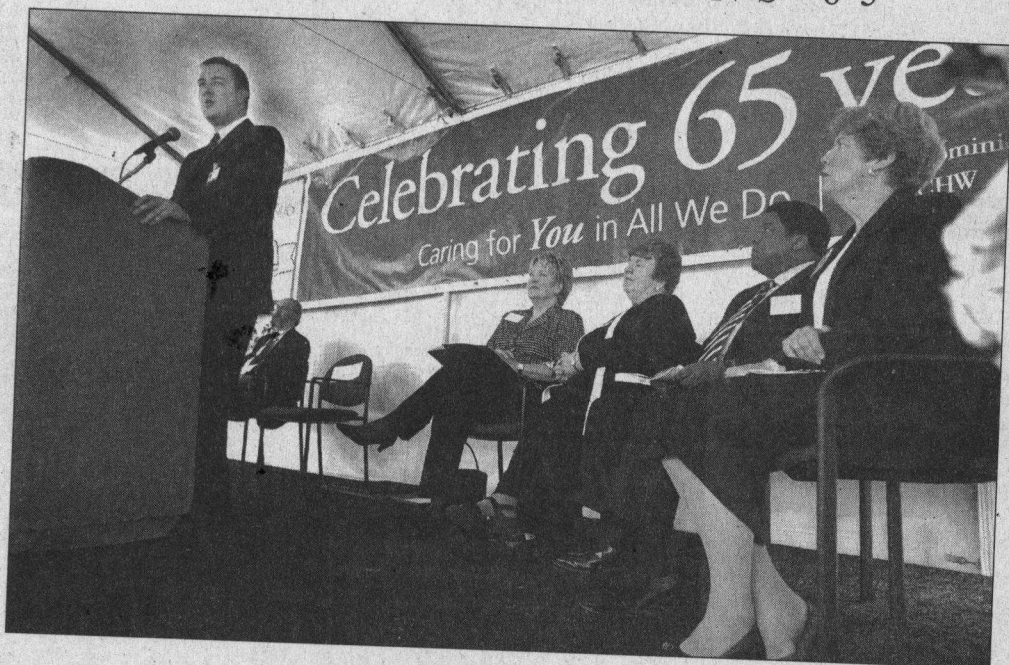


DOMINICAN TURNS 65



Dominican Hospital COO Kelly Duffin addresses the gathering at the celebration of the hospital's 65th anniversary Thursday at Dominican. Bill Lovejoy/Sentinel photos

History of a hospital

■ **SEPT. 14, 1941:** Sisters Hospital opens on West Cliff Drive.

■ **1949:** Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital, with 49 beds, opens on Soquel Avenue, where Branciforte Plaza is today.

■ **DEC. 26, 1967:** The two facilities unite in a 150-bed hospital at the current Soquel Drive site.

■ **1988:** Dominican Hospital becomes member of Catholic Healthcare West, a system that today has more than 40 hospitals in California, Nevada and Arizona.

■ **1990:** Dominican acquires AMI Hospital on Frederick Street, which today houses stroke rehabilitation, lifestyle management and sports medicine programs.

■ **1992:** Dominican begins participating in the Malcolm



Katherine Aspesi, a 40-year employee of Dominican Hospital, celebrates the hospital's anniversary at work in her nurse station Thursday.

Baldrige quality program and the Initiative for Healthcare Improvement initiatives.

■ **2006:** Dominican observes

its 65th birthday. The hospital has 369 beds, 450 volunteers and nearly 1,700 employees.