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Message from the Dean

Welcome to *Boston University School of Medicine: Campus and Alumni News*. In this new format, you'll find updates on alumni, highlights from special events, feature articles on the fascinating work of students, faculty and alumni, and much, much more.

A great deal is happening on the Medical Campus. The inauguration of Robert Brown, PhD, as the 10th president of BU this past spring marked the beginning of a new era at Boston University.

At the end of the last academic year, we celebrated the retirements of Associate Dean for Students and Minority Affairs Kenneth Edelin, MD, as well as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs John McCahan, MD. Combined, these two men spent more than 60 years practicing, teaching, and training our young professionals here at BUSM.

At our White Coat Ceremony this fall, we welcomed 181 new students, the largest incoming class in BUSM history. BUSM received the largest number of applications of any medical school nationally, resulting in an exceptionally accomplished and competitive class that will serve our profession for years to come.

While a BUSM education can change a student's life view, so, too, can the enormous financial debt incurred over the four years of medical school. One initiative for helping students with their large debt is our Adopt-A-Student Scholarship Program, aimed at matching a student to a donor who helps pay a portion of the four-year medical experience (see story on page 14).

We have begun construction on the National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratory and are exploring plans for building affordable student housing on the Medical Campus.

Based on the School's healthy growth in recent years, we have increased our National Institutes of Health (NIH) research grants funding and our *U.S. News & World Report* ranking. We continue to recruit some of the finest and most talented professors, researchers, and staff members. And we remain committed to providing the doctors of tomorrow with an outstanding education in both the science and the art of medicine.



Karen Antman, MD
Provost, Medical Campus
Dean, School of Medicine



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BUSM Welcomes President Brown

BU President Robert Brown, PhD, kicked off a weeklong inaugural celebration in April 2006 with a visit to the Medical Campus that included an open meeting and reception for the Medical Campus community.

At the meeting, Dean Antman welcomed Brown and presented him with a white coat, symbolizing the time-honored gesture of welcoming new students into the medical profession.

During his presentation, Brown shared his vision for BU and the Medical Campus. He noted that the life sciences are changing at a faster pace than ever before, and the continuing challenge will be translating scientific advances into clinical applications. "I believe that Boston University is a great private research institution engaged in the city and the world. The Medical Campus is key to this," said Brown.

On April 27, Dr. Brown was inaugurated as the 10th president of Boston University. Academics from more than 90 colleges and universities joined University officers, trustees, and honorary trustees, the board of overseers, and thousands of students, faculty, staff, and alumni at the ceremony, where Brown pledged to do everything he could to earn the trust that had been placed in him. "I truly believe that universities are places where dreams come true, where having an imagination is paramount, and where hard work and intelligence are all that matter to excel in education and research," he said. ✦

There's a Doctor in the House

The house call—old fashioned, out of date? "Transformational," that's how Alan Kronhaus, MD '72, describes the practice he founded, Doctors Making Housecalls.

While Americans have high-quality and expensive institutional acute and long-term care systems, the infrastructure for providing quality medical care in the home is very limited. However, there is a cadre of physicians and other health care providers who see not only the medical benefits of home care, but the economic necessity of it.

Alan Kronhaus, along with his physician wife, Shohreh Taavoni, started Doctors Making Housecalls in 2002 in North Carolina. "My wife came up with the idea of a practice dedicated to house calls," says Kronhaus. "She was looking for ways to help people with poor access to care, and felt house calls could make a big difference for people with physical, mental, or logistical limitations like a lack of transportation, as well as people who were simply unwilling to waste time waiting in a doctor's office."

A group of board-certified physicians, Doctors Making Housecalls provides care in a patient's home or office, and can handle complex medical issues as well as routine care. The practice has grown to include six physicians who take care of patients from age 5 to 105. They operate seven days a week, 12 hours a day and see patients the same day or next day, virtually eliminating wait time for patients.

Much of the growth in home care is driven by the aging population. According to the American Academy of Home Care Physicians (AAHCP) there are more than 34 million elderly Americans, and this number will double by 2020. During that time two million of the elderly will be chronically homebound due to functional impairment.

"In the beginning we didn't fully appreciate how valuable our service would be for frail, elderly patients with complex medical problems," notes Kronhaus. He now estimates that 80 percent of their patients are elders. "While house calls may cost payers more per service than an office visit, house calls can prevent unnecessary and vastly more expensive ER visits and hospitalizations," says



Alan Kronhaus, MD '72, and his wife, Shohreh Taavoni, MD

Kronhaus. "Our charge of \$85 can save a \$3,000 ER admission."

When making house calls, the doctors bring their trademark black bag and can arrange for in-home imaging studies, including plain films, sonograms, Doppler studies, and echocardiograms (EKGs), as well as any blood work the patient needs. According to Kronhaus anything that can be done in a doctor's office can be done in the home, and he points out that the practice has no financial interest in the ancillary services.

"By providing comprehensive, ongoing care in the home, at the patient's convenience, our physicians develop a relationship with patients that truly represents a return to medicine the way it used to be—and should be—practiced," says Kronhaus. "The difference between house calls then and now is that we bring the same level of service and sophistication to the home that physicians typically provide in the office."

Advocates argue that the home setting provides a favorable environment for evaluation because physicians are better able to interact and communicate with patients, family members, and other caregivers. "We believe stronger bonds develop as a result of the physician seeing patients in their home, and patients are more inclined to communicate when they're relaxed," says Kronhaus. "Our doctors know they have the flexibility to spend time with patients, and they have the opportunity to gain much more insight."

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There's a Doctor in the House (cont.)

The physicians who have joined the practice appreciate the flexible hours and the level of patient contact. One remarked how pleased she is to be out of the "assembly line" of her former practice. "Our patients are thankful for what they say really makes a difference in the quality of their lives," says Kronhaus. He believes that the practice of home health care will grow and can potentially transform health care by making the entire delivery system much more "user-friendly" for providers as well as for patients.

Kronhaus was interested in medicine as far back as he can remember, but his involvement in the business end of it occurred by happenstance. As the founder of KRON Medical, a company that provided temporary medical staffing to hospitals and physician practices, he started the practice of *locum tenens*—physician substitutes in hospitals and medical practices—which is now a fixture of the national medical scene.

When asked about his BUSM education, Kronhaus remembers how the Six-Year Medical Program was key. "It saved two years of my life, which made me more inclined to explore different interests and job roles. I didn't feel so driven to settle down and build a practice, and that made all the difference."



Alan Kronhaus
as a BUSM student

Kronhaus says that his community medicine rotation was also a major influence. "Such a rotation was innovative and forward thinking, and so were my mentors. They supported my idea to go out West and work on an Indian reservation for my community medicine rotation, which was not exactly the usual thing to do back in the early '70s." As a result, he fell in love with the West and the mountains, and with rural America. His first job after residency was working as a solo physician in a small rural community. His experiences in rural America motivated him to find creative ways of providing care to underserved populations, and that eventually led him to the idea of an organized, nationwide *locum tenens* service. "I always wanted to do something valuable, to make a contribution," Kronhaus says. ✦

Dr. John McCahan Medical Education Day Honors Long-Time Dean



Barry Manuel, MD '58, Dean Karen Antman, MD, John McCahan, MD, and Aram Chobanian, MD, gather at the Medical Education Day in honor of Dr. McCahan's retirement.

As associate dean for academic affairs, John McCahan, MD, dedicated more than 30 years to ensuring that the thousands of students who attended BUSM during this time received the highest-quality medical education. It was only fitting, then, that upon his retirement a day dedicated to him would be all about medical education. "No finer tribute to an intellectual legacy could acknowledge the School's debt to Dr. McCahan than by assembling here on this occasion to explore the future of medical education," said Dean Antman. The program will be held annually.

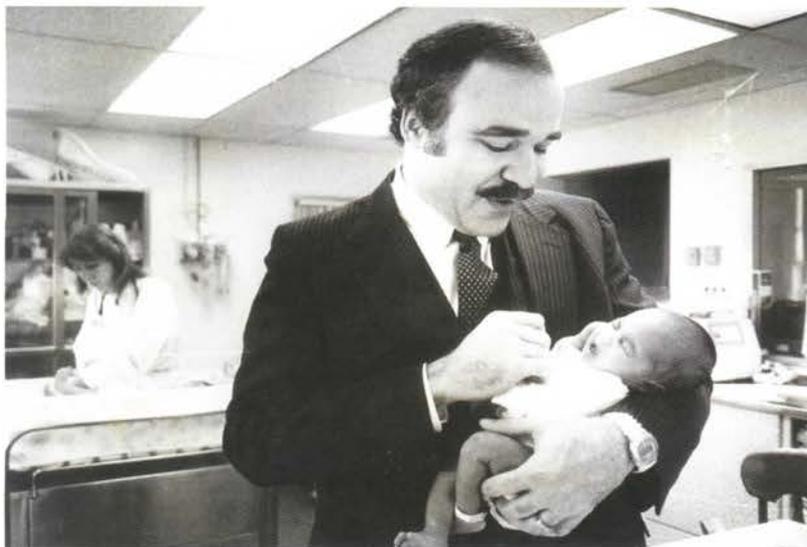
Organized by the Alumni Association and the Medical Education Committee, the program included a keynote address by Dr. Elizabeth Armstrong, director of education programs at Harvard Medical School, workshops ranging from Web-based learning to team-based learning to transforming education into scholarship, as well as a poster session on innovations and research in medical education. "The McCahan Medical Education Day represents the great respect and gratitude we have for John McCahan and his leadership," said Dr. Sharon Levine, chair of the organizing committee and director of the Geriatrics Section of the Department of Medicine. "We honor his contributions to BUSM and medical education, as well as his deep regard for the students we train."



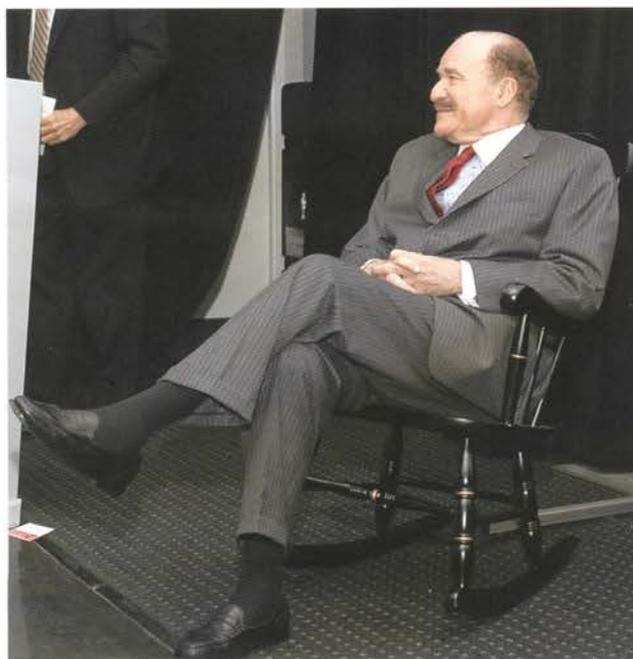
John McCahan, MD, discusses treatment options with one of his patients.

On hand to pay tribute to Dr. McCahan were many faculty, staff, alumni, and members of his family. Honored, Dr. McCahan said, "There was a wonderful energy to the day. It was remarkable for the variety of research efforts that were displayed and the interest that both faculty and students manifest in education. The talent evident in the presentations was very impressive." ✦

Students and Minority Affairs Dean Recognized for His Service



Kenneth Edelin, MD, in his early years at Boston City Hospital (now Boston Medical Center).



Kenneth Edelin, MD, enjoys his BUSM rocking chair, presented on behalf of the School and the Alumni Association.

Alumni, faculty, staff, students, friends, and family came from across the country, across town, and across campus to honor and celebrate the contributions that Kenneth Edelin, MD, associate dean for students and minority affairs, has made to BUSM.

After more than 30 years at the Boston University Medical Campus, Edelin has retired. At a reception and tribute program Alumni Association Executive Director Barry Manuel, MD '58, praised Edelin for his exceptional service, saying, "Ken gave his professional and personal best to his patients, to BUSM, and to our students. His career exemplifies the finest of our profession."

Edelin served as professor and chairman of obstetrics and gynecology at BUSM and chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Boston City Hospital (now Boston Medical Center) from 1978 to 1989, and associate dean for students and minority affairs for the next 17 years. He headed up the Early Medical School Selection Program (EMSSP), a partnership between Boston University and 13 historically black colleges and universities and Hispanic-serving institutions.

During the program, President *Emeritus* and Dean *Emeritus* Aram Chobanian reflected on Edelin's dedication to his students and his perseverance in securing services and programs for them. "When Ken walked through the door, I knew it would cost money," he remarked to the laughter of the crowd. "But it was always for the students."

"My many years at BUSM and the Medical Campus gave me the opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of others as a physician and teacher," said Edelin. "I am grateful and honored to have been a part of this wonderful community." ❖

Top Teaching Prize for BUSM Pioneer



Abdulmageed Traish, PhD, MBA

At this year's Commencement ceremony, Boston University bestowed its highest teaching award, the Metcalf Cup and Prize, upon Abdulmageed Traish, PhD, MBA, a professor of biochemistry and urology at BUSM and pioneer in sexual dysfunction research.

"The Metcalf Awards for Excellence in Teaching are the highest honor given by Boston University," said BU President Robert Brown. "They symbolize our commitment to exemplary instruction and scholarship and serve as a means to express our gratitude to the professors recognized by this distinction."

Traish, who joined the faculty in 1979, earned his doctorate in biochemistry from BU, as well as a postdoctoral fellowship and an MBA. As director of the Laboratory for Sexual Medicine Research at BUSM, he has earned an international reputation for research into the physiological and biochem-

ical mechanisms of male and female sexual dysfunction.

"In his three decades at BU as a graduate student and professor, Dr. Traish has become a model teacher and researcher at the medical school," said Dean Antman.

Traish teaches medical, dental, graduate, and advanced undergraduate students; mentors graduate fellows; and trains visiting physician-scientists. He has received nearly \$3 million in research grants and authored 138 peer-reviewed papers.

Students, faculty, and alumni nominate candidates for the Metcalf Cup and Prize, which includes a \$10,000 award. The Metcalf Cup and Awards for Teaching Excellence were established in 1973 with a gift from the late BU trustee and board chairman, Arthur G. B. Metcalf. ✧

News from Graduate Medical Sciences

342 New Students Welcomed to Graduate Medical Sciences Programs

The Division of Graduate Medical Sciences, which confers both master's and doctoral degrees, welcomed 342 new students into 19 departments and programs this year. The group is 59 percent female and 41 percent male, and the program with the largest number of new students is the Master's in Medical Sciences with 187 matriculating. Two recently added master's programs, Mental Health and Behavioral Medicine and Biomedical Forensic Sciences, are already successful with 25 and 22 students respectively enrolled.

"The Division of Graduate Medical Sciences continues to attract outstanding candidates in both our master's and doctoral programs," says Carl Franzblau, PhD, associate dean of Graduate Medical Sciences. "The growth and development of the division is gratifying, and we are pleased by the excellent response to our new programs." ✧

Master's Program in Biomedical Forensic Sciences is Launched

Beginning September 2006, the Graduate Medical Sciences Division now offers a master's program in biomedical forensic sciences. It is the only forensic sciences graduate program in Massachusetts, and only the second of its kind in New England. The two-year course of study provides the opportunity for individuals to pursue graduate-level forensic sciences education in one of the fastest growing scientific fields today.

The program is designed to provide a broad-based learning experience in multiple areas of forensic biomedical sciences including pathology, death investigation, anthropology, and anatomy. It will prepare its graduates for employment in many areas including law enforcement, medical examiner offices, law firms, the military, hospital and pharmaceutical laboratories, and education. The courses are taught by forensic sciences experts from local, state, and federal

forensic laboratories and law enforcement agencies, and BUSM and BU School of Law faculty members.

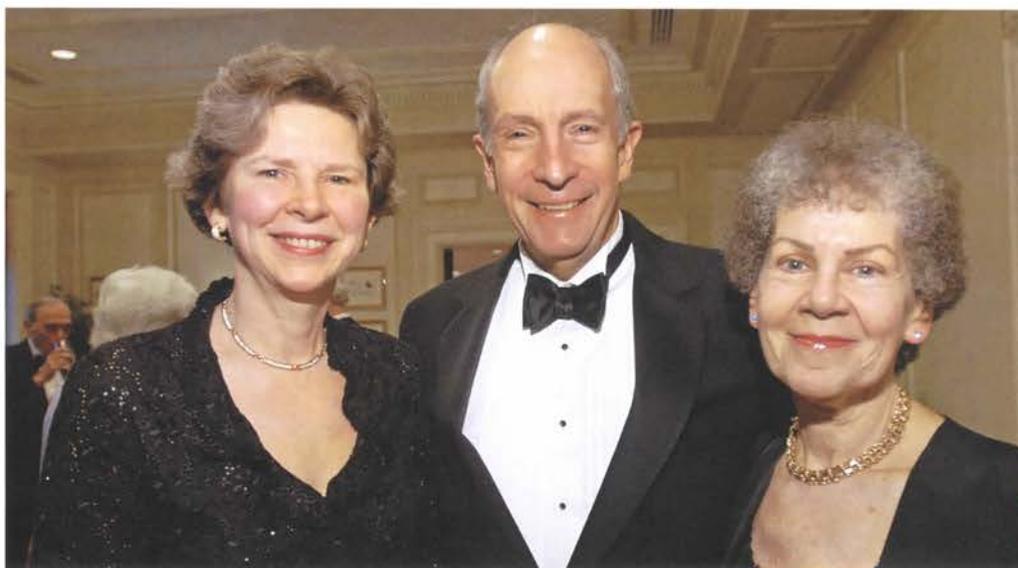
"As biomedical specialties continue to provide vital techniques and practices to forensic investigation, the need for broadly trained forensic professionals has become an urgent need nationally," said Tara Moore, PhD, the associate director of the Biomedical Forensic Sciences Program at BUSM. "Individuals trained in the basics of forensic science and a strong biomedical background will provide a crucial level of expertise to forensic investigations," she added. ✧

Dean's Club Dinner 2006

A Gala Thank You



Boston University President Robert Brown, PhD, chats with Lois Talis and George Talis, MD '50.



Dean and Provost Karen Antman, MD, with Arnold Kraft and Gail Kaplan Kraft, MD '70.



Enjoying the Dean's Club Dinner reception are (from left) Barry Manuel, MD '58, Melanie Rothbaum, Dean and Provost Karen Antman, MD, and David Rothbaum, MD '82.



Faculty members (from left) Aubrey Milunsky, MD, and Carl Franzblau, PhD, with their wives Myrna Franzblau and Laura Becker, MD.



Gathered together at the Trustees Ballroom of Boston University for the Dean's Club Dinner are Maria Charrette, Ann Huang, Bernard Huang, MD '62, Ed Charrette, MD '62, and Barry Manuel, MD '58.

It was a festive evening filled with celebration and appreciation. Dean Antman offered the gratitude of the School to the alumni, faculty, and friends on hand in the Trustees Ballroom on the Charles River Campus for the annual Dean's Club Dinner. The event is held to honor and thank leadership donors to BUSM. "As members of this group of loyal and generous supporters, you provide a foundation for the important work carried on at the School," said Dean Antman. "Your philanthropy helps motivate and inspire those

of us who are involved in the day-to-day life of BUSM."

Recognizing one of the special initiatives of the dean, host Barry Manuel, MD '58, executive director of the Alumni Association, noted, "The generosity of alumni who have stepped up to provide scholarship funding has been most gratifying. We in the Alumni Association take great pride in our support for the medical students and the School." ✪



Lawrence Chin, MD



David Coleman, MD, FACP



Daniel G. Remick, Jr., MD

Faculty Appointments

Lawrence Chin, MD, has been appointed professor and chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at BUSM and chief of Neurosurgery at Boston Medical Center (BMC).

Prior to his arrival at BUSM, Chin served as medical director of the Gamma Knife Center and director of the Maryland Brain Tumor Center at the University of Maryland. He was also professor of neurosurgery and radiation oncology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Chin received his medical degree from the University of Michigan. He completed his internship in general surgery at Los Angeles County General Hospital and his residency in neurological surgery at the same hospital, the University of Southern California University Hospital, Huntington Memorial Hospital, and Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

David Coleman, MD, FACP, has been appointed Wade Professor and Chairman of the Department of Medicine at BUSM and chief of the Division of Medicine at Boston Medical Center. He will also serve as president of the Evans Medical Foundation Inc., the faculty

practice plan for the Department of Medicine at BUSM, and director of the Evans Memorial Department of Clinical Research.

Prior to these appointments, Coleman was interim chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine at Yale School of Medicine.

He earned his medical degree from the University of California, San Francisco, in 1976, and completed his residency in the Department of Internal Medicine at Yale-New Haven Hospital in Connecticut, where he served as chief resident and instructor in medicine. In 1982, Coleman completed a fellowship in infectious diseases at Yale University School of Medicine.

Susan Haas, MD, MSc, associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at BUSM and chief medical officer at Boston Medical Center, has been appointed associate dean for clinical affairs at BUSM. Haas also serves as vice chair of the Division of Obstetrics and Gynecology and senior vice president at Boston Medical Center.

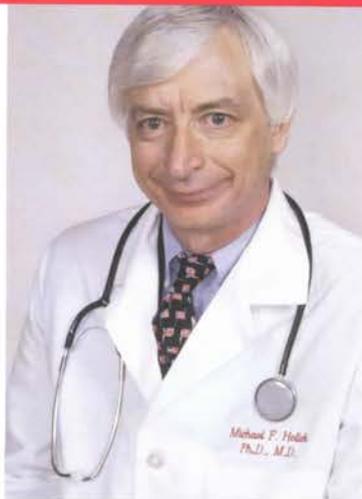
Daniel G. Remick, Jr., MD, has been appointed professor and chairman of the Department of

Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at BUSM and chief of the Division of Pathology at Boston Medical Center.

Prior to these appointments, Remick served as a professor in the Department of Pathology at the University of Michigan and assistant dean of admissions at the University of Michigan Medical School. Dr. Remick received his medical degree from the Mayo Medical School in Rochester, Minnesota. He completed his residency in Anatomic Pathology and a fellowship in immunopathology at the University of Michigan. He has served as the Chair of the Surgery, Anesthesiology and Trauma study section at the NIH.

Adrienne Rogers, MD, professor of pathology and laboratory medicine and director of the Office of Medical Education, has assumed the position of associate dean for academic affairs *ad interim*.

Jonathan Woodson, MD, associate professor of surgery and chairman of the Institutional Review Board, has been appointed associate dean for student and minority affairs *ad interim*. ✪



Michael Holick, MD, PhD



Alice Jacobs, MD



Christine Mai, MD '04

Faculty Awards

Michael Holick, MD, PhD, director of the General Clinical Research Center and professor of medicine, physiology and biophysics at BUSM, received the General Clinical Research Center 2006 Excellence in Clinical Research Award by the National Center for Research Resources at the NIH. Holick, director of the Bone Health Care Clinic at Boston Medical Center and an internationally recognized expert in skin and bone research and vitamin D, was honored for his ongoing contributions in clinical research that have “improved the health of millions of people worldwide.” The award included a \$5,000 honorarium.

Alice Jacobs, MD, director of Interventional Cardiology and the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at BMC and professor of medicine at BUSM, received the American Heart Association’s Paul Dudley White Award. The award, presented annually to medical professionals who have made a distinguished contribution to the reduction of disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke, was given in recognition of Jacobs’s leadership as a cardiologist and her work with the American Heart Association, of which she is a recent past president. A

world-renowned cardiologist, Jacobs received the award at the Boston Heart Ball.

Christine Mai, MD '04, a second-year resident in anesthesiology at Boston Medical Center, has been awarded the Wood Library Museum of Anesthesiology Fellowship for 2006-2007. The museum is the world’s premier historical collection of anesthesiology and financially supports its fellows in the pursuit of scholarly activities related to



Neil Ruderman, MD, DPhil

the history of anesthesiology. Mai earned the fellowship after proposing a project using digital media to describe the origin and significance of the Ether Monument located in the Boston Public Garden.

Neil Ruderman, MD, DPhil, director of the Diabetes Research Unit and physician at the Diabetes Clinic at BMC, and professor of medicine, physiology and biophysics at BUSM, recently received the American Diabetes Association’s Albert Renold Award. The award, named for the late, renowned researcher, is given to an individual whose career is distinguished by outstanding achievements in the training of diabetes research scientists or the facilitation of diabetes research. ✪



M. Michael Wolfe, MD



David Farb, PhD



Jerome Brody, MD

BUSM Faculty Receive New Ignition Awards

Three BUSM researchers received the inaugural round of BU's Ignition Awards to help them move their ideas and research into practical and helpful medical applications. Each award, from the BU Office of Technology Development, is approximately \$50,000.

"This first group of winning projects represents diverse and potentially life-saving applications in health and medicine," said Stanford Willie, PhD, executive director of the Office of Technology Development at BU. Responding to the growing need for nonad-

dictive painkillers, **David Farb, PhD**, chairman and professor in the Department of Pharmacology at BUSM, developed a compound that acts on different nervous-system receptors than addictive, opiate-based narcotics. Farb's Ignition Award will help speed the drug on to human trials.

M. Michael Wolfe, MD, professor of medicine at BUSM and chief of the section of Gastroenterology at BMC, received an award to develop a needle-free way to manufacture and deliver hormonal therapies, such as insulin for diabetics.

Jerome Brody, MD, director of the Pulmonary Center and professor of medicine at BUSM, received an Ignition Award to develop a non-invasive test that could predict a smoker's risk for lung cancer.

"We are proud that our faculty received three of these awards this year," said Thomas Moore, MD, associate provost for Clinical Research at BU Medical Campus. "That's a credit to the quality and value of the research we do here." ✪

Avon Foundation Helps BUSM Fight Breast Cancer

The Avon Foundation recently awarded BUSM \$675,000 to conduct biomedical research and purchase new equipment that will aid in the fight against breast cancer.

The two-year award will allow BUSM and BUSPH researchers to study how exposure to environmental carcinogens during a woman's lifetime can lead to the development of breast cancer. Researchers will also investigate new drugs and dietary compounds, such as green tea, that may help

with treatment or prevention of the disease.

According to principal investigator Gail Sonenshein, PhD, co-director of BU's Women's Health Interdisciplinary Research Center (WHIRC) and professor of biochemistry at BUSM, studies show environmental factors, including diet, drugs, hormones and environmental chemicals, may play a role in the development of breast cancer. The award will also enable Sonenshein's collaborator, David Sherr, PhD, professor of environmen-

tal health at BUSPH, to purchase a state-of-the-art fluorimeter, which will allow scientists to analyze levels of environmental carcinogens in human blood.

"We are extremely grateful to the Avon Foundation for supporting our multidisciplinary studies related to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer," said David Seldin, MD, PhD, lead investigator of the group and professor of medicine and microbiology at BUSM. ✪

Commencement 2006



Smiling in celebration are Cynthia Quainoo '06, Ekene Uzoigwe '06, and Soo Shin '06.



Elliot Servais '06 and Sean Sadikot '06 after receiving their diplomas.

To the music of a brass ensemble, 175 students marched down the aisle at BUSM's graduation exercises held in the Grand Ballroom of the Boston Marriott Hotel/Copley Place.

BUSM conferred 154 MD degrees; of these, five were MD/PhD, and three were MD/MPH. Twenty-one PhD degrees were also conferred.

"For both doctors of science and doctors of medicine, you are undertaking a commitment, at the very least, to lifelong learning," said Dean Antman. "All of you, whether in research, education, or patient care, have the capacity to change the world: the world of science; the world of medical care; and particularly the world for each individual who comes under your care."

At the request of the Class of 2006, BUSM's commencement address was delivered by Dick A. J. Brown, MD, clinical associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at BUSM and director of student education in the Division of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Boston Medical Center.

Brown, who has served on the BUSM faculty since 1984, offered the graduates advice on how they could "be the best doctors they can be." After the exhilaration of the day settles, he said, they should ponder what being a physician means: "What I say will now be heard. What I advise will now be followed. What I order will now be carried out."

Brown also stressed the importance of emotional support on a physician's well-being. He quoted his wife of 50 years, Roma Jean, who often encouraged him with the phrase "Do not weary of doing good." ❖



Gabriel Belfort '06 receives his hood during Commencement 2006 ceremonies while his parents look on.

Welcome Class of 2010

With hundreds of family members and friends looking on, BUSM officially welcomed the Class of 2010 into the medical profession during the annual White Coat Ceremony.

The ceremony marks the moment when students begin their medical careers and wear, for the first time, the white coat that marks their admission to the profession.

In his opening remarks Robert Witzburg, MD, associate dean and director of admissions at BUSM, noted that the 181 incoming medical students represent the largest class ever enrolled at the School of Medicine.

Dean Antman, MD, remarked that they will remember this day for the rest of their lives. "The symbolism of wearing a white coat does not mean that you are preparing to enter the medical profession," stated Antman. "The symbolism of wearing the white coat is that you are already a practicing member of the medical profession."

Alumni Association President David Rothbaum, MD '82, welcomed the newest members of the BUSM community, and Barry Manuel, MD '58, associate dean of continuing medical education at BUSM and Alumni Association executive director, called each student to the stage where a member of the faculty assisted the new members in putting on their white coats. The ceremony concluded with the Class of 2010 standing and reciting the Hippocratic Oath. A celebratory reception hosted by the BUSM Alumni Association followed. ✧



... I will be loyal to the profession of medicine ...



Facts About BUSM Class of 2010

Commenting on the Class of 2010, Associate Dean and Director of Admissions Robert Witzburg, MD '77, said that "Academically, the class is among our strongest and most interesting. Approximately one-fifth of the new BUSM students hold graduate-level degrees, and a number have had other careers before coming to medicine. Many have also done substantive work in service to disadvantaged communities in the United States or abroad."

BUSM received the largest number of applications to a single medical school in the United States, and the six percent growth in application numbers this year is considerably larger than the national expansion.

- 10,170 applications received
- 181 matriculating
- 45% male
- 55% female
- 163 MD program
- 18 MD-PhD program
- 20% BU graduates
- 44 states and the District of Columbia represented
- 24 countries represented from Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America
- 90 colleges and universities represented

Students Receive Schweitzer Awards



Rob Chamberlin '09

BUSM Student Named U.S. Schweitzer Fellow

Rob Chamberlin '09 is one of 154 students selected from across the nation as a U.S. Schweitzer Fellow for 2006–2007. Each Schweitzer Fellow receives a \$2,000 stipend to design and carry out a health-related community service project that will assist individuals or communities lacking adequate health services. With the support of a mentor at both the community site and their respective school, each fellow will work with a local agency and provide at least 200 hours of service.

The fellowships are inspired by the life of Dr. Albert Schweitzer, who gave up promising careers in music and theology to work as a physician and established a hospital in what is now the African country of Gabon.

Chamberlin will work with the Haitian Health Institute at Boston Medical Center to encourage Haitian-American students to pursue a career in health care. He will align Haitian-American students in Greater Boston with mentors who will lead them in service and research projects.

"Rob has the opportunity to broaden his perspective on the world of health and medicine," said Dean Antman. "We are proud and delighted about this opportunity." ✪



Katherine Simon '08

Schweitzer Fellow Serves in Gabon, Africa

BUSM/BUSPH student Katherine Simon '08 spent the summer serving as an international Schweitzer Fellow helping medically underserved people in western Africa.

Simon, who is enrolled in the combined MD/MPH program at BUMC, was one of only four medical students in the United States to be chosen for the prestigious international fellowship in Gabon, which allowed her to combine her fluency in French, her longstanding interest in international health, and her desire for new and interesting experiences.

Simon lived in the jungle of Lambaréné, Gabon, on the grounds of the Albert Schweitzer Hospital, which is the primary source for health care in the region. She treated cases of malnutrition, severe anemia, tetanus, malaria, and tuberculosis. Traveling twice a week with the hospital-sponsored Protection of Mothers and Infants program, she, along with a doctor and several nurses, visited rural villages to vaccinate, do medical consultations, and give nutrition-

al guidance to children, as well as offer prenatal screening, vaccinations, and referrals to pregnant women.

Because all patient encounters occur in French, fellows are required to have a fluency in the language and to have finished their third year of medical school. They receive complete funding and work as junior physicians, supervised by hospital medical staff.

"The Schweitzer Fellowship is a great honor and a wonderful experience," said Suzanne Sarfaty, MD, assistant dean for student affairs and director of the International Health Program at BUSM. "Katie was engaged in a clinical setting that broadened her perspective and honed her skills working with an underserved population, the purpose of our international health programs at BU."

To learn more about her experiences in Gabon, visit the blog Simon created at <http://www.katesimon.blogspot.com>. ✪



David Rothbaum, MD '82, and his daughter Rachel.



Yoon-Soo Bae '09

For more information, contact School of Medicine Associate Vice President and Director of Development Lynn Hendricks at 617-638-4570 or Alumni Association Executive Director Barry Manuel, MD, at 617-638-5154.

Scholarship Program Helps Students with Financial Burden

Recognizing that 80 percent of graduating BUSM students average more than \$160,000 in debt, the School has actively been seeking ways to develop financial support to provide direct assistance to students. These efforts recently culminated in the formation of the Adopt-A-Student scholarship program. Under this new program, donors are offered the option of making a commitment of either \$5,000 or \$10,000 a year to adopt a student for their entire four years of medical school, during which donors and students have the opportunity to make a personal connection.

"This scholarship program offers an immediate financial benefit to the student while being a manageable gift for the donor," remarks Dean Karen Antman.

Students have also taken notice of the direct impact that the Adopt-A-Student program has on their lives. "This scholarship is

important to me because it relieves the stress that having limited funds can cause," states Yoon-Soo Bae '09. "I truly believe this scholarship is a great opportunity to focus on the real reason why I am in medical school, to get the best education and become the best doctor I can."

Classmate Martha Barrett '09 is another grateful student who is benefiting from this program. "I come from a lower middle-class family with three children, and my parents are unable to contribute to my medical education," says Barrett.

One of the first donors to come forward and support the program was David Rothbaum, MD '82, an obstetrician gynecologist in private practice in New York and currently serving as president of the BUSM Alumni Association. "My long-term commitment to the School of Medicine stems from my belief

that alumni should support the institution that gave them their education and training," states Rothbaum.

"We are truly appreciative for the generosity of those who have come forward to make this program a reality," says Dean Antman. "These gifts have already made a tremendous difference in the lives of the students who are 'adopted.'"

It is hoped that many more alumni and friends will make a commitment to the Adopt-A-Student program.

Board of Visitor Establishes Special Fund for Medical Students

Zubeen Shroff, College of Arts and Sciences '86, often dreamt of going to medical school and becoming a doctor. Although he eventually ended up pursuing a business career, Shroff states that "my entire professional career has revolved around health care."

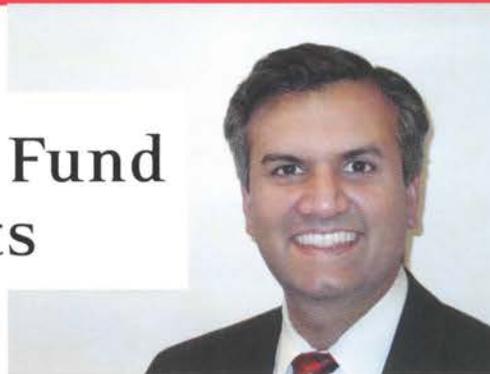
When he and his wife were recently approached by BUSM about starting a Special Medical Needs Fund, the idea was intriguing to him. "My wife and I really wanted to plant a seed at the medical school and this was a perfect fit for us," states Shroff. "We hope that this fund will be a source of assistance for years to come."

"The Special Medical Needs Fund will enable students with disabilities to fulfill their medical education by providing financial help for certain medical needs not covered by Disability Services or student medical insurance," says Lynn Hendricks, Associate Vice President and Director of Development.

"This fund will also help build a student's level of confidence," states Shroff. "If a student can't get around campus or is having difficulty using standard medical equipment, he or she is going to be discouraged. This fund is one more way that the School of Medicine is meeting the needs of its students."

Shroff, who serves on the Board of Visitors at BUSM, says that he and his wife were enthusiastic about establishing the Special Medical Needs Fund because it gave them a tangible way to measure their donation. "Giving to a specific need helps people feel more connected and likely to donate again," continues Shroff. "We can only hope that others will see this as an opportunity to help tomorrow's doctors today."

For more information on the Special Medical Needs Fund or to make a donation, please contact Associate Vice President and Director of Development Lynn Hendricks in the Office of Development at 617-638-4570.



Ways of Giving: Planned Giving

In addition to making an outright gift to the School, you may want to consider a gift that provides income to you as well as other financial benefits.

Should you be interested in discussing establishing an annuity or trust, or making a bequest to the School, please contact: Lynn Hendricks, Associate Vice President and Director of Development, BUSM, 715 Albany Street, Boston, MA 02118, by phone at 617-638-4570 or lhendric@bu.edu, or contact Barry Manuel, MD, Executive Director, BUSM Alumni Association, 715 Albany Street, Boston, MA 02118, by phone at 617-638-5154 or e-mail bmanuel@bu.edu.



Richard Hunter, MD '44, established a charitable remainder trust in the name of the Hunter family to benefit scholarship support at BUSM. Pictured here during the annual Keefer Society dinner, he is flanked by his son, Todd, MD '73, and his cousin, Judith Hunter McCann, the daughter of Thomas Hunter, MD '30, who inspired him to attend medical school.

Information on the new Charitable IRA Rollover Law

This information is for information purposes only. Donors should consult their own legal or other professional advisor.

- Applies to donors who have reached age 70½ by the date of the transfer.
- Gift must come from an Individual Retirement Plan (IRA), not any other form of qualified retirement plan. As a practical matter, donors will want to use their traditional IRA, not their Roth IRA.
- Provision is temporary—the remaining months of 2006 and calendar year 2007.
- Distribution is limited to \$100,000 for each year, 2006 and 2007. A married couple could donate up to \$200,000 per year provided each spouse owns at least one IRA and each can make a qualified charitable distribution of \$100,000 from their plans.
- Qualified charitable distributions satisfy the plan owner's minimum required distribution for the year.
- Distribution from the IRA must be paid directly as an outright gift to charity, not to the donor.
- Donor may not transfer gift to a donor advised fund, supporting organization, or life income plan.
- Provision relates to lifetime gifts. Rules relating to testamentary gifts remain unchanged.



Barry M. Manuel, MD '58

Dear Alumni,

I am delighted to present our new publication, *Boston University School of Medicine: Campus and Alumni News*, which combines *Alumni News* with the *BU Medicine* magazine. We hope you enjoy this new format and the convenience of having information about the BUSM community located in one publication. We want you to keep current with Alumni Association activities, especially Alumni Weekend events, and with what your colleagues, classmates, and our students and faculty are doing.

As always, we hope that you will join us for our alumni activities, especially Alumni Weekend scheduled for May 18 and 19, 2007. This is your opportunity to gather with your BUSM classmates and colleagues for a fun, interesting, and activity-filled weekend.

Please share your news with us by e-mail at alumbusm@bu.edu or via our online community at www.bumc.bu.edu/medalumni Class Notes.

Barry M. Manuel, MD '58
Executive Director
BUSM Alumni Association

2006 Distinguished Alumnus Awards



At the Annual Meeting and Banquet of the Alumni Association, President Elizabeth Oates, MD '81, (left) presented Distinguished Alumnus Awards to Jeffrey Sands, MD '81, and Irvin Yalom, MD '56. They were joined by Barry Manuel, MD '58 (far right).

IRVIN D. YALOM, MD '56, is emeritus professor of psychiatry at Stanford University School of Medicine and has served as the medical director of the Stanford University Hospital Psychiatric Inpatient Unit.

A graduate of George Washington University, Phi Beta Kappa, and Boston University School of Medicine, Dr. Yalom did his internship at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, his residency at the Henry Phipps Clinic of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, and was a fellow at The Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences in Palo Alto.

Dr. Yalom is an eminent psychiatrist and a gifted storyteller, who offers his students and his readers the opportunity to enter into the world of psychotherapy and the complex relationship between therapist and patient in a way afforded by few others in his field. The author of 17 books and numerous articles, his textbooks *The Theory and Practice of Group Psychotherapy* (of which there are five editions), *Existential Psychotherapy*, and *Inpatient Group Psychotherapy* are classics and widely used to train therapists. In 2002, the American Psychiatric Association awarded him the Oscar Pfister Award for Contributions to Religion and Psychiatry.

JEFF M. SANDS, MD '81, is the Juha P. Kokko Professor of Medicine and director of the Renal Division at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia, as well as professor of physiology and associate director for the Center for Cell & Molecular Signaling at the school.

A graduate of Harvard College, *summa cum laude*, and Boston University School of Medicine, he did his medicine residency at the University of Chicago, two fellowships at the National Institutes of Health, and was a fellow in nephrology at Emory University.

His publications include more than 137 manuscripts, articles, and books, and his research is directed at understanding the physiology of the renal inner medulla and the urine concentrating mechanism.

Dr. Sands has served as editor-in-chief of the *American Journal of Physiology* and assistant editor of the *American Journal of Medical Sciences*. He serves on the editorial boards of the *Journal of the American Society of Nephrology* and *American Journal of Medical Sciences*. ✽



Student and alumni phonathon volunteers are joined by Dean and Provost Karen Antman, MD.

Annual Fund Phonathons Fall 2006

Dear Alumni,

We want to thank the many alumni who answered the calls of our volunteers during the annual Fall Phonathons on October 12 and 17. It's your continued willingness to make a commitment to BUSM that gives momentum to our fund-raising program and is integral to the success of our efforts.

During the two nights of calling we raised \$143,340 in pledges from 266 alumni. We had many new faces among our volunteers, especially the students who continue to make time in their very busy schedules to call you and share their enthusiasm for the School and the education they are receiving. Dean Antman joined the volunteers and offered her gratitude for their time and effort as well as making note of the positive response of alumni.

We have scheduled our Spring Phonathon for March 6. We would be pleased to have you join us. You may contact the Alumni Office at 617-638-5150 or at alumbusm@bu.edu.

Sincerely,

Donald Grande, MD '73
Phonathon Director



Phonathon Director Don Grande, MD '73, with long-time phonathon volunteer Peter Pochi, MD '55.

The following volunteers attended the Fall Phonathons:

Emily Adams '10
George Aghia '09
Kevin Anderson '10
Roberta Apfel '62
Tomalika Ashan '09
Yoon-Soo Bae '09
David Bailen '67
Bunmi Bakare '07
Camellia Banerjee '09
Carolina Bibbo '09
Robert Carey '54
Melisha Cumberland '07
Tatiana Pereira DaCunha '09
Elizabeth Dooling '65
Sudha Dubey '09
Justin Dunn '07
Lyndsey Emery '07
William Franklin '46
Donald Grande '73
Walter Leonard '46
Kristen Lindgren '09
Kira Long '10
Patrick Mabray '07
Tracy Madsen '08
LaTisha Murray '10
Sharyn Niles '08
Andrey Ostrovsky '10
Peter Pochi '55

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Neha Sangal '09
Carmi Santos '08
Holly Sheldon '07
Chris Simons '10
Kevin Wang '08
Terese Watkins '09
Joshua Weissman '07
Rebecca Wu '09
Alex Yazhbin '09

Alumni Weekend 2006



Dean and Provost Karen Antman, MD, and her husband, Elliott, enjoy the Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Banquet.

The record rainfall and flooding in Boston did not stop more than 200 spirited and enthusiastic reunioners from returning to campus for Alumni Weekend 2006. "Alumni of this School have strong feelings for each other and BUSM," said Dean Antman. "It's a pleasure getting to know them and learning about their fulfilling and dedicated lives as physicians."

On Friday morning a group of alumni celebrating their milestone 25th and 50th Reunions kicked off the weekend at the New England Aquarium and were then shuttled to the Medical Campus for the Scientific Program at the BioSquare 3 Building, a structure that was new to many returning graduates. The Sidney Kibrick, MD Lectureship was given by Aram Chobanian, MD, president *emeritus* and dean *emeritus*. Chobanian spoke on "The Hypertension Epidemic," followed by a poster session.

The Westin Copley Place was the setting for Friday evening's Reunion reception and dinner parties where classes ranging from 1946 through 1996 gathered together.

The Class of 1956, led by their 50th Reunion Committee, had a great turnout from across the country. Daniel Kosloff, MD '56, gave a touching tribute and toast to members of the

Herbert Weber, MD '56, and his wife, Donna, stroll the Medical Campus during Alumni Weekend.



Classmates Robert Uyeda, MD '76, and Deborah Cotton, MD '76, at their 30th Reunion.



Members of the Class of 1981 and guests at the Reunion reception are: Tom Topor, Kathleen Phillips, MD, Jim Fane, Jay Bachicha, MD, and Elizabeth Oates, MD.

Class of 1956 who had passed away. Alumni Association President Elizabeth Oates, MD '81, and her class celebrated their 25th Reunion with great enthusiasm. Taking the opportunity to meet the reunioners, Dean Antman visited each of the nine classes during dinner.

On Saturday, alumni went on a world-famous tour around the city and cruise of the Charles River on World War II amphibious landing vehicles known as Boston Duck Tours. Greeted by the bluegrass music of the Rhythm Method String Band, alumni and guests enjoyed a barbecue lunch on campus and were welcomed by Dean Antman, who updated them on the School and outlined her vision for the future.

Following lunch, alumni went on tours of the School and Medical Center led by BUSM students Gilbert Cadena '08, Patrick Mabray '07, and Jennifer Uyeda '08. Those on the tour

were delighted to learn that Jennifer's father, Robert Uyeda, MD '76, was able to see the campus changes with his daughter as tour guide.

The festivities continued into the night at the 131st Annual Meeting and Banquet, held at The Westin Copley Place. Presiding over the Annual Meeting and Banquet, Alumni Association President Elizabeth Oates, MD '81, welcomed attendees and recognized special guests, including the 50th reunioners and members of the Class of 2006 celebrating their upcoming graduation. Class representative David Meguerdichian, MD '06, congratulated his classmates and thanked families and faculty for their support.

The Distinguished Alumnus Awards were presented, and David Rothbaum, MD '82, was welcomed as the 2006-2007 Alumni Association President. The evening was capped off by dining and dancing. ✪

Enjoying their 50th Reunion are (left to right) Ronald Katz, MD '56, Ruth and James Burris, MD '56, and Richard Elliott, MD '56.



Enjoying the Annual Meeting and Banquet as guests of the Alumni Association are members of the Class of 2006.



Greeting alumni at the Reunion reception are BUSM students John Scolaro '07, Terese Watkins '09, Alex Yazhbin '09, and Dallas Reed '08.



Members of the Class of 1966 gathered together for their 40th Reunion are (left to right) Joseph Iovino, MD, Richard Samaha, MD, Harry Iannotti, MD, and Ronald Coutu, MD.



Linda Hsueh, MD '81, and Mary Ellen McCann, MD '81, enjoy their 25th Reunion.



Attending the Annual Meeting and Banquet of the Alumni Association is Association Director A. V. Mariano, MD '59, (left) with Alumni Association Executive Director Barry Manuel, MD '58.



Dear Alumni,

It is a pleasure to be serving as president of the Alumni Association this year. I am especially looking forward to our 25th Reunion in May.

My four years at BUSM were so memorable, and being a physician, especially my work in delivering babies, has been wonderfully rewarding. Reunion and Alumni Weekend provide the opportunity to reflect on the time spent at BUSM and to share the intervening experiences with classmates and friends.

On May 18 and 19, 2007, the Alumni Association has planned the traditional reunion dinner parties and the Annual Meeting and Banquet of the Association as well as some new activities such as a tour of the North End with its wonderful restaurants and markets. Please see our schedule of events.

Having attended a number of the Alumni Association banquets, I can attest to the great food, dancing, alumni awards, and the pleasure of welcoming and socializing with the newest alumni, the members of the graduating class.

Please join Dean Antman, Dr. Manuel, faculty, staff, students, your fellow alumni, and me for a wonderful weekend.

David Rothbaum, MD '82

David Rothbaum, MD '82
President
BUSM Alumni Association

Save the Date

Alumni Weekend 2007

May 18–20

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 18

North End Market Tour

9:00^{AM} | North End, Boston

Scientific Program

12:00 Noon |

S.A. Kaufman, MD, Memorial Lecture

Thomas J. Moore, MD

Associate Provost, Research,

Boston University School of Medicine

R. Curtis Ellison, MD

Chief, Section of Preventive Medicine

and Epidemiology, Boston University

School of Medicine

1:00^{PM} | Lunch and Poster Session

Boston University School of Medicine

Parties for Reunion Classes, Golden Reunion

6:00^{PM} | Reception

7:30^{PM} | Reunion Dinner Parties

The Westin Copley Place

10 Huntington Avenue, Boston

Saturday, May 19

Duck Tours of Boston

9:30^{AM} | Departing from the Prudential Center

(Huntington Avenue side)

www.bostonducktours.com

Medical Center Bookstore Open

9:00^{AM}–5:00^{PM} | 700 Albany Street

Barbecue with live music

12:00 Noon | Talbot Green, BUSM

Tours of the School and Medical Campus

1:30^{PM} | Departing from Talbot Green

132nd Annual Meeting and Banquet

6:30^{PM} | Social Hour

7:30^{PM} | Dinner

Annual Meeting (*election of new officers*)

Award Presentations

The Westin Copley Place

10 Huntington Avenue, Boston

(*The banquet is primarily dinner and dancing to live music.*)

Sunday, May 20

Commencement

3:00^{PM} | Boston Marriott Copley Place

110 Huntington Avenue, Boston

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Class Notes

1952

Alvin Eden of New York, NY, writes, "I am looking forward with great anticipation to our 55th Class Reunion next year. In the meantime I continue to practice, teach, and write—now revising and updating *Positive Parenting*. Finally, tennis anyone?"

1968

Michael Kussman of Washington, DC, reports that as of August 11, 2006, he is chief of the nation's largest integrated health care system as the Acting Under Secretary for Health within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). In this capacity, he leads all clinical and operational policies and programs and oversees health policy coordination between the VA and other governmental and non-governmental agencies. With 156 hospitals and more than 800 community-based clinics, the VA has more than one million patient visits per week, and its annual health care budget is nearly \$30 billion. Prior to joining the VA, Kussman had a military medical career spanning three decades. His service included being commander of the Walter Reed Health Care System in Washington, DC, commander of the Europe Regional Medical Command, command surgeon for the US Army Europe, and TRICARE lead agent for Europe. Kussman retired from military service as a brigadier general.

1970

Harvey Silverman of Manchester, NH, writes, "More than forty years ago I moved into Myles, excited and a bit scared. As I got to know my classmates on our wing of the dorm, I thought, a lot of these guys are really, really smart. I wondered if I could keep up. After a while I also got to know another classmate, one with the most beautiful blue eyes, a joyful and genuine smile, and a wonderful happiness and appreciation for life. Gretchen (BUSM '71) still has all those qualities today. Our medical careers have paralleled. We followed the adventure of emergency medicine residencies in the early '70s and practiced for a decade. Then, with children, we opened a primary care practice designed to allow for a normal family life and raised two great sons. The younger, Dave, attended BU and lived for a couple of years in one of the Bay State Road brownstones just a few doors from 161 where I would pick up Gretchen to go for coffee. Walking down Bay State Road hand-in-hand on a fine spring day to visit Dave was certainly the proverbial trip down memory lane. We retired in April. Gretchen and I look forward to continuing to explore America in our vintage micro-mini motor home and to cheer for the Red Sox."

1976

Deborah Cotton of Newton, MA, a professor of medicine at BUSM and professor of epidemiology at BUSPH, was recently appointed to the National and Global Public Health Committee of the Infectious Diseases Society of America. The society represents physicians, scientists, and other health care professionals who specialize in infectious diseases. The society works independently and through coalitions with like-minded organizations to monitor and favorably impact national and global policymaking for infectious diseases.

1986



Barbara Ann Mack of Southern Pines, NC, writes, "Hello classmates! I wish I could have joined you for Reunion

Weekend, but my schedule just wouldn't allow for it. I am living in North Carolina, on a small horse farm with my boyfriend. I have four children: Lauren, 18, is at New York University; Christen, 16, is a freshman at UNC (she skipped a couple of grades); Fay, 14, and Alec, 8, are home with me. I am working part time. I spend most of my days training for marathons, ultra-marathons, and triathlons. I am nationally ranked as an ultra-marathoner—running races from 50 kilometers (31 miles) to 100 miles. My best time for the 100 is 22 hours, 26 minutes. My marathon PR is 3:36, which for my age group (50!) also qualifies me to run the Boston and NYC marathons without having to go through the lottery. I love running Boston! I am trying to qualify for the Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii. I have been there only as part of the medical tent so far. The picture is one of me working at the med tent at Kona. I did win Duke Ironman's Masters Female. I am sure the reunion was lots of fun, I wish I could have been there to see everyone! I would love to hear from you! All the best!"

1987



Barbara Jean Magnani of Boston, MA, is chief of the Department of Laboratory Medicine at BMC, and associate professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at BUSM. She has been appointed chair of the

College of American Pathologists Toxicology Resource Committee. The charge of this committee is, in part, to "define and monitor state-of-the-art and emerging technologies in toxicology and to assist the college in providing accurate information to regulatory and other government agencies."

1992

Jeff Milunsky of Newton, MA, presented his discovery of a gene causing Lacrimo-Auriculo-Dento-Digital syndrome in humans at the annual meeting of the American Society of Human Genetics. The rare disorder is characterized by hearing loss, dental and digital anomalies, and problems with formation of the lacrimal and salivary systems. Milunsky's study appeared in the April issue of *Clinical Genetics*. He is associate professor of pediatrics, genetics and genomics, and director of Clinical Genetics at BUSM.

1998



Heidi Abdelhady of Baltimore, MD, writes, "Hoping all of you are doing well...just wanted to announce the birth of our baby boy, Basel B. Rahman! He was born on December 21, 2005, in Baltimore and weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces. Please be in touch if ever in the Baltimore-DC area."

Anna DePold Hohler writes, "I recently finished my eight years of service in the United States Army. I recently left Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington, to start a neurology movement disorder fellowship at Boston Medical Center. I am married to David Hohler and have two children. I currently reside in Needham, Massachusetts."

Matthew Martin of Dupont, WA, writes, "I am currently serving as a trauma surgeon in the US Army. I recently received the spring newsletter and enjoyed catching up on BUSM news and alumni accomplishments. I have just returned from a deployment to Iraq with a Combat Support Hospital which was quite an incredible experience, caring for wounded soldiers, civilians, and enemy forces. During this deployment I ran into Simon Telian (BUSM '98), who is currently deployed as a member of a Forward Surgical Team. During his previous deployment to Iraq he was one of two surgeons who cared for over 90 soldiers who were wounded in the bombing of the dining facility on their base in Mosul, Iraq. I know there are several other BUSM alums who have served or are currently serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. I am writing to suggest that the students and alumni might be interested in this unique side of medicine and surgery in a combat zone."

2002

Kerry O'Brien of Tacoma, WA, writes, "I'm in my final year as a pathology resident at Madigan Army Medical Center in Washington state. My

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Class Notes (cont.)

husband, Mitch, and I have a 2 1/2-year-old son named Liam who keeps us very busy. Right now I'm hoping the Army will let me do a transfusion medicine fellowship next year. I've met a lot of great people here at Madigan, including some BUSM grads. I will miss this place when I leave it. I miss my old classmates from the class of 2002. Drop me an e-mail at kerrylob@yahoo.com."

Alumni in Print

Alan B. Ettinger, MD '83, co-author with Deborah M. Weisbrot, MD

The Essential Patient Handbook
(Demos Medical Publishing, 2004)

The Essential PATIENT HANDBOOK

Getting the Health Care You Need—
From Doctors Who Know



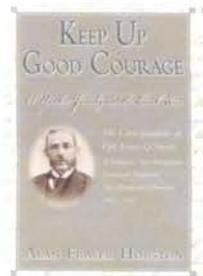
why each piece of information is important.

This handbook walks readers through the entire medical evaluation process, from the first question to the last. It is a guide for patients to thoroughly prepare medical information before seeing a doctor and explains

Alan Fraser Houston, MD '68

Keep Up Good Courage: A Yankee Family and the Civil War: The Correspondence of Cpt. Lewis Q. Smith, of Sandwich, NH, Fourteenth Regiment New Hampshire Volunteers, 1862-1865

(Peter E. Randall Publisher LLC, Portsmouth, NH, 2006)



Houston authored this historical account of a soldier's daily happenings with the help of the letters and journals of Corporal Lewis Smith of the Union Army. An additional facet to the book is a discussion of the diseases from that time period.

Necrology

1936

Homan E. Leech of Meredith, NH, on May 18, 2006, at the age of 96. A specialist in occupational medicine, he worked for Metropolitan Insurance Company in San Francisco, CA, until his retirement in 1975. He served in the US Army for 27 years, attaining the rank of colonel. His service included duty in Okinawa during World War II and in the Korean War, where he commanded the 171st Evacuation Hospital. He was twice awarded the Legion of Merit. Predeceased by his wife of 72 years, Winifred, he is survived by his son and daughter-in-law.

1938

Adolph A. DeNuccio of North Andover, MA, on July 17, 2006, at the age of 95. The first board-certified urologist in the Lawrence, MA, community, he served as president of the medical staffs of Bon Secours Hospital and Clover Hill Hospital in Lawrence, MA, and as president of the Essex North District Medical Society. He was the first member of the American College of Surgeons in Lawrence and was a member of the American Urological Association and the New England Urological Association. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Rosalie, two daughters, two sons, six grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

1940

Pauline G. Spear of Claremont, NH, on February 2, 2006, at the age of 91. A general practitioner, she was welcomed by the Claremont community during the doctor shortage that accompanied World War II and for 40 years she maintained her practice there.

1942

Rocco S. Marino of Hamden, CT, on March 13, 2006. Dr. Marino was a diagnostic radiologist who practiced in New Haven, CT.

1944

Sanford W. Udis of South Dartmouth, MA, on March 28, 2006, at the age of 86. A radiologist, he was the chief of radiology at Truesdale Hospital, and Charlton Memorial Hospital, both in Fall River, MA, chief of radiology at Truesdale Clinic, and was the senior partner in Udis-Miller Radiology. He was a member of the BUSM Board of Visitors and trustee emeritus of Brown University. Dr. Udis served in the US Army during World War II. Predeceased by his first wife, Beverly, he is survived by his wife, Gloria, two sons, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

1946

Joseph S. Wallace of Newton, MA, on Friday, June 9, 2006, at the age of 83. An obstetrician and gynecologist, he served on the staff of Beth Israel

Hospital, Boston, for more than 30 years. An instructor in obstetrics and gynecology at BUSM and Harvard Medical School, he was a supporter of natural childbirth and an early advocate for the presence of fathers in the delivery room. He served in the US Army as a medical officer in obstetrical service. He is survived by his wife, Bernice, two daughters, seven grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

1947

Richard C. Smith of Canon City, CO, on January 22, 2006, at the age of 81. He was a pediatrician. He is survived by his wife, Gayle.

1954

James E. Fitzgerald of Spring Hill, FL, on August 1, 2006, at the age of 78. A pathologist, he was on the staffs of Salem Hospital in Salem, MA, and Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, MA. He also served in the US Army. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, his son, three daughters, and four grandchildren.

Beverly A. Foss of Waterford, CT, on July 13, 2006,

at the age of 76. An obstetrician-gynecologist in private practice, she served on the staff of Brockton Hospital from 1959 to 1965, when she relocated her practice to New London, CT. She also was on the staff of Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, New London, CT, until her retirement in 1985. Dr. Foss was a diplomat of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, a member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and a member of both the Massachusetts and Connecticut Medical Associations and the American Medical Association. She is survived by her sister and her nephew.

E. Arthur Robinson of Falmouth, MA, on July 1, 2006, at the age of 77. A general surgeon in private practice with Falmouth Surgeons Inc., he was the first person to perform surgery at Falmouth Hospital, where he served as chief of surgery and chief of staff. He also served on the staff of Tobey Hospital in Wareham, MA. He served in the Army from 1959 to 1961 as a captain and chief of the surgical section at Fort Hood, TX. He was also an Army civilian surgeon at Fort Ord, CA, during the Gulf War in 1991. He was a member of the American Medical Association and American Board of Surgery. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Barbara, two sons, two daughters, a brother, two grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

1961

Richard H. Litner of Belmont, MA, on May 22, 2006, at the age of 72. A general surgeon, he served on the staffs of eight Boston-area hospitals and was on the clinical faculty of BUSM and Harvard Medical School. He was a member of the American Board of Surgery. Dr. Litner celebrated

his 45th BUSM reunion a few days before he passed away. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, two daughters, his son, five grandchildren, and his brother.

1967

Robert P. Cote of Sanford, ME, on May 29, 2006, at the age of 65. An internist, he served as chief of medicine at the H.D. Goodall Hospital in Sanford, ME, and medical director for Hillcrest Manor/Newton Center for 25 years. He was a veteran of the US Navy, serving during the Vietnam era as chief of medicine at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, ME. He was a member of the York County Medical Society and the Maine Medical Society. He is survived by his wife of nearly 42 years, Fleurette, three sons, two brothers, and five grandchildren.

1968



Martin T. Feldman of Leominster and Great Barrington, MA, July 30, 2006, at the age of 61. A pediatrician, he was a founder and president of Medical Associates Pediatrics in Leominster

and served as chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Leominster Hospital (later HealthAlliance Hospital). In 2002, he received the hospital's Distinguished Physician Award. He served as school physician in Leominster, Lancaster, and the FLLAC Collaborative, and was involved in Project FIND, HeadStart, and the North County Neurodevelopment Clinic. He was a member of the Governor's Council on Mental Health and Retardation (1975-1978). In 2004, he received the Community Clinician of the Year Award from the Worcester North District Medical Society, a division of the Massachusetts Medical Society. He was an assistant clinical professor and served as a preceptor for third-year students at BUSM for 23 years. He also served on the faculty of the University of Massachusetts Medical School. He served as a major in the US Air Force and was chief of Pediatrics and chief of Hospital Services at Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine (BUSM '69), his son, two daughters (one, Sara, BUSM '00), two grandchildren, and his brother. He also leaves a very special friend, Amy Fishman of Cincinnati, OH, whose gift of blood stem cells gave him an additional eighteen months to enjoy his family.

1973

James Ryan of Jamaica Plain, MA, on May 21, 2006, at the age of 59. He was the director of Occupational and Environmental Medicine at Boston Medical Center and directed the employee health services for Boston Medical Center, BUSM, and BU School of Dental Medicine. Under his



supervision, BMC provided occupational health services and OSHA-mandated surveillance to the City of Boston and over 200 corporations. He was on the faculty of Harvard School of Public Health where he

served as chair of Harvard's Education and Resource Center (ERC) for the National Institutes of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). A widely published authority on occupational muscle strain, post-traumatic stress, and substance abuse, he regularly served as a consultant to institutions and agencies, endeavoring to establish fair and safe standards for workers. He was a fellow of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine from which he received the 2006 President's Award, the New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine from which he received the 2005 President's Award, and the Massachusetts Medical Society. He was also a member of the American Medical Association and the American and Massachusetts Public Health associations. He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Marilyn Morrissey, two sons and a daughter, two brothers, his sister, sixteen nieces and nephews, and an extended network of colleagues and friends.

1976

T. Arthur Hawley of New Orleans, LA, on March 14, 2006, at the age of 55. A specialist in aerospace and occupational medicine, he had been in private practice at Biloxi Regional Medical Center and East Jefferson General Hospital Occupational Medicine Clinics. He was a retired US Navy captain and flight surgeon, and was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, and three Meritorious Service Medals. He was a diplomat of the American Board of Preventive Medicine in Aerospace Medicine, a fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine, and a fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association. He is survived by his wife, Jane, his daughter, his godchild, and his father and stepmother.

BUSM Continuing Medical Education Conference Calendar

January 2007

The 23rd Annual Conference on Obstetrics, Gynecology, Perinatal Medicine, Neonatology, and the Law

January 2-6

Fairmont Mayakoba, Mayan Riviera, Mexico

Credits: 19

The 7th Annual Conference on Medical Negligence and Risk Management in Medicine, Surgery, Emergency Medicine, Neurology, and Radiology

January 5-8

Fairmont Mayakoba, Mayan Riviera, Mexico

Credits: 14.25

Joint Conference

(January 2-8)

The 23rd Annual Conference on Obstetrics, Gynecology, Perinatal Medicine, Neonatology, and the Law

and

The 7th Annual Conference on Medical Negligence and Risk Management in Medicine, Surgery, Emergency Medicine, Neurology, and Radiology

Fairmont Mayakoba, Mayan Riviera, Mexico

Credits: 28.5

March 2007

The 16th Annual Cardiology for the Non-Cardiologist

March 15-16

Hotel Marlowe, Cambridge, MA

Credits: TBD

Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics: Clinical Problems in Primary Care

March 30-31

Royal Sonesta Hotel, Cambridge, MA

Credits: TBD

April 2007

Current Clinical Pediatrics

April 16-20

Hilton Oceanfront Resort

Hilton Head Island, SC

Credits: 20

Controversies in Internal Medicine

April 30-May 4

Hilton Oceanfront Resort

Hilton Head Island, SC

Credits: TBD

May 2007

The 8th Annual Reach Out and Read National Conference: Pediatrics and Early Literacy

May 4-5

Toronto, Canada

Credits: TBD

The 3rd Annual Ellison Pierce Symposium: Positioning Your ORs for the Future

May 17-19

Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, MA

Credits: TBD

CME Re-accredited with Commendation

The Office of Continuing Medical Education (CME) has been re-accredited with *commendation* from the Accrediting Council for Continuing Medical Education, the national body that accredits continuing medical education. In three of the essential areas with which CME offices must demonstrate compliance, BUSM CME received *exemplary compliance*. This places BUSM among an elite group of CME providers.

Spring 2007 Events Calendar

January

Reunion Reach Out

Dean's Conference Room, BUSM

Thursday, January 18, 2007

5:30 p.m.

March

Spring Phonathon

Hiebert Lounge, BUSM

Tuesday, March 6, 2007

5:30 p.m.

AOA Induction Ceremony

Boston University Castle

Monday, March 12, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Match Day, BUSM

Thursday, March 15, 2007

12:00 noon

April

Keefe Society Dinner

The Four Seasons, Boston

Friday, April 6, 2007

6:00 p.m.

May

Board of Visitors Dinner

Metcalfe Trustee Center

BU School of Management

Thursday, May 3, 2007

6:00 p.m.

Board of Visitors Meeting

Hiebert Lounge, BUSM

Friday, May 4, 2007

7:30 a.m.

Alumni Weekend

The Westin Copley Place, Boston

Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19, 2007

Commencement

Boston Marriott, Copley Place

Sunday, May 20, 2007

3:00 p.m.

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