



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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MIS COMPUTER DUE

The big central computer that will serve as the heart and nerve center of the Technicon medical information system is expected momentarily, and will be installed in quarters that have been prepared for it on R8, in the area used formerly as a paint and electronics shop. The section, roughly a quarter of the R8 floor area, has been finished off with a drop ceiling and raised floor, and has been air-conditioned to maintain proper operating temperatures for the components.

The computer room is guarded by a sophisticated automatic fire extinguishing system and provides office space for technical personnel assigned to the project. The big computer not only will handle and process medical information, orders and reports, but will serve business and accounting functions of the hospital as well.

A tentative schedule for implementation of MIS on the various nursing units will be published in next week's edition of WHAT'S HAPPENING.

1,200 PATIENTS

Surgery Chief Richard C. Britton predicted this week that the coming year will see 1,200 patients in ambulatory surgery with resulting savings of \$90,000 in costs. Additional benefits, he said, will include patient recovery in the surroundings of his own home, and the freeing up of some 1,200 bed-days to relieve MMC's normally high census or make beds available for other patients. Dr. Britton's statement came in a report on the activities of the new Ambulatory Surgery Unit, established three months ago on P4. The unit has four major functions: Day Care Surgery; Minor surgery under local anesthesia; alimentary and pulmonary endoscopy; and recovery and observation during ambulatory tests and treatments.

TO BAY STATE POST

The trustees of Franklin County Public Hospital, Greenfield, Mass., have announced the appointment of Eugene E. Loubier, MMC Administrator, as their new executive director. He will assume his new duties on or about July 1. Loubier has been a member of the Administrative team since 1972. His MMC association actually began a year before when he was appointed to an administrative residency in completion of his requirements for a University of Minnesota Master's Degree in Hospital Administration. Loubier served this year as chairman of the board of directors of the Maine Hospital Association. He has been active in the MHA since his years as administrator of the Rumford, Me., Community Hospital.

RESPIRATORY WORKSHOP

Dr. Paul M. Cox, Jr., associate director of MMC's division of Pulmonary Medicine, will speak on "Respiratory Failure" at a workshop for nurses and allied personnel in respiratory care scheduled for Wednesday, June 4, in the Science Building Auditorium, Nason College, Springvale. Other MMC participants in the all-day session will be Christine Hanscome, R.N., respiratory nurse clinician; Rowena Nelson, RPT; Kathy Koulakis, R.N., staff development instructor; Dane von Breichenruchart, CRTT & CPT; and Tom Sarponeini, reg. pharm.

17 TO GRADUATE

Clifford R. Kemberling will give the class response at graduation exercises for MMC's School of Radiologic Technology Saturday, June 7. A class of 17 will receive diplomas presented by Dr. Irving L. Selvage, Jr. and Dr. Christopher Seitz during the ceremony at 7 p.m. in Luther Bonney Auditorium, University of Maine at Portland. The graduation address will be delivered by Dr. Charles W. Capron, Jr., the invocation by Pamela A. Cowan and benediction by Toni M. Conrad. Pins and diplomas will go to Priscilla A. Blais, Annette M. Bowen, Sharon A. Clark, Joyce A. Cloutier, Toni M. Conrad, Pamela A. Cowan, Elizabeth E. Crozier, Barbara A. Folan, Donna L. Gilbert, Martha A. Greenleaf, Melanie A. Holman, Clifford R. Kemberling, Sheila M. Maurer, Sheila R. Philbrick, Ron M. Pooler, Sylvia A. St. Cyr and Nancy L. Watson.

ORT GRADUATES CERTIFIED

Darcel Toppi, Gail Hukki, Dianne Herrick and Nancy Kimball, recent MMC School of Operating Room Technology graduates, have recently been certified by the Association of Operating Room Technicians, Inc.

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