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66 Medical Campus employees honored for service to University

The University's annual Employee Recognition Dinner was held in April to honor those members of Boston University who have served the institution for 10 or 25 years, or are retiring. The event was held in the George Sherman Ballroom on the Charles River Campus. In honor of their distinguished service and contribution to the University, those employees who have served for 10 years received anniversary silver-plated Paul Revere bowls with their names and terms of service inscribed on them. Twenty-five-year veterans received mantle clocks, while those retiring received Boston University chairs.

In total, 66 employees from the Medical Campus were honored. Of those, 33 attended the dinner.

Speaking at the event, Bos-

ton University President John Silber said, "Since students not only come but go, if the University is successful in its educational mission, it must look on campus to its faculty and staff for the continuities on which its fulfillment depends. It is fitting that we recognize these continuities of service by a continuing event, our annual Service Recognition Dinner. On behalf of all at Boston University, I express thanks for that portion of your lives you have given to it, and the hope that all of you have received from it no less than you have given." □

For a list of those employees honored, see page 4.



Setsuko S. Oak was one of nine Medical Campus employees honored for serving the University for 25 years. She's pictured here with her husband Ivan, (left), and her boss, Ronald Laing, a research professor of ophthalmology and an associate professor of physiology.



BUSM Class of '91 graduates Michael Babich (left) and Matthew Bassignani enjoy a light moment during commencement.

BUSM graduates urged to listen and be respectful of patients

Graduates of the School of Medicine were sent off with words of insight and advice from two highly respected men at the commencement ceremonies held for Boston University on May 12. Eduard A. Shevardnadze, former Soviet foreign minister, addressed graduates at the all-University commencement program held on the Charles River Campus. Robert Coles, M.D., a professor of psychiatry and medical humanities at Harvard Medical School, then spoke to the School of Medicine Class of 1991 at BUSM exercises, held at the Case Center. Coles is the author of many books on children. In 1973, he won a Pulitzer prize for volumes two and three of *Children in Crisis*.

Coles told his audience of 145 graduates and their families and friends that he

considered the fundamental role of a physician to be listening to and respecting one's patients. He also spoke of the reality physicians must face in dealing with patients in distress. "As physicians, this will be our struggle: the consequences of poverty, suffering, injustice," he said. "Let us listen and be respectful, and hear the poems in our patients—the poetry of their lives."

The School of Medicine Class of 1991 included seven students who graduated *magna cum laude*, 13 who graduated *cum laude*, and two students who received both M.D. and Ph.D. degrees. Fifty-two women and 36 minority students graduated. The class as a whole represented 19 states, a U.S. territory and eight foreign countries. □

Students to participate in biomedical laboratory program

Ten minority students and two science teachers from high schools in the Greater Boston area have been chosen to participate in a biomedical laboratory-research apprenticeship program at the School of Medicine this summer. The eight-week program, funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR), will enable the participants to learn research tools and techniques of the biomedical research laboratory. Each student will receive approximately \$1,500, and each teacher will receive approximately \$4,500. The program will run from July 8 through the end of August.

More than 100 students and teachers applied to the program. Boston City Hospital will run the same program through its Boston Area

Health and Education Center program (BAHEC), as will Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School. □

Free glaucoma screening offered

Employees of the Medical Center are invited to receive a free glaucoma screening on Thursday, June 20, at the Gunderson Eye Center on the 10th floor of the Doctors Office Building. The screening clinic will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

The exam takes 10 minutes and will not dilate the eyes. □



William J. Gasper, associate vice president of business affairs (second right), accepted a plaque on behalf of the Medical Campus for its efforts in promoting mass-transit commuting practices. The Medical Campus was one of 22 institutions recognized by the state's transportation department and CARAVAN for Commuters Inc. Pictured from left: Robert Marra of Boston City Hospital, Carolyn Di Mambro of CARAVAN for Commuters, Gasper, and Transportation Secretary Richard Taylor. Missing is Donald Giller, UH vice president for marketing/public affairs.

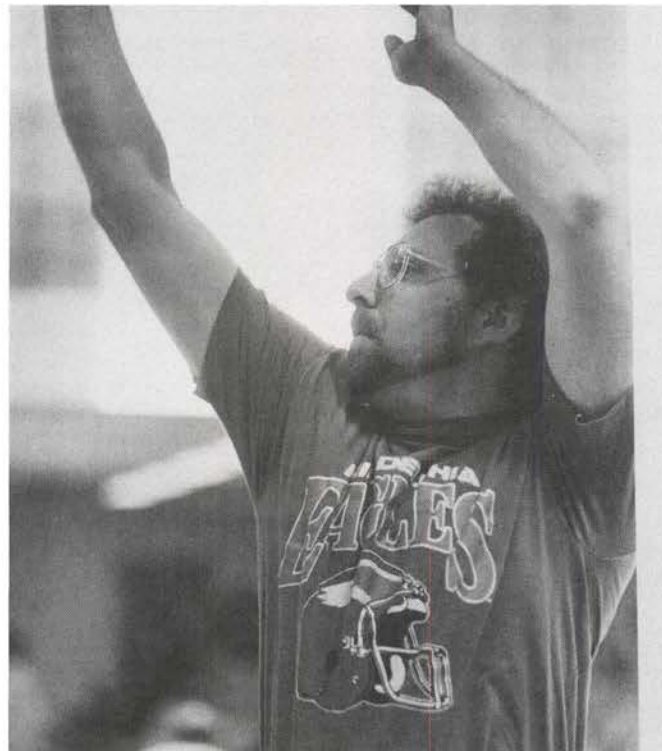
Parking sticker renewal under way

Medical Campus commuters who park in the Medical Center's Lot A, Lot C, Lot D or Lot T, must renew their parking stickers during June. All permits expire on June 30. Letters explaining the registration process, which can be completed through the mail, will be issued soon. □

Huntington's Hoopathon pulls in \$35,000

Some 200 faculty, staff, students and friends of the Medical Center turned out in April to shoot for loot, in the annual Hoopathon for Huntington's Disease. Their efforts earned an estimated \$35,000 for the Huntington's Disease Society of America, and drew such special guests as a team of students from Perkins School for the Blind, Boston-area sports announcer Jim Colony and newscaster Jim Boyd (WCVB-TV). The New England chapter of the society is located at The University Hospital.

The money earned subsidizes half of the chapter's yearly budget. Most of the money goes to patient services, including a weekend camp that is held once a summer at the Boston University camp in Peterborough, N.H. □



Gene Blatt, an assistant research professor in the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, sunk 110 baskets, earning \$71.40 for the Huntington's Disease Society's fund.

Attention bike commuters

Medical Campus employees who bike to work must park their bicycles in racks, according to John Sullivan, director of Parking Services. Those bikes parked elsewhere may be removed or immobilized.

The bicycle racks located at the entrance to the School of Medicine are restricted to use by Boston University students, faculty and staff. Additional bicycle racks soon will be located in parking Lot A.

Please communicate concerns regarding the availability of bicycle racks to the Office of Parking Services, Room R-102, 638-4915 (x4915). □

A TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM F. MCNARY JR., PH.D.

"He was the man who made arms move, and pulses race, and nerves tingle"

Members of the Medical Campus community filled the Hiebert Lounge on May 24 for a final salute to a well-loved man, William F. McNary Jr., Ph.D., the School's first dean of student affairs, who died of cancer on May 19. McNary's impact on a multitude of students, faculty and administrators alike during 41 years of service was tremendous, and was evident in the packed crowd that filled the Hiebert Lounge for his memorial. Over and over again in the speeches made that day, McNary was described as a man gifted with the capacity to love and inspire, a man who lived his life with courage and humor.

McNary introduced more than two-thirds of the living alumni of the School to gross anatomy, spent much of his time writing recommendations for students applying for residencies, and gave countless students the guidance and morale boost that they needed to succeed in their studies. In his view, he was simply the "father confessor."

To his colleague Lawrence C. Zoller, Ph.D., an associate professor of anatomy, "He was the man who made arms move, and pulses race, and nerves tingle." At the memorial, referring to his attempt to assume some of McNary's teaching duties, he said, "Let me ask you: Have you ever attempted to sit in for Michelangelo in the middle of a painting course, or come in to pitch a game right after Roger Clemens pitched a no-hitter?" He was "the Merlin of his trade," Zoller said. "When he ascended the platform, magic filled the soul."

So touched was former student Harold Reitman '74, by this man that he came back to the School every year since his graduation to work alongside McNary teaching gross anatomy. Reitman is



William F. McNary Jr., Ph.D., graced the halls of the School of Medicine for 41 years, giving warmth, love and support to generations of students, faculty and administrators.

an orthopedic surgeon in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. "Even when 'Dr. Mac' was dying," Reitman told the gathering at the memorial service, "I still called him last week with my problems. That's just the way he was. He was the one you called."

Student Affairs Officer Susan Mahair worked alongside McNary for almost 15 years. In her view,

"McNary was many things to all of us," she said, "But most of all, he was a teacher—not just of gross anatomy, but of life." Who else could have attended his own toast and a roast when he was dying—and enjoy it?

At the memorial service, Zoller reflected on the School's loss of McNary this way: "As long as we...like Dr. Mac, give in-

sight, experience and inspiration; as long as we can laugh and smile and waggle our arms like fallopian tubes; and, most importantly, every time we listen and provide comfort, Bill McNary lives." He was "a man of uncommon virtue," said his friend, Rev. Larry Burton, former chaplain of The University Hospital. He is clearly a rare soul. □



Honors stand in testimony to Bill McNary

A testimony of the respect that the School of Medicine community has for Bill McNary, two honors were bestowed on him during the spring. The graduating class of 1991 honored him by establishing the William F. McNary Jr. Award in celebration of his 41 years of service to the School. The award will be presented annually to the member of each graduating class who best demonstrates the spirit of leadership and service that McNary exemplified.

The School as a whole, meanwhile, has announced plans to establish a Student Learning Resource Center at the School in McNary's honor. The center will include modern teaching facilities with state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment. The School has set \$500,000 as the goal to establish the fund in order to create an outstanding center. "Because Bill McNary has meant so much to so many of our alumni, it is expected that a significant portion of this sum will come from the alumni," said BUSM Dean Aram V. Chobanian. Contributions may be sent in the name of the William F. McNary Learning Resource Center fund to Boston University School of Medicine, Office of Development, Room A-207, 80 East Concord Street, Boston, MA 02118-2394. □

Employees honored

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Retiring

Henry L. Brown
Senior Control Center
Technician, BUSM
Maija Grimbush
Chief Technician,
Dermatology, BUSM
Peter J. Mozden
Vice Chairman/Professor,
Surgery, BUSM

Twenty-five years of service

Richard L. Allard
Clinical Professor,
Pedodontics, GSGD
Justin Altshuler
Clinical Professor, Dental
Care Management, GSGD
Padraic Burns
Director, Outpatient
Services, Psychiatry, BUSM
Roger K. Caron
Manager for Construction,
Facilities Management,
BUSM
Louis C. Fillios
Professor, Chairperson,
Nutritional Science, GSGD
Harold Goodglass
Director, Aphasia Research
Center, Neurology, BUSM
Setsuko S. Oak
Research Assistant
Surgery/Ophthalmology,
BUSM
Samuel Rubin
Associate Clinical Professor,
Endodontics, GSGD
Catherine A. Wilder
Admissions Officer, BUSM

Ten years of service:

Saralynn Allaire
Nurse Clinician, Medicine,
BUSM
Richard K. Babayan
Associate Professor,
Surgery/Urology, BUSM
David Belanger
General Mechanic, Facilities
Management, BUSM
Jennifer A. Benassi
Administrative Assistant,
Medicine, BUSM
Isidore L. Berenbaum
Assistant Professor,
Psychiatry, BUSM
Roberta Bloom
Assistant Director, Educa-
tional Programs/Affirmative
Action Coordinator, Office of
Special Programs, BUSM

Thomas R. Browne
Professor/Vice Chairman,
Neurology, BUSM
Maud Carty
Manager of Benefits Office
of Personnel, BUSM
Nicholas Catsimpoolas
Research Professor,
Psychiatry, BUSM
Iih-Nan Chou
Professor, Microbiology,
BUSM
Theodore Colton
Professor of Public Health,
SPH
Michael Corbett
Clinical Assistant Professor,
Surgery/Orthopedics, BUSM
Rodney H. Falk
Director, Clinical Cardiology,
BUSM
Stephan Farmer
Associate Professor,
Biochemistry, BUSM
Gary Fitzpatrick
Director, Surgical Nutrition,
Surgery, BUSM
Karen A. Gannon
Physician Billing Assistant,
Pediatrics, BUSM
Albert T. Giorgi
Supervisor, Cell and
Radiosotope Division,
Medicine, BUSM
Irwin Goldstein
Associate Professor,
Surgery/Urology, BUSM
Mary L. Graves
Administrative Secretary,
Minority Affairs, BUSM
Ann L. Griffith
Assistant Research Professor,
Psychiatry, BUSM
Andrew A. Guccione
Assistant Research Professor,
Medicine, BUSM
Mauro Hernandez
Laboratory Supervisor,
Biochemistry, BUSM
Bernardo O. Iglesias
Photocopier/Shelver,
Medical Library, BUSM
Dawn C. Jacobs
Field Study Coordinator,
Slone Epidemiology Unit,
BUSM



School of Medicine
Professor Peter J.
Mozden '49 (right)
shared a moment
with Boston Univer-
sity President John
Silber at the
Employee Recogni-
tion dinner in April.
Mozden is retiring
after 32 years of ser-
vice to the School.

Zhimon Jacobson
Assistant Professor,
Prosthetics, GSGD
J. Thomas Lamont
Professor, Medicine, BUSM
Claudia R. Lyons
Administrative Officer, VA
Coop Studies Office, BUSM
M. Bridget Marron
Dental Assistant Coordinator,
Dental Care Management,
GSGD
Linda H. McNeil
Administrator, Slone
Epidemiology Unit, BUSM
Johnny H. Mejia Trades
Helper, Facilities Management
Laurence H. Miller
Director, Psychiatry, BUSM
Joseph Francis Morrison
Maintenance Mechanic,
Facilities Management
Ronald W. Mortara
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Affairs, Prosthetics, GSGD
Elizabeth Bell Stengel
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tions Legislative Analysis,
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John H. Sullivan
Director, Auxiliary Services
Keith Tornheim
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Clinical Research Center,
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