School to transmit lectures to Beijing university via audiographic conferencing

The School of Medicine and two major telecommunication companies on March 15 will demonstrate a new technology that for the first time will allow interactive teaching or consultation to take place between any two classrooms or hospitals in the world.

The School, AT&T and Optel Communications of New York will transmit a lecture to Beijing Normal University’s Institute of Modern Educational Technology in the People’s Republic of China. Murray M. Freed, M.D., chairman of the School’s Department of Rehabilitation Medicine and chief of rehabilitation medicine at the University Hospital, is scheduled to present a live lecture on spinal cord injury in what will be the first international use of the new technology for medical education, according to Jerome Glickman, Ed.D., director of BUSM’s Educational Media Support Center and project administrator. The event will be held at AT&T’s Customer Presentation Center in Lexington, Mass.

Freed, the director of the New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center at UH, will make an hour-long slide presentation on spinal cord injury to an audience of officials from the State Education Commission and the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade, leading physicians, and students at the Chinese university. (continued on page 3)

Albert Sherman appointed associate vice president at Charles River Campus

Albert Sherman, director of Special Services at the Medical Campus, recently was appointed associate vice president for development for Boston University at the Charles River Campus. Sherman will be responsible for major development projects for the University.

Sherman recently was sworn in as a member of the Massachusetts Public Health Council, the governing body of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. He also serves as a consultant on controlled substances and health-related matters for the Boston Police and Fire Departments and teaches a course on the pharmacology of controlled substances at the Boston Police Academy.

Sherman, who holds a bachelor of science degree from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, has been a registered pharmacist since 1960. He has managed several pharmacies in the Boston area. Before joining the Medical Center in 1981, Sherman was court house commissioner for Suffolk County.
Parking Lot C entrance temporarily relocated, hours expanded; prepaid parking stickers available

The Office of Parking Services recently announced a number of changes and new services that will affect parking in Lot C, including a temporary new entrance, expanded hours of operation, and availability of prepaid parking stickers.

The entrance to Parking Lot C temporarily has been relocated due to construction of sewer facilities that will allow storm water to be separated from waste as part of the Boston Harbor Clean-Up Project. The construction is expected to take three to four months.

For the duration of the construction, the Lot C entrance has been relocated adjacent to the former Tow and Hold lot (now Lot B). Lot B and Lot A parkers continue to use the Lot A entrance.

Hours of operation expanded

In addition, Lot C operating hours recently were expanded to accommodate the needs of Medical Center staff and employees, according to the Office of Parking Services.

As of Feb. 1, Lot C is open continuously from Mondays at 5 a.m. through Fridays at midnight. No cash transactions will be accepted between the weekday hours of 8 p.m. and 5 a.m.; during those hours, only BUMC staff and employees with parking coupons or prepaid Lot C stickers will be allowed entry. For more information, please call the Office of Parking Services, x4569.

Prepaid stickers available

Lot C parking via payroll deduction now is available for all Medical Center employees. A prepaid Lot C sticker will cost $24 per month and will allow drivers to pass directly into the lot without stopping to turn in a coupon.

Applications and stickers for prepaid Lot C parking are available in the Parking Services Office, located in the basement of the School of Public Health.

BUMC employees are reminded that parking in Lot B also is available via monthly payroll deduction ($45.50). Departments also may offer courtesy parking coupons to visitors for certain purposes for Lots A and C (through the Office of Parking Services) and the Doctors Office Building garage (when prior arrangements are made with the DOB management, x7140).

Auxiliary Services explains traffic flow on Stoughton Street

At the request of several members of the Boston University Medical Center community, John Burtis, director of the Office of Auxiliary Services for the Medical Campus, recently explained the direction of traffic flow on the portion of Stoughton Street located between the University Hospital’s Talbot Building and the state-owned Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center and connecting with Evans Way in front of UH’s Evans Building.

STOUGHTON STREET TRAFFIC FLOW—Map depicts the two-way flow on Stoughton Street and the entrance to the Talbot parking lot.

According to Burtis, the street is two-way from Albany Street to the Talbot driveway heading into the Talbot parking lot (Parking Lot T), and one-way from East Newton Street to the Talbot driveway.

Ladislav Volicer, M.D., Ph.D., edits reference book on Alzheimer’s disease

Ladislav Volicer, M.D., Ph.D., a professor of pharmacology and an assistant professor of medicine at the School of Medicine, recently co-edited "Clinical Management of Alzheimer’s Disease" (Aspen Publishers, Inc., Frederick, Md., 1988), which provides strategies for health-care professionals working with patients who have Alzheimer’s disease.

The reference book covers such topics as ethical issues in the treatment of advanced Alzheimer’s; drugs used in treatment, education and training for interdisciplinary team members caring for patients; staff support; and therapeutic recreation goals and objectives.

‘Spanish for Medical Personnel’ offered to Medical Center community

The School of Medicine again is offering ongoing courses in conversational Spanish for Medical Center staff, faculty and students.

Classes for beginners are held on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.; intermediate/advanced classes will be held Mondays at 12:30 p.m. and Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. The one-hour classes will be held in Room 303 of the Instructional Building. For more information, please attend one of the classes or call the Office of Student Affairs, x4166 (638-4166).
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The effort, known as the Global Classroom Project, will make use of personal audiographic/video conferencing, which allows voice and graphics to be transmitted simultaneously over regular telephone lines. Such graphics include photos, x-rays and electrocardiograms. Audiences in both locations will share full-color, high-resolution video that can be stored in an electronic "picturebook" and then transmitted between the two countries in less than a minute. Participants will be able to interact with their counterparts and mark up, pinpoint and zoom in on a shared video image or text, while listening and talking to an instructor.

Paul Levine, M.D., an associate professor of medicine at BUSM, and Glickman demonstrated the technology on a Feb. 19 BUSM Area Health Education Center HealthNET program entitled "Cardiac Pacing." Levine, whose program originated from the University's television studio on the Charles River Campus, led physicians from North Shore Community Health Center and Fall River Community Health Center through a cardiac consultation. The health centers were equipped with the Optel computer system for the broadcast and were able to discuss the EKG's of three different patients with Levine.

Michael Donovan appointed director of Medical Campus Personnel

Michael J. Donovan in February was appointed director of the Medical Campus Office of Personnel, according to William Gasper, assistant vice president for Business Affairs at the Medical Campus. Donovan has been acting director of Personnel since November.

Donovan came to the Medical Campus from the Charles River Campus, where for eight years he was manager of employment and training in the Office of Personnel. He is a graduate of Boston College and Suffolk University Law School and is a member of the American and Massachusetts Bar Associations.

Ellis and Estella Leach Orthopedic Conference Room dedicated in DOB

The Ellis and Estella Leach Orthopedic Conference Room, located in the Doctors Office Building, recently was dedicated in honor of the parents of Robert Leach, M.D., chairman of the Department of Orthopedic and Fracture Surgery at the School.

According to Leach, whose father was a "voracious reader," the conference room also will serve as a library containing medical books and journals. "He gave me the tools to become a doctor," Leach continued. The late Ellis Leach was president of the New York City textile manufacturer, Collins and Aikman. Leach's mother, Estella Leach, lives in Portland, Maine.

"I think it's fair to say that this is Bob's department—he created it and nurtured it," said Dean John I. Sandson, who attended the dedication. A reception was held after the dedication ceremony. Others who attended included Leach's mother; Keith Meister, M.D., an orthopedic resident at the University Hospital; Audree Norett, Leach's administrative assistant; G. Richard Paul, M.D., an associate professor of orthopedic and fracture surgery; Michael Purnell, M.D., chief resident in orthopedics at UH; Charles Sanzone, M.D., Ph.D., an assistant professor of orthopedic surgery; Anthony Schepsis, M.D., an assistant professor of orthopedic surgery; George Whitelaw, M.D., an associate professor of orthopedic surgery and chairman of the Department of Orthopedics at Boston City Hospital; and Isadore Yablon, M.D., a professor of orthopedic and fracture surgery.

Center for Multicultural Training in Psychology offers seminar series

The Center for Multicultural Training in Psychology (CMTP), an integral part of the Division of Psychiatry at the School of Medicine and Boston City Hospital, will offer a series of seminars in March. The seminars are open to all Medical Center faculty, staff and students.

"Child Abuse and Incest from a Cultural Point of View" will be held on March 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Nursing Auditorium at Boston City Hospital.

CMTP will present a seminar on forensic psychology on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 23 through May 25. Topics will include "Competence to Stand Trial," "Criminal Responsibility," "Kids and Courts" and "Violence and the Mentally Ill." The seminars will be held in the Piano Lounge, which is on the fourth floor of the South Block building of BCH on 35 Northampton St.
For more information and confirmation of times and locations, please call Gisela Morales-Barreto, Ps.Ldo., M.A., at 424-4645.

BUSM Department of Neurology to hold Parkinson's disease program

The School of Medicine's Department of Neurology and the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Parkinson's Disease Association will co-sponsor "Parkinson's Disease Symposium" to be held on Wednesday, March 16, in the University's George Sherman Union.

The program will cover such topics as new treatments for Parkinson's disease patients, medications, coping mechanisms and dietary needs. All patients, family members and health-care providers are encouraged to attend.

Course directors are Cathi Thomas, R.N., M.S., coordinator of the BUSM Parkinson's Disease Program, and Suzanne E. Morin, Department of Neurology education coordinator. Speakers from the School of Medicine will include Robert G. Feldman, M.D., chairman of the Department of Neurology; Marie-Helene Saint-Hilaire, M.D., F.R.C.P.C., a fellow in movement disorders; and Gary Usher, M.D., also a fellow in movement disorders. For more information, please call Thomas at the Parkinson's Disease Information and Referral Center at x8466 (638-8466).

Briefly Noted

Bernard Fox, Ph.D., a professor of psychiatry (behavioral sciences), recently was appointed to the board of directors of the International Psycho- oncology Society....Thomas F. Freddo, O.D., Ph.D., an associate professor of ophthalmology and pathology, recently was named to the Scientific Advisory Committee of the American Health Assistance Foundation....Marianne Prout, M.D., M.P.H., an associate professor of socio-medical sciences and community medicine and an associate professor of public health (epidemiology and biostatistics) at the School of Public Health, recently spoke on "Whistleblowing: Who's Credible?" at a meeting of the New England Chapter of the American Medical Writers Association.

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