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*Having difficulty finding a place for your next meeting? See page 4 for a listing of conference space at BUMC.*

## Intersession information

For the 15th consecutive year, Boston University will observe an Intersession closing between Christmas and New Year's Day.

The Intersession will begin at midnight on Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24, 1989, and will end at midnight on Monday, Jan. 1, 1990. Normal operations will resume Jan. 2.

Regular employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements will receive time off at their regular rate of pay during the Intersession; those who are required to work and to perform essential services will receive compensatory time off at a later date. Represented employees' time off and pay are governed by their collective bargaining agreements.

*For more information, contact your employee relations representative at the Medical Campus Office of Personnel at 638-4610 (x4610).*

**See page 2 for essential services during Intersession**



**Decades of Service:** Mel Mullins (left), who served as clinic supplies supervisor at the Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry for 20 years, visits with well-wishers at his recent retirement party. Dean Spencer N. Frankl presented Mullins with a plaque in recognition of his years of service to the Dental School. Clinic Administrator Harold Newman praised Mullins' dedication to the institution in presenting him with a gift.

## Teaching teenagers the facts about AIDS

BUSM students are changing the way some Boston teens think about AIDS—and dispelling some potentially dangerous myths in the process. Students Teaching AIDS To Students, or STATS, as the program is known, aims to educate adolescents about AIDS through candid, interactive

discussions at neighborhood community centers. Among the topics covered: who is at risk, how the disease is transmitted, what treatments are available and, most importantly, how it can be prevented.

One of the program's main goals is to clear up some of the myths surrounding AIDS. "We found that most of the teenagers know all the slogans about AIDS, but they don't really understand what they mean," explains Andy Chiou, a BUSM student and co-director of the project. "One of the most common misconceptions concerns the use of birth control. Many teenagers think if condoms prevent the spread of the virus then other forms of birth control, such as the diaphragm or oral contracep-

tives, will be equally as effective."

At a recent STATS session at the South Boston Boys and Girls Club, BUSM students Stacey Silver and Adam Jonas presented information about AIDS through discussion, games, a question-and-answer period and a video program. "This is the age at which you guys have to make decisions," Silver told the teenagers. "You have to learn about AIDS and how to protect yourselves."

"If you're careful at the right times you won't get AIDS, so you don't have to be afraid," Jonas reassured the group.

While each STATS session follows the same for-

## B.U. celebrates the season Dec. 20

Boston University invites all faculty and staff members to attend the annual **Boston University Holiday Party** Wednesday, Dec. 20, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the George Sherman Union on the Charles River Campus.

This year's theme of "Winter Wonderland" will include an ice-sculpting contest, along with food and beverages, entertainment and door prizes.

Shuttle buses will leave the Medical Campus from 80 East Concord Street at 2:30 p.m. and again at 3:30 p.m., returning at 4:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m.

*For more information, contact Carolyn Payne at 353-2378 or Virginia Gregory at 353-4484.*

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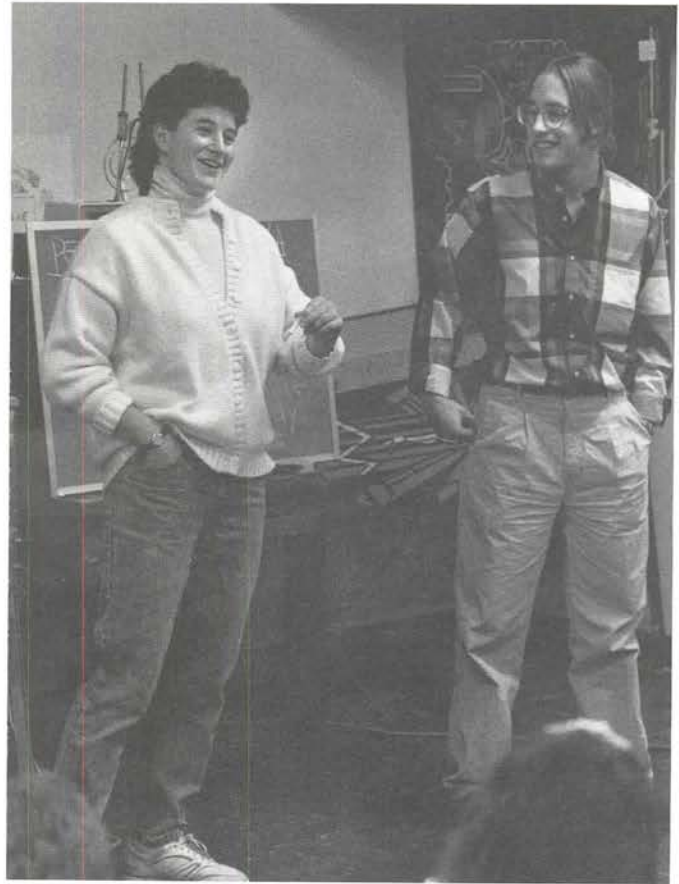
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mat, the medical students vary the program depending upon the ages and experiences of their audience, using vocabulary and cultural examples appropriate to their audience. At the end of the program, the teenagers are given information sheets listing AIDS hotlines, support groups and other services.

Each medical student participating in the program undergoes hours of preparation before he or she is considered trained to lead the discussions. Experts from BUSM and Boston City Hospital instruct them in the scientific and clinical aspects of HIV and AIDS—subjects generally not covered during the first two

years of medical school. Experienced educators also speak with the medical students about how to broach these sensitive issues with today's teens. In addition, students rehearse their discussions and are evaluated by other presenters prior to their first STATS session. Currently, 40 first- and second-year students are prepared to lead sessions.

Chio and Dennis Crawford, a BUSM student and co-director of the program, say the future of STATS involves increasing the number of participants in the program, reaching more neighborhoods, offering the service to a wider range of age groups and developing a curriculum in Spanish.



*Stacey Silver (left) and Adam Jonas candidly discuss the facts about AIDS with area teenagers at the South Boston Boys and Girls Club.*

## B.U. lends a hand in the search for quality child care

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than half the mothers of preschool children in the United States currently work outside the home. Hand-in-hand with the rise of the two-income family has come growing concerns over quality child care and increased frustration on the

Among the services offered by the new department are: referral information and consultation on the process of searching for child care; information about babysitters; and a resource library with updated materials on current child-care issues.

In addition, Parent Services has developed three programs designed to target areas of particular concern to today's working parents:

- **School Vacation Program**  
Offered for children in kindergarten through grade five whose parents are affiliated with Boston University, this program aims to accommodate school vacation schedules that may fall outside traditional child-care schedules. Two sessions are currently planned for the coming year: Feb. 20-23 and April 17-20. The cost of each four-day program is \$100; various activities are planned.

- **Babysitter Referral Service**  
Parent Services acts as liaison between parents seeking part-time babysitters and University students wishing to babysit part-time.

- **Parenting Seminars**  
Free daytime seminars designed to address a variety of parenting concerns, including those of employees considering becoming parents. Sibley strongly encourages the suggestion of topics.

Medical Campus personnel can arrange for appointments with the Parent Ser-

vices Department by calling 638-4563 (x4563). Initially, the applicant will receive an information packet providing an overview of child care and an agreement form that must be signed and returned to Parent Services before the department can make referrals to specific resources.

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part of parents in search of it.

Boston University is attempting to alleviate that frustration with its recently-opened Parent Services Department. This innovative department provides a cost-free resource and referral service to parents of the Boston University community in order to assist them in finding child care appropriate to their situation. Simply put, "the goal of the department," says Parent Services Director Nikki Sibley, "is to make parents better-educated consumers in their approach to child care."

### Essential services during intersession

**Facilities Management:** Normal operating schedule; for more information or to report problems, contact the Control Center at 638-4144 (x4144).

**Parking:** Lots A/B and C will maintain normal weekday schedules during the intersession, with the Lot C and Broadway shuttles in regular operation. All parking lots will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day, with no shuttle bus in operation. For more information, contact the Office of Parking Services at 638-4915 (x4915).

**Security:** Normal operating schedule

## A Christmas carol

The BUMC Choir is asking patients, staff, employees and friends to give the gift of themselves this year by joining the Medical Center's annual tradition of Christmas caroling. For nearly 20 years, the choir has been organizing caroling excursions to patients' rooms, administrative offices and anywhere else they can carry a tune.

Vernon Truell, choir director, says that two events are planned for mid-December: a performance at the University Hospital Interfaith Chapel, Monday, Dec. 18, at 1 p.m., to be broadcast live to patients' rooms via closed-circuit television, with a rebroadcast scheduled for later in the holiday season; and the annual caroling tour of patients' rooms, Wednesday, Dec. 20. In addition, Truell points out that the



*Members of the Medical Center Choir practice their choral technique in anticipation of the Medical Center's annual tradition of Christmas caroling. A live broadcast from the Interfaith Chapel and a caroling tour of patients' rooms are among the activities planned this season.*

choir is available to sing at large parties and other functions upon request and subject to availability.

The choir, made up of employees of the School of Medicine, the Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry, the University Hospital and the Mallory Institute of Pathology, hopes to extend its programming

throughout the year to include such occasions as Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 16, and the Black Achievers program, also in January.

Assistant Choir Director Sarah Bynum encourages all to participate as rehearsals continue every Tuesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., through Christmas (locations vary).

"The only requirement we have of participants," Bynum says, "is that they possess the Christmas spirit and the desire to go out and make other people happy."

*For information, contact Sarah Bynum at 638-7900 (x7900) or Vernon Truell at 638-4908 (x4908).*

## Black Achievers selected

Six Medical Campus employees have been selected as 1990 Black Achievers. They will be honored along with other Boston-area Black Achievers at the Marriott Hotel at Copley Place, Jan. 17. The six are:

**Maud Carty**, manager of benefits, Personnel  
**Larry Dunham, D.M.D.**, clinical instructor at GSGD  
**Van Dunn, M.D.**, BUSM asst. dean for student affairs  
**Joseph Harris**, security officer  
**James Reed, M.D.**, Dept. of Neurosurgery  
**Joyce Snowden**, patient coordinator, GSGD

More on Black Achievers in the next **Campus Update**.

### Office decoration safety

The following rules have been issued by the Boston Fire Department to ensure a safe and happy holiday for all Medical Center staff:

- No natural evergreen trees or decorations may be used;
- An artificial flameproofed tree may be used when accompanied by a certificate of approval obtained from the fire prevention division;
- No flammable decorations are allowed on tree; only floodlights may be used for lighting; and
- No tree or other decoration may obstruct an exit or aisle.

Maintenance and Safety personnel will remove any unsafe decorations. Please assist them for a safe and happy holiday.

## Medical Campus policy on emergency closings

Generally, the Boston University Medical Campus has a "no-close" policy and remains open during weather or other emergency conditions.

However, in the event that an all-day closing or delayed opening proves necessary, announcements specific to the Medical Campus will be made between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. on the following radio stations: WBZ (1030 AM), WHDH (850 AM), WEEI (590 AM), WBUR (90.9 FM). These are the only stations authorized to announce University closings and delayed openings.

During the day, the decision to shorten the work day will normally be made by 3 p.m. On such occasions, the Office of Personnel will notify department heads, who will in turn communicate this information to their respective employees.

Employees in essential services, as determined by department heads, should report as scheduled. Essential services include, but are not limited to, Medical Campus Security and Facilities Management.

*For more information, contact the Medical Center Office of Personnel at 638-4610 (x4610).*

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## Conference Space at BUMC

The following is a list, compiled by **Campus Update**, of conference rooms and classrooms available for meetings. To reserve a room or for more information, contact the department at the extension listed. Contact the Office of Publication Services at 638-8482 (x8482) with additions or amendments.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Ext.</u>	<u>Food Allowed</u>	<u>Amenities</u>
Atrium B	Atrium Pavilion, Level 2	25	UH Administration	7900	Yes	blackboard, projection screen, podium
Atrium C*	"	60	UH Administration	7900	Yes	blackboard, projection screen, podium, kitchen
Atrium D*	"	60	UH Administration	7900	Yes	blackboard, projection screen, podium, kitchen
Bakst Auditorium	School of Public Health, 1st floor	200	BUSM Student Affairs	4166	No	blackboard, projection booth and screen, stage
Dining Pavilion, Room A	Atrium Pavilion, Level 2	35	UH Dietary Services	6040	Yes	
D.P., Room B	"	40	UH Dietary Services	6040	Yes	Note: Room B is not available 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
D.P., Room C	"	40	UH Dietary Services	6040	Yes	Note: Room C is not available 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
E-118	Evans Bldg., Rm. 118	20	Dept. of Medicine	7250	Yes	projection screen, slide projector
Eddie McCarthy	Instructional Bldg., Rm. 1406	15	BUSM Student Affairs	4166	Yes	whiteboard, sink
F-118	Preston Family Bldg., Rm. 118	30	UH Administration	7900	Yes	blackboard
F-310	Preston Family Bldg., Rm. 310	40	UH Administration	7900	Yes	sink
Goldman Auditorium	Goldman School (GSGD), Rm. 301	100	Dept. of Diagnostic Services	4650	No	blackboard, projection screen, slide projector, podium
GSGD Audiovisual Center	Goldman School (GSGD), Rm. 707	40	GSGD Audiovisual Services	4796	No	blackboard, projection screen, slide projector, TV monitor, video camera
H-401	Health Services Bldg., Rm. 401	10	Laboratory Medicine	7800	Yes	blackboard
Hiebert Lounge	Instructional Bldg., 14th floor	300	Facilities Mgmt.	4212	Yes	projection screen, podium, kitchen
Keefer Auditorium	Evans Bldg., Rm. 111	250	Dept. of Medicine	7250	Yes	blackboard, projection booth
L-110	Instructional Bldg., Rm. 110	200	BUSM Student Affairs	4166	No	blackboard, projection booth and screen
L-112	Instructional Bldg., Rm. 112	125	BUSM Student Affairs	4166	No	blackboard, projection screen, slide and overhead projectors
L-301	Instructional Bldg., Rm. 301	65	BUSM Student Affairs	4166	Yes	blackboard, projection screen, slide and overhead projectors
L-303	Instructional Bldg., Rm. 303	25	BUSM Student Affairs	4166	Yes	blackboard, projection screen
L-304	Instructional Bldg., Rm. 304	25	BUSM Student Affairs	4166	Yes	blackboard, projection booth
Room C	Instructional Bldg., basement	25	BUSM Student Affairs	4166	Yes	blackboard, projection screen, slide projector
Vose 309	Vose Hall, Rm. 309	8	UH Plant Services	8833	Yes	blackboard
Whitelaw Conf. Room	Old Evans. Bldg., Rm. 523	50	Surgical Education	8443	No	blackboard, projection screen
Wilkins Boardroom	Evans. Bldg., 1st floor	100	Dept. of Medicine	7250	Yes	whiteboard, projection screen, kitchen

\*Atriums C and D are frequently combined into one room with a capacity of 120.

Editor's Note: While the use of names, rather than letter designations is encouraged when referring to Medical Center buildings, we have included both designations in this listing for the convenience of readers.