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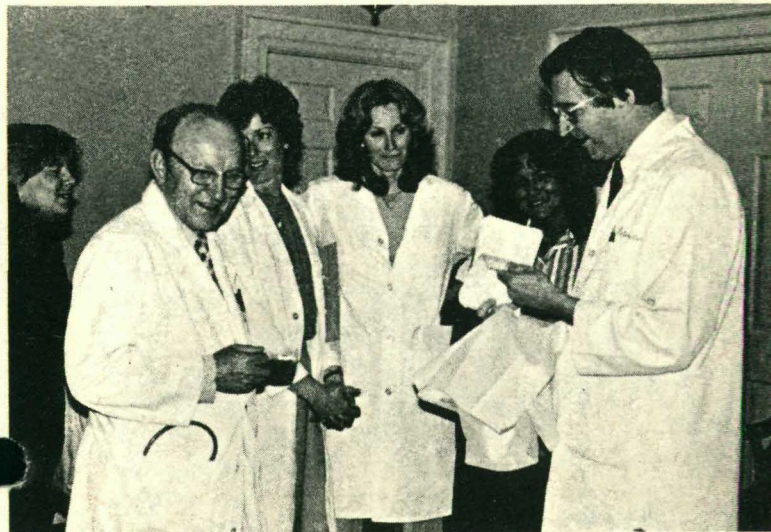
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**FOND FAREWELL:** Peter J. Mozden, acting chief of UH's Department of General Surgery, joins other Hospital employees at a reception for Peter J. Deckers, M.D., who left UH this spring.

## events

### UH's ISEC SCHOOL CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY; PROGRAM SEEN AS A DECADE OF SUCCESS

The ISEC School, a program of University Hospital's Division of Psychiatry, celebrates its tenth anniversary Friday, July 13. According to Jean Monihan-Dougherty, social worker at the ISEC School, "We are celebrating 10 years of successfully optimizing the skills of severely retarded and multiply handicapped children while allowing the family unit to remain whole."

**The history.** The School, currently located at the Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center, had its beginnings in the basement of a Boston church in 1972 as the Center for Exceptional Citizens. Monihan-Dougherty explained that back in 1972 parents with retarded and handicapped children were advised to place their children in state schools. The institutions, however, restricted admission to children five years of age and older. In-home services were provided by Children's Hospital and Boston City Hospital, but these professionals realized that a central place was needed: A place where children would receive more intensive medical and therapeutic care and where mothers could meet and feel less isolated.

In 1974, Monihan-Dougherty said, Chapter 776 was passed in Massachusetts, mandating education for special-needs children. It was in 1974, with the passing of the law, that the ISEC School, then Project ISEC, became affiliated with University Hospital and moved from the church basement to the Talbot Building.

**The program.** Today, the ISEC School is a private day-school program for multihandicapped children, adolescents and young adults, ages 3 to 22, who have such severely disabling conditions as cerebral palsy, vision and hearing impairments and profound psychomotor retardation.

According to Monihan-Dougherty, some of the children are ambulatory and a couple are able to communicate by identifying words or pictures, but most have only vocal or facial expressions to rely on. "The majority of the children in the program have a developmental function of less than one year," she said.

**The staff.** The 12-month program consists of four classrooms, with eight or nine students per class and a 1:2 staff-to-student ratio in each classroom. The ISEC School staff--teachers, therapists and program assistants--works together to provide an educational as well as a therapeutic program for each student, specifically designed to address his or her individual needs. This provides the child with what Monihan-Dougherty called a "well-rounded approach to education, with teachers and therapists working as a team to maximize the child's potential in all areas of development: physical, cognitive, social and emotional."

In addition to special-education teachers, occupational and physical therapists and program assistants, the ISEC School has staff to look after children's medical needs--a registered nurse, a pediatric neurologist and a nutritionist. There also are social workers who, like Monihan-Dougherty, help families utilize several support systems available to them and serve as a link between the school and the home.

Family participation is strongly encouraged at the ISEC School and, according to Monihan-Dougherty, the response has always been good. "The younger children in the program have always had the advantages of Chapter 766," she explained, "but the parents of some of our older children remember what it was like before. They tell us that Project EISEC (ISEC School) is the only reason they didn't have to institutionalize their child. For them, our program is responsible not only for helping them to keep their child well, but for allowing them to keep him or her home."

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## around about UH

### FAREWELL/WELCOME RECEPTION PLANNED FOR UH DIETARY DIRECTOR MAGNAN AND HIS SUCCESSOR

A reception will be held for both Steve Magnan, UH's dietary director since 1981, and Steve Lewis, who will be replacing Magnan, on Friday, July 13, from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Wilkins Board Room.

Magnan, who joined UH's Dietary Services in June 1980 as production manager, will become a district manager in the western New England area for Seiler's, Inc. Lewis comes to the Hospital from the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester, where he served as food service director.



**A DONATION WELL RECEIVED:** University Hospital was the recent recipient of donated laboratory equipment from Fisher Scientific. The equipment, valued at \$10,000, was donated to UH in recognition of the Hospital's commitment to health care. Above right, Bernard E. Statland, chief of Laboratory Medicine, examines the new equipment as representatives from Fisher and Robert Simpson, third from right, UH's director of Purchasing, and Michael Valentine, UH's director of Development, look on.

### GOLDMAN SCHOOL OBSERVES DENTAL-AWARENESS WEEK AT THE MEDICAL CENTER--JULY 9-13

In recognition of Dental Awareness Week from July 9 to July 13, Boston University's Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry will be providing informational services to the Medical Center community. Booths will be set up in the Hospital's E-1 Lobby each day from 2:30-3:30 p.m. and in the Doctor's Office Building Lobby from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Representatives from the Dental Service Corporation of Massachusetts, as well as faculty and students from the Dental School, will be available at the booths to answer employee questions about dental-health insurance benefits and coverage.

In addition, representatives from the School's Prevention Center, a service similar to a private practice and located on the School's seventh floor, will be on hand to answer questions about dental care. Brochures and pamphlets also will be available.

## classified

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## people

### UH CORPORATOR FR. GILDAY HONORED BY CITY IN STREET-RENAMING CEREMONY

The Rev. Francis J. Gilday, S.J., of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, was recently honored by the City of Boston by the renaming of the South End's James Street to Father Francis J. Gilday Street. The renaming of the street, which runs parallel to Harrison Avenue behind the Church of the Immaculate Conception, was a process initiated by the Worcester Square Neighborhood Association in recognition of Fr. Gilday's close relationship with the South End neighborhood.

Boston City Council President Joseph Tierney, joined by fellow city councilors and Police Commissioner Joseph M. Jordan, attended the renaming ceremony and presented Fr. Gilday with an official proclamation on behalf of the city.

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