

Supt's Corner



By Charles H. Frenzel

The task of keeping clean, attractive, and in good repair a plant as large as the Duke University Medical Center is gigantic. During an average 24 hour weekday over 6,000 patients, visitors, staff and students occupy its rooms and pass through its corridors.

For the past 6 years there has not been a single day in which some major construction or renovation was not in progress. This has added considerably to the problems of our Housekeeping Department in keeping the buildings clean.

Over a year ago, recognizing that there was a need to improve the cleanliness and appearance of our institution, an inspection program was introduced and has been in operation since. I think you will agree with me that the appearance of our buildings is greatly improved as a result of the work of Mr. Swanson, Mrs. Scoggins and many other participants of the program.

It is not only the number of people occupying a building or the heavy schedule of activity carried on within it that determines how much damage and soil will accumulate; even more important are the habits of the occupants. It is surprising what a difference it makes in the general appearance of a building if cigarettes are always put in receptacles, trash is put in waste baskets, and proper care is taken of equipment and painted walls. Cleanliness is contagious. Our patients and visitors cannot help but follow the example set by our staff.

I have often noted that the medical and hospital care patients receive in a clean, attractive hospital is thought

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Asking Around

By Marie Price

What would help most to keep our hospital cleaner?

Hospital Administrator: If hospital personnel would deposit paper cups, etc. in the trash containers and would pick up similar cups and bottles left lying around by visitors instead of depending on Housekeeping, the appearance would improve.

Senior Staff Member: Everything should be moved out of the halls of the hospital and the medical school so that cleaning could be done more efficiently.

Medical Student: If personnel, students, staff members and visitors

had a specific place for eating instead of eating in the halls, classrooms, lobby or any available space.

Maid, Housekeeping: Cooperation! Help the Housekeeping Department by putting trash where it should go instead of putting it down wherever you happen to be.

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