



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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## RECEIVES COLLEGE AWARD

Miss Agnes Flaherty, R.N., MMC director of nursing, received the Westbrook College Deborah Morton award during the 141st commencement exercises Sunday. Miss Flaherty was one of three Portland women to receive this distinguished award presented by the college to women who have contributed to the welfare of their communities and to Maine.

## 75 CANDYSTRIPERS

A training session for the 75 Candystripers who will work at MMC this summer was held in the Irish Classrooms this past Saturday with another all-day program set for this coming Saturday. Mrs. Irene Pierce, director of volunteers, said the girls learn about making beds, handling wheelchairs and hospital ethics. Mrs. Carmen Anderson, R.N., and Mrs. Ethel Spiller, R.N., Nursing staff development, are serving as instructors with assistance from Mrs. Elizabeth Sanborn and a committee of nine former nurses and members of the Friends of MMC.

## THINK SHARP

Maybe you've seen the posters...the ones cautioning hospital people about discarding disposable syringes, needles and other dangerous items. You'll see more of them, and hear more about the problem of injuries to hands and legs caused when sharps are dumped with the general waste. Worse than that, discarded, still-intact syringes can easily fall into hands that will use them again...at great risk. Best bet: destroy syringes, break needles, and discard properly.

## SPEAK AT BATH

Dr. Ronald J. Carroll, director of the Oncology Division, and Mrs. Grace Moulton, R.N., oncology nurse clinician, spoke before nurses of the Bath-Brunswick area Tuesday at Morse High School on the services of the MMC Tumor Clinic and nursing care for cancer patients.

## NEED TRACK SHOES?

The game was softball, but the Medics were out of breath from running Tuesday night when they hammered out a 24-9 victory over Local 481, following it up with a 6-3 verdict over the E.C. Jordan team Thursday. Next week the Medics meet St. Johnsbury at Doherty Field, Douglass Street, Tuesday, and U.S. Coast Guard at Kiley Field, Eastern Prom, Thursday. Both games are at 6.

## RECORD CLASS

Mrs. Ann Matthews, R.T., F.A.S.R.T., teaching director, MMC School of Radiologic Technology, said Friday that the school's largest class--21 students--will begin the two-year course of instruction July 6. This year's class of 12 was graduated June 2 in ceremonies at Luther Bonney Hall, UMPG.

## NOT STUCK ON ACUPUNCTURE

Not yet, that is, says MMC Chief of Anesthesiology. John R. Lincoln, M.D., quoted this week in the Portland EXPRESS, said he is intrigued by the ancient Chinese practice, but is watching the journals and waiting for more complete studies by American physicians. Interest in the complex procedure, developed by the Chinese 3,000 years ago, has increased in the U.S. since President Nixon's visit to the Chinese continent. Acupuncture involves the insertion of needles in specific parts of the body to relieve pain in other areas.

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