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Boston University
Boston University's Goldman School to Open Doors at 1019 Commonwealth Avenue

The final approval from the Boston Redevelopment Authority was granted for the opening of a dental health care facility, operated by Boston University's Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry, at 1019 Commonwealth Avenue on the Charles River Campus. The proposal to begin operations at this site have long been in the making, with many people at the Dental School working on the plans. Now with final approval, the site, which is on the corner of Babcock Street and Commonwealth Avenue, will be completed, with the construction of a full-service facility which will enable the School to provide all dental services at this additional location.

"Think of it as the eighth floor of the Dental School," commented SPENCER N. FRANKL, Dean, who has spearheaded the effort to gain a presence on the Charles River Campus. "It is important that we be visible on the main campus of the University, while at the same time we can provide a much desired service to the B.U. population of faculty, staff, students and the adjoining neighborhoods. This is a very exciting venture. We are beginning an important new chapter in the history of the School."

One of the benefits that will be implemented with the new dental health care facility will be an employee Dental Health Plan for faculty and staff. This plan, which will be offered in the fall, will provide generous coverage for dental services delivered at the 1019 Commonwealth Avenue site and the 100 E. Newton Street site of the Dental School, and will allow for a percentage of coverage for dental care sought outside BUSGD with a private dentist.

A committee, which is already at work, has been charged with the responsibility of planning for the opening of 1019 Commonwealth Avenue. Further details will be reported in upcoming issues of THE ADVISORY.
A Message from Dean Frank

As you know, we are approaching the next phase of our strategic planning process for the Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry. There are many new projects underway, particularly with the opening of 1019 Commonwealth Avenue (see story, page 1), that will make the 1990's an exciting time for the Goldman School.

To aid us in this endeavor of strategic planning, I have secured the services of an outside consultant. This consultant, Dr. Tom Sappington, has been made available to us by the Pew National Dental Education Program and the efforts of Dr. Edward O'Neil, Co-Director of the Pew National Dental Education Program. The Pew Program has brought together a group of consultants to assist dental schools, medical schools, veterinary colleges, and other institutions as they engage in their strategic planning process. Dr. Sappington has already begun to work with faculty and staff at the School by doing a site visit and needs assessment.

You, the faculty, staff and students of the Goldman School, are the critical link to the success of our strategic planning process. In an effort to facilitate this process, Dr. Sappington will be visiting our campus in the future and is hoping to meet with faculty, staff and students to discuss current issues regarding strategic planning. I hope that you will be able to take some time out of your busy schedules to meet with him, as this has great potential for long-term benefit to us all.

Further details of Dr. Sappington's visit will follow. As always, I appreciate your ideas and your support as we move ahead with dental education at Boston University.

EDWARD AGYEKUM, D.M.D., Class of 1990, was the proud recipient of the American College of Prosthodontics Award, presented to him at Senior Dinner by REMO SINIBALDI, Professor and Chairman of Prosthodontics. Thirty academic and personal achievement awards were presented at the dinner, which took place in the Hiebert Lounge, on the 14th floor of the Medical School. Congratulations to Dr. Agyekum and all of the award recipients.

Commencement Exercises Honor 1990 Graduates

Commencement exercises for the University and for the Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry were held on Sunday, May 20. BUSGD's ceremony was held at Morse Auditorium on the Charles River Campus. DEAN SPENCER N. FRANKL addressed the 88 men and 49 women graduates of the School's predoctoral, postdoctoral and other graduate programs. Graduates of the predoctoral program were hooded by SYDELL SHAW, Director of Predoctoral Admissions and Student Affairs, and THOMAS KILGORE, Assistant Dean for Curriculum. The hoods had a lilac trim which distinguishes the DMD graduate. In addition, 73 postdoctoral students and two graduate students were honored. Thirty academic and personal achievement awards were presented at this year's Senior Dinner on May 15, and were noted in the Commencement Program. Congratulations to all those in the Class of 1990 for their tremendous accomplishments.

APEX Conference Provides Feedback From APEX Offices

APEX dental practitioners from the greater Boston area convened at two separate conferences, one in Burlington and one in Dedham, to review the APEX Program after its first year of operation. Both dentists and office staff attended the conferences which provided an opportunity for open dialogue among the APEX offices and with the Dental School. From the large and small group discussions came numerous positive comments about APEX, along with some constructive ideas for changes and improvements. Thanks to MADALYN MANN, Director of the APEX Program, and to all other faculty and staff who assisted in setting up the conferences.
Spencer N. Frankl Honored at Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Dinner

In conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry which occurred in Boston in May, the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at The Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry hosted a dinner at the Top of the Hub, on Sunday, May 27, 1990, to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the department. Over 100 alumni, students and faculty were in attendance, including BUSGD alumni from as far away as India, Panama, Mexico, California and South Carolina.

During the dinner, JON KAPALA, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, presented a plaque to honor SPENCER N. FRANKL, Dean, in recognition of contribution to the department while Chairman and Dean. The plaque reads: “The first twenty-five classes of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry recognize Spencer N. Frankl for his high standards of leadership and significant contributions to the profession both as Department Chairman and Dean of the School. As alumni, we express our gratitude for the guidance you have provided in our quest for professional excellence.”

Honors student STEVE ELBAZ, Class of ’92, seems to have a natural knack with these third grade students from the Marshall School in Dorchester. He, along with nine other honors students from the sophomore class, chose to plan a dental health education program for elementary school children. They visited the Marshall School on Friday, May 25, 1990, and met with 150 third graders to discuss oral health. PAULA FRIEDMAN, Assistant Dean for Administration, worked with the students to set up the program and made arrangements with the school.

Spring General Faculty Meeting Highlights

The semi-annual General Faculty Meeting was held on Tuesday evening, April 24, 1990, featuring remarks by DEAN FRANKL on a number of issues. The first order of business was a discussion of the new format for Senior Dinner, which will now include the presentation of predoctoral awards. This year’s dinner took place on May 15, in the Hiebert Lounge (see related photo, page 2). Dr. Frankl also updated faculty on the decision to hold the next Faculty Teaching Conference in the fall of 1990. Further details will be forthcoming.

The major focus of the Dean’s presentation addressed the strategic planning process for the future, trends in dental education and the importance of research. Included in the discussion was an update about the new dental facility at 1019 Commonwealth Avenue (see article, page 1) and future planning for postdoctoral programs.

DAN NATHANSON, Professor and Chairman, Biomaterials and Director of Continuing Education, gave a presentation on the CEREC System, a computer-aided design and manufacturing system for generating ceramic restorations.

Air Waves...

Chronicle, the nightly newsmagazine show on Channel 5, interviewed HERBERT SCHILDER, Endodontics, for a program addressing the issue of fluoridation. The program aired on June 8.
The Dentist and AIDS — Panel Discussion a Success

Thanks to the efforts of LAWRENCE ZOLLER, Associate Professor of Anatomy and Associate Professor of Periodontology and Oral Biology, an informative panel discussion on *The Dentist and AIDS* was presented to freshman dental students on Thursday, June 7, 1990, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Keefer Auditorium. The panel, which included ANTHONY JONG, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, THOMAS KILGORE, Assistant Dean of Curriculum, SUSAN CUNNINGHAM, Director of Patient Services, MAXINE PECK, Director of Auxiliary Programs and JOHN McMANAMA, Chairman, Operative Dentistry, addressed the topic of “AIDS and the Ethical, Moral and Practical Implications for the Dental Practitioner.”

This presentation was part of an innovative voluntary night course, inspired and requested by the freshmen class and designed for first year dental students by Dr. Zoller. In the course, students were given an intellectual potpourri of clinical and basic science subjects in addition to their dental school curriculum. The section on *The Dentist and AIDS* was six sessions, culminating in the panel discussion. The sessions covered etiology of the AIDS virus, comparative history of AIDS and other epidemics, prevention, treatment and the ethics of dealing with individuals who have the HIV virus and/or AIDS.

"This is the dream of every educator — to be able to teach students who are in a course for the sake of learning alone, with no grades or rewards given other than the acquisition of knowledge," commented Dr. Zoller. "As far as I'm aware, this is the only dental or medical institution where students have made the request to take a voluntary course in this manner. It speaks highly of their curiosity, dedication and motivation to become superb professionals."

Surgeon General Tribute — The United States Army Office of the Surgeon General presented a Certificate of Appreciation to (from left to right) SPENCER N. FRANKL, Dean, MADALYN MANN, Director of the APEX Program, and SANDRA KRANZ, Director of the Extramural Program. Michael Lynch (far right), Captain of the Medical Service Corps of the Army, presented the certificate which recognized the Goldman School for "truly outstanding support to the recruiting effort of the United States Army Dental Corps." The citation further stated: "You have brought great credit upon yourselves, Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry and the relationship that our two organizations have enjoyed. The Army Medical Team is proud to be associated with your fine institution."

Think Summer — Come to the Faculty/Staff Picnic!

The Third Annual BUSGD Picnic for faculty and staff is only days away, on Sunday, June 24, 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at Mount Ida College in Newton. There will be summer-fun picnic food and beverages provided while you enjoy the many activities of the day including a tennis tournament, softball, a fun-run, volleyball, games, swimming, events for children and lots more! The "Just Desserts" contest will award those who can make the most decadent, and delectable desserts with some great prizes. Bring the whole gang, relax by the pool and play with your friends from BUSGD. For more information, contact BRIDGET MARRON, Dental Care Management, Ext. 4671. Picnic t-shirts are on sale too, so make sure you get yours to wear on the 24th!

Honoring Our Honors Students

On behalf of the Goldman School, PAULA FRIEDMAN, Assistant Dean for Administration, hosted a barbeque dinner for Honors students at her home in Brookline on Thursday, June 13, 1990. The gathering was a social event to recognize the achievements of approximately 40 students from all four classes whose grade point averages were above 3.0. Thanks to MAXINE PECK, who helped with the set-up, STEPHEN POLINS, Periodontology and Oral Biology, and SANTO CATADELLA, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, who flipped burgers, to SANDRA KRANZ who made a batch of outrageous brownies and to Rhoda Frankl, who attended on behalf of DEAN FRANKL. Congratulations to the students and a special note of thanks to Dr. Friedman for being a very gracious hostess.
Did You Know?...

Government and private studies suggest a greater need for dentists in the year 2000 than today. It is predicted that more dentists will form partnerships and group practices and fewer dentists will go into solo practice.

Join the Crest Challenge — And Win!

The Dental School is participating in "The Crest Challenge," a contest for patients that is educational in nature and promotes dental health and preventive dentistry. The contest involves answering true/false questions about dental health that relate to cavities, tartar, gum disease and fluoride. The dental student assigned to a patient will go over the quiz, but patients do not have to answer correctly to be eligible to win prizes. Students and staff are also eligible to win prizes for their role in participating in the project.

Procter and Gamble, the sponsors of the Crest Challenge, have donated two Crest "Silver Flash Big Wheels" to raffle off at a special BUSGD raffle on June 27 after all entry forms are collected. After the School has its own drawing, entry forms will be mailed to Procter and Gamble to be eligible for additional prizes. Winners will be notified by September 15, 1990.

For further information about the contest, call THOMAS KILGORE, Ext.4650.

And Speaking Of...

ELLIOT MASER, an MSD graduate of the Pediatric Dentistry program, was elected to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Board of Trustees. Dr. Maser, who resides in Pennsylvania, is in private practice and is an affiliate at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. RICHARD A. WHITMAN, Dental Care Management, received a Master of Public Health degree in Health Services from B.U. The degree was conferred at this year's commencement ceremony on May 20. ROBERT J. MATUSOW, Endodontics, was a speaker at the American Association of Endodontists Annual Session, held this spring in Las Vegas. Dr. Matusow discussed "The Acute Endodontic Cellulitis Syndrome: Biologic and Clinical Aspects." HERBERT SCHILDER, Chairman, Endodontics, gave a presentation at a three-day conference at the University of Tel Aviv in Israel. While in Israel, Dr. Schilder had the opportunity to meet with NOAH STERN, a 1969 graduate of the Prosthodontics Program who is now Chairman of Prosthodontics at the Hebrew University-Hadassah, School of Dental Medicine in Jerusalem. JAMAL AQRABAWI, Endodontics, was awarded Board Certification in Endodontics in May and is now a Diplomate of the American Association of Endodontics. Dr. Aqrabawi earned a DSc degree from BUSGD in Endodontics, conducting a research project in conjunction with Dr. Schilder.

"Bridge" Looking for Volunteers

The Bridge Over Troubled Waters Dental Clinic in Boston is looking for dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants and dental students to volunteer three hours of their time and expertise one evening a month. Bridge is an independent, non-profit organization providing many services for street youth and runaways. The dental clinic is a three-chair, fully equipped facility offering a wide range of dental services to youth who otherwise have no source of dental care. For more information, call Susan Lincoln, c/o The Bridge, Inc., 617/423-9575.

Welcome Aboard

...to JANET JONES, Administrative Assistant, Endodontics...LISA GIBALERIO, Patient Assignment Coordinator, Diagnostic Sciences/Patient Services...and MICHAEL HADDAD, Dental Technologist, Prosthodontics.

Correction for the Telephone Directory

Unfortunately an error in the BUSGD Telephone Directory lists some phone numbers in Prosthodontics incorrectly. Please correct your directory with the following information:

Page 7, G-601: LINDA GREEN, STEVEN DuLONG and JEAN EMERLING, are at Ext. 4690. Don't forget to make the corrections on Page 11 as well under alphabetical listing. Use the "NOTES" pages at the back of the Directory to make other additions/changes as they come up.
On behalf of the ADVISORY, the Goldman School extends warm wishes for a great summer to faculty, students & staff!