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Participants in the press conference were, left to right: Dr. Sanford Cohen, Dr. Lewis Rohrbaugh, Dr. Milton Greenblatt, Dr. Jesse McDade and Dr. Scott Guth. Not shown is Dr. Roger Meyer.

## PRESS CONFERENCE OFFICIALLY OPENS BUMC'S DRUG ADDICTION CENTER

BUMC officially opened its Drug Addiction Center with a press conference attended by state and community leaders and held on May 13 at 90 East Concord Street.

The Drug Center has joined forces with community self-help agencies in an effort to halt the area's mounting drug problem. Since it opened for services on February 1, more than 500 addicts have sought help.

Dr. Milton Greenblatt, commissioner of the State Department of Mental Health, officiated at the opening of the center, which is the only Federally and State funded drug program in Massachusetts offering comprehensive outpatient services. The Drug Center's efforts are concentrated in Roxbury, North Dorchester, the South End, as well as the Back Bay.

The Drug Center, allied with area self-help drug programs, forms a coalition

of lay and medical expertise, according to Dr. Lewis H. Rohrbaugh, director of BUMC. "The self-help programs provide the Drug Center's physicians and personnel with grass-roots knowledge about the community and its perspective on drug problems, as well as referrals," Dr. Rohrbaugh said. "To addicts these programs offer a variety of services supplemented by in-depth medical care and programs available at the Drug Center."

This year the Drug Center received \$339,000 from the National Institute of Mental Health, with descending support indicated over a five-year period. The program also received \$270,000 from the State for one year, with yearly reviews thereafter.

Located on the first floor of the Talbot Outpatient Building, the Drug Center

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## SGD TO BEGIN PREDOCTORAL PROGRAM

The School of Graduate Dentistry will open a predoctoral dental program in the Fall of 1972, according to Dr. Henry Goldman, dean of the School.

To begin with 16 students, the program is a "first" on two fronts. It is the only dental program to be inaugurated by a private institution in the U.S. in 20 years, and the first ever to be located within a school of graduate dentistry and to be started as an off-shoot of such a graduate program.

The Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association has given accreditation for the program to begin. A \$1,000,000 fund-raising campaign will be undertaken to build three additional floors atop the present School, and a matching grant is being applied for from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The program will offer a three-year course of study leading to a D.M.D. degree and prepare a student for continued study thereafter in one of eight dental specialties, if he chooses.

## ABORTION, DEATH RIGHTS TOPICS AT SCHOOL OF MEDICINE GRADUATION

Does a pregnant woman have a right to decide whether to have a child? Does a dying patient have a right to decide whether his life should be prolonged?

Such moral questions must be faced by doctors, the president of the 1971 graduating class of the School of Medicine told his 77 fellow students May 22.

Speaking at commencement exercises, held at the College of Basic Studies, Wayne Cohen said: "Never, in any age, has the physician been able to exert such exquisite control over life and death. The physician of this era of medicine is frequently confronted by moral questions of great magnitude that were of little consequence not very many years ago.

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*Helen Foley receives a 40-year pin from Jerome Preston, Sr.*

## UH HONORS 112 LONG-TERM EMPLOYEES

Warren G. Harding was President and the "Charleston" was in full swing when two young doctors joined the staff at University Hospital. On May 13th they were honored for 50 years of service during UH Recognition Day ceremonies at which 110 other long-term employees were also lauded.

Principal speaker at the event, which was held in the Evans Memorial Dining Room, was Nelson F. Evans, administrator of University Hospital, who received a pin for five years of service himself.

Thanking employees for their steadfast service, Mr. Evans said, "I take this opportunity to tell you all how much we value and treasure your long years of service. I now look forward to working with you in the years coming to make this an even better hospital and medical center."

Highlighting the event, at which Chaplain Leicester Potter delivered the Invocation, was the presentation of service pins to employees by Jerome Preston, Sr., chairman of the UH Board of Trustees. Mr. Preston has been a hospital trustee for 44 years.

John F. Mullett, associate administrator at UH, recipient of a 15-year pin, read off the names of employees.

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\* *University Hospital* kicked off National Hospital Week (May 10-14) with a series of receptions and personal gestures to honor employees and patients. Administrators and department heads personally placed flowers on patients' trays; two employee receptions were held on Evans 9 - one especially for the night shift, and a slide presentation showing employees at work at UH and entitled "The Hospital Story - The Employee Story," was shown at each reception. Committee members who organized activities for the week were: *Charra Wright, Dietary; Don Anderson, Housekeeping; David Kourtz, Personnel; Thomas Tighe and Karen Turino, Administration; and Russell Smith, Extended Care Unit.*

\* The Department of Oral Surgery, in cooperation with University Hospital, will begin a three-year *Training Program in Oral Surgery* in July in basic oral surgery, reconstructive oral surgery, orthodontic and prosthetic surgery.

\* *Mrs. Marjorie Guthrie* was guest speaker at a meeting of the New England Chapter of the Committee to Combat Huntington's Disease sponsored by BUMC, held May 24th at the School of Medicine. More than 150 members have joined the Committee since its inception in October.

\* *Anne Sweatt and Barbara Amazeen* of Nursing attended the National League for Nursing convention in Dallas, Texas, May 9 through 12.

\* *Drs. Asher Kelman and Frederick Moolten* of BUSM's Department of Microbiology were recipients of awards presented recently by the Massachusetts Cancer Society. *Dr. Kelman* received the Francis Stone Burns Award for the most promising cancer researcher in Massachusetts in 1971. *Dr. Moolten* was presented with the Cancer Research Scholar Award.

\* *Dr. Charles D. Bonner*, a 1944 graduate of the School of Medicine, was named Outstanding Alumnus of the Year at the 96th annual meeting of the BUSM Alumni Association on May 8 in the J. Mark Hiebert Student Lounge.

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has a separate entrance on East Concord Street. It is open seven days-a-week, eight hours-a-day during the week, and four hours on Saturday and Sunday.

The program offers: medical screening and medical care during detoxification; group and individual psychiatric therapy; job training and placement; legal aid; recreation programs for teenage addicts utilizing community resources; and social services. The Drug Center has an agreement with the Washingtonian Hospital in Jamaica Plain for the Hospitalization of those addicts who require inpatient care.

Eventually, through its Education Program, the Drug Center plans to initiate a Drug Prevention Project, utilizing community talent, for school systems and neighborhood agencies.

Staffing for the Drug Center includes: Dr. Jesse N. McDade, program director; Dr. Scott C. Guth, medical director; Dr. Roger E. Meyer, data evaluator; one full-time physician and one part-time internist; two part-time psychiatrists; three full-time social workers; one full-time vocational counselor; nine full-time nurses; and 16 ex-addicts who counsel at the Drug Center as well as three other self-help agencies on a rotating basis.

## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE DENTISTRY

### GRADUATES 63 STUDENTS

The School of Graduate Dentistry presented degrees to 63 students during graduation exercises at the Law School Auditorium at Boston University on May 13. Graduates represent eight dental specialties.

Greeting guests in the capacity-filled Auditorium was Dr. Henry M. Goldman, dean of the School, and Dr. Lewis H. Rohrbaugh, director of the Medical Center.

The commencement address was delivered by Dr. William Danforth, vice chancellor for medical affairs at Washington University in St. Louis.

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"Just as abortion raises the question of the patient's right to control her own body, we must ask in the case of a dying patient whether it is not a human's right to decide where and when he will die," he said.

The graduating class presented to the School a freshman scholarship of \$2,600, raised through contributions of \$20, matched by funds from the Alumni Association.

*(Recognition Day, continued)*

Employees receiving service pins were: 50 years: Dr. Sigmund Simons and Dr. Joseph Skirball; 45 years: Dr. Louis Howard and Dr. George Levene; 40 years: Helen Foley; 35 years: Dr. Hollis Albright and John Strieder; 30 years of service: Margaret Hodgdon, Dr. Knowles Lawrence, Dr. Benjamin Tenney and Dr. Robert Wilkins.

Names of employees with five to 25 years of service are listed on the UH bulletin boards.



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## DIRECTOR'S NEWSLETTER

*Dear Fellow Employee:*

*Since my last letter to you in February, there have been some significant developments here that I would like to tell you about.*

### *BANKING FACILITIES*

*The Harbor National Bank is now scheduled to open in mid-June at the corner of Harrison Avenue and East Newton Street.*

### *FRAMINGHAM HEART STUDY*

*The 20-year world-renowned Framingham Heart Study of the development and progression of heart disease was slated, due to lack of Federal funds, to be dropped in June. Dr. Thomas R. Dawber, BUMC Planning Officer and the Framingham Study's original director, spearheaded a fund-raising drive to privately finance the Study and has thus far raised \$125,000. As a result, the National Heart and Lung Institute has reconsidered and is allocating \$100,000 to insure the study's continuance. BUMC now administers the Study.*

### *BUMC LONG-RANGE PLANS*

*BUMC's future plans have been compiled in a report entitled "The Boston University Medical Center Long-Range Plans -- A Review and Re-statement." Within this report are the plans presently envisioned for the next ten years. Your Supervisor should have a copy; if not, a copy is available in my office, Suite 203, Doctors Building, which you are welcome to read.*

*I hope this has helped you to know your Medical Center better.*

*Sincerely,*

*Lewis H. Rohrbaugh*  
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Director, Medical Center