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PRESIDENT SILBER ADDRESSES 1ST FACULTY ASSEMBLY MEETING HELD AT SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Several hundred faculty members turned out Nov. 10 for the annual fall meeting of the University Faculty Assembly, held for the first time at the School of Medicine.

University President John R. Silber, Ph.D., Faculty Council Chairman Michael D. Papagiannis and Dean Sandson were among the speakers at the meeting. Papagiannis is a professor and chairman of the Department of Astronomy in the College of Liberal Arts.

In his talk, "Planning for the Future of Boston University," Silber outlined the University's accomplishments over the past decade and problems that may be encountered in the coming years.

One of the key accomplishments he cited for the past decade was attracting and retaining an increasing number of better qualified students to the University, in the face of increasing national competition for students from other colleges and universities.

Silber cited the quality of the faculty and the improved academic reputation of the University as the principal reasons for the success and for helping the University "emerge from the shadows of other institutions to become recognized as an institution on its own."

The coming years will present a special challenge to the University as the number of 18-year-olds is expected to decline significantly by 1990 and as rising tuitions cause increased competition from state-supported colleges and universities.

Silber recommended that faculty members face the anticipated challenges by continuing to increase their academic standards and by getting to know students on a first-name basis in an effort to retain them.

While he predicted economic and demographic factors may force some colleges and universities into bankruptcy, Silber predicted that Boston University will not only survive but continue to improve.

COVICH FELLOWSHIP COMPLETED; DRIVE LAUNCHED TO ESTABLISH BERGER PROFESSORSHIP

A fellowship aimed at advancing research in cardiothoracic surgery has been established at the School of Medicine, Dean Sandson announced at a reception Sept. 25 at the St. Botolph Club in Boston.

The Covich Fellowship in Cardiothoracic Surgery was launched two years ago when Marion Covich of Newton, Mass., set out to raise the \$100,000 for the fellowship in ap-

preciation of the restoration of health to her husband, Sidney, after he underwent triple coronary-bypass surgery at University Hospital.

The Coviches also have initiated a drive to establish the Covich-Berger Professorship at BUSM, the School's first professorship in cardiothoracic surgery. Robert L. Berger, M.D., a professor of surgery at BUSM and chief of cardiothoracic surgery at UH, performed the successful operation on Covich in February 1978.

ACCREDITATION SITE VISIT
SET FOR DEC. 8-11 AT BUSM

The Liaison Committee on Medical Education, an accrediting body of the American Medical Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges, is scheduled to conduct a site visit at BUSM Dec. 8, 9, 10, and 11. The School was last accredited in 1973.

In preparation for re-accreditation, BUSM conducted an intensive two-year self-evaluation that began in early 1978. Numerous committees at the School examined such varied matters as BUSM's administrative structure, its financial position, the quality of the faculty, the admissions process, curriculum evaluation procedures and student financial aid. Dean Sandson's office submitted a report on the committees' findings to the LCME in October.

John Kempf, M.D., dean of the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo, will chair the six-person site-visit team.

ABERCROMBIE NAMED
UH ADMINISTRATOR

J. Scott Abercrombie Jr., M.D., an associate professor of pathology and medicine, was named administrator of University Hospital last month. He is a clinical pathologist who, in his 11 years at the Hospital, has assumed increasing responsibility for internal hospital operations. In his new role, he serves as the top administrative officer of the institution.

Abercrombie joined the UH staff in 1970 as director of the Department of Laboratory Medicine, a position he continued to hold while assuming general administrative responsibilities. For 15 months prior to the new appointment, Abercrombie served as senior associate hospital administrator, responsible for internal operation of the Hospital. He also has held the position of administrator for Clinical Support Services.

Abercrombie's appointment was announced by John F. Cogan Jr., chairman of the Hospital's board of trustees, and Medical Center Director Richard H. Egdahl, M.D. The announcement culminated a five-month national search. Abercrombie succeeded John H. Betjemann, who held the position for seven years and resigned last spring to become president of Methodist Hospital in northwestern Indiana.

SECOND ANNUAL CRC AWARDS
TO BE PRESENTED AT LUNCHEON

The second annual Hubert H. Humphrey Cancer Research Center Awards will be presented at a luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 17, in the Great Hall at Quincy Market.

Nearly 250 admirers of the late Hubert H. Humphrey are expected to attend the event honoring the three recipients of this year's awards: Sen. Birch Bayh (D-Ind.), who will accept the award, to be given posthumously for his wife, Marvella; Mary Lasker, a medical philanthropist and leader in the cancer-research effort in the United States; and George Thorn, M.D., a member of the School's Board of Visitors, who has worked extensively on the use of cortisone-related compounds for treating cancer. The awards are given to honor individuals who have helped further the public's understanding of cancer.

ISAAC TAYLOR NAMED
TO CANCER CENTER POST

Isaac M. Taylor, M.D., was named associate director for administration of the School's Hubert H. Humphrey Cancer Research Center Oct. 1, announced Paul H. Black, M.D.,

director of the Center. Taylor replaces Fitzroy Kennedy, who recently retired after holding that post since 1972.

Taylor received his M.D. degree cum laude in 1945 from Harvard Medical School. He was dean of the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 1964 to 1971. While at that university, he was a Markle Scholar in the Medical Sciences and received a National Institutes of Health Career Development Award.

Taylor was a member of the U.S. Public Health Service's National Advisory Research Resources Council from 1965 to 1969 and was a consultant for the service's Division of Physician Manpower. From 1970 to 1974 he served as chairman of the National Advisory Committee to the National Center for Primate Biology, and from 1972 to 1974 was deputy director of the Medical Care and Education Foundation Inc. in Boston. From 1978 to 1979 he was in private practice in internal medicine in Siler City, N.C. He currently is a visiting lecturer in the University of North Carolina's Department of Medicine and is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

BUSM JOINS TUFTS, HARVARD
IN NEW TRAINING AGREEMENT

The School of Medicine, along with the medical schools of Tufts and Harvard, recently signed an agreement enabling medical students and residents from a joint Boston

University/Tufts University program to train in pediatric otolaryngology at Children's Hospital in Boston, an affiliate of Harvard University. The training program is aimed at reducing duplication of effort and improving clinical education programs of the three medical schools. Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, the primary otolaryngology training site in the Harvard system, also participated in the agreement.

34 PHONATHON VOLUNTEERS
RAISE NEARLY \$35,000

Nearly \$35,000 was raised by 34 BUSM alumni and student volunteers for the School's Annual Fund during the Fall Phonathon held Oct. 6, 8 and 9 at the University's

Charles River Campus.

With BUSM tuition now at \$9,100 per year, the Phonathon volunteers stressed the importance of low-interest student loans that the Alumni Association helps make available through the Student Revolving Loan Fund, which is supported in part by the Annual Fund. Donations to the Annual Fund also are used to support the Alumni Medical Library and student activities.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS LEVENE
DIES IN BOSTON AT AGE 58

Martin B. Levene, M.D., an assistant clinical professor of radiology and a nationally known cancer radiation therapy specialist, died of cancer Oct. 28 at Beth Is-

rael Hospital in Boston. He was 58.

Levene, a 1950 graduate of the School, received the Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award in May. Described by colleagues as "one of the outstanding and leading radiation therapists in this country," Levene helped develop the use of primary radiation therapy as an alternative to the radical mastectomy. He also was cited for his "vital contributions" to Harvard Medical School's Joint Center for Radiation Therapy, of which he had been deputy director since its inception in 1968.

The founding president of the New England Society of Radiation Oncology, Levene was president of the BUSM Alumni Association from 1974 to 1975. He also was an associate professor of radiation therapy at Harvard Medical School.

Levene is survived by his wife, Irma; two sons, Stephen and Douglas; and a daughter, Florence. Stephen Levene and his wife, Susan, were members of the Class of 1980.

FORMER PSYCHIATRY CHAIRMAN
RAEDER DIES AT AGE 94

Oscar J. Raeder, M.D., a professor emeritus of psychiatry and chairman of the School's Department (now the Division) of Psychiatry from 1944 to 1946, died Oct. 20

after a brief illness. He was 94.

Raeder joined the BUSM faculty in 1935 and was a member of Harvard Medical School's faculty from 1925 to 1952. He was a consulting psychiatrist at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, Mass., and at the New England Deaconess Hospital, and was a consultant in neurology at New England Baptist Hospital. In addition, Raeder served as a consultant in neuropsychiatry at Norwood Hospital and was a founder and former chairman of the Childhood Psychiatry Section of the American Psychiatric Association. He also was a past president of the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society.

SETSA FORMED TO ENCOURAGE
AREA COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Daniel Bernstein, M.D., associate dean for resources, is among the directors of a group of South End businesses and institutions, including University Hospital, that have

formed a non-profit corporation designed to stimulate commercial development in an area bounded by Albany street, Massachusetts avenue, Harrison avenue and East Berkeley street in Boston's South End.

South End Technology Square Associates Inc. (SETSA) will encourage development of the area by outside businesses, and will work to implement its own development plans, including construction of a moderately-priced hotel and office and laboratory space. A parking garage on the land between the flower market and the power plant on Albany street is also being planned.

Associate Hospital Administrator Peter Van Etten is treasurer of the new corporation. Marvin Stolberg, president of New England Nuclear, is president. Other directors of the corporation are UH Trustees John K. Dineen, Jack Perkins and George Slye.

BUMC HOLIDAY PARTY
SET FOR DEC. 23

The Annual Holiday Party for Medical Center employees will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 23, in the School's Hiebert Lounge. Refreshments, dancing and

door prizes will be the order of BUMC's holiday season celebration, which is open only to faculty and other employees. No children will be admitted.

Invitations, to be distributed by the second week in December, will be required for admission and during the party they will become tickets for door prizes. Howard Buzzee, personnel manager for BUSM and the Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry, is co-chairperson of the event.

'SEMINAR IN ONCOLOGY'
SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 11

Representatives from BUSM, the National Cancer Institute, the Johns Hopkins Oncology Center, Massachusetts General Hospital and the Sidney Farber Cancer Institute will participate in "Seminars in Oncology," to be held Thursday, Dec. 11, in Keefer Auditorium.

The program, to be presented by the Hubert H. Humphrey Cancer Research Center and the Section of Medical Oncology at University Hospital, is scheduled for 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Discussion topics will include "Ovarian Cancer: Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy," "Adult Acute Leukemia: Present Day Management" and "Hodgkin's Disease: Effects of Chemotherapy on Gonadal Function," as well as a symposium on breast cancer.

There is no registration fee for the program, which is open to all Medical Center faculty, staff and students. For further information, call the Section of Medical Oncology at x5144 (247-5144).

DAWBER WRITES BOOK
ON FRAMINGHAM STUDY

Thomas R. Dawber, M.D., M.P.H., a professor of medicine and the retired founding director of the Boston University-Framingham Heart Study, is the author of The Framingham Study--The Epidemiology of Atherosclerotic Disease, published in October by Harvard University Press. The book describes the 24-year landmark study of the life habits and health of nearly 6,000 men and women. The study demonstrated that atherosclerosis need not be viewed as an inevitable result of the aging process, but rather as a disease that can be prevented or delayed if specific risk factors can be identified and controlled.

Dawber served as chief administrator of the program for 18 years and has been a member of the School's faculty for 14 years.

LEONARD GOTTLIEB HONORED
AT TESTIMONIAL DINNER

In recognition of his 30 years of service to Boston City Hospital, Leonard S. Gottlieb, M.D., chairman of the School's Department of Pathology, was honored at a testimonial dinner Oct. 24 at the St. Botolph Club. Approximately 60 people attended the event, which was hosted by Dean Sandson, Joseph J. Vitale, M.D., associate dean for international health and a professor of pathology and of socio-medical sciences and community medicine (nutrition), and David Rosenbloom, Ph.D., Commissioner for Health and Hospitals in Boston.

Gottlieb began his postgraduate training at BCH in 1950. In 1951, he joined the staff of BCH's Mallory Institute of Pathology, which he now directs.

PAUL ROSMAN CITED
IN 'BEST DOCTORS'

The name of N. Paul Rosman, M.D., a professor of pediatrics and neurology, was inadvertently omitted from a story in the Feb. 15 issue of News & Notes that listed BUSM faculty members included in the book The Best Doctors in the U.S.: A Guide to the Finest Specialists, Hospitals and Health Centers. Rosman was cited as an outstanding specialist in the field of pediatric neurology.

NELSON CHOSEN BY CLASSMATES
FOR CIBA-GEIGY HONOR

David Nelson, BUSM II, was elected by his classmates to receive a set of medical books from the CIBA-GEIGY company of Summit, N.J. Nelson, who was chosen for the honor on the basis of his community service, received the books in October from CIBA-GEIGY representative Alfred Leoffler at a presentation in the Hiebert Lounge. Dean Sandson and members of the Class of '83 attended the presentation.

FRACTURES, BRACING TOPICS
OF DECEMBER CME COURSE

Ten BUSM faculty members will participate in the third annual Continuing Medical Education course on "Fracture Treatment and Functional Bracing," to be held Dec. 12 and 13 at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel. Robert P. Jones, M.D., an assistant professor of orthopedic surgery, is course director for the program. The course will feature discussions on "Physiology of Bone Healing" and "Current Therapy of Femoral Fractures," as well as a videotape presentation and laboratory session. For registration information, contact Donna Marcy in the Department of Continuing Medical Education, x5603 (247-5603).

STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF
INVITED TO UH GRAND ROUNDS

Students, faculty and staff at the School of Medicine are invited to attend the next Social Service Grand Rounds at University Hospital, to be held on Thursday,

Dec. 4, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the D-5 (Whitelaw) Conference Room. The session will focus on issues that arise during the course of patients' hospitalization, such as depression related to a long-term illness. The Grand Rounds are sponsored by the Hospital's Social Service Department.

BRIEFLY NOTED

Dean Sandson, along with several other representatives of the academic and scientific communities, met Sept. 15 with Sen. Edward Kennedy and key members of Congress in Washington, D.C., to discuss new health research legislation....Murray M. Freed '52, chairman of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, was elected vice president of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the organization's 42nd annual assembly, held in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 20....Paul H. Black, M.D., director of the Hubert H. Humphrey Cancer Research Center, recently was elected chairman of the National Gordon Research Conference on Cancer, to be held in the summer of 1982. Black will serve as vice-chairman for the 1981 conference, to be held in New London, N.H. The annual meeting, which is limited to 100 participants, is designed to promote discussion and interchange in cancer research....Thomas J. Ryan, M.D., a professor of medicine and chief of the Section of Cardiology at UH, received a Distinguished Leadership Award from the Massachusetts Affiliate of the American Heart Association at an awards dinner held Oct. 1 at the Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston. Ryan is a past president of the state organization.

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