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Boston University
A study recently released by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) indicates that BUSM, with 44 percent of its funds derived from research in 1977-78, ranked third in that category among 114 American medical schools profiled. The School, which received 52 percent of its support from the federal government during the period, ranked fourth in that area.

According to Dean Sandson, who presented the institutional profile at recent executive committee and faculty meetings, BUSM has shown the most improvement over the years in the area of student financial aid. It ranked fifth among the schools studied.

With 17.2 percent of its students belonging to minority groups, the School ranked 21st in that category. The student-faculty ratio for the time period examined was 3:1, an average rating.

The profile reflects a hard-working faculty and a School that is social-minded and is operating in a cost-effective manner, Sandson said.

The New England Male Reproductive Center, the first multidisciplinary center in the region that is devoted solely to the treatment of male infertility and impotence, opened this month at University Hospital. Robert J. Krane, M.D., an associate professor of urology and a leader in the surgical treatment of impotence, and Ralph W. deVere White, M.D., an assistant professor of urology, are co-directors of the Center. A number of BUSM faculty members are among the 14-member consulting staff of UH specialists in the fields of endocrinology, gynecology, neurology, neuro-urology, psychiatry, psychology, sex education, sex therapy, urology and vascular surgery.

The Center will be located in the Doctors Office Building, Suite 606 (P-606). The telephone extension is 6632 (247-6632).

In preparation for the process of formal re-accreditation next December, 12 subcommittees of the Self-evaluation Committee have been formed as part of BUSM's intensive self-analysis effort. The list of those subcommittees and chairpersons follows:

- Resources and Finances, Robert Jordan; Financial Aid, William McNary Jr., Ph.D.;
- Admissions and Enrollment, Jacob Swartz, M.D.; Organization and Administration, William McNary Jr., Ph.D.; Faculty, Constance MacDonald; Research, Aram V. Chobanian, M.D.; Student Promotion, Curriculum Evaluation, and Counseling, John McCahan, M.D.; Graduate Education, Ruth Levine, Ph.D.; Continuing Medical Education, Daniel Bernstein, M.D.; Library, Irene Christopher; Clinical Facilities, Daniel Bernstein, M.D.; and Physical Plant, Herbert D. Klein. McNary is chairman of the entire Self-evaluation Committee.

Nearly 1,400 employees heralded the holiday season Dec. 19 at BUMC's Annual Holiday Party for faculty and staff of the School of Medicine, the Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry, and —over—
University Hospital. While Nick Lamberti and his band played popular tunes and Christmas favorites, BUMC revelers feasted on 1,100 pounds of roast beef, 360 pounds of potato salad, gallons of special holiday punch, and trays of cheese and crackers. Door prizes were awarded every half hour throughout the party. Prizes included gift certificates for The Winery and Jordan Marsh, and tickets to a Celtics game and to Sack Cinemas.

INCEST IS TOPIC OF SEXUALITY LECTURE

"Father-Daughter Incest: Detection, Assessment and Treatment" will be the discussion topic to be presented on Feb. 8 in L-112 at 1:30 p.m. This program is part of a new series of Friday afternoon lectures organized by the Human Sexuality Teaching Program of the Department of Socio-Medical Sciences and Community Medicine. Ruth Shapshay, R.N., M.S., a psychiatric nurse at Cambridge Hospital who does sex-related counseling, will give the lecture, which is open to students, faculty and other interested persons. Registration is not required. For more information, contact Marian Glasgow, M.S.W., a research associate in the Department of Socio-Medical Sciences and Community Medicine, at x6009 (247-6009).

ACS AWARDS GRANT TO CANCER CENTER

The Hubert H. Humphrey Cancer Research Center has been awarded an American Cancer Society (ACS) institutional grant to serve as seed money for the initiation of promising new projects in cancer-related research by young investigators. The awards will vary according to the needs of the investigators and will not exceed $5,000 each. Applications are available from the Cancer Center office, L-310, x6075 (247-6075), and must be completed by Feb. 15.

CATHCART RECEIVES LECTURESHIP AWARD

Edgar S. Cathcart, M.D., a professor of medicine, received the James L. Tullis Lectureship Award from the House Officer Alumni Association of the New England Deaconess Hospital's Department of Medicine at the Association's recent annual reunion. The prize is awarded annually in recognition of an original paper or project completed by a medical resident or alumnus during residency training. Cathcart, a medical resident at the Deaconess in 1957-58, received the award for his paper on "Pathogenesis of Amyloid Disease."

ROBBINS INTERVIEW TOPIC OF MEETING

A videotaped interview with Stanley L. Robbins, M.D., chairman of the Department of Pathology, will be featured at the Benjamin Waterhouse Medical History Society's "Leaders in American Medicine" program on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 4:30 p.m. at the Countway Library of Harvard Medical School. The 45-minute interview by George E. Gifford Jr., M.D., an associate professor of socio-medical sciences and community medicine and head of the section on the history of medicine, focuses on Robbins's career and his role as a leader in American medicine, said Gifford. Dean Sandson will also take part in the program, which will be preceded by refreshments at 4 p.m.

CME COURSES PLANNED AT SMUGGLER'S NOTCH

Twelve BUSM faculty members are scheduled to participate in a Continuing Medical Education (CME) course entitled "Management of Pulmonary Disease" to be held Jan. 28 to 31 at Smuggler's Notch in Jeffersonville, Vt. The BUSM representatives, as well as faculty members from Harvard Medical School and Tufts University School of Medicine, will discuss such topics as asthma in the child and adolescent, management of tuberculosis in the general hospital, and lung disease and the environment.

"Controversies in Internal Medicine," a CME course to be held Feb. 4 to 7 at Smuggler's Notch, will include discussions and "State of the Art" lectures on "Cardiac Scanning: For Whom and When," "Iron: Food or Poison?" and "The Pickwickian Syndrome and Other Respiratory Sleep Disorders." Eleven BUSM faculty members will participate in this course.

For more information on the CME offerings, contact Robert M. Levin, M.D., at 424-5421.
This year's Ellen B. Stechler Memorial Lecture, scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 30, in Keefer Auditorium from 3 to 4:30 p.m., will feature Sally Provence, M.D., a professor of pediatrics at Yale University, who will report on the "Child Welfare Research and Demonstration Project," a service-centered study of young children. The lecture is part of the Division of Psychiatry's Wednesday Academic Lecture Series and Clinical Rounds. For registration information, contact Mary Bryant in the Department of Continuing Medical Education at x5602 (247-5602).

Desmond H. Birkett, M.D., an assistant professor of surgery; Stephen C. Gerzoff, M.D., an instructor in radiology, and Donald C. Nabseth, M.D., a lecturer on surgery, presented an exhibit at the 65th Annual Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons recently in Chicago. The exhibit was entitled "Guided Percutaneous Catheter Drainage for Non-operative Treatment of Abdominal Abscesses." Members of the Boston Veterans Administration Medical Center and Tufts University School of Medicine surgical staffs also contributed to the project.

Carl A. Olsson, M.D., chairman of the Department of Urology, served as chairman of the Postgraduate Seminar for the New England section of the American Urological Association, held from Nov. 30 to Dec. 3 at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel. He also moderated sessions on basic sciences, impotence and infertility.

Other participants in the seminar included Medical Center director Richard H. Egdahl, M.D., Ph.D., who spoke on hyperparathyroidism as well as diagnosis and therapy for adrenal hypertension; Robert J. Krane, M.D., an associate professor of urology, who spoke on uropharmacology and classification and therapy of neurologic disease; David B. Bernard, M.D., an assistant professor of medicine, who discussed acute renal failure; and Ralph deVere White, M.D., and Mike B. Siroky, M.D., both assistant professors of urology, who spoke on the evaluation and treatment of male infertility and impotence, respectively.

Richard S. Neiman, M.D., an associate professor of pathology and director of hematopathology at the Mallory Institute of Pathology, will co-direct next month a workshop that is designed to provide in-depth discussions of the myeloproliferative disorders from a multi-disciplinary point of view. The workshop, scheduled to be held Feb. 11 to 15 in Phoenix, Ariz., will emphasize current diagnostic and therapeutic approaches, new scientific advances, and controversial issues surrounding the disorders. For more information, write to the American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP), Educational Center, Workshop Registration, P.O. Box 12075, Chicago, Ill., 60612.

C. David Jenkins, Ph.D., a professor of psychiatry and director of the Department of Behavioral Epidemiology, is the author of the first portion of a two-part article entitled "Relation of Psychosocial Factors to Coronary Heart Disease," which appeared as a cover story in the December 1979 issue of Primary Cardiology. The article discussed evidence supporting the concept that Type A and Type B personalities are valid factors in the development or lack of development of hypertension and coronary atherosclerosis.

Jenkins was also co-author of an article entitled "Cross-Cultural Validation of the Coronary-Prone Behavior Pattern," which appeared in a recent issue of Social Science and Medicine. This article reported on a study that provides the first evidence linking the Type A coronary-prone behavior pattern to clinical coronary disease outside the United States.
BRIEFLY NOTED

Martin L. Norton, M.D., J.D., a professor of anesthesiology, was recently appointed to the Health Law Committee of the Massachusetts Bar Association by the Association's president, Wayne Budd, J.D. The committee reviews proposed health legislation and forwards its recommendations to the Association.

Hershel Jick, M.D., an associate professor of medicine and director of the Boston Collaborative Drug Surveillance Program, is co-author of an article which examines postmarketing surveillance of drugs. The article appeared in the Nov. 23 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Pan M. Zafiropoulos, M.D., a clinical associate in urology and a staff member of the Waltham Urology Clinic, Inc., was accepted as a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons at ceremonies held in Chicago in October, 1979.

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