



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT ■ MAINE MEDICAL CENTER ■ PORTLAND, MAINE 04102

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## CONSTITUTING A CHORUS

Pauline M. Fahey, R.N., associate director of Nursing, put together a report the other day for the Board of Trustees. As she worked, and as the words went on paper, many of the important ones began with "C." Here's part of the result:

"We cooperate to control and contain costs. We capitalize on the chance to curb the capital budget. We are concerned about catastrophes, casts, crutches, catheters, circo-electric beds and patient classification. We conjure up courses for critical care and computers and count continuing education credits. We choose certified career applicants, then chide, cheer and counsel them. We confer with the consumer about his case and about the community. We cry over complaints and call for courage to cope...if we can't, we'll be candidates for coronary care."

## ACADEMY NOMINEE

Clinton G. Cooper, who recently joined MMC as Medical Information Systems administrator, has been elected as a nominee in the American Academy of Medical Administrators. The Academy is an international professional society limited to persons engaged in the practice of medical administration at the executive or middle management levels.

## NDF FUND PROGRESS

The NDF Fund, which was kicked off last July with \$460,633 in early gifts and pledges, is making real progress and has now reached \$934,023. Many generous individuals and corporations have made gifts and pledges to the Fund, which is aimed at relieving as much as possible the \$5,045,000 debt incurred by MMC in constructing and equipping the new building, which provides quarters for the Pathology department, the Southern Maine Radiation Therapy Institute and expanded Radiology facilities.

## GRADUATION SCHEDULED

What may well be the first graduation of 1975 will be held Friday, March 14, when members of the Spring class, 1975, Maine Medical Center School of Operating Room Technology, receive their diplomas. The event will be held in the NDF Classrooms at 10:30 a.m. Planning the event is Mrs. Miriam Brouillard, R.N., ORT School director.

## MIS ON R8

Work is scheduled to begin today on the installation of the Medical Information System computer center on R8. Completion is slated in May. The computer area is on the southwest corner of the floor, a shell area occupied by the electrical and paint forces since completion of the Cardiac Diagnostic facility which occupies the rest of the 8th level.

## A BUS TO BOSTON

A round-trip fare of \$7.50 per person--half the regular cost--has been arranged by the Employees' Activity Committee for a bus to Boston Sat., March 22, for the Flower Show or WHATEVER TURNS YOU ON. Louise Gibson, Personnel, and Gerry Skillin, Nuclear Medicine, are taking reservations.

*We haven't kept track, so we can't report with accuracy on the number of bus trips the EAC has arranged since it was formed in Sept., 1972. At that time, MMC contributed \$100 to its treasury, and since then, the committee has remained in the black with food sales, a raffle or two, and with a small profit that comes back after a really successful event or bus trip. The money has meant help for the hospital's athletic teams, the chorus and the Christmas Party; it's bought prizes for a safety slogan contest and generally subsidized the cost of individual participation in the EAC events. With group rates, and by assuming part of the total cost burden, EAC has brought bus fares, trip-and-ticket packages and even a recent ski weekend down to a reasonable, possible level for many MMC people who probably couldn't otherwise participate. We think they're doing a great job.*

ARTS & CRAFT SHOW: Thurs., March 6, is the deadline for reserving exhibit space for your handicrafts. Contact Natalie Roberts, Housekeeping secretary, at 2271.

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