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A day-long gala celebration on Friday, Oct. 12, marked the formal dedication of the School's Cancer Research Center in memory of the late Hubert H. Humphrey. Humphrey admirers from across the country, government officials, scientists and medical professionals were on hand for the dedication events.

Former Minnesota Sen. Muriel Humphrey was presented the first Hubert H. Humphrey Cancer Research Center Award at a free public forum on "The Future of Cancer Research and Cancer Care" held from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in Boston's Faneuil Hall. Mrs. Humphrey was also a featured speaker at the forum. Other speakers included Paul H. Black, M.D., newly appointed director of the Center; Nobel Laureate David Baltimore, Ph.D., renowned scientist and cancer researcher; Isaac Asimov, Ph.D., author and futurist and an associate professor of biochemistry at the School; and Mayor Kevin White. University President John R. Silber, Ph.D., moderated the forum.

Mrs. Humphrey was the guest of honor at a luncheon in the Great Hall at Quincy Market where Coretta King, widow of the late civil rights leader Martin Luther King, was the featured speaker. Gov. Edward J. King gave welcoming remarks from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Approximately 500 Cancer Center supporters attended a gala black-tie reception and dinner honoring Mrs. Humphrey at 7 p.m. at the Copley Plaza Hotel. Two other awards in Hubert Humphrey's memory were presented at the dinner to David Baltimore, Ph.D., and to Mrs. Selma Cooperband on behalf of her late husband, Sidney Cooperband, M.D., the first director of the Cancer Research Center, for their contributions to the public understanding of cancer.

Plans for the dedication events were announced Sept. 6 by Dean Sandson at a breakfast held in Hiebert Lounge. The appointment of Paul H. Black, M.D., as the new director of the Cancer Research Center and as chairman of the Department of Microbiology was also announced at the breakfast, attended by nearly 60 media representatives, faculty, and staff members. Speakers at the breakfast included Black, George Lythcott, M.D., ’43, administrator of the Health Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (DHEW), and Wendell Anderson, former Minnesota governor and senator.

"Medical education is a continuum. It is not enough to just read a journal—you must be able to read critically and educate yourself," Dean Sandson told the incoming medical, dental and graduate students in the traditional welcoming assembly Sept. 4. Many other members of the School's administration, including William F. McNary Jr., Ph.D., associate dean for student affairs, Associate Dean John McCahan, M.D., and Spencer Frankl, D.D.S., dean of the Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry, addressed the group, which filled Bakst Auditorium.

Other orientation activities included tours of the medical and dental schools and the surrounding community, and a panel discussion which focused on how medical and dental schools contribute to the making of a physician and dentist. The new students met and mingled with members of the faculty and administration at both the Alumni Association's annual orientation reception and dinner in Hiebert Lounge Sept. 5, and at a student-faculty coffee hour.

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The 135-member first-year class at BUSM includes 37 women, 20 members of minority groups, and 46 members of the Six-Year Program, according to Jacob Swartz, M.D., associate dean for admissions. The 135 were selected from among 6,600 persons who completed applications.

Fourteen MMEDIC (Modular Medical Integrated Curriculum) students are in their first year at BUSM. These students, chosen for the program after having completed two undergraduate years, received early instruction in the basic medical sciences, integrated with undergraduate science studies. This curriculum permits them to pursue various electives, including some clinical experiences, as early as the first year of medical school.

An additional six students have entered the M.D.-Ph.D. program, administered jointly by the School of Medicine and the Division of Medical and Dental Sciences of the Graduate School. This program is designed to enable students to earn both degrees in five to seven years of study.

One student entered the new alternative curriculum program, which gives students the option of "decompressing" the first year of medical school into two years, and allows more flexibility in choosing courses and utilizing time.

At least eight subcommittees are being formed at the School as part of an intensive self-evaluation in preparation for formal re-accreditation of the School in 1980, according to William McNary Jr., Ph.D., associate dean for student affairs, who chairs the self-evaluation committee. BUSM is scheduled to be visited in December, 1980, by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, an accrediting body that represents the American Medical Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges. The School was last accredited in 1973; seven years is the normal accreditation period.

The subcommittees will examine and report on such matters as the School's administrative structure, its financial status, the quality of its faculty, the admissions process, and curriculum evaluation procedures.

The BUSM Committee on the Handicapped, recently formed as a requirement of DHEW's Office of Civil Rights' review of access for the handicapped, has met twice and is writing a report detailing the School's compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The report will examine the School's "accessibility" for handicapped persons to ensure that they have an equal opportunity to participate fully in all programs and activities. The committee, chaired by William McNary Jr., Ph.D., now has nine members.

Medical Center director Richard H. Egdahl, M.D., Ph.D., and Judith P. Swazey, Ph.D., a professor of socio-medical sciences and community medicine who is on a one-year sabbatical to serve as executive director of Medicine in the Public Interest, were recently elected to the Institute of Medicine, based in Washington, D.C.

New members are elected for their major contributions to health and medicine, or to such related fields as the social and behavioral sciences, law, administration, and engineering. Current activities of the organization include an assessment of opportunities for scientific research into alcohol abuse and the development of a program of policy studies for national health planning goals and standards.

Murray M. Freed, M.D., '52, a professor and chairman of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, recently received the Special Distinction Award of the General Alumni Association of
Boston University for outstanding service to the medical profession. Freed was one of four University alumni honored by the Association at ceremonies held Sept. 16 at the George Sherman Union. Approximately 400 people attended the ceremonies, at which Freed was presented a sterling silver medal and a citation lauding him as "Distinguished professor and chairman of Rehabilitation Medicine at the Boston University School of Medicine and University Hospital, writer, pioneer in the treatment of spinal-cord injuries and an advocate for physically disabled people."

**HUMAN SEXUALITY COURSE SET FOR NEXT MONTH**

"Human Sexuality in Clinical Practice," a continuing medical education course, will be conducted free of charge for BUSM faculty on Wednesday, Nov. 7, from 3 to 9 p.m. in Hiebert Lounge. Course leaders Arthur Glasgow, M.D., an assistant professor of surgery, and Marian Glasgow, M.S.W., an instructor of socio-medical sciences and community medicine, are co-leaders of the Human Sexuality Seminars for BUSM students. Spouses of course participants are welcome, space permitting, and sandwiches and beverages will be provided during a break from 6 to 7 p.m. The course, according to Dean Sandson, "is designed to provide a context and a vocabulary for broadening our understanding of sexuality in our lives and in our work." For registration information, call Donna Marcy at x5603 (247-5603); for any other information, call Marian Glasgow at 969-2746.

**FLU AND PNEUMONIA SHOTS OFFERED BY HEALTH SERVICE**

BUSM faculty and staff members are urged to receive free flu immunization shots this month from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the University Hospital Employee Health Service, located on the main floor in the East Wing of the Talbot Building. Although the shots will be given all winter, they are most effective when administered in October, says Constance C. Cornog, M.D., director of the Health Service.

Faculty and staff members who suffer from chronic health problems, heart problems, diabetes, and those who are over age 55, should also receive immunizations against pneumonia, says Cornog. For those people not covered by Medicare, there will be a $5 fee for the pneumonia vaccine.

Cornog advises that people with hypersensitivity to eggs not receive the flu shot. Any questions concerning possible reactions should be discussed with a nurse or physician beforehand.

**ROSMAN TO DIRECT DISABILITIES COURSE**

N. Paul Rosman, M.D., a professor of pediatrics and neurology, is director for a course on "Learning Disabilities: Causes and Cures—Update 1979," a continuing medical education course to be held Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Hyatt Recency Hotel in Cambridge. Five BUSM faculty members will participate in this symposium, which will focus on recent advances in the understanding of learning disabilities and associated problems, their diagnosis and management. For more information, contact Mary Bryant in the Department of Continuing Medical Education, x5602 (247-5602).

**SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE FOR ALL BUMC EMPLOYEES**

In response to increasing problems with MBTA bus service and the possibility of a new reduction in service, University Hospital has instituted its own shuttle-bus run to Broadway Station for all BUMC employees. This station feeds into the entire MBTA system.

The shuttle bus runs begin each day at Broadway at 6:30 a.m. and operate continuously until 9:30 a.m. In the afternoon, the shuttle loop is in operation from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. The shuttle loop from the Medical Center to Broadway and back takes approximately 15 minutes, depending on traffic and weather conditions. The fare for the shuttle is 25 cents, but the driver will not accept cash. Coupons are being sold in the UH Cashier's Office on B-4 and the Gift Shop on E-1. Those purchasing coupons will be asked to present their BUSM, UH, or GSGD I.D. cards.

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GUTHRIE TO ATTEND ANNIVERSARY FETE

The Massachusetts Chapter of the Committee to Combat Huntington's Disease will celebrate its 10th anniversary at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, in the School's Hiebert Lounge. Among the honored guests will be Marjorie Guthrie, widow of Woody Guthrie and mother of folk singer Arlo Guthrie, and Dean Sandson, who will be presented with a citation from the national chapter of the organization. Coordinator May Long is accepting reservations and may be contacted at x5049 (247-5049) for more information.

SPANISH CLASSES OFFERED AT MEDICAL CENTER

The Department of Socio-Medical Sciences and Community Medicine is offering beginning and intermediate conversational Spanish classes to all Medical Center students, faculty and staff.

Classes are held Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in L-304, and 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. in L-303; intermediate to advanced classes are held Thursdays, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in L-304. Latecomers are welcome. For more information call x6009 (247-6009)

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