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Despite the death-like interval of silence since our last issue prior to the Christmas holiday and the biennial time of tribulation-exams, - the MED NEWS has not passed away but has merely slumbered in hibernation from which it now arises. To commence the second semester we have decided to disseminate information gleaned from the Dean's Office which we hope will be of interest to all.

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The new 6-year program is now an actuality with a class of 25 students chosen to begin at the school of Liberal Arts this September. The number of applicants for the program was approximately the same as at Northwestern University Medical School, which is beginning their 6-year program this fall also and included a fair number of bright students.

At a recent discussion of 6-year medical programs in this country by a group from Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons, the BUSM curriculum received a more favorable opinion than that which is currently in operation at Johns Hopkins Medical School.

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Physical plant:

High hopes are raised for additional funds for new BUSM buildings with the legislation pending in Congress. This provides Federal funds for medical facilities at a 2 : 1 ratio with the government supplying the larger share.

The research building is almost completely occupied.

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Introspection:

The Pharmacology Department has been working on an evaluation system designed to compare their teaching effort from year to year with the idea of preventing marked fluctuations. If this proves to be successful it will be applied to other departments.

In a joint study, the Psychiatry Department here and the Sociology Department on the main campus are involved in assessing the relative merits of the 6-year program and of the present 8-year curriculum.

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Of local interest:

During a recent medical meeting in Chicago, a debate was held with the resolve that practitioners should teach less in medical schools now that the clinical staffs were of such large size. Drs. Waumek, professor of surgery at North Carolina Med., and Mulhollander were pro and they conceded to, guess who, Drs. Soutter and Relman who were con.

Parking will be available on a rental basis to staff, employees and students, if there is extra space available, in the large lot to the south of the Research Building. Limited, but free, student parking will be available in the small lot adjacent to the research building on Stoughton Street.

The Med hockey team defeated one of the College of Basic Sciences hockey teams by a score of 5 to 3.

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Observed in passing:

One warm day last week a cluster of frosh was noted in the courtyard exercising their deltoids by plastering a faculty member's parking name-plate with snowballs.

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April 8 - Student-Faculty show at Hotel Continental, Cambridge.