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Gina Boyd counts baby food labels for June shipment

## Labor of love nets big bucks for kids

#### **Christine Deriso**

The casual observer might conclude that Gina Boyd, who periodically finds herself up to her eyeballs in baby food, is the mother of quintuplets. Or runs a day care center. Or eccentrically collects mushy food the way other people collect baseball

The truth of the matter is that Ms. Boyd, a senior administrative secretary for the Medical College of Georgia School of Nursing, has an unusually big heart.

For more than two years, she's enlisted the help of some 20 local day care centers and anyone else she can

recruit to save Heinz baby food labels. Every six months, she collects the labels, bundles them in groups of 100 and sends them to Heinz. The company donates six cents to the Children's Miracle Network for every

"I started when MCG started participating in the telethon," she said. "I had just had Brandon, my little boy, and I bought Heinz anyway." Proceeds from the annual telethon benefit children's medical centers throughout the United States, including MCG's.

Last month, she shipped off 10,400 labels. Heinz doubled the label value

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Dr. Biagio Vericella

## Dr. Albert W. Pruitt named interim dean

the Medical College of Georgia Department of Pediatrics, has been appointed interim dean of the MCG School of Medicine by Dr. Judson C. Hickey, MCG's acting president.

Dr. Pruitt becomes interim dean July 1 when Dr. Francis J. Tedesco becomes president of MCG.

Dr. Pruitt became chairman of the Department of Pediatrics in 1982. He was interim dean of medicine from October 1985 to June 1986 when Dr. Tedesco became interim dean.

"Chancellor H. Dean Propst, Dr. Francis J. Tedesco, president designee, and I are pleased that Dr. Pruitt is willing to serve again in this role," Dr. Hickey said. "We believe that he will provide continuity and stability to the school during the search for a permanent dean."

'Dr. Hickey and I concur on the decision to appoint Dr. Pruitt," Dr. Tedesco said. "His selection allows the School of Medicine to continue with its forward progress."

His past experience as interim Department of Pediatrics and com-

Dr. Albert W. Pruitt, chairman of mitment to academic excellence led to Dr. Pruitt's appointment, Dr. Tedesco said.

'I think it's important for us to continue the progress that has been made throughout the School of Medicine in the last several years. I'm certainly willing to serve in this interim capacity to assist the School of Medicine in its continued development," Dr. Pruitt said.

"I look forward to working with Dr. Tedesco in his new position as president of this institution. I have always enjoyed my work with him in the past and believe that he will provide outstanding leadership in a very critical time."

A search committee is at work to find a permanent dean for the school. Dr. Robert S. Crumrine, chairman of the search committee, said the application process will be complete by July 1. The interviewing process then will begin. The committee plans to choose a permanent dean within six to eight months.

Dr. Pruitt, 48, earned his medical dean, outstanding leadership of the degree from Emory University and completed his internship and residen-



Dr. Albert Pruitt

cy in pediatrics at Emory Universityaffiliated hospitals. After his residency, he completed a two-year fellowship in clinical pharmacology,

also at Emory.

The board-certified pediatrician joined Emory's faculty in 1972 as an assistant professor of pharmacology. He was a full professor of pediatrics when he came to MCG from Emory in 1982. He joined the MCG faculty as a professor and chairman.

## Vericella named AHS interim dean

### **David Waller**

Dr. Biagio J. Vericella, associate dean of the Medical College of Georgia School of Allied Health Sciences, has been appointed the school's interim dean by Dr. Judson C. Hickey, MCG's acting president.

Dr. Vericella becomes interim dean July 1 when Dr. Raymond C. Bard retires as dean.

"I consider it a privilege to have been selected to serve as interim dean of the School of Allied Health Sciences and to continue working with such dedicated faculty and staff," he said.

Dr. Vericella, 48, earned his doctorate in education from the University of Miami. He became associate dean of the school in 1976.

'His previous experience allows him to serve in this interim position in a way-that will allow the continued

forward progress of the School of Allied Health Sciences," said Dr. Frances J. Tedesco, MCG president designee.

"Dr. Vericella has been working closely with Dr. Bard for a number of years, and especially so for the past year," Dr. Tedesco said.

"Dr. Vericella was instrumental in starting many of the 28 programs we have, and largely through his efforts, we have another one pending now with the board of regents," Dr. Bard

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## Hospital, clinics safety committee is revamped

### Karin Calloway

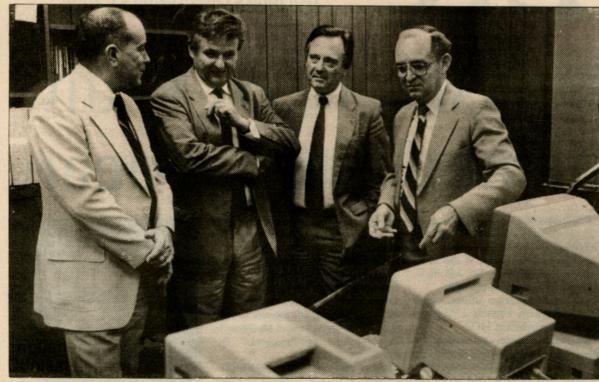
The Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics has reorganized its safety committee to focus on specific areas such as hazard surveillance, accident investigation/reporting and safety training.

ment and monitor a program addressing safety requirements related to staffing, equipment, operations and maintenance of the hospital and

"We spend a lot of money in the

said Andy Anderson, assistant physical building to meet (safety) standards," Mr. Anderson said. "But most of the hazards involve people." standards," Mr. Anderson said. "But The committee hopes to reduce injury risks of patients, personnel and visitors by training the hospital and clinics staff.

The committee's responsibilities in-



### French visitors

P.J. Yvon, management information systems director of puter systems. Assistance Publique is trying to connect all Assistance Publique in France, the largest group of hospitals in Europe, visited MCG along with three of his colJohn Chambers, director of information systems manageleagues June 15 and 16. They came to observe the success with which the MCG Division of Information Systems Management has interconnected Datapoint with other com-

ment, and Gene Harrison, assistant director, hosted the

## Labor of love pays off for kids

could from p 1

to 12 cents for the month, so she raised more than \$1,000.

Ms. Boyd volunteers her time, money and hard work to keep the project going. She makes monthly trips to the day care centers to pick up collected labels, hangs posters throughout campus to solicit labels and counts the mountain of labels each June and January. But she never mentions the work — only the rewards.

"I love it, and it's for a great cause," she said. "I saw a little child the other day with no hair. Obviously, he'd been treated for cancer. I just hope and pray Brandon would never need that kind of treatment, but you never know."

And Ms. Boyd is quick to credit others with her project's success. "All I'm doing is just sending the labels off. It's everybody else who's collecting them."

She's made lots of new friends collecting labels, and she's as familiar a face in local day care centers as the

"Some of them, I just walk in and yell hello. I know exactly where my little corner is, and I just walk in and

get the labels."

Counting the labels each six months is the hardest part of the job, but she gets by with a little help from her

"I always procrastinate and wait until the last minute. But I've drafted all the girls in the office to help me count them," she said.

And the more she has to count, the happier she is. Her list of supporters keeps growing, and she encourages everyone to send her their labels. Her MCG address is AK-100.

Asked if she has any plans to retire from the baby food-label business, she doesn't hesitate: "I'll stay involved as long as they'll have me.

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Geraldine Rinker, administrative technologist in the Department of Clinical Pathology, will chair the committee. Other officers are: Rebecca Andrews, director of emergency services, vice chairman; Cluese Blanchard, hospital safety manager, safety officer; and Mr. Anderson, administrative represenCommittee representatives are: Dr. Emma Santini, biological safety officer; Dr. Mary Jo Carter, director of Hospital Infection Control; Jan Culbreth, director of Quality Assurance; and Clay Steadman, associate legal advisor.

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## **Breast** cancer

## Self-exams, x-rays are keys to thwarting deadly disease

### Toni Baker

Self-examination and specialized X-rays may be a woman's best friends in beating the number-two cancer killer of American women.

Breast cancer has been edged out by lung cancer as the number-one cancer killer of women, according to the American Cancer Society.

Still, in 1987, there were an estimated 130,000 new cases of breast cancer in the United States and approximately 41,000 breast cancer deaths, the cancer society says.

Dr. John F. Sisley III, surgical oncologist at the Medical College of Georgia, calls it an epidemic with every American woman at a 10 percent risk for developing breast cancer at some point in her life.

That risk increases with factors such as a family history of the

"Nobody knows why there is a high incidence of breast cancer in the United States and low incidences in other countries around the world," Dr. Sisley said. "People think it has something to do with where you live and maybe what you eat, dietary fat and those kinds of things, but they really haven't pinned it down."
"Heredity definitely is a factor. If

your mom or grandmother or sister has breast cancer, you have a higher chance of getting it," he said. "Even if you are not in a high-risk category, the risk is 10 percent, and that is high

The theory behind the development of breast cancer is that one cell mutates, reproduces and is not checked by the body's immune system. It may take seven to 10 years before the tumor is big enough to feel.

That slow, steady progression of

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disease supports the idea of monthly breast self-examinations and mammography, specialized X-rays used to view the breasts.

"Every woman should practice breast self-examination every month so that she gets to know what her breasts feel like and so she can tell when they feel different," Dr. Sisley

Self-examinations should be performed at the same time each month. preferably just after menstrual flow stops. Also, women should have yearly checkups in which a physician examines the breasts, he said.

The cancer society says women

ages 35 and 40 as a baseline. Between the ages of 40 and 50, they should have a mammogram every two to three years. After 50, women should have mammograms yearly.

"If everybody did that, all the radiologists in the United States would be doing eight to 10 mam-mograms a day," Dr. Sisley said. So women do not seem to be following the advice of the cancer society.

Dr. Sisley thinks women at higher risk, because of family history or a previous biopsy that looked a little suspicious, should subtract five years from the cancer society's guidelines.

get their first mammograms between mammogram are about 90 percent. ages 30 and 35.

He also suggests professional breast examinations three times a year and yearly mammograms for high-risk women beginning around

age 35.

Mammograms can detect lumps
he felt, even by the experienced hands of a physician, Dr. Sisley said. They also can detect certain changes in the breast that may be a precursor to breast cancer.

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### Saying goodbye

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(center) at a June 14 retirement party in his honor. Dr. faculty as an instructor in 1970 and was named assistant

## Vitamin A derivative wages war on wrinkles

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Dermatologists discovered the antiwrinkle property of Retin-A in adult patients with acne, Dr. Smith said. Further research verified that Retin-A lessens fine wrinkling, such as that around the eyes. The effect lasts with daily use

Retin-A probably reduces wrinkles in a combination of ways, Dr. Smith said. It causes a thickening in the epidermis and increases production of new collagen (protein) and hyaluronic acid, a gel-like compound promoting water retention in the skin.

Users may experience some initial redness and peeling and a heightened sensitivity to sunburn, Dr. Smith said. Allergic reactions are rare.

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usually temporary, but MCG dermatologists are studying a different type of retinoid (the class of chemicals including tretinoin) that works as well with less irritation, Dr. Smith said.



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## Periodontal disease big threat to teeth

### Karin Calloway

More teeth are lost to periodontal disease than to any other cause, according to statistics on adults over 35, said Dr. Jefferson Hardin, a professor in the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry's Department of Periodontics.

"Recent reports from the National Institute of Dental Research have shown that there has been a large degree of control of dental decay, par-ticularly in children, in the last several years because of the effectiveness of community water fluoridation," Dr. Hardin said. Tooth paste, fluoride rinses and professionally applied fluoride solutions also have contributed to the decrease in dental decay.

As tooth decay and cavities decline, dental researchers are focusing their efforts on combatting periodontal disease. Community preventive measures against periodontal disease are difficult to develop, he said.

Periodontal disease results when plaque and its toxic products are not

removed by daily brushing and flossing, Dr. Hardin said. The buildup can lead to the formation of calculus or tartar deposits which cause bleeding, pain and gum redness.

The disease first surfaces as a minor infection or inflammation of the gums caused by bacterial plaque deposits. It affects the supporting tissues of the teeth including gums, bone, ligaments and parts of the teeth themselves, Dr. Hardin said.

In the early stages, personal attention to oral hygiene and a professional cleaning usually can control and reverse simple gum disease (gingivitis), Dr. Hardin said. But if the problem isn't handled early and neglect persists, the disease can progress into periodontitis, he said.

"At this advanced stage, the attachment tissues are involved and there is a net loss in support for the teeth," he said. "The teeth may become loose, and plaque and tartar recede below the gum line and are not able to be removed by home care methods, re-

quiring more extensive treatment by a dentist or a periodontist, a specialist in treating these diseases.

Periodontists may treat advanced cases with surgery and grafting of bone to restore lost support, Dr. Hardin said. "In some cases, the destruction is so great that all treatment efforts fail and the teeth must be extracted."

Periodontal disease is not usually a problem for young people.

'The graying of America is a factor because we're living longer, saving our teeth due to fluoride. More people are going into old age with their teeth preserved only to be subject to problems due to the cumulative effect of plaque and dental neglect," he said.

'(Adults) should realize that the primary threat to their teeth will be periodontal disease."

Daily brushing and flossing will help avoid the problem, and regular periodontal probing of the gum tissues will catch it in the early stages, Dr. Hardin said.



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J. HOBBS MD, Family Medicine, wrote "Disturbances in Acid-Base Metabolism: Recognition in the Office Setting," POSTGRADUATE MEDICINE 83(2):121-132.

J. BLAND MD and K. SHAH MD, Radiation Oncology, presented 'Multimodality Treatment Approach for Esophageal Cancer" with Drs. STEAD, and GUTHRIE, Oncology department and Drs. RUBIN and KAMATH, Thoracic Surgery department at the 70th Annual meeting of the American Radium Society, Seattle, Wash., April 1988.

M.L. KIRBY PhD, Anatomy, received \$350,709 from National Institutes of Health/National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute for 'Development of the Heart-Role of

D.S. HULL MD, Ophthalmology, received \$59,666 from National Institutes of Health/National Eye Institute for "Drugs, Pathologic Conditions and Corneal Endothelium."

CAUGHMAN DMD. Restorative Dentistry, received \$10,000 from American Academy of Crown and Bridge Prosthodontics for 'Biocampatibility of Composite Resin Luting Agents."

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#### **PROMOTIONS**

CATHY HART, Sr Staff Nurse 3 from Sr Staff Nurse 2

SAUNDRA R. HAWKINS, Sr Staff Nurse 2 from Sr Staff Nurse 1 JOAN A. HAYES, Sr Staff Nurse 2

from Sr Staff Nurse 1

KRISTI HELLSTEN, Sr Staff Nurse 1 from Staff Nurse 2 QUINICY M. HICKSON, Sr Staff

Nurse 5 from Sr Staff Nurse BETTY J. HILL, Sr Staff Nurse 5

from Sr Staff Nurse 4 JOEY M. HILLIARD, Adm Clk from Stores Clk 1

JOHNETTE IVERY, Sr Staff Nurse from Staff Nurse 2

CONSTANCE JACKSON, Sr Staff Nurse 5 from Sr Staff Nurse 4

COLETTE S. JOHNSON, Sr Staff Nurse 1 from Staff Nurse 2 PAUL JOHNSON, Pub Sfy Pol Cpl

from Pub Sfy Pol Off DEBORAH JONES-HICKS, Sr Staff

Nurse 4 from Sr Staff Nurse 3 JOHN JORDAN JR, Sr Staff Nurse

2 from Sr Staff Nurse 1 DONNA J. JOWERS, Sr Staff Nurse 4 from Sr Staff Nurse 3

JOHNNIE M. KELLY, Sr Staff Nurse 3 from Sr Staff Nurse 2

CAROL J. KIRKHAM, Sr Staff Nurse 5 from Sr Staff Nurse 4 LAYNE H. KITCHENS, Sr Staff Nurse 2 from Sr Staff Nurse 1

ERNEST KWIATKNOWSKI, Sr Staff Nurse 2 from Sr Staff 1

PAULA P. LAMB, Sr Staff Nurse 1 from Staff Nurse 2

SUSAN K. LITTLE, Sr Staff Nurse 2 from Sr Staff Nurse

NANCY L. LOWENBERG, Sr Staff Nurse 3 from Sr Staff Nurse 2 KIMBERLY D. LUNN, Sr Staff Nurse 2 from Sr Staff Nurse 1

JOHN O. MANTER, Sr Staff Nurse

3 from Sr Staff Nurse 2 DANA MATTHEWS, Staff Nurse 2

from Staff Nurse 1 TANYA C. MATTHEWS, Sr Staff

Nurse 1 from Staff Nurse 2 CYNTHIA D. MCALLISTER, Sr Staff Nurse from Staff Nurse 2 BARBARA C. MCILVRIED, Sr

Staff Nurse 3 from Sr Staff Nurse 2 M. JOAN METCALF, Sr Staff Nurse 5 from Sr Staff Nurse 4

JENNIFER A. MISCHEL, Sr Staff Nurse 1 from Staff Nurse 2

ANNETTE MORGAN, Sr Staff Nurse 1 from Staff Nurse 2 TERRI S. MOSS, Sr Staff Nurse 4

from Sr Staff Nurse 3 CORAZON G. NAGAR, Sr Staff

Nurse 1 from Nurse Staff 2 LAURA A. NEWMAN, Sr Staff Nurse 2 from Sr Staff Nurse 1

MARIAN D. PADGETT, Insurance Clk from File Clk

WILLIAM W. PARHAM, Sr Staff Nurse 2 from Sr Staff Nurse 1 SUSAN J. PICKARD, Sr Staff Nurse 2 from Sr Staff Nurse 1

ANNA M. POTEET, Sr Staff Nurse 1 from Staff Nurse 2

PAMELA T. RABORN, Sr Staff Nurse 1 from Staff Nurse 2 KATHARINE REEVES, Sr Staff

Nurse 1 from Staff Nurse 2p BREN-DA B. ROSSON, Sr Staff Nurse 4 from Sr Staff Nurse

PHYLLIS H. ROWLAND, Sr Staff Nurse 4 from Sr Staff Nurse 3

STEPHANIE RUFO, Sr Staff Nurse 2 from Sr Staff Nurse

GRETCHEN SAUNDERS, Sr Staff Nurse 1 from Staff Nurse 2

BETH ANN SCOTT, Sr Staff Nurse 2 from Sr Staff Nurse 1

DIANE O. SHERMAN, Sr Staff Nruse 1 from Staff Nurse 2

KAREN E. SHERMAN, Staff Nurse 2 from Staff Nurse 1 MARIANNE SHORE, Sr Staff

Nurse 1 from Staff Nurse 2 BARBARA SMITH, Sr Staff Nurse 3

from Sr Staff Nurse 2

DEBORAH H. SMITH, Sr Staff
Nurse 5 from Sr Staff Nurse 4

ELIZABETH SMITH, Sr Staff

Nurse 1 from Staff Nurse 2 JANET M. SMITH, Sr Staff Nurse 1

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DANA L. THORP, Sr Staff Nurse 1 from Staff Nurse 2

KIMBERLY D. VESS, Sr Staff Nurse 5 from Sr Staff Nurse 4 WANDA C. WALKER, Sr Staff Nurse 2 from Sr Staff Nurse 1

GAYLE C. WALLER, Adm Secty from Adm Clk

NORMA N. WALTON, Sr Staff

DIANNE S. WARD, Sr Staff Nurse 2 from Sr Staff Nurse 1

DESI W. WASHINGTON, Sr Staff Nurse 2 from Staff Nurse 1

METTA L. WATERS, Sr Staff Nursing 2 from Sr Staff Nurse

JOY WATSON, Sr Staff Nurse 3 from Staff Nurse 1 STACY K. WHEELER, Sr Staff

Nurse 3 from Sr Staff Nurse 2 CAROLYN B. WHELCHEL, Sr Staff Nurse 4 from Sr Staff Nurse 3

JOEL A. WHITE, Sr Staff Nurse 3 from Sr Staff Nurse 3

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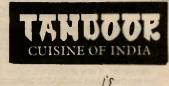
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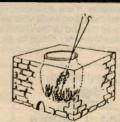
HARRY E. GRIMES, Purchasing Ast from Adm Clk

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## Newsbriefs

### Beeper deadline

The deadline for the July 18 "Beeper" is July 11 at 5 p.m. Please inform personnel of any address changes to ensure delivery of "Beeper" to your home.

### Officers installed

1988-89 officers were installed at the June 15 MCG Higher Education Office Personnel Association meeting.

The officers are: president, Audrey Earnest; president-elect, Linda Buckner; first vice president, Cathy Houck; second vice president, Rita Garner; treasurer, Fran Flaherty; recording secretary, Dana Blackwelder; corresponding secretary, Angela Williams; and member-at-large, Kathy Rhodes.

### **Book requests**

Fall quarter book requests must be in the bookstore six weeks before the quarter starts to assure prompt delivery.

### Surge suppressor recall

General Electric is recalling about 45,000 GE and RCA brand electric surge suppressors that could present a shock hazard.

Known as Electronic Protection Center surge suppressors, the units were sold nationally between October 1986 and December 1987.

Involved are the GE surge suppressor models EPC-6S, EPC-6MS, EPC-4NS and EPC-CPU, as well as RCA models SK416 and SKF416.

Each MCG department should check for these devices on their computer cords at the plug or wall. If found, call public safety, ext. 2914. Information needed includes: department, location of each device, model number of each device and quantity found.

### Reporting injuries

The Division of Public Safety announces that the procedure for reporting accidents and injuries has changed.

Employees no longer are required to call public safety to report injuries; therefore, item 20 on the supervisor's report of Accident/Injury (form MC419) may be omitted. Information needed by the safety bureau for follow-up investigation will normally be obtained from this form when filed with personnel.

Supervisors should call public safety (ext. 2911) only in cases of serious injury, when immediate follow-up is deemed to be in the best interest of

Also, the MCG student accident/injury reporting procedure is altered. Public safety will obtain a copy of each reported Student Incident Report (form PS2395) from Student Health and evaluate each occurrence. The visitor accident/injury reporting

procedure remains the same.

#### **Business discounts**

Businesses offering discounts to MCG employees include: Silversteins Cleaners (all stores, 10 percent off, or special; employees only; present identification); Lenox Optical (Regency store only; employees and family; 25 percent off glasses and contacts; present identification); Health Central (\$25 a month; no joining fee; employees only); YMCA (20 percent off; no joining fee; employees and families); Sally Beauty Supply (10 percent off; card available in CC-135); Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom Club; Ramada Resort, Orlando, Fla.; Busch Gardens; Sea World; Cypress Gardens; Boardwalk Baseball; Emilio's Italian Restaurant; Wall Tire Company; Goodyear Auto Service Centers; Carowinds; Panama City Beach Discounts; and Opryland.

### **Regulations enforced**

The Public Safety Division will strictly enforce parking regulations on Harper Street. Tickets will be issued for any violations.

### Volunteers sought

The MCG Department of Dermatology is seeking volunteers with jock itch and/or ringworm in good health age 16 to 65 to participate in a test on a new drug to treat jock itch and ringworm. Participants will be paid \$50 for two weeks of treatment.

Call Sue Duncan, ext. 3291, for more information.

#### **Host families**

Volunteers are needed to serve as host families for international students at MCG. More than 150 undergraduate and graduate students will arrive after July 1.

Host families: write an introductory letter before the student leaves his country; meets the student at the airport; gives him a tour of MCG and Augusta; and treats him to a family meal periodically.

For more information or to volunteer, call Jean Dirksen, 738-2220, or Barbara Holzman, 868-5418.

#### Volunteers wanted

Volunteers age 21 to 70 with high blood cholesterol are wanted for studies of new medications and diets that lower cholesterol. Studies vary from 8 months to 2 years and are free.

Call ext. 4861. Diabetics are ineligi-

### Volunteers needed

Volunteers with asthma who take Theophylline regularly are needed for a drug study. Participants will be

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