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Boston University
Mr. Nelson Evans will become the new Administrator of University Hospital on January 1, 1966, according to an announcement by Mr. Jerome Preston, President of the Hospital Trustees. Mr. Evans, presently Director of the American University Hospital in Beirut, Lebanon, is no stranger to Boston or to our Hospital, for he served as Administrative Assistant to Dr. Bonnet in 1949-1950. He left MMH for a post as Assistant Director of the Grace-New Haven Community Hospital, and then became Administrator of University Hospital of the University of Arkansas and Manager of their Medical Center. Mr. Evans holds a Master's degree in Public Health in Hospital Administration from Yale University.

During his tenure at the University of Arkansas, Mr. Evans served as Coordinator of Construction for the University Hospital and Clinics, the Education Wing, the Student Dormitory and Union, and a research building. He is thoroughly familiar with the needs and problems of medical centers as well as with their administration.

An early opportunity to meet Mr. Evans and his wife will be afforded the Medical Center family. During the period October 1 to January 1, Mr. John F. Mullett is serving as Acting Administrator of University Hospital.

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Items you may have missed during the summer: The UH Trustees authorized the construction of a new Evans and renovation of the present, along with an office building for doctors; and architects are already at work on the three projects...The federal government made a grant of $3.5 million for a new Instructional Building and $850,000 for three additional floors to the Medical Research Building for an Institute of Developmental Biology. ..Fund-raising for the matching sums needed for these projects as well as for other facilities is moving along....The South End Urban Renewal Plan was approved in a public hearing, and will now go to the City Council following the November elections....Through the efforts of University Hospital the Medical Center now owns all of the property in the third block of its "campus" and a good portion of the fourth block.

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Mr. Paul F. Hellmuth has been elected Vice President of University Hospital, upon the resignation of Mr. Boone Gross, and has been appointed as one of the three Hospital Trustee representatives on the Medical Center Trustee Council, also replacing Mr. Gross who is moving to Arizona. Mr. Hellmuth has been playing an active role in the Medical Center as Chairman of the Hospital's Policy and Planning Committee which is heavily engaged in plans and programs for the future.

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Parking, the ever-present bugaboo of today's society, is not being forgotten in the planning for the Medical Center. We have asked that a municipally-owned parking facility be erected on Albany Street to serve BUMC and BCH personnel. A feasibility study is being made by the City and their report is anticipated momentarily.

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The United States Public Health Service Hospital (Brighton Marine) is the newest Medical Center Affiliate. It has the distinction of being the first formal affiliation between one of the 10 general hospitals maintained by the Public Health Service and a civilian medical center. Established in 1799, it has 229 beds and meets the needs of American seamen, government employees injured at work, active and retired members of the U.S. uniformed services, and other beneficiaries of the federal government. It maintains an active outpatient clinic and conducts major research programs in cancer chemotherapy, hypertension, and pyelonephritis. Students at the B.U. School of Medicine are accepted on the wards of the Hospital, and Hospital staff members actively participate in their training. The new affiliation benefits the teaching programs of both institutions and creates a close cooperation of their medical staffs.

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The Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology and BUMC have jointly terminated their affiliation since the distance between the two institutions and the consequent inability to collaborate effectively on an institutional basis have affected the relationship. However, the termination in no way affects the cooperative programs which presently exist or which may exist in the future between departments of the two institutions.

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A steam contract has been executed with Boston Edison whereby the Medical Center will purchase all of its steam from them effective July 1, 1966. With the planned construction of the BUMC - Commonwealth of Massachusetts Mental Health Center on land now occupied by the Hospital power plant, it became necessary for other arrangements to be made, and careful study revealed the ultimate savings through purchasing steam rather than constructing a new power plant for the Center.
A $1,000,000 grant for an Aphasia Center has been awarded to BUMC for a seven-year period. This is the first such center to be supported by the federal government. It will be housed in Talbot as an outpatient service. Aphasia involves loss of speech from various causes. In charge will be Dr. Norman Geschwind, Associate Professor of Neurology, and Dr. Charles A. Kane, Professor of Neurology.

A redesigned and refurbished Ophthalmology Clinic was officially opened on October 1. It operates five days a week, and offers improved teaching opportunities for the medical staff and increased efficiency for both patient and doctor. In addition, emergency service is now available on a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week basis. The Ophthalmology Clinic is under the direction of Dr. Ephraim Friedman who joined the Medical Center on July 1.

A replacement building to house activities which will be dispossessed by planned construction and those for which limited or no space has heretofore been available will be erected on Sharon Street near the Harrison Avenue end. A four-floor plus basement structure with one elevator is planned for temporary housing until some of the permanent buildings are completed.

Collamore 6 has taken on a new look — and more important — additional beds. On October 25 two luxury private rooms were opened along with four new two-bed and two three-bed semi-private rooms. The increasing demands of our doctors have necessitated the addition of these accommodations. Every available foot of space is being utilized to meet the needs of the medical staff, and the Hospital administration is constantly trying to develop new areas for such purposes.

Group life insurance for University Hospital employees became available on November 1 under a plan developed with Boston University. This is a fine way to save money and to plan for the future. Details may be obtained from the office of the UH Comptroller.

Medical Center publications (Director's Newsletter, Perspectives, Alumni Newsletter, BMQ, etc.) have been reviewed, at the request of the Director, by Dean Gerhart Wiebe of the School of Public Communications and a group of consultants whom he selected. The recommendations which are anticipated may indicate an entirely new look to all of the publications.
BUMC Calendar November-December 1965

Wednesday, November 10, 12:00 Noon  BUMC Trustee Council Meeting
Thursday, November 11
Thursday, November 18, 12:00 Noon  Holiday - Veterans' Day
Monday, November 22, 2:00 P.M.  BUMC Development Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 24, 1:00 P.M.  UH Trustees Meeting
Thursday, November 25  Offices close for Thanksgiving holiday
Wednesday, December 8, 12:00 Noon  Holiday - Thanksgiving Day
Monday, December 13, 11:00 A.M.  BUMC Trustee Council Meeting
  8:00 P.M.  UH Corporators' Meeting
Friday, December 24, 1:00 P.M.  BUSGD Student-Faculty Reception
Friday, December 31, 1:00 P.M.  Offices close for Christmas holiday

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