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THE CHAMPIONS--UH Hot Shot team member Jackie Pelkey displays one of the jerseys presented to the team for winning the 1980 BU Women's Division Intramural Softball Championship. See story inside.

## around about UH

### HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE GRANT AWARDED TO UH, MGH

A federal grant of nearly \$4 million has been awarded to UH and Massachusetts General Hospital to create a unique "Center Without Walls" for the study and treatment of Huntington's disease, according to Robert G. Feldman, M.D., chief of neurology at UH, and Joseph B. Martin, M.D., chief of neurology at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Martin will be principal investigator and program director under the five-year grant, which was issued by the National Institutes of Health. Feldman, who is also chairman of the Department of Neurology at the School of Medicine, will be associate program director.

In attacking the baffling brain disorder, which claimed folk singer Woody Guthrie among its victims, the multi-institutional program will draw upon research and patient-care expertise at hospitals associated with all four medical schools in Massachusetts as well as hospitals of the Veterans Administration. The "Center Without Walls" concept is based on the philosophy that, by sharing resources and information, the whole will be greater than the sum of its parts. The medical schools involved include those of Boston University, Harvard, Tufts and the University of Massachusetts.

The "Center Without Walls" will work closely with the Massachusetts Chapter of the Committee to Combat Huntington's Disease, a private organization which is based at University Hospital and is active in both patient and public education programs about the inherited malady.

Doctors estimate that in the United States and Canada alone, at least 100,000 people either suffer from Huntington's Disease or fear that someday they will because of a 50 percent chance of acquiring it through heredity. No race or nation is believed to be exempt.

For more information about the Huntington's Disease "Center Without Walls," contact Richard

Myers, M.D., at x5025 or the Committee to Combat Huntington's Disease at x5049.

### MAKE A SUNDAE ON THURSDAY-- THE UH 125 CELEBRATION CONTINUES

All UH employees are invited to attend the free "Make Your Own Sundae Party" being sponsored as part of the Hospital's 125th anniversary celebration. For day shift employees, the party will take place on Thursday, August 14, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the F-1 Parking Lot. Night shift employees can make their sundaes from 5:30 to 11 p.m. in the F-1 Cafeteria. Tickets for the event will be enclosed in next week's pay envelopes.

Distinguished Service Awards will be presented to four Hospital employees during the "Sundae Party." The awards will be given at 2 p.m. in the F-1 Parking Lot.

### PROGRAM INITIATED TO MAKE HOSPITAL STAY MORE PLEASANT FOR RELATIVES OF UH PATIENTS

How would you feel if you traveled to University Hospital all the way from Mexico to accompany your brother who is undergoing a special operation? Lonely--in an impersonal hotel? Overwhelmed--by a new city? Frustrated--by the communication barrier?

These problems are a sampling of those that trouble families and relatives of patients who come to UH from all over the world. According to Betsy Lochte, director of UH Social Services, relatives often find hotel accommodations too expensive and impersonal and the lack of transportation frustrating. The total experience can be frightening and disheartening, Lochte said.

Lochte, along with other members of the UH  
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administration, have initiated a program to help alleviate such problems. She hopes to interest residents of Boston and surrounding communities who live in private homes with adequate space to share their homes with patients' relatives for an average period of one to two weeks. This stay possibly could be longer depending on the needs of the relative and the particular situation of the "host" family.

Those interested in becoming involved in the program should contact Betsy Lochte at x5424 or 5425.

#### CANCER RESEARCH GRANTS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

The Hubert H. Humphrey Cancer Research Center at Boston University School of Medicine has been awarded an institutional grant from the national chapter of the American Cancer Society to encourage young investigators (advanced graduate students, post-doctorates, junior faculty) to conduct cancer-related research. The grant is to serve as "seed" money for initiation of promising new projects or novel ideas. The awards, which cannot exceed \$5,000, will vary according to the needs of the investigator. The majority of allocations will be made to those who have not received prior grant support.

Application forms are available from the Cancer Research Center office (medical school, L-310, #247-6075). Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis and evaluated according to criteria described in the application forms. The deadline for applications is Sept. 15, 1980.

#### UH INSTITUTES GERIATRIC CONSULTATIVE SERVICE TO MEET SPECIAL NEEDS OF ELDERLY PATIENTS

A Geriatric Consultative Service has been instituted at University Hospital to respond to the special needs of patients over 60, according to R. Knight Steel, M.D., chief of geriatrics at UH. "This special service has been developed because the presentation of disease may be unique in the elderly individual, and diagnosis and treatment is often complicated by the multiplicity of physical and social ills that the elderly individual faces," Steel said.

The consultation service is staffed by a geriatric nurse practitioner/clinical specialist, an internist with special interest in geriatrics, a senior medical resident and a geriatric fellow. Representatives from other disciplines are consulted when necessary to insure proper care of individual patients.

Among the issues addressed through the consultative service are: acute illness in the face of one or more chronic conditions; preoperative medical evaluation with follow-up postoperative medical care as needed; the management of multiple medical conditions in the frail elderly; the management of complex medical problems that interface with social problems; aftercare assessment and evaluation (in collaboration with the Home Medical Service of UH, the Visiting Nurse Association and Jewish Memorial Hospital); nursing management problems, and functional assessment.

## sports

### 'THAT CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON'-- HOT SHOTS ARE BU WOMEN'S SOFTBALL CHAMPS

The UH Hot Shots, the Hospital's women's softball team, won the 1980 Boston University Women's Intramural Softball Championship with a 6-0 record, according to Irene Bradford of the Personnel Department and co-captain of the team.

The team defeated Pug's Pub in two pre-season games and won against The Kids, a team of female law students, in four regular season matchups. The 1980 season marked the first time that the Hot Shots have had the opportunity to play against another all-female team. In previous seasons they had been playing only against coed teams.

"We've come a long way," said Ann Faro, also of the Personnel Department and the team's co-captain.

"A lot of our success this season is due to our dedicated coaches, the fact that we had more practice and that there was much more team spirit," Faro said.

"Even the teams we played in coed games

(not included in the results for the Women's Division Championship) remarked how much the team had improved over past years," Bradford added.



**HOT SHOTS!!**--Left to right, Front row: Co-captains Ann Faro and Irene Bradford; Second row: Kerry Green, Genevieve Ronan, Betsy Fitter; Third row: Pamela Rawson, Debbie Pawlak, Andrea Lloyd; Fourth row: Coach Randy Nichols, Karen Jordan, Pat Sampson, Jackie Pelkey, Jean McNamara, Coach John Sagar. Team members not pictured: Denise Ferullo, Sue Loble, Karen Maneikis and Mary Turnan.

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