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McNARY TO BE BUSM COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER; SPH TO GRADUATE 95

William McNary Jr., M.D., associate dean for student affairs, will be the principal speaker at the School of Medicine's May 13 commencement exercises. The BUSM Class Day Exercises will be held at 2:30 p.m. at the University's Case Center Gymnasium. This will follow the University's main commencement ceremony to be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Nickerson Field. McNary has been a member of the BUSM faculty since he received his Ph.D. from the BUSM in 1954.

The 154 members of the senior class at BUSM have selected Jon Getz to be student speaker at the exercises and have established a Leah Lowenstein Lecture as their Class Gift. Lowenstein, former associate dean and a professor of medicine and biochemistry at BUSM, died on March 6.

The School of Public Health will graduate about 95 students in their Class Day Exercises to be held at the same time as the BUSM exercises at the School of Fine Arts Concert Hall. Lewis W. Pollack, commissioner of the Boston Department of Health and Hospitals, will be the commencement speaker.

ARTHITIS CENTER RECEIVES $2-MILLION RENEWAL AWARD

The University's Multipurpose Arthritis Center has been granted a three-year renewal award of about $2 million in direct costs by National Institutes of Health, according to Center Director Alan S. Cohen, M.D.

The Center, one of the 12 original Centers started in 1977, has continued to grow to encompass health-care research, education and community studies in arthritis, according to Cohen, who is the Conrad Wesselhoeft Professor of Medicine. The Center also contains two core units, one on Health Care Research and one in Amyloid Research. The associate director of the Center is Robert F. Meenan, M.D., M.P.H., an associate professor of medicine and director of the Boston City Hospital Arthritis Clinic. Cohen also is chief of medicine and director of the Thorndike Memorial Laboratory at BCH.

VOKONAS NAMED TO HEAD NORMATIVE AGING STUDY

Pantel S. Vokonas, M.D., an associate professor of medicine, has been named director of the Veterans Administration's Normative Aging Study. The interdisciplinary study of aging, one of the largest in the United States, has followed a group of more than 2,000 men since 1963 and is comprehensively evaluating physical, mental and social changes over the years.

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The study was undertaken to determine the normal patterns of aging and the precursors of diseases of the aging, such as heart disease, hypertension, diabetes and osteoporosis (softening of the bones), and the influence of these diseases on the aging process itself. The study is sponsored by the Medical Research Service of the Veterans Administration and receives support from the National Institute on Aging among other sources. Work is carried out at the V.A. Outpatient Clinic in Boston. Vokonas also is a member of the section of Preventive Medicine and Epidemiology.

BUSM STUDENTS PLACE HIGH IN MATCHING DAY PROGRAM

Once again BUSM graduating students did well in the annual Matching Day program held March 14. In the 1984 National Internship Residency Program, 123 BUSM students were matched. A total of 54 BUSM students received their first choice, 19 received their second choice, 18 received their third choice, and 12 students received their fourth placement choice. The event was covered at BUSM by WCVB-TV (Ch. 5), WNEV-TV (Ch. 7) and United Press International. Some 54 BUSM students will enter programs in Massachusetts, including 31 matched in Boston University-affiliated institutions.

METCALF AWARD PLAQUES

A March unveiling ceremony and reception unveiled in Alumni Library marked the transfer of the plaques honoring BUSM's Metcalf Award winners to the School of Medicine Alumni Association Alumni Library. Previously, the plaques and pictures honoring the teaching excellence of Simmons Lessell, M.D., and N. Paul Rosman, M.D., were displayed at the University's Charles River campus.

Lessell, a professor of ophthalmology, neurology and anatomy, won the University's prestigious award in 1977. Rosman, a professor of pediatrics and neurology, was presented the honor in 1982. The awards were endowed by a gift from Arthur G.B. Metcalf, chairman of the University's Board of Trustees.

AID FOR CANCER RESEARCH EQUIPMENT DEDICATED

Members of Aid for Cancer Research this month visited the School of Medicine to play a role in the dedication of two important pieces of equipment donated by the group to BUSM for use in the laboratory of Herbert Z. Kupchik, Ph.D., an associate professor of microbiology and pathology.

The group donated a Laminar Flow Hood and a Carbon Dioxide Incubator, together valued at more than $10,000. ACR is an organization of some 30 women from the Greater Boston area that raises funds to pay for advanced cancer research. Herbert H. Wotiz, Ph.D., a professor of biochemistry and acting director of the Humphrey Cancer Research Center, was among the BUSM researchers who attended the ceremony.

CULPEPER PROFESSOR VISITS SCHOOL IN MARCH

A "Basic and Clinical Aspects of Complement Activations" research conference and a combined Grand Rounds presentation on "Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia" highlighted the March visit of Wendell F. Rosse, M.D., the 1983 Charles E. Culpeper Visiting Professor in Surgery.

Rosse, the Florence McAlister professor of medicine and associate medical
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director of transfusion service at Duke University Medical Center, also
completed ward rounds at University Hospital and Boston City Hospital and
attended case presentations at the Boston Veterans Administration Medical
Center, UH and BCH during his three-day visit to the School.

The School of Medicine was chosen in 1981 to be among one of a small
number of medical schools to receive the five-year visiting professorship
award from the Charles E. Culpeper Foundation. The award is rotated among
five disciplines. Rosse's visit to BUSM was arranged by Lewis R. Weintraub,
M.D., a professor of medicine and chief of hematology at UH.

SANDSON, FISKE GUEST SPEAKERS AT AAMC/GPA REGIONAL MEETING

Dean Sandson and Charles E. Fiske, an
associate director in BUSM's Social
Rehabilitation Services, were guest speakers
at the March American Association of Medical Colleges/Group on Public Affairs
Northeast Regional Meeting. Dean Sandson spoke on "The Future of Teaching
Hospitals in Medical Education" during the day-long meeting, attended by more
than 90 medical school public affairs, development and alumni professionals.
Fiske, whose search for a liver donor for his daughter Jamie has helped focus
national attention on organ-transplant issues, was guest speaker in a forum
entitled "Jamie Fiske--the Shot Heard Round the World."

Fiske has spoken at several other events on the transplant issue and last
month testified before the state Legislature's Joint Committee on Public Safety
in support of legislation that would require seat belt use in Massachusetts.
He also participated in the state Department of Public Health and Governor's
Highway Safety Bureau conference on seat-belt use entitled "Make it Click II."

SHAPIRO DIRECTS MAY CONFERENCE ON COMPUTERS, ELECTRONICS

Jerrold M. Shapiro, Ph.D., an associate pro-
fessor of ophthalmology, is chairman of the
Professional Program Committee of a large May
conference on the latest in electronic and computer products and services. At
the Electro/84 and Mini/Micro Northeast conference, to be held May 15 to 17 at
the Bayside Exhibition Center and the Hynes Auditorium, Boston, 200 technical
papers in 50 sessions will be presented. Included will be a session on medical
instrumentation. For more information, contact Shapiro at x6171 (247-6171).

ARTICLE ON FRACTURES TO APPEAR IN YEARBOOK OF ORTHOPEDICS

Editors of "The Year Book of Orthopedics" have
selected the article "The Disparate Diameter:
A Sign of Rotational Deformity in Fractures,
by BUSM professors Allan P. Naimark, M.D., Judith Kossoff, M.D., and Robert E.
Leach, M.D., to be published in the 1984 Year Book. The article appeared in
the March 1983 edition of the Journal of the Canadian Association of
Radiologists. Naimark is an associate professor of radiology and chief of
diagnostic medicine at UH, Kossoff is an associate professor of radiology, and
Leach is professor and chairman of the Department of Orthopedics.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES PLANNED FOR MAY, JUNE

The Division of Medicine will sponsor
"Treatment Dilemmas in Medicine," to be
directed by Robert M. Levin, M.D., an
associate professor of medicine. The May 11 to 14 course will be held at the
Sea Pines Plantation, Hilton Head Island, SC. BUSM faculty members will speak.
The BUSM Pulmonary Center will sponsor "Cardiovascular Aspects of COPD and Pulmonary Rehabilitation" June 1 at BUSM. Barry Make, M.D., an assistant professor of medicine, will direct the course in which BUSM faculty will be featured.

BRIEFLY NOTED

"Professional Liability: Searching for Solutions to the Crisis of the '80s" by Barry M. Manuel, M.D., associate dean for continuing medical education and a clinical professor of surgery, appeared in a recent issue of the Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons....Sanford Codosh, M.D., an associate professor of medicine, wrote "A Comparison of Doxycycline with Cefaclor in Acute Bacterial Exacerbations of Chronic Bronchial Disease," which appeared in Internal Medicine for the Specialist....Judith Marquis, Ph.D., an associate professor of pharmacology, received a "Robin" computer system from an anonymous private donor for use in her research and teaching programs. Manufactured by Digital Equipment Corporation, the system includes more than $7,000 of computer hardware, software and accessories....Augustine Ugbolue, Ph.D., an evaluator in the Office of Minority Affairs and a research associate in socio-medical sciences and child psychiatry, recently gave a presentation on "Minority Attrition and Retention at BUSM: A 10-year Review" at the Sixteen Institutions Health Sciences Consortium in Norfolk, Va.

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