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Campus Update's final issue signals start of new newsletter

It was nearly five years ago, in October 1989, that Campus Update made its debut on the news racks at the Medical Campus. The intention of starting the publication was to provide a conduit for information, but also to enhance the sense of community and common purpose shared by the diverse community that makes up the Medical Campus.

Now, in a move that underscores an effort to reinforce the unity of the entire Medical Center, we are publishing

Former Soviets receive emergency medical training at Medical Center

As part of the ongoing Boston University Medical Center-Armenian Medical Partnership Program, some 30 physicians, nurses and ambulance drivers from the New Independent States (formerly the Soviet Union) spent two days at BUMC in July learning.
New crosstown buses coming to Medical Center in September

Beginning Monday, Sept. 26, the MBTA will begin service on three new crosstown bus routes, two of which will include stops directly at the Medical Center. These routes are innovative because they will have limited stops, which means commuters will get to their destinations faster.

"BUMC Transportation Coordinator Maureen Flaherty played a key role in encouraging the MBTA to include the direct stops at the Medical Center on the routes," said Bill Gasper, associate vice president of business affairs at the Medical Campus. Complete details of this exciting new service will appear in the September issue of the new BUMC newsletter.

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tograph will grace the front page of the new publication's first issue, to be produced in September.

Hurry! Entries must be received by Monday, August 22. This contest is open to all Medical Center employees and students. Just clip the entry slip on page one, or print

your name, BUMC title, department and telephone extension on a 3-by-5 inch index card and send it via interdepartmental mail to the Department of Public Relations, Building 7. Entries can also be delivered in person or placed in the "contest boxes" located next to the Campus Update rack in the BUMCH main lobby or next to the Connections rack in the BUMCH Atrium lobby.

Campus Update says 'goodbye,' but will say 'hello' in a new form

in October 1989, it is clear how much time has passed. In that issue, we reported on the opening of the Medical Campus's 801 Albany St. facility, which is now an integral part of the Medical Campus.

We announced the appointment of a new Medical Campus security director, Dick Natoli, and the upgrade of the Hiebert Lounge in the Instructional Building, again a change now taken for granted.

In the past pages of Campus Update we also find a scrapbook of employee and student activity, including photos of the enthusiastic Medical Center choir singers performing during the holiday season, the smiling faces of employees and students at the Ice Cream Socials, the gleeful looks of students on Match Day and the artful shooting style of assistant research professor Gene Blatt in a past Hoopathon for Huntington's Disease.

These pages have also paid final tribute to a beloved former member of the community, William F. McNary, Jr. PhD, who was the associate dean of student affairs. They've included an account of School of Public Health associate director Dzidra Knecht's long "journey" to the United States from her native Latvia, and reported on the visit of a Thai princess--who is also a scientist--to the Medical Campus. They've introduced the employees selected as BUMC Black Achievers each year, and profiled the "BUMC Heroes of Winter," the eight members of the Medical Campus's buildings and grounds crew who cleared the way for all of us to get to and from the Campus each day during those hard to forget snowy months last winter.

Our intent in publishing Campus Update was, and remains, to emphasize that, while we are a large, diverse group, we are also a community. In our new publication, we are simply embracing a larger community.

Michael Skymon, the manager of the new "Campus Convenience" store

The new "Campus Convenience" store in the lobby of the Center for Advanced Biomedical Research is open for business, and features high quality sandwiches and baked goods, as well as groceries, office and health supplies.

Freshly baked breads, muffins, croissant, cookies and bagels and an assortment of freshly made sandwiches are prepared daily. A wide variety of coffees are also offered, from regular and decaffeinated, espresso and cappuccino to a range of flavors.

The convenience store is located across the lobby from the Charlesbank Health Sciences Bookshop.

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our last issue of Campus Update and will, in conjunction with BUMC Hospital, publish a joint newsletter that represents a merger of Campus Update and the Hospital's newsletter, Connections.

We believe Campus Update has served its mission well. It has communicated timely information affecting employees and students, and has provided glimpses into the lives of a wide variety of employees and departments. It has also touched on many of the events and developments that have occurred at the Medical Campus.

Looking back to the opening issue of Campus Update
Housman Building to receive complete overhaul of interior

A complete overhaul of a large portion of the Housman Building is under way, and when it is completed, the basement through the sixth floor of the ten-story building will contain new state-of-the-art laboratories and offices.

New mechanical equipment providing electricity, plumbing and air control will be put in place. A sprinkler system will also be installed.

"We will work closely with the occupants of the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth floors to mitigate any disturbances resulting from construction in the building," said Fred Barrett, Medical Campus building project manager.

The entire first floor of the building will house the McNary Learning Center, named in honor of the late William F. McNary, Jr., PhD, who was the associate dean of student affairs until his death in May 1991. The Center will include classrooms and seminar rooms.

The Housman Building’s history has been marked by two major stages of building already. It was built in 1958 and in this initial stage included six laboratory floors and a penthouse for mechanics. In 1967, three additional floors were added, to include space for the Laboratory Animal Science Center, as well as labs and offices.

"The current major renovation of the Housman Building is an opportunity to further enhance a research building that has served the school well for 36 years," said Bill Gasper, associate vice president for business affairs at the Medical Campus. "It is part of a major step forward in the overall upgrade of the educational and research facilities at the Medical Campus." ■

Sprinkler system to be installed in L Building

Installation of a sprinkler system in the halls, classrooms, laboratories and offices of the School of Medicine Instructional Building will begin in mid August. The installation will be phased in on a floor-by-floor basis over a six month period.

"We’ll make every effort to minimize disruptions," said Fred Barrett, the Medical Campus’s building project manager. Department heads will be contacted in order to coordinate scheduling of the installations. ■

Making the most of BUMC’s telecommunications system

Helpful Hints for Voice Mail Users

A. How to send a copy of a message to another voice mailbox.

This tip will show you how to send a copy of a message you’ve received to another voice mailbox in the system. Add your introductory comments, so the person receiving the copy will know it has been forwarded by you. This feature is useful when you receive a message that can be handled or should be heard by another subscriber. You can send a copy of any message unless it has been marked Private by the sender.

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Connie MacDonald dies, after years of service to School of Medicine

Constance Haynes MacDonald, who served as administrative assistant to the deans of the School of Medicine for almost five decades, died on Saturday July 9, from complications following a hip fracture.

"Connie dedicated much of her life to the School, and served it like very few others have done," said BUSM Dean Aram V. Chobanian. "She will be missed by faculty, students, staff and the administration. She worked under ten of the 17 deans who have led the School since its inception."

Shortly before Miss MacDonald’s death, a fund was established to name a seminar room in her honor at the McNary Learning Center. "Connie was delighted when told of the naming," said the Dean, which was to have been announced at her retirement reception. ■

First-year students set to arrive on Medical Campus for classes

Some 450 first-year students will arrive at the Medical Campus in the coming weeks, to begin their classes at the School of Medicine, the School of Public Health and the Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry.

The School of Medicine Class of 1998 includes some 139 medical students (52 women and 87 men) and 13 MD/PhD candidates. The School of Public Health’s entering MPH candidates number 205 students, including 51 men and 154 women. The entering class of the Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry includes 55 men and 38 women, representing 18 states and two countries.

The School of Medicine students will spend the last week of August in an orientation program designed to introduce them to the School, to the study of medicine and to the issues confronting medical students today. "Doctoring and Primary Care" was the opening presentation.

Incoming School of Public Health students will be welcomed to the SPH with an afternoon orientation aimed at introducing them to the philosophy and flavor of the School, and providing them with an opportunity to get to know each other. The Goldman School will also hold an orientation, to provide the new students with an overview of the curriculum and an opportunity to hear from members of the faculty. ■
Tip facilitates transferring calls within departments

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1. After listening to the message:
   - Press 6 to send a copy of the message.
   - Record your introductory comments.
   - Press # to indicate the end of your introduction.
   - Press 1 to review your comments before sending (optional).
   - Enter the destination mailbox or press # to dial by name.

Helpful Hints for Telephone Users

A. How to transfer a call from an extension to another extension within the system.

1. From a 7444, 7406, or a 7410 model voice terminal
   - Press Transfer button. Hear dial tone. The present call is automatically put on hold.
   - Dial the five digit extension to which you will transfer the call. Hear ringback tone.
   - Remain on the line and announce the call. If there is no answer or the line is busy, press FLASH twice or FLASH the switchhook twice to return to the held call.
   - Hang up the handset. The call is transferred to the five digit extension number.

2. From an 8110, 8102, 2500 or 2554 model single line voice terminal:
   - Press FLASH button or the switchhook. Hear recall dial tone. The present call is put on hold.
   - Dial the five digit extension number.听见 ringback tone.
   - Remain on the line and announce the call. If there is no answer or the line is busy, press FLASH twice or return to the held call.
   - Hang up the handset. The call is transferred to the five digit extension number.

Sanford H. Auerbach, an assistant professor of neurology and psychiatry, was interviewed about sleeping in the heat by New England Cable Network News in mid July.

BUMC-Armenian Medical Partnership Program expands

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about emergency medicine.

Their hosts included a number of members of the BUMC faculty, including Erwin Hirsch, M.D., director of trauma at BUMCH and chief of general surgery at Boston City Hospital; Christopher Dong, M.D., a member of the BUSM Department of Emergency Medicine; and Peter Moyer, M.D., M.D., chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at BUMC and Director of Emergency Services at Boston City Hospital.


The training program is an extension of the BUMC-Armenia Medical Partnership Program, which was established in 1992 to strengthen the delivery of emergency medical care at Emergency Hospital, in Yerevan, Armenia. The program has recently been expanded to improve emergency medical care throughout the 8,649,500-square miles of the New Independent States (NIS).

The 30 health care workers who participated in the recent training workshop at BUMC and the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester are determined to help upgrade their outdated and poorly equipped system of emergency care. They planned to return home to pass their newly acquired knowledge on to other medical professionals in their respective republics.

In May, a number of BUMC faculty traveled to Yerevan to establish a Regional Emergency Medical Services Training Center. It will serve as the model for training centers that will be established in Vladivostok, Russia; Chisinau, Moldova; and Almaty, Kazakhstan.

The BUMC-Armenia Medical Partnership Program is funded by a grant from the American International Health Alliance (AIHA), which is under cooperative agreement with the federal United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The partnership was one of the 11 original American/NIS medical assistance partnerships established by the AIHA in 1992, and is "certainly one of our leading partnerships," according to Curtiss Swezy, the program’s medical director, located at AIHA headquarters in Washington, D.C.