



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT ■ MAINE MEDICAL CENTER ■ PORTLAND, MAINE 04102

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TO OPEN WEDNESDAY

The new parking ramp, open on the top levels only for the past several weeks, will be entirely open Wednesday, with all three entrances in use. Rates (10¢ daily for employees, 25¢ hourly for visitors) now in effect will continue through Sunday, with the new rates (5¢ hourly for employees, 25¢ hourly for visitors) going into effect Monday, Nov. 13. Payroll deductions for those employees who have agreed to this system also will go into effect Monday.

The ramp, on which construction was begun May 20, 1971, has spaces for 840 cars, most of them covered and protected from all but the wildest of storms. The two elevators are in and working, with signals keyed to the various parking levels by letter. It may seem confusing at first, but if drivers go in the right direction, and head into marked parking spaces, rather than backing in, and then remember the level their car is on, the system will be easy and convenient.

Employees may enter the ramp by the Gilman Street and Richards lot entrances, and initially, at least, the Congress Street entrance will be restricted to hospital visitors. By city regulation, however, it will be impossible to leave the ramp by the Congress Street entrance. This entrance, in other words, is one-way...in. The lower entrances will be open at 6 a.m., and the top entrance--off the Richards lot--will be open 24 hours.

Because the Bramhall lot, opposite the hospital's main entrance, will not open under the new parking system until 8 a.m., it will be necessary for employees who arrive earlier to use the parking ramp. It is hoped, moreover, that most employees will use the ramp, freeing spaces in the lots for visitors and transients.

The new system--like anything right off the drawing board--is bound to have some bugs and cause some problems. Parking procedures at MMC will undergo further changes and improvements as problems arise and solutions are provided. Your cooperation is vital to the system's success, and will be appreciated.

THE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

Arthur Stevenson, Unit Manager and coach of the MMC athletic teams, was named chairman of the Employee Activity Committee at its initial meeting last week. Nancy Spiller of Rehab was elected secretary. The committee's first project, a pre-Christmas bus trip to Boston, was slated for Dec. 9, with committee members Louise Gibson, Personnel, and Bob Anderson, Library, named as a sub-committee to handle preparations and reservations. Tickets will be \$5, round trip, and MMC people who'd like to make the trip are asked to call Louise at 2106, or Bob at 2201.

HEALTH CAREERS ON TV

Janet Harper of Newport, a U of M Nursing student at MMC, represents the hundreds of Maine young people now in health career training in a television segment that will be part of the Jordan's National Geographic feature Monday evening. The message by Miss Harper, promoting health careers under the banner of the Maine Hospital Association, will be seen tonight between 7 and 8 on Channel 13.

ALSO TONIGHT...basketball team organization meeting, 4 p.m., Classroom 2.

TOMORROW NIGHT...MMC Chorus rehearsal...all welcome...5 p.m., Classroom 1.

JOINT MEETING

A joint meeting of the alumnae groups of the Maine General Hospital School of Nursing and the Maine Medical Center School of Nursing will be held this evening in the Rolland Irish Classrooms at 8 p.m. Dr. Donald F. Marshall, chief of Urology, will speak on MMC's renal dialysis and kidney transplant program. All area nurses are invited.

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