Hospital admissions increase as in-patient visits set record

The United States has 7,137 registered hospitals, according to the American Hospital Association, spending a record $19 billion providing the best health care possible.

In-patient admissions to hospitals in 1969 reached a new high of 29.6 million, an increase of 405,000 over the previous year.

Loma Linda University Hospital admitted 6,500 patients between January and June of this year, filling 95.6 percent of the available beds, states Robert H. Koorenny, manager of the hospital's patient business office.

Out-patient visits were also up throughout the nation, says the AHA. One hundred and fifty-six million people visited hospitals as out-patients in 1969, almost eight million more than in 1967.

The 1968 association survey shows that while hospital usage has increased, the number of hospitals and beds is less. This is due, in part, to the large influx of new hospitals.

University Hospital has shown a steady increase, however, as it expands toward its maximum capacity, says Mr. Koorenny. In the past few months, all three units on the eighth floor have been completed and are now open, giving the hospital a total of 408 beds.

Within the next year the three units on ninth floor will open, adding 72 additional beds. Also planned, is a new intensive care unit, which will give the hospital a total of 512 beds.

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The University Hospital nursery admissions between January and June of this year totalled 365. Births reported by other hospitals around the country dipped to 2,250,000, down fifteen thousand from 1967. It was the seventh straight year of birth rate decline.

Community hospitals, such as the University Hospital, account for 5,820 of the 7,137 institutions registered by the AHA. These hospitals, categorized as non-federal, short-term, general, and other specialized hospitals, dealt with the majority of all patients, and provide the greatest proportion of civilian health care services.

Market purchases new checkstands

New Lomur checkstands will be installed in the Loma Linda Market by the end of September, according to Fred W. Black, market manager.

The new checkstands, which are the latest in commercial design, will feature customer participation, Mr. Black states.

"This year there has been tremendous demand for our service to the customer," Mr. Black says, "We hope our customers will be pleased with the new equipment." Carpeting will be installed throughout the market, adding to the patient's comfort.

Personnel needed for 'Scope' staff

The University SCOPE is hiring part-time students to work as reporters, typists, and photographers.

For further information, call 796-7311 (Ext. 2973).

Religion and Society is theme, of UCF's seven-week series

University Campus Fellowship is conducting a seven week series of Friday night meetings discussing relationships and responsibilities of religion and society at the University Church, Loma Linda.

In a variety of formats, seven speakers will address church members about the role of religion in modern life.

Dr. V. Pareek, MD, PhD, professor of philosophy of religion and Christian ethics, gave the keynote address last Friday night as he introduced the upcoming series topic.

Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m., J.L. Holyt, pastor, Church of Christ, Nashville, Tennessee, will discuss "Race and Religion." Mr. Butler has been active in the struggle for civil rights in the South.

The series also includes: Linford L. Givens, M.D., professor of applied theology, A. Graham Maxwell, Ph.D., professor of New Testament, and Dr. Freeman will present "New Testament subject from the seventh through the twentieth century.

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The book contains the findings of a 1967 survey conducted by Betty R. Stirling, PhD, with the co-operation of graduate sociology students Gordon R. Butler, A. Graham Maxwell, and John R. Lawson, Jr.

"The purpose of the study," according to Dr. Stirling, "was to ascertain the attitudes of the students toward the mission program of the church and to find out how they felt about mission service.

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Some of the smaller states have residence requirements for medical schools from outside of state. To comply with this law, the state must recruit or train qualified medical students from within the boundaries of the state, rather than take an applicant from a large state, such as California, where few more qualified students attend the medical schools.

To combat the shortage of physicians in the county, medical schools must have the money to train more physicians. In an effort to do just that, the state is offering extra bonuses for schools training physicians, particularly for those physicians who begin their training in rural areas.

Leonard P. FARRAR, a pressman for the University Printing Service, sets up an eight-reflector telescope during last Thursday's eclipse of the sun. Mr. Farrar's telescope was available to anyone who wished to observe the phenomenon.

The CAST FOR the moral drama, Child in the Concrete City, by F.W. Turner, rebroadcast for their performance. The play, part of the seven-week series on Religion and Society sponsored by UCF, will be presented on Friday evening, October 26, in the University church.

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**The American Dietetic Association Foundation has named Judy L. Reeser, a dietetic student from Oak Park, Illinois, as its Dietetics student winner.**

Judy L. Reeser is a dietetic intern at Loma Linda University, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan. Her internship will be held at Sylvania Park, Redlands, California, beginning September 28, at 1 p.m. She will have the opportunity to participate in research activities such as baseball and volleyball. At 4:30 p.m. with students and guests of the park.

- **Memorial Gymnasium**
  - Gymnastics: 8 and 10:55 a.m.
- **Campus Chapel, LL**
  - University Chapel, pastor Wilbur K. Chapman, B.S., U.S. Army chaplain: 8:00 a.m.
  - “The Power of Imagination”: 11 a.m.
- **University Church, LL**
  - Hour of worship, David Osborne, La Sierra University: 8:00 a.m.
  - City of Worship: 8:10 a.m.
  - “It Is Written” television series: 8:10 a.m.
  - “It Is Written” concert, Lamont Murdoch, MD, assistant professor of medicine, Loma Linda University: 8:10 a.m.
- **Gentry Gymnasium, LL**
  - University Chaplain, “Don’t Give Up”: 11 a.m.
- **College Hall, LS**
  - Film, “A Man for All Seasons”: 8:00 p.m.
- **University Hospital, LL**
  - Pediatric Rounds, Lamont Murdoch, MD, instructor in medicine, Loma Linda University: 8:00 a.m.
  - Pediatric Rounds, George E. Vandeman, speaker, “It Is Written” television series: 8:10 a.m.
- **Student Union**
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RICHARD A. SCHAEFER, community relations officer, welcomes 92 new university employees. Part of his job includes giving new employees a brief history of Loma Linda University, and a description of their individual responsibilities in furthering good public relations to visitors and patients.

Spotlight on:

The community relations office

In a small office just opposite the lobby level passenger elevators in University Hospital is the headquarters for one of the hospital's most important, non-medical functions.

The sign on the door identifies the office as being the center of hospital community relations. But often, visitors and employees pass by that office, casually wondering what the people that work there do. Surprisingly, they believe it has something to do with public relations. They have seen people from that office around the hospital, quite often taking pictures, putting up welcoming signs, or guiding tours. The people who associate those duties with the community relations office are correct.

The community relations office encompasses much more than just a few, obvious roles. One of its main responsibilities is to welcome people into the hospital. Last year, 130,000 visitors, guests, and patients came to the University. Their first impressions are of major concern to the community relations office. So the office arranges to place feedback from the public who come in contact with University Hospital. This information is given to hospital and university administrators so they can implement the university's role as a center of community service.

One of the more rewarding aspects of the community relations office are the tour groups that visit the hospital, according to Richard A. Schaefer, community relations officer. Almost 1,000 people a week tour the hospital. Many of the tour groups are high school biology classes. Some of the groups specify only certain areas of the hospital and University they wish to see. Most of the high school groups that come to Loma Linda for a tour visit the Alfred Shryock Museum of Anatomy. Mr. Schaefer has compiled quotations from letters written by students to the community relations office. One student wrote, "I feel that I learned much more about my chosen profession over the few days I spent in Loma Linda than a month in a classroom." Another said, "I was influenced by the trip to change my college major." Perhaps the most interesting letter was written by a former patient. "I want to thank you for helping me through my illness. I had experimented with drugs. I realized that I didn't want any part of them. I haven't stopped using drugs, and I want to thank you. It was really an out-of-this-world experience." The community relations office maintains a busy pace fulfilling speaking obligations to civic, business, and professional groups. It also works with the personnel office on a program of personnel orientation, demonstrating how each one plays an important role in the functions of the University.

The university maintenance service and the community relations office were responsible for placing the 16-foot Christmas star on top of the hospital last December. This year they hope to place that star on the east side of the hospital, according to Mr. Schaefer. This is their first impression is of what the people that work there do. It is their goal to represent Loma Linda University to its many publics. It is their role to represent the hospital and university as a center of the community; a place where people come for care, for competent service, and for continuing education.

As Mr. Schaefer observes, "For many years, people came to hospital to die. We are still trying to change that image of hospitals. We believe it is a place where people should come to live."

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