

## 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.



Willa Flowers of Housekeeping wants to know when the patient-visitor parking lot is open to employees without charge. The Director's Office replies that employees may park free in the lot after 2:30 p.m. However, each employee auto entering this lot after 2:30 must bear a parking decal indicating that they are employees, not visitors.

Louise Meade, Hospital Business Office asks: When will the New Directional System be installed throughout the corridors in the hospital? Answer: The Internal Directional System for the hospital is undergoing close study as part of a 3-phase, university-wide traffic routing system:

Phase I: Peripheral Routing (highway signs to direct outsiders to the University Campus.)

Phase II: Campus Routing (to direct a person to specific areas of the campus.)

Phase III: Internal Routing (for the medical center; to direct individuals to specific areas in the hospital.) Over the past two months, the University study group has heard proposals from leading firms dealing in traffic control problems and sign systems necessary to solve them. We hope that within the coming year some significant steps can be made to incorporate a routing system that will enable out-of-town visitors and employees to find their way around.



Una Engel, a new secretary in the Director's Office asks when will the first multi-story parking lot be built? Construction on these parking lots will not begin until the University determines how their construction will be financed. Thus, no date for the start of construction can be given, as yet. Construction of each lot takes approximately one year.



Judy Osgood of Microbiology asks why has that old bed been sitting out on the lawn for at least 4 years? (It can be seen from the staircase windows between Howland and Matas.) Nursing Service replies that the bed is used for practice sessions for putting out a fire in a bed. The demonstration is put on by a group of Durham City Firemen. Each new employee in nursing service learns how to put out a fire using both blankets to smother it, and fire extinguishers.



Eugene McLean of Housekeeping asks why the University tries to keep the pigeons off the Medical Center Buildings. From the Maintenance Department we have learned that pigeon droppings, besides having a staining and corroding effect, also contain an infectious mite which could cause disease in human beings.

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Duke Employee Injuries 1966-67 Comparative Data		
Causes of Accidents	Number of Injuries Reported	
	1966	1967
Sharp Edges	182	181
Falls	83	38
Falling Objects	13	24
Foreign body (in eye)	32	32
Burns	68	64
Puncture wounds	76	101
Strain-sprains	71	57
Injuries due to animal handling	18	21
Miscellaneous	22	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>546</b>

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

In the recent pictorial review of the Duke University Medical Center "after hours", how could you forget the delivery room crew?

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Editor's Note:

Sorry for the inadvertent omission. When our photographer snapped the Delivery Room personnel in action, they were working so hard that the photograph turned out blurred and was therefore unusable; keep up your labors girls - it helps the census!

Editor