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Miss Chadwick was kept delightfully busy at her goodbye party with all of her friends and admirers eager for a special parting chat. Students, faculty and co-workers crowded around her throughout the gala reception, taking time out only for the festive refreshments.

Hospital Holds 115th Annual Meeting

Founded in 1855, the University Hospital of the Boston University Medical Center, held its 115th Annual Meeting on the evening of December 8, 1969. The setting was the Boston Museum of Science's streamlined building on the Charles River, and despite a night of heavy winter rain, the attendance—and spirit—for the gathering reached a new high.

A chance to meet and chat convivially was provided on the ground floor of the Museum where the pre-Dinner Meeting reception was held. Under the approving eye of glassed-in moose and smaller mammals, faculty, trustees, incorporators, their wives and friends circulated to share the Hospital's 1969 news and accomplishments.

Following a superbly prepared and served catered dinner, friends of Uni-

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Sneak Thief Captured: "Thank God for Two-Way Radio!"

Smooth and skillful teamwork on the part of Medical Center security staff has staved off a robbery that would have spelled painful personal loss for Medical Center personnel.

Shortly after lunch time on the afternoon of December 2, a member of the Security Force spotted a "suspicious looking person" on the 10th floor of the Blue Building (Housman Medical Research Center). He lost him on the

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University Hospital relaxed in the Skyline Room of the Museum for the formal program of the Annual Meeting.

After an Invocation by the Rev. Leicester R. Potter, Jr., a welcome from Dinner Chairman Herbert A. Abramson, and Greetings from President Arland F. Christ-Janer of Boston University, Hospital President Paul F. Hellmuth conducted the Business Meeting. Judge Bailey Aldrich read the Report of the Nominating Committee and the Minutes of the 114th Annual Meeting. Louis J. Hunter, Hospital Treasurer, presented his Report. After remarks by Medical Center Director Lewis H. Rohrbaugh and Hospital Administrator Nelson F. Evans, Paul Hellmuth delivered his message and brought the official business meeting to an end.

Ernest F. Stockwell, Jr. gave a lively report on the Doctors' Office Building, latest in the newly-opened structures on our Medical Center campus. John F. Cogan, Jr. spoke of the immediate needs of the Hospital, and his wife gave a vivid account of the Aid Association's activities which she oversees as Aid Association President.

The highlight of the evening's after-dinner program was a presentation of the Eye Program at the Medical Center. Drs. Ephraim Friedman, Howard M. Leibowitz, and Simmons Lessell spoke tellingly of this distinguished program.

LOWELL LECTURES BRILLIANT

The first four of the Boston University Medical Center-sponsored Lowell Institute Lecture Series have been delivered. Following Dr. Fredrick C. Redlich's opening presentation on the Channel 2 (WGBH TV) and Channel 44 series, with an enthusiastic studio audience drawn from students and faculty of the Center, in addition to members of the Boston and national press, Dr. Robert R. Wilkins and Dr. Charles F. Code gave lectures on November 25 and December 2 respectively.

Dr. Wilkins graciously stepped in to present his topic "Needs of Medical Education" on the date originally scheduled for Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, who was forced, because of the death of his father, to set his scheduled date ahead. On December 16th, with an impressive attendance of media, Senator Kennedy presented a concise and thought-provoking look at "A Health Policy for the 70's."

Following is a list of the remaining lectures in the series. All Medical Center members are cordially invited to come to the studio for the live presentations, which are scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons, and present their own questions in person during the period set aside after the formal presentation.

The series is aired on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. on Channel 44 and again on Channel 2 at 6 p.m. on Saturday evening.

The remainder of the series takes place on these dates:

January 6 - ERNEST B. HOWARD, M.D., Executive Vice-President, American Medical Association, "Organized Medicine: the AMA'.

January 13 - JAMES B. SHANNON, M.D., Special Advisor to President, National Academy of Sciences, "Doctor and Patient as Research Team".

January 20 - DAVID M. FRENCH, M.D., Professor and Chairman, Dept. of Community Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine, "Educating the Consumer".

January 27 - IRVINE PAGE, M.D., Director Emeritus, Research Division, Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Editor, Modern Medicine, "The Science Writer as Danger".

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which was her official and affectionate "send-off" from the Medical Center.

The December 10th reception for Miss Chadwick, held on the 14th floor lounge, was gay and unstructured, but highlighted by the tributes paid her by long-time friends and the appreciative students who have always found Miss Chadwick "tops" in friendship and efficiency. Dr. Vincent Lanzoni, Thomas Massello and Dean Henry J. Bakst were among those making graceful speeches. A delicate and lovely gold circlet pin from Shreve's was presented as a parting gift.

LOWELL LECTURES (continued)

BERTON ROUECHE, Writer, "The Science Writer as Ally".

February 3 – WALTER J. McNERNEY, President, Blue Cross Association, "Why Does Medical Care Cost So Much?"

February 10 – ISAAC ASIMOV, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biochemistry, Boston University School of Medicine; Writer, "Future of Medical Communication".

DR. FREED TESTIFIES

Dr. Murray M. Freed, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, in testimony delivered before a Congressional Committee in Washington on December 9, stated that one of the greatest challenges confronting medicine today is posed by individuals with spinal cord damage.

Dr. Freed testified before the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Welfare Appropriations of the Committee on Appropriations of the United States Senate, whose Chairman is Senator Warren Magnuson. He urged the Senators to designate 10-12 civilian centers for the treatment of spinal cord cases, citing the excellent results of such centers at Veterans Administration Hospitals. He stated strongly that in this fiscal year, $2.5 million be made available for the expansion of such centers through staff and equipment increases.

The patient who receives treatment in a properly staffed and equipped specialized unit will do better medically, according to Dr. Freed, and will regain independence sooner, allowing for an earlier return to his home and his work. Unfortunately, Dr. Freed told the Senators, there are "painfully few" centers devoting their efforts to the total management of the spinal cord patient—usually a young adult who must be helped to a new way of life—and able to treat him from the day of injury.

Dr. Freed described in his testimony the spinal cord unit at our Medical Center, the only such unit in the country within a general hospital, except for the Veterans Administration or Service Hospitals.

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6th. By 2:45 p.m., Sgt. Sanborn, alerted by two-way radio, was on his trail. After a forty minute search and chase, the suspect, attempting to beat a hasty exit, was "detained" on the first floor of the Research Building until a member of the Boston Police Department could arrive and apprehend him officially. On his person—in addition to a screwdriver a foot long—were wallets belonging to two women members of our Medical Center staff. Although he is appealing the Municipal Court sentence of "a year in the jug" the thief was "foiled" in his attempt to pull off a Christmas-time robbery.

Herbert D. Klein, Plant Superintendent, gives full credit to the Medical Center Security Guards whose skillful cooperation protects our personnel, equipment and buildings. The officers involved in the capture were Sgt. Sanborn and security guards Holt, Harris, Coleman, Gammons and Graham.

The happy people above gathered on the 14th floor student lounge for Miss Edith Chadwick's gala send-off. Above, the faces tell the story: Dr. "Matt" Derow is regaling the group with one of his dramatic tales. Below, can be seen Dean Bakst and Tom Massello presenting and admiring the beautiful gift pin to Miss Chadwick, and the group who watched the presentation. Refreshments were really "something", too. Small barbecued chicken wings, oriental style, tiny meatballs, etc. etc. What next?
BUMC BRIEFS

As we go to press, Christmas still looms in its own happy but hectic fashion. But as you read FRONT & CENTER the season will be moving into the new year of a new decade. May the 1970's be good years for our Medical Center and its men and women.

Traditional School, Hospital and Center holiday activities were held during December. For the third year, the Boston University chapter of the Student American Medical Association held a Christmas Toy Drive and Dance. Each couple brought a toy for a sick or needy child as the price of admission to a lively orchestra, and "an abundance of refreshments for the thirsty" as David Paul of SAMA put it in his invitation.

Gerald Borgal of Administration represented the Medical Center as neighbor at the December 11th evening Tree Lighting Ceremony in Worcester Square Park. Speeches and carols rang out in the cold night, brightened by the sudden illumination of the large and handsome Christmas tree. Cathedral Grammar School Children, students of the Boston City Hospital School of Nursing, and Worcester Square neighbors all burst into song. A jovial Santa Claus and hot coffee and cookies provided warmth and cheer for this truly community celebration.

At this writing, more than 1000 of us—the men and women of the Medical Center—are expected to drop in, or is it up?, to the beautifully festive 14th floor student lounge for the All-BUMC holiday party. Santa (a secret) and his elves will be there. A banjo trio will keep things gay, and the refreshments, of amazing supply. There will be a page of pictures of all of us enjoying ourselves in the January FRONT & CENTER.

Sabra Carl of Personnel, a frequent contributor to F&C, sends us the following account of an honor (well-earned) just received by one of our best-known co-workers:

Sgt. Clement W. Sanborn, Jr., a member of the UH security force since 1956, has been elected President of the newly organized Massachusetts Hospital Security Association. Hospitals throughout the state are represented in the organization. Their purpose is to promote the application of professional security methods to all areas involving the safety and security of patients, personnel and visitors in Massachusetts hospitals.

Sgt. Sanborn has had a varied background in security work since 1940 when he was at the Otis Air Force Base and later with the Dennis Police Department. He has taken courses in law enforcement and security at the Graduate Institute of Applied Science in Chicago. David Eaton, BUSM, and Melvin Burt, UH are also members of the organization.

Dr. David S. Sherman, Associate in Medicine of the School of Medicine, has just been appointed Director of the Chronic Disease Hospitals of the Department of Health and Hospitals, City of Boston. This position is a new one brought about by the merger of the former posts of Director of the Long Island Chronic Disease Hospital and Director of the Mattapan Chronic Disease Hospital.

Dr. Sherman, a BUSM graduate, is widely known for his research on tuberculosis and has served as Director of the Massachusetts TB and Health League.

The Long Island Hospital serves 600 long-term patients; many of these are socially destitute men. The Mattapan Hospital has 300 beds for chronic and tuberculosis patients. Dr. Sherman finds his new job a real challenge. He says that he hopes to bring the Chronic Disease Hospitals closer within the Department of Health and Hospitals as he strives to insure top grade medical care.

One of the most colorful members of the Medical Center, Dr. William Croskery, is a familiar and dashing figure in the corridors of the Hospital. He is Assistant Visiting Surgeon. But "Colonel Bill" is also admired and marveled at on a coast-to-coast basis. In late November the following "squib" appeared in the Boston Herald-Traveler's Hub Hub column:

VIPs from throughout the nation will wing their way here Sunday for that gala in honor of Col. Bill Croskery, the famed Boston flight surgeon, whose exploits as a parachute rescue surgeon in World War II and Alaska will be long remembered. The good doctor is retiring from military service but he'll continue to be a daily figure doing his "thing" as an L Street Brownie. The dinner, skedded for the Harvard Club, is chaired by Registrars Dick McLaughlin and is a near-sellout.

On the same theme: BUMC doctors in the news, but in another paper, the Boston Globe, an extremely gifted Medical Center man Dr. Nathan L. Fineberg, Clinical Professor of Otolaryngology, Emeritus, was the subject of a feature article by Globe staffer Evelyn Keene. The 8-column headline announced: "Plastic Surgeon uses old medical tools as a sculptor!"

Following are excerpts from the Globe interview:

A Newton plastic surgeon chisels noses during the day and spends his free time carving sculptures. There's not much difference in the work, says Dr. Nathan L. Fineberg of 51 Homer St. The nose work must be quite with an eye to form, proportion, aesthetics. Sculpture, too, needs form and proportion but the aesthetic effects are different. The sculpture must be interesting as a whole, symbolic perhaps, and the work is not quite as exacting. He is able to use discarded medical tools in his sculptor's studio.

At 69, the versatile doctor enjoys both jobs.

For kicks, and to keep physically fit for his busy life, Dr. Fineberg stands on his head doing yoga or jogs at least a mile and a half three times a week at Brewer Park — and watches his diet. He is light and limber and can lift 95 pound stone weights, from which he plans to carve a figure, almost as easily as a bag of potatoes.

A Harvard graduate, class of 1922, Dr. Fineberg worked his way through Boston University Medical School. He recently was awarded the school's 16th annual Distinguished Alumnus Award. His wife is an ophthalmologist, as is his only son. He also has two daughters, one of whom is a speech therapist.

The Newton Free Library will exhibit Dr. Fineberg's several hundred pieces of sculpture Dec. 13 - Jan. 14.

Wanted in 1970: more contributors to FRONT & CENTER. Items for BUMC BRIEFS are welcome at any time.