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Medical Center marchers set off for the Boston Common to join the enormous and quiet throng which met on October 15 as part of a national protest against the war in Vietnam.

Vietnam Teach-In
Impressive Sharing of October 15 Day of Protest

Organized by students and moderated by faculty members, the Vietnam Teach-In was an impressive demonstration of the Medical Center's concern with the physician's role in bringing the war in Vietnam to an end.

When plans for the city-wide observance of October 15th—Moratorium Day—were announced, the faculty of the Boston University School of Medicine voted at an October 8th faculty meeting to suspend formal educational activities on that day to permit students and faculty to attend a morning Teach-In. The faculty also voted in favor of an

FIRST LOWELL LECTURE
TELEVISED ON CHANNEL 2

The first of a Lowell Institute Lecture Series, announced in October's FRONT & CENTER, was held on Tuesday, November 18, with Medical Center students sharing the star billing on the TV screen with moderator Dr. Franz J. Ingelfinger, and Dr. Fredrick C. Redlich, Dean, Yale University School of Medicine.

At the conclusion of Dr. Redlich's address which dealt with "The Doctor and his Patient: Explaining Illness," a twenty-minute period was devoted to questions from the studio audience. Four of the six questions were posed by students, and Dr. Ruth Levine, who, with Drs. Alan S. Cohen and John A. Mannick make up Dr. Ingelfinger's Committee on the Series, reports that the students were impressive in appearance as well as in the calibre of their challenges to Dr. Redlich. (Present at the studio, Dr. Levine was able to watch the "show" on Channel 44 that same evening. She urges students to try to be present at the studio for the remainder of the distinguished lectures.)

The dates, speakers and lectures are as follows:
November 18 - FREDRICK C. REDLICH, M.D., Dean, Yale University School of Medicine. "THE DOCTOR AND HIS PATIENT: EXPLAINING ILLNESS."

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ALICE FRASER NAMED UH DIRECTOR OF NURSING

The news that Alice M. Fraser had been appointed to the post of Director of Nursing for University Hospital was enthusiastically received throughout the Medical Center. She has been Acting Director since November of 1968. A reception to mark her appointment was held on November 6th, on Evans 9.

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Three students at the Vietnam Teach-In, left, listen earnestly to an eloquent speech by Paul Parks (center, at the lectern). Mr. Parks is Director of the Boston Model Cities Program. At right, marchers from the Medical Center start out from the Instructional Building on their way to join the great concentration of Moratorium participants on Boston Common.

VIETNAM TEACH-IN (continued)

early termination of the Vietnam war involving the total withdrawal of our forces within a period of one year.

Moratorium Day dawned exquisitely clear and sunny for the estimated 100,000 participants in the meeting on Boston Common. Our Medical Center's part in the day began at 9 a.m. in the J. Mark Hiebert Student Lounge when more than 200 medical students, nurses, faculty, researchers and staff assembled to hear eloquent addresses on the question of troop withdrawal, biological warfare, and how—when war's end makes funds available—the physician can help to improve the health of dwellers in the core cities.

Principal speakers were Howard Zinn, Professor of Government, Boston University; Paul Parks, Director of the Boston Model Cities Program; Dr. Matthew Meselson, Harvard Professor of Biology; Attorney Alan MacKay, former national chairman of the Y.A.F.; and Mark Rapoport, a medical student who is back from two months in Vietnam. Dr. Ephraim Friedman, Ophthalmologist-in-Chief of the Medical Center, and Dr. Robert Klein, Research Professor of Pediatrics, Boston City Hospital, moderated the four hour teach-in. As the photographs on these pages attest, interest was intense.

At the conclusion of the meeting, white coated students took to the streets to obtain signatures for postcards addressed to President Nixon which urged complete and immediate troop withdrawal from Vietnam. Then at 2:30 the Medical Center contingent met outside the Instructional Building to begin the march down Harrison Avenue, to join the group from Tufts Medical School, and proceed to participation in the huge and peaceful demonstration on the Boston Common.

ALICE FRASER (continued)

Miss Fraser’s nursing career has been unusually rich and varied. A native of Nova Scotia, she graduated from the three-year program of Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, in 1947. Coming to the United States in 1948, her first nursing post here was at Boston's Baker Memorial Hospital where she was a staff nurse on the OR. In 1950 she received a Certificate in Ophthalmic Nursing from the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, and worked the following year as an office nurse for a Wilmington Ophthalmologist. Between 1951 and 1965 (when she came to University Hospital as Associate Director of Nursing Service) Miss Fraser worked and studied in New York City. At the New York Hospital - Cornell Medical Center, Miss Fraser was a staff nurse on the eye service and on emergency before going to St. Luke's Hospital as Head Nurse, EENT, G.U. Surgery, and Psychiatry. After two years as an industrial nurse, she returned to St. Luke’s as Assistant Evening Supervisor, and later as Head Nurse of the Intensive Care Unit. Meanwhile, in 1962 she received a B.S. degree from Teachers College, Columbia University in the pre-specialization program, and in 1965 was awarded the M.A. in Nursing Service Administration, also from Columbia.

Miss Fraser has served as a staff nurse on a per diem basis. She has even been a camp nurse! The Medical Center is fortunate to have at the head of its vitally important nursing department, a director with such broad experience and thorough academic background.

A big smile and a cup of coffee for Director of Nursing Alice Fraser; and a group of University Hospital nursing staff members at the party which honored their Director.
UH Aid Association
to Sponsor Art Auction

April 10th and 11th, 1970, promise to be exciting days for art lovers and auction fans who are also interested in a good cause. The Aid Association of University Hospital has reserved our beautiful student lounge for these two evenings, when antiques and art objects will be offered to the highest bidder for the benefit of the Association and its dedication to the patients of the Hospital.

Mrs. Lawrence Norton is chairman for this "first" in the history of Aid Association fund-raising events, and she reports that the response has already been "very exciting." Almost 40 sponsors have promised to donate articles valued at more than $100. Collectors' items such as Meissen plates have come in. Lithographs, paintings and other works of art have been received, with President of Boston University Arland F. Christ-Janer one of the first contributors. Item: a Serigraph by artist Christ-Janer!

For those who wish to give objects for auction, Dr. Herbert Mescon's office in the Talbot Building is the place to take them. And if you cannot contribute, be sure to save the dates for bidding and buying. Friday evening, April 10, there will be a preview and companion sale, with refreshments available. Saturday, the big night, subscription cocktails and dinner will precede the auction.

"One hundred, one hundred . . . do I hear one hundred ten? do I hear one hundred and ten? . . . SOLD . . . to the gentleman in the white coat."

LOWELL LECTURES (continued)

November 25 - ROBERT W. WILKINS, M.D., Professor and Chairman, Division of Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine. "NEEDS OF MEDICAL EDUCATION."

December 2 - CHARLES CODE, M.D., Director, Medical Education and Research, Mayo Clinic. "DETERMINANTS OF FUTURE MEDICAL CARE."

December 16 - EDWARD M. KENNEDY, United States Senator, Massachusetts. "A HEALTH POLICY FOR THE 70's."

Speakers list complete in next issue.

A SHERRY PARTY FOR CENTER'S GRADUATE STUDENTS

A social occasion especially for the graduate students of the Medical Center proved to be a smashing success, and according to one party-goer, was the first time he had really felt a "part of things at the Center."

Dr. Ruth Levine planned the party. All graduate students on the Medical Campus were invited; students from the Division of Medical Sciences and students in the Interdepartmental Biochemistry program, as well as those in programs of the School of Graduate Dentistry.

The scene was the 14th floor lounge of the Instructional Building, its great charm enhanced by the refreshment tables where sherry, coffee and an array of cheese and crackers were served. The atmosphere was informal as students and faculty chatted together. Among the guests was Dean Philip E. Kubzansky of the Graduate School who came to the Medical Center "Social" from his own headquarters on the Charles River campus.

Best testimony to the success of the event was the unanimous decision of the graduate students to hold a social affair at least every two months. They have already formed a committee for this purpose.
BUMC BRIEFS

December 18th is a Thursday, and you have a date for a Christmas party! The all-Medical Center Holiday gala will begin to swing at 2:00 in the Student Lounge on the 14th floor of the Instructional Building and festivities continue until 4:30, so clear your calendar for that afternoon and mark it "PARTY."

BUMC Director Lewis H. Rohrbaugh has asked Chaplain Leicester Potter to chair the committee for the happy event, with the following party planners on his crew: Sabra Carl, Belle Cruikshank, Constance MacDonald, Sheila Scully and Karen Turino.

Every Medical Center employee on a regular payroll of the University or the Hospital is entitled to—and invited to—join the Credit Union. Officially entitled the Boston University Employees Credit Union, it is owned and operated by its members. The Board of Directors has recently announced that the dividend for the six-month period ending October 30 was at the rate of 5½ per cent.

The applicant for membership buys one $5 share and pays an application fee of $.50. Regular savings as well as repayment on loans are accomplished through payroll deductions.

The BUMC is well represented in an important symposium on "Successes in Cancer Management Today" to be held on Sunday, December 14 at the Boston Statler Hilton Hotel. The all-day meeting is sponsored by The Greater Boston Medical Society, in cooperation with the American Cancer Society in cooperation with The Greater Boston Medical Society in cooperation with The Greater Boston Medical Society in cooperation with The Greater Boston Medical Society, and will bring you photographs in the next issue.

Dean Henry J. Bakst of the School of Medicine has announced a reception in honor of Edith Chadwick who will retire as Recorder for the School at the end of the year. She has served in this key post for fourteen years. The reception will be held in the 14th floor student lounge at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 10; and faculty, students and administration are all invited to join in honoring Miss Chadwick.

FRONT & CENTER will be there and will bring you photographs in the next issue.

Medical Center Director Lewis H. Rohrbaugh was elected President of the Organization of University Health Center Administrators, Inc. at its October meeting at Sugarbush Inn, New Hampshire.

Dr. Alan S. Cohen, who heads the Arthritis Section and is Professor of Medicine, was the Bernardine Becker Memorial Lecturer of the New York Academy of Medicine and New York Rheumatism Association this month.

He delivered an address entitled "Amyloid: Insoluble Fibril—Soluble Clinical Problem" at the annual meeting of the Academy and Association.

"The Amazing Asimov," a lively lead story in a recent issue of the Boston Sunday Globe Magazine profiled our most prolific author, who although he only delivers one lecture a year, holds the title of Associate Professor of Biochemistry of Boston University. He is a member of the editorial board of SCOPE.

Isaac Asimov's 100th book appeared this fall, and not unnaturally, he called it "Opus 100." Darling of the science fiction fans and dean of American science writers, Dr. Asimov has also written history books, ranging from a history of Greece to an account of the Dark Ages. "Asimov's Guide to the Bible" proved to be so much fun to write, according to its author, that he is now well into "Asimov's Guide to Shakespeare."

An exciting Art Show and Sale in the handsome new rooms and hallways of the School of Graduate Dentistry is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, December 7, from 1:00 to 5:00. Spon­

sored by the school's hard-working Faculty Wives Group under the dynamic leadership of Mrs. Spencer Frankl, the Show will provide a choice assortment of original graphics and sculpture presented by the Berman-Medalie Gallery of Newton. The entrance contribution of $10 per couple will be deducted from any purchase, with proceeds going to the School's scholarship and book funds. Children are welcome and all are invited to attend!