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Employee recognition dinner honors years of service

Boston University's annual service recognition dinner on April 22 was a festive affair, drawing a large crowd of employees from all areas of the University. Those honored were people who either are retiring or who have served Boston University for 25 or 10 years. The evening opened with a cocktail hour and was followed by a formal sit-down dinner. Boston University President John Silber attended the event, as he always does, and spoke to the gathering.

Six Medical Campus employees were recognized as retiring this spring, while another eight were recognized for their 25 years of service and 39 for their 10 years of service. □



Dorothy Keefer, an employee of Boston University for 46 years and the registrar and coordinator for advanced standing admissions for the School of Medicine for the last 22 years, was one of the retirees who attended the April event. She is pictured here with Dean Aram V. Chobanian at a party held in her honor in January.



Commencement, Alumni Weekend set to take place

Boston University's 120th Commencement Day exercises will be held on Sunday, May 16, sending forth more than 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students with degrees from the University.

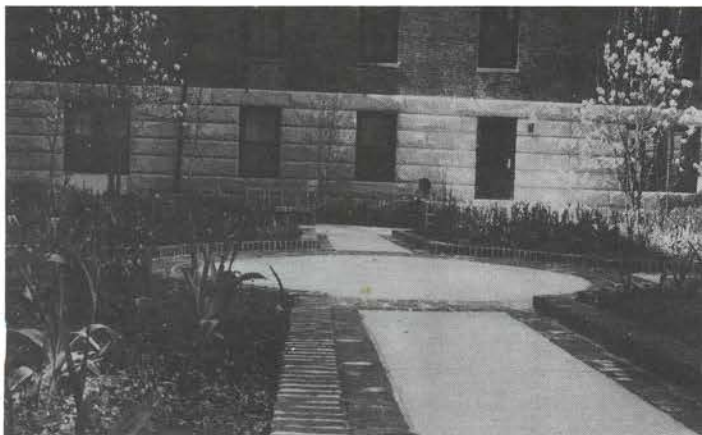
The new graduates of the School of Medicine, the School of Public Health and the Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry will participate in a Universitywide commencement program on the Charles River Campus at 11 a.m. on Sunday, and then partake in the individual graduation programs held for each School later in the day at various locations.

Alumni Weekend for the School of Medicine, meanwhile, is set for Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15.

The Universitywide commencement address will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood, a social activist and senior pastor of St. Paul Community Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., who also will receive an honorary degree from the University.

The School of Medicine graduation speaker will be

Harrison Court residence blossoms in its first spring



The courtyard of Harrison Court, a spacious, quiet sanctuary from the bustle of the Medical Center and the surrounding city, offers students a place to visit with each other, study or just relax in the sun.

Harrison Court, Boston University's residential complex on Harrison Avenue, has entered its first spring, and its courtyard, one of the many features that make this

building an appealing home, is in full color, with magnolias and tulips in bloom. On a sunny day, the courtyard, basked in sunlight, has a tranquility unexpected in the

heart of the city.

The residential living area, offering one- and two-bedroom apartments, has a distinguished interior, marked by marble and granite floors and walls designed with decorative panelling. A security guard situated at a desk in the front hallway of the building provides the building with 24-hour per day surveillance.

Soon, a universal weight lifting system will be added in the building's exercise room, which currently has a StairMaster and an exercise bike.

Students entering the School of Medicine, the Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry and the Division of Medicine and Dental Sciences in the fall of 1993 are signing up at the rate similar to last year. The building has evolved into a diversely populated residential complex. □

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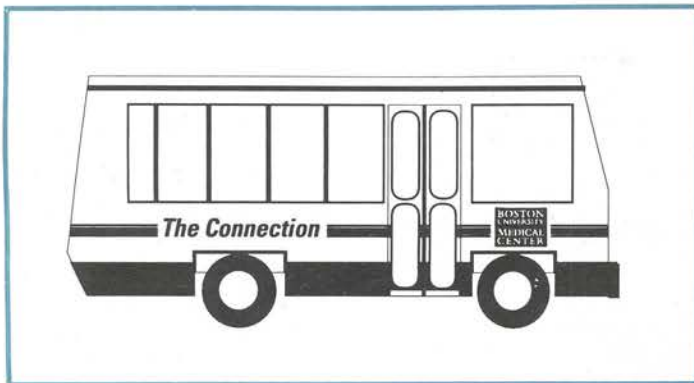
For Harrison Court rental rates, see page 4.

New shuttle bus to roll into the Medical Center this spring

The new Boston University Medical Center shuttle bus will take to the road soon, offering employees, students and visitors commuting to the Broadway T station a ride in a spacious, state-of-the-art, gleaming new bus. Air conditioned and handicapped accessible, the new BUMC "Connection" has seats for 30 travelers.

"We're very pleased that we're going to be able to provide this new shuttle bus for employees," said Maureen Flaherty, the Medical Center's transportation coordinator. "This achievement represents a significant step in our efforts to encourage people to use public transportation in their commutes to the Medical Center, instead of driving their cars," she said.

"Our new shuttle bus not only will enhance the comfort of our riders but also will represent BUMC as a medical center on the move (no pun intended)," said Bill Gasper, the Medical Campus associate vice president for business affairs. □



Boston University to award some 5,000 diplomas

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C. Everett Koop, M.D., Sc.D., the former U.S. surgeon general. The School's graduation program will be held at 3 p.m., at the Park Plaza Hotel. Judith Kurland, the Commissioner for Health and Hospitals for the City of Boston, will be the speaker at the School of Public Health graduation ceremony, which will begin at 2 p.m. in the School for the Arts concert hall. The Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry speaker will be Marshall Sloane, the president and chairperson of Century Bancorp Inc., a member of the Board of Trustees of Boston University and the chairperson of the Goldman School's Board of Visitors. The Goldman School exercises will be held in Morse Auditorium at 3 p.m.

Alumni Weekend at the School of Medicine will begin on Friday evening, May 14, with a reception and reunion dinner parties

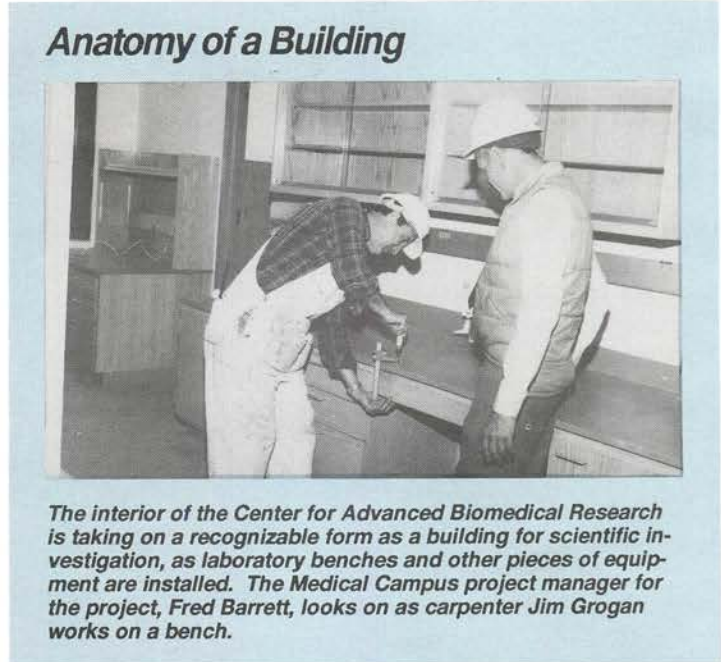
at the Westin Hotel at Copley Place. On Saturday, a scientific program will be held in the morning in the Keefer Auditorium, beginning at 9:30 a.m., and will be followed by a luncheon in the Hiebert Lounge. Floyd D. Loop, M.D., chairperson of the Board of Governors and executive vice president of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, will give a talk titled "Hippocrates at the Crossroads: The Collision of Medical Advance and Socioeconomic Real-

Youngblood a 'remarkable' clergyman, activist

The Rev. Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood has used his position as leader of the 2,500 member St. Paul Community Baptist Church to tackle gang violence, drugs and the lack of adequate housing in his blighted neighborhood. He has focused his ministry on the men and women raised in the despair and dangers of the inner city.

"The Rev. Dr. Youngblood is one of the most remarkable clergymen and community activists in the United States today," said Boston University President John Silber.

Calling Youngblood a "speaker of mesmerizing power," Silber said, "Anyone who has heard him speak or learned of his work comes away believing that here is someone who knows how to redeem the life of the inner cities and is well on the way to doing it." □



Anatomy of a Building

The interior of the Center for Advanced Biomedical Research is taking on a recognizable form as a building for scientific investigation, as laboratory benches and other pieces of equipment are installed. The Medical Campus project manager for the project, Fred Barrett, looks on as carpenter Jim Grogan works on a bench.

Parking re-permitting to take place in June

Medical Campus commuters who park in the Medical Center's Lots A, C, D, T and the Star Brush parking area must renew their parking stickers during June. All current permits expire on June 30. Letters explaining the registration process, which can be completed through the mail, will be issued by the end of May. □



Schedule of commencement events

Boston University commencement exercises will begin at 11 a.m., rain or shine, on Nickerson Field. Line-up for commencement will take place at 10 a.m.

All graduates of BUSM, SPH and GSGD and their families and friends may park their cars in Lot A from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Buses will provide transportation from Lot A to the Charles River Campus beginning at 9:15 a.m. The School of Medicine will host a luncheon for graduates and their families and friends holding tickets at the Park Plaza from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The buses will depart for the Park Plaza Hotel following commencement at 1 p.m. Directly following the School of Medicine graduation program, buses will return to Lot A at the Medical Center. □

Office of Purchasing provides a window on Medical Campus activity



Dick Bradshaw, director of the Office of Purchasing and Property Management, expresses satisfaction in helping the departments of the Medical Campus receive the equipment and other materials needed.

The Medical Campus Office of Purchasing and Property Management, the procurer of all materials used at the School of Medicine, the School of Public Health and the School of Graduate Dentistry, is somewhat of a pulse of the Campus. As the base from which all acquisitions are made—from biomedical materials, laboratory equipment and computers, to copying machines, furniture and curtains—it reflects the type of work in progress and the level of activity.

Not surprisingly, the bulk of the purchases on the Campus are of a medical or technical nature. The balance are clinical and administrative. Also not surprising, the changes in the types of materials purchased during the last decade reflect the evolution in the biomedical sciences and technology.

Dick Bradshaw, the director of the office since 1985, reflected on the evolving nature of the equipment used in scientific and technical research.

"In all scientific areas, the general trend in the level of sophistication of materials we're being asked to purchase is just incredible," he said. "Just the complexity in the types of nonequipment items—the biomaterials that didn't exist 10 years ago. With equipment, the advances have also been tremendous," he said, noting the changes in computers.

Bradshaw expressed pride in

being part of the efforts under way on the Medical Campus. "I love my work here," he said. "It is a unique place, a fascinating place, to work. I get a sense of pride when I hear in the news that a researcher here has discovered something. I think, 'Hey, that's my institution.'"

The sheer quantity of orders carried out through the office each year is staggering. This year, the office expects to carry out 35,000 purchase orders for the Campus.

Carrying out the purchasing

process are four full time buyers, an assistant director and one administrative staff, total 13 people. Two additional members of the office carry out federally mandated inventory on all merchandise with a two-year usefulness of life valued at \$1,000 or more.

"These people deserve a lot of credit for accomplishing what they do in the course of a year," Bradshaw said. "Given the amount of purchases made, it's not many people. They are a very dedicated crew and I'm proud of them."

The process of carrying out a purchase order begins when an administrator or investigator submits a requisition form to the purchasing office that includes any necessary approvals from the Office of Financial and Business Affairs. The purchasing office then works, often in collaboration with the person submitting the order, to find the best supplier for the job, and oversees the receipt of the purchase on the Campus. There are several other means in place for handling emergency orders, one of which involves the pre-authorization of orders by telephone if they cost less than \$500.

When Bradshaw became director of the office, there were no full-time buyers for the Medical Campus. The office at that time consisted of a purchasing manager, two purchasing assistants and a clerk, and the amount of purchasing was little more than a third of what the office is doing now. There were no computers to organize the purchasing process.

"We've been fortunate to grow as a department as the technical revolution has taken place," Bradshaw said. "We've had the opportunity to grow with it.

"We have developed a staff of very dedicated individuals with a great deal of knowledge about the types of items they have to purchase in a short period of time."

In light of the highly sophisticated nature of many of the scientific and technical purchases, the staff usually works in consultation with the investigators in placing orders. The scientists generally recommend a company and the purchasers make sure that the price is competitive and that the order is carried out on time.

"We are here to facilitate the

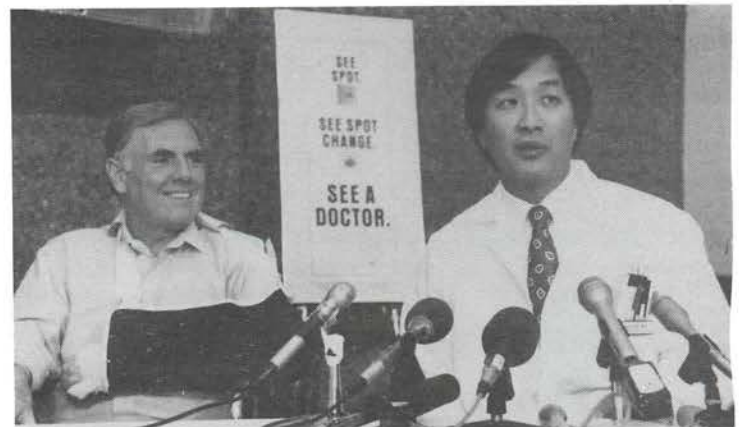
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Mayor Flynn treated for skin cancer by BUSM faculty

Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn had a melanoma lesion removed from the back of his hand at Boston University Medical Center/The University Hospital (BUMCH) one day last month, and was treated there by two members of the School of Medicine faculty: the surgeon, Gary S. Rogers, M.D., an associate professor of dermatology, and the attending physician, Howard Koh, M.D., F.A.C.P., an associate professor of dermatology, medicine and public health. Flynn's lesion was detected by another School faculty member, James J. Heffernan, M.D., an associate professor of medicine, who is an internist at Boston City Hospital.

Flynn, accompanied by Koh, held a press conference at the Hospital after his morning outpatient surgery on April 26. Sitting in a



Mayor Raymond Flynn held a press conference at BUMC Hospital on April 26 with Howard Koh, M.D., F.A.C.P., his attending physician, following the removal of a melanoma from his hand. Flynn urged people to have regular checkups for skin cancer.

wheelchair, with his left arm suspended in a sling, Flynn urged people to have regular checkups for the early detection of skin can-

cer. Koh said that, because Flynn's cancer was detected so

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Harrison Court Rental Information

	1 occupant	2 occupants	3 occupants
Studio:	\$800	\$400	_____
Studio with den:	\$825-\$850	\$413-\$425	_____
One bedroom:	\$825-\$1,050	\$413-\$525	_____
One bedroom with den:	\$1,165-\$1,185	\$583-\$593	-----
Two bedroom - corner:	\$1,320-\$1,440	\$660-\$720	\$440-\$480
* Two bedroom:	\$1,275	\$638	\$425
* Penthouse (two bedroom):	\$1,600-\$1,700	\$800-\$850	\$534-\$567

The rent for specific units depends on certain features such as balcony. Bold prices indicate units in which additional occupant might occupy "living/dining" space with a "Techline" room divider.

From ordering biomedical materials to furniture, the purchasing office plays a hand

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scientists' research," said Bradshaw. "We are trying to satisfy them in terms of the quality of the materials and in getting the materials here in the time frame they require."

Bradshaw has been involved in making purchases for the new research building currently under construction on Albany Street, particularly in ordering the furniture and other material for the building. All of the furniture is bid competi-

tively and it is his responsibility to make sure that the furniture sought by the architects for the building is priced competitively, and will be available for restock on an ongoing basis.

"We have to make sure the furniture is in a standard stock color, that it's reliable, and that it's well accepted by the end user," he said.

Such are some of the considerations that go into many of the purchasing decisions made by Bradshaw and his team. □



The annual BUSM Skit Night found emcee David Katz '96, center, trying to identify the "real Dr. Nandy," a task he found difficult. Purporting to be Kalidas Nandy, Ph.D., a research professor of anatomy and neurobiology, were first-year students, from left, Andrew Ting, Doug Idelson, Sandeep Kapoor and Romal Bhan.



F. Marott Sinex, Ph.D., a professor of biochemistry and a former chairperson of the department, enjoyed a moment with Boston University President John Silber at the service recognition dinner in April. Sinex is "officially" retiring this spring after 37 years of service, though he will maintain his office and continue to pursue his research here.

Flynn's melanoma detected early

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early, he has a 95-percent chance of a complete recovery. Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer.

Flynn's lesion, which started as a mole two years ago, developed into a dark, irregularly shaped, one centimeter-wide growth that was discovered on March 30 by his internist, Heffernan, at Boston City Hospital, during a routine physical exam required by the State Department as part of Flynn's nomination to be U.S. ambassador to the Vatican. Heffernan referred Flynn to Koh, whom he termed the "best [skin oncologist] in the city, or even the country."

Flynn said that if the State Department had not required him to have an examination, he might not have had one for some time.

The day of Flynn's operation coincided with the start of the state's celebration of National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection Month.

It is estimated that this year

one in every 100 Americans will get melanoma. If the current rates continue, one in every 75 Americans will get the disease by the year 2000, Koh said. The good news is that there are some simple steps to follow to prevent the disease or detect it early.

To diminish the chance of developing skin cancer, protect your skin with sun screen during outdoor activities.

- Examine your skin for lesions and have regular medical checkups.
- When examining the skin, Koh urges people to check for signs of cancer using the A-B-C-D method:

Asymmetry: One half of the lesion is unlike the other half.

Border irregularity: The lesion has a scalloped or poorly circumscribed border.

Color: The lesion varies in color from one area to another and it may exhibit shades of tan and brown and sometimes white, red or blue.

Diameter: The lesion is larger than six millimeters (the diameter of a pencil eraser).