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FRAMINGHAM OFFSPRING
SUBJECT OF NEW STUDY

The Boston University-Framingham Heart Study has been awarded a five-year $1.7 million contract by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health for an extensive examination of the offspring of the original Framingham Study cohort. H. Emerson Thomas Jr., M.D., an assistant professor of medicine, is principal investigator of this study which aims to document the occurrence of coronary and artery disease in the second generation.

The renowned Boston University-Framingham Heart Study was founded nearly 30 years ago by Thomas Royle Dawber, M.D., M.P.H., a professor of medicine. Offspring of the original participants were examined in 1971, but this new study, said Thomas, will be much more comprehensive.

SANDSON CHAIRS
RIME SYMPOSIUM

Dean John I. Sandson was chairman of a symposium entitled "New Experiments to Improve Premedical and Medical Education" at the 18th annual conference on Research in Medical Education (RIME) held Nov. 6-7 at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. Ernest Blaustein, Ph.D., associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Boston University, also participated in the symposium, which focused on seven university programs, funded by the Commonwealth Fund of New York City, to improve premedical and medical education. In addition to Boston University, the programs are being conducted at Brown University, the University of Chicago, Dartmouth College, Duke University, Johns Hopkins University and the University of Rochester.

Associate Dean John McCahan, M.D., attended the bi-annual Commonwealth Interface Meeting, held Oct. 11 at Duke University in Durham, N.C. McCahan and Ernest Blaustein, Ph.D., met with representatives from other universities participating in Commonwealth Fund-supported projects (see preceding story) to share ideas concerning the problems of the individual programs and the progress each university has made.

BUSB's Modular Medical Integrated Curriculum (MMEDIC) program, funded by the Commonwealth Fund since 1977, emphasizes a closer integration of the liberal arts and the medical sciences. In their junior and senior undergraduate years, MMEDIC students participate in special programs of scientific and humanistic education, called Integrated Medical Modules. Although the program is not designed to accelerate the process of medical education, it does provide a more gradual transition from the undergraduate "premedical" years to the first two years of medical school. Fourteen MMEDIC students are in their first year at BUSM.

BUSM RECEIVES THIRD
WHITAKER FUND GRANT

For the third consecutive year, the School has received a $100,000 grant from the Whitaker Health Sciences Fund to encourage collaborative research between BUSM and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dean Sandson said he welcomes proposals for four one-year studies, totalling approximately $25,000 each, that will be funded by the award beginning July 1, 1980. To be eligible, research projects must be collaborations between
a BUSM faculty member and an MIT faculty member. Proposals, which should not exceed two typed, double-spaced pages, should be submitted to the BUSM researcher's department chairperson in time to be forwarded to Dean Sandson by Jan. 15.

Whitaker Health Sciences Fund faculty research grants are awarded primarily to junior faculty initiating biomedical research projects. However, senior faculty are also eligible for awards which will allow them to extend their interests into new fields of the life sciences and medicine.

ALUMNI PHONATHON

In less than three hours of telephoning, enthusiastic BUSM Alumni Association Phonathon volunteers contacted alumni across the nation and raised $14,600 in response to Dean Sandson's goal of "keeping our doors open to all." The Phonathon, which kicked off the 1979-1980 Annual Fund Campaign, was held on Oct. 31 at the Charles River campus. According to Marguerite Prescott, director of Alumni Affairs of the BUSM Alumni Association, the Phonathon has become a vital part of the campaign, and the numbers of volunteers and BUSM classes contacted are expected to increase in the next few years.

TRAINING GRANT AWARDED TO PSYCHIATRY DEPT.

The BUSM Department of Psychiatry has been awarded a six-year $500,000 grant by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Administration on Aging to provide training in geriatric medicine. Jonathan D. Lieff, M.D., an assistant clinical professor of psychiatry, is principal investigator for this Geriatric Fellowship Program, an interdisciplinary curriculum for the Departments of Psychiatry, Medicine and Neurology. The Program will train medical students, third-year residents, first and second-year faculty, social workers and nurses of all three departments. Sumner Hoffman, M.D., a professor of socio-medical sciences and community medicine, is co-investigator; senior investigators are R. Knight Steel, M.D., an associate professor of medicine, chief of the geriatrics section of the Department of Medicine, and director of the Gerontology Center, and Martin Albert, M.D., Ph.D., an associate professor of neurology.

RAVIOLA HEADS 5-YEAR EYE STUDY

Guiseppina d'Elia Raviola, M.D., Ph.D., a professor of anatomy, has been named principal investigator of a five-year study entitled "Functional Anatomy of the Anterior Segment of the Eye." The study, funded by a $470,000 grant from the Eye Institute of the National Institutes of Health, will examine structures responsible for aqueous secretion and outflow using ultrastructural tracers and freeze-fracturing techniques.

CULTURAL ISSUES GRANT RENEWED

Albert Gaw, M.D., an assistant professor of psychiatry, has been renamed principal investigator in the renewal of a two-year $60,000 grant awarded to the School's Department of Psychiatry. The grant, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, is designed to develop a program on "Cultural Issues in Psychiatric Training" by preparing residents to provide better mental health care to patients of minority backgrounds. Collaboration on this project will take place at the Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital in Bedford, Mass.

DUCHARME HEADS ATTITUDE REASSESSMENT PROJECT

Stanley H. Ducharme, Ph.D., an assistant clinical professor of rehabilitation medicine, was recently named principal investigator in a one-year $9,000 grant to initiate a program of Sexual Attitude Reassessment Workshops at the New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center of University Hospital. The grant, funded by the Theodore Edson Parker Foundation in Boston, will enable the Spinal Cord Injury Unit to conduct semi-annual workshops on sexuality and physical disability for staff, patients and rehabilitation professionals throughout New England. The project, designed to examine the effectiveness of workshops as compared to traditional counseling techniques, is a joint undertaking of the Spinal Cord Injury Center and the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission.

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ASIMOV PROMOTED; RECEIVES MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AWARD

The promotion of Isaac Asimov, Ph.D., to a professor of biochemistry was approved by the University’s Board of Trustees on Oct. 18. Asimov has been a member of the School's faculty for 30 years, 24 of them as an associate professor of biochemistry.

A 1948 graduate of Columbia University, Asimov is the author of more than 200 books and approximately 1,300 articles on such topics as science fiction, mystery, biochemistry, history, physics, humor and satire. He holds seven honorary doctorate degrees and several national awards. He has been called the leading science fiction writer in the world and one of the foremost educators of the general public in many scientific fields.

Most recently, Asimov was honored by receiving the Boston Museum of Science's Bradford Washburn Award at the museum's corporate dinner on Oct. 28. The award, established in 1964, is a gold medal which carries with it an honorarium of $5,000. It is presented annually to an individual who has made "an outstanding contribution toward public understanding of science." Past award recipients include Jacques-Yves Cousteau and Walter Cronkite.

KANNEL PRESENTED ROBBINS AWARD

William B. Kannel, M.D., M.P.H., a professor of medicine and chief of University Hospital's Section on Preventive Medicine and Epidemiology of the Department of Medicine, received the Lewis C. Robbins Recognition Award from the Methodist Hospital and the Society of Prospective Medicine at a special meeting held Oct. 4 in Tampa, Fla. Kannel was presented an engraved plaque for his "significant contribution in the advancement of useful life expectancy" and gave the keynote address entitled "Update on Cardiovascular Risk Factors."

PARENTS GATHER TO MEET THE DEAN

Sandson on Sunday, Nov. 4, at a reception at the Lake Success Country Club in Lake Success, N.Y. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rothbaum hosted the event, at which the Dean spoke on "Problems of American Medical Education." Slide shows were also presented to the parents, including one prepared by Stanley Robbins, M.D., associate dean for resources. Also attending the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Alan Edelstein, co-chairpersons of the Parents Committee.

SCOTCH, BETJEMANN ATTEND MPHA MEETING

Norman A. Scotch, Ph.D., associate dean for the School of Public Health at BUSM, spoke on "Higher Education for Public Health" at the Massachusetts Public Health Association's annual fall meeting entitled "Public Health in the '80s--Issues for Action," held Oct. 24 at the University's George Sherman Union. University Hospital Administrator John H. Betjemann, who is vice-president of the association, was co-chairman of the Program Committee for the meeting and served as moderator of a panel discussion entitled "Can the Patient-Provider Relationship Survive and Thrive in the '80s?"

RYSER AT SYMPOSIUM HONORING KATZIR

Hugues J.-P. Ryser, M.D., Ph.D., a professor of pathology, spoke at a symposium honoring Professor Ephraim Katzir, president of Israel from 1973 to 1978, held Oct. 26 at the Polytechnic Institute of New York. Katzir, an Israeli scientist, teacher and administrator, presided over the session at which Ryser discussed "Poly (L-lysine) as a Carrier in the Transport of Proteins and Drugs into Mammalian Cells."

ANNAS, GLANTZ ATTEND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

George J. Annas, J.D., M.P.H., an associate professor of socio-medical sciences and community medicine, and Leonard H. Glantz, J.D., an assistant professor of socio-medical sciences and community medicine, participated in an international conference on "Legal and Ethical Aspects
of Health Care for Children" Oct. 25-27 in Toronto, Ontario. Annas took part in panel discussions on artificial insemination and in vitro fertilization as well as euthanasia and decision-making and the defective newborn. Glantz spoke on access to and confidentiality of children's medical data.

HUMPHREY CENTER MEMBERS APPEAR ON LOCAL PROGRAMS

Several members of the Hubert H. Humphrey Cancer Research Center appeared on local radio and television programs last month to discuss activities of the newly-dedicated Center. Carl A. Olsson, M.D., chairman of the Department of Urology, appeared on the new "Cancer Hot Line" segment of WCVB-TV's (Channel 5) "Good Day! Show." Olsson and Paul Black, M.D., director of the Center, were interviewed on WNTN radio. Black also appeared with Stanley Robbins, M.D., chairman of the Department of Pathology, on "The Tom Larson Show" on WSBK-TV (Channel 38). Hugues J.-P. Ryser, M.D., a professor of pathology and pharmacology, taped three segments for Jim Pansullo's "Medical Update" on WEEI radio.

NEIMAN PARTICIPATES IN MOON LECTURESHIP

Richard S. Neiman, M.D., an associate professor of pathology and director of the hematopathology section at the Mallory Institute of Pathology, spoke on "Hematopathological Changes in Myeloproliferative Diseases" at the 1979 John Hoover Moon Memorial Lectureship on Oct. 31 at the Medical College of Virginia. This year's lectureship was a symposium on myeloproliferative disorders, which are marked by excessive proliferation of blood-cell precursors. The discussions focused on the clinical, pathologic and cytogenetic aspects of common myeloproliferative disorders, as well as new therapeutic ideas regarding laboratory technology.

COPING WITH STRESS TOPIC OF MEETING

C. David Jenkins, Ph.D., a professor of psychiatry and director of the Department of Behavioral Epidemiology, and Lyle Miller, Ph.D., a professor of psychiatry (psychology) and chairman of the Department of Biobehavioral Sciences, addressed the issue of coping with stress at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts League for Nursing held in Sutton, Mass., on Nov. 2. Jenkins discussed the scientific background of the subject and the implications of dealing with stress-related problems. Miller described techniques for treating stress, such as biofeedback.

SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULED

Robert J. Krane, M.D., an associate professor of urology, is course director for a continuing medical education course entitled "Symposium on Male Sexual Physiology and Dysfunction" to be held Dec. 6-8 at the Fontainbleau Hilton in Miami Beach, Fla. Three additional faculty members, as well as representatives from Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, Tufts University School of Medicine and the Washington Hospital Center will discuss concepts of neurologic control, physiological considerations, specific diagnostic techniques and other topics. For more information contact Donna Marcy in the Department of Continuing Medical Education at x5602 (247-5602).

PSYCHIATRY BEGINS WEEKLY CONFERENCES

The Department of Psychiatry has inaugurated a weekly luncheon conference series, held Thursdays from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., which emphasizes case presentations and relevant research in medicine and the behavioral sciences. The series, held in room 915 of the Doctor's Office Building, will include participation by the Psychiatric Consultation/Liaison Services at University Hospital, the Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital and Boston City Hospital. The series, which began Nov. 1, is under the direction of Peter H. Knapp, M.D., a professor of psychiatry. Announcements of conference topics are made in This Week calendar listings.
SMITH DIRECTS VA'S NORTHEAST REGION

Carlton Smith, who has been director of the Boston Veterans Administration Medical Center for three years, is now director of the northeastern region of the national VA system and oversees 26 veterans hospitals. With this reassignment, effective Nov. 4, Smith became one of six regional directors in the VA system. Gregory J. Haag, formerly assistant director of the Boston facility, will be the acting director at the hospital until a new director is chosen.

BRIEFLY NOTED

Medical Center director Richard H. Egdahl, M.D., Ph.D., was recently chosen president-elect of the International Association of Endocrine Surgeons (IAES) at the organization's annual meeting in San Francisco, Calif. Egdahl and Sanford I. Cohen, M.D., chairman of the Department of Psychiatry, recently participated in a seminar on "Legal and Financial Aspects of Faculty Group Practice" sponsored by the National Health Lawyers Association. Jerome O. Klein, M.D., a professor of pediatrics, is one of three clinicians cited in recent issues of the Journal of the American Medical Association and Hearing Aid Journal who suggest that the condition and complications of otitis media, or middle ear disease, in young children warrants more attention than previously believed. Of approximately 3.5 million infants born in the United States this year, nearly one third will have three or more separate episodes of otitis media by age 3, Klein predicts. James Barrett, M.D., an associate professor of psychiatry, is editor of a book entitled Stress and Mental Disorder recently published by the Raven Press. Contributing authors to the book include C. David Jenkins, Ph.D., a professor of psychiatry and director of the Department of Behavioral Epidemiology, and Michael W. Hurst, Ed.D., an assistant professor of psychiatry (psychology). Hershel Jick, M.D., an associate professor of medicine and director of the Boston Collaborative Drug Surveillance Program, is co-author of an article entitled "Drug-Related Superinfection in Hospitalized Patients" which appeared in the Sept. 21 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association. James R. Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of socio-medical sciences and community medicine, is co-author of an article entitled "Predicting Minority Student Performance in the First Medical School Year" which appeared in a recent issue of the Journal of the National Medical Association. John E. Madias, M.D., an assistant professor of medicine and director of the heart station at Boston City Hospital, was recently a visiting professor at the Athens General Hospital in Athens, Greece, where he conducted rounds in the Coronary Care Unit and in general cardiac wards and lectured on the pathogenesis of angina and myocardial infarction. Madias is also the author of an article entitled "Electrocardiography in Myocardial Infarction" which appeared in the October issue of the Journal of Electrocardiography.

Frank W. LoCerfo, M.D., F.A.C.S., an assistant professor of surgery, recently presented a paper entitled "Boundary Layer Separation in Models of Side-to-End Arterial Anastomoses" at the annual meeting of the International Cardiovascular Society in Nashville, Tenn. Research in this area aims to improve the results of blood vessel surgery. Judith L. Vaitukaitis, M.D., a professor of medicine and an associate professor of physiology and obstetrics and gynecology, wrote the lead editorial in a recent issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. It was entitled "Human Chorionic Gonadotropin—A Hormone Secreted for Many Reasons." Thomas B. Mulholland, Ph.D., an associate research professor of neurology and psychiatry and chief of the Psychophysiology Laboratory at the Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital, recently participated in an international symposium on "Event Related Changes in Cortical Rhythmic Activities" in Schladming, Austria. Several BUSM faculty members participated in a conference sponsored by Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R) entitled "Behavioral and Social Science Research and the Protection of Human Subjects," held Oct. 25 and 26 in East Boston. The participants included Joseph Cochin, M.D., Ph.D., a professor of pharmacology and psychiatry; Judith Swazey, Ph.D., a professor of socio-medical sciences and community medicine; Maressa H. Orzack, Ph.D., an adjunct associate professor of psychiatry (psychology); Sanford Chodosh, M.D., an associate professor of medicine, and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and James Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of

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socio-medical sciences and community medicine. Martin L. Norton, M.D., J.D., a
professor of anesthesiology, was recently appointed the only physician consultant to
the Massachusetts House of Representatives Post-audit and Oversight Committee. Norton
will serve as an advisor on health and medical problems in the development of legisla-
tion. Sanford I. Cohen, M.D., chairman of the Department of Psychiatry, was recently
designated an Honorary Fellow of the American Association of Psychoanalytic Physicians.
He was also recently appointed to the Board of Governors of the Alumni Association of
the Chicago Medical School. Sumner Hoffman, M.D., a professor of socio-medical sciences
and community medicine, recently attended the meetings of the American Academy of Family
Physicians in Atlanta, Ga., where he was designated a Fellow of the Academy. N. Paul
Rosen, M.D., a professor of pediatrics and neurology, was recently appointed chairman
of the annual breakfast of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston's Physi-
cians' Team. The breakfast, to be held Dec. 9 in Newton, is the major event of the
organization's largest professional team, consisting of 1,700 area physicians. Yehuda
Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, will be the guest speaker at the event.
Arnold M. Kerzner, M.D., a clinical instructor in psychiatry, was co-chairperson of
the fourth annual symposium on the "Clinical Applications of Research in Infant-Parent
Relationships" held Nov. 9 and 10 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. Philip A. Wolf, M.D.,
a professor of neurology, was elected to active membership in the American Neurological
Association at the organization's 104th annual meeting, held Oct. 4-6 in St. Louis, Mo.
Dean Emeritus George K. Makechnie of the University's Sargent College of Allied Health
Professions received a Doctor of Humane Letters degree, honoris causa, at a special col-
lege convocation held Oct. 21 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Sargent's union with
Boston University. Makechnie was Dean of the College from 1945 to 1972 and was instrumental
in organizing nursing education at the University. NEWS & NOTES is a regular monthly
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