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SPORTSMEN—AND WOMEN—OF THE BUMC

We fish, run, fly, bowl, wrestle, fence, ski, sail and play ball—among other things!

Name your sport; you probably share it with a fellow member of the Medical Center.

Indoors and outdoors, winter and summer, we seem to spend a good deal of our spare time in pursuit of a favorite activity, finding delight in field and stream, ballfield and bowling alley, ski slope and golf course.

It would be difficult to designate any one sport at the top of the BUMC list in number of followers, but our fishermen are right up there when it comes to sheer enthusiasm.

FRONT & CENTER found many types of fishermen and women. Some like their fishing slow and easy; some prefer it fast and furious. Some tempt trout while others tackle tuna. But all are inclined to a rapturous description of their angling experiences.

Mrs. Beatrice Fuller of the Admitting Office, according to her interviewer, is an avid Atlantic Salmon Angler and her vacations are spent pursuing this exciting sport. She prefers the ‘dry fly’ to the ‘wet’. She has fished many famous salmon rivers — the Narraguagus in Maine, the Miramichi in New Brunswick, and the Margaree in Cape Breton. Her favorite is the Matane on the Gaspe peninsula, for it was here that she hooked and landed her largest salmon — a 16½ pounder!

Another fresh water fisherman, Dr. Richard Bush, enjoys the deep woods of Maine especially the Rangeley Lake area. Dr. Samuel Vose, former UH Urology Chief, “likes to be where the trout are.” He, too, prefers the “real woods” and has spent vacations for many years at Chain of Ponds, Eustis, Maine, near the Canadian border, or in the Laurentide Park, Quebec. Both Dr. Bush and Dr. Vose, belong to Boston’s Flycaster’s Club, as does present urology chief, Dr. Grant Dixey.

The good-looking trio in the photograph on this page — father, daughter and Bluefin Tuna — are Dr. Martin Bradford, BUSM Clinical Instructor in Surgery and a member of the Associate Staff of UH, Beth Bradford, and between them Beth’s 601 pound prize. Dr. Bradford’s summer home is Truro on Cape Cod; he keeps his 36 foot sport fisherman Chris Craft Toja III (which he owns jointly with a Boston advertising executive) in Wellfleet. He and his partner and the two youngest of his “five kids; three are grown” spend July weekends and the month of August making records for giant tuna. An August “Fish and Game” column in the Boston Globe covering the Cape’s sport fishing tuna record pronounced: "High private boat probably is the Toja III... outstanding catch among her three fish was a 661 pounder whipped in a zippy 45 minutes by Dr. Bradford’s daughter, Beth, who is only 15.” Last year, when Dr. Bradford and his partner took the Governor’s Cup for the largest tuna caught in Massachusetts Bay (a whopping 814 pounds) his son Mark, an Exeter student, received the junior Governor’s Cup for a 566 pound fish. (Mark himself weighed about 96 pounds at that time!)

Still another fervent fisherman is Dr. Norman Lenson, a member of the UH courtesy staff. Dr. Lenson devotes every weekend, May through September, to the sport. Starting off with salmon fishing at Sebago Lake, he switches to Marshfield mackerel and then to cod and haddock in Boston Harbor, and, lastly, bluefish and stripers at Wellfleet.

R.N. Maxine Allen, Asst. Eve. Supervisor is another devotee of bass fishing at Wellfleet.

The O’P.D’s Mrs. Mary Moran says that her fishing “was born out of necessity...Continued on page 2
sity. When her two sons were too young to drive, Mother was commandeered to chauffeur them to the Canal to fish. Boredom led her to purchase a five and dime rod and reel and the first time out she caught a five pound cod. That did it. Eight years later, with heavy duty tackle (gift of sons and husband) she is more often found out where the fishing is deep, averaging one shark per trip.

There is a natural overlap for Center fishermen with the fine art of sailing. Dr. Bush cruises in a 30 foot sloop-rig cutter out of Bethel, Maine, where he and his family have their summer place. Concentrating on her sailing is Betty Sturgis, Administration, who mastered the art at the Community Boating Club of Boston on the Charles River Basin. And for Dr. Thomas Sullivan, Oral Surgeon formerly on the regular staff of the Department of Oral Surgery and now a member of the courtesy staff, sailing is a tradition and almost a way of life. His father, a lawyer, was also a gifted boat designer. With the Lawleys of the famous old Neponset shipyard his father designed a Jersey ski skiff — unusual because of its combination of round bottom hull and flat keel. Dr. Sullivan, his 4 children and his wife, who is Medical Director of Simmons College, all enjoy one of these versatile boats "The Starling", a 28 footer, which has taken them cruising from Bar Harbor to Nantucket. "She is good at sea; you can bring her ashore on a beach when no docking facilities are available," says Dr. Sullivan.

Medical Librarian Carole Lange and Dr. Irving Madoff both sail a new 15' class boat, the Javelin; she sails at Rockport, he at Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard. The Javelin is an O'Day boat. Dr. Madoff and his 14-year-old son race their Javelin every summer. He has a handicap class that includes an assortment of sailboats from 12 to 16 feet.

And while we're on the subject of water sports, we can boast an expert surfer. Marsha Costello, Clinical Hematology, surfs both summer AND winter. She considers Truro, Nantucket, and Newport, Rhode Island, ideal areas for her sport because they produce 2-4 foot swells in summer and a constant three foot swell in winter. Newport can boast of frequent seven foot swells during the winter season. "Experience is your teacher," Miss Costello, says, and it's "Surf or Sink."

Back on terra firma we come to the Bowlers. Painter foremost Sam Kapinski, was active in a Hospital bowling group which numbered 20 or more members a few years ago. They are no longer active, partly, Sam feels, because some of the complications of dues "finding available alley space without getting into a league," etc. If we could form a league today "say with a minimum of 4 teams of 4 persons" who showed up on a regular basis, he feels it might be revived as a successful group activity for Center members.

Mrs. Ruth Obin, O.P.D. Accounting Supervisor, says an F&C reporter "has been bowling for six years with a mixed group called "The Alley Cats." She has quite an impressive record, with three trophies: high average, team and high three. A gal with more than a full time job at the O.P.D., Ruthie manages a home with three children and still finds time to be active in sports.

Our fishing friend, Mrs. Mary Moran, also bowls, acquiring two second place trophies in her three years with the Sodality Bowling League.

BUMC ballplayers come in all varieties. George Major, Assistant Comptroller, plays handball and basketball on one of the two Cambridge YMCA — in addition to his coaching activities. Herbert L. Payne, Assistant Professor of Physiology, reports to F&C: "A heterogeneous group of sophomores medical students, graduate students, and I played softball on Wednesdays afternoons for most of the summer. Occasionally we played against a group of students from Northeastern — and of course we were undefeated!"

The Housekeeping Department can boast of several football and basketball players or former players. Willie Good, who works in the Linen Room, used to play football on Carter Field with the Rams, and is now a member of "The Rattlers," a basketball team which practices in the gym of the Rice Franklin School at the corner of Warren and Dartmouth Street. He shows up at least 3 or 4 nights a week. The Rattlers have finished second for the last two years among the 18 teams of the South End Park League. James West is also with "The Rattlers." Other ballplayers in Housekeeping are William Brooks, Square Roscoe and Thomas Patterson, although they don't find the time to play as often as they would like.

Barbara Rose, second year medical student, writing in the September issue of "The Arena", advises her sister BUSM students as follows: "Contrary to what you may have heard, you don't have to study every second, or shouldn't. But, there is enough sitting hunched over books Rear End Spread. Some of the girls have fought the syndrome by getting together on week nights for basketball or volleyball. (If you can't work up team spirit, the Copley Square YWCA has swimming which is both relaxing and invigorating after a day of Dissection Back Ache and Microscope-Eye.)"

Jerry Hall, Security, used to play softball on the regular varsity team at Titusville High School in Florida, but at the moment he feels he'd like to take up bowling.

You will find an enthusiastic group of golfers in pictures sent to us for this issue; they're celebrating the Third Surgical Service's annual Golf Day at Sci­tuate. And another golfer is Samuel Peters, Housekeeping, who learned to play in his beautiful homeland, Trini­dad.

Combining a good many outdoor skills and joys in one activity are the ardent campers. Four years ago, O.R. Supervisor Mrs. Eleanor Murray and her husband indulged themselves in a 17-foot Travel Trailer, complete with john and heater, refrigeration and electricity. They take off each year for two weeks or a month. In 1966 they made a coast-to-coast trip, alternating one-night stands in camping sites that they reserve ahead, and full weeks in an area they particularly like. Last year a favorite spot was Sausalito, California across the Golden Gate from "The City by the Bay." This August "we returned to Virginia and Chesapeake Bay, a region we find beautiful."

Another camper, who goes in for a slightly more rugged existence, is Assistant Night Nursing Supervisor Mrs. Phyllis Davis. "When we were first married," she remembers, "we took to the road with a length of canvas in the
back seat for shelter. Now we have a 1962 Volkswagen Camper, and our two sons, four and five, have their own gear, knapsacks and so on. The family has camped as far afield as northern Michigan and Ontario, but particularly enjoy the camp sites of Maine, New Hampshire and New York states. Part of the fun is the cooking! Mrs. Davis tells us, "My husband buries everything (in the hot ashes of the campfire), and it may look awful, but does it come out tasting good! One of his foil-wrapped specialties is a mixture of beef, potatoes (peeled), ears of corn with the silk pulled off but the husks still on, and over all a liberal dousing of wine."

And now for some one-of-a-kind sportsmen and women—one-of-a-kind as reported to F&C; there must be others among us who share their enthusiasms.

Sabra Carl in lively style reports a feminine fencer: "Touché! Foil, épée, saber. You can hear them clash at the Cambridge YWCA every Thursday evening. Margaret (Peg) Sullivan, Cardiovascular Research, has pursued her interest in fencing to the Olympics in Rome and also in Tokyo, where she assisted. You will often find her at Brandeis University or the Salem YWCA judging competitions. She is shy in relating her triumphs, but they include many medals won in the New England Divisional Competitions."

The Admitting Office Mrs. Mary Tiews is a Lifetime Member of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, according to Miss Carl, explaining that this means "Daniel Boone-type weapons! Mrs. Tiews "can often be found on the rifle range, and she competes in the spring and fall shoots in both New Hampshire and New York State. Her other memberships include the National Rifle Association and the Ames Rifle and Pistol Club where she has won many medals."

She is also deep in plans for a Mini-Round Up of Girl Scouts at Cedar Hill in Waltham which will involve 100 7th, 8th and 9th grade Girl Scouts from the Greater Boston area.

Dr. Philip Elia, with a distinguished aviator, Assistant Visiting Surgeon Dr. William Croskery, a Colonel in the Massachusetts Air National Guard, is Senior Flight Surgeon and Medical Officer for the Wing. He is a member of the Ancient and Honor able Artillery, flies all over the world, (occasionally out to Aspen or Sun Valley for skiing), and most recently boarded a plane at Pease Air Force Base for an European trip. The Colonel is also a regular member of the El Street Brownies! Sgt. Clement Sanborn of the Security Force for the Center, in addition to a lively career in volley ball, baseball and football, is widely known as a referee for wrestling matches. He once shared referee responsibilities for an evening program with famous boxers Primo Carnera and Jersey Joe Wolicott, who turned to refereeing when their prime days in the ring were over. The Sergeant's enthusiasm for this activity was lessened slightly two or three years ago. During a match in Manchester, New Hampshire ... "It was a tank team of four men," says the Sergeant, "One of them, a 280 pounder, fell on me."

The Red Cross Water Safety Program used to bill swimming as "the sport that can save your life." In many situations, even more effective as a lifesaver is karate, to which Dr. Philip Elia is devoted. Dr. Elia, an Evans intern, is now on rotation at the Providence V.A. and his father, Dr. Andrew Elia, filled us in. "Phil took up karate a few years ago as a discipline, as a way to self-mastery of his own body. He was too heavy and he was smoking too much. His course of instruction at the YMCA proved everything he hoped and more; it became a philosophy. He lost 30 pounds and stopped smoking ... and his newly-acquired prowess at defending himself without arms may have saved him serious injury, or his life. ... "It was late at night about a year and a half ago," Dr. Elia continues. "Phil left the Hospital for a midnight stroll on Harrison Avenue. Someone jumped..."
BUMC BRIEFS

During the late magnificent frenzy at Fenway Park, "one of our own" was front and center throughout the action. On the morning of Friday, October 7, Jocelyn Harbaugh, Secretary to Plant Superintendent Herbert Klein, found herself prominently featured in all three Boston dailies. An alert reporter had spotted her on Thursday afternoon. (Remember that of blood analyzing medical electronic equipment.

Dr. James L. Vanderveen of Anesthesiology has sent us news of one of his staff members, Robert Finnell, a chief inhalation technician. Mr. Finnell, following a training course in the latest techniques of blood parameter analysis at Instrumentation Laboratory of Watertown, received a citation for achievement in the operation and application of blood analyzing medical electronic equipment.

James C. Melby, M.D., Associate Professor Medicine at the School, presented a paper entitled "Factors Influencing the Discovery and Development of the Hormonal Steroids: Scientific, Emotional, Political, Economic, and Military" at the seventy-third dinner meeting of the Benjamin Waterhouse Medical History Society held in the Evans Amphitheater on Monday evening, October 23. These meetings, the occasion for extremely stimulating presentations, are open to all physicians, students and members of the paramedical field.

Dr. Bernard Krasner, a member of the Visiting Staff of the Third Surgical Service at Boston City Hospital, returns to this country as we go to press, from two months with Project Hope in Colombia, South America.

The University of Cartagena, historic coastal city of Colombia, invited Hope, the people-to-people health foundation, to their city, and have extended their fullest cooperation. The ship has been officially designated as an affiliated hospital to the University, whose Medical School has 21 residents, 25 interns and about 120 students in the clinical years. Four residents and our interns are assigned to the ship and twenty students board Hope each day to work in the various specialties. Dr. Krasner divides his time between the ship and the University's hospital in Cartagena, where he is assigned to surgery and teaching responsibilities.

Jennie Metro Marries

One of University Hospital's best-known nurses, Supervisor Jennie Metro, is Jennie Metro Skipper now, and just returned from a month's vacation.

It's difficult to reach a busy nursing supervisor during her hours on duty, so F&C finally telephoned her Park Drive apartment on a pleasant October Sunday. A deep voice said, "Hello?" "May I speak to Jennie?" "Yes," the voice said, "Just a minute. She's baking a cake."

The voice belonged to Alphonse Skipper, bridegroom, to whom Miss Metro was married on September 3 at an afternoon ceremony in St. Trinity Albanian Orthodox Church on D Street, South Boston, with a reception for all at the Continental in Saugus. Of the 50 or so guests, Jennie says at least half were hospital or former hospital staffers.

Mr. and Mrs. Skipper returned to the Boston apartment and a few days later set out by car for a vacation trip. "Where?" "To Niagara Falls" — time out for a chuckle — "and then on to Detroit, Michigan, and Canada." Mr. Skipper, a former resident of Whitman, works for the Brockton Electric Company and now commutes to his job from Boston each day as Jennie takes off for the BH.

Ed. Note: It was a Chiquita Banana cake.

Mrs. Ruth E. Brody, Executive Secretary of the Boston University Surgical Service, Boston City Hospital, attended the American Association for Medical Assistants' Eleventh Annual Convention, held at the International Hotel, Los Angeles, October 11-15.

Mrs. Brody tells us that the American Association for Medical Assistants serves 35 states, including Hawaii, and has about 10,000 members — medical secretaries and others in paramedical fields. There are eight chapters in Massachusetts: Greater Boston, Middlesex, Berkshire, Hampden, Norfolk, Worcester, Worcester District, and North Shore with about 250 members. The Greater Boston Chapter, of which Mrs. Brody is a past-president, has 50 active members.

She continues: "Education is the key word for our Association and all its component chapters, so that we help physicians identify those qualified as top level assistants by establishing professional standards and goals for the medical assistant — who may wear at least eight hats on the job: diplomat, recorder, purchasing agent, banker, teacher, technician, information officer and hostess."

The only requirement for active membership is employment for at least six months by a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society who must sponsor the application. Mrs. Brody will welcome requests for further information by members of the Medical Center family who are interested in membership.

The Medical Center's switchboard is switching quarters again — this time to the nicest home of all for Mrs. Alice Carey and her crew. By mid-December the move from the basement of the Blue Building up to the seventh level should be complete. The new space for the telephone switchboard and dial system was created by closing in an open porch adjacent to the machinery floor. A great virtue of the new quarters is its expandability. Provision has been made for an anticipated growth to 1,200 telephone lines for the Center over the next ten years.

Among distinguished speakers at the "International Conference on Facial Pain" which highlights the 49th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Oral Surgeons, October 22-27 in Atlantic City will be Dr. Kurt H. Thoma of our School of Graduate Dentistry, whose work is known throughout the world. Leading oral surgeons from the United States and Canada, Great Britain and Japan are participating in the Conference.
Lester G. Houston for Roxbury Health Center

LESTER G. HOUSTON

Lester G. Houston has been named Project Director of the new Roxbury Health Center, first Office of Economic Opportunity Program in the nation whose goal is “true control by the neighborhood residents”. The Roxbury Center is Boston’s second O.E.O.-funded program (1.4 million) to provide medical care for the poor.

Our School of Medicine will provide the medical service for the new Center, and Mr. Houston will work closely with Dean Franklin G. Ebaugh, Jr., Dr. Henry Bakst and Dr. Bernard Bandler. Mr. Houston, Associate Professor and Chairman of the Community Organization Department of the Boston University School of Social Work and Associate Clinical professor in the Department of Psychiatry of the BUSM, has already been associated with the School in community planning and study projects in the field of mental health. “In a sense,” Mr. Houston says, “I was already on the scene.”

Between 1954 and 1957, Mr. Houston was Director of Community Organization and then Executive Director of the Special Youth Program, Roxbury; in 1957 he became Executive Director of the Roxbury Community Council, organizing and administering this district-wide citizens organization until 1962.

“But Roxbury today is vastly different,” says Mr. Houston. “The past six or seven years have seen rapid change, especially in the nature and extent of the local residents’ involvement and participation in these changes. The major civil rights movement was launched in this period, and federal and foundation money has changed the picture. I must reacquaint myself with Roxbury.”

Mr. Houston is convinced that the first year of the project is a crucial one.

“Our engagement and collaboration with the community during the first months will play an important role in the ultimate success of the Roxbury Center. Citizen participation is not always spelled out clearly, and if we mean what we say, high priority should be given to the role of the community. The people themselves must be provided the opportunity to indicate what is needed. I feel confident, however, that we can establish good trustful working relationships.”

“Our central concern at the new Center is of course health services, but I feel that we can also incorporate training programs that will benefit community residents: training, for example for medical technicians or clerical assistants.”

“The learning will be in both directions as our health services move into the community. I see the Roxbury Health Center as a tremendous educational opportunity.”

New Editorial Board Members Named by Dr. Rohrbaugh for F&C

At a recent editorial board meeting for FRONT and CENTER there was lively discussion of the publication’s readership!

The board members present felt, that in order to represent, insofar as is humanly possible, the entire range of our fellow workers in the Boston University Medical Center, and thus to interest a still greater number, two steps were necessary.

First, the appointment of additional editorial board members who would, in turn, account for a greater number of “reporters,” to keep their eyes and ears, hearts and minds, open to the news in the lives of those around them. To this end, BUMC Director Lewis H. Rohrbaugh, has invited the following men and women to join the board of FRONT & CENTER:

- Mrs. Connie Hutchinson
- Belle Cruikshank
- Paul Spratt
- Raymond Moughalian
- Mrs. Alice Brown
- Mrs. Mary Moran
- Janet Eagles
- Betty Hawes

The second step involves YOU, the reader. Will you let us know the kind of news you want in FRONT and CENTER? It is, after all, your publication, and you are partially responsible for the kind of publication you get! We would welcome comments and suggestions to board members, and/or “Letters to the F&C Editor” for publication. How about it?

You will note that FRONT and CENTER has “gone” to six pages in this issue, because there was such a fine response to our request for news. We can get still bigger and better. It’s up to you.

RECEPTION FOR DR. KRUGER-THIEMER... The photographs below were taken during the pleasant Evans 9 reception held on October 4th to welcome a distinguished Visiting Professor to the Center from the University of Kiel, Germany. With the Division of Medical Sciences as host, the reception honored Dr. Ekkehard Kruger-Thiemer, the recipient of the fellowship of Senior Foreign Scientist of the National Science Foundation, to be with us during 1967-68 as Visiting Professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. The top photograph shows Dr. Kruger-Thiemer, with his wife at his side, in the lower left corner.
Six Men and a Woman

Six men and a woman, recipients of research fellowship awards from the National Institute of General Medical Science (one of the eight National Institutes of Health), are hard at work in our midst on the research studies which earned them this distinction. These Fellowships, announced on August 30th, are awarded in national competition after thorough review by two groups of noted authorities in the field. The BUSM fellows in this program, aimed at enabling individuals "of competence and potential" to advance "ward J. Kerns for "The study of anti-gram, aimed at enabling individuals "of synthesis and tolerance."