



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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## WELCOME DR. ANDREWS

MMC employees and staff members will welcome Maine Medical Center's first president this week. Dr. Edward C. Andrews, Jr., former president of the University of Vermont, will assume his new duties as the hospital's top executive Tuesday. With Dr. Andrews' arrival, Philip K. Reiman will become vice president for operations, and Dr. Douglass W. Walker will become vice president for medical affairs.

## MIS ON THE MOVE

With more than three months remaining before the Medical Information System is due for completion, many MMC people are becoming exposed to it, and others are actually using the new computer and its hard-working appendages, the video matrix terminals and high-speed printers.

Training classes are under way, and each day finds more house officers, attending physicians, nurses and others getting their "codes," the sign-on sequence that tells the system that it may accept information from--and provide information for--the individual at the console.

MIS is in full operation in Patient Accounts, where it's providing patient lists and totals, instantly recalling insurance data, and speeding with the checker game of assigning patients to rooms and beds. Here's what Patient Accounts personnel had to say about MIS last week:

Anna Freeman: "At first we were all scared to use it, but I really like it now... it's really slick."

Debbie Waterman: "It's fascinating...it really changed my whole outlook on this job."

Barbara Thomas: "It's fun and it's interesting...many of my patients are getting a real kick out of watching me enter their information into the computer."

Betty Cannell: "It's going to be very good for all of us as soon as it's smoothed out. It's really eliminating quite a bit of our paper work."

Bob Pratt: "We had our problems at the onset, but they seem to be resolving and disappearing rapidly. We can see now that once the entire system is up and running that there will be many advantages, not just for this department, but for all departments."

## MORE ON METRICS

We thought it interesting, in the welter of mathematical comparisons between standard U.S. measurements and the metric system, to note that 40 below zero Fahrenheit is 40 below zero Celsius, and goldarn cold in any language.

## GIVE BLOOD SEPT. 9

MMC employees will be asked to provide blood for the Maine Blood Program of the Red Cross in a drawing here Tuesday, Sept. 9. The drawing will be in Irish Classroom 2, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The goal is 200 pints (that's 100,000 c.c.) A sign-up desk will be set up this week in the Admitting Lobby.

## WATCH THE BIRDIE

Audio/Visual and Public Relations staffers are on the move these days making pictures that will be incorporated into a new slide presentation about Maine Medical Center. The presentation, sponsored by the Friends of Maine Medical Center, will be used before service clubs and other community groups to promote understanding of the hospital's community role and its contributions to the welfare of Maine citizens. The slide series--to be presented with two projectors, voice, music, and maybe with location sound--will include more than 150 pictures of people and places throughout the hospital, in Portland and nearby. It's designed to be as effective as a color film, but with far more flexibility and far less expense.

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