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OLSSON RESIGNS TO HEAD UROLOGY DEPT. AT COLUMBIA

Carl Olsson, M.D., chairman of the School's Department of Urology and chief of urology at University Hospital, is resigning his BUMC posts as of Sept. 1 to become professor and chairman of the Department of Urology at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York. Robert J. Krane, M.D., an associate professor of urology, is acting department chairman until a new chairman is named.

Olsson became chief of urology at the Hospital in 1971 and assumed the additional post of chairman of the department in 1974. He was also assistant chief in the urology section of the Boston Veterans Administration Medical Center and was a consultant in urology to the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in Brighton, Newton-Wellesley Hospital and Leonard Morse Hospital in Natick.

A 1963 graduate of the School, Olsson is a three-time winner of the American Medical Association's Physician's Recognition Award. In 1978, he received a Certificate of Appreciation from the American Board of Urology and was elected to the American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons, a select group of academic urologists that is limited to fewer than 100 members from the United States and overseas.

In 1979, Olsson received the Gold Cystoscope Award from the American Urological Association and the American Cystoscope Manufacturers. The Gold Cystoscope is a national award presented each year for outstanding contributions to urology by a urologist not more than 10 years out of training.

INTERNATIONAL GRANT AWARDED TO UNIVERSITY

The University's Health Policy Institute, in conjunction with the Suez Canal University Faculty of Medicine, Egypt, has been awarded an initial \$2.4-million collaborative assistance grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development to help support the training of primary care physicians. The grant will also be used to help integrate Suez Canal University's medical education program with the Egyptian ministry's efforts in the health-care area.

Boston University faculty and staff will work with their Egyptian counterparts at Suez Canal University and in the Ministry of Health to develop a community-oriented medical school in that area. Suez Canal University provides education and services to nearly two million people, including the rural, nomadic population in the Sinai area.

William J. Bicknell, M.D., director of special health programs at the Health Policy Institute, will direct the Suez program. William F. McNary Jr., Ph.D., associate dean for student affairs, recently returned from a 12-day visit to Egypt, where he was a consultant to the university's medical school.

The program is one of several international health projects undertaken by Boston University's Health Policy Institute, which is directed by BUMC Director Richard H. Eg Dahl, M.D., academic vice president for health affairs at the University.

BERNSTEIN SUCCEEDS ROBBINS
AS ASSOC. DEAN FOR RESOURCES

Daniel S. Bernstein, M.D., a clinical professor of medicine, has been appointed associate dean for resources, Dean Sandson has announced. Bernstein succeeds Stanley L. Robbins, M.D., who held that post since 1978. Robbins retired June 30 after serving on the School's faculty for 35 years.

Bernstein will retain his position as associate dean for hospital affiliations, but will no longer be associate dean for continuing medical education, a position he has held since he joined the BUSM faculty in 1973.

JANINA GALLER RECEIVES
KENNEDY FOUNDATION AWARD

Janina R. Galler, M.D., an associate professor of psychiatry, has been selected to receive a Kennedy Foundation Public Policy Leadership Program Award for her extensive studies on the relationship between malnutrition and behavioral development. Galler, who is director of training of the BUMC Department of Child Psychiatry, was one of two chosen nationally to receive the award from approximately 200 candidates nominated by university presidents.

The award is given to professionals who are knowledgeable about mental retardation and government affairs and who show potential of becoming leaders in the mental retardation field. Galler has studied malnourished children in Barbados, and she has been a consultant in the Caribbean and Latin America for such agencies as the U.S. State Department.

PAUL LEVINE NAMED
HEART ASSOCIATION SCHOLAR

Paul A. Levine, M.D., an assistant professor of medicine, was selected as a three-year teaching scholar of the American Heart Association (AHA), effective July 1. Levine received one of three AHA teaching scholarships, which are awarded annually on a nationwide basis.

Levine also is the author of an abstract entitled "Myopotential Inhibition of Unipolar Lithium Pacemakers: Return of an Old Problem," which has been accepted for presentation at the 46th Annual Scientific Assembly of the American College of Chest Physicians. The meeting is scheduled to be held Oct. 30 at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel.

EDELIN, WOODWARD SPEAK
AT ETHICS SYMPOSIUM

Kenneth C. Edelin, M.D., chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and noted journalist Bob Woodward, assistant managing editor of the Washington Post, were keynote speakers at the University's day-long symposium, "Journalism and Professional Ethics: Law and Medicine," held Aug. 8 in the Law School Auditorium.

The symposium, sponsored by the University's Office of Continuing Education and the University Professors Program, examined the relationship of journalists to the legal and medical professions. Edelin discussed journalistic ethics and medicine. Woodward, co-author of All the President's Men and The Brethren, spoke about journalism and the law.

CANCER SOCIETY AWARDS GRANT
TO HUMPHREY CENTER

The Hubert H. Humphrey Cancer Research Center has been awarded an American Cancer Society (ACS) institutional grant to serve as seed money for the initiation of promising new projects in cancer-related research by young investigators. The awards will vary according to the needs of the investigators and will not exceed \$5,000 each. Applications are available from the Cancer Center office, L-310, x6075 (247-6075), and must be completed by Sept. 15.

LEVINSKY, MELBY AND DECKERS
ASSUME NEW UH POSITIONS

Norman G. Levinsky, M.D., chairman of the Division of Medicine and a professor of physiology, was recently elected chairman of University Hospital's Medical Staff Executive Committee, and Peter J. Deckers, M.D., an associate professor of surgery and associate

surgeon-in-chief at the Hospital, has been elected vice chairman. Levinsky, who is physician-in-chief at UH and former vice chairman of the committee, succeeds UH Surgeon-in-Chief Lester J. Williams Jr., M.D., chairman of the Division of Surgery.

James C. Melby, M.D., a professor of medicine and of physiology and chief of the Hospital's Section of Endocrinology, was elected president of UH's Medical-Dental Staff at the group's annual meeting June 16. Also elected were Bruce Lowney, M.D., an assistant clinical professor of surgery, president-elect; Bernard Tolnick, M.D., an associate clinical professor of medicine, secretary-treasurer, and M. David Kelleher, M.D., an instructor in medicine, representative to the Medical Staff Executive Committee. Robert J. Krane, M.D., acting chairman of the Department of Urology, is immediate past president.

HUMPHREY CENTER PUBLISHES
FIRST ISSUE OF NEWSLETTER

The Hubert H. Humphrey Cancer Research Center recently published the first issue of a newsletter, the "H-H-H Voice," which is designed to inform Humphrey Center members of activities taking place at the Center. The newsletter will be published four times a year, according to Paul H. Black, M.D., director of the Humphrey Center. The first issue, published in June, included articles on the status of the Center and its future goals and plans.

MEDICAL EDUCATION FUND
OFFERS GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

The National Fund for Medical Education is offering one-year grants for innovative programs in medical education, to begin in 1981, and one-year fellowships for post-doctoral students planning a career in academic medicine, also to begin next year. The deadline for program proposals is Oct. 1, and priority will be given to projects aimed at improving the educational process as well as programs that focus on health-care cost containment. The deadline for fellowship applications is Nov. 1. For applications or more information, contact the National Fund for Medical Education, 999 Asylum Ave., Hartford, Conn., 06105. The phone number is (203) 278-5070.

WORKSHOP DRAWS PARTICIPANTS
FROM U.S. AND OVERSEAS

Researchers and physicians from France, Japan, Denmark and Belgium were among those who attended a workshop on "Hypertension and the Vasculature" that was co-sponsored by the Cardiovascular Institute. Aram V. Chobanian, M.D., a professor of medicine and director of the Institute, chaired the workshop, which was held May 16 and 17 at the Colonnade Hotel in Boston.

Other BUSM participants included Carl Franzblau, Ph.D., chairman of the Department of Biochemistry, who discussed "Structural and Biochemical Changes in the Arterial Wall Induced by Hypertension;" Peter I. Brecher, Ph.D., an associate professor of biochemistry and an associate research professor of medicine, who spoke about "Assessment of Endothelial Cell Structure and Function," and Christian Haudenschild, M.D., an associate professor of pathology, who discussed the "Effects of Hypertension and its Reversal on the Arterial Endothelium."

The workshop, which also drew researchers from across the nation, was designed to examine new research advances relating to hypertension and the vasculature. It was co-sponsored by the Hypertension Specialized Center of Research.

EMERGENCY PEDIATRICS COURSE
SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER

Eleven BUSM faculty members are scheduled to participate in a Continuing Medical Education course entitled "Emergency Pediatrics" Sept. 5 and 6 at the Copley Plaza Hotel. BUSM participants from the departments of pediatrics, neurology and orthopedics will discuss such topics as "Life Threatening Infection in Children," "Diagnosis and Immediate Treatment of Childhood Fractures," and "Seizures in Childhood." Robert M. Reece, M.D., an associate professor of pediatrics and director of the Family Development Center at Boston City Hospital, is course director. For further information, or to register for the course, contact Mary Hopkins at x5602 (247-5602).

50 PAPERS, POSTERS
PRESENTED AT SYMPOSIUM

Approximately 50 research papers and posters were presented at the second annual Sidney R. Cooperband Cancer Research Symposium, held June 21 at the School. Harold Amos, Ph.D., president-elect of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Cancer Society and a member of the National Cancer Advisory Board, delivered the keynote address on "The Future of Cancer Research: Scientific Priorities and Public Policy."

Papers were presented in the areas of carcinogenesis, tumor cell biology, tumor immunology and hematology, tumor endocrinology, experimental tumor therapy and clinical research. A limited number of abstracts of the presentations are available at the Hubert H. Humphrey Cancer Research Center, x6075 (247-6075).

GAW VISITS CHINA
WITH APA DELEGATION

Albert Gaw, M.D., an assistant professor of psychiatry, recently returned from a three-week visit to China. He was one of eight members of the first delegation from the American Psychiatric Association (APA) to be invited by the Chinese Medical Association to promote the exchange of ideas between Chinese and American psychiatrists. Gaw visited mental health stations in both rural and urban areas and observed mental health-care delivery in Shanghai. Last year, Gaw was a host to two distinguished psychiatrists from the People's Republic of China who visited psychiatric facilities in the Boston area.

MANUEL ATTENDS MEETING
ON MEDICAL SCHOOLS

Barry Manuel, M.D., an associate clinical professor of surgery, was a School of Medicine delegate to the American Medical Association (AMA) Section on Medical Schools annual meeting, held in Chicago July 19 and 20. Topics discussed at the meeting, which was held just prior to the annual AMA meeting, included health manpower legislation and medical ethics.

STEEL NAMED TO OFFICE
AT NATIONAL MEETING

R. Knight Steel, M.D., chairman of the geriatrics section of the Department of Medicine and director of the University's Gerontology Center, has been elected chairman of the Council of General Medical Societies of the American College of Physicians. Steel, an associate professor of medicine at BUSM, received the council appointment at the annual meeting of the American College of Physicians in New Orleans at which he presented a lecture entitled "Geriatrics for Educators and the Educated."

Steel recently discussed "Medical Aspects of Aging as Related to Policy Issues" at a meeting sponsored by the Royal Society of Medicine, which was held at Fordham University.

GOTTLIEB, ROGERS ATTEND
PATHOLOGISTS WORKSHOP

Leonard Gottlieb, M.D., chairman of the Department of Pathology and director of the Mallory Institute of Pathology, and Adrienne Rogers, Ph.D., a lecturer in pathology and an assistant pathologist at the Institute, attended a workshop of the International Council of the Society of Pathologists June 23 and 24 in Washington, D.C. Gottlieb and Rogers presented proposals for the development of new informational resources in nutritional pathology at the workshop, which was sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences.

NEWS & NOTES EVALUATION
NETS FAVORABLE COMMENTS

Response to the recent News & Notes evaluation was overwhelmingly favorable. The Office of Informational Services, which publishes News & Notes, thanks all faculty, staff and students who returned evaluation forms.

Of those readers who responded to the survey, 44 percent were BUMC staff members, 33 percent BUSM faculty members and 8 percent students.

Eighty percent of the respondents said they always read News & Notes, while 20 percent sometimes read it. Ninety percent of the respondents said the items in News & Notes are of interest.

Seventy-three percent of the respondents said that news of faculty activities is one of the most useful or interesting topics to read about in News & Notes. Sixty-three percent said research results fall into that category, and 59 percent said news about faculty appointments is most useful or interesting.

Eighty percent of those who responded to the survey said they found the format of the publication easy to read.

UH OPENS LABORATORY
TO MONITOR SLEEP DISORDERS

The Sleep Laboratory, the latest addition to University Hospital's Laboratory of Clinical Neurophysiology, opened in June on D-3. "Although most physicians recognize that disturbance of sleep is one of the most common complaints people express to their physicians, recognition of the important role of sleep regulation in health and disease has only evolved within the past few years," said Terrence Riley, M.D., an assistant professor of neurology and director of the Sleep Laboratory.

The Sleep Laboratory will have the sophisticated monitoring equipment needed to test for such primary sleep disorders as narcolepsy, a condition in which a fully-awake person falls asleep within seconds, and sleep apnea, a condition in which a person stops breathing for short periods while asleep. In addition to these disorders, many other conditions such as Parkinson's disease, depression, cerebral vascular disease and epilepsy are influenced significantly by stages and disruption of sleep, Riley said.

The Sleep Laboratory is available to UH inpatients and outpatients. For more information, call Riley or Paul Domer, R. EEG T., chief technologist, at x5204 (247-5204).

FACULTY MEMBERS PARTICIPATE
IN ORTHOPEDICS SEMINAR

Robert P. Jones, M.D., an assistant professor of orthopedic and fracture surgery, Leon Malkin, M.D., an assistant professor of orthopedics, and John B. Lynch, M.D., an assistant in pediatrics, were among seven guest speakers at the first annual seminar of the American Society of Orthopedic Technologists, held May 3 and 4 in Boston. Jones spoke about cast bracing and functional bracing of the upper and lower extremities, and Lynch discussed new electrical stimulation techniques for the treatment of the non-union of bones. Malkin spoke about foot deformities and the correction of abnormalities with special footwear and foot-straightening.

INFO SERVICES WINS TWO
FIRST-PLACE NATIONAL AWARDS

The Office of Informational Services (OIS), which publishes News & Notes, has been awarded two first-place MacEachern Awards for excellence in hospital public relations by the American Hospital Association's Academy of Hospital Public Relations. The 1979 Annual Report prepared for University Hospital won the award for the nation's best newspaper supplement annual report. The Hospital's communications program was named the best external public relations project in response to a crisis for the documentary "Joan Robinson: One Women's Story." OIS Director Owen J. McNamara accepted the awards at a meeting of the organization on June 13 in San Francisco. OIS also won a MacEachern Award in 1978 for the nation's best hospital external public relations project.

BRIEFLY NOTED

Jerome H. Shapiro, M.D., chairman of the Department of Radiology, was a guest examiner June 1 to 7 in the Section of Neuroradiology for candidates applying for certification by the American Board of Radiology. The examinations were held in Louisville, Ky....C. David Jenkins, Ph.D., a professor of psychiatry and director of the Department of Behavioral Epidemiology, discussed stress and coronary disease on the "Tom Larson Show," broadcast May 30 on WSBK-TV, Channel 38.. ..Thomas J. Ryan, M.D., a professor of medicine, Michael D. Klein, M.D., an associate professor of medicine, and Paul A. Levine, M.D., an assistant professor of medicine, co-authored an article, "Antiarrhythmic Efficacy, Pharmacokinetics and Clinical Safety of

Tocainide in Convalescent Myocardial Infarction Patients," published in the June issue of Chest....Dennis Slone, M.D., and Samuel Shapiro, M.B., F.R.C.P.(E), co-directors of the Drug Epidemiology Unit, are authors of an article, "Noncontraceptive Estrogens and Myocardial Infarction in Young Women," which appeared in the July 25 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association....John E. Madias, M.D., an associate professor of medicine and director of the heart station at Boston City Hospital, presented a paper entitled "Occurrence of Myocardial Infarction after Episodes of Spontaneous Angina Accompanied by Transient ST-segment Elevation" on June 26 at the Eighth European Congress of Cardiology in Paris....Frank W. LoGerfo, M.D., F.A.C.S., an assistant professor of surgery, was elected in June as an active member of the Society for Vascular Surgery....Mohandas M. Kini, M.D., Ph.D., an assistant professor of ophthalmology, recently conducted a three-day workshop on vitreous surgery at the Medical Research Foundation in Madras, India.. ..David P. Faxon, M.D., an assistant professor of medicine, is the author of two recently published articles on cardiology. "The Altered Baroreceptor Response to Nitroglycerin in Congestive Heart Failure" appeared in the March issue of Clinical Cardiology, and "Central and Peripheral Hemodynamic Effects of Angiotensin Inhibition in Patients with Refractory Congestive Heart Failure" appeared in the May issue of Circulation....Alfred Hollander, M.D., a clinical professor emeritus of dermatology, wrote an article entitled "Glimpses at the Life and Work of P.G. Unna" which appeared in the Summer, 1980, issue of the American Journal of Dermatopathology.

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