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MMEDIC STUDENTS TAKE CLASSES HERE: The 15 Boston University junior premedical students who were selected for the first year of the MMEDIC (Modular Medical Integrated Curriculum) program are currently studying microbiology at the School of Medicine two days a week. Most of them are also taking a course in law and medicine given by the Department of Socio-Medical Sciences and Community Medicine at the Charles River campus.

The microbiology course, taught by members of the BUSM Microbiology Department, is essentially the same course normally taken by medical students here in the spring of their first year. Two years from now, when the MMEDIC students are in their first year at BUSM, they will be free to take other courses while their classmates are taking microbiology. The course serves another purpose as well, satisfying the students' undergraduate microbiology course requirement.

The course meets every Tuesday and Thursday morning in the Room 206 lab of the Instructional Building from 8:30 to 11:30. Students arrive under their own steam, but are bused back to the Charles River Campus after class.

Approximately 10 of the MMEDIC students are also enrolled in a law and medicine course being taught by George Annas, J.D., and Leonard Glantz, J.D., Tuesday and Thursday afternoons on the Charles River Campus. (Annas is director of the B.U. Center for Law and Health Sciences and a BUSM assistant professor of socio-medical sciences; Glantz is staff attorney at the Center for Law and Health Sciences and an instructor in socio-medical sciences.)

The course is comparable to the first-year socio-medical sciences seminar in law and medicine, but is "more enriching," according to Carl Franzblau, Ph.D., coordinator of the MMEDIC program for BUSM.

The MMEDIC program was made possible by a \$1.03-million award from the Commonwealth Fund of New York City. Emphasizing a closer integration of the liberal arts and the medical sciences, it aims to train scientifically based physicians who also understand the human dimension of health care. Students are chosen for the program after having completed two undergraduate years, and are guaranteed admission to BUSM upon graduation.

They receive early instruction in the basic medical sciences, integrated with undergraduate science studies, thus permitting them to pursue various electives, including some clinical experiences, as early as the first year of medical school. In addition, continuing humanistic studies are expected to enhance their appreciation of the broad range of problems related to health care.

FIRST-YEAR CLASS CHOSEN FROM LATEST GROUP EVER: The 133 first-year students who began classes Sept. 8 were selected from the largest number of applications ever received in the history of the School. A total of 7,887 applications were received, and 6,784 completed. The record numbers are a result of BUSM's participation this

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year in AMCAS (the American Medical Colleges Application Service).

There are 84 men and 49 women in the class, the women thus constituting 28 percent of the total. Last year's entering class had 39 percent women, and, in 1975, women were 31.5 percent of the class. Minority membership in the class is 21, or 15.8 percent; last year there were 20 minority members. Nine members of the class have Master's degrees and two others have Ph.D.s.

In addition to the 133 entering the M.D. program, six students (two women and four men) are embarking on the M.D.-Ph.D. program, which was instituted last year under the joint auspices of the School of Medicine and the Division of Medical and Dental Sciences of the Graduate School to enable students to earn both degrees after a period of 5-7 years of study.

Forty-five members of the class are continuing in the Six-Year Program, while 15 others are graduates of the undergraduate Boston University programs. Of the graduates of other colleges and universities, Brown has 5; Harvard and UMass-Amherst, 4 each; Brandeis, Boston College, Dartmouth, University of Pennsylvania, Stanford and Yale, 3 each; and the following schools have 2 each: Wellesley, University of Southern California, Tufts, Northwestern, MIT, CUNY-Hunter, Amherst, Bryn Mawr, Columbia and Cornell. Twenty-two other schools have one graduate each in the entering class.

Massachusetts is again the state most heavily represented in the class, with 45 students; followed by New York with 36; New Jersey and Pennsylvania with 11 each; California, 8; Maryland, 4; Illinois, 3; and Connecticut, Florida and Ohio with 2 each. Eight other states and Puerto Rico have one each.

TWO-DAY PROGRAM WELCOMES INCOMING CLASS: The most important thing students can learn in medical school is how to maintain the level of their knowledge after they have completed their formal education, Dean John I. Sandson told the first-year medical, dental and graduate students gathered in Bakst Auditorium Sept. 7 for the first day of the two-day Orientation.

After hearing welcoming statements from other members of the administration, the new students were given brief descriptions of the curriculum and the organization of the School, and saw a live demonstration of a primary-care check-up on a healthy infant by Joel J. Alpert, M.D., chairman of the Department of Pediatrics.

The first-year medical, dental and graduate students were guests at a champagne reception and dinner in Hiebert Lounge Sept. 8, sponsored by the Alumni Association and attended by members of the faculty. Earlier that day, the class had gathered informally at an Alumni Association-sponsored morning coffee hour.

During orientation, the students heard forums and discussions on medical education, issues in U.S. health care, and alternative systems of health care, and were given short histories of the School, the Medical Center and Boston City Hospital.

THORNTON PURSUING DAD'S DREAM AT BUSM: If one of the first-year medical students looks familiar to you, it may be because you have seen her recently on such television shows as "Today" or "To Tell the Truth."

The student's name is Jeanette Thornton, and she is one of six daughters of Donald Thornton, a Long Branch, N.J., laborer, and his wife, Itasker, who died last January. Although he had only a ninth-grade education, it was Thornton's dream

that his daughters should have a better life than he had had.

He held two full-time jobs to raise his family, and did odd jobs in between. Meanwhile, he conveyed to his children his dreams for them, and instilled in them an unrelenting determination. They learned to play instruments and, under their father's guidance, formed a family band, which played in Masonic Halls around Long Branch, and appeared on TV on the "Ted Mack Amateur Hour" in 1959.

Five of the six Thornton daughters went on to pursue careers in the health-care professions. Jeanette earned a Ph.D. in psychology, and was a practicing psychotherapist before enrolling at BUSM. She is currently studying for her M.D. in internal medicine and psychiatry. In addition to Jeanette, there are Betty, a licensed practical nurse; Yvonne, an obstetrician-gynecologist, who is a Fellow at a New York City hospital; Linda, a dentist and a captain in the Army; Rita, a dental student at the University of Pennsylvania; and Donnalee, a housewife and mother of a four-year-old daughter.

CONFERENCE TO LOOK AT STRESS IN 3 MEDICAL CONDITIONS: A panel of distinguished researchers will discuss the role of stress in hypertension, gastrointestinal illness, and female reproductive dysfunction at a conference at BUSM sponsored by the Department of Psychosomatic Medicine Thursday, Oct. 20, through Saturday, Oct. 22.

BUSM faculty members participating in the conference, entitled "The Crisis in Stress Research," are Aram V. Chobanian, M.D., director of the Cardiovascular Institute; Robert M. Rose, M.D., chairman of the Department of Psychosomatic Medicine; and Judith M. Abplanalp, an assistant professor of psychiatry.

Also participating will be Herbert Benson, M.D., an associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and author of the The Relaxation Response; Stevo Julius, M.D., Sc.D., a professor of internal medicine and director of the hypertension section at the University of Michigan Medical School; Morton Reiser, M.D., professor and chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at the Yale University School of Medicine; and approximately 20 other equally well qualified experts.

BUMC employees interested in attending the conference should call Molly Levin at ext. 6427.

A NATIONAL ARTHRITIS CENTER DESIGNATED AT BUMC: The arthritis and connective-tissue disease programs of the Medical Center and affiliated institutions have been designated a National Arthritis Center, one of 11 established centers in the nation. Alan S. Cohen, M.D., Conrad Wesselhoeft Professor of Medicine and chief of medicine and director of the Thorndike Memorial Laboratory at BCH, will be director of the Arthritis Center. Its administrative headquarters will be in the new Ambulatory Care Center of BCH.

Announcement of the designation was made by the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Diseases, implementing the National Arthritis Act of 1975.

Under the three-year, \$400,000 grant establishing the multipurpose arthritis center, existing education, training and community outreach programs will be expanded, and new activities in these areas will be developed, with a major emphasis on education. BUSM faculty at BCH, UH, Boston VA, Brockton, Framingham Union, Carney and Malden Hospitals and other affiliated institutions will undertake new educational programs in arthritis and arthritis epidemiology for medical students, primary-care trainees, public-health students, house-staff rheumatology fellows, nurses and allied health personnel.

PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY LAB TO MOVE TO FULLER: The Psychopharmacology Laboratory moves into the Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center this month in the first phase of an affiliation agreement between BUSM and the Fuller Center, several years in the making.

A "fully executed" general affiliation agreement between the two institutions has been in effect since July 1, and represents an "agreement to agree" on such matters as services, research, training, the sharing of space, mutual development of programs, and the determination of staff appointments. Dean John I. Sandson said the agreement is "probably the first of its kind in the country."

Still not final, but expected to be signed by mid-October, are a research agreement and a use-and-occupancy agreement. The approximately 20 members of the Psychopharmacology Laboratory, under the direction of Seymour Fisher, Ph.D., will move into the Center from their current quarters in the Star Brush Building at 700 Harrison Ave. after the research agreement is signed. Their new quarters will be on the ninth floor of the Fuller Center.

SEN. BROOKE, U.S. REP. EARLY DEDICATE SPINAL CORD CENTER: Sen. Edward W. Brooke (R-Mass.) is expected to make a major health policy address as principal speaker at the dedication ceremony for University Hospital's New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center on Friday, Oct. 28, at 11 a.m. in Keefer Auditorium.

U.S. Rep. Joseph D. Early (D-Mass.) of the third congressional district, a long-time supporter of the Spinal Cord Injury Center, will be a special guest speaker.

The New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center recently moved from B-7 to new quarters on F-5. The unit now provides care for 24 spinal-cord injured patients, instead of the previous 16. Murray M. Freed, M.D., chairman and professor of Rehabilitation Medicine, is director of the Center.

BCH SEEKS JOHNSON GRANT FOR HEALTH SERVICES: Boston City Hospital has submitted an important proposal to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to improve health services for the 296,000 people in southeast Boston potentially served by Boston's neighborhood health centers and BCH. The application proposes, in the next five years, to build upon the City of Boston's existing health-care structure and to develop an efficient and effective system of health-care maintenance and medical-care delivery responsive to all of the City's 641,000 residents.

The proposal, a response to a new RWJF program to improve municipal health services, was submitted by Boston Health and Hospitals Commissioner David L. Rosenbloom, Ph.D., who also serves as BCH executive director. Five grants will be funded nationally under this program.

Four specific system-wide goals are described: (1) a balance between patient care and health maintenance; (2) high-quality, personalized health services; (3) efficiency and cost-effectiveness; and (4) making the primary health provider (physician and public-health nurse) the center of a system that promotes continuity of care by insuring 24-hour availability and accessibility and by creating incentives for long-term provider commitment to this kind of care, particularly in the neighborhood health centers.

SINEX STEPS OUT OF CHAIRMANSHIP TO HEAD NEW SECTION: F. Marott Sinex, Ph.D., after having served 21 years as chairman of the Biochemistry Department, has resigned that post to head a new section of biomedical gerontology within the Biochemistry Department.

Sinex said the change will give him "more time for the lab and the library and the types of research development in biomedical gerontology that I enjoy most." He said the new section was being formed "to apply what is being learned about the biochemical aspects of cellular aging to solving some of the major medical problems associated with aging."

The section will do research primarily in dementia, degenerative joint diseases, the physiological consequences of depression and social isolation, and other factors affecting longevity.

Meanwhile, a search committee appointed to propose a new chairman for Biochemistry had reportedly made its recommendation to Dean Sandson late last month. Announcement of the appointment is expected later this month, pending approval of the Trustee Council and the BU Board of Trustees.

PROMOTIONS DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF WOMEN PROFESSORS: The promotions of three women faculty members to the rank of full professor were approved this past summer, bringing to five the number of women professors at BUSM.

Leah M. Lowenstein, M.D., D. Phil., was promoted to professor of medicine; Judith P. Swazey, Ph.D., to professor of socio-medical sciences and community medicine; and Judith L. Vaitukaitis, M.D., to professor of medicine (also associate professor of physiology). As full professors, the three join previously appointed Ruth R. Levine, Ph.D., a professor of pharmacology; and Eveoleen N. Rexford, M.D., a professor of psychiatry.

The School currently has 79 women in its full-time faculty of 318. From January 1975 to the present, the BUSM female faculty has grown from 13 percent to nearly 25 percent of the total, a percentage significantly higher than the most recently computed national average for medical schools of 15.1 percent.

Other promotions to full professor approved by the Board of Trustees in July were: Daniel S. Bernstein, M.D., clinical professor of medicine; Edgar S. Cathcart, M.B.B.Ch., B.A.O., professor of medicine; John A. Hayes, M.B.Ch.B., M.C.Path., M.D., professor of pathology; Deepak N. Pandya, M.D., professor of anatomy and research professor of neurology; Daniel S. Sax, M.D., clinical professor of neurology; Ladislav Volicer, M.D., professor of pharmacology (also assistant professor of medicine); and Lewis R. Weintraub, M.D., professor of medicine.

GERONTOLOGIST STEEL CHOSEN TO HEAD NEW UNIT: Knight Steel, M.D., a gerontologist with a national reputation as a clinician, educator and administrator, recently was named head of the Department of Medicine's new Geriatrics Unit.

Steel, formerly on the staff of the Rochester (N.Y.) Medical Center, is responsible for the initiation of clinical, educational and clinical investigative activities. He will also develop a clinical program for the Evans Medical Clinic and the inpatient services at UH, and he will have a significant role in forming education programs in the problems of the elderly in a medical setting.

Steel will also be a member of the BU Gerontology Center, providing the first continuing physician participation in the Center. He will collaborate with Paul Gertman, M.D., director of health-care research development, in developing research programs in the area of health care for the elderly.

EGDAHL REPORTS ON PROMISING FUTURE FOR IPA-HMOs: A report by Medical Center Director Richard H. Egdahl, M.D., also director of the Boston University Health Policy Institute, and his colleagues of preliminary findings of a study of independent-practice-association-type Health Maintenance Organizations (IPA-HMOs) appears in the September issue of Annals of Surgery. IPA-HMOs are organizations

of fee-for-service physicians.

Three IPA-HMOs that were studied in detail, each a comprehensive Foundation for Medical Care, achieved striking decreases in hospitalization of their patients, compared to a control group or period. Some of the important factors that appeared to contribute to the decreased hospitalization were prepayment, financial risk-sharing by physicians, effectiveness of peer-review procedures, and high quality of plan administration.

The authors concluded that IPA-HMOs show considerable promise of controlling hospitalization under appropriate circumstances, and that every effort should be made to encourage both a continuing analysis of the factors responsible for decreased hospitalization and the further growth of IPA-HMOs having those characteristics.

CARCINOGENS TO BE DISCUSSED BY RYSER AT CONFERENCE: Hughes J.-P. Ryser, M.D., a professor of pathology and pharmacology, will be a featured speaker at an all-day conference on industrial and environmental carcinogens to be held Wednesday, Oct. 19, at the Marriott Motor Lodge in Newton. The conference is sponsored by the Massachusetts division of the American Cancer Society, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

The title of Ryser's talk will be "Chemical Carcinogens: The Facts Needed to Understand the Risks." The BUSM professor also helped organize the program for the conference, which will feature talks by experts in the field from the Harvard School of Public Health, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, MIT, OSHA, the National Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society.

GRANTS AWARDED FOR ESTROGEN STUDY: Two three-year grants, totalling approximately \$240,000, have been awarded by the National Cancer Institute to the Drug Epidemiology Unit, co-directed by Dennis Slone, M.D., and Samuel Shapiro, F.R.C.P., both associate professors of medicine. Under the first, the DEU will study endometrial cancer in relation to the use of conjugated estrogens--female sex hormones--by postmenopausal women. The second study will focus on the use of such hormones by postmenopausal women in relation to the development of cancer of the breast.

The two research projects will be accelerated, focussed studies conducted against the background of the DEU's broad-based, ongoing investigations of possible relationships between a large number of drugs thought when they were administered to be safe and a number of diseases that may be caused by them.

BUSM RECEIVES GRANT FOR COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH: The School of Medicine is recipient of a \$100,000 grant for collaborative research with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from the Health Sciences Fund, an independent, nonprofit organization which provides funds for specific research projects in the life sciences and biomedical engineering.

The grant is intended to cover a year's work, beginning July 1, 1978, on four collaborative research projects between BUSM and MIT. To represent Boston University in the development and initiation of the new program, BUSM Dean John I. Sandson has been elected a trustee of the Fund.

HOLLANDER REPORTS PHB USE TO PREVENT ATHEROSCLEROSIS: William Hollander, M.D., a professor of medicine, physiology and biochemistry at BUSM, reported recently that his research group has shown a chemical compound called PHB to be effective in monkeys

in protecting against atherosclerosis.

Hollander, who has been seeking such a drug for 15 years, told the Sixth International Symposium on Drugs Affecting Lipid Metabolism, meeting last month in Philadelphia, that if the chemical proves to have similar action in man, it would give physicians an important new weapon to combat obstructive and blood-vessel disease.

Hollander's UH research group found that PHB was effective in preventing narrowing of the arteries in monkeys who were being fed a high-cholesterol diet. Hollander reported that the drug appears to act within the blood and in the cell wall of blood vessels.

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY ON AFRICA GIVEN BY FRENCH: David French, M.D., director of the Project for Strengthening Health Delivery Systems (SHDS) in Central and West Africa, was one of four experts invited to testify on health care in Africa before a subcommittee of the House Committee on International Relations Sept. 8.

French had returned to the United States from Africa during late August and early September for meetings on planned project activities in the 20 African countries involved in SHDS. He has since returned to Abidjan, the Ivory Coast, where in association with the World Health Organization, the American Public Health Association, and AID, he directs the project's regional activities in primary health care.

In his testimony, French assessed existing health services in Africa and made recommendations for improvements in such areas as health planning and management, manpower increases, communicable disease control programs and epidemiological surveillance.

Boston headquarters of the SHDS Project has moved from Doctors Office Building to the Health Policy Institute at 53 Bay State Road, where the Project has been designated a Center of the HPI. The SHDS Project is being managed in Boston by Deputy Project Director Joel Montague. University Coordinator for the Project is Frederick L. Stone, Ph.D., deputy director of BUMC.

GOULD TO COORDINATE CITY PERINATAL PROGRAM: The School of Medicine and Boston City Hospital are two of five members of a newly established program, entitled the Boston Perinatal Center, designed to consolidate the best of these institutions' facilities to provide optimal care to high-risk newborns. Jeffrey B. Gould, M.D., a BUSM associate professor of pediatrics, obstetrics, and gynecology and director of Newborn Services at BCH, will serve as program coordinator of the Center. Other participants in the program are the Boston Floating Hospital (Tufts-New England Medical Center), St. Margaret's Hospital, and the Tufts University School of Medicine.

DENTAL LEADERSHIP AWARD GIVEN TO GOLDMAN: Henry M. Goldman, D.M.D., F.A.C.D., F.I.C.D., founder and recently retired dean of the School of Graduate Dentistry, received the International Award of the Friends and Faculty of the University of Connecticut's School of Dental Medicine at a banquet held in Hartford Sept. 17. The award is given annually to a world leader in the field of dental science in recognition of outstanding achievement in a life's work or a singular contribution.

Goldman was also awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree by Boston University at commencement exercises last May, just before his retirement as dean of SGD at the end of that month.

BUSM ENCOURAGES BLACK RESEARCHERS IN HYPERTENSION: To help attract more black students to research in hypertension--a disease that strikes twice as many black people as white--BUSM provided intensive instruction in hypertension research this past summer to four black graduate students from Atlanta (Ga.) University and a black faculty member from Spelman College in Atlanta.

The trainees spent the summer working with various faculty members under the supervision of Aram B. Chobanian, M.D., director of the Cardiovascular Institute and the Hypertension Center at BUMC.

They were the first to be trained under a five-year, \$145,000 program that will bring groups of trainees from Atlanta to BUSM for training for the next four summers as well. Meanwhile, BUSM faculty members will travel periodically to Morehouse College in Atlanta during the academic year to give guest lectures and discuss the research programs with the trainees. Morehouse is co-sponsor of the program.

BUSM is one of seven institutions, and the only one outside the South, to have received a National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute grant to sponsor such a program, which pairs a host institution, such as BUSM, with a minority institution, such as Morehouse.

MEDICAL HISTORY GROUP TO HEAR TALK ON PALEONTOLOGY: "What we can learn from very old bones" will be the subject of a talk by R. Ted Steinbock, M.D., an intern in medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital, when the Benjamin Waterhouse Medical History Society holds its next meeting Thursday, Oct. 20, at 5 p.m., in Room L-301 of the Instructional Building.

The Benjamin Waterhouse Medical History Society, founded in 1954 by John J. Byrne, M.D., is the oldest active society in Boston that is committed to stimulating interest in the profession's historical development. The Society will resume a full schedule of meetings this fall after a three-year hiatus. All BUSM students and faculty are welcomed as members of the Society, as are interested persons regardless of their affiliations.

LABS, AUDITORIUM GET SUMMER RENOVATION: Extensive renovations were carried out this summer on the first-year home-base labs and on Bakst Auditorium. Storage cabinets in the 12 home-base labs on the second and fourth floors of the Instructional Building were removed to increase student seating and improve visibility. Work tables were extended and new blackboards built, tripling the amount of blackboard space.

In Bakst auditorium, a large projection room was constructed in part of the area formerly occupied by the A Building's entrance foyer. The stage was extended on both sides to the full width of the auditorium and was carpeted, and new blackboards were constructed.

'LEADERS IN MEDICINE' HIGHLIGHTS FINLAND: The second in the series Leaders in American Medicine will feature a film and discussion Nov. 9 about the career of Maxwell Finland, M.D., George Richards Minot Professor of Medicine, emeritus, Harvard Medical School. The program will be held at the Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine, 10 Shattuck St., Boston, at 4:30 p.m. following refreshments served at 4:00. Finland will be present to join the discussion.

This year's series, arranged by program chairman George Edmund Gifford, Jr., M.D., associate professor of socio-medical sciences at BUSM, highlights the lives and work of five distinguished physicians.

Subjects of subsequent programs are: the late Samuel A. Levine, M.D. (1891-1966), clinical professor of medicine, emeritus, Harvard Medical School; John Rock, M.D., clinical professor of gynecology, emeritus, Harvard Medical School; and the late Harvey Cushing, M.D. (1869-1939), Mosley Professor of Surgery, Harvard Medical School and Surgeon-in-Chief, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. Leo G. Rigler, M.D., a University of California radiologist, was featured in the session held last month.

SORENSEN ARTICLE EVALUATES GENETIC COUNSELING: James R. Sorenson, Ph.D., an associate professor of socio-medical sciences, and A. J. Culbert, his research associate, are authors of a recently published article, "Genetic Counselors and Counseling Orientations--Unexamined Topics in Evaluation," in the book, Genetic Counseling, edited by H. A. Lubs and F. de la Cruz, Raven Press.

Sorenson also recently appeared before a U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee on science, research and technology to give testimony on recombinant DNA research and the changing relations between science and society.

HEALTH POLICY INSTITUTE NAMES HAASE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Jeanette V. Haase, Ph.D., assistant academic vice-president for Health Affairs at Boston University since January, has recently also been named assistant director of BU's Health Policy Institute.

Located on the Charles River campus, HPI is made up of several health-related centers and educational programs, including the Center for Educational Development in Health and the Center for Health Planning. Haase holds a Ph.D. in anatomy from the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

ALL PROJECTS INVOLVING HUMAN SUBJECTS NEED APPROVAL: The Institutional Review Board for Human Research reminds all investigators that BUMC policy requires that all research projects involving human subjects be reviewed and approved by the Board, regardless of funding, before they can begin. If you are unfamiliar with this policy and would like more information, you are invited to call the Board Coordinator, Elizabeth Williams, at x5572.

BRIEFLY NOTED--Alan S. Cohen, M.D., Conrad Wesselhoeft Professor of Medicine and current president of the Alumni Association at BUSM, was recently named president-elect of the American Rheumatism Association, the medical-scientific component of the Arthritis Foundation....Alan Peters, Ph.D., Waterhouse Professor of Anatomy and chairman of the Department of Anatomy at the School of Medicine, was president of the American Association of Anatomy Chairmen for 1976-1977....Floyd S. Kemske, director of financial aid for BUSM and SGD, has been elected treasurer of the Massachusetts Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators for 1977-1978....

Ramon M. Greenberg, M.D., has been named director of clinical psychiatric services at University Hospital....Assuming the duties of dean of BU's Sargent College of Allied Health Professions as of July 1 was Dr. David B. Hershenson, formerly chairman of the Psychology Department of the Illinois Institute of Technology....William P. Steffee, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of community medicine and an instructor in medicine, discussed problems concerning nutrition and dieting as a featured guest on a broadcast of Channel 7's "Womankind" program this summer....Eunice Berger, formerly a secretary in the UH Arthritis section, began work Oct. 3 as a secretary in the BUSM Personnel Department.

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