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Boston University
Mr. Gerhard D. Bleicken has been elected Chairman of the Medical Center Trustee Council, succeeding Mr. Jerome Preston. Mr. Bleicken, Senior Vice President and Secretary of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, is a Trustee of Boston University, and an alumnus of its College of Liberal Arts and School of Law. Active in numerous civic, state, and national activities, Mr. Bleicken brings to the Medical Center a rich background of organizational know-how, a devotion to Boston University, a deep interest in the Medical Center and its goals, and an enthusiastic approach to all of its problems. Other officers elected were Vice Chairmen John S. Perkins and Jerome Preston, Secretary Hans H. Estin, and Treasurer Louis J. Hunter.

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Mr. Jerome Preston, Sr., who now serves as a Vice Chairman of the Trustee Council, and who continues to serve as President of the Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals, was the first Chairman of the Boston University Medical Center Trustee Council, under its reorganization in July 1962. He gave us the type of leadership and support which strengthened our organization and stimulated its growth. In relinquishing the post of Chairman, he has merely stepped aside rather than down. All of us, I know, will continue to look to him for inspiration and backing in the further development of the Medical Center.

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Mr. Milton Kosen joined the staff of the Center on September 1 as Development Officer. Mr. Kosen is thoroughly familiar with the general needs of eleemosynary institutions, and from the activity in his office, he is fast becoming acquainted with the specific problems of BUMC. A graduate of City College of New York, Mr. Kosen most recently served as Director of Fund Raising for the Jewish Community Council of Essex County. He has had extensive experience in public relations and fund raising, in which fields he has been engaged for the past 15 years. Mr. and Mrs. Kosen and their three children are now living in Marblehead.

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The Elia Family rates a B.F.O.C. (Big Family on Campus) citation. Dr. Andrew D. Elia, BUSM Class of 1935, has been named Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the School of Medicine and Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals for 1964-65. (Announcement of the permanent Chairman and Chief will be made shortly.) Mrs. Andrew D. Elia (Dr. Dimetra Tsina Elia) is a member of the BUSM Class of 1929. Philip Elia, their son, is a member of the BUSM Class of 1966, and is the new President of the Student Council. Congratulations to them all!

Residence/Student Union: Construction of the long-awaited dormitory and union has been deferred pending a re-study of the plans. The high cost of building in the Boston area, dictated in part by the city's current redevelopment program, resulted in bids for the residence far in excess of original estimates. Although the difference between the lowest bid and the estimated cost was actually pledged by the BUMC Trustee Council, the HHFA recommended a re-study of the architectural designs before proceeding. However, a reassessment of our needs, in relation to other demands on the available resources, has changed our thinking somewhat. New ideas for housing have been suggested which would provide such facilities by September 1965, the original target date. We shall keep you informed as the plans become final.

Congratulations to Dr. Philip D. Bonnet, MMH Administrator, as President-Elect of the American Hospital Association. This is an honor for Dr. Bonnet, for the Hospitals, and for the Medical Center. His activities during the next few years will put him in the public eye, and we shall look forward to reading and hearing about his accomplishments.

Central Scheduling of Conference Rooms in BUMC, whether BUSM, MMH, or SGD, will be handled by the Plant Superintendent's Office, effective November 1. Requests for space must be made one week in advance so that a weekly schedule may be affixed to the door of each conference room. The list of rooms available for conferences and meetings was attached to BUMC Memorandum #13, describing this new policy. Arrangements for food service must be handled by the office requesting space. We hope that the new policy will make available more conference space, and that central scheduling will make better use of existing facilities.

Plans for the BUMC - Commonwealth of Massachusetts Mental Health Center are moving apace. It appears that ground should be broken in the fall of 1965, with the anticipated date of occupancy set for spring 1967.
Parking problems seem to have disappeared since the Armory was torn down. We are happy that our students and visitors can avail themselves of this added facility at no cost. However, holders of BUMC parking stickers who are using this space are reminded that this is an unattended lot and that no provision for snow removal will be made.

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BUSON graduates from the Class of 1964 now serving on the staff of MMH include: Helen G. Carson, Susan Feinberg, Patricia Garre, Diane Hubbard, Marilyn Manin, Rita Riley, Janith Stanton, and Suzanne Thornley. You can recognize them, incidentally, by the narrow red bands on their caps (as well as by their eager, wide-eyed expressions).

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A weekly calendar of BUMC regularly-scheduled and special events, conferences, rounds, lectures, etc. will be issued by the BUSM Dean's Office. Copies will be distributed to all departments and divisions, and will be posted on all bulletin boards. Deadline for copy each week is 12:00 noon on Thursday in the Dean's Office.

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Boston City Hospital and Medical Center ties have been strengthened by the recent BUSM faculty appointments of Dr. Leon Lezer, Deputy Superintendent for Medicine, and Dr. Leon Taubenhaus, Outpatient Director and Deputy Superintendent for Ambulatory Services.

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Awards and Citations to BUSM faculty at the Centennial Celebration of Boston City Hospital, for Distinguished Achievements in Medicine or for the Boston City Hospital, included the following: Drs. Henry J. Bakst, John J. Byrne, John G. Downing, James M. Faulkner, Edward A. Gaensler, Kermit H. Katz, Chester S. Keefen, G. Kenneth Mallory, Morris Prizer, Stanley L. Robbins, Maurice B. Strauss, John W. Strieder, Shields Warren, Walter R. Wegner, and Robert W. Wilkins.

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Dr. Peter H. Knapp, Research Professor of Psychiatry, is spending the current academic year in Palo Alto, California, as a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences. The Center was set up by the Fund for the Republic under the Ford Foundation, and only a limited number of fellowships are available.

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Do you know that BUSM was founded in 1873, nine years before Harvard and 20 years before Tufts?
A warm welcome to all new personnel of the Medical Center. I hope that in one way or another I shall have the opportunity of meeting you. In the meantime, I am sure you are learning a great deal about BUMC and its exciting developments. As you read and hear about what we are doing and what we plan to do, I hope that your identification with the Medical Center will be a source of satisfaction to you.

Personal Notes....DR. ALAN S. COHEN, Associate Professor of Medicine, has been reelected Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Committee of the N.E. Rheumatism Society....DR. JOHN J. BYRNE, Professor of Surgery, has been elected to the 250-member American Surgical Association....DR. ISAAC ASIMOV, Associate Professor of Biochemistry, who recently received the James T. Grady Award of the American Chemical Society, made the first paragraph in "Talk of the Town" in a recent issue of The New Yorker....Members of the Department of Pharmacology who participated in meetings during the summer include DRs. EDWARD PELIKAN, JOSEPH COCHIN, RUTH LEVINE, and VINCENT LANZONI....DR. BERNARD BANDLER is Secretary of the Section on Psychiatry and Neurology of the Massachusetts Medical Society....Western Europe abounded with BUMC staff and personnel this summer. Among the travelers were DRs. CONAN KORNETSKY, Pharmacology; ALAN F. MIRSKY and BERNARD BANDLER, Psychiatry; JOHN S. STRAUSS and PETER POCHI, Dermatology; DEAN HENRY M. GOLDMAN, Graduate Dentistry; and GEOFFREY JACKSON, MMH Assistant Administrator....DRS. ALEXANDER and MARGIT MATOLTSY and PAUL PARAKKAL, all of Dermatology, attended meetings in Australia, while DRs. SYDNEY S. GELLIS, Pediatrics, and HERBERT MESCON, Dermatology, were "working" in Hawaii.... Some of us stayed home!

Lewis H. Rohrbaugh
Director