



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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## DATA PROCESSING

The two-day session on applications of electronic data processing in the hospital field was well attended, with IBM specialists covering a wide range of topics that generally pointed the way toward the use of computers in the improvement of patient care. The sessions, which continued through Wednesday and Thursday, covered possible computer applications for many hospital departments. The program was arranged by Dr. Robert L. Ritchie and the MMC Computer Committee.

## NEW RESIDENT ARRIVES

Daniel P. Walch of Queens, N.Y., a student in the University of Minnesota School of Hospital Administration, arrived last week to begin an administrative residency program. Walch will devote much of his time at MMC working in 28 offices and departments, becoming familiar with the role and the problems of each. He is a graduate of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., and holds a Master's Degree in Marketing from Michigan State University.

## DETOUR, PLEASE

New floor covering will be installed in the Bramhall entranceway Wednesday evening and night, Aug. 15. Employees and others are asked to use the Admitting entrance at this time.

## E.A.C. NOTES

Because of date conflicts and vacations, members of the Employee Activities Committee decided, last week, to postpone the MMC Employees' Picnic, originally scheduled for August 26, until September. There'll be plenty of advance notice, they said, to allow for plan-making and a large turnout of MMC people and their families.

Chairman Art Stevenson, who doubles as coach and manager of the MMC softball team, reports that the Medics are now tied for first place in their division of the Portland Slowpitch Softball League. A 6 p.m. game with the Portland Police team will decide the issue Monday evening on the field behind Deering high school. A win could put the Medics into the city title playoffs.

EAC trip chairman Bob Anderson says that due to some late cancellations, there are a few tickets left for the baseball-bus trip to Boston next Saturday, Aug. 18. These are combination tickets for the bus and the Red Sox-Kansas City game at Fenway Park. Call him at the Health Sciences Library.

## EXCELLENT PROGRESS

Dr. Robinson Bidwell, president of the MMC Medical Staff, is making "excellent progress" his doctor says, and is expected to be out of the CICU and home within a week. He was hospitalized about two weeks ago.

## A SPEECH IN PITTSBURGH

Development Director Peter C. Barnard, who joined us last winter after service as director of development at Pine Manor Junior College, Chestnut Hill, Mass., was a speaker during In-Service Team Training program of the National Council of Independent Junior Colleges in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Wednesday. He is scheduled for another speaking appearance at a Sept. 17 workshop session of the New England Association for Hospital Development at Boothbay Harbor.

## APPOINTED TO STAFF

The following have been appointed to the Medical Staff by action of the Board of Trustees: Ronald D. Bissell, D.D.S., Portland; John A. Boothby, M.D., neurologist, Portland; James A. Edmond, M.D., general surgeon, Rumford; David L. Phillips, general surgeon, Rumford; and Joseph L. Wilkis, M.D., obstetrics-gynecology, Portland.

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