# New Progressive Era Seen At A&M's College Hospital

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Hospital in the several months that point to a new era for this institution on the campus.

The changes have been made rest. gradually and during these months ranks it as high as any other institution of its kind in the South-

What is most striking in the reinterrupted, but expanded.

ment program in a manner to continue caring for our patients without interruption," says Dr. Charles R. Lyons, College Hospital super-

"The complete modernization of the plant will extend over a period of two or more years." Dr. Lyons

Besides having a new look in fixtures and equipment the hospital started several years ago, sponis enjoying a revamped attitude from students. No longer do students have cause to stay away from the hospital because of mis-

Most students say the atmosphere is unlike any hospital they have visited almost like the Memorial Student Center. Yet visitors hurrying about doing their part of health officer, a job similar to his days, Dr. Lyons says, making patients feel more at ease. present one.

Down the hall from the reception desks and rows of new filing cases. service to students." In this wing is located Dr. Lyons'

emergency room which stands are really prepared for them when we use more antibiotics and drugs ready for use in case a student they need to be kept in the hos- rather that the recuperating needs treatment for injuries or pital. We are prepared to make illness after normal closing time them comfortable." for the hospital at 5 p. m. An at-

the second floor. Miss Geeslin | Dr. R. H. Harrison III, an urologist points with pride at several private Dr. H. C. McQuaide, a surgeon; Face-lifting changes have the private rooms has every Dr. J. W. Martin, internal medicine been wrought at the A&M College facility for comfort imaginable, specialist, and Dr. T. O. Melcher, with a convertible fable which adapts to use for shaving and washing, a tray, a table or book

An eight-bed ward is maintained the hospital has assumed an at- for students who are well enough gistered nurses and two vocational mosphere of modernization that to enjoy company. More space will be devoted to rooms and wards as plans shape up.

Even the kitchen is in for streamlining. In the process of organization movement is that ser- being installed now are stainless vice to students has not been steel ranges and cabinets, refrigerators, a large capacity deep freeze, "We are planning our improve- dish washers, and cold storage room for fresh vegetables and supplies.

> Adding to the efficiency for meal preparing and serving is a dumb waiter system which moves trays, four at a time, up a small elevator to the second floor wards.

The story of progressive planning for this modernized hospital sored by Dr. David H. Morgan, Å&M president,

After a period of waiting, funds for the program were allocated

under way. The man chosen to supervise the

operations is Dr. Charles R. Lyons. When he was asked to take the

He came to A&M in March, 1956 desk are the administrative offices, and immediately started "revampimpressively equipped with new ing the program with emphasis on

Dr. Lyon's eyes twinkle, and in office and the office for the nurse a jesting manner he says, "These used. supervisor, Miss Maxine Geeslin. boys are men now and we treat Across the corridor is the them pretty rough. However, we to remain in class if possible. So

The "we" he mentions is an tendant stays on duty there until 9 enthusiastic staff and several behind in his class work he never medical specialists.

rooms, each with a bath. One of W. C. Bonney, clinical psychologist ear, nose and throat specialist. Mrs. Tonny McDonald is xray

> and laboratory technician. The nursing staff, headed by Miss Geeslin, consists of nine re-

The office personnel includes Mrs. R. A. Murphy, receptionist, a stenographer-bookkeeper and two record clerks. The kitchen is staffed by two women cooks, and waiters and porters.

Mrs. Murphy, enthusiastic over the service to students jokingly says "We're going to be so fancy around here we can't keep the cadets out,"

Records for this year show plainly that more students are flocking to the hospital-and getting well quicker-than an average for the last three years.

"The lightest day we've had in November this year was 150 patients," said Dr. Lyons. "During our heaviest day 288 patients were

Looking at an average for Novembers the last three years, only trust or inhospitable treatment, and the improvement plan got 831 registered during those months. This gives an approximate averarge of 28 students a

The total for November, 1956 is and patients feel the overall air job, Dr. Lyons was at Virginia 4,115. Of 255 students that month of efficiency encouraged by nurses Polytechnic Institute serving as the average stayed less than two

> Patients last year were hospitalized three and one-half days on the average.

Dr. Lyons observes that a different type of treatment is being

"We feel that the student needs method of pills, liquids and rest, he says.

"Often a boy would get so far caught up. We try to keep him in Wards and private rooms are on On the staff are Dr. J. C. Marsh, class if we can," Dr. Lyons says.

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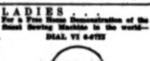
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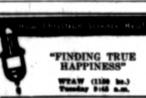
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