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CARDIAC CATH LAB TO OPEN

ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 17, the Hospital Center will add Cardiac Catheterization to its already considerable capabilities for the care of cardiac patients. With the opening of the laboratory, located in 3C, it is anticipated that the hospital's diagnostic capability with regard to cardiac disease will be greatly enhanced.

The laboratory's equipment permits catheters to be placed in various cardiac chambers in order to obtain information regarding abnormal cardiac valves, inborne heart defects and the blockage of coronary arteries. With the exact knowledge that these measures can provide, important decisions can be made with greater confidence concerning the medical and/or surgical treatment of cardiac patients.

Pressure measurements in the various heart chambers, oxygen content of the blood in those chambers, measurement of the amount of blood pumped by the heart, demonstration of abnormal connections between the various heart chambers, and structural analyses of the heart chambers and coronary arteries are among the many studies that can be performed in the laboratory. In addition, temporary pacemakers will be able to be placed.

Over 1,000 patients have undergone cardiac catheterization in our community since the first laboratory for that purpose was instituted at The Allentown Hospital. Relocation of these facilities to the Hospital Center marks another significant step toward the development of this hospital as a complete cardiac care center.

Dr. Pieter Knibbe will be in charge of the laboratory.

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MEDICAL STAFF NOTES

STAFF MEMBERSHIP rose to 265 when the Board of Directors approved the applications of 16 physicians on January 9. They are Doctors Mitchell E. Blum, Robert H. Dilcher, Robert A. Feeney, LeRoy B. Gerchman, Edward J. Haberern, Russel H. Jenkins, Shin K. Joh, Henry Kozloff, Joseph A. Lieberman, III, Bohdan Malyk, John J. Mecca, Gerald M. Miller, James M. Orsi, Osher S. Pais, Toeruna S. Widge, and LeRoy S. Wolf, Jr.

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A NOTE OF CAUTION

INSTRUMENTS have been coming down with soiled linen from all parts of the hospital with increasing frequency. Please look twice to prevent this from happening.

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SUGGESTION BOX

IN THE CAFETERIA is where you'll find it. And it's there for you to use. All suggestions are reviewed individually, and several being studied now may very well be implemented in the near future. We welcome suggestions for improvements that will affect you, the Hospital Center, and most of all...our patients.

SINCE OPENING DAY back in mid-September, the Hospital Center's Emergency Room has been a busy place. Here a few facts to bear that out.

Total Patients Cared For.....	6,752
Admissions.....	906
Transfers from Other Hospitals	87
Transfers to Other Hospitals..	119

One more statistic of significance. Of the total number of patients treated, 600 were victims of vehicular accidents.

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WELCOME ABOARD

MISS SALLY VANDERVORT, a senior at Cedar Crest College, is spending two days a week at the Hospital Center under a program of internship and observation that will be part of her requirement for completion of undergraduate work. She will graduate in May with a BA degree and plans to enter a two-year nursing program leading to a Bachelor of Science degree. During the 16 weeks she will be with us, Miss VanderVort will rotate through administration, training, personnel, and utilization review and discharge planning.

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NINE NAVAL RESERVISTS from the Allentown Training Center are meeting their weekend reserve requirements by serving as volunteers here at the Hospital Center. The eight male and one female reservist all served on active duty either as hospital corpsmen or in some capacity in naval hospitals. From 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on the fourth Saturday of every month, they keep current with practical experience and help us out by working in physical therapy, laboratories, x-ray, medical records, S.P.D., the pharmacy, escort service, and volunteer office.

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DAILY CENSUS ON THE RISE

DURING JANUARY, the Hospital Center's average daily patient census jumped nearly 30 percent over December, from 184 to 247. There's the seasonal influence, of course, but the new Coordinated Admissions Program is also making its mark. The average census from January 15, the day Coordinated Admissions became effective, was 264. High mark was 286 on January 14 and the 280-patient-level was exceeded on three occasions.

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