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DEYKIN ASSUMES STRAUSS
CHAIR AT TWO-DAY BVAMC
DEDICATION EVENT

The Boston Veterans Administration Medical Center is a "major clinical resource" for BUSM students and plays an extensive, important role in medical education and research, Dean John I. Sandson, M.D., told a gathering of distinguished physicians at ceremonies dedicating the Maurice B. Strauss Chair of Medicine of BUSM and Tufts at the BVAMC March 22.

Daniel Deykin, M.D., chief of medicine at the BVAMC, a professor of medicine at BUSM and Tufts, and an expert on the clotting mechanism of blood (hemostasis), became the first person to occupy the newly-created chair during a two-day symposium at the BVAMC Thursday and Friday, March 22 and 23.

In a three-way venture unique in American medical education, BUSM, Tufts and the 815-bed VA hospital cooperated to establish the chair, which is the first in the country to be located at a Veterans Administration medical center. The Strauss Chair was dedicated to the memory of the late Dr. Strauss, a renal specialist who was the VA hospital's chief of medicine from its opening in 1952 until his retirement in 1966. He was also a professor of medicine at BUSM for many years, and later was a professor of medicine and associate dean for student affairs at Tufts.

In accepting the chair, Deykin pledged to continue the "tradition of excellence" begun by Strauss, marked by the "highest quality of clinical care." Deykin now holds the only joint, named professorship at two medical schools in the country.

EDELIN NAMED OB/GYN
CHIEF AT BUSM, CITY

Kenneth C. Edelin, M.D., has been appointed chief of University Hospital's Department of Gynecology, effective March 13. His appointment as director of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Boston City Hospital was approved March 6 by the trustees of the City's Department of Health and Hospitals.

Edelin's BUSM appointment as a professor and chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology was approved by the University's Board of Trustees in January.

Edelin, who has served as acting chairman of the BUSM department since the resignation of Ernest W. Lowe, M.D., last January, was unanimously recommended by a committee after a nationwide search.

A graduate of Columbia College and Meharry Medical College, Edelin received his residency training at Boston City Hospital. He has been an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at BUSM since 1976.

DEAN APPOINTS VITALE, COLBURN TO NEW DEANSHIPS Joseph J. Vitale, M.D., and Charles G. Colburn, M.D., have been appointed to two newly-created BUSM deanships by Dean John I. Sandson. Vitale, a professor of pathology and of socio-medical sciences and community medicine (nutrition), has been named associate dean for international health; Colburn, who is chief of staff of the Rogers Memorial Veterans Administration Hospital at Bedford, has been appointed assistant dean for that Hospital. The appointments were approved March 13 by the Executive Committee of the Boston University Board of Trustees.

MACINTYRE TO ADDRESS BUSM COMMENCEMENT Alasdair MacIntyre, Ph.D., University Professor of philosophy and political science at Boston University, and chairman of the philosophy department, will be the principal speaker at this year's commencement, to be held at the Case Center Sunday afternoon, May 20. The title of his talk will be "How To Be A Bad Physician: Two Different Ways."

COOPERBAND REMEMBERED AT MEMORIAL SERVICE Family, friends, and colleagues of Sidney R. Cooperband, M.D., filled Keefer Auditorium March 9 for a moving memorial service at which the late director of the Hubert H. Humphrey Cancer Research Center was remembered for his enthusiasm, intensity and warmth. Cooperband, a professor of medicine and microbiology, died at University Hospital Feb. 24 after a long illness. He was 47.

Three friends and close associates shared their memories of Cooperband at the memorial service. Carl Franzblau, Ph.D., chairman of the Department of Biochemistry, remembered Cooperband, the man; Norman G. Levinsky, M.D., chairman of the Division of Medicine, recalled Cooperband's role in the Medical Center; and Alison Badger, Ph.D., one of Cooperband's former students and an associate professor of microbiology and assistant research professor of medicine, talked about her mentor as a scientist and teacher.

Contributions in Cooperband's memory may be made to the Sidney R. Cooperband Scholarship Fund, Room 101-A, Boston University School of Medicine, 80 E. Concord St., Boston 02118.

BENNETT NAMED ACTING DIRECTOR OF CANCER CENTER Michael Bennett, M.D., a professor of pathology and microbiology, was appointed acting director of the Hubert H. Humphrey Cancer Research Center by Dean Sandson March 5. Bennett, who succeeds the late Sidney R. Cooperband, M.D., will serve in the position until a new director is found.

JUDGE RE TO SPEAK AT ALUMNI BANQUET The Honorable Edward D. Re, LL.B., J.S.D., chief judge of the U.S. Customs Court of New York City, will be the guest speaker at the annual meeting and banquet of the BUSM Alumni Association Saturday, May 12, at 6 p.m. at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel.

Alumni Weekend will begin Friday, May 11, with an afternoon symposium on recent advances in risk factors for cardiovascular diseases, sponsored by the Class of 1954, and an evening cocktail party. Saturday morning activities will include an informal talk with Dean Sandson and a panel discussion on financial planning.

University Hospital's second gala benefit evening will also be held Friday, May 11, at Anthony's Pier 4 Restaurant, featuring Art Buchwald, the humorist, author and nationally syndicated columnist as guest speaker. A special combined rate is available for those planning to attend both the Alumni banquet and the UH gala. For more information, call Peggy Prescott at x6046, or Jim Greenfield at x5590.

VISITORS BOARD TO SEE EMERGENCY DEMONSTRATION Lenworth Jacobs, M.D., an assistant professor of surgery, will demonstrate new emergency care techniques with members of the Emergency Medical Team, and Peter Pochi, M.D., a professor of dermatology, will speak on acne treatment breakthroughs at the third annual Board of Visitors meeting at BUSM Thursday and Friday, April 19 and 20.

Each Board member will be paired with a BUSM student with whom he or she can meet and talk on an individual basis. Board members will also have the opportunity to attend one of several activities occurring at the Medical Center.

NORTON, RICH JOIN BOARD OF VISITORS Two new members have been added to the Board of Visitors. They are John T. Norton, Ph.D., chairman and director of AMR Corporation of Bedford, Mass., and Alexander Rich, M.D., a professor of biophysics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Norton was a faculty member at MIT for 41 years, beginning as a research associate and retiring as a professor of physics. He studied as a fellow of the American-Scandinavian Foundation at the University of Stockholm in 1931.

Rich, who has been a William Thompson Sedgwick professor at MIT since 1961, has been affiliated with various United States space exploration projects, including the Viking Mars Mission. He received the Skylab Achievement Award from NASA in 1974, and the Presidential award from the New York Academy of Sciences in 1977.

53 GET FIRST CHOICE IN MATCH Fifty-three of 134 BUSM fourth-year students were assigned their first choice in the National Internship and Residency Matching Program (NIRMP), while 25 were given their second choice, and 11 were matched with their third choice. Thirty-eight others got their fourth, fifth or sixth choice. Students learned of their assignments on Matching Day, March 14.

A total of 24 students will intern with BUSM-affiliated programs, and 81 students will continue their medical training out-of-state.

AUCTION OF CLASSIC TEXTS TO BE FEATURE OF DINNER HONORING PARSONS A dinner honoring Langdon Parsons, M.D., and benefiting the Langdon Parsons Scholarship Fund, will be held Friday, April 27, at 7 p.m. at the Harvard Club. Parsons was a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at BUSM from 1949 to 1962, and was chief of ob/gyn at Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals (now University Hospital) from 1954 to 1962.

The dinner will feature an auction of many of the classic textbooks written by Parsons--new editions as well as out-of-print texts. Expected to attend are Parsons's friends and colleagues, former residents who trained under him, and a number of past recipients of the Parsons Scholarship.

Anyone who has known Parsons and would like to attend the dinner is invited to call Catharine Cook, director of development, at x6564.

JENKINS ONE OF 3 FROM U.S. AT HOLLAND CONFERENCE C. David Jenkins, Ph.D., a professor of psychiatry and director of the Department of Behavioral Epidemiology, presented a paper on behavioral risk factors in coronary heart disease at an international conference held in Maastricht, The Netherlands, March 15 to 17. The paper introduced research relating coronary mortality in Massachusetts to social status. Jenkins was one of three

American participants at the conference, which reviewed current research concerning psychological factors leading to coronary heart disease.

Jenkins has also been named a faculty member for a national symposium entitled "The Consequences of Stress: The Medical and Social Implications of Prescribing Tranquilizers." The accredited medical education program began Wednesday, March 21, at Cornell University Medical Center and will continue for approximately one and one-half years. It focuses on diagnosing and managing disease-related stress, and explores all aspects of pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic therapy in patient treatment.

FELDMAN, SAX SPEAK Robert Feldman, M.D., chairman of the Department of
AT SPASTICITY MEETING Neurology and chief of neurology at University Hospital, and Daniel Sax, M.D., a professor of neurology and a senior staff neurologist at UH, were among 26 internationally recognized neurologists participating in a symposium on spasticity in Scottsdale, Ariz., March 19-23.

Feldman, who chaired the symposium, spoke on clinical evaluation of baclofen, a new drug helpful in controlling spasticity, and on which he conducted research at UH. Sax spoke on the management of spinal reflex in man. Margaret Kelly-Hayes, R.N., neurology nurse clinician, also attended the symposium.

IONICS DONATE \$200 More than \$200, proceeds of a Disco Dance and Cabaret held
TO AID NEEDY STUDENTS in the Hiebert Lounge March 10 under the sponsorship of the Ionics, was donated to the Office of Minority Affairs to help needy students meet tuition costs. The Ionics, a group of six men, hold such functions to benefit a number of causes. Five Ionics members are BUMC employees. They are: Ionics Chairman Joseph Harris, Elmer Findley and Eddie Jackson, all of the BUSM campus police; and Glen Lewis and Paul Tylerbest, both of UH security. Approximately 200 people attended the dance, including many BUSM students, physicians and employees.

GIFFORD RECEIVES MACY Georè E. Gifford, Jr., M.D., an associate professor of
FUNDS FOR FILM SERIES socio-medical sciences and head of the section on the history of medicine, was funded recently by the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation to continue the Leaders in American Medicine film-and-discussion series for three more years. Gifford has chaired the series, which is sponsored by the BUSM section on the history of medicine, for the past four years.

The last program in this year's series, to be held April 4 at the Countway Library, will feature a film and discussion on Sigmund Freud, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

GAW TO SPEAK Albert Gaw, M.D., an assistant professor of psychiatry, will
AT WORKSHOP be one of the speakers at a workshop entitled "Cultural Issues in Psychiatric Training," to be held all day Wednesday and Thursday, April 18 and 19, at The Castle, 225 Bay State Road. The workshop is sponsored by the Department of Psychiatry and the Rogers Memorial Veterans Administration Medical Center at Bedford.

GOTTLIEB, BROITMAN, Leonard Gottlieb, M.D., a professor of pathology, Selwyn
ZAMCHEK AT WORKSHOP Broitman, Ph.D., a professor of microbiology, and Norman Zamchek, M.D., a research associate in pathology, participated in the 1979 workshop of the National Large-Bowel Cancer Project Jan. 30 to Feb. 2 in Houston, Texas. Gottlieb and Zamchek were also invited participants in a closed international symposium on colo-rectal cancer epidemiology and screening, March 6 and 7 in New York City.

HISPANIC PRE-MEDS
FROM NYC VISIT BUSM

Approximately 40 pre-med students from Aspira, an organization in the New York City area for young Hispanics, recently visited BUSM, as well as the medical schools at Tufts and Harvard universities. The group heard remarks from Dean Sandson and Mona Harrison, M.D., assistant dean and director of the Office of Minority Affairs.

LAST 1979 WATERHOUSE
SOCIETY MEETINGS

Programs for the last Benjamin Waterhouse Medical History Society meetings for this year are as follows: David Anson Lee, BUSM III, will speak on "Surgical Personalities" Thursday, April 5; John M. Murray, M.D., professor emeritus of psychiatry, will speak on "The Development of Psychiatry at Boston University" Thursday, April 26. Both meetings will be held in L-301 at 5 p.m., following wine and cheese at 4:30 p.m.

DOB RENUMBERS
FLOORS APRIL 2

All offices and floors of the Doctors Office Building (DOB) have been renumbered, effective Monday, April 2. The street level becomes the first floor, the first garage level (L 1) is now the second floor, the second garage level (L 2) is the third floor, and all other floors and offices have been renumbered by an addition of three. (For example, the former first floor has been renumbered as four, the former second floor is now five, etc.) To avoid confusion, the renumbered floors have been clearly marked, and signs have been posted throughout the building.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Charles Emerson, Ph.D., professor emeritus of medicine, is principal investigator of a one-year, \$830,000 grant from the U.S. Navy to study the effects of long-term preservation of blood cells by freezing....Sisir Sengupta, M.D., a senior research biochemist, has received a one-year, \$67,108 grant from the American Cancer Society, and a three-year, \$196,000 grant from the National Cancer Institute, for support of his research aimed at improving the use of Actinomycin D, an anti-cancer agent used in chemotherapy.... Frederick Moolten, M.D., an associate professor of microbiology, has been awarded \$50,930 for support of his research project entitled "Protective Immunity to Chemical Carcinogens." Using laboratory animals, Moolten will experiment to determine the possibility of immunizing humans against certain cancer-causing agents.

CORRECTION

The academic degree held by Harry Lewis was incorrectly reported in the February 1 issue of News & Notes. Lewis has a Ph.D. degree.

BRIEFLY NOTED

Jordan Joseph, M.D., an associate clinical professor of neurology, has been appointed acting director of medical affairs at Kennedy Memorial Hospital for Children, replacing Director John W. Wood, M.D., who is on leave. Joseph is also director of the Department of Neurology at Kennedy Memorial....Sanford Chodosh, M.D., an associate professor of medicine, was a major participant in a conference on "The Role and Function of Institutional Review Boards and the Protection of Human Subjects," held March 29 and 30 at the Harvard School of Public Health....John E. Madias, M.D., an assistant professor of medicine and director of the Coronary Care Unit at Boston City Hospital, is author of a paper in the February issue of Circulation, describing heart attack as one of the complications of variant angina, a syndrome characterized by recurrent chest pains.... James R. Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of socio-medical sciences, participated in a Consensus Development Conference on Antenatal Diagnosis, sponsored by NIH March 5-7 in Bethesda, Md. He participated as a member of the NIH task force on predictors of fetal maturation.

SWAZEY, SORENSON
TO SPEAK ON
SEX SELECTION

Judith P. Swazey, Ph.D., a professor of socio-medical sciences and community medicine, and James R. Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of socio-medical sciences and community medicine, will participate in the second national symposium on Genetics and the Law, to be held May 21 to 23 at the Copley Plaza Hotel. They will discuss "Sex Selection: Rights and Obligations in the Use of Genetic Technology." The symposium is co-sponsored by the American Society of Law and Medicine and the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center.

SAPERSTEIN JOINS
INFO. SERVICES STAFF

Susan B. Saperstein recently joined the staff of the Office of Informational Services as editorial assistant for BUSM. Saperstein received her B.A. degree from the State University of New York, College at Cortland, and her M.S. in public relations from Boston University's School of Public Communication. She was formerly on the editorial staff of Boston magazine. She will work with Lorraine W. Loviglio, editor for academic affairs, and Owen J. McNamara, manager of the Office of Informational Services, on BUSM publications.

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