



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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## COMPLETELY STAFFED

Miss Agnes E. Flaherty, director of Nursing, reported Friday that the entire staff was on duty the previous night. All 80 nurses, aides and orderlies were on the job, with not a single nursing staff member absent due to illness or other cause. With all workers on hand, she said, everything went smoothly and patient care was enhanced. Miss Flaherty urged that absences be kept to a minimum so that Thursday night's performance could be the rule, rather than the exception.

## OF BUSES AND BASEBALL

Bob Anderson, Employee Activities Committee bus trip chairman, says there are still seats available for that bus trip to Boston August 18. The trip has been arranged so that those who wish may attend the Red Sox-Kansas City game at Fenway Park, and so others may shop, tour the city or do what they will. Bus tickets, he says, will be \$5, with baseball tickets about \$3 more. A reservation deadline has been set for August 3rd. Check with Bob Anderson in the Library.

## ANNUAL FUND PROGRESS

The 1973 MMC Annual Fund recorded \$36,800 in unrestricted gifts and \$8,950 in pledges this week for a total of \$45,750 from almost 500 donors. Many of these leadership gifts and pledges have come from MMC Trustees and Corporators, as well as other community leaders, and nearly 50% of the Medical Staff (170) have already contributed some \$18,000 to the Annual Fund, with an average gift of more than \$100. A general mailing has just gone to some 3,000 additional friends, who are already responding with their gifts and pledges, and others will be given the opportunity to participate in the months ahead. The prospects are bright for meeting -- and even exceeding -- the \$65,000 goal by December 31, end of the Fund Year!

## VENOUS PRESSURES

An in-service program for Nurses on the evening and night shifts will be held by Judy Thomas, R.N., in Cafeteria Room 'A' July 24th and 27th. It's scheduled at 10 and 10:30 p.m. July 24th, and 3:30 and 4:00 a.m. July 27th.

## OFF THE PRESS

Off the press this week were two updates of old MMC publications, the so-called patient book, "Welcome to Maine Medical Center," and the House Staff roster for '73-74. The former, used by Housekeeping and Admitting, contains just about everything a patient needs to know about the hospital, and the latter is of use in all departments dealing with interns and residents.

## NEW YORK LECTURE

Dr. Robert F. Ritchie, director of the Rheumatic Disease Laboratory, was in New York City last week to lecture before a Symposium on the Newer Aspects of Clinical Chemistry. His topic: The Automated Chemical Analysis...Evolution of a new Clinical Discipline.

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