



NEW EMPLOYEE PARKING AREA OPEN—The arrow indicates a new parking lot area for employees (H-Zone) located on Yearby Street. The lot consists of 343 spaces. Bus service will be available at 15-minute intervals from 7 a.m.-6:45 p.m. from the lot to the main entrance of the hospital. (Photo by Dale Moses)

Trading Post

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FOR SALE--1966 Chevelle Malibu 283 2 barrel, 2 door, radio, power steering, 1 owner (original), automatic transmission, blue, \$500 or best offer. Also 1970 Buick Skylark, factory A/C, automatic transmission, power brakes, power steering, 4 door, 350 4 barrel, radio, excellent condition, good tires, low mileage, blue with white top, 1 owner (original), \$2,300 or best offer. Call Ms. Dunn in Burlington at 227-3513.

FOR SALE--Refrigerator (Kelvinator), apartment size, \$30. Call 682-1066 evenings.

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Medical Records

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said, "and along this line we're making a number of innovations.

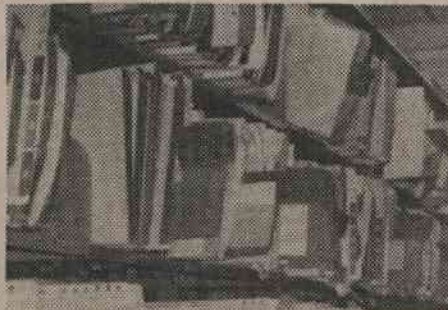
"We're now seven months into a 24-month program of converting all of our records from the brown folders which held the records originally to a new color-coded chart cover which virtually eliminates misfiling of the record," he explained. "There are 10 different colors in the systems, and if a record is out of place, it will be very easy to spot."

Twelve people, working for several hours in the evening, convert 2,500 records to the new system each night.

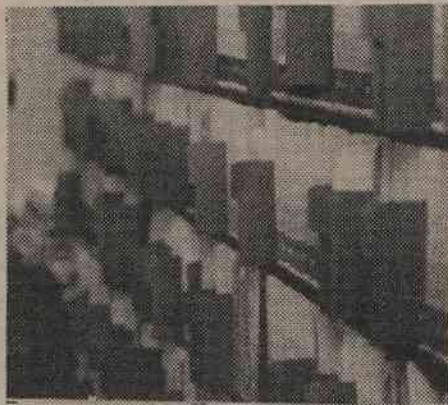
Duke's patient index has been computerized and is currently undergoing testing within the records department. By inserting a patient's name and date of birth into the system, instant retrieval of his history number is possible, according to Barber.

"This scope retrieval capability is an integral part of our Burroughs Medi-Data system, and, as a result, the various admitting areas of the hospital will now be able to conduct their own search for a patient history number to save time," Barber said. "Medical Records will still be available via phone to locate history numbers for a select number of patients not in the system and for difficult cases," he added.

A satellite records center (mini-department) has been established in



THE OLD AND THE NEW—Pictured above are the old brown folders which have held medical records since the early days of the hospital. Since one chart cover looked precisely like all the others, misfiling was a constant headache for the department. The new folders, pictured below, are color-coded and should greatly alleviate the problem of records lost within the storage areas. (Photos by Dale Moses)



MCHR Plans Picnic and Slide Show

The Duke-Durham Medical Committee for Human Rights (MCHR) will hold a get-acquainted picnic in the Duke Gardens on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 1 p.m. and will present a slide show entitled "Health Care in Durham: Who Pays and Who Benefits?" at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 10, in the hospital amphitheater.

All employees, staff and students from the medical center are invited to attend both functions.

According to Dick David, a fourth-year medical student and spokesman for the group, the Medical Committee for Human Rights is an organization made up of people from diverse parts of Duke's health care team—secretaries, physicians, technicians, medical and nursing students, etc., who are working together to improve Durham's health care. Their slogan is

the new Eye Center to accommodate the increasing needs of Ophthalmology." An hourly messenger service to this area and to the storage warehouse on Wilkerson Avenue has greatly enhanced our service capability," Barber said.

Few medical center employees who don't deal regularly with Medical Records are aware of the scale of its operation or its complexity. Located behind an inconspicuous brown door in the basement near the entrance to the Emergency Room, the facility handles more than 7,500 transactions on an average day.

Sixty-five employees work in six divisions; filing, coding, statistics, admissions, discharges and information release, and there are people available to locate files 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Within a given five-year period, 45 percent of all the records the hospital maintains must be taken from their shelves at the request of physicians who are treating returning patients or conducting research. During a typical month in the summer, close to 4,000 records are retrieved from storage.

Approximately 800 new patients are seen at the hospital each week, and that means 800 new files must be created each week. All material relevant to the patient from laboratory reports to consultation forms must find its way into the files.

In order for Duke Hospital to maintain its status as a teaching institution, its medical records section must regularly undergo the scrutiny of the Joint Commission on Accreditation just as other departments are periodically required to pass official muster.

A registered records administrator is necessary for hospitals seeking accreditation, and Barber said, Duke is fortunate to have two good ones in Augusta Kirkland and Elizabeth Corcoran. Both women have degrees as records librarians and have worked for a combined total of 35 years to make their department and Duke Hospital operate more efficiently.

Barber said the periodic examination of the medical records sections of hospitals serves an important function, not only because it keeps the staff on its toes, but because it provides the hospital with an objective means for determining what is being done for its patients and for measuring the quality of care they receive.

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teach and learn.

The Sunday New York Times has a circulation of 1.4 million, and the Duke supplement will appear in the full press run.

"Health Care is a Human Right."

The committee feels that to be most effective in bringing about constructive changes in the community's health care programs, it is important for members of the community to become involved in important health related issues.

David said MCHR will be working with citizens' groups this year on questions surrounding the new county hospital. These questions include: How much will it cost to stay in the new hospital? How will these costs be paid? Will there be a means for consumer input? Will there be outpatient services?

"Saturday's picnic will provide an opportunity for anyone interested to come by, have some lunch and talk with members of MCHR about the organization and health care in Durham," David said.