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Boston University
A School of Graduate Dentistry was created on October 17th, by action of the Board of Trustees of Boston University, with Dr. Henry M. Goldman appointed as Dean. Months of careful investigation and study by all concerned revealed the wisdom of transforming the Stomatology Department into such a school. The enthusiastic acceptance of SGD by all related professional groups strengthens the University's action, and re-emphasizes the kind of education for the health professions envisioned by the Medical Center. To welcome Dean Goldman to his important new post, the Trustee Council is honoring him at a reception at the George Sherman Union on January 9, 1964. Invitations to faculty, staff, Trustees, and friends are already in the mail.

The Annual Christmas Open House of the Medical Center is scheduled for Thursday, December 19th, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. In order to accommodate the expanding family of BUMC, the affair will be held this year in the auditorium of the old B.C. High School, now part of the Immaculate Conception Church on Harrison Avenue. The committee has been hard at work under the co-chairmanship of Jim Brown and John Mullett, and includes Dr. Andrew D. Elia, Miss Florence Flores, Dr. Murray M. Freed, Mrs. Anne Gowing, Dr. Albert H. Hegnauer, Geoffrey G. Jackson, Dr. Alice T. Marston, Rev. L. R. Potter, Jr., Miss Elizabeth Rackemann, and Miss Eleanor Tyler.

To further celebrate the festive season, there will be carol singing in the Auditorium of Building A, BUSM, on Wednesday, December 18th, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. All are invited to participate and/or to listen.

"BUMC and Its Future," a summarization of a lengthier document prepared in collaboration with some of my colleagues, has received wide distribution in the Medical Center and in the University. In its preparation, an effort was made to map out the needs of the Center, priorities of such needs, and how we propose to achieve them. It covers such points as Program Goals, including Education, Patient Care, and Research; Organizational and Physical Habitats; Financial Needs; and Fund-Raising Plans. The document was approved by the Trustee Council and by the Medical Center Advisory Board. If you have not done so and are interested in reading it, copies are available in my office.
Facilities of the Faculty dining area in the George Sherman Union on the Main Campus are available to all BUMC faculty, professional and administrative staff members, including School of Medicine, School of Graduate Dentistry, and Hospitals. To facilitate these privileges, BUMC I.D. cards are available from the BUMC Business Office in Vose Hall. However, many colleagues already hold MMH or BU I.D. cards, and either of these will be satisfactory. All employees should hold one of the above I.D. cards. They are generally useful (check-cashing, etc.); they are essential for the tight security checking essential in this Center, parts of which are open 24 hours a day.

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The BUMC Affiliate Board held its first meeting on Wednesday, December 4, on Evans 9, MMH, when representatives of 14 institutions affiliated with the Medical Center were invited to a dinner meeting to meet with BUMC representatives for the purpose of getting acquainted with and learning about the present and future plans of the Center. The Affiliates include the following Hospitals: Boston City, Boston State, Carney, Robert Breck Brigham, Framingham Union, Huggins, Medfield State, Monadnock Community, Lemuel Shattuck, and Veterans Administration in Boston, Brockton, and Providence; also the Douglas A. Thom Clinic and the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology. Affiliates consist of cooperating educational institutions and health service agencies and organizations having some interests and activities in common with the Center or one or more of its members. Their status as affiliates, which in no way impinges upon their autonomy, is confirmed by an agreement or memorandum of understanding between the Center and the organization. It is hoped that additional institutions and agencies will be added as Affiliates.

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Dr. Edward A. Gaensler, Associate Professor of Surgery, has been awarded a Career Research Professorship by the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Gaensler serves as Director of Thoracic Services at the Medical Center. His award brings to BUMC the fourth such honor received in recent years, the other Career Research Professorships being held by Drs. William C. Boyd, Robert Klein, and Arnold S. Relman.

It is with deep regret that the Boston University Medical Center notes the death of Miss Grace Aubern, Secretary for the BUSM Alumni Association. In her more than 40 years of service to Boston University, 10 of which were devoted exclusively to the School of Medicine Alumni Association, Miss Aubern developed a close relationship with thousands of alumni and with her colleagues. Her warmth, her kindliness, and her dedication to BUMC and to Boston University will be missed by us all.
Some staff members report that persons have requested admittance to their apartments under the guise of making a BU or BUSM survey. **TAKE NOTE:**

No such surveys are being made or authorized.

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Dr. and Mrs. Mark J. Hiebert, both of whom are BUSM alumni, were honored by the Boston University Club of New York on October 30th, as recipients of the Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards. Dr. Hiebert is a Trustee of Boston University, and he and his wife are part of a large family who have attended the Boston University School of Medicine.

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Representatives of our South End Institutional Neighbors (business, health, and religious) recently met at BUMC in what it is hoped will be a series of meetings to discuss mutual problems concerning renewal, rehabilitation, and the like, and to plan concerted action on these. In the course of such meetings BUMC will be acquainting its neighbors more fully with the Medical Center's program for the future. Institutions represented at the first meeting included Franklin Institute of Boston, Franklin Square House, French Shriner Mfg. Co., Immaculate Conception Church, and South End Urban Renewal.

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Dr. Harriet J. Lawrence was among those honored at the Homecoming Ball of the University at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel on October 25th. Dr. Lawrence was a member of the School of Medicine Class of 1912. This dynamic, 80-year-old alumna travelled from Oregon to accept the award. She is a practicing pathologist!

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Chile, Moscow, New Zealand - no, we are not setting up units of the Medical Center in any of these spots, but our peripatetic faculty and staff are extending the influence of BUMC throughout the world. Dean Gellis and Dr. Ingelfinger recently returned from New Zealand, as this is being written Dr. Ingelfinger is off to Chile, and Dr. Wilkins visited Moscow early this fall. Not to mention Dr. Bakst's trip to Germany last Spring, and the numerous Summer visitors, professional, technical, clerical, and administrative who were flying all over the universe.

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Mass. Memorial Hospitals is establishing a course for the instruction of nursing, house, and active staff in methods of resuscitation.

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Saturday, December 14, Saxon Theater - the date of the MMH Aid Association's benefit performance of "The Cardinal." There's still time for you to get your tickets. Proceeds will go to the Dr. Henry M. Pollock House Staff Loan Fund.... At the Annual Meeting of the Association in October, at which Jim Brown was the guest speaker, Dr. Bonnet was presented with a check for $2000 from the Association for a new anesthesia machine.
Personal Notes....Congratulations to Dr. Henry J. Bakst on his election to the presidency of the Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine at their annual meeting in Kansas City on November 10....Welcome to Pat Conway, Secretary to the BUMC Financial Officer, to Patricia Nelson in the MMP Administrator's office, to Stefanie Stevens in the BUSM Admissions Office, and to Marian Brown in the BUMC Director's office....Dr. Philip D. Bonnet participated in the meetings of the Association of American Medical Colleges recently held in Chicago, also attended by Dr. Albert H. Hegnauer and the Director....Drs. Bush, Farmer, Howe, Robertson, and Whitelaw, attended the Annual Meeting of the New England Surgical Society held in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in October....Dean Sydney S. Gellis attended the Kennedy Foundation Annual International Awards Dinner in New York on December 4th.

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