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FRIEND OF SPINAL CORD CENTER HONORED -- Bruce E. Boorman, second left, recently retired vice president and secretary for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, was honored July 22 by UH's New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center, headed by Murray M. Freed, M.D., far right. Also present was previous awardee L. Anthony Magliozzi, second right, manager of rehabilitation at Liberty Mutual, and John L. Eavenson, far left, vice chairman of Liberty Mutual's board. See story inside.

NEW CONTROLS WILL MEAN HARD TIMES FOR HOSPITALS

New legislation passed Tuesday night (August 3) by the Massachusetts legislature may place many Massachusetts hospitals, especially teaching hospitals, in the position of having to curtail new programs, eliminate programs that are not self-supporting, and reexamine current and future personnel needs, according to J. Scott Abercrombie Jr., M.D., Hospital administrator.

The legislation, which would place new controls on hospital charges and revenue, would be an alternative to proposed new regulations under the existing charge-control legislation, Chapter 409. Under Chapter 409, the impact would be even greater.

The new legislation, which at press time had yet to be signed by Gov. Edward J. King, would provide for a common reimbursement system for all insurers of health care in Massachusetts, including Blue Cross, private insurance companies, Medicare and Medicaid. The legislation would require agreement by the federal government before taking effect.

The legislation would seriously limit the growth of hospital budgets and would apply a "productivity" factor that would force hospitals to live below an agreed-upon inflation index over the next several years. According to Joe Moore, UH administrator of Fiscal Affairs, in the case of UH, the legislation would force a reduction of as much as 8.4 percent from the requested 1982-83 budget, or about \$7.6 million.

The alternative to the new legislation, proposed new regulations under Chapter 409, would limit hospital revenue by forcing hospitals to roll back their charges to insurance companies and to patients who are not insured.

According to Moore, if the proposed Chapter 409 regulations take effect, the estimated 1982-83 requested Hospital budget will have to be reduced by 10.8 percent, or approximately \$9.1 million.

"With either the new legislation or the proposed 409 regulations," Moore said, "I would expect to recommend that UH achieve any mandatory budget reductions through cuts in nonpayroll services, job attrition, and a cap on hiring. We are reviewing all UH programs and services to see what might be eliminated without decreasing the overall productivity of the Hospital," Moore said.

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SPINAL CORD INJURY CENTER HONORS BRUCE BOORMAN FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPINAL-CORD INJURY CARE

Bruce E. Boorman, the recently retired vice president and secretary for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, was honored on July 22 for his contributions to spinal-cord injury care by the Hospital's New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center, headed by Murray M. Freed, M.D., chief of rehabilitation medicine.

"This is our way of showing our appreciation for what he has done for us," Freed said at the awards ceremony. Freed cited Boorman for his "advice and support" throughout his years at Liberty Mutual.

Boorman is the third executive from Liberty Mutual to be named a "Friend of the Spinal Cord Injury Center." The others were L. Anthony Magliozzi, manager of rehabilitation at Liberty Mutual, and David L. Barrie, retired supervising examiner--claims. Both were honored in 1977.

"I've always been proud of my relationship with University Hospital," Boorman said. "The research and work done here has had a tremendous influence on the treatment and rehabilitation of spinal-cord injured persons throughout the country."

Among others, listed on a plaque in the unit, who have been honored by the Center since 1977 for their contributions to spinal-cord injury care are former U.S. Sen. Edward W. Brooke and U.S. Rep. Joseph D. Early (D-Worcester).

A reception was held in the Shapiro Conference Room following the presentation of the award to Boorman.

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UH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE
IN CHANNEL 2 'ON-AIR FUNDRAISER'

University Hospital volunteers are needed to answer telephones and record pledges for a WGBH-TV, Ch. 2, on-air fundraiser, being held on Saturday, Aug. 28.

The evening activities, which are part of the Public Broadcasting Station's August fundraising drive, will begin at 6:45 p.m. and end at approximately 11:40 p.m. UH volunteers will answer phones between scheduled programming and, when not on the air, will be given tours of the station and demonstrations of how programs are produced. They will also have the option of watching the evening's programming, which will include a broadcast of "La Boheme" featuring Luciano Pavarotti.

Seventy-five volunteers are needed to complete the evening's staffing requirements and friends of employees are also eligible to answer phones. Children who are 12 or older can take part in the tours of the station. To volunteer, call Personnel at x5447. A waiting list will be started after the first 75 employees sign up.

UH DIRECTOR OF SECURITY ELECTED PRESIDENT-ELECT
OF INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR HOSPITAL SECURITY

Edwin W. Stedman, director of Security and Communications for the Hospital, has been elected president-elect of the International Association for Hospital Security, an educational professional and fraternal organization dedicated to fostering and promoting the development of better security and safety systems in health-care facilities.

Stedman, who has been in charge of UH security for nine years, has served for the last two years as treasurer of the IAHS. He will serve one year as president-elect, followed by another one-year term as president and then a third one-year term as immediate past president. His responsibilities as president-elect include: serving on the board of directors of IAHS, acting as secretary of the board of directors of the International Health-Care Security and Safety Foundation, chairing the Public Relations Committee of IAHS, editing the IAHS newsletter and serving as a member of the annual membership meeting committee. The 1983 annual meeting of IAHS will be held at BUMC next July.

In his new role as president-elect, Stedman

will be lecturing on "Budgeting for Hospital Security and Safety" at an IAHS-sponsored seminar for health-care security professionals in Atlanta on Sept. 21.

IAHS is an international association with chapters in Canada, Scandinavia, and the United Kingdom. Chapters in Australia and New Zealand are planned.

RESPONSE TO TAKE ONE READERSHIP POLL POSITIVE;
EDITOR PLANS TO ACT ON EMPLOYEE SUGGESTIONS

The results of the Take One readership survey have been compiled. Forty-three readers completed the survey, and for the most part had positive things to say about the publication.

The following is a breakdown of how readers responded to questions:
Format: Convenient, 93%; inconvenient, 5%; indifferent, 2%.

Appearance: Easy-to-read, 98%; difficult, 2%.

Content:

--Of interest, 77%; some interest, 7%; no interest, 5%; no opinion, 11%.

--Useful, 30%; of some use, 7%; of no use, 5%; no opinion, 58%.

--Well-written, 49%; poorly written, 5%; no opinion, 46%.

--Accurate, 35%; inaccurate, 5%; no opinion 60%.

Frequency of publication: Present schedule satisfactory, 65%; prefer more frequently, 28%; less frequently 7%.

Further use: Pass on to co-worker, 37%; take home for family members, 16%; save, 23%; throw away, 53%. (Many readers checked more than one category, noting that further use depended on the content.)

Overall evaluation: Excellent, 21%; above average, 30%; average, 23%; poor, 7%; no opinion, 19%.

Readers cited the following as topics they enjoy reading about in Take One: Description of services, Hospital plans, improvements to facility,

advancements in medicine, Hospital events and classified ads. Readers also said they enjoy photos.

Readers would like to see future issues of Take One include more articles on: The average employee's job and outside interests, human-interest stories, the F-1 cafeteria menu, updates on Hospital services, sports, the week-end staff, new personnel, the Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center, social services, staff accomplishments, administrative decisions, and events. Some readers said they would like to read humorous material, such as jokes.

Editor's comments: Take One is designed to report news of interest to the people of University Hospital in a timely fashion. It is designed as a vehicle for UH administration to communicate with employees and for employees to communicate with one another.

Since many readers expressed interest in reading about their fellow employees' jobs and outside interests, I will be making an effort in the upcoming months to compile employee profiles for publication. If you know of someone with an interesting hobby or pastime, someone who's role at UH would make an interesting story for Take One, or staff accomplishments or UH happenings that merit coverage, feel free to contact me.

The F-1 cafeteria menu is recorded daily on UH's Newslines, x5967. From time to time, information about UH events also is reported. In emergencies, such as last April's snow storm, instructions for employees concerning transportation and emergency procedures are aired on Newslines.

Take One is published on alternate Thursdays. News items in which dates and times are important should be submitted at least two weeks in advance of publication.

--Nancy Shea, editor, Office of Informational Services, DOB-600 or V-223, x5606 or x5966.

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