



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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## ANNUAL FUND PROGRESS REPORT

Trustee George M. Lord is serving as Annual Fund Chairman for the second year, heading a committee of 26 men and women who are seeking unrestricted gifts and pledges. The goal is \$85,000, which is \$20,000 higher than last year's and the deadline is Dec. 31.

The funds will be used to meet pressing but unbudgeted needs in patient care, medical education and research. Mr. Lord, who reports good progress in the early leadership phase of the campaign, is being aided by two vice chairmen, Dr. Edward Y. Blewett, an MMC incorporator, and H. Randall Deming, M.D., of the Radiology department.

## WE'VE BEEN BUGGED

For our own good, that is....

The parking ramp elevators--sometimes a mighty lonesome place--are now wired for sound. It's not because the security people are interested in casual elevator conversation, but so they can hear a voice if something goes wrong, and get there on the double. There are signs in each car telling passengers that sounds are being monitored, so if there's anything you'd like to tell Parking Supervisor Ruth Plaisted or any of her people, be their guest.

If you haven't noticed, the Parking group has a new office...that brown box with the big windows on the ramp's top level...best view (of the Sportsman's Grill) in town.

## NURSE EPIDEMIOLOGIST

Mrs. Betty McDonough, R.N., a 20-year nursing staff employee and member of the Special Care Unit nursing team, has been named nurse epidemiologist and will work on a full-time basis on infection control under the direction of Dr. William Hall, epidemiologist. Mrs. McDonough was appointed to succeed Nick Leotsakos, former infection control officer at both MMC and Mercy hospitals, who has become an assistant administrator at the Jewish Home for the Aged, Portland.

## MOVING DAY JULY 15

As it now stands, and if all goes well, the New Diagnostic Facility will be accepted from the contractors by the hospital next Thursday, July 11, with moving day for Pathology, Radiology and the Southern Maine Radiation Therapy Institute scheduled the following Monday, July 15. Moving is expected to continue for several weeks, with a formal, ceremonial opening slated in September. For those who haven't visited the new structure, easiest approach to the new Pathology floor is through the former classroom corridor from the Pavilion. The new lecture rooms on the lower floor may be reached easily by the same route and by taking the stairs down a flight, by approaching the double room via the Radiology department or by using the new ground-level entrance near the new doors to the General building.

## NAMED TO MMA COMMITTEE

Dr. Frank H. Lawrence, director of the MMC Emergency division, has been appointed by the executive committee of the Maine Medical Association to an ad hoc committee on Alcoholism. The committee will consider several aspects of the increasing alcohol problem in Maine and its impact on health care in the state. The committee includes physicians from a wide geographic area of Maine.

## MORE IMPROVEMENTS

There isn't a time, really, when the renovations are at a standstill here at MMC. A week ago, carpenters, plumbers, electricians and painters wound up their work on the Neonatal Intensive Care Center, and now they've started another big project, this one on Pavilion 3. They're re-wiring the four rooms of the MMC burn unit to support greater amperage demands, and piping oxygen and suction to the rooms of the same area.

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