

**Boston University**

**OpenBU**

**<http://open.bu.edu>**

---

BU Publications

BUSM News and Notes

---

1983-05

# BUSM News & Notes: May 1983 no. 65

---

<https://hdl.handle.net/2144/21816>

*Boston University*

# News & Notes



Boston University School of Medicine

Issue #65  
May 1983

## 147 BUSM GRADUATES BEGIN 'MAGNIFICENT JOURNEY'

"You, the members of the Class of 1983, are about to begin a magnificent journey on this commencement day. Medicine will offer you many different roads to follow--all leading to interesting and productive careers. You have been well prepared, and exciting adventures await each of you--each somewhat different, each providing a sense of fulfillment," Dean Sandson told the 147 members of the Class of 1983 at commencement exercises held May 15 at the University's Case Center.

Dean Sandson, who was the commencement's keynote speaker for the first time in his almost 10 years at BUSM, discussed the changes in medicine over the past 30 years and speculated on how the field will change in the decades ahead. "Your challenge will be to keep medicine in this country at the forefront, so that in the year 2013, medicine in the United States will still be the best in the world. Our country must continue being committed to provide high quality essential health services to all its citizens," said Sandson.

Sandson warned the new physicians that the modern physician "is not often thought of as the kindly, compassionate healer, but rather as an insensitive medical technocrat. To regain the old image, physicians must be masters of both the science and art of medicine. Remember, kindness and understanding are the least expensive prescriptions you can give your patients. It will help many, and I am certain, will even cure a few."

Two members of the Class of '83, Howard A. Fogel and Eva M. Statz, graduated summa cum laude. Four students graduated magna cum laude and 10 students graduated cum laude. Nine of the graduates who received academic honors were Six-Year students. Hilton O. Hosannah was the student speaker.

The Stanley L. Robbins Award for Excellence in Teaching was awarded posthumously to Laurence M. Corwin, Ph.D., a BUSM professor of microbiology and nutritional sciences, who died in February. His son, David, accepted the award. The first annual Anthony Gorman Physiology Prize, given to the outstanding student in physiology in honor of Anthony Gorman, Ph.D., a BUSM professor of physiology who died last year, was presented to Michael R. Rose. Constance H. MacDonald, assistant to the dean, was honored for her 37 years of service at the School and 30 other awards and prizes were given at the event.

## SPH GRADUATES LARGEST CLASS; FDA HEAD DELIVERS ADDRESS

At the School of Public Health graduation exercises May 15, 89 students received the Master of Public Health degree, representing the largest class to graduate from the School. The exercises were held in the

School of Fine Arts Concert Hall at the Charles River Campus.

Keynote speaker Sanford A. Miller, Ph.D., director of the Bureau of Foods of the Food and Drug Administration, discussed "The Leap of Faith: Public Science, Public Policy and Public Health." Robert L. Shafner was the student speaker and Daniel Merrigan, S.J., gave the invocation and benediction. Norman A. Scotch, Ph.D., SPH director, also addressed the SPH graduates, faculty and guests who attended the exercises.

Last year, 77 M.P.H. degrees were awarded at the School's graduation exercises. This number had been the largest graduating class at SPH since it was designated a school within the School of Medicine in 1979.

ALUMNUS AWARDS, BANQUET,  
HIGHLIGHT ALUMNI WEEKEND '83

Hundreds of BUSM graduates from across the country gathered in Boston to participate in the BUSM Alumni Association's Alumni Weekend May 6 and 7. The activities included the presentation of four Distinguished Alumnus Awards, a talk on "Hospitals for Profit" by New England Journal of Medicine editor Arnold S. Relman, M.D., and the reading of scientific papers by members of the Class of 1958.

The 1983 Distinguished Alumnus Awards were presented to: Folkert O. Belzer '58, professor and chairman of the Department of Surgery at University of Wisconsin School of Medicine in Madison, Wis.; H. Richard Nesson '59, president of Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston; John F. O'Connor '57, associate dean for admissions at BUSM; and Judith L. Vaitukaitis '66, a BUSM professor of medicine and physiology and head of the Section of Endocrinology and Metabolism.

The 108th Annual Meeting and Banquet, held at the 57 Restaurant in Boston, featured guest speaker Arnold S. Relman, M.D., who is a former professor of medicine at BUSM. Other Weekend activities included the presentation of scientific papers by members of the Class of 1958, receptions, a luncheon and student-guided tours of the School.

SULLIVAN NAMED PRESIDENT OF  
MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Louis W. Sullivan, M.D., a 1958 graduate of BUSM and a former professor of medicine and physiology at the School, last month was formally installed as the first president of Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Ga.

A noted hematologist and nationally renowned medical educator, Sullivan became founding dean and director of the medical program at Morehouse College in 1975. Prior to that, he taught at BUSM for several years and in 1974 was named a professor of medicine and physiology. Sullivan also was director of hematology and project director of the Sickel Cell Center at BCH. In 1973, he received a Centennial Citation from BUSM during the School's 100th anniversary celebration, which honored him as one of the outstanding graduates of BUSM during the last half century.

Sullivan presented a paper on "Morehouse School of Medicine: First Minority Medical School to be Founded in the 20th Century" at BUSM's Alumni Weekend, held earlier this month (see above story).

GOVERNOR NAMES TAYLOR  
TO PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL

Donald F. Taylor, M.S.S.W., an associate professor of psychiatry (social work), was appointed by Gov. Michael S. Dukakis to the

Public Health Council this month. The Council, which oversees the Department of Public Health, rules on applications for new hospital and nursing home construction, issues licenses for medical facilities, and establishes regulations governing health care and the purchasing of equipment. The Council is made up of eight members and the Commissioner of Public Health, who is chairman.

Taylor, who will serve a six-year term on the Council, is program director of the Boston University Area Health Education Center. He is a former superintendent of the Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center and a former Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow at the Institute of Medicine in Washington, D.C.

DEPARTMENTS REMINDED TO USE  
UNIVERSITY SEAL CORRECTLY

All Medical Center departments are being reminded of the proper way to display the Boston University seal on all stationery,

publications, certificates, signs, plaques and other materials requiring its use. It is essential that consistency be maintained as part of the University and Medical Center's overall corporate identification program.

The shield (pictured at right) formerly used on such items, should no longer be used. Materials bearing this seal should be replaced as soon as possible.



The new seal replacing the shield on all University and BUMC material has two variations: a "fancy" version (shown below left), which has fine lines within the outer rim, and a plain version (shown below right), which does not have the fine lines. The "fancy" version should be used on all high-quality jobs in which the seal will be reproduced large enough to clearly show the fine inner lines. All other jobs should have the "plain" version.



When Boston University Medical Center is to be graphically represented, the University seal and the University Hospital seal are to be used together; the University seal goes on the left and the Hospital seal goes on the right. (Pictured at right).



For further information, contact Marge Dwyer at the Office of Informational Services at x5606 (247-5606).

FOUR BUSM RESEARCHERS  
RECEIVE WHITAKER AWARDS

The 1983-84 Whitaker Health Sciences Fund research grants, which support joint biomedical research between BUSM and

Massachusetts Institute of Technology faculty members, have been awarded to four research teams. Each grant is for \$36,000 and will begin July 1.

The BUSM awardees and their projects are: David Atkinson, Ph.D., an associate professor of medicine and biochemistry, "The Binding of Water to

Membrane Lipids"; Richard Bell, M.D., an assistant professor of medicine, "Oncogene Expression in Human Tumors"; William J. Lehman, Ph.D., an associate professor of physiology, "Identification and Localization of Regulatory Proteins in Vertebrate Smooth Muscle Thin Filaments"; and Edward W. Schroder, Ph.D., an assistant professor of microbiology, "Alteration of Cell Surface, Intercellular Communications and Reversal of the Cancer Phenotype by Vitamin A".

KEMPER AWARDED  
PATTISON PRIZE

Thomas L. Kemper, M.D., a professor of neurology and anatomy, was awarded the Pattison Prize, an annual award of the Institute of Child Development, at the organization's annual meeting, held last month at the Ritz Carlton in Boston. Kemper, who is the director of neuropathology at Boston City Hospital, and Albert Galaburda, M.D., of Harvard Medical School and Beth Israel Hospital, were presented the award for their work in dyslexia at the BCH Neurology Unit.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ZAIRE  
TOUR BCH PRENATAL CLINIC

During a visit to several United States health-care facilities, four representatives of the government of Zaire, Africa, recently toured Boston City Hospital's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology to observe and evaluate prenatal nutritional programs offered there. Kenneth C. Edelin, M.D., a BUSM professor and chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, welcomed and accompanied the women during their visit.

The representatives of various branches of the Zaire government toured the Prenatal Clinic of the BCH Women's Center, listened to a presentation of the nutritional programs given by Mary Ann Gibbons, BCH nutritionalist, and visited the Roxbury Community Health Center, Inc. The women, who spoke French and relied on an interpreter during the visit, were interviewed by WNEV-TV (Channel 7) while at BCH.

The group visited the United States at the invitation of the U.S. Information Agency, Voluntary Visitors Division. The program was arranged by the Visitors Program Service of Meridian House International of Washington, D.C.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NAMED

Linda B. Eberspacher, who has worked in the BUSM Alumni Office for seven years, has been named director of development for the Alumni Association, according to Barry M. Manuel, M.D., executive director of the Association. Eberspacher received her M.A. in French language and civilization from the Central College Sorbonne Study Program in Paris and her B.A. in French and English from the University of Kansas. She most recently worked as associate director for alumni affairs at BUSM. Manuel also named Elisabeth Doucett assistant to the director of development for the Alumni Association. Doucett previously was employed by the Harvard Campaign.

NEIMAN ARTICLE PICKED  
FOR 1983 'YEAR BOOK OF CANCER'

The editors of the "Year Book of Cancer" have chosen an article by Richard S. Neiman, M.D., a professor of pathology, to be included in the 1983 edition of the publication. The editors selected articles for the book after reviewing more than 40,000 citations.

"Granulocytic sarcoma: A clinicopathological study of 61 biopsied cases" was co-authored by Neiman and six other researchers and appeared in the Sept. 15, 1981, issue of Cancer. The book, compiled by the Year Book Medical Publishers and the University of Texas System Cancer Center, is designed to bring both general practicing physicians and specialists comprehensive abstracts of the most significant articles on cancer from the preceding year.

STUDENT TO RUN MARATHON  
RAISING FUNDS FOR CCHD

Scott Lutch, a BUSM III student, will run a treadmill marathon to raise funds for the University Hospital-based Massachusetts Committee to Combat Huntington's Disease (CCHD). Although fundraising is his main objective, Lutch also hopes to set a new Guinness world record. The marathon will be held at the Boston Cardio-Nutilus Fitness Center at 60 State St. on June 1 from 9 a.m. to noon. For information about sponsoring Lutch, call May Long, Committee coordinator, at x5049 (247-5049).

SENGUPTA AWARDED \$168,843  
IN TWO CANCER RESEARCH GRANTS

Sisir K. Sengupta, Ph.D., an associate research professor of biochemistry, recently was awarded a total of \$168,843 in two separate grants from the American Cancer Society. One project, funded for \$68,843 until December 1983, is entitled "Biochemical Pharmacology of Tetracyclic Chromophoric Analogs of Actinomycin D." The other is funded for \$100,000 until December 1984 and is entitled "Pharmacology of a New Potent Tricyclic Actinomycin D Analog."

CME DEPARTMENT OFFERS  
SEVERAL JUNE COURSES

BUSM faculty members will be featured at three Department of Continuing Medical Education courses to be held in June in Boston.

"Microsurgery of the Larynx and Voice Conservation," sponsored by the Department of Otolaryngology, will be held at the Back Bay Hilton June 1 to 3. M. Stuart Strong, M.D., professor and chairman of the Department; Geza Jako, M.D., a research professor of otolaryngology; and Charles W. Vaughan, M.D., an associate clinical professor of otolaryngology, are co-directors.

The Pulmonary Medicine Section of the Division of Medicine is sponsoring "Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease in the Elderly," a symposium to be held June 15 at the Park Plaza Hotel. Sharon Rounds, M.D., an assistant professor of medicine and medical director of respiratory therapy at UH, is director.

"Pediatric Neurology for the Practitioner: Update 1983," sponsored by the Departments of Pediatrics and Neurology, will be held June 25 at the Copley Plaza Hotel. Director is N. Paul Rosman, M.D., a professor of pediatrics and neurology.

ANNAS AND GLANTZ TO TAKE PART  
IN NURSING LAW, ETHICS PANEL

George J. Annas, J.D., M.P.H., the BUSM Utley Professor of Law and Medicine and chief of the Health Law Section of SPH, and Leonard H. Glantz, J.D., a BUSM associate professor of health law and associate director of SPH, will take part in the Eighth Annual Conference on Nursing Law and Ethics set for June 23 to 24 at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston. Tuition is \$125 with 11.1 contact hours approved by the Massachusetts Nurses Association.

For more information on the course, contact the course sponsors at Law-Medicine, Inc., 14 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108.

BRIEFLY NOTED

Lyle Miller, Ph.D., professor of psychiatry (psychology) and chairman of the Department of Biobehavioral Sciences, recently was interviewed on the "Phil Donahue Show" on his work in stress management. The show will air in the first week of June.... Kenneth C. Edelin, M.D., professor and chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, recently discussed reproductive rights at a daylong conference organized by Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island.... Michael J. Robinson, M.D., an assistant clinical professor of pediatrics, was elected a member of the executive board of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.... Hughes J.-P. Ryser, M.D., a BUSM professor of pathology and pharmacology and an SPH professor of environmental health, spoke on "Recent Developments in the Field of Carcinogenesis" at a recent meeting of the New England Society of Pathologists held at the Museum of Science in Boston.... Lyn Weiner, M.P.H., an assistant professor of psychiatry (public health), recently conducted a workshop on prevention strategies and presented a paper entitled "Alcohol Consumption and Fetal Outcome: The Role of Therapy in Heavy Drinking" at a symposium on fetal alcohol syndrome in Winnipeg, Ontario.

NEWS & NOTES is a monthly publication of the Office of Informational Services. If you have news of interest to the BUSM, call editor Paul Vaskas, x5606 (247-5606), or write to him at the Office of Informational Services, DOB-600 (720 Harrison Ave., Boston, MA 02118). Marge Dwyer is managing editor.

## News & Notes

Boston University  
School of Medicine  
Office of Informational Services  
720 Harrison Ave., Suite 600  
Boston, MA 02118

---

Nonprofit Organization  
**U.S. POSTAGE**  
**PAID**  
Boston, Mass.  
PERMIT NO. 56031

---

BEATTIE, EMILY L  
MED LIBRARY  
80 E. CONCORD ST L12 MED45