

Restoration of Davidge Hall Planned by Women's Board

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The ladies of the women's board of University Hospital, of which Mrs. Joseph B. Workman is president, and a special committee headed by Dr. John O. Sharrett and comprised of members of the Medical Alumni Association of the University of Maryland, are working hand in glove for the restoration of Davidge Hall on the downtown campus.

Thanks to the efforts of these restorationists, Mayor D'Alesandro and the City Council have designated Davidge Hall as an Historic Site. What's more, representatives of the Williamsburg Foundation, invited to inspect the building, have pronounced it an architectural gem and recommended that it be placed under the aegis of the Maryland Historic Trust.

Built in 1812, before the existence of formal city records, the building is the only one in America to have one amphitheatre superimposed on another. It is also the oldest in continuous use in any medical school in this country.

Because of the use of its many "honeycombs" for dissection purposes, the building was first known as "Anatomy Hall," but later renamed for Dr. John Beale Davidge, who founded the College of Medicine of Maryland (Now the University of Maryland) in 1813.

A distinguished anatomist and surgeon who served as president of the university, Dr. Davidge was a pioneer in the field of dissection, a then very controversial practice.

SERVING ON Dr. Sharrett's committee are D. Wilfred H.

Townshend Jr., Dr. Theodore Kardash, Dr. Robert B. Goldstein, Dr. Samuel S. Glick, Dr. Samuel L. Fox, Dr. Robert W. Buxton, Dr. George H. Yeager, Dr. Thurston R. Adams, Dr. Elijah Saunders, Dr. John C. Dunler, and Col. Francis W. O'Brien.

Mrs. Workman has announced that Mrs. Carroll L. Spurling will serve as chairman and Mrs. Arthur L. Haskins as co-chairman for the fashion show and luncheon to be sponsored by the Women's Board Oct. 8 at the Tail of the Fox.

MRS. LAWRENCE L. Hooper, Mrs. Henry C. Lancaster Jr. and Mrs. Martin Millspaugh will resume their activity as Guides for Discovery Tours Monday, Aug. 24.

Sponsored by the Committee for Downtown, the guides meet with interested groups in the Parish House of Old St. Paul's Church, where slides and a documentary film, "Baltimore: City of Transition," are shown as background material.

Following a walking tour of Charles Center Plaza, a panoramic view of the city from the Center Club, then lunch, the pilgrims will board a special bus

which will transport them to the University of Maryland Complex, Mount Vernon Square and Federal Hill, where guides will explain the Inner Harbor program. |

Following a stop at Lexington Market, the group will return to the starting point at Old St. Paul's.

Other guides are Mrs. John Davis and Mrs. Robert Murphy.

MRS. JOHN E. Weidemuller, chairman of the Third Opera Ball, to be held Nov. 21 at Eastwind under sponsorship of the Baltimore Civic Opera Guild, has announced that Mrs. Leon Zeller has been appointed chairman and Miss Elayne Duke co-chairman of the Special Assignment Committee.

Other members of the committee are George C. Alderman, Mrs. E. Paul Mason Jr., Mrs. William Howard, Miss Elizabeth Wise, Mrs. Victor Frenkil Jr., Mrs. Albert Hutzler III and Mrs. John J. Kunkowski.

Also, Mrs. Lazlo Steingazner, Mrs. Leonard I. Frenkil, Mrs. Cenap Kiratli, Mrs. Sheldon Hankin, Mrs. Stanley Mossman, Mrs. William Knobloch, Miss

Carol Weidemuller, Mrs. Neil Soloman and Mrs. William H. Zimmerman.

Also working on the special assignment, which will bring all manner of interesting surprise to the guests, are Mrs. John Copanos, Mrs. Rudolph Linder, Mrs. G. Jackson Phillips, Mrs. C. Herbert Wincholt Jr., Mrs. David F. Albright, Mrs. Walter F. Kneip III, Mrs. Pedro E. Lopez, Mrs. David I. Bavar, Mrs. Arnold Sagner, Mrs. Sidney Rosen, Mrs. Rufus Isaacs, Mrs. David Blum, Mrs. Leonard Bloom, Mrs. Marius Johnson and Miss Betty Jones.