

## Maintenance And Security: A 24-Hour Necessity

Efficient maintenance and airtight security are essential in the functions of a building the size and complexity of the Observer Newspapers structure.

The building was designed to need little maintenance, with a minimum of tile and a maximum of carpeting to make daily and nightly cleanups easier and quicker.

But it is necessary to maintain crews around the clock to adequately take care of the items necessary for most efficient operation.

The day staff devotes considerable time to a check of the heating, air conditioning and compressor equipment.

There are hundreds of dials and controls that require constant scrutiny to make certain every part of the modern, computerized machinery is operating properly.

**ALL WASTE** matter must be cleared from the press room immediately after the run. Tons of paper must be received daily, unloaded, and placed in the huge paper storage stock room.

The loading docks must be clear at all times for circulation trucks to pick up the newspapers that go into the seven communities covered by the Observer Newspapers.

In addition, the day crew, under the supervision of Herb Allen, handles all items shipped out and received daily.

And that's only part of it. During the winter months it is the job of the maintenance department to clear snow from the 200-car parking lot as well as from all exits, entrances and the dock-loading area.

**THEN THE** night crew comes in to clean all of the carpeted sections, which include the administrative section of the building and accounting, advertising, editorial and composing departments.

They then swing into the wing that includes the circulation department and the 88-seat cafeteria, both of which are also carpeted.

The day and night crews also have the responsibility for the 18 live plants placed throughout the building and for the landscaping around the north and west sides of the structure.

**SECURITY IS** taken care of by the Radar Security Alarm Inc. under the supervision of president Tim Heikka and his staff.

Radar Security Alarm offers two systems -- radar and wireless. It gives foolproof protection for modern businesses. Both systems operate without wires; both are used at the new Observer plant.



Herb Allen, General Services Manager

