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OPEN SEASON FOR HEALTH BENEFITS

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced an extension of the Open Season for the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. The Open Season was scheduled for November 15 through November 30, 1971. Employees will now have until December 31 to enroll in a plan or change plans, coverage, or options. During the period November 15 through December 31, 1971, annuitants currently enrolled in a health benefits plan may also make desired changes.

1971 benefits for all the plans will continue unchanged through 1972. Premiums for most plans, however, will be increased next January. Distribution of the various health benefit plan brochures reflecting premium increases has been delayed pending impact of wage-price freeze regulations on proposed increases. The new premiums will be announced as soon as negotiations with the carriers are completed.

DOT EMPLOYEE PARKING FACILITIES

The re-issuance of parking permits and transition to a new contractor went very smoothly. All permits were individually mailed and accompanied by a copy of parking regulations and instructions. The garage attendants are required to follow regulations set by DOT. So if you have any problem, don't argue with the attendant who is only doing his job--discuss it with the Parking Management Section (ext. 60064).

Incidentally, many employees apparently resent being slowed down by the attendants in order to check the small "exit permit" against the parking permit. This system is for your protection against losing your car by theft--help us enforce it!

CFC DRIVE EXTENDED TWO WEEKS

For the first time since the formation of the Department, DOT failed to meet or exceed our CFC goal during the normal six-weeks period. We reached only 92.6 percent of our monetary goal. Since the Campaign got off to a slow start in some areas, a two week extension to November 19 has been announced for the benefit of those employees who may not have had an opportunity to pledge their personal contribution to this worthy cause. If you have not already contributed, please contact the keyman in your organization for a pledge card. Give till it helps!

DOT CREDIT UNION IN HEADQUARTERS BUILDING HAS MOVED

The DOT Credit Union has moved from Room 2324 in the Headquarters Building to Room 3248. Business hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., daily. Telephone extensions are: 60200 and 60269.

UMTA EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY

An eight-section, free-standing exhibit on national urban transit programs will be on display in the southwest plaza lobby until November 24, 1971. The exhibit, which includes a diorama and a color slide presentation, is sponsored by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration and is managed by the Audio-Visuals Division of OST Public Affairs. To date, it has been shown at several state fairs and transportation meetings.

MISSING LIBRARY MATERIALS.

It has been discovered that important materials have been taken without approval from the 10-A Library's reference collection, including THE NEW YORK TIMES INDEX (1970 and 1971), and FACTS ON FILM (1971). Anyone who has information about these materials is urged to get in touch with the Library, TAD-494, Room 930, FOB-10A, x63611. Library users are reminded that they must sign for all materials before taking them out of the Library.