

Boston University

OpenBU

<http://open.bu.edu>

BU Publications

Front & Center

1968-04

Front & Center: April 1968 v. 2, no. 1

<https://hdl.handle.net/2144/21107>

"Downloaded from OpenBU. Boston University's institutional repository."

APRIL 1968

Al Fontes — Entrepreneur!

You may have run into Al Fontes anywhere in the Main House. His job as head orderly takes him to the patient unit where he is most needed at a given time. And he has been with the Hospital for 11 years.

But if you haven't talked with him about his astounding assortment of business ventures, then you may not know why he is affectionately known as "the entrepreneur." About five years ago Al fell into conversation with an exporter from the Argentine who was a patient here. And in 1964 he placed his first order with a firm in Rotterdam. This marked the beginnings of an import business he handles out of his home in Dorchester — or wherever he is.

Delft and filigree from the Netherlands; work gloves, toys and cameras from Hong Kong; silver jewelry from Thailand; jade, ivory and silk neckties from India; watches and clocks from Germany; mantillas from Spain — to hear Al describe his wares is a lesson in geography.

But importing is by no means his only sideline. Until two years ago Al ran a beauty parlor, part time, in Brockton. He has driven a taxi two nights a week. Last fall he bought a simonizing machine (and is eager to keep it busy!) In this last venture he is aided by his two older sons, 14 and 15. The three-year-old boy has not joined the business yet.

Al Fontes has always had a good business head. And he has used it by taking advantage of specialized training. For the real-estate, import office he plans to open, he has completed a 3 months course in real estate at an Institute in Brookline. But the real educational opportunity only came his way

Continued on page 2

Al Fontes poses for FRONT & CENTER with two or three of his handsome imports. These hand-carved pieces are from Africa.



SPRING DANCE WINNERS! Considered by judges and their swinging audience to be the "best of class" in two of the dance contests held at the height of the March 29 Hospital party are the two beaming couples above; For fox trot: Mr. and Mrs. George Fournier; for the Waltz, Mr. and Mrs. Clive Willey.

"SPRING FLING" SWINGS

The first, but surely not the last, Spring Dance for University Hospital's friends and co-workers was a swinging affair.

Inaugurated as a change of pace from the traditional Ground Hog Festival and show of previous years, the Dance, held in the Ballroom of Boston's Statler Hilton Hotel on Friday evening, March 29, lived up to its advance billing for good music, good cheer and good companions. And the nibblers are still talking about "those wonderful little hors d'oeuvres."

Highlights of the evening were the dance contests. The winners — who each received a bottle of the "bubbly" — were Mr. and Mrs. Clive Willey (Accounting) for the Waltz; Mr. and Mrs. George Fournier (X-Ray) for the Fox Trot; Jessie Bone and Neely Osgood, Jr.; Norman Mitchell and Elaine Ellerbee for the Cha Cha and Twist.

Fate in a Sealed Envelope!

The Academy Awards can't hold a candle to the drama played out on a morning in March in the Auditorium of Building A — with 4th year students of the School of Medicine in leading roles.

But the sealed envelope is still the key to the suspense!

The suspense of Charles Hamon, 4th year medical student, is about to be lifted! Sealed envelope which will reveal his internship is handed to him by Dean Franklin G. Ebaugh, Jr.

Each year the members of the graduating class, after months of mulling it over, register their preferences for internship with an organization in Evanston, Illinois, known as NIMP (the National Internship Matching Program.) Section of country; particular hospital; type of internship, straight or rotating, surgical or medical, etc. are listed by each student. Matching is done by computer. And then the tension begins to mount towards the 11 a.m. date with one's medical destiny. This year it was on the morning of March 11 that Dean Franklin G. Ebaugh, Jr. mounted the auditorium platform, inviolate envelopes in hand . . . Whatever the emotion, elation or possible disappointment, inspired by the contents of the envelope, the suspense is over! And the scene shifts to the Evans 9 dining room, where champagne is served to the students and their guests, and an excited sharing of results and reactions fill the air.



FRONT and CENTER
April, 1968, Volume 2, No. 1

Editor — JOSEPHINE BRAYTON
Consulting Editor
MRS. ELEANOR MAMBER

Contributors to this issue: Paul Spratt, Belle Cruikshank, Mrs. Mary Moran, Mrs. Ruth Brody, Paul Levine, Leicester Potter, Jr.

Memorial Services Held for Martin Luther King

Shocked and saddened members of the Medical Center overflowed the Evans 9 amphitheatre for two memorial services held Friday, April fifth, on the afternoon following Dr. King's tragic death.

Chaplain Leicester Potter offered a prayer at both the 2 o'clock and the 4 o'clock services, and representatives of the Roman Catholic and Jewish faiths also participated. Dr. Lewis H. Rohrbaugh, Center Director, spoke at the earlier gathering and Nelson Evans Hospital Administrator, at the second.

This eloquent tribute to the fallen leader who was "one of our own" was given at both services:

A member of the Boston University family, Martin Luther King went forth from the University to bring together the estranged brethren of this country. He will always be remembered for his stand that all men, both black and white, be treated with equality and justice.

In the midst of his non-violent efforts to bring peace to mankind he was honored with the Nobel Prize for Peace.

His death last night marks the moment when all of us, both black and white, must now prepare ourselves to go forth—in a non-violent way—to build a living memorial in the name of this great man. We must make sure that Martin Luther King did not die in vain. L.R.P.

Fontes (continued)

this year. Al was a member of the first small-business seminar, planned and run for the Negro business men of Roxbury, particularly in the Grove Hall area. Conducted under the aegis of the Urban League and taught by an impressive roster of business leaders from the larger community, the 17 week course graduated its first class, with Al Fontes on hand, front and center, on the evening of March 28. The impressive exercises presented as principal speaker the president of the first Negro bank in Boston, Unity Bank of Roxbury.

The group had met in two-hour sessions once a week, studying bookkeeping and accounting, retail pricing, direct mail, credit, buying, tax and banking procedures. Among the 11 graduates, according to Al, were a jeweler, a tailor, a sign painter, a cosmetics salesman and the owner of a cement shop. The success of the course has assured its future. "If only this had come my way ten years ago!" says Al.



Smiling five-some at the Evans 9 champagne celebration which traditionally follows the announcement of internships to the keyed-up members of the graduating class of the School of Medicine. (See our cover story). Left to right, pink or white champagne held high, are Paul Levine, Eric Birken, Stu Arnold, Harry Eisenberg, Steven Cogan. FRONT & CENTER is indebted to Paul Levine for photographs of the announcement and following champagne social.

How does he find time for such an ambitious business life in addition to his important job at the Hospital? Al is grateful to the Nursing Department which has permitted him a flexible schedule. And as for the energy: Al Fontes spent 15 years in the ring as a middleweight fighter and veteran of matches in Madison Square and Boston Garden.

Service Recognition Awards

Men and women of the Medical Center proudly received awards during the ceremonies that climaxed the impressive annual Service Recognition Dinner of Boston University, held on March 27, at the George Sherman Union.

Honored in recognition of retirement were John Bunce, Physical Plant, School of Medicine (15 years); Kenneth Christophe, School of Medicine (38 years); and Beulah Merrill, School of Medicine (27 years.)

In recognition of 10 years of service the following were named: From the School of Graduate Dentistry, Henry Goldman, and M. Stuart Strong. From the School of Medicine, George Austen, David Blau, Dorothy M. Campbell, Marie E. Dolan, Albert C. Dore, Jo Ann Fineman, Ralph W. Gerry, Constance M. Hutchinson, Eugenia W. Lees, Ruth R. Levine, Sophie Manz, Edward G. McCarty, Dorothy May Tuttle and Joanne L. Wostrel.

Honors to Pharmacology Dept.

Three members of the Center's Department of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics have been appointed to membership on review panels of the National Institutes of Health and the National Library of Medicine.

Dr. Edward W. Pelikan, Professor and Chairman of the Department has

been appointed to the Pharmacology and Endocrinology Fellowship review Committee of the NIH; to the Ad Hoc Advisory Panel of the Drug Literature Program, National Library of Medicine; and to the Advisory Panel on Terminology of Autonomic Drugs of the National Library of Medicine. He has also been named chairman of the Committee on Nomenclature of Autonomic Drugs of the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics.

Dr. Joseph Cochin, Professor of Pharmacology, has been appointed to the newly-founded Narcotic Addiction and Drug Abuse Review Committee of the NIH. Dr. Cochin holds both the Ph.D. and M.D. degrees; his studies are concentrated on drug metabolism, addiction and tolerance, and clinical pharmacology.

Dr. Conan Kornetsky, Research Professor of Pharmacology, has been appointed to the NIH's Clinical Psychopharmacology Research Review Committee.

Mrs. Joyce Smith (left) of the Boston University School of Nursing watches as a member of the nursing staff of Newton-Wellesley Hospital practices a cardiopulmonary resuscitation technique. The special four-week course, one of 13 in the country, is given at our Medical Center and supported by the Public Health Service. Other nurses observing are from hospitals ranging from Maine to Maryland.





Dr. Robert Feldman and Mrs. Barbara Carter are shown at the console of the brand-new portable EEG machine, a major improvement in the thoroughly revamped EEG Laboratory on Robinson 3.

NEW EEG LABORATORY

Dr. Robert Feldman is proud of the completely renovated and newly-equipped EEG (electro encephalography) laboratory, now capable of more efficient and expanded service for both inpatients and outpatients. He himself was largely responsible for the design of the suite.

The Robinson 3 location is a strategic one. In the heart of the Center, the laboratory is directly at the end of the "covered bridge" to Vose Hall, and thus provides a more protected access to the Research Building and other buildings of the complex, including Talbot. The other approach from the Hospital itself gives easy access to inpatients who may be on stretchers or in wheelchairs.

Dr. Feldman, an Associate Professor of Neurology, has an extensive private practice in addition to his teaching responsibilities, and the EEG Laboratory for the greater part of the day is in the capable hands of his technical assistant, Mrs. Barbara Carter. Mrs. Carter received her training at Albany Medical Center.

The lighting of the new laboratory is extremely flexible, ranging from bright to subdued. Another helpful feature, essential to eliminate interruptions while brain wave tests are being made, is a flashing light rather than a ringing bell to indicate a telephone call. The window between the console of the portable EEG machine — brand new — and the small room with its bed for patients being tested, is equipped with a special shade for privacy when the doctor is not using the window for viewing purposes.

Some improvements are yet to be installed, according to Dr. Feldman. New electro-myography equipment is on order for testing of peripheral nerve and muscle. This will be useful, for example, in the determination of pinched nerves.

Dr. Byrne Edits Special Issue

Dr. John J. Byrne, Professor and Director of the Third, Boston University, Surgical Service at Boston City Hospital

serves as guest editor for the April, 1968, edition of the *Surgical Clinics of North America*, an issue devoted to the Management of Shock and Unconsciousness.

Twenty chapters have been contributed by members of the Boston City Hospital staff, and included among these are the following members of our Medical Center faculty: Dr. Edward L. Spatz, Associate Professor of Neurosurgery; Dr. Lester F. Williams, Jr., Assistant Professor of Surgery; Dr. Burton J. Polansky, Assistant Professor of Medicine; Dr. Murray A. Leavitt, Research Associate in Medicine; Dr. Richard H. Egdahl, Utley Professor of Surgery; Dr. Edward A. Gaensler, Professor of Surgery; Dr. Robert L. Berger, Associate Professor of Surgery; Dr. Isadore N. Rosenberg, Associate Professor of Medicine; Dr. Ronald B. Miller, Assistant Professor of Medicine; Dr. Vincent Lanzoni, Associate Professor of Pharmacology and Associate in Medicine; Dr. Phillip S. Marcus, Assistant Professor of Anesthesia; Dr. John N. Cahill, Assistant Professor of Surgery; Dr. Cesare G. Tedeschi, Clinical Professor of Pathology.

"A Hospital in the Finest Sense of the Word . . ."

Florence Flores, Director of Nursing, has permitted FRONT & CENTER to publish the following letter from an appreciative patient.

Dated March 23, 1968, and written on the stationery of a nursing home, the

Jerome Preston, Chairman of University Hospital, chats with Mrs. John Mannick as they "sit out" a dance together at the Spring Fling at the Statler Hilton. The larger picture gives a glimpse of dance winners in action at the March 29th party: Awarded a bottle of champagne apiece as a token of their prowess are the Cha Cha and Twist winners: Jessie Bone and Neely Osgood, Jr. and Elaine Ellerbee with her partner Norman Mitchell. (See cover story for more about the Spring Fling.)

letter reads:

Dear Miss Flores:

I have recently been discharged from Robinson 4, and am writing to you concerning the nursing care given me while a patient there.

Having been in constant contact with your Hospital since 1959 — in the Main Building, the O.P.D., and as a volunteer worker, I feel I am in a position to compare the quality of nursing at University with that given in the days of Mass. Memorial. Along with many other long-term patients, I had expected this quality to deteriorate as it usually does with wide expansion. I found quite the contrary to be true. Not only has the professional excellence continued, but the special *consideration* which was always the unique quality of Mass. Memorial has retained its own high level.

In particular I would like to thank Mrs. Edgerly, Mrs. Washington, Miss Langert, Mrs. Nelson and Miss Keyes for their special care and considerations. Also Miss Gapinski and the other secretaries. Of course there were others, too. . . . Suffice it to say that your entire staff is to be congratulated, not only on their knowledge of medical skills, but more important, I feel, on their grasp of the human element so often lacking in other institutions. That word, perhaps, best sums it up: University is still not an "institution" but a Hospital in the finest sense of the name.

Very truly yours,
(signed) George Vandell



BUMC BRIEFS



Dr. Simmons Lessell, who will serve as full-time Director of the Eye Service at Boston City Hospital, recently placed under the direction of the Medical Center's Department of Ophthalmology.

The Eye Service at Boston City Hospital is now under the direction of the Boston University Medical Center's Department of Ophthalmology. (This is the second important service for which we have recently assumed responsibility; the Maternity Unit is already directed by Center staff.)

Dr. Simmons Lessell, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at the School of Medicine will serve as full-time Director of the City Hospital's Eye Service, and a combined ophthalmic three-year residency program, integrating training at our Hospital, Boston City and the Boston VA Hospital will be directed by Dr. Ephraim Friedman, Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology.

The City of Boston is planning to renovate both inpatient and outpatient facilities for the busy City Hospital Eye Service, where more than 100 patients are seen every day in the general eye clinic and 400 major surgical cases are handled each year. One Low Vision Clinic and one Contact Lens Clinic will serve both University Hospital and Boston City Hospital. Specialty clinics at the two institutions will be supervised by the same staff of ophthalmologists.

Milton Kosen, Development Director for the Medical Center, reports a donor not only generous but himself endowed with a sense of humor! Dr. Melvin Newman BUMS '43 of Jacksonville, Florida, sent in \$250. for the new instructional facility "in honor of all the students who suffered in the old building."

Martha Chase, Nutrition Clinic Dietician and Marian Woolworth, Therapeutic Dietician, University Hospital, were guests of the New England Dairy and Food Council during their Annual Meeting and Luncheon, held on March 7 at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel, Boston.

Dr. Walter E. Barton, Medical Director of the American Psychiatric As-

sociation was the guest speaker of our Division of Psychiatry at a Special Grand Rounds on April 5th. His subject was "Impressions of Soviet Psychiatry."

Mrs. Mary Moran, whose husband was seriously injured in an automobile accident in mid-March, has asked that her appreciation be conveyed to all her friends throughout the Center complex who were "so kind and thoughtful during a most trying time. Their many cards, notes and telephone messages did much to keep me on an even keel."

Dr. Norman Geschwind, University Hospital Chief of Neurology, Chairman of the School's Neurology Department and Director of the Aphasia Research Center, has been elected President of the Boston Society of Psychiatry and Neurology.

Elizabeth Rackemann, Director of the Hospital's Volunteer Services, reports that while she herself had only a small part in the chorus in the Vincent Club's annual show — a classic spring-time event in Boston — Mrs. Richard Egdahl, wife of our Surgeon in Chief, appeared in this year's hit, "Gabiella", in one of the major roles.

Also from Miss Rackemann, a *reminder!* The Thrift Shop, through which the Aid Association raises money to help University Hospital patients, needs donations. Active in this "good work" are Mrs. Belton A. Burrows and Mrs. James Moss. If you have accumulated objects you no longer use or enjoy, but which may be useful or appealing to others, call or drop in at Miss Rackemann's office in Vose Hall to arrange for a pick-up.

Paula Veiner of the Social Service Department participated in a panel discussion at the American Cancer Society Workshop, held in early March at the Charter House Hotel in Cambridge.

Picture directly below affords a glimpse of the Hospital's Blue Ribbon Exhibit at the recent New England Hospital Assembly, which featured the exciting "Art Gallery" look of the new Robinson 6 patient floor. L to R: John B. Lewis, UH Assistant Administrator, and Gerald Borgal, Chief Admitting Officer who manned the exhibit. Right above: Nurse Marian Landry with a patient in the new unit; below: Nursing Supervisor Mary Ryan shown at the Robinson 6 Nursing station. The museum lighting, rich golden broadloom and new appointments of the unit have been universally admired.



Once again Belle H. Cruikshank, Administrative Secretary to Mr. Evans, directed the work of the skillful crew on the Registration Desk at the New England Hospital Assembly. This was a record-topping year, according to Miss Cruikshank; the March 24-27 event at the Sheraton Boston Hotel drew 14,475 attendants from hospitals throughout the six New England states.

University Hospital was a "winner" at the Assembly. The Coordinator of Blue Ribbon Exhibits, Committee on Special Education Projects, chose our hospital for its entry "Corridor Lighting Can Create an Art Gallery." John B. Lewis, Assistant Administrator and Gerald Borgal, Chief Admitting Officer, manned the Blue Ribbon Exhibit, which effectively presented "before and after" views of our new and now beautiful Robinson 6 patient floor. (See the photographs on this page.)

Nelson F. Evans, University Hospital Administrator, has been appointed to serve on the Program Evaluation Committee of the New England Hospital Assembly, whose function is to evaluate the Annual meeting sessions and Fall Instructional Conferences and to discuss future programs for next year's Assembly.

COME TO THE AUCTION!

The Nurses' Alumnae Association of the Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals will hold its big Spring Auction this year at Norwood Eagles Barn, 298 Walpole Street in Norwood. The day is Saturday, April 27; the time, from 12 noon to 5 p.m., and the auctioneer a real "pro", Colonel Phillip Goldstein.

The Nursing Office reports that baked goods and assorted what-nots for the White Elephant Table are particularly welcome. If you have something to donate, call Miss Goff on x 5212. If you have a few hours on Saturday, drive out and join the fun-and-bargain-loving crowd.

