



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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A GOOD START

Chairman Elsie Mead of the MMC United Way Campaign reported at mid-week that about a third of the cards were in, and that more than half of the dollar goal for this year has been reached. The figures: 832 cards, 10,424 dollars. There's a long way to go, but it appears the MMC drive is well on the way toward a definite improvement over last year's participation figure. It was about 55% then...roughly 1,200 employees participated, and 45% did not. Mrs. Mead's major effort is to improve the participation figure significantly, and she hopes that this objective is shared by every MMC worker.

The United Way chairman and her associates are well aware that the first thousand cards are the easy ones, from the annual, automatic United Way givers. Most of them didn't have to be sold, but participated because they felt it was their obligation, their responsibility to their community and to their less fortunate neighbors. The other MMC employees--the ones who have not yet pledged, have the same obligations and responsibilities. We hope they won't avoid or neglect this responsibility, and be willing to let fellow workers meet their obligation, rather than meet it themselves.

There's another week of the campaign to go...five days, really, to clean it up... five days in which two-thirds of us can demonstrate our concern for others and our involvement in Greater Portland's once-a-year effort to take care of its own.

FIVE CERTIFIED

Five members of the most recent class in MMC's Operating Room Technician school have been informed that they have successfully passed certifying examinations of the Association of Operating Room Technicians. The exam consists of 300 questions covering surgical procedures, basic sciences and patient care. Now certified are Nancy E. Agan, Brian S. Coyne, Bethany L. Hitchens, Angela M. Plourde and Seth I. Seder.

DEFERRED GIVING COMMITTEE

The MMC Deferred Giving Committee, a group of lawyers, accountants, insurance executives, bank trust officers and other community leaders from Portland and other sections of Maine, was formed last winter to consider and develop ways in which donors can be encouraged to support MMC through bequests and trusts. The Committee, chaired by MMC Corporator Merton G. Henry, reports that the Maine Medical Center received \$923,821 in restricted and unrestricted deferred gifts during Fiscal 1974, ranging from \$1,982 to \$293,633, the latter being part of the Caswell D. Strout Trust, which provided the 4-million-volt linear accelerator and the special room which houses it in the New Diagnostic Facility.

A booklet on deferred giving is in the planning stages.

NEW 'PHONE NUMBERS

The following changes in telephone numbers have recently occurred in Research: Hugh H. Johnston, M.D., 2747; S. Thomas Bigos, M.D., 2161 or 2162; and Endocrine Research Lab, 2161 or 2162.

EMERGENCY GENERATOR

Thursday's run of the No. 1 Emergency Generator for a half-hour starting at 6:15 a.m., and the No. 2 generator from 6:45 to 7 a.m., were the first of a series that Administrative Engineer Donald W. Bail has established as standard procedure. There'll be similar runs at the same times on every third Thursday unless we're notified otherwise. No. 1 affects the Pavilion and the General Building, and No. 2 affects the NDF.

NAMED TO MEDICAL STAFF

S. Thomas Bigos, M.D., Research, and James L. Hogan, M.D., Emergency, have been appointed to the Associate Medical Staff by action of the Board of Trustees.

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