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Above, Dr. Job E. Fuchs has forgotten that a photographer is following him as he talks with a patient on his morning rounds; a lively conversation involves other patients in the ward. Below, Dr. William E. Greer in wordless communication with his patient.

THE FENCE

The chain link fence is now a fact. Built to provide a greater degree of containment and security, encircling the non-patient areas of the medical center campus, the last section was in place by mid-April.

During the first days of its appearance several open letters and petitions, both pro and con, were circulated among medical center personnel. A major concern expressed by those who signed petitions against the fence, to quote from one of these letters was "that this fence may be interpreted by the South End community and by our colleagues at BUMC as the symbol of an attitude of mistrust and exclusion on the part of the center towards the surrounding community."

An example of a for-the-fence letter, addressed by Helen Foley, Supervisor of the Outpatient Department, to Dr. Rohrbaugh, stated: "With so much discussion regarding the fence that has

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Expert Volunteers of the Medical Center

Adult volunteers at our medical center are contributing not only time and personal devotion but a wide range of expertness. There are linguists, teachers and financial counselors in our midst whose services to the Hospital and its patients represent a unique ability to help.

Mrs. Milton Kay, Director of the Volunteer Service Department, who has

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Doctors Star in SCOPE Picture Story

Those of us who do not work directly on the patient units of our Hospital may never have felt the atmosphere of heightened awareness and a sort of quiet excitement that accompanies "morning rounds."

When the referring physician arrives on the scene to look in on his patient, to check with the nurses, to examine charts and X-rays, the hospital day comes into focus. And it never achieves

quite the same highlight quality again.

To catch this quality and to show the warm one-to-one relationship between the doctor and his patient, the Medical Center publication SCOPE assigned a nationally-known photographer to record Dr. Job E. Fuchs and Dr. William E. Greer on their morning rounds at University Hospital—trailing Dr. Fuchs

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Mrs. Milton Kay, who returns this month to Providence, her former home, has reached out strongly to attract volunteers to University Hospital, cooperating with many community organizations. With her in this picture is Mrs. Catherine Mannick, devoted volunteer in charge of the Hospital's Gift Shop, who has had specialized assistance from a volunteer in putting the Gift Shop in the black.





At left: top, Dr. Greer pays a patient call in MediCenter, stopping to confer with Melva Osborne, charge nurse on the third floor. Below: Dr. Fuchs pauses for a "capsule corridor conference" with Dr. Robert Feldman during his morning rounds. Above, left: Dr. Greer "puts his head around the door" on Collamore 3 to discuss a patient's progress with Dr. James Rosenberg, BUSM, 1968, now a U.H. intern. Right: Dr. Fuchs with Nursing Supervisor Margaret Saunders.

DOCTORS (Continued)

from 8:30 to 9:30 and following Dr. Greer for the next sixty minutes.

The photographer, fortunately, was fleet of foot! Completely unself-conscious, both doctors ducked in and out of rooms, held capsule conferences in corridors with nurses and other colleagues, visited laboratories to receive reports on patient tests, covered a great deal of territory from the Intensive Care Unit to the MediCenter. And yet, there was always time for real communication at the bedside; time for the physician to create a feeling of unhurried care and concentration; often time for humor, shared by fellow patients in nearby beds.

You may "get the feeling" or some small part of it from the pictures on these pages.

VOLUNTEERS (Continued)

resigned as of May 1 to return to Providence, her former home and the headquarters of her husband's business firm, during her comparatively short service has reached out to the community to find and interest willing — and unusually gifted — volunteers.

In late March Mrs. Kay reported to F&C:

"Gabriel Baker, retired C.P.A. and former shop owner in Lexington, Mass., is volunteering his services to assist Mrs. Catherine Mannick, University Hospital

Aid Association Gift Shop Chairman and Mrs. Frances Cramer, Gift Shop Manager, to set up operational procedures for the University Hospital Gift Shop. . . Mr. Baker comes to us through the cooperation of SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives). SCORE, administered by the Small Business Administration, was formed late in 1964 and today has a membership of 3000 Counsellors across the nation, mainly in the metropolitan areas. It has attracted the services of retired experts in every line of endeavor, who are ready to share their talents with any small business man who needs assistance free of charge.

A concentration of skilled volunteers can be found on Robinson 7, who are working with the patients of the Rehabilitation Unit in very specialized ways. Mrs. Kay reports again:

"Mrs. Doris Gilbert, presently employed as an R.N. at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary is volunteering her services here to teach English to a Spanish-speaking patient on Robinson 7. Her services were obtained through the cooperation of APCROSS (Association for the Promotion of Constitutional Rights of Spanish Speaking Persons.) Mrs. Gilbert has considerable background of volunteer as well as professional experience. She has volunteered at a children's hospital in Argentina, and has been associated with Campfire Girls, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Ethical Society. Professionally she has worked at MGH as admitting officer, Harvard Teaching assistant, a nursing home supervisor, Army nursing and hospital floor duty. We feel very fortunate in having her here. Friends of Mrs. Gilbert have also helped us by providing her with teaching materials for her present volunteer work with us.

"Alice Weissfeld, a Boston University student and the daughter of a physician is teaching typing to a disabled patient on Robinson 7. . . Julia Krebs, a former Peace Corps worker in Malaysia, now in the teaching corps program at the Mackey School in Dorchester, is assisting the Occupational Therapy department on Robinson 7. Quite by accident it was discovered that Miss Krebs

speaks fluent French just at the moment that a French-speaking newly-arrived patient on the unit was attempting to make his needs understood. She now visits regularly with this patient, assists him and the 'floor' in interpreting, and has been of great support.

"In response to an article which appeared in an issue of the B.U. fraternity paper, *The Scarlet*, we also have with us four B.U. students: Michael Rossman, Judi Hindman, John Distasio and Kenneth Aduddell. Judi divides her time between Robinson 7 and escort service for X-ray; Ken assists in the mail room delivering mail and messages; John and Mike assist occupational therapists on Robinson 7 and also in the Talbot outpatient clinic."

IF YOU DON'T WANT IT THE THRIFT SHOP DOES

The admission fee to a gala Spring Meeting of the Hospital Aid Association will be a saleable "what-not" or collection of used clothing and second hand "treasures" for the Thrift Shop of Boston.

Mrs. Raymond Walther, Aid Association President, reports that the meeting will be held on May 13th at the home of Mrs. Franklin G. Ebaugh, Jr. in Brookline. The items collected at Mrs. Ebaugh's door will help to change the University Hospital balance in the Thrift Shop from the red to the black. After two or three years of indifferent success, the Hospital's group, under the lively leadership of Mrs. Belton Burrows, has really begun to make a profit — all of which goes to make life pleasanter for the patients of University Hospital.

Mrs. Walther urges Medical Center personnel as they clear out attics and spare room closets this spring to donate their unwanted finds and white elephants for sale through the Thrift Shop. She explains the way the Thrift Shop works: "The U.H. is one of many member hospitals in the Shop. Each member hospital collects clothes, treasures and knickknacks which are sorted and marked by its own Aid members. Each hospital shares the shop's expenses

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which must be paid before any profit is shown . . . The key to success is volume. We need all the things we can get. All contributions are tax deductible, and if you cannot drop them off at The Thrift Shop, 656 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, you may call Mrs. Burrows for pickup service at 232-0966."

FENCE (Continued)

been erected, I would like you to know how the employees at the Outpatient Department feel about the matter. We are strongly in favor of the fence, and appreciate that the Medical Center Administration realizes the necessity for their protection. As for its appearance, those who are against this fence perhaps have not seen the yard and steps cluttered with beer bottles and cans, clinics slept in overnight, and equipment lost. These are a few of the reasons in favor of a fence. The list is long. Our patients on the whole, have not mentioned the fact that a fence has been erected. Those who have commented have spoken most favorably. When anything is missing, the first thing one hears is "When are they going to do something? We feel that the fence is a step in the right direction."

In responding to an open letter protesting the fence, Dr. Rohrbaugh wrote, in part: "None of us welcomes the fence. But the security of Center personnel and visitors and property is of basic importance to us all . . . Our common distaste for the fence is exceeded by our repugnance for the incidents it is designed to prevent. This past three day weekend (April 19-21) is the first weekend in recent history when not a single theft or unpleasant incident has been experienced."

Herbert Klein, Plant Superintendent, commented, just before F&C went to press: "It is heartening to hear from most of our Center personnel the sense of security they now feel. There has not been a single instance of trouble reported since the system went into effect. And I would also like to point out that the fence in no way affects the Hospital's main concern for patient care. The big front door at #750 is always open — around the clock — and this is the symbol of our role in the community."

Recognition of Service

In this the Centennial Year of Boston University, the annual dinner which pays tribute to loyal service of faculty and staff members took on a special significance. Held on the evening of March 26th the heartwarming occasion honored

SAMA President Robert Galen, at his side his lovely young wife, is introducing Dr. David Charles as guest speaker for the Regional Banquet at the Harvard Club. Below, left to right: Raymond Anthracite, Dr. Jacob Fine, President-elect of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and Sam Shaumba, who is particularly interested in black admissions to the BUSM.

seven men and women of our Medical Center.

William C. Barrett, Jr. with 22 years of service and Ann L. Gowing with 17, were honored "in recognition of retirement." Stanley L. Robbins was honored for 25 years, a quarter century of service; and for ten years of service those honored were Murray M. Freed, Robert L. Herrmann, Conan Kornetsky and Lewis H. Rohrbaugh. Dr. Rohrbaugh, as Director of the Medical Center, made the awards to his fellow 10-year honorees; when it came his own turn to be recognized President Arland F. Christ-Janer made the presentation.

International Accent

The School of Graduate Dentistry offered a special course for visiting professional men from France during the first week of April. Held at the Sherman Union on the main university campus, the course was scheduled for the "Cercle de Perodontie."

Dr. Morris P. Ruben will visit Venezuela, Brazil and Argentina in June to present papers on Periodontics and Oral Medicine to South American colleagues.

BUSM SAMA in the National Spotlight

The Boston University School of Medicine has been making history this year through the outstanding members of the local chapter of SAMA, Student American Medical Association.

Hosting the lively regional meeting in mid-March, the BU-SAMA, whose president is Robert S. Galen, provided an unusual program and a distinguished roster of speakers for the two-day weekend convention. Meetings were held on the medical center campus, in the impressive new environment of the Instructional Building and at the Medical Center; at the George Sherman Union and the Hayden Auditorium on the main campus; and in the hallowed precincts of the Harvard Club. Speakers included Dean Franklin Ebaugh, Jr., Dr. David Charles, and Dr. Jacob Fine, President Elect of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

Less than a month after this Region II meeting, the national convention of SAMA named our BUSM Chapter the "chapter of the year," and during a 4 a.m. session in a Chicago hotel room unanimously elected Bob Galen the Regional Director of the organization.



BUMC BRIEFS

University Hospital Administrator Nelson F. Evans will present the Hospital's prizes to selected students at the annual School of Medicine Class Day Exercises, to be held on the evening of May 17 in the auditorium of the College of Basic Studies on Commonwealth Avenue. This is the first time that Mr. Evans will officiate in this happy capacity; in previous years Jerome Preston, Chairman of the Hospital Board has served as prize-giver.

Dr. Benjamin T. Jackson, nationally known for his research on the physiology of the fetus and for his development of techniques in fetal surgery is heading up a team here, under a special grant, which will concentrate on solving some of the mysteries of heart and breathing disorders that are a factor in the death of more than 100,000 infants every year.

The John A. Hartford Foundation of New York has awarded \$234,711 for a three-year period to make the study possible. Dr. Jackson and his co-investigator Dr. R. Stuart Mackay, physicist, hope to add basic knowledge concerning the crucial perinatal period (which comprises the last four months of pregnancy and the first week of infant life). The research team will implant electronic devices in experimental animals to provide a continual monitoring of the fetus. Extensive data, not obtainable before this study, will enlarge the understanding of how the fetus maintains a stable internal environment under both normal and abnormal circumstances.

It's a family affair! Take your pick of two special family camping weeks set aside at Sargent camp this summer: June 23-27 or August 18-22. Name your favorite sport (including just plain loafing) and Boston University's lovely acres in Peterborough, N.H., will provide it for you and the kids; there's

David Barry Hartmann, BUSM junior, and his wife, Rhoda, have been awarded a \$3,252 fellowship from Smith, Kline & French to enable them to work for three months at a missionary hospital in the Republic of Malagasy, Madagascar. They will leave on November 18 for the Mambaro Lutheran Hospital in Southeastern Madagascar. David Hartmann is the eighth SK & F Fellow to work at the hospital; Mrs. Hartmann, the former Rhoda Joyce Kalichman, just finishing training at the B.U. School of Nursing, will assist in surgical and medical procedures.



boating on Sargent's own lake, from canoeing to sailing; archery, horseback riding, softball, swimming, tennis and water skiing. Also crafts for the artistic, and mountain climbing for the vigorous. You will be housed in individual cabins or in heated dormitories . . . and the fee, in these days of spiralling costs, is unbelievably modest. The whole week will cost \$30. for adults and children 10 or older; \$20. for the 4-9 year olds; and \$15. for youngsters under 4.

If you can't make it as a family, a six-week summer camp for boys and girls 8 through 14 and a counselor training program for the 15-17-year-old set starts on July 6, ends August 16. There is a 25% subsidy available to all University personnel on the \$500. fee for the entire season.

Kathy O'Donnell at extension 2748 will be glad to give you all the details and send you a brochure.

A third year student of the School of Medicine got a happy surprise by mail in March: a letter which started off: "Congratulations on capturing both First and Third Award for Photomicrography in the Eleventh Annual SAMA-Eaton Medical Art Awards Program. I am delighted to enclose your check for \$300."

The student is William Kasdon; the writer the President of Eaton Laboratories, which jointly sponsored the competition with the Student American Medical Association. His winning photographs were on display at the SAMA convention in Chicago in April and will be shown during the July convention of the American Medical Association, before going "on tour" to medical schools and hospitals nationwide.

As Spring breaks through each year, an important event to those in the hospital world takes place in Boston: the annual New England Hospital Assembly.



This dramatic view of The Doctors Building was taken just before the last late snows melted. The Doctors Building was a favorite for its "different look" in an informal survey of Medical Center personnel conducted by members of the F&C editorial board.

Belle Cruikshank, Administrative Secretary to Mr. Evans, once again starred in her veteran role of Registration Desk "boss" for the big event, now held at the Sheraton Boston Hotel in late March. She reports: "The registration at the NEHA this year went about 2,000 over last year, a grand total of 16,500 in attendance. It gets bigger every year!! When I started working with the NEHA in 1950 the total registration was 3,500 and we thought that was great — imagine!"

At the recent meetings of the American Association of Anatomists Dr. Alan Peters, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Anatomy at Boston University School of Medicine, was elected to be the representative of the Association at the National Research Council, and Dr. Elizabeth Moyer, Associate Professor of Anatomy at Boston University School of Medicine, was elected to be their representative at the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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