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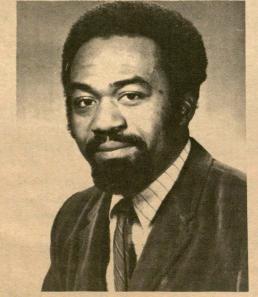


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BUSM Appoints First Black Dean

by John Polk **BUSM III**

Dr. Edgar E. Smith, Associate professor of Biochemistry, has recently been appointed to the position of Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at the School of Medicine. This is the first time a Black has been appointed to such an administrative position in the history of the school.

Dr. Smith's principle concerns will be the recruitment and retention of Black and other minority students. This is the second such appointment at BUSM with a principal concern related to the minority student problem. In the fall issue of Centerscope (Vol. 4, No. 6) it was announced that Dr. Jacob Schwartz had been appointed to the position of Associate Dean for Admissions with a principal concern of "furthering the admission of qualified applicants from minority segments of the population."

Dr. Smith's appointment is an indication of the magnitude of the problems that still exist in the areas of recruitment and retention of Black and other minority students at BUSM. BUSM has stated that it will accept a minimum number of minority students for each class reflecting the percentage of that minority in the population of

Dr. Smith is a graduate of Tougaloo College (Mississippi) and received both his M.A. and Ph.D. in Biochemistry from

Purdue University. He did his post-doctoral work at the Beth Israel Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston. Following this work Dr. Smith received a faculty appointment at Harvard Medical School in the Department of Surgery as a Cancer Researcher.

Prior to assuming his new position, Dr. Smith was a member of the Admissions Committee, the Ad Hoc Committee on Black Graduate Education in the Arts and Sciences, the BUSM Minority Recruitment Committee, the BUSM Boston Area Recruitment Committee, the editorial board of Centerscope, and the Department of Surgery. Most importantly, Dr. Smith was in the vanguard of those who sought change in the attitudes and practices of BUSM concerning Black and other minorities.

This appointment is received with cautious optimism by the Black students at the Medical School. They are aware that Dr. Smith alone cannot solve the Medical School. problems of recruitment and particularly of retention of Black and other minority students. To solve such a problem it will take the entire medical school family, both administrative and instructional. Then and only then will BUSM fulfill its commitment of producing physicians who will deliver quality medical services to all segments of the

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Alan Cohen Returns to BCH

A well known physician, who believes his profession can no longer ignore follow-up care and the social and community aspects of medicine, has been named director of the Boston University Medical Services at Boston City Hospital.

Dr. Alan S. Cohen, a graduate of the BU School of Medicine, who had four years of his early training at Boston City Hospital, succeeds Dr. Norman G. Levinsky, the recently appointed physician-in-chief at University Hospital.

Dr. Cohen is currently professor of medicine at BU and head of the Arthritis and Connective Tissue Disease Section at University Hospital. He has built one of the finest sections of rheumatology in the nation and his personal investigations of amyloidosis have gained him an international reputation as an outstanding medical scientist and a leader in the field. Over the past decade he and his associates have rendered clinical care in his



specialty to patients treated at ambulatory care. We will be Boston City Hospital.

These were a few of Dr. Professor of Medicine.

most successful when our hospital beds are less important Cohen's thoughts on accepting due to better provision of family the assignment as Director of the and community care and Service and Conrad Wesselhoeft preventive medicine. No longer can the physician provide for the "The goal of ideal patient acute illness of the individual care in the present medical era and ignore followup care and the can be met only by coordination social and community aspects of

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New Head of Pediatrics

BUMC Office of Communications

Dr. Joel J. Alpert has been named director of the Boston University-Boston City Hospital Pediatric Unit. He also assumes the posts of professor of Pediatrics and chairman of the Pediatric Department at Boston University School of Medicine.

The announcement was made jointly by Dr. Lewis H. Rohrbaugh, director of BU Medical Center, Mayor Kevin H. White, Francis Guiney, director of City Hospital and Dr. Ephraim Friedman, dean of BU

Dr. Alpert succeeds Dr. Paul Rosman, who has been serving as acting director of the Pediatric Unit. The last permanent Pediatric Chief was Dr. Horace Gezon, who resigned because of

Dr. Alpert, formerly associate professor of Pediatrics and medical director of the Family and Child Health Division at Harvard Medical School, plans to intensify the Unit's emphasis on health care delivery both within and outside of the hospital setting. He also stresses the need for medical schools to more adequately educate pediatricians to meet family needs.

The new chief of Pediatrics termed the Children's Building, which has been completely years at a cost of \$1,000,000,



care." The nine-story building now has 86 beds, a comprehensive outpatient rooms, research facilities and a complete radiology department. He also praised the Unit's its outstanding staff.

Dr. Alpert said he hopes that the Pediatric Department is invited to provide medical services, involving medical students and pediatric residents. in community health clinics. "Physicians' education must Commendation Medal. Dr. take place in the community, as well as in the hospital, if our doctors are going to learn how to meet the needs of patients," he said. "Programs in lead renovated within the last three screening, those for detecting learning disabilities and dealing "one of the finest facilities in with common pediatric illnesses,

community where they are most accessible and effective."

A graduate of Yale department, a 24-hour University, Dr. Alpert received emergency service, operating his M.D. degree from Harvard Medical School. He did his internship and residency at The Children's Hospital Medical "one-class" system of care and Center in Boston, and was also an exchange registrar at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London. From 1959-1961 Dr. Alpert was a captain in the United States Air Force where he served as a pediatrician. In 1961 he was awarded the Army Alpert is a member of numerous medical organizations including the Ambulatory Pediatric Association, of which he is a past president, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the for Research in Child Development, as well as the which a child could receive rightfully belong in the Massachusetts Medical Society.

EDITORIALS

We All Have Something in Common

Our friends the members of the Class of 1972 are now Alumni. Though we shall miss them, we are proud of their new status as full-fledged physicians.

We hope that as their lives grow distant from this school, we will continue to communicate with them through the pages of Chiasma. This hope extends not only to the recent graduates, who we as current students know personally, but to all the graduates of BUSM.

Over the past three years the continuous efforts of this newspaper have been to bring closer together everyone whose life has been touched by the Boston University School of Medicine. The present students, the past students, those who have taught us and those who help to keep the school functioning so that we may be taught - we all have something in common.

In the words of Dr. Alan Peterson, Class of 1972, in his graduation address, "BU has been criticized in the past for being too impersonal, too administrative, too specialized, and at times, too unsympathetic." If this is true, let us pitch together and change this.

At the Executive Meeting of the Alumni Association this June, a proposal was made to admit faculty and parents of current students as active members of the Alumni Association. We applaud this move as a step in the direction of community at BUSM.

Here is another means toward the same end: Chiasma. This newspaper has a policy of printing all signed letters. We welcome your suggestions, reactions, contributions, questions. We have been plagued by a famine of letters. The newspaper exists for the purpose of communication, but communication is a two-way street. Won't you take this opportunity that we all may learn from each other?

Eddie Gets A Degree



Eddie and Alan Peterson

The following address was shake our hands after class day. Gary Robert Briefel on behalf of his classmates.

McNary, respected faculty, from various pharmaceutical proud parents, honored guests, companies and colleagues:

honor that I present a new by his own words: "A freshman honorary certificate this year in a few years ago had trouble behalf of the class of 1972. This getting up in the morning. So I body has agreed to grant an called him up on the phone at 6 honorary membership to the a.m. every day for a year to class to one it considers to be a wake him. He thanked me by most vital part of the medical baking me an Irish bread."

school. chosen to receive this honor has specialized, and at times too Gregory G. Cheung no title. Yet he is known to unsympathetic. If there were everyone at the medical school. more Eddie McCarthys around, He's affectionately known as the this would not be the case. man in the white lab coat With great honor in behalf of bustling through the lobby or the class of 1972, I would like to Michael Leonard Corbett the student lounge. He meets bestow upon Eddie McCarthy everyone with a 'hi! How are the title of "Honorary Member you doing?' He's the first one to of the Graduating Class of San Francisco, California see us when we enter the 1972." medical school and the last to A standing ovation followed. Mary Jane Daly

delivered at the graduation of His duties at the school the class of '72 by Alan Peterson include working in the gross anatomy laboratory, the student Dean Friedman, Dean lounge, and handling of gifts

I think his meaning to the It is with great pleasure and students can be best summed up

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administration. Contributions assisting in typing articles. from members of the medical Editorial positions for the community are welcome, but coming academic year are open must be signed. Articles should to interested medical and be submitted in double-spaced graduate students, faculty and typewritten form.

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Edward W. Sparrow Hospital-Rotating Lansing, Michigan

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State University—Kings County Hospital-Medicine New York, New York

Samuel Allen Burstein George Washington University Hospital-Medicine Washington, D.C.

Valerie J. Buyse Los Angeles County-USC Medical III Center-Medicine

David Michael Center University Hospital-Medicine Boston, Massachusetts

Los Angeles, California

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Pacific Medical Center-Presbyterian-Rotating

Children's Hospital of Buffalo-Pediatrics Buffalo, New York

Charles Anthony DiSabatino, Jr. Yale-New Haven Medical Center-Medicine New Haven, Connecticut

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Boston, Massachusetts

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Vincent George Fietti, Jr. St. Luke's Hospital-Surgery New York, New York

Edward Michael Fine Lancaster General Hospital-Family Practice Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Steven Douglas Fisher Los Angeles County Harbor General Hospital-Surgery Torrance, California

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William Francis Garvin Albany Medical Center-Surgery Albany, New York

Jay Alan Goldstein Herrick Memorial Hospital-Rotating Berkeley, California

Jon Allen Green University of Utah Affiliated Hospitals-Medicine Salt Lake City, Utah

Steven Alan Gross Mercy Hospital-Medicine San Diego, California

Edward Francis Herlihy University Hospitals-Medicine Cleveland, Ohio

Eric Geoffrey Honig Grady Memorial Hospital-Medicine Atlanta, Georgia

Carl Stuart Ingber St. Louis Children's Hospital-Pediatrics St. Louis, Missouri

Russell Merritt Jaffe University Hospital-Medicine Boston, Massachusetts

Robert Carl Johnson Framingham Union Hospital-Rotating Framingham, Massachusetts

Stephen John Joyce Boston City Hospital-Surgery Boston, Massachusetts

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Drew Goddard Kelts Duke University Medical Center-Pediatrics Durham, North Carolina

Barbara May Koch Children's Hospital-Pediatrics Washington, D.C.

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Alan Keith Kronhaus University of Utah Affiliated Hospitals-Medicine Salt Lake City, Utah

Russell Steve Kussman New England Deaconnes Hospital-Medicine Boston, Massachusetts

George Christopher Kutteruf San Bernardino County General Hospital-Rotating San Bernardino, California

Albert Jacob Lantinen, Jr Riverside Methodist Hospital-Rotating Columbus, Ohio

Awards to Graduating Seniors

Awarded to Ralph H. Willard

exemplifying those qualities that well as the science of medicine designate the good physician." A cash award. The award was presented at the Ruth Hunter Johnson Award Annual Meeting of the Fellows of the Massachusetts Medical Society on May 31. The award is bequest by Ruth Hunter a two-volume first edition of Cushing's "The Life of Sir

William Osler.'

Malamud Prize in Psychiatry Awarded annually to the A cash award. fourth-year student at Boston University School of Medicine Solomon Fuller Award who "best grasps the basic Awarded to Carol E. science of Psychiatry as Anderson demonstrated by his work with, and understanding of, patients both within the Division of Janet M. Glasgow Scholastic Psychiatry as well as in other Citation clerkships." This is a cash award nominated by the Department Anderson of Psychiatry.

John M. Murray Prize

Awarded to Steven Lipper Awarded annually to the fourth-year student at Boston University School of Medicine DiSabatino, Jr., Thomas W. performance in Psychiatry, with special attention to the clinical work and any elective work that University Hospital Student the student might have Prize undertaken. This is a cash award Awarded to Robert A. nominated by the Department Vavrick and Ralph H. Willard, III.

Massachusetts Medical Society Phi Delta Epsilon Women's Club

Awarded to Robert A. Vavrick

In appreciation of "diligent Awarded to a senior student work as a student and for who is "outstanding in the art as

Awarded to David I. Levine

Established in 1968 as a Johnson. Awarded to the graduating student who has made the greatest contribution in the area of mental health Awarded to Albert D. Sydney development and improvement.

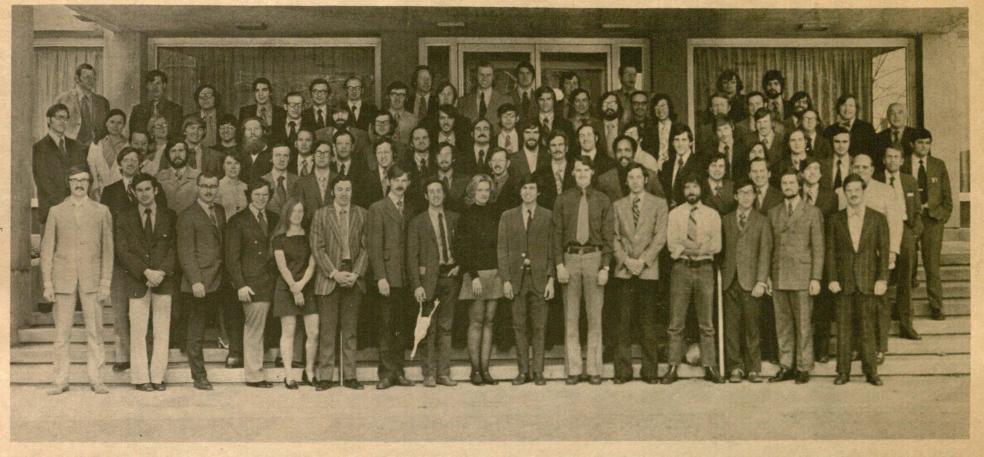
Awarded to Carol E.

Citation from the American Medical Women's Association for scholastic achievement.

Alumni Association Awards

Feeley, and Kalman S. Sinofsky.

BUSM Class of 1972



Robert Glenn Layton Boston City Hospital-Radiology Boston, Massachusetts

David Lawrence Levine U.S. Public Health Service Hospital-Rotating-Surgery San Francisco, California

Steven Bennett Levy Medical College of Virginia Hospitals-Medicine Richmond, Virginia

Steven Lipper North Carolina Memorial Hospital-Psychiatry Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Joseph Vincent Lombardo U.S. Naval Hospital-Medicine Bethesda, Maryland

Maureen Ellen Mackey Charles T. Miller Hospital-Rotating St. Paul, Minnesota

Anthony Joseph Mangiapane St. Vincent's Hospital-Surgery New York, New York

Paul Bedros Markarian Boston City Hospital-Surgery Boston, Massachusetts

Ronald Barry Matloff Springfield Hospital Medical Center-Medicine Springfield, Massachusetts

Allen Edwin Ott University of Pennsylvania Affiliated Hospitals-Obstetrics-Gynecology Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

George A. Parker Duke University Medical Center-Surgery Durham, North Carolina

David Michael Paul Deaconnes Hospital-Family Practice Buffalo, New York

Joyce Linda Peabody Medical Center Hospital of Vermont-Pediatrics Burlington, Vermont

Alan Scott Peterson Lancaster General Hospital-Family Practice Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Ralph Jay Rosenberg Swedish Hospital Medical Center-Medicine Seattle, Washington

Michael Lewis Rothman University Hospital-Psychiatry Boston, Massachusetts

David Ralph Rowden Syracuse Medical Center-Medicine Syracuse, New York



Fifty year alumni and wives, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Schwartzman (1.) and Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Rodim, greet new alumnus Carl Ingber and his wife at annual alumni banquet.

Robert Francis Meenan Boston City Hospital-Medicine Boston, Massachusetts

Richard James Mirabile University Hospital-Medicine Boston, Massachusetts

Jeanne Marie Murphy Hospitals-Pediatrics Albany, New York

Donald Stuart Ruffett Maimonides Hospital-Medicine Brooklyn, New York

Sharon Satinsky Framingham Union Hospital-Medicine Framingham, Massachusetts Mark Jeffrey Schiff

Albany Medical Center Affiliated State University-Kings County Jerome Michael Walsh Hospital-Medicine New York, New York

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Montefiore Hospital-Medicine Marc Courtenay Watson New York, New York Mark Philip Shampain Syracuse Medical

Joel Robert Schulman

Center-Pediatrics

Syracuse, New York Bruce K. Shapiro Children's Hospital-Pediatrics Washington, D.C.

Jeffrey Richard Silver Framingham Union Hospital-Medicine Framingham, Massachusetts

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Kalman Stuart Sinofsky University Hospital-Surgery Boston, Massachusetts

Jude Thomas Smith Edward J. Meyer Memorial Hospital-Surgery Buffalo, New York

Stephen Robert Smith Highland Hospital-Family Practice Rochester, New York

Michael A. Stark St. Joseph's Hospital-Rotating Phoenix, Arizona

Harvey Frank Swan George Washington University Hospital-Medicine Washington, D.C.

Albert David Sydney University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Philip Harold Thielhelm Montefiore Hospital-Medicine New York, New York

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Robert Allen Vavrick Parkland Memorial Hospital-Medicine Dallas, Texas

Rhode Island Hospital-Medicine radiotherapy being directed BUSM II. Providence, Rhode Island

Albert Roy Ward Charles Alfred Welch Boston City Hospital-Medicine Strong Memorial Hospital-Surgery Boston, Massachusetts Rochester, New York

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R. Peter Wittmann Rhode Island Hospital-Surgery Mount Sinai Hospital-Pediatrics Providence, Rhode Island

Thomas Keith Weiss Hospital-Surgery New York, New York

San Francisco, California

New York, New York

James Sherman Weiner

State University-Kings County Harold Arthur Woodcome, Jr. University Hospital-Surgery Boston Massachusetts



Ralph Willard, a magna cum laude graduate, is assisted by his wife.

New Director of Radiotherapy

by Robert Marcantonio that the radiotherapy

the directorship of Dr. Merrill I. Affiliated Hospitals-Psychiatry Feldman. Dr. Feldman BOOK AND MICROSCOPE graduated from Harvard Medical SALE School and has done work at Yale and in England. He has used microscope sale will be been in private practice for 15 held on Wednesday, years and is currently director of September 6 in the Radiology at the Lynn Hospital. fourteenth floor lounge. (A Dr. Feldman has plans to new book sale will be held on convert the radiotherapy a date to be announced.) department into a more centralized unit, and feels that BUSM II, III or IV wishing to there is considerable sell their books should opportunity for expansion of contact Joy DePiero BUSM the department. He does not II. feel, however, that the teaching | Anyone interested in

department and other Come Labor Day the departments at BCH are department of Radiotherapy at cooperating very well with each University Hospital will be under other in the treatment of cancer.

A used book sale and a

Those students from

program in radiotherapy will be selling or buying a used expanded to any great degree. microscope should get in With the major use of touch with Ruth Rothman against cancer, Dr. Feldman feels

by Dan Dress BUSM III

It is now more than twenty-three years since William McNary entered BUSM as a Graduate Student in Anatomy.

Only a short period prior to that time Dr. McNary was still planning upon a career in medicine. However, as an undergraduate at Tufts, he became acquainted with a Biologist whom he came to regard very highly. This teacher suggested to the young student to apply to the post-graduate program at B.U.'s Department of Anatomy. That was in 1949. After receiving his Ph.D., Dr. McNary stayed on in the department as Instructor, and is currently Associate Professor.

Married, with two children, Dr. McNary rises at 6:30 to make the daily forty mile trip from his home in Attleboro and to be at school by 8:30. His workday ends at about 8 P.M. with another hour and a half of paper-work ahead of him at home. Most of Saturday is involved in writing letters, doing research, or keeping up with the literature. Dr. McNary tries to set aside at least half of Sunday for his family. He used the time this past winter to build a canoe with his son.

Dr. McNary's extensive involvement in medical school affairs dates back to 1965, when he was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Building committee, involved at that time in planning the new Instructional Building. At the request of Dean Ebaugh, he travelled throughout the country, studying how the newer laboratories were being put together and run. During this time, Dr. McNary argued for the purchase of teaching equipment in the new building, a grant for which was approved.

Dr. McNary is quoted as saying, "I sort of ended up like the general handyman. I knew more about the building, and I knew more about the grants, and I knew more about the general functions of the building. So I crises.



ended up being what you might call director for the opening of the Instructional Building." Dr. McNary spent about a year ordering the furniture and equipment and managing the building as it opened. He states that, "Even now, if somebody gets stuck in an elevator, they call me. I don't know why, but they do."

About two years ago, students at BUSM expressed the desire for a new position within the administration, that of Dean of Students. Dean Bakst relayed this request to Medical Center officials, who gave their stamp of approval. After interviewing a number of candidates, the student search committee recommended Dr. William McNary for the position of Assistant Dean for Student

As Dean of Students, Dr. McNary functions as follows: a kind of psychiatrist-in-house in his advisory role to students for both domestic and academic problems; a liaison between students, faculty, and administration; chairman of the Financial Aid Committee; writing letters for students seeking electives and internships, as well as for alumni seeking new hospital appointments; helping to organize student activities; and chief troubleshooter during feel is the best for the school,

Dr. McNary states that in his position, "There is a certain amount of confidence you must earn, and if you earn the confidence, then the job works. If you don't earn the confidence, it doesn't work. As long as I can continue to earn the confidence of the students in my ability to do something for them and with them, then I think that I should stay in this position. But if that stops, I'm going to leave, because then I'm not doing my job."

Apparently the students believe he has been doing his job. For example, the recently published Attitude survey conducted by Dr. Labovitz of CBA pointed out that Dr. McNary received a greater amount of positive comments than any other member of either the faculty or the administration. Many students felt he was a faculty member who was "in their corner."

In his role as Dean of Students, Dr. McNary believes that there are some faculty who look upon him with suspicion, not being quite sure of what position he will take in a certain issue. Some might feel he is in one and then another "camp". Dr. McNary states, however, that, "what I try to do is what I and that includes the students

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and the faculty. As long as you do that, no one, really, is going to suffer.'

Dr. McNary pointed out three areas in which he as Dean of Students must strive to work more effectively. First, there must be more rapid communication to the student body. Secondly, student records must be reorganized so that they can be kept up-to-date as students go through clinical rotations. "I don't get enough input (early in the course of a rotation) as to how a student is doing. It has happened that a student who is doing poorly is not talked to so that we do not find out what is happening until the end of the program, when it's too late." Thirdly, Dr. McNary points out that there should be better communication between the three major teaching hospitals and the Office of the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs.

Besides his teaching and research responsibilities, and his positions as Dean of Students and Director of Student Laboratories, Dr. McNary also serves on a number of committees, and is now the Director of the new Department of Biocommunications. He confesses to sometimes having a problem saying "no". "When someone comes and asks me to do something, I'm usually kind of pleased that they've asked me. I hate to say no, so I usually end up doing it if I can. However, I sometimes find myself in a position where you can't do as good a job as you'd like because of time."

Dr. McNary agrees that, in a way, he probably possesses too many jobs. However, he is currently working to release himself from some of his lesser duties, to allow him to devote more time to the tasks he considers more important and enjoyable. Fortunately, he confesses, the position he enjoys most is that of Dean of

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illness. My major aim will be to develop these areas (inpatient and ambulatory) in the BU Service of Boston City Hospital to provide the local community that we serve with the best that modern medicine can offer."

Dean Friedman offered these

"As the Boston City Hospital continues to be one of the most important clinical affiliations of the Boston University School of Medicine, I am pleased that we have been able to attract to the Chairmanship of the Fifth and Sixth BU Medical Services at the Boston City Hospital one of our most illustrious and outstanding faculty members."

"Dr. Alan Cohen's skill as a teacher, investigator, physician and administrator represents the best that BUSM can offer to students, trainees and patients at the Boston City Hospital. It is an appointment of which we are proud."

Dr. Cohen is a native of Boston and graduated from Boston Latin School with honors. He did his undergraduate work at Harvard where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude. He repeated Magna Cum Laude when he graduated with the 1952 class at Boston University School of Medicine. In addition, he was valedictorian, president of Alpha Omega Alpha, vice-president of Begg Honor Society and winner of the Maimonides Award of the Greater Boston Medical Society.

He served his internship and residency in the Harvard Medical Service at Boston City Hospital, was a senior assistant surgeon in the Public Health Service and later an exchange registrar in medicine at St. Andrews University Medical School in Scotland. After two years as a research and clinical fellow at Massachusetts General Hospital, he taught in the Department of Anatomy and the Arthritis Unit of Harvard Medical School. Dr. Cohen returned to BUSM in 1960 as head of the Arthritis and Connective Tissue Disease Section and subsequently was named professor of medicine.

Dr. Cohen is heavily involved in a number of organizations. He is past president of the New England Rheumatism Society and on the governing boards of the National Arthritis Foundation and the American Rheumatism Association. He is consultant to the National Institutes of Health, Food and Drug Administration, Veteran's Administration and other organizations.

Dr. Cohen also holds membership in the American Society for Clinical Investigation, Association of American Physicians, American Federation for Clinical Research, Electron Microscope Society of America, Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine, American Society for Experimental Pathology, American Society for Cell Biology, New York Academy of Science, Massachusetts Medical Society, American Medical Association, and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

Women's Committee

by Serena Mailloux BUSM II

A Committee on Women at BUSM, headed by Dr. Leah Lowenstein, was formed last semester at the request of the dean, and has been investigating the status and treatment of women in the admissions process, during medical school training, during internships and residencies, and as faculty members. A preliminary report was submitted to the Executive Committee at its last meeting. Further data is being gathered on salaries and ranks of women faculty members and will be presented in September.

The committee found the ratio of women to men in the total applicant pool similar to that in the class selected from the pool. It was suggested that BU institute a program of soliciting women applicants, abolish the age limit (this has already been done), and preferentially select women from the waiting list. Detailed questions on plans for marriage and children during an interview were not deemed appropriate, as they place women applicants in a more stressful situation than internships, flexible training recommendation to appoint an

members. Department chairmen BU teaching hospitals. women faculty as instructors, acted favorably on the being considered particularly in the second year physical diagnosis course. It was felt that a questionnaire should be sent to women students to evaluate preclinical and clinical instructors. It was felt that all committees for faculty promotions and appointments should contain at least one women, in order to increase the number of women on the faculty. A recommendation was made for a part- or full-time woman physician to be designated as ombudswoman, to provide advice for women students and faculty and to insure that the specific needs of women be met.

included the appointment of a as continuing on with his own part-time gynecologist to the Student Health Service, the his Ph.D. from the University of

programs, and career choices ombudswoman. The Committee One of the most serious favorable to women, and finally

problems of women students a survey of the number of nominations at the September was found to be the lack of women and men applicants for meeting, along with an outline contact with women faculty internships and residencies at the of the responsibilities of this position. Other recommendawere asked to utilize their The Executive Committee tions were discussed and are

on Women will submit a list of

Neuro physiologist to Join Department

By Robert Marcantonio **BUSM II**

This September, Boston University School of Medicine will welcome Dr. Anthony Gorman into the Department of Physiology as a new faculty member. Dr. Gorman, an outstanding neurophysiologist, will help develop the 1st year Other recommendations neurophysiology course as well research. Dr. Gorman received gathering of information on Rochester in 1963. He has done

work for several years at the Lab of Neurophysiology at the National Institute of Mental Health in Washington, D.C., and has worked with the noted Neurophysiologist Dr. H. Jasper at McGill. This summer he is doing research at the Institute of Neurobiology at Woods Hole. His chief fields of interest include (1) membrane properties of the neuron, (2) conversion of light into visual information, and (3) relationships of the cerebral cortex and pyramidal system.