



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM

Dr. Douglass W. Walker told reporter Ernie Stallworth last week that the kind of educational effort that has functioned at Maine Medical Center for years would work in other hospitals of the state and be a viable alternative to a state medical school. MMC's development as a teaching hospital, he said, has improved patient care and has had positive results in attracting physicians to live and practice in Maine. The MMC medical director said expansion of the effort to other areas of the state would have a large impact on levels of care and on the supply of doctors. Such an approach, he said, is particularly important in the wake of Governor Longley's veto of a bill that would have created a medical school for Maine.

PEAKS ISLAND HEALTH STATION

MMC Trustees have approved a plan under which the Department of Family Practice will supervise operation of a health station to serve the 1,000 year-round and 5,000 summer residents of Peaks, Long, Great Diamond and Little Diamond Islands. The station, to be located in a Peaks Island building provided by residents, will be staffed by a family nurse practitioner with close support and supervision of the Department of Family Practice and other professionals and other personnel of the Model Family Practice Unit on Manjoy Hill.

Dr. J. Michael Taylor, director of the MMC Department of Community Medicine, has been working with island residents for several months in the planning stages of the project. Residents of Peaks have recently formed the Casco Bay Health Council that will raise funds for the purchase and renovations of a building. Members of the Health Council and the concerned MMC departments hope to have the new health station operating by Spring of 1976.

NEW RICHARDS NUMBERS

The new numbering system of the rooms in the Richards Wing became operational at 12:01 August 1, Friday of last week. At the same instant, functions of the Admitting Department were incorporated into the MIS system, with the department's Video Matrix Terminals and printers activated and in use. New Richards room and bed numbers to which patients were assigned were listed, joining business office data already being handled by the system.

MIS continues familiarization training with house officers, attendings, nurses and others, and the first nursing unit will go "on line" September 1.

VACATION YET?

It's the first week in August, and if you've planned a summer vacation, time is running out. Summers in Maine are like that . . . by the time you're ready to go, it seems, summer already has gone. So, this is kind of a reminder that the MMC leadership feels vacations are important to everyone, and that a few days away from the demands of the job are good therapy, and completely essential for maintenance of physical stamina and the attitudes that are necessary for us all to do our best. So, they say, take your vacation . . . don't save it up for later . . . that may be too late.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

The following have been named to the Associate Medical Staff by action of the Board of Trustees:

David D. Youngs, M.D., South Portland obstetrician-gynecologist; Douglas O. Halstead, M.D., Emergency Division, MMC; Earl T. Holdsworth, D.D.S., Falmouth; Robert S. Shulman, M.D., Saco psychiatrist; Wayne K. Lopez, D.D.S., Gorham.

Named to the Courtesy staff was Robert M. Swan, D.M.D., Portland.