

INQUIRING REPORTER

This month Duke University Medical Center employees were given an opportunity to ask questions which they would like to have answered. The following questions and answers may be of interest to all of us.



Miss Gwen Farrington, Chowan student nurse, wanted to know how long the plastic utensils will be used in the cafeteria. Miss Dorothy Tate, Director of Dietetics, answers by saying that the use of the plastic utensils is only temporary, however consideration is being given to permanent use because of the cost advantage of disposables. Also, plastic

utensils are lighter and require no washing or sterilizing.

Mr. Jim Daniel, Emergency Room Coordinator, asked about the construction south of the Men's Graduate Center. The Planning Office advises that the land clearance now in progress is in preparation for the construction of Electrical Sub-station No. 2 similar to Sub-station No. 1 being constructed on Erwin Road across from the V.A. Hospital and Statler-Hilton. Both of these sub-stations will serve the Medical Center Complex and are part of the University project for converting all sources of energy for air-conditioning, heating, lighting, steam, etc. from coal and heating plants to electrical power.



Mrs. Martha Romp, Cardiac Care Unit Staff Nurse, wanted to know when renovations on Drake Ward would be completed. Old Drake Ward is scheduled to re-open July 1, 1968 under a new name. Other events in the renovation schedule includes the opening of Welch and the close of Strudwick (June 1), and the opening of Cabell and the closing of Holmes in late June. Other areas which are planned for renovation include the old Radiology area, the Nursing Service office and the Chapel



Mrs. Christine Beal, Outpatient Registrar, asked how the Women's Auxiliary utilizes funds from "snack-bar" sales. Mrs. Mary Daugherty reports that all profit from Auxiliary sales is returned to the hospital in one form or another. The Women's Auxiliary Board votes annually upon requests to determine projects for the year. Projects during the past year included furnishing and equipping the Pediatric wing of X-ray, a scholarship to the Duke Hospital Licensed Practical Nursing School, a scholarship to the Duke University School of Nursing, and a washer and dryer for the Pediatric Department. Funds have also been provided for the hospital chapel and the Auxiliary gift shop.



Mrs. Betty Linthicum, secretary to Mr. Joe Sigler, Medical Writer, asked how many people are employed at the Duke University Medical Center and how this number compares with other major employers in the Durham Community. The Medical Center Personnel Office estimates that 4,400 persons are employed at the Medical Center. This compares with approximately 2,800 at Liggett & Myers, 2,000 at American Tobacco Co., and 1,500 at Erwin Mills.



WINLESS METS DESPERATE FOR VICTORY CHALLENGE BOWLERS TO BASEBALL GAME

The Raleigh-Durham Mets baseball team, desperate for a win in the new season have challenged the Durham-Orange County Women Bowlers to a baseball game at Durham Athletic Park May 24.

Included in the bowlers lineup will be Medical Center employees Mary Lou Pate (Dietetics), Polly Jordan (Maintenance), Barbara Hollers (Medicine), Betty Crabtree (SPDS), Lessie Welborn (Housekeeping), Sheila Smith (Medical Lab), Anna Lisa Karlsen and Yvonne Ausley (Business Office), Geraldine O'Briant (Anesthesia), Melba Houser (Hyperbaric Chamber), and Marge Stinnett (Microbiology).