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**MENDED HEARTS GIVE NEW LIFE**--Irwin Bernstein (right) and Gershon Schwartz (center) of Mended Hearts present J. Scott Abercrombie Jr., M.D., Hospital administrator, with a donation to aid in a UH renovation project. See story inside.

## need to know

### PROPOSED SOUTH END IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OUTLINED FOR UH MANAGERS

Proposed major improvement projects for the South End were outlined this week at the monthly UH management meeting by Donald R. Giller, director of marketing and public affairs, and Robert Walsh, executive director of South End Technology Square Associates Inc. (SETSAs).

SETSAs is a non-profit corporation initiated by trustees of University Hospital, along with representatives of Boston University and several other South End businesses and institutions. The organization is dedicated to stimulating economic development in the area bounded by Albany street, Massachusetts and Harrison avenues and East Berkeley street.

Walsh pointed out the close proximity of the area to downtown Boston and predicted that careful development of the district would help create jobs and improve the economic climate.

Among the projects Giller and Walsh described at the meeting was the development of 9.8 acres of land along Albany street (at the site of the present police tow lot) for construction of a mixed-use building complex to be utilized primarily for office and hotel space. SETSAs and a commercial development firm are currently discussing their plans with staff of the Boston Redevelopment Authority and will be seeking official approval from the BRA for use of the land.

Current plans call initially for construction of a 160,000 square-foot office tower opposite East Newton street.

The next phase of construction would include either another office tower or both a hotel and office tower. Structured parking would be a necessity once all three buildings are completed.

Walsh said that construction of the first office tower might get under way by the end of 1982, if BRA approval is secured soon.

SETSAs also plans to assist local businesses and institutions in coordination of alternative transportation plans (such as shuttles to rapid-transit lines) and in mutual security concerns.

### BOSTON TEACHING HOSPITALS SUBMIT PROPOSAL TO STATE FOR MANAGEMENT OF MEDICAID

University Hospital and nine other Boston teaching hospitals recently formed a private non-profit corporation and unveiled a proposal for management of the state's financially-troubled Medicaid system.

The proposal, unprecedented in the nation and announced at a Feb. 4 news conference, was outlined in a letter of intent to William T. Hogan Jr., secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Human Services. The private consortium, Commonwealth Health Care Corporation Inc., initially would contract with the state for the management of the health care involving 70,000 women and children in Greater Boston who are now receiving benefits under the state's Aid for Families of Dependent Children program.

The CHCC would achieve cost savings by ensuring that each patient receive the level of care needed at the type of facility equipped to provide it, and by initiating incentives to diminish the number of days of hospitalization. Increased coordination of each Medicaid recipient's care is the principal source of savings under the proposed CHCC program.

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# around about UH

## COLUMBUS AND TREMONT STREETS TO UNDERGO RECONSTRUCTION BEGINNING IN EARLY SPRING

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Works is planning the reconstruction of Tremont street and Columbus avenue. The reconstruction will provide safer and more efficient use of the right-of-way by automobiles and at the same time assure safer and easier movement for pedestrians. It also will help to restore the historic appearance of the South End, according to the DFW.

The first phase of the project includes surface, safety and traffic improvements along Columbus avenue, from the Concord Square intersection inbound to the Clarendon street intersection. The work will extend along Tremont street, from the Crosstown street intersection inbound to the Dartmouth street intersection. A portion of Kendall street will be relocated and Frederick Douglass Square and a segment of Appleton street will be converted into streets for local access.

The first phase of the construction will take about 18 months and is expected to begin as early as April. During that time, bus service will continue. Traffic will be restricted to a single lane in each direction.

## STATE OFFICIALS TOUR HOSPITAL FACILITIES

William T. Hogan Jr., secretary for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Human Services, and Sen. Edward Burke of Framingham, Senate chairman of the Joint Committee on Health Care, recently toured UH.

The tours were in response to an invitation by J. Scott Abercrombie Jr. M.D., Hospital administrator, who recently extended an open invitation to state officials to tour the facilities at UH.

## MENDED HEARTS DONATE FUNDS FOR RENOVATION

Greater Boston Chapter No. 20 of the Mended Hearts recently donated \$250 towards the renovation of the Surgical Intensive Care Unit and Recovery Room at UH. Irwin Bernstein, president of the Greater Boston Chapter No. 20, and Gershon Schwartz, the chapter's vice president, presented a check to J. Scott Abercrombie Jr., M.D., Hospital administrator, early last week. The money was donated in memory of George Blum, a former member of Mended Hearts.

Mended Hearts is a nationwide service organization of persons who have undergone heart surgery. Its primary purpose is to visit and encourage persons anticipating or recovering from heart surgery.

## people

### EMPLOYEES ASKED TO SUPPORT THE CCHD HOOP-A-THON SET FOR FEB. 17-20

The second annual Hoop-A-Thon sponsored by the Committee to Combat Huntington's Disease started Feb. 17 and will run until Feb. 20 at the Soloman Carter Fuller Mental Health Center. Hospital employees are invited to give a hoop for Huntington's disease and to cheer on Hospital staffers who will be shooting baskets.

The following are some of the highlights of the event:

--Thursday at 10:30 a.m., Robert G. Feldman, M.D., chief of neurology at UH, will tested his free-throw style.

--At 4 p.m. on Friday, Robert Leach, M.D., chief of orthopedic surgery, will be going to the line for Huntington's disease.

--Medical Center Director Richard H. Egdahl, M.D., will be shooting at 4:15 p.m. on Friday.

--At 4:30 p.m., a team from GSGD will challenge a team from Tufts Dental School.

## classified

APARTMENT AVAILABLE: South End, 2-bdrm. apt. available March 1. \$375/month plus utilities. Call Victor, x3897.

APARTMENT FOR RENT: 2-bdrm. apt. in Weymouth. Dishwasher/disposal, pool, tennis, club house, washer/dryer in bldg. Possibly available March 1. From \$460/month. Call Linda, x5578.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT: Several, beautiful new apts. from 1- to 2 1/2-bdms., fireplace, decks. In South End near hospitals. Transportation, parking, recreational facilities. \$500-\$700/month, heat included. Call 262-7199, x636.

HOME FOR RENT: Lovely Cohasset village home, one side of antique colonial duplex. Near ocean bus to Boston. 8 rms., including 4-5 bdms., 2 full baths, large living room with fireplace, heated Florida room. Ideal for large family or group of nurses or doctors. \$750/month, plus utilities. Call 749-8833 or 383-9837 for appointment to preview.

ROOMMATE SOUGHT: Female roommate wanted for 2-bdrm. apt. in house in Jamaica Plain. \$175/month, includes heat, electricity and phone. Near MBTA. Call Pam, x6354.

ROOMMATE WANTED: Professional female (27+) wanted to share luxury 2-bdrm. apt. in South End (near Boston Center for the Arts). Completely furnished except for bedroom. \$312.50/month, including utilities. Dishwasher/disposal, washer/dryer, brick walls, high ceilings. Call Ms. Kern, x5030.