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$1.8 MILLION IN PRIMARY CARE GRANTS TO BUSM, SON: Two of the largest primary-care grants in the country, totaling more than $1.8 million, have been awarded to the School of Medicine and the School of Nursing. BUSM's model residency training program in primary care, based at Boston City Hospital, received the largest first-year grant for primary-care training in the country--$445,000 for the first of three years--to continue and expand its experimental program for training primary-care physicians for the inner city. The program is directed by Joel J. Alpert, M.D., chairman of the BUSM Department of Pediatrics.

The DHEW Bureau of Health Manpower grant will permit the number of interns and residents in the program to more than double from their present total of 33. It will also allow the program to increase the number of Boston's neighborhood health centers serving as its clinical training sites. Interns and residents in the program currently receive training and treat patients at BCH's outpatient clinic and at the East Boston and Harvard Street (Roxbury) Neighborhood health centers.

In addition, graduate nurse trainees for the first time will receive specialty clinical training in primary care side-by-side with interns and residents in the program as the result of a three-year, $730,000 grant to the School of Nursing. The grant establishes a new master's degree program in primary-care nursing, with classroom teaching done at the School of Nursing, but with clinical practice conducted alongside interns and residents at the program's clinic at BCH.

NEW SECTION ON FAMILY MEDICINE ESTABLISHED: A section on family medicine has been established within the Department of Socio-Medical Sciences and Community Medicine, Dean John I. Sandson, M.D., announced at the January 11 faculty meeting. John McCahan, M.D., associate dean and associate professor of medicine, has been appointed chief of this new section.

Dean Sandson said the School is in the process of developing an affiliation with a new family practice program scheduled to begin in July at the Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston, Maine. The affiliation would make available to fourth-year BUSM students a family medicine elective in a family practice residency program.

McCahan said creation of the new section would allow the School to identify existing parts of the curriculum that pertain to family medicine and to develop additional curricular components in that area. Several courses currently offered by the socio-medical sciences department contain material pertinent to family medicine, and family medicine electives have been available to fourth-year students before, although not necessarily in programs specifically identified with family practice.

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BUSM will expand its third-year class by 5 percent—seven students—next year under provisions of an amendment to the law requiring U.S. medical schools to accept a quota of third-year American medical students studying abroad. The amendment to the Health Manpower Law, agreed on by the House and Senate in December, lowers the quota from the 6 percent previously required and limits the program to only one year. The amended law requires medical schools to accept the additional students from among U.S. citizens who were registered at foreign medical schools before Oct. 12, 1976, or from among students enrolled at two-year U.S. medical schools. If a school declines to participate, it will lose capitation funds for three years, but its students will still remain eligible for federal loans.

Students will apply individually, rather than through a matching plan, and schools may apply their own admissions criteria. BUSM Registrar Dorothy Keefer reports there have already been 700 requests for applications for the seven BUSM slots, and, as of Jan. 10, the School had received 125 completed applications for third-year transfer. She said it has not yet been decided whether the School will accept all seven students from among those who completed part one of the national boards last June, which would permit acceptances to go out in March, or whether to wait and consider students who will take the boards next June. In the latter case, acceptances would be delayed until August.

Most of the transfer applicants are enrolled in foreign medical schools, with the majority attending schools in Mexico, Italy and France.

FOREIGN SCHOOL TRANSFERS TO TAKE SUMMER COURSE: The seven students to be chosen as transfers to BUSM from foreign medical schools (see story above) will join students transferring to Tufts and UMass medical schools in taking a course in physical diagnosis and pathophysiology next summer. The course, entitled "Introduction to Clinical Medicine," will be offered jointly by the three schools acting as a consortium.

BUSM is principal investigator of a three-year Public Health Service training grant to fund the summer course, subcontracting with Tufts and UMass for their share of the training. Funds awarded for the first year of the grant total $93,500. Approximately 14 students are expected to be enrolled in the course, following their acceptance to one of the three consortium schools.

Use of the funds in the second and third years of the grant will depend partly on what requirements, if any, the federal government places on medical schools in those years for the admission of American students enrolled in foreign medical schools.

Foreign medical schools are thought to fall somewhat below U.S. standards in the clinical training of their students.

INGELFINGER NAMED PROFESSOR EMERITUS, UH TRUSTEE: The promotion of Franz J. Ingelfinger, M.D., editor emeritus of the New England Journal of Medicine, from clinical professor of medicine to professor of medicine, emeritus, has been approved by the Board of Trustees. Ingelfinger was also recently elected to the University Hospital Board of Trustees.

The distinguished medical editor has been associated with the School of Medicine and UH for more than 35 years. He served for 27 years as chief of gastroenterology at the Evans Memorial Department of Clinical Research at
Massachusetts Memorial Hospital (now UH), where his service gained prominence both for its clinical expertise in the area of the function of the esophagus and the small intestine and for the high caliber of its trainees.

Ingelfinger has also received both the Association of American Medical Colleges' Abraham Flexner Award for distinguished service to medical education, and the American Medical Association's Distinguished Service Award.

BUSM NAMES COOK ITS FIRST DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: Catharine Cook, a public school teacher specializing in the use of community resources in education, has been named the director of development for BUSM. Cook, a Weston Junior High School English teacher, will assume her new post Feb. 6.

In appointing Cook as the School of Medicine's first director of development, Dean Sandson said, "Catharine Cook will play an important role in developing a broad philanthropic base of support for our Medical School. Her enthusiasm and organizational ability will be key assets in explaining the various resources and capabilities of the School to individuals and groups who are possible contributors."

The new development director has taught at Weston Junior High School since 1970. A resident of Cambridge, she is a 1965 graduate of Keuka College, Penn Yan, N.Y. She is a member of the advisory committee of the Cambridge Center for Adult Education, and has been actively involved with the Neighborhood Ten Association and People for Riverbend Park, two Cambridge neighborhood groups.

EDELIN NAMED ACTING OB-GYN CHAIRMAN: Kenneth C. Edelin, M.D., associate professor and vice chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, has been named acting chairman of the department. Dean Sandson, in making the announcement, said that a search committee for a new chairman to succeed Ernest W. Lowe, M.D., would be announced in the near future. Lowe resigned as chairman in early January for personal reasons.

RAND REPORT INFLUENCE SLIGHT, SOCIO-MEDICAL RESEARCHERS SAY: A controversial Rand report, which concluded that some recovered alcoholics can safely resume moderate drinking, influenced the drinking behavior of "only a tiny fraction" of people in treatment and of members of the general population, according to a study reported on by members of the socio-medical sciences department last month.

Ralph Hingson, Sc.D., an assistant professor of socio-medical sciences, Norman Scotch, Ph.D., chairman of the Department of Socio-Medical Sciences and Community Medicine, and Eli Goldman, Ph.D., an assistant professor of socio-medical sciences, were authors of the report, published Dec. 26 in the Journal of Studies on Alcohol.

Because it questioned the necessity of abstinence for recovered alcoholics, a principal tenet of most treatment programs, the Rand report caused a furor in alcoholism circles when it was released. The BUSM pilot study was undertaken last January partly in response to conflicting opinions about the influence the report might have on alcoholics in treatment. Of 244 persons in treatment who were interviewed, only four said they had attempted--and all had failed--to drink normally as a result of the report, but in only one instance did the report appear, in fact, to play a primary role in a respondent's decision about drinking.

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SENIORS SUBMIT MATCHING PREFERENCES: Fourth-year students were busy earlier this month preparing their lists of the ten hospitals where they would most like to do their internship training. January 11 was the deadline both for the students to submit their lists and for hospitals in the program to submit lists of the students they prefer to have in their internship programs.

Of 134 students in the fourth-year class, 130 have applied to the National Internship and Residency Program (NIRMP). On Matching Day, March 15 this year, these students will learn the name of the hospital with which they have been matched.

Nationally, there are 18,063 students participating in the matching program, competing for a total of 16,574 internship positions in 2,763 internship programs. BUSM registrar Dorothy Keefer said, however, that some of the participating students will drop out of the program before Matching Day because they receive service scholarships, decide to postpone their internship for a year, or make some other arrangement, such as accepting an internship with a hospital not participating in the plan.

POLICEMEN TRAINED FOR ON-THE-JOB HYPERTENSION SCREENING: A hypertension training program for policemen, aimed at teaching a group of Boston Police Department members to identify and control high blood pressure among their fellow officers, was conducted by members of the BU Cardiovascular Institute recently at Boston City Hospital's new Ambulatory Care Center.

Twenty-two policemen, one from each of the city's precincts, participated in the week-long program, receiving 20 hours of training in hypertension and other cardiovascular diseases. After completing the training, the policemen returned to their respective precincts to perform on-the-job hypertension screening, detection and referral services for their fellow officers.

Patrick O'Reilly, M.P.H., administrator of the Cardiovascular Institute and originator of the job-site screening program, said the program is unique because it relies on laymen instead of demanding the services of health professionals. Also involved in the program are Aram Chobanian, M.D., director of the Cardiovascular Institute, Haralambos Cavras, M.D., an associate professor of medicine, and Charles Tifft, M.D., a teaching fellow in medicine.

The program is the product of the combined efforts of BUMC, the Boston Police Department, and BCH, where a special treatment center for policemen with hypertension has been established.

In addition, Cardiovascular Institute members will participate for the first time, beginning Jan. 31, in the training of 40 Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) recruits. O'Reilly, Tifft, and J. Bertram Kessel, director of physical education and recreation at Boston University, will lecture the recruits on how to reduce their risk of cardiovascular disease and improve their physical fitness through changes in lifestyle. The BU team will give one lecture a week for 12 weeks at the MDC Police Academy.

SGD RENAMED FOR GOLDMAN: The Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry has been named for its founding dean, Henry M. Goldman, D.M.D., in honor of his contributions to dental education.

The announcement was made recently by President John R. Silber on behalf of the University's Board of Trustees.
The Henry M. Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry is the only dental school in the East to be named for an individual. Goldman retired as dean last July 1, but he remains active on the faculty of SGD as a professor of oral pathology. He is also chief of the UH periodontal service.

**MMEDIC APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEB. 15:** The Modular Medical Integrated Curriculum (MMEDIC) program, entering its second semester, is accepting applications from sophomore students for fall admission. The deadline for applications is Feb. 15.

The MMEDIC program is open to all Boston University students. Classes for the MMEDIC program are held at both the College of Liberal Arts and the School of Medicine. The 15 students currently enrolled in the program are being offered courses this semester in socio-medical sciences, bio-organic chemistry, parasitology, virology, philosophy of medical and health care, and moral philosophy and medical ethics.

**MEDICAL HISTORY GROUP HONORS HERBERT BLACK:** Medical reporting was not recognized in Boston as a respectable journalistic pursuit until as recently as 1955, Herbert Black, senior medical writer for the Boston Globe, told the Dec. 1 meeting of the Benjamin Waterhouse Medical History Society.

Black was presented with a handsomely illuminated citation, commemorating his 20 years as a chronicler of medical progress, by William F. McNary, Jr., Ph.D., president of the Society. In his talk, Black characterized the 1960s as the "big grant money era," when both major Boston papers had three-person teams covering the massive influx of financial support for medical research, and the 1970s as the period in which the public "is beginning to demand a payoff for its investments over the previous decade," in terms of better health care.

The Waterhouse Society's tribute was the second honor Black has received from BUSM. He was previously honored by Alpha Omega Alpha, the honorary medical society, during the School's centennial year in 1973.

At the Waterhouse Society's Jan. 12 meeting, J. Worth Estes, M.D., associate professor of pharmacology and of the history of medicine, spoke on "Treason and Other Medical Problems at the Siege of Boston."

**BERNSTEIN TO SPEAK ON LEVINE FILM-SERIES PANEL:** Daniel S. Bernstein, M.D., associate dean for hospital affiliations and continuing medical education, will serve as a panel member when the "Leaders In American Medicine" film and discussion series features the achievements of Samuel A. Levine, M.D. (1891-1966), clinical professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. The program is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the Countway Library of Medicine, 10 Shattuck St., Boston.

Bernstein, who is also a BUSM clinical professor of medicine, studied cardiology under Levine. He later worked with the noted physician from 1954 to 1963 at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston.

The film and discussion series is under the chairmanship of George E. Gifford, Jr., M.D., an associate professor of socio-medical sciences at BUSM. The program will begin at 4:30 p.m.

**NAVY BLOOD LAB OPENS IN NEW QUARTERS:** A joint effort involving the Medical Center, New England Nuclear Corp. and the U.S. Navy reached fruition December 16 with the official opening of the Navy Blood Research Laboratory's new home at 613-615 Albany.
Street. The building, a five-story brick structure, was donated to the Medical Center by New England Nuclear Corporation, which has invested $6 million in new and rehabilitated facilities nearby. The Medical Center, in turn, had deeded the building to the Navy for its frozen-blood program. While extensive renovation was carried out during the past five years, the Laboratory continued its work at the Talbot building.

The Laboratory, headed by Medical Corps Capt. V. Robert Valeri, M.D., USNR, is internationally known for its studies on the preservation of blood cells. The Laboratory has had a particularly close working relationship with Charles P. Emerson, M.D., a professor of medicine.

WINTER POLICY BANS OVERNIGHT PARKING: A winter parking policy, designed to facilitate snow removal, has been outlined for all employees who park in Medical Center parking lots by Paul Marcin, UH business manager of Plant Services.

-- No overnight parking will be allowed in Medical Center parking lots without the permission of Plant Services.
-- When there is a daytime snowstorm, the Plant Services office may phone commuters and ask them to move their cars. Therefore, every vehicle parked in a Medical Center lot, including the Doctors Office Building, must display a Medical Center parking decal and be registered with Plant Services. Persons who do not have a decal for their car may pick one up at the Plant Services business office on T-2.
-- No parking will be allowed in the posted firelane of Evans Way.

BUMC HOLIDAY PARTY "A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS": "A tremendous success," is how Howard Buzzee, director of BU personnel at the Medical Center, described the annual Medical Center Holiday Party held in the Hiebert Lounge Dec. 22.

Buzzee said nearly 3000 persons attended the party, and close to 1000 pounds of beef was served. In addition, 13 persons won door prizes, which were certificates from the Educational Media Support Center for free portrait photographs.

The party was held for all employees of the School of Medicine, the School of Graduate Dentistry, University Hospital, and the Medical Center headquarters. Buzzee and John E. Landers, UH director of employee relations, were co-chairmen of the committee that planned the party.

PUNCH, MUNCHIES HIGHLIGHT STUDENT PARTY: Approximately 300 students and members of the faculty drank punch and munched goodies at a gala student Christmas party in the Hiebert Lounge Dec. 19. Susan Hancock, BUSM '80, organized the party, which was funded by the Alumni Office.

SERIES ON INDUSTRY AND HEALTH CARE DEBUTS: The first two issues of a series of publications initiated at the Boston University Health Policy Institute's Center for Industry and Health Care have just been released by Springer-Verlag, Inc., of New York.

The Springer Series on Industry and Health Care examines the many ways in which private industry, both management and labor, is involved in health care: as financer of health benefits, as provider of in-house health services, and as an influential "consumer" of care. The series is the first continuing source of up-to-date information about industry's wide-ranging health-related activities.

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Titles of the first two volumes are Payer, Provider, Consumer: Industry Confronts Health Care Costs, and Background Papers on Industry's Changing Role in Health-Care Delivery.

V.A. APPOINTMENTS TO CARLTON SMITH, GEORGE SMITH: Carlton Smith, director of the Boston V.A. Hospital, has been appointed medical district director of the V.A.'s District I, which includes eight V.A. hospitals in the New England area. He will serve as an advisory director, assisting hospitals with problems they may encounter in such areas as administration and community relations.

George T. Smith, M.D., former dean of the University of Nevada Medical School, has been appointed associate chief of staff for medical education at the Boston V.A. Hospital. He is in charge of the hospital's approximately 24 educational programs, and will act as a liaison between the hospital and its affiliates. Effective January 1, George Smith has also been named director of academic affairs for the V.A.'s District I.

BUSM RECEIVES $31,000 GIFT: BUSM recently received a $31,000 unrestricted bequest from the estate of Ione M. Cameron of Minneapolis, Minn. The money was left to BUSM in memory of Cameron's sister, Isabell Cameron, M.D., BUSM class of 1918.

Dean John I. Sandson, M.D., said the money has been deposited in a fund to be used for renovations.

SILVA, LEACH IN NEW B.U. SPORTS MEDICINE ROLE: Two BUSM physicians who work with Boston professional sports teams are joining with the Boston University Athletic Department to coordinate sports medicine on the Charles River Campus.

Thomas Silva, M.D., an associate clinical professor of surgery and team physician for the Boston Celtics, and Robert Leach, M.D., a professor and chairman of the Department of Orthopedic and Fracture Surgery, who works with the Boston Lobsters as well as the Celtics, will now be working with Terrier athletes as well.

Silva assumes the role of team physician for intercollegiate athletics, and Leach, along with Robert Jones, M.D., a member of the orthopedics department, will serve as consultants.

CANCER RESEARCH GRANTS AVAILABLE: The Cancer Research Center at BUMC has been awarded an institutional grant from the National Chapter of the American Cancer Society to encourage young researchers (junior faculty, postdoctoral fellows, advanced graduate students) to carry out cancer-related research.

The awards will serve as seed money for promising new projects or novel ideas, and in most cases will range from $2,000 to $3,000. Applications forms can be obtained from the CRC, L-310, x6075. Deadline for applications is February 1, 1978.

LET INFO. SERVICES KNOW OF PUBLICITY PLANS: The Office of Informational Services (OIS) frequently receives calls from members of the public who have heard about new programs or services at the School. Because they have heard this information on the radio or in a short newspaper reference, or, worst still, in a vaguely recalled conversation, they are unclear on just whom they should contact. It would be of great assistance to OIS in helping these people if Medical Center units could let OIS know of any independent publicity being planned, or publicity being undertaken in cooperation with outside agencies or organizations. Call OIS at x5606 (247-5606) or write to P-300 or 720 Harrison Avenue, Suite 300, Boston.

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BRIEFLY NOTED: Congresswoman Barbara Jordan (D-Tex.), a 1959 graduate of the Boston University School of Law, is one of four persons recently elected to the University's Board of Trustees. Also elected to the Board were Mary Anne Krupsak, lieutenant governor of New York, General Electric Executive Counsel Christopher A. Barreca, and Herbert A. Abramson, president of Silver Lake Dodge in Wellesley. All are Boston University graduates....Clyde Niles, M.D., of the Department of Neurology, has been awarded a clinical fellowship by the Muscular Dystrophy Association....James R. Sorenson, Ph.D., associate professor of socio-medical sciences, recently presented testimony to the National Institutes of Health on the National Genetic Diseases Act. Sorenson's testimony reviewed existing health care services such as genetic counseling, heterozygote screening, and prenatal diagnosis, and the variety of problems that occur in delivering these services....A total of 116 pints of blood were collected in a blood drive conducted Dec. 16 by the BUSM chapter of the Phi Delta Epsilon fraternity, in conjunction with the Boston Area Red Cross....Sanford I. Cohen, M.D., chairman of the Department of Psychiatry, has been nominated by the Chicago Medical School, his alma mater, for membership to the Delta Chapter of Illinois, Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society....Geza J. Jako, M.D., a research professor of otolaryngology, and director of the otolaryngology research laboratory at BUMC, was recently appointed to membership on an advisory panel of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, one of 11 National Institutes of Health....A continuing medical education course entitled "Recent Advances in Management of Infectious Diseases in Children" will be offered by the Department of Pediatrics Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Howard Johnson's Fenway Motor Lodge, in Cambridge. For further information, call Donna Marcy, Department of Continuing Medical Education, x5602 (247-5602).

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