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# Campus UPDATE

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## Black History Month recognized in many ways at BUMC

Black History Month was celebrated in a continuous and diverse way at the Medical Center in February. From photographic exhibits to a cultural bazaar to films and medical lectures, the outlets were intended to show the breadth and depth of impact that blacks have had on the arts and medicine and to bring attention to the health problems afflicting blacks and other people of color. "Our motivation was to build bridges and bring down the walls, not only within the institution but between the institution and its neighbors, as well," said Kenneth C. Edelin, M.D., the associate dean for student and minority affairs.



*Kenneth C. Edelin, M.D., associate dean for student and minority affairs, speaks with visiting scholar James Gavin III, M.D., Ph.D., at a photo exhibit sponsored as part of Black History Month.*

As part of the month-long celebration, a photographic exhibit entitled "The Power of One" was displayed in the Hiebert

Lounge, featuring the photography of Lou Jones, one

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## Chair honors Sandson and Chobanian



*Dean Emeritus John I. Sandson*

The School of Medicine recently recognized the years of leadership and achievement contributed consecutively by Dean Emeritus John I. Sandson, and Dean Aram V. Chobanian, by naming a chair in honor of Sandson and making Chobanian the first recipient.

The John I. Sandson Distinguished Professorship of Health Sciences, the result of four-and-a-half years of accumulating donations by former students, colleagues and friends of Sandson's, recognizes the major contribution he made to the School as dean for 14 years (1974-1988) and continues to make in his ongoing work here as dean emeritus.

Sandson increased the School's annual budget five-fold, from \$20 million a year to \$100 million a year, and increased research and other sponsored-program activities to a value of \$50 million a year in 1987. His impact extended into the structure of the School, as well. He oversaw the establishment of the School of Public Health, the development of a flexible curriculum—as reflected in the establishment of the

**New chair**

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## Redeemed soda cans fuel City Hospital Kids' Fund

Thanks to \$700 in proceeds from the redemption of Medical Campus soda cans by members of the Office of Facilities Management during the last year, some children in the local community are going to have lives that are a little more comfortable and a little bit brighter this year.

The money, donated to the Boston City Hospital Kids' Fund, was presented last month to Robert Vinci, M.D., a physician in the hospital's Department of Pediatrics and an assistant professor of pediatrics at the School of Medicine. This is the fourth year that the facilities management staff

has collected the cans, in a variety of bins around campus, and presented it to the Kids' Fund. It's also the largest donation ever made by the Office of Facilities Management, reflecting the redemption of 14,000 cans.

The money for this fund is used to enhance the lives of young patients and their families at Boston City Hospital, going to the purchase of home medical equipment in some cases, and, in others, to the purchase of toys,

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### Location of deposit for soda cans:

- Classrooms: Baskt Auditorium, rooms L-110, L-112
- Chequer's (L-building)  
Chequer's Express (Goldman School)
- 801 Albany St. building
- 609 Albany St. building



*Medical Campus lead custodian Larry Mastrangelo (center) and groundsman Tyrone Crumble (left) present Robert Vinci, M.D., with a \$700 check for the Boston City Hospital Kids' Fund.*

## Anatomy of a Building

### Site work for garage under way

With work on the Center for Advanced Biomedical Research primarily contained to the interior of the building at this advanced stage in its construction, activity is now beginning on an adjacent site, where preliminary work for a parking/retail/childcare facility is under way.

During the last month, the contractor for this second building in BioSquare has been on the site, laying out the structural grid for the building and "precharacterizing" the soil, or evaluating its environmental quality before workers begin the process of excavating it in preparation for the laying of the groundwork of the building. By carrying out environmental tests on the soil before they begin the process

of excavation, the workers will know when the time comes for excavation whether portions of the soil must be removed from the site to an environmentally regulated storage site or whether it can be used as backfill as the excavation process proceeds.

Once the "precharacterization" stage is completed, geotechnical and structural engineers will work to determine how deep the piles for the building can be driven into the ground. They carry out this evaluation process by driving "indicator" piles into the ground at different points in the grid, to determine the depth to which piles can be driven before they reach bedrock, or "refusal," explained Jack Hobbs, a member of the project



Work on the Center for Advanced Biomedical Research, the first building being constructed in BioSquare, has reached an advanced stage. Interior petitions have been installed on many floors and the installation of laboratory and plumbing fixtures is under way.

team. Once the depth has been determined, the piles will be ordered at the specified length, and driven into the ground when received on the site.

The next stage in development, which will occur this

summer, will involve the pouring of the foundation. Reinforced concrete grade beams will be formed and poured between the pile caps, while the structural slab on grade will be placed atop that. □

### Ed Media head takes new post



Jerome T. Glickman

Jerome T. Glickman, Ed.D., F.B.P.A., has announced his resignation as the director of the Medical Center's Educational Media Center, effective April 1, after 22 years of service as its developer and director. The acting director of the Center will be Domenic Scenci, Jr., Ed.D., currently the production manager of the Center.

Glickman will become the director of education at AcroMed-Corp., a spinal implant company in Cleveland.

Glickman, an assistant professor of public health and socio-medical sciences and community medicine, spearheaded the development of Educational Media into a support center for medical education, research and clinical activities.

### Medical Center to install state-of-art telephone system

To meet the current and projected voice communication needs of both Boston University Medical Campus and Boston University Medical Center Hospital, the two institutions have jointly invested in a new voice telecommunications system for the Medical Center, an external voice network known as the AT&T Definity G3R system. The system's many enhancements will include a new telephone system, as well as voice-messaging capability.

The decision to make this investment was driven by several factors, one being that the system currently used throughout most of the Medical Center, an AT&T Dimension 2000 PBX, cannot be upgraded with enhanced features and is difficult to obtain repair parts for, as it is obsolete in the marketplace. Moreover, the system cannot support additional stations, which will be required with the impending growth of BioSquare, the Medical Center's new complex across Albany Street.

In addition to providing voice mail, the new system will offer such state-of-the-art call processing technologies as improved call-handling capabilities, consistent user interfaces/operation and enhanced networking features.

"Voice mail will be a particularly significant addition," said Janis Roberts, executive director of the Medical Campus Office of Financial and Business Affairs.

The Medical Center has used the AT&T Dimension 2000 PBX since 1984,

though the 801 Albany St. building uses an AT&T System 75 PBX and the 609 Albany St. building uses an AT&T Definity Generic-1.

The new system is scheduled to be installed during Labor Day weekend in September.

Consultants involved in the installation process will meet with representatives from each department at the Medical Center to determine how best to deploy the new system's functions to meet the needs of each office. □

### Auditorium L-112 upgraded

Thanks to a donation to the School of Medicine by alumnus Frank J. Miselis '45, the School has been able to carry out a significant upgrade of facilities in the auditorium room L-112. In gratitude to Miselis, the School has named the auditorium in his honor.

The renovations have included installing a computerized lighting-control system and a new audio-visual system, refurbishing the seats to increase comfort and to be in compliance with new fire codes, and installing new carpeting.

The new lighting system allows for the control of the dimming of different lights, while the new audio-visual system includes a new VCR component, a new lectern to allow for better projection and side wall speakers. □

## Researchers find advocates in sponsored programs office

There are some nonscientists here on the Medical Campus who make it their business to keep the scientists here in business.

With knowledge, alertness and eagle eyes, they work to ensure that the research, training and other grant and contract proposals submitted to government and other funding agencies, as well as the resulting award documents and contracts entered into, are in a form that will make them legally compatible with the School's policies, government regulations and funding agency requirements.

These overseers are the six members of the Office of Sponsored Programs, and their personal mission, says the office's director, Anne Der Hagopian, is to be "the catch basin for all proposals leaving the Medical Campus.

### *A particular niche*

"It's one of those jobs where your mother wouldn't even understand what you are doing," said Der Hagopian, a lively, animated woman still sporting an accent from her native Norway. (She left in 1965.)

"We have a fantastic group of investigators," she said. "I love it here.

"We argue, we negotiate, we stretch," she said, referring to her dealings with the scientists. "It's really interesting and really fun. I think it works out wonderfully well. We try to be an office that facilitates their work.

"Investigators don't always know the appropriate ways to present their needs to funding agencies in order to get the most favorable response, in a legal or administrative sense, and in such cases may encounter problems in the approval process with a sponsor," she said. "If we can sit down and hear



*Anne Der Hagopian, director of sponsored programs, leads a staff that helps researchers with their grant and contract proposals.*

what they want to accomplish, we can usually formulate their requests in such a manner that their goals are met."

The reviewers often conduct their evaluations in conjunction with both the University's legal counsel and patent administrator to ensure that all aspects of the investigators' and the University's interests and rights have been addressed.

"While our sponsored programs officers are neither lawyers nor patent attorneys, we are nevertheless watching out for problematic clauses and wording of agreements, flagging issues requiring special review and suggesting substitute language where warranted," said Der Hagopian.

Difficulties could potentially arise if, for instance, the University were considering signing a contract or a subcontract with a pharmaceutical or other for-profit company that had received a prime contract from a funding agency that included specific contract clauses pertaining to for-profit companies in their prime document. "It is extremely important to be alerted to the difference between the nonprofit educational institutions' requirements and the requirements of for-profit organizations,

and to ensure that the potential conflicting clauses be negotiated to cover these needs," she said.

One area of potential concern involves the publication clause, in instances where the prime contract may prohibit publication without prior approval.

"This is usually not acceptable to a university, and the language in such a clause must be negotiated, or it may appear that censorship is involved," Der Hagopian said.

## BUMC Hospital opens health center at 930 Commonwealth Ave.



*The Hospital's new health care center offers multidisciplinary services.*

BUMC Hospital will open a major new health care center this month, in spacious new quarters at 930 Commonwealth Ave., across from the Armory. Designed for Boston University faculty, staff and their families,

A member of the sponsored programs office since 1983, Der Hagopian has witnessed the evolving federal and institutional policies concerning research during the last decade. For sponsored programs administrators to keep abreast of these changes, she said, "it is extremely important to maintain an extensive network with other institutions, organizations and companies throughout the country and abroad, in order to maximize funding opportunities for the Medical Campus."

Reflecting the growth of the sponsored programs field during the last 30 years, a voluntary certification program for the profession was established last year. Der Hagopian was a member of the first group to earn the title of Certified Research Administrator.

While it is not a required certification for the field, it brings distinction to those who bear it—and to the institution those people represent. □

the Commonwealth Medical Group, a multispecialty group practice, will provide a comprehensive range of outpatient adult and pediatric primary care services, as well as a number of specialties, including obstetrics and gynecology, ophthalmology, dermatology, orthopedics, otolaryngology, pulmonary, allergy and mental health.

The practice will be staffed by senior physicians, all faculty members at the School.

The health care center can be reached at 278-6700. □



**For a look at one of six new Medical Center bicycle racks, see page 4.**

Boston University Medical Center Hospital's Department of Otolaryngology will sponsor a comprehensive head and neck cancer screening on Wednesday, March 17, from 1 to 4 p.m. Interested employees should register at a table set up in the Atrium Lobby. For more information call x4016 (638-4016) or 1/800-524-8541.

## Dorothy Keefer, registrar, retires

Dorothy C. Keefer, registrar and coordinator for advanced standing admissions at the School, retired in January. An alumna of Boston University, Keefer had a long and successful career at the Medical Center for 46 years, the last 22 of which were spent as registrar. Keefer was married to the late Chester S. Keefer, M.D., one of the driving forces behind the foundation of the Medical Center and its first director. □



A new bicycle rack has been installed outside of the School's Instructional Building. It is one of six new racks that was installed last month around Campus.

## Visiting Scholars Program begun

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of Boston's top commercial and art photographers. The exhibit, which opened with a reception on Feb. 11, featured a series of photographs of health care professionals from around the country who are committed to solving the most critical health problems facing blacks to-

day. The exhibit was commissioned by Aetna Life and Casualty.

At the reception, the BUSM Office of Minority Affairs launched its Visiting Scholars Program, designed to bring to the Greater Boston health care community leading scholars to address health care problems afflicting blacks and other people

of color. The first visiting scholar and guest-of-honor at the reception was James Gavin III, M.D., Ph.D., senior scientific officer at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Bethesda, Md., and president-elect of the American Diabetes Association. Gavin was one of the health care professionals featured in Jones' exhibition. □

## Chobanian first recipient of Sandson chair

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Dean Aram V. Chobanian

MMEDIC (modular medical integrated curriculum) and the Early Medical School Selection Program—and was an advocate for the Student Revolving Loan Fund.

As dean emeritus, Sandson has pursued his interests in health care manpower, the financing of medical education and enhancing opportunities for minorities in medicine. He also is a full-time member of the admissions committee,

which, he said, has given him the opportunity to observe the increase in applications during the last few years and the diverse, well motivated applicants who are applying.

Chobanian, meanwhile, whose internationally recognized research in hypertension dates back to the groundbreaking studies done under Robert W. Wilkins, M.D., has shifted his primary focus to leading the School since being passed the torch in 1988.

"As dean," he said, "I am very interested in getting the Medical Campus closely integrated, in bringing in new leadership, and in recruiting young faculty."

While Chobanian spends most of his time as an administrator, he remains one of the preeminent leaders in the study of hypertension today. He is the director of the National Institutes of

Health's Hypertension Specialized Center of Research, one of some 30 major medical honors and awards he has received during his career. He received the first Lifetime Achievement Award in Hypertension from the American Heart Association and was a co-recipient of the 1990 Modern Medicine Award for Distinguished Service with C. Everett Koop, M.D. □

## Kids' Fund grows

### Soda cans

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a television and a VCR for the hospital's children's wards.

"It's really spectacular to be receiving this donation," said Vinci. "There are a lot of touching stories of how this money's been spent."

Money given to the fund in recent years was spent on such invaluable gifts as a nebulizer for a child with asthma, a pair of eye glasses and orthopedic devices. One local family, whose child suffered from a syndrome known as "failure to thrive," resulting from a lack of nutrition, was given a refrigerator, which directly addressed the family's problem of not being able to store perishable food. A child who was flown to Disney World through the Make a Wish Foundation, was bought some clothes to wear for the trip.

"This is a very special program," said Bill Gasper, the associate vice president for business affairs, "one that we are proud to participate in. It is a very significant additional benefit of recycling cans, the other, of course, being to help the environment."

Individuals or offices interested at any point in the year in making a donation to the Boston City Hospital Kids' Fund should contact Vinci, at Boston City Hospital, at 534-5177. In the meantime, people can contribute to the fund by dropping cans in the designated bins. □

## March is National Nutrition Month!

Get the **News on Nutrition** and enjoy a variety of **Treat Yourself Right** specials this month at Chequers! Plus, enter to win an "Eat Right America" kit, complete with T-shirt, water bottle and fanny pack. Chequers, School of Medicine, Instructional Building, lower level: x4146 (638-4146)

### Hours:

Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.,  
Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

