BUMC Personnel Volunteer in Many Good Causes

We live in an age of organizations and interests so kaleidoscopic, and charities and causes so diverse that the choice is limitless for those who are good enough to give of their leisure time to help or enrich the lives of others.

This diversity is well represented by members of our own "working world," the Medical Center, who — as revealed in a brief FRONT & CENTER survey — perform an incredible variety of volunteer jobs, from Coast Guard Auxiliary to Dial-a-Dietician.

Mrs. Mary Moran of the O.P.D. who lives in Marshfield, coped successfully with eight weeks of exams "in everything from first aid to equipment maintenance" for her admission to the Plymouth Flotilla of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, which is concerned with public safety, specifically of course the safety of those who put to sea. It's not a snap course. "You must pass your exams with 90 or better," says Mrs. Moran. She and husband James own a motorboat, the *Jamar,* and both are on call for emergencies as well as contributing their share of time to sunset patrols, regatta patrols and first aid to the stranded sailboat. "They may call us stinkpots," says Mrs. Moran, "but they are very glad to have us tow them in."

Another of our volunteers in the cause of public safety is Ralph Gerry, Office Manager, who has been a member of the Melrose Auxiliary Police as a Patrolman for 19 years. He had previously been an Air Raid Warden. Most of his jobs involve local ball games, parades, holidays, and his "usual" Sunday morning duty at the Melrose Baptist Church. He feels he is "really helping people" and that he is "paid back in their gratitude and friendliness. They get to expect you there, and they appreciate you." Mr. Gerry has given an average of about 260 hours a year of his time and enjoyed every minute.

We have several Big Sisters among us. Those who told of their work with this non-profit social service organization were Mary DiCiaccio, Cancer Research, Betty Sturgis, Administration, and Judy Haskell, Public Information. Miss DiCiaccio's little sister is now 12 but was only an 8-year-old when the organization first brought them together. A volunteer Big Sister is expected to spend a few hours every week with her sister, and often she devotes a whole day to an outing. Meetings are on a regular, although flexible schedule and the organization asks the volunteer to give at least two years to the relationship. Miss DiCiaccio and her youngster spend quiet hours knitting, making brownies. They may go bowling or to the beach or see a children's theatre performance together.

Miss Sturgis says: "A Big Sister is not a mother or a baby sitter. She is a friend and confidante to the little sister. She is someone to whom the child can turn with a problem or just to talk. Over the months you find the relationship growing and you can't wait until the next meeting. It's not all rosy; it takes time and energy. But the rewards are tremendous."

Judy Haskell has only just met her little sister, an appealing Spanish-speaking twelve-year-old, who lives near the Medical Center. The waiting period of interviews before the final "sistership" seems endless, says Judy, but "they want to make sure that the choice is as nearly right as possible considering interests and compatibility." She adds that the Big Sister Association is always on the lookout for women who can give of their lives and their leisure to a youngster, who, for a variety of reasons —

On July 1, the Cardiac Care Unit moved to brand-new quarters on Robinson 5, on the site of the former Obstetrical Delivery Suite. Margaret Hodgdon, R.N., Supervisor of "Robby 5," is shown examining facilities for one of the five beds, which provide restful privacy and at the same time include every lifesaving, monitoring device yet designed for the cardiac patient. (Turn to the next page for more pictures of the new Cardiac Care Unit.)
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some of them sad — need this special companionship.

Rosemary Simone, Research Assistant to Dr. Egdahl, provides a weekend foster home to small children from the Nazareth Child Care Center. Many of these little boys and girls, who are not adoptable now for legal and other reasons, have emotional problems, and weekends of normal home life help them greatly. "Only very occasionally do we plan a special event," says Miss Simone. "They need and enjoy the feeling of home. And they always come to us for Christmas." Right now she and her roommate are welcoming two little boys each weekend.

Another volunteer who devotes much of his leisure to children is Harold Thomson, Elevator Operator. Sabra Carl reports that Mr. Thomson "has brightened the hours of many children who have been patients at UH, both with his personality and his gifts. He spends his leisure time making scrapbooks with bold, colorful, interesting pictures. The children at New England Medical Center, Boston City Hospital and our own hospital have come to look forward to his daily visits and his scrapbooks, as his thank you letters attest."

Miriam Barror, of the Business Office, helps the sisters at Kennedy Memorial Hospital at least once a week as they care for the severely handicapped youngsters there. She may read or play with a group of retarded children, and sometimes she and the youngsters draw and paint together.

Cub Scouts account for a good many hours of volunteer activity for both Joe Danner, Carpenter Foreman, and Chaplain Leicester Potter. Mr. Danner has been a Committee Chairman in his community and Chaplain Potter is a Cubmaster. Mr. Danner is a graduate of the MMH School of Nursing, who has been a volunteer nurse for our Hospital, is a Den Mother!

Civic and community volunteer work occupies the leisure of many of our fellow workers. BUSM Registrar Mrs. Anne Cech has been a Town Meeting Member for Brookline for several years as well as serving on the town's Advisory Committee. She is a former President of the League of Women Voters and the Women's Republican Club of Brookline. Mrs. Marguerite Shaw, Ophthalmology, and Sabra Carl, Personnel "worked the heads off" at last year's Republican State Convention, following this up with work for Mrs. Shaw at Senator Edward Brooke's campaign headquarters and a volunteer job for Miss Carl in the office of Governor Volpe. Miss Carl is now a willing worker for John Sears, candidate for Mayor of Boston.

Dr. Robert Wilkins, UH Physician-in-Chief and Chairman of the BUSM Department of Medicine became actively emboiled in a renewal-plan battle for his historic town of Newburyport several years ago. At the suggestion of the Mayor, he formed a committee, which involved the interests of the Newburyport Historical Society, and was elected its chairman. Over a period of years, Dr. Wilkins and his committee made real headway with their struggle to preserve and restore Newburyport's historic buildings instead of subjecting them to the bulldozers in favor of a vast parking lot and other "improvements." The restoration forces have steadily gained ground, and last fall Dr. Wilkins was made the state appointee to the five man R.N.A. board. The exact renewal fate of Newburyport is still undecided. See the Doctor for a prognosis!

Calling All (Active!) Sports Enthusiasts

Two items on successful Little League coaches have already hit the editor's desk. So it looks like time for a round-up on the athletes and sport men-and-women of the BUMC.

Do you sail a boat, play a mean game of tennis, bowl in the winning league, coach the local kids in hockey, baseball, basketball, football? Are you a runner, a curler, a wrestler, a golfer, a skier or a skater?

Tip the editor off, and we will interview you for the next FRONT & CENTER round-up. For this particular story, no Red Sox fans, or other spectator sportsmen, need apply: you've got to be "in there pitching."

There are many volunteer board members in our midst. UH President Paul Hellmuth, who also serves the Children's Hospital, heads the Boys Clubs of Boston and is a trustee for the Museum of Fine Arts, the Museum of Science and the Boston Symphony. Mrs. Harboure Stuart, President of the Hospital's Aid Association, also serves as Secretary of the Council of Hospital Auxiliaries for the greater Boston area.

Church work accounts for many long and loyal hours of service. Elizabeth Rackemann, Director of Volunteer Service, teaches pre-school youngsters in a Sunday class at the First Church of Boston (Unitarian). Ada Freeman, is active on the Scholarship Board of her church in Hough's Neck (Congregational) which holds a magnificent Smorgasbord in the Spring and a Chicken Barbecue on Labor Day to raise the funds that annually make it possible for a young person of the church to launch a college career. The rotating loan is repaid by the student during his senior year.

Involved in less well-known volunteer activities are Martha Chase, O.P.D. dietitian, and Jerome Preston, Chairman of the Hospital board.

Miss Chase is a "Dial-a-Dietician" volunteer through the Massachusetts Dietetics Association she heard of this valuable free health service and has given many hours of help. Anyone who wants nutritional advice writes or phones in a question, which is then referred to a volunteer like Miss Chase, who returns the call and gives the specific information requested. Each volunteer calls herself "Marcia Day." Miss Chase says many questions are concerned with calorie values. A typical question, pulled from the top of her current batch: "What's the difference between yoghurt, creamed cottage cheese and the regular kind?"

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WELCOMING DINNER FOR HOUSE OFFICERS

The pictures on this page were all taken on Wednesday, July 5, during the progress of the Welcoming Reception and Dinner for House Officers, held in the Skyline Room of Boston's Museum of Science. After a cloudburst beginning, the view-filled windows cleared to a serene twilight sky and a sparkling evening view of Boston and the Charles.

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Mr. Preston is a “citizen diplomat.” With Mrs. Preston, he offers hospitality and companionship in Boston to official visitors from all over the world, many of whom are in this country under the auspices of the State Department. Mr. Preston is a volunteer of the Boston Council for International Visitors.

New Nursing Assistants Course

The Hospital's Nursing Department has developed an advanced course for Nursing Assistants which graduated its first class this summer.

The four-week training period, from July 1 to August 5th, was designed to give nursing assistants in grade 3 a greater variety of techniques and thus enable them to give more extensive patient care.

Participants, chosen on the basis of good job performance and on the recommendation of their supervisors, were Carolyn Bonsey, Anna Hunter, Maria Pegoraro, Edda Sonnenberg, John Sullivan and Phyllis Warren.

The program was directed by Emily Feener, Associate Director for Patient Care, assisted by Patricia Wood, Training Supervisor, and included classroom theory and supervised practice on the wards. It is one of a variety of educational programs carried on by the Nursing Department from Orientation to R.N. Refresher Courses, Surgical Technician Courses and other programs for Nursing Assistants.

On graduation, the members of the new course this summer moved into grade 4 for Nursing Assistants. Congratulations!

Your Question, Please?

Do you have a question you would like answered briefly in these pages by a member of the BUMC administration?

Send it for the attention of the F&C editor to the Public Information office. You may designate the individual to discuss the question, and you may withhold your own name. Only one “Q and A” will appear in each issue of FRONT & CENTER, selected on the basis of probable interest to the greatest number of your fellow workers.

A question already received — “Are all BUMC retirement plans compulsory?” — will be tackled in the next issue by Robert Jordan and Martin Ames.
BUMC BRIEFS

There is nothing like getting off to a good start! Dean Ebaugh called the June 28th General Faculty Meeting of the BUMC to order with the announcement that the Medical students had won the all-university soccer award!

Or finishing with a heart-felt flourish. At the close of this same meeting—the last for Dr. Alice Marston, retiring faculty member who has given more than 30 years to the School—a standing ovation was spontaneously given in her honor.

All students and employees of University Hospital and the Medical Center (both full time and retired) are eligible for the range of services offered by the University’s expanded Credit Union, located at 226 Bay State Road. Membership is acquired with the purchase of one $5.00 share and a fifty cent initiation fee.

Recent services added to the steady increase in assets, savings and loans, are over-the-counter State Street Bank money orders. American Express Traveler’s checks and agreements with drugs, automobile and appliance agencies, which enable shareholders to effect considerable saving.

Membership in the Credit Union provides loans at the lowest interest rates in the area, and the convenience of saving through payroll deduction. The dividend last year was paid at 5%.

Dr. David Charles has been named Director of the Obstetrics-Gynecology Service at Boston City Hospital. The appointment was retroactive to July 1, the date on which the Boston University Medical Center assumed responsibility for the reorganized service. Dr. Charles will also serve as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the BUSM. He came to us from the University of Pittsburgh’s Magee Women’s Hospital.

Evangelique will appear in the September issue of the BUMC SCOPE.

Dr. Blake was graduated in the morning and married in the afternoon, making May 28, 1967, a day for his records.

The Alumni Office of the School of Medicine has been enlarged to cover the School of Graduate Dentistry. As of July 1, 1967, this office, headed by Robert S. Fox, has begun to perform its functions for the School of Graduate Dentistry as well as for the BUSM.

Enthusiastic graduates of the new Dental Assistants Program have already formed an Association. This year’s class, which held a simple and impressive graduation ceremony, on June 28, presented a check for scholarship aid to a deserving student of the class of 1968.

Dr. Lester S. Dewis became Assistant Dean of the Medical School in charge of Student Affairs in July. The full-time appointment was announced by Dean Franklin G. Ebaugh, Jr.

As an undergraduate in Boston University’s College of Liberal Arts, Dr. Dewis was a Buck Scholar. He graduated from the BUSM in 1961 and was recently board certified in physical medicine. He will chair the Admissions Committee which is responsible to the Executive Faculty for the establishment of admission policies and procedures. He will also serve as a Student Counselor.

Robert Galen, who enters his second year at the School this fall as a member of the six-year program, is getting used to the national limelight.

Culminating a series of regional prizes in a competition sponsored by the Student American Medical Association and Squibb, top national honors were awarded to Galen at the annual meeting of the American Medical Association, held in Atlantic City in June. The award was made for his experimental system designed to speed treatment in bacterial infections with effective antibiotics.

An exhibit featuring his work, designated as Black Light Bacteriostasis, was on display at the convention. He received $750, a gold medal and a plaque for his system which hopes to cut down to five hours (from 24) the time required to determine if particular bacteria are sensitive or resistant to particular antibiotics.

Galen, a native of Cranford, New Jersey, now lives in Dorchester.

In mid-July David B. Eaton joined us as Assistant Plant Superintendent of the Medical Center for all the B.U. facilities on this campus. Mr. Eaton retired recently from 30 years of service as a Chief Warrant Officer in the United States Navy. He has an extensive background in the maintenance and operation of facilities and equipment.

Dr. Lewis H. Rohrbough, BUMC Director, was a participant in the Third National Conference on Public Health Training, convened by the Surgeon General of the United States, and held at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, August 16-18. The Conference members — 100 in number from throughout the nation — were selected and invited on a basis of leadership and influence in the professional areas currently involved in public health. It was a working Conference with the participants assisting the Surgeon General in an evaluation of the training programs for professional public health personnel, and the preparation of a report to Congress.

A Shiny New Home for Central Sterile Supply

After years of scattered, somewhat hole-in-corner quarters, Central Sterile Supply is now consolidated on Robinson 5 on the site of the old nurseries. Evelyn Ryer is shown at the autoclave, and Mrs. Anna Stowe at the worktable, preparing sterile packs.

Carol Lange, Medical Record Librarian presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Tennessee Association of Medical Record Librarians, held in June. Her subject was "Block Diagramming — A New Format for Procedure Manuals." Carole has been developing this format in our own Medical Record Department and says that the format makes for a better, more useful and easier to update manual.

Dr. Paul Blake, BUSM, ’67, an intern on Evans 3 in private medical service, spent the summer of 1966 in the Congo as a “Smith Kline and French’er.” His vivid account of his experience at the Institute Medical