

# New Equipment Purchased For Potsdam Hospital

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**POTSDAM** — Canton-Potsdam Hospital strives continuously to improve its services to meet the needs of citizens in the area. The year 1979 has been another year for improvements. As a fully accredited hospital, 4,756 persons were admitted to the facility, while a total of 415 babies were born. Again, the guilds have aided the

hospital in its efforts to gain new pieces of equipment. Through the Potsdam Hospital Guild, the hospital was able to purchase a Swan-Ganz Venous and Pulmonary Arterial Pressure Monitor for the Coronary Care Unit. The Edward J. Noble Guild of Canton donated monies to totally refurbish and purchase continuous care monitoring equipment for the special care unit. Through the initiation of Annual Fund

I, which culminated with \$79,368.79 being contributed, the Hospital was able to purchase a "flop" for Respiratory Therapy. The flop has performed approximately 180 diagnostic tests since being purchased in June of 1979. A defibrillator pack was purchased for the emergency room, and gastroenterology received a multi-position examining table. The Obstetrics Department acquired a fetal heart monitor and a

warming unit for newborns through the generous contributions of residents of the area. Through the Evelyn Longgill Memorial Fund the hospital laboratory was able to purchase a Coag-A-Mate, photo-optical clot detection system. Data Processing An electronic data processing system was installed at the hospital to assist the Admissions Department, and to handle rapid billing of patient charges for insurance purposes. The hospital has been conducting various clinics and classes to assist the communities in health-related aspects. A cardiac clinic was initiated in which three cardiologists from the Medical Center of Vermont see patients from this area with heart problems on a monthly basis. Cerebral Palsy clinics are also held once a month in the college's infirmary wing. TMJ (Trigeminal Joint Dysfunction) clinics, pain clinics, Lamaze classes, CCL classes and physical assessment classes were all available during 1979 at Canton-Potsdam Hospital.

Sick Children, London. Dr. Gill is a fellow in the Royal College of Surgeons of England (anesthesiology), and the Royal College of Physicians of Canada (anesthesiology). Other staff changes occurred in 1979. Joann Spatafora resigned as director of nursing. The hospital is in the process of recruiting a replacement. John Lawrence was hired as the purchasing agent. Loren Edwards, vice-president, retired after 20 years of service to the Canton-Potsdam Hospital.

James Cook was elected as the new chairman of the board. The hospital guild representatives are now included in hospital board meetings. They are: Constance V. Duesan from the Potsdam Guild and Carol Moreau from the Edward J. Noble Guild of Canton. Canton-Potsdam Hospital contributed to the economy of the area in 1979 with a payroll of \$3,142,216.36, and provided employment for 344 full and part-time persons. As we begin 1980, long range planning is top priority for the hospital. The board of directors will be developing a program for the hospital, explore where it should be in the years 1985, 1990 and the year 2000.

**New Directors** Robert Burns and William Collins were added to the board of directors for the hospital. Richard Davis, former chairman of the board, resigned to relocate to Painted Post, New York.

## Clarkson Notes Enrichment, Growth During Decade Of 70s

**POTSDAM** — Clarkson College, one of St. Lawrence County's largest employers, has enjoyed a period of growth and enrichment during the past decade and is looking to continue its role as an educational leader in the 1980s. With an annual budget of \$22 million, including a \$10 million payroll for approximately 500 employees, the college has a multiplier effect of more than \$65 million on the community. While the majority of Clarkson's income comes from tuition paid by its more than 3,000 undergraduate and 200 graduate students, other income sources included private gifts, government grants and sponsored research funds. Last year the Research Division received a record \$3,291,350 in research funds. This represents an increase of more than \$500,000 over the previous year.

There has also been a wealth of support from the local community, Clarkson alumni and business and industry. The North Country Friends of Clarkson contributed nearly \$70,000 this year, much of which was used for providing scholarships to local students. Alumni contributed more than \$300,000 and corporate support, a measure of the esteem in which Clarkson students and faculty are held by the corporate world, increased to a record \$1.3 million. A review of some of the past year's activities reveals a variety of educational and research accomplishments and demonstrates why Clarkson is attracting quality students and growing financial support.

**Research** Two years ago, Clarkson chemistry professor Egon Matijevic received a \$300,000 grant from the Electrical Power Research Institute (EPRI) to study corrosion problems in water cooled nuclear plants. The results to date have been encouraging and the EPRI has added additional grants of \$35,000 and \$700,000 to bring total support to more than \$1 million. Energy research remained at the forefront of Clarkson research. This fall, the Solar Energy Research Institute awarded grants totaling \$233,177 to Clarkson Entrepreneurship Program, established in 1976 to give students first

market products developed in the program. **Student-Achievements** More persons applied to Clarkson in 1979 than ever before, and the applicants broke every academic achievement standard. Average Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores, dropping nationwide, rose among Clarkson freshmen for the second straight year. A quarter of the freshman class graduated in the top five percent of their high school, 80 percent in the top quarter. The Clarkson School, where high school students spend their senior year earning college credit as they complete their high school requirements, graduated its first class in 1979. The 20 graduates, whose outstanding marks proved the viability of the experimental program, were accepted as sophomores at a variety of colleges including Cornell, Bucknell, MIT, Penn State and, of course, Clarkson.

**Construction** is underway on two major building projects, both set for completion in 1980. The Educational Resources Center (ERC), due to open at the end of the spring semester, will be the heart of a campus-wide communications system. The ERC will house the library and computing center as well as facilities for technologically assisted education. Construction began in 1979 on the new Indoor Recreation Center. It will include a 25-meter swimming pool and diving tank, a central recreation area for racket sports and a weight room. Five moveable tennis courts will be surrounded by a four-lane, 175-meter running track, and a versatile floor arrangement in this area will allow seating for up to 4,000 persons for such College functions as commencement. The ERC is scheduled for a December, 1980 completion.

New programs instituted in 1979 included the awarding of four Trustee Recognition Awards to students with outstanding extracurricular skills. The program will expand during the next decade to include five percent of each freshman class. Also established in 1979 was a student exchange agreement with the City University of London to create a Semester Abroad Program. The hand knowledge of the free enterprise system, formed an umbrella corporation, Golden Knight Enterprises, to

employ 22 people, according to Richard Elliott.

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## Elliott Wood Firm Recovering From Fire

**POTSDAM** — As 1980 begins, a \$1 million fire that completely destroyed the main sawmill of the Elliott Hardwood Corporation in Potsdam is 18 months in the past. But a new threat is arising, this time in the form of the warm winter that befallen the North Country. "If this doesn't change soon, it could be a bigger disaster than the Olympics," said Richard Elliott, the firm's chairman of the board, in a recent interview. Elliott explained that the company cuts hardwood lumber in the north woods sometimes 20 miles back from paved road and relies on frozen winter logging roads to get the wood out. Because of warm weather, the roads have bogged equipment down. If there is no change, Elliott said, there will be a drastic cutback in production. But aside from that, things seem pretty much the same for 1980 as they were in 1979, Elliott reported. The major changes in the firm's operation came over a year ago, in the wake of the fire. Before the fire, Elliott Hardwood maintained saw mill activities at both the Potsdam location and at the firm's Tupper Lake division. In addition, the Potsdam mill handled the kiln drying and shipping operations of the firm. Local employment did drop after the fire. Before the July 13 fire, Elliott Hardwood had employed 110 people, approximately 45 of them at the Potsdam mill. The Potsdam mill now

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**VOLUNTEER** — With the rising cost of health care the assistance given by volunteers at the Canton-Potsdam Hospital is appreciated by staff and patients alike. Mabel Eschen, of Potsdam, has been volunteering in Central Sterile Supply at the Hospital during 1979.

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