



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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## ENTHUSIASTIC GRADUATES

Training sessions have been underway for several weeks to familiarize MMC people with the use and operation of the medical information system. Nursing administration, nurse specialists and unit managers completed the 7-hour course on Friday. One of the MIS graduates--Pauline M. Fahey, R.N., associate director of Nursing--expressed the enthusiasm of the group for the new system. "The tremendous potential of the system comes to you during the training period," said Miss Fahey, "we are all very excited and enthusiastic about what the computer can do for this hospital and its patients." Scheduled to begin the training program today, are float nurses and unit clerks and nursing personnel from R7 and CICU.

Clint Cooper, MMC administrator for MIS, said Friday that, although the date for putting the first nursing unit "on-line" has been moved ahead to Sept. 15, the total project still remains on schedule. Full implementation is slated for the end of the calendar year.

## DEDICATION SPEAKER

MMC President Edward C. Andrews, Jr., M.D., will be one of two guest speakers on the first day of the Penobscot Bay Medical Center's "Dedication Weekend" Aug. 23-24. Dr. Andrews will talk on the challenges facing Maine's health care professionals. During the two-day event the public will have an opportunity to tour the state's newest medical center at Rockport.

## NURSING APPOINTMENTS

The advancement of two MMC nurses was announced last week by Miss Agnes E. Flaherty, R.N., director of Nursing. Beth M. Vogel, R.N., began duties on Thursday as head nurse on R2, and Patricia Jordan, R.N., has been named assistant head nurse in the Special Care Unit. Mrs. Vogel, a graduate of the Westbrook College nursing program, began employment at MMC as a staff nurse on Pla in 1970 and worked in SCU prior to her new appointment. Mrs. Jordan came to MMC in 1971 as an LPN. She was granted an educational leave in the fall of 1972 and joined the Westbrook College nursing program. She returned to MMC as an R.N. following her graduation in June, 1973.

## YOU CAN HELP

The Pulmonary Function lab is looking for MMC employees 40 years of age and over, to perform several breathing tests. Both smokers and non-smokers are urged to participate. The tests take about 45 minutes and the results will be used as part of a continuing project to collect normal data. If you can help, please contact the Pulmonary Function lab at 2662 for an appointment.

## PATIENT FUND ESTABLISHED

MMC kidney patients will benefit from a recent gift of \$300 to establish a patient fund in the Nephrology division. The fund will cover such things as transportation, medications and other expenses which are a hardship for these chronic kidney patients. Further contributions to the Nephrology Unit Patient Fund will be welcomed at the MMC Development Office.

## SOFTBALL PLAY-OFFS

The MMC softball team has qualified for the championship play-offs in both the Industrial and the city's Slow Pitch league. After losing the first four games of the season, they took 15 out of the next 17 events. "Fade-away" DeDominicus has developed a new pitch for the play-offs and the team--coached by Gary Sanborn--has a good shot at the titles. Team members include Bill DeDominicus and Greg Stanley, Stores; Bob Brainerd, Laundry; Joe Blinick, Terry Zipper, Radiology; Gordon Sangrey, Pulmonary Medicine; Steve D'Amato and Andy Branigan, Pharmacy; Steve Kopack, Dietary; Bruce Ferguson, George Kallechey, Bob Kaspazak and Bill MacDonald, Research; and Coach Gary Sanborn, Hospital Engineering.

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