the payroll system to implement this change when IRS authorization is received, and MCG faculty and staff will be notified upon that approval.

Also passed during the session was House Bill 402, which increases the amount of military leave with pay from 15 to 18 workdays per calendar year. This bill went into effect July 1.

In other action regarding TRS membership, legislation was passed making membership optional for new faculty and staff over 60. Also, former members of TRS who withdrew their contributions and were re-employed in the system after July 1 will have the option to decline membership. Optional

membership in the TRS is not available to current TRS participants 60 or older.

The Board of Regents also has adopted policies relating to disability benefits and TRS. Policy has been changed to allow for continuation of group health premium sharing arrangements for employees with less than 10 years of service who resign because of disability.

With the new policy, an employee may now continue group health insurance coverage with MCG paying 75 percent of the premium cost for up to two years following termination of employment if the reason is due to permanent disability. After the two years, a disabled employee may continue to participate in MCG's group health insurance program by paying the cost of the total premium.

According to Mr. Hayes, this change in policy covers a gap in the current benefits program. Previous policy provided health insurance coverage to dependents of MCG employees with less than 10 years service only in the event of the employee's death.

The policy also allows employees to qualify for disability retirement benefits provided by TRS and lifetime participation in the group health insurance program with 75 percent of the premium being paid by MCG after 10 years of service. The provisions include coverage on the same premium-sharing basis for dependents in the event of a retiree's death.

MCG commemorative license plates to go on sale in January

The Georgia Motor Vehicle Division will sell Medical College of Georgia commemorative license plates beginning in January.

The plates, approved by the Georgia General Assembly during the 1987 session, will commemorate MCG's 160th anniversary. The anniversary will be celebrated throughout 1988.

"We're encouraging as many people as possible to buy a plate to commemorate our 160th anniversary," said George Foster, director of marketing and public relations at MCG.

The plates cost \$25 and may be obtained by filling out an MV9C form. A letter of invitation and state form MV9C will be mailed to MCG employees and alumni. The form should be returned to the Alumni House with a check made out to the Motor Vehicle Division. The deadline is Sept. 30.

Tag purchasers will be given a copy of the MV9C form and should present these when picking up their 1988 license plates. They will be issued a temporary plate and the commemorative plate will be mailed to them.

Faculty picnic slated September 13

The Medical College of Georgia will hold its annual faculty picnic Sept. 13 from 1-5 p.m.

The Parkville Recreation Area at Clarks Hill Lake, located 25 miles from Washington Road, has been reserved for the occasion.

All MCG faculty, including emeritus and clinical faculty, and

their children are invited.

Approximately 20 medical students have volunteered to provide child care.

Two weekend vacations at Hilton Head Island, S.C., and other door prizes will be given away during the event. Volleyball, softball, horseshoes and musical entertain-

ment will be provided.

Eat-Cetera will cater the food and beverages. The picnic is free.

Those planning to attend who have not already mailed in an RSVP should send a written RSVP to Dr. Dave Welter, Department of Anatomy, immediately or call ext. 3731. Please include the number of adults and children who will attend.



Dr. Diane Solursh stands in front of MCG Chaffee Avenue House

Employees offered free counseling

Christine Deriso

The Employee and Faculty Assistance Program, which offers free psychological counseling to Medical College of Georgia employees and their families, is under way at the Chaffee Avenue House.

Program director Diane Solursh, a clinical psychologist, has offered the counseling since joining MCG about a year ago, but the past few months have served primarily as an orientation period. The newly renovated house, at 1844 Chaffee Avenue, opened in August.

The program, implemented by former MCG President Jesse Steinfeld, was inspired by the grow-

ing number of businesses offering free employee counseling.

"Industry has had programs like this for about 20 years, and they've proved very cost-effective," Dr. Solursh said. "If a person is very distressed for whatever reason, that's going to effect their performance on the job. This is a way for MCG to say, 'Hey, we'll support you.'"

Visits are confidential, and employees need only pick up the phone (ext. 2599) to arrange an appointment. Counseling sessions usually last about an hour, and Dr. Solursh offers referrals if intensive therapy is needed.

"My counseling is short-term -
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Photographers awarded

William A. Willner, chief of Medical Photography, Elizabeth H. Watkins and Patricia J. Mills of Medical Photography recently exhibited photographs and slides at the Biological Photographic Association's annual meeting in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Ms. Watkins won second place in the black and white general illustrative division for a picture of Match Day which had been

shot for a March issue of "Beeper." Mr. Willner's color photograph, "Alstroemeria Lilium" (lilly), won honorable mention in the natural science division. Mr. Willner and Ms. Mills attended the BPA meeting, where Mr. Willner worked as director of the conference workshops.

Two join MCG operating room

The Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics has a new head nurse and a new nurse educator in the operating room.

Jody Rohe has been named head nurse and Ann Brotherton has been named nurse educator.

Ms. Rohe graduated from the College of St. Mary in Omaha, Neb., and received her B.S.N. degree from MCG.

Before joining MCG, she worked with Project Hope as operating room educator. She also worked as a staff nurse in the operating room at Archbishop Bergen Mercy Hospital in Omaha.

Ms. Rohe has been nurse educator in the operating room at MCG since 1982.

Mrs. Brotherton graduated from Georgetown University School of Nursing in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Brotherton served as staff and in-service education coordinator at MCG from 1968 to 1977.



Jody Rohe



Ann Brotherton

In 1977, she served as operating/recovery room supervisor at the Veterans Administration

Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. Mrs. Brotherton returned to MCG in 1987 as senior staff nurse in the operating room.

Employees offered free counseling

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usually three to five sessions," she said. "If it becomes evident early on that the problem will require long-term counseling, it's my job to refer the person or family to the most appropriate service. I've been spending this first year getting to know resources in the community, so they don't have to just go through the yellow pages. I can link them up."

Dr. Solursh said referrals have

been necessary about half the time so far.

Stress and troubled relationships are frequent counseling problems, she said. Women are more apt than men to seek help, but once in her office, most people are very open.

"The hardest part is phoning and asking for an appointment," she said. "But to have an impartial listener can help a lot."

Dr. Solursh has had abundant experience in that area. She obtained

her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from York University in Toronto, Canada, and was director of a hospital-based suicide-prevention program before joining MCG.

Does the work take a toll on her state of mind?

"I would be depressed if I thought nothing could be done," she said. "But in most cases, I know things can be different. That's why it's fun."

You see people getting control of their lives again."

HEOPA thriving after 10 years

Mala Sharma

The Medical College of Georgia chapter of the Higher Education Office Personnel Association, which celebrates its tenth anniversary this year, has overcome rocky beginnings to establish itself as a thriving campus group.

HEOPA, an affiliate of the National Education Office Personnel, had around 50 members its first eight years on campus. But since 1986, that number had nearly doubled.

The success is a result of the organization's timely and relevant goals, said chapter president Cecelia King.

The main objective of the association is to "provide office personnel with an avenue for professional growth as well as an association for networking," she said.

Mrs. King, a three-year HEOPA veteran, said she became involved to reap both the professional and social benefits of the organization. "It was a great way to meet people," she said. "I thought I would just join for a year. I didn't know it was going to be addicting."

HEOPA sponsors speakers at its monthly meetings, and topics cover a wide range of issues related to office work. "We've had speakers show us how to dress for success, how to work as a team, and even a speaker on office ethics, all of which prove to be beneficial," Mrs. King said.

"We hope to build a cassette library so we can have all our speakers on tape," she said. "That way, if someone were to miss a meeting, they could listen to it at another time."

The organization benefits others as well as members. In the past, HEOPA has sponsored such fund raisers as raffles and gift wrap sales to benefit the Children's Miracle Network Telethon and Muscular Dystrophy.

HEOPA also has helped form chapters at Augusta College and Fort Valley, Ga.

The organization is in the process of improving its by-laws and newsletters. "We are becoming more and more successful, and it's a great feeling to look around the room at a meeting and see that it is so full that people are bringing in extra chairs," said Mrs. King.

AIDS lecture slated

Dr. Gerald Schochetman, assistant director for laboratory science, AIDS Program, Center for Infectious Diseases at the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control, will discuss the cause of acquired immune deficiency syndrome at the Sept. 15 Medical College of Georgia Research Reports.

MCG Research Reports is open to the public as well as MCG faculty and staff. The monthly event is sponsored by the MCG School of Graduate Studies and covers a

topic of interest to professionals in science and medicine as well as the general public.

The Sept. 15 presentation, "Biology of Retroviruses with Emphasis on AIDS," begins at 4:30 p.m. in Room 108 of the MCG Library. A small reception will be held beginning at 4 p.m. at the same location.

Dr. Schochetman's presentation will last one hour and will be followed by a 30-minute discussion period.

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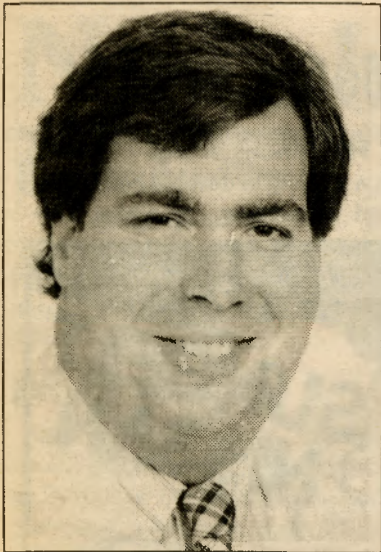
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Joseph H. Clark

Clark joins pediatric section

Toni Baker

Dr. Joseph H. Clark has joined the Medical College of Georgia faculty as head of the newly established section of pediatric gastroenterology.

Dr. Clark is MCG's first pediatric gastroenterologist, a pediatrician specializing in problems of the stomach and intestines in children.

He joins a faculty of about 40 who care for the medical and surgical needs of children who

come to MCG.

"There really has been an organized plan over the past several years to recruit all the pediatric subspecialists needed in order to be able to offer comprehensive care to children in our local area, as well as throughout Georgia and South Carolina," said Dr. Albert W. Pruitt, chairman of the MCG Department of Pediatrics. "Dr. Clark's arrival is a part of that plan."

Dr. Clark, a graduate of the Indiana University School of Medicine, did his internship and residency in pediatrics at University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville.

He then completed a two-year fellowship in pediatric gastroenterology at the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children, the children's hospital of Indiana University School of Medicine.

Dr. Clark joined the Indiana University School of Medicine faculty in 1984 after completing his fellowship there. He remained there until his move to MCG.

He came to MCG because of the enthusiasm he saw in the housestaff and faculty members in pediatrics. And, he was looking for a place to start a pediatric gastroenterology program from scratch.

He brings to MCG expertise in the evaluation and treatment of children with abdominal complaints ranging from persistent diarrhea to constipation, to evaluation and treatment of specific problems like inflammatory bowel disease and chronic liver disease.

Dr. Clark sees a lot of children with diarrhea and vomiting on an outpatient basis.

These children typically are referred to him by general pediatricians and family practice doctors after problems such as diarrhea persist and do not respond to traditional therapy.

With some of the more exotic problems, such as biliary atresia, Dr. Clark works with the MCG Section of Pediatric Surgery.

After diagnosing that the bile ducts leading from the liver are blocked, Dr. Clark works on the nutritional support of these young patients in an effort to get them in the best shape possible for corrective surgery or a liver transplant.

Dr. Clark also works as a liaison between neonatology and pediatric surgery for children born with underdeveloped gastrointestinal tracts.

In his previous experience, Dr. Clark has worked closely with pediatric hematologists-oncologists,

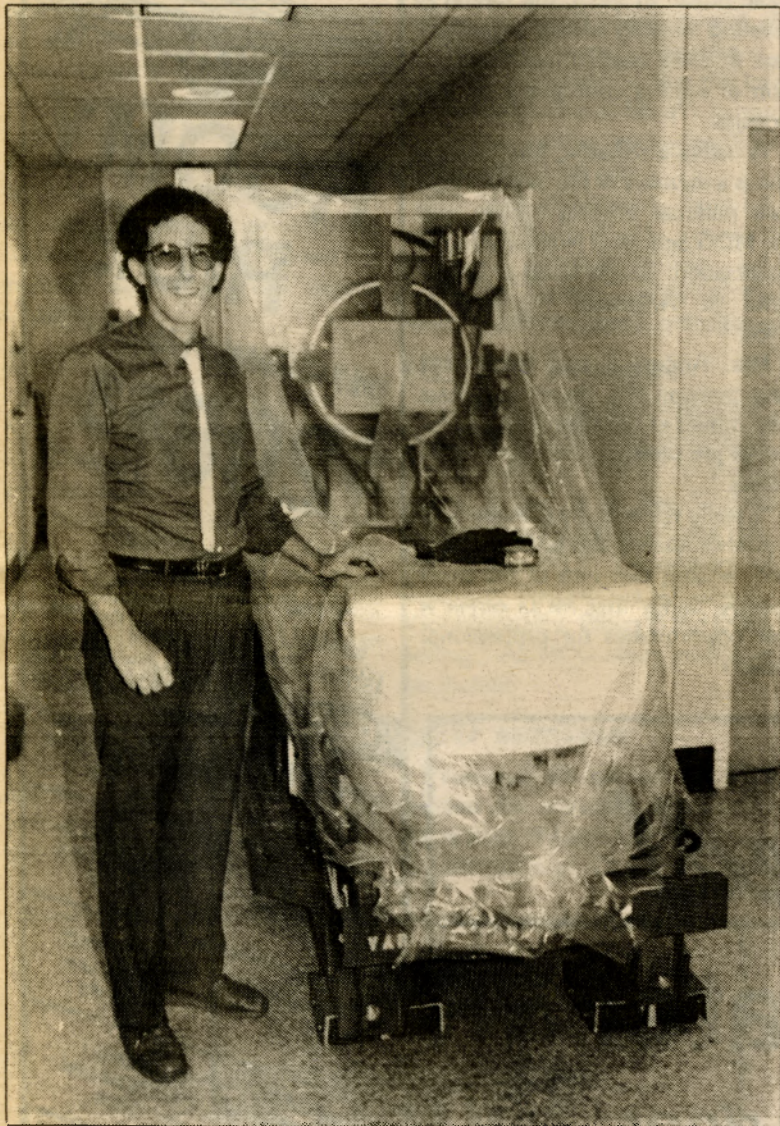
particularly in helping their patients who have liver problems. The new faculty member hopes to work closely with the busy pediatric hematology-oncology program at MCG.

Some of the more invasive procedures performed by Dr. Clark include endoscopic procedures where tubes are inserted down the gastrointestinal tract to look for problems such as ulcers and gastritis.

He also explores the colon, looking for growths called polyps. Dr. Clark currently is using the adult endoscopy suite at MCG for his procedures. He hopes to have a separate suite for children when the children's hospital is built.

Dr. Clark has used several other special procedures which he plans to make available at MCG.

But right now, he is focusing on making himself known on the campus and elsewhere so patients can be appropriately referred to the new service.



New equipment

D.J. Freedman shows off new Clkinac 1800 Linear Accelerator in the Georgia Radiation Therapy Center. The machine is used to treat cancer patients.

MCG awarded grant from cancer society

The American Cancer Society has awarded the Medical College of Georgia a \$60,000 institutional research grant.

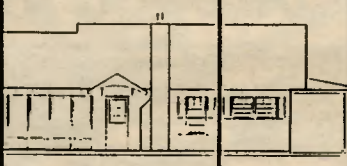
Individuals may request funding up to \$10,000. Guidelines and applications are available from the Office of Grants and Contracts, AA-130, ext. 2592. Submission deadline is Nov. 2. The MCG American Cancer Society Institu-

tional Research Grant committee, chaired by Dr. Barbara Chang, will select fund recipients.

The Institutional Research Grant program was developed to encourage cancer research by supporting new projects, particularly by junior investigators, and to increase the potential for extramural funding.

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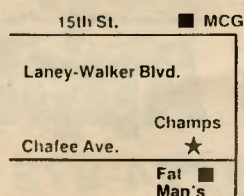


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Grant deadlines nearing

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Deadline for the MCGRI Small Grants Program is Sept. 15. Also, new grant proposals should be submitted to the National Institutes of Health by Oct. 1 and renewal applications by Nov. 1.

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New society president named

Dr. Paul G. McDonough, professor and chief of the section of reproductive endocrinology and acting director of the Human Genetics Institute at the Medical College of Georgia, has been named president-elect of the American Fertility Society.

Dr. McDonough's term as president-elect of the nation's largest society of specialists in infertility and reproductive endocrinology begins Oct. 1.

He assumes duties as president of the American Fertility Society on Sept. 1, 1989.

Dr. McDonough is the first doctor from Georgia to be named presi-

dent of this national society.

Also, Dr. McDonough recently has been elected a member of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology's Reproductive Endocrine Division.

This division of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology is responsible for accreditation of training programs in reproductive endocrinology in the United States and Canada.

MCG has one of the 51 currently accredited training programs and the only accredited reproductive endocrinology training program in Georgia.



Paul G. McDonough

Grimball selected for administrative fellowship

G. Mackey Grimball has been chosen for an administrative fellowship at the Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics.

Mr. Grimball, a Greenville, S.C., native, earned a bachelor's degree from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., and a master's degree in health administration from Duke University in Durham, N.C. He is the first fellow to take part in the newly established administrative fellowship.

The fellowship was established to provide hands-on experience in

hospital administration. It offers exposure to management of a large teaching hospital and experience in hospital finance, general operations and strategic planning.

Mr. Grimball said he looks forward to a career in hospital operations and line management. "This fellowship is an opportunity to blend first-hand operations experience with an educational element," Mr. Grimball said. "I feel that the program offers a working education and a broad overview of the health care industry."

Mrs. Anderson joins MCG

Kathleen B. Anderson has been named recruitment and retention coordinator for the department of nursing administration in the Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics.

Mrs. Anderson earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from MCG in 1971 and certification in nursing administration from the American Nurses Association. She has worked at MCG Hospital and Clinics since graduation, beginning as a staff nurse in the coronary care unit and moving up as the unit's head nurse. In 1975, she served as evening nursing house supervisor and in 1982 moved into the position of staffing coordinator for the hospital.

A native of Atlanta, Mrs. Anderson is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau national nursing society and the MCG School of Nursing Alumni Association. She is listed in Who's Who in American Nursing for 1986.

Mrs. Anderson said that in her new position she hopes to attract new nurses to the institution and increase job satisfaction among MCG nurses.

"I really think that my major role is in accentuating the positive," she said, adding that one of the most positive things that MCG offers is vast opportunities for professional growth.

Mrs. Anderson said the institution is trying to develop better salary and scheduling programs.



G. Mackey Grimball

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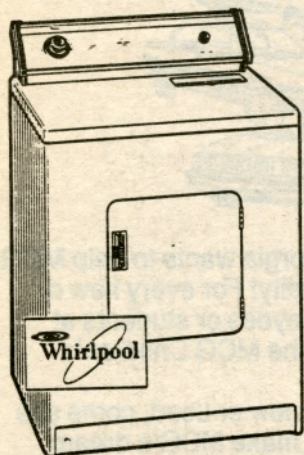
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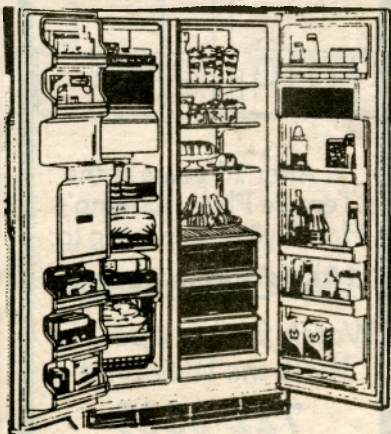
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Dr. David Nash

Dr. David A. Nash, D.D.S., Ph.D., of Lexington, Ky., addressed School of Dentistry faculty and students at a luncheon Aug. 31.

Dr. Nash, recently named dean of the University of Kentucky's College of Dentistry, spoke to a group of approximately 275 on "Professional Ethics in Dentistry."

A 1968 graduate of the University of Kentucky, Dr. Nash earned a doctorate of dental administration from West Virginia University. He specializes in pediatric dentistry and formerly served as chairman of pediatric dentistry at West Virginia University.

Basketball team

Practices are beginning for the MCG basketball team and anyone affiliated with MCG is welcome to join the team.

According to team coach James Ivery, of the respiratory therapy department, the team will play in the Barney Ward league and will face off against other league teams in the Barney Ward Gym on Lumpkin Road next to Butler High School.

The season begins December 1, and Mr. Ivery needs 15 players. Practices will begin soon, and will be held on weekdays from 4-7 p.m.

For more information about playing on the MCG team, contact Mr. Ivery, ext. 3224, or in the evenings at 798-9871.

Tuitions reimbursed

One hundred and eighty three employee tuition reimbursement applications were approved for fall quarter, according to personnel director William G. Hayes.

This number is substantially higher than that of previous quarters, Mr. Hayes said, attributing the increase to the growing interest in career development at the Medical College of Georgia.

"MCG is pleased to offer this important educational benefit to our employees, and we appreciate their participation," he said.

For more information about tuition reimbursement, contact employee services/training, ext. 3779. The "Beeper" will publish the winter quarter registration deadline.

HEOPA to meet

The Higher Education Office Personnel Association will meet Sept. 9 from noon to 1 p.m. in dining rooms 3 and 4 of the Student Center. Guest speaker Wanda Hubbard of the MCG Department of Radiology Technology will discuss "Confidentiality: Ethics in the Office Setting." All MCG office personnel are invited.

EEO seminar

Personnel will sponsor an EEO seminar for managers and supervisors Sept. 29 and 30 from 8 a.m. to noon in room 211 of the MCG

Library. Course instructors are Freddie Gavin, EEO officer, and Bill Hayes, personnel director.

The course is designed to acquaint supervisors and managers with their responsibilities regarding EEO laws and regulations and to enable them to recognize sources of potential liability.

The cost per participant is \$10. To register, submit an IDR to Kathy Baumgartner or Mary Hagan, room 135 of Personnel. Call ext. 3779 for more information.

Money found

A pouch of money has been found at the Faculty Pavilion. Call Peggy Best, ext. 2736, to claim.

Pool to be closed

The Augusta College swimming pool will be closed through Sept. 15 for repairs.

Book requests

Requests for fall quarter course books should be brought to the MCG bookstore as soon as possible. Requests are due at least six weeks before the course begins.

Tickets on sale

Discount movie tickets are on sale at the MCG Bookstore. Tickets are \$3 and may be used at the following theaters: Columbia I and II; Masters 4; National Hills; and Peach Orchard Cinema.

PTA presents ...


The Davidson School Parent-Teacher Association will present a program titled "An Evening With

Mark Twain" at the Imperial Theater. Shows will be at 8 p.m. Sept. 15 and 16 with a matinee Sept. 16 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$4 with an MCG identification card. Reserved seats will be sold at no extra charge three days in advance. Call 826-6635 for ticket information.

Donations requested

Donations are requested for a fall yard sale sponsored by the MCG Department of Nursing. Proceeds will be contributed to the Children's Medical Center. Call Chris Hamilton, ext. 3031, for pick-up of large items or large volume.

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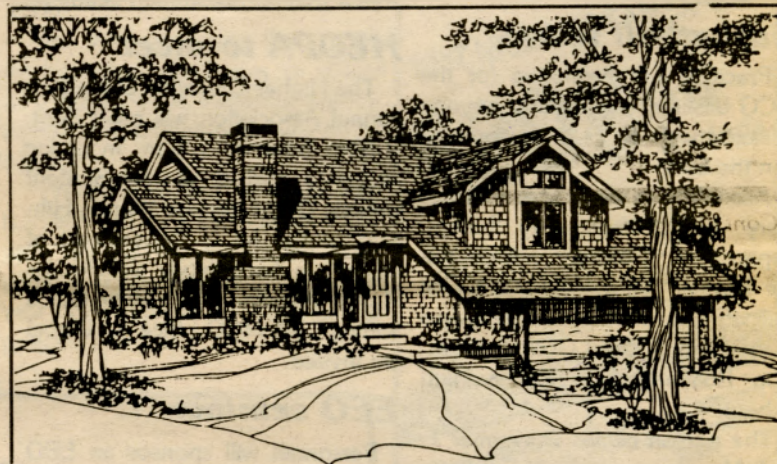
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T.H. ROSENQUIST PhD, Anatomy, received \$24,405.30 from American Heart Association/Georgia Affiliate for "Neural Crest, Extracellular Matrix and Heart Development."

R.L. DENNISON MD, Anesthesiology, received \$24,750 from American Heart Association/Georgia Affiliate for "Volatile Anesthetics and Cardiac Muscarinic Receptors."

C.A. WATKINS* PhD, Physiology, received \$4,180 from National Institutes of Health for "Mechanism of Progression of Pulmonary Emphysema."

J.L. LESHER JR MD, Dermatology, received \$11,211 from Cornell University (Under American Cancer Society Grant) for "The Prevention of Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer with a Nutritional Supplement of Selenium: A Randomized Double-Blind Clinical Trial."

T.M. MILLS* PhD, En-

docrinology, received \$56,881 from National Institutes of Health for "Regulation of Ovarian Follicle Growth."

M.R. KILLEEN PhD, Mental Health-Psychiatric Nursing, received \$40,956 from National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Mental Health for National Institute of Mental Health Clinical Training/Human Resource Development.

S.H. GUELDER* DSN, Adult Nursing, received \$165,608 from National Institutes of Health for Master of Science in Nursing: Gerontological Major.

F.J. TEDESCO MD, Medicine and Gastroenterology, received \$148,082 from National Institutes of Health/Division of Research Resources for Biomedical Research Support.

T.R. DIRKSEN* DDS, PhD, Oral Biology and Cell and Molecular Biology, received \$41,790 from National Institutes of

Health/Division of Research Resources for Biomedical Research Support.

M.J. MULROY* PhD, Anatomy, received \$24,376 from American Heart Association/Georgia Affiliate for "The Long QT Syndrome with Congenital Deafness: An Animal Model."

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ANNAMMA SINGH, Staff Nurse 1 from LPN 1

LASHON SKUTA, Ast Head Nurse from Sr Staff Nurse 5

Newsbriefs

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Volunteers under 18

Researchers from the Department of Neurology and the Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center are seeking healthy children ages 3 to 18 to participate in a project involving stroke in children. The subjects are needed to determine normal values of brain blood flow by using Ultrasound. The Ultrasound test is painless, harmless, requires no sedation and lasts 45 minutes to an hour. A routine blood count will require a needle stick in the arm.

Subjects will be paid \$15 and must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. For more information, call Betsy Carl, ext. 4671, or Dr. Robert Adams, ext. 4672.

Asthma volunteers

The allergy-immunology section is seeking volunteers with asthma to participate in the study of a new medication for long-term prevention of asthma attacks. Participants must currently take a daily theophylline medication along with an inhaler and be over age 12. Call Gail Mason or Patsy Landrum, ext. 3531.

Volunteers needed

The 1988 sonography class is seeking volunteers to be scanned by ultrasound, an hour-long procedure. Volunteers should call ext. 3691 and leave their name and number where they can be reached

at night. They will be called back for an appointment.

Female volunteers

Black females, age 18-74, with untreated high blood pressure are needed for a mineral study. Par-

ticipants will be placed on an approved anti-hypertensive medication and blood and urine minerals will be monitored once a month for four months. Participants will be paid. Contact Sharon Beall, ext. 3078, for more information.



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Art with a heart

Jerry Dildine, 8, won four tickets to Six Flags Over Georgia for his drawing of a house. The Ronald McDonald House sponsored the contest for MCG hematology/oncology pediatric patients. Jerry's picture will be used on the new Ronald McDonald House brochure.

Renovation of 6th floor is under way

Karin Calloway

Offices, labs and most of all, people, have been moved off of the sixth floor of the Medical College of Georgia Hospital, as the hospital's master plan is now taking concrete form.

According to Dr. Lois Ellison, associate vice president for planning (hospital and clinics), the entire sixth floor, with the exception of the present cardiology catheterization unit, is being renovated.

Renovations began several weeks ago, and are expected to continue for 15 - 18 months, with a targeted completion date of November 7, 1988.

Dr. Ellison said that upon completion, the floor will contain three different components. The north wing will house a medical surgical unit with a total of 35 beds. The south wing will house a cardiology center, containing a nursing unit, a seven-bed coronary care unit and a 21-bed telemetry unit.

The ancillary of the south wing will contain a diagnostic cardiology unit where equipment for electrocardiography, echocardiography and holter monitoring will be located. It will also contain an electrophysiology laboratory.

"These renovations are going to give us a very strong cardiology service," said Rob Thames, associate hospital director.

According to Dr. Ellison, housing all cardiology services (except imaging) on the sixth floor will give greater access and convenience to both doctors and patients.

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