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Boston University
On hand in September to celebrate the official opening of the new Boston University Dental Health Center at 930 Commonwealth Ave. were, from left, Jon Westling, executive vice president of Boston University; Christine Paige, D.M.D., clinical director of the Dental Health Center; Spencer A. Frankl, D.D.S., M.S.D., dean of the Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry; Richard H. Egdahl, M.D., director of the Medical Center; and Richard J. Towie, vice president for administrative services at Boston University.

Boston University Dental Plan accepts new enrollees

Open enrollment for the Boston University Dental Health Plan will take place between Nov. 15 and Dec. 31. The plan, which provides dental coverage ranging from preventive care to specialized dental surgery, will be available for regular faculty and staff who currently are eligible for the University's health plan, as well as for their eligible dependents. Eligible dependents include employees' spouses; unmarried children up to age 19; unmarried children between the ages of 19 and 25 who are full-time students; and physically or mentally handicapped children of any age.

Application forms will be available in the Medical Campus Office of Personnel as of mid-November. Employees with questions should contact Maud Carty, benefits manager, or Joanne Fay, benefits specialist, in the Medical Campus Office of Personnel at 638-4610 (x4610).

The University offers comprehensive dental care at both of its Dental Health Care Centers—at the 930 Commonwealth Ave. center, which opened in June, and at the Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry facility at 100 East Newton St. The dental staff is made up of faculty and staff affiliated with the Goldman School. The University offers insurance coverage.

The Commonwealth Ave. dental facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday. Its telephone number is 638-4485 (x4485). The hours of the Goldman School's Dental Health Center are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. The telephone number there is 638-4672 (x4672).

Reimbursement accounts open for health, child care

Employees may open tax-free reimbursement accounts for health or child care during the open-enrollment period, scheduled for Nov. 15 to Dec. 31. The plan allows employees to have up to $5,000 a year deducted from their salary tax free to pay for child-care expenses and $1,000 a year deducted from their salary tax free to pay for health-care expenses not covered by health-care insurance. Employees specify the number of months in which they wish to have the deductions made.

A reminder will be sent out regarding the open-enrollment period just prior to its commencement. Application forms will be available in the Medical Campus Office of Personnel as of mid-November.

Employees must submit either the original receipts or cancelled checks to the Charles River Office of Personnel after the established deduction period. Because the money designated for tax-free status is considered a premium, any money not spent under the plan will be forfeited. Therefore, careful planning is essential for participating in either of these accounts.

Employees may be able to open a health- or child-care reimbursement account outside of the open-enrollment period if either their family status or job status has changed. For more specific information on this issue, employees should consult their Boston University Faculty and Staff Benefits Handbook.

Employees who have questions about the reimbursement plan should contact Maud Carty, benefits manager, concerning child care, and Joanne Fay, benefits specialist, concerning health care, in the Medical Campus Office of Personnel at 638-4610 (x4610).
Volunteers prepare to prove 'Boston Can Share'

A group of volunteer coordinators are going all out this year to make the Medical Center community's participation in the sixth annual "Boston Can Share" food drive the best ever. "We have an entirely new lease" on this effort, said the leader of the drive, Jim Chalmers, an employee-relations representative in the Medical Campus Office of Personnel.

For the first time, employee leaders from the various areas of the Medical Center will serve as contacts for the drive, hoping to stir the generosity and compassion of staff and faculty, who represent 2,000 regular employees from the Medical Campus and 2,100 employees from the University Hospital. Chalmers said he's convinced the strategy he and his colleagues have developed will pay off. "In the worst-case scenario, if we could hypothetically get 50 percent of the people from the Medical Campus alone to each contribute one can, we could draw in 1,300 cans," he said. This would double the Medical Campus's donation of 650 cans last year.

The citywide campaign, sponsored by the City of Boston, will run from Oct. 28 through Nov. 15. The intent of the "Boston Can Share" food drive is to fill the shelves of more than 250 emergency food pantries and soup kitchens throughout eastern Massachusetts just prior to the holiday season. All of the donated food is distributed through the nonprofit Boston Food Bank.

"With so many people out of work, this year's drive is more important than ever," said Jim Munroe, the manager of custodial services for the Medical Campus and one of the employee contacts for the drive.

The effort has grown enormously through the years. In 1989, 200 companies and government agencies contributed 150,000 cans, while in 1990, 300 groups participated, contributing more than 287,000 cans. The city's goal for 1991 is to collect more than 300,000 cans.

The cans and boxes of donated food should be non-perishable. The employee contacts are Chalmers and Munroe for the Medical Campus; Betty Ollen, an editorial assistant, for the School of Public Health; Denise Lobb, an administrative coordinator, for the Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry; and Monique Jackson-Taylor, an employee representative at UH Human Resources, for UH.

Can drop-off locations:
- Lobby of the Instructional Building
- Lobby of the Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry
- The Atrium-Evans Bridge in the University Hospital

Security officers gain emergency expertise

Four Medical Campus Department of Security employees have been trained and licensed as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) during the last year and a half. Two more are in the process of working toward their certification. Richard Natoli, director of the security department, said he's very pleased that his force can serve the Medical Campus community with this expertise. "I've always considered medical emergency response to be one of the most important services we can provide the community," he said. "I'm very glad we have officers who have volunteered to participate in this program."

The four EMTs, Sgt. Connie Packard, Sgt. Brian Raymond, Off. Richard Duca and Off. Albert McKenzie, are trained to administer "first-response" medical care to individuals in an emergency. When the security office is contacted in a medical emergency, the EMTs are dispatched to the scene of the emergency while office personnel call 911, the city's emergency number, to receive transport. The four EMTs said the training has given them a sense of assurance and confidence. "It's not just for my job," said Sgt. Raymond. "Any place I go now where there's a medical emergency I know what to do."
Educational Media:

A behind-the-scenes player at the Medical Center

On any given day at the School of Medicine, someone has gone into a wet laboratory and set up the equipment and specimens that will be needed for an upcoming class; someone else has videotaped student/patient interviews that later will be used for class discussion, yet another person has prepared a medical illustration for a faculty member to submit with text to a national publication. In all of these cases, that person is someone on the staff of the Educational Media Support Center, the department established to support the education, research and clinical activities of faculty, staff and students at the Medical Center. Established 20 years ago, the organization has become an integral, vital element of this academic community.

While the center provides a variety of general administrative support tasks for the School of Medicine, such as engraving the name tags for all first- and second-year medical students and administering the distribution and maintenance of microscopes to students, its main thrust is providing media-related services to the faculty and staff, both in their teaching and research endeavors. The department includes photographers, medical illustrators, computer graphics personnel, media and laboratory technicians and printers.

The Student Laboratories/Instructional Services wing of the department, located in the Instructional Building, room 307 (L-307), provides a wide range of support services for the teaching efforts of the faculty, including preparing the text handouts and audio-visual materials the professors use for teaching. The staff design and produce audio-visual teaching aids for faculty and assist in locating and renting videotapes and films on medical and basic-science subjects for use in the classroom. They also manage most of the equipment used for laboratory instruction and set up and run documentaries presented through closed-circuit and satellite television broadcasts. The office also provides wet laboratory technicians, who coordinate the purchasing and set-up of equipment for laboratory instruction.

The Professional Services wing of the department, located in the Robinson Building, room 500 (B-500), provides a variety of noncurriculum services, such as creating and producing graphics and media presentations that faculty use for the presentation of their research. Its staff produce illustrations, photographs, digital imaging presentations, teaching and demonstration videotapes and photographs of clinical procedures. The staff also provide a variety of printing and photography services for faculty and staff alike, including the duplication of documents and self-service copying. This section of the center distributes and manages the programming.

Procedural and development workshops to take place this fall

Heralding the fresh start that a new academic year brings to the entire Medical Campus, the Office of Personnel has announced its annual round of procedural and professional development workshops for employees. Many of the programs are intended to bolster employees' skills in their jobs, while others are designed to inform employees about the University's policies concerning a variety of procedures. The seminars will take place from Oct. 8 to Nov. 19.

While most of the workshops will accept employees on a first-come, first-served basis, two will be reserved for employees whose jobs relate to the subject matter, while two others are limited in size. Employees will receive application forms and brochures detailing the workshops through interdepartmental mail. Applications should be sent through interdepartmental mail to the Medical Campus Office of Personnel, Talbot Building, 240W. Confirmations will be made by the Office of Personnel prior to each workshop.

The workshops will offer instruction in areas ranging from management and interviewing techniques to the administration of grants and contracts.

For more information about any of these programs, contact Employee Relations Representative Sandy Platt in the Medical Campus Office of Personnel, at 638-4610 (x4610). □

Photographic coordinator Lucy Milne is a familiar face behind the camera at many Medical Center events.

Medical illustrator Scott Williams creates a 35-mm slide, while Elizabeth Colburn, a graphic arts assistant, works on a project.
Educational Media supports education, research, clinical activities

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for the health and patient channels of the 400 televisions at the University Hospital, as well.

The evolution of the Educational Media Support Center during the last 20 years reflects the development of the biomedical-media field itself during the last two decades. Jerome Glickman, Ed.D., the director of the department, has been there from the start to participate in the growth. "The School didn't even have televisions and projectors when we started the department," he said.

Today, he is intent on providing the faculty and staff with up-to-date educational technology. "We work hard to introduce many of the innovations in teaching [through visual production] to the faculty and make them work for the School," he said.

Glickman is not the only veteran of the department. Helen Brems, the administrative manager, also has served in the department for the last two decades, while Jebby Debasitis, the instructional support manager, who runs the Student Labs/Instructional Services unit, has been there for 18 years.

A mere six-year novice in the department, Production Manager Domenic Screnci said he enjoys contributing to the multitude of efforts under way at the Medical Center. "I feel like we're a part of a large humanitarian effort," he said. He also likes the exposure he gets to all segments of the community. "We really get to work with everybody," he said, "from maintenance people to heads of academic departments."

Some members of the Educational Media department also serve as academic faculty in the field of biocommunications, teaching in the directed studies programs in various masters and doctoral programs at Boston University and serving on doctoral students committees.

1991 United Way campaign is on

Medical Campus volunteers are gearing up to mobilize support for Boston University's annual participation in the United Way of Massachusetts Bay giving campaign. Some 165 employees here at the Medical Campus will serve as coordinators and solicitors in the various campus departments. Employees will be able to have their contributions donated through payroll deduction.

See November Campus Update for details.

Stop by for some Southern hospitality!

During the month of October, CHEQUERS will feature some good ole' Southern Cookin'! Cajun, Creole, we've got it! Y'all come on down.

CHEQUERS,
School of Medicine
lower level
Monday - Thursday 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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