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Festive Wine-Tasting Launches School Year

The social side of life at the School of Medicine got off to a happy start on the evening of Friday, September 12, when students and faculty met to greet each other over the rim of a wine glass.

Jude Smith, second year student who chaired and M.C.'d the event, planned the occasion as a way of getting faculty together with students, particularly first-year students, in the streamlined 14th floor Lounge of the Instructional Building which is headquarters for recreation and relaxation.

The California Wine Institute supplied bottle after bottle of good quality wine, which combined American wine "know-how" with a fine opportunity to meet informally in the handsome J. Mark Hiebert Student Lounge, whose 14th floor windows frame the evening lights of the "new Boston."

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DENTISTRY DEDICATES ITS NEW HOME

A colorful and impressive convocation in the Law Auditorium of Boston University climaxed three days of dedication ceremonies for the new $3 million School of Graduate Dentistry which now, in the form of a handsome functional building, enriches our Medical Center campus.

The old tenement space is out; the simple and handsome new structure, designed to meet the unique needs of a one-of-a-kind, world-famous School, is in!

The September 9th morning dedication ceremony, which followed Sunday's scientific session on Transplants and Implants, and a day-long Monday Symposium on The Present Crisis in Dental Care, was notable for brevity.

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BUMC Sponsors Lowell Institute Lectures

This year's Lowell Institute Lectures, long noted for their presentation of distinguished speakers, will be sponsored by the Boston University Medical Center. The lectures, to be televised, are in recognition of the University's Centennial Year.

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NEW DEAN ANNOUNCED

The School of Medicine will welcome its new Dean on January 1, 1970, when Dr. Daniel B. Stone, now Executive Associate Dean and Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Iowa’s College of Medicine assumes his new post.

Born and educated in England, and a naturalized American citizen, Dr. Stone received his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of London where he also earned a Doctor of Preventive Medicine degree. Following internship, residency training and a year of private practice in England, he came to the United States in 1947 as a National Institutes of Health Trainee at the University of Iowa.

Dr. Stone’s academic rise at Iowa was rapid. He became an Assistant Professor in 1959, an Associate Professor in 1961 and a Full Professor in 1967. Prior to his appointment as Executive Associate Dean in 1967, he served for five months as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

A man of many honors, our new Dean won first prizes in Medicine, Surgery and Pathology in 1946 while still a medical student; first prizes in Medicine and Surgery in 1947; and first prizes in Ophthalmology, Gynecology and Midwifery in 1948. In this same year he won the David Llewellyn Scholar award for “highest distinction throughout clinical course of studies.”

Dr. Stone has also been honored in the United States, winning the coveted John and Mary R. Markle Scholarship in Academic Medicine in 1960. He is a member of many professional societies, a fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, holds membership in the British Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the Association of American Colleges, American Diabetes Association, New York Academy of Sciences, American College of Physicians, Endocrine Society—among others.

Dr. Stone has distinguished himself both as teacher and administrator. At Iowa’s College of Medicine he taught students in all four years of their medical education and presently serves on key committees. He lists more than 70 published articles since 1948.

With his wife, the former Joan Hooper and their two sons, Dr. Stone will move to the greater Boston area at the end of the year.

FRONT & CENTER welcomes brief, signed letters on almost any subject of general Medical Center interest. On request, your name will be withheld.

“Blue Building” Bears New Name: Now the Housman Medical Research Center

Four devoted sons have made a gift of $750,000. to the Boston University Medical Center in honor of the golden wedding anniversary of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Housman of Winthrop, Massachusetts, and the 50th anniversary of the industrial firm their father founded.

Announcement was made in September by President Arland F. Christ-Janer in conjunction with the University’s Centennial Celebration.

Making the gift was a “real thrill” for the four Housman sons: Charles, Edward, Frank and Herbert, who expressed a deep feeling of pleasure in “doing our small part to foster basic research on the diseases which plague mankind. Our father always had a special interest in helping others and we felt this gift in his name was especially fitting. In a sense it is an extension of his humanitarian concerns.”

David Housman said: “I am especially gratified that my four sons have made this gift in the name of my wife and myself to the Boston University Medical Center. Surely it will benefit many people over many years. It is, I feel, truly a gift that will reap benefits for all mankind.”

Sponsorship of the ten lectures, which begin on Tuesday, November 18, is in cooperation with the Lowell Institute and with the generous support of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, Dr. Franz J. Ingelfinger, Editor of the New England Journal of Medicine, serves as chairman and moderator of the Lectures, assisted by Drs. Alan S. Cohen, Ruth R. Levine and John A. Mannick.

“Doctors and People Talking,” is the central theme of the lecture series. The studio audience for each lecture will be invited to present questions to the speaker for an immediate response from the podium.

All lectures will be televised live at 4:30 on Tuesday afternoons, with the first lecture scheduled for November 18, and then repeated on video tape at 8:00 p.m. of the same evening on Channel 44. Channel 2 will also re-broadcast the lectures either on the following Saturday or Sunday afternoon.

University faculties, students, employees, all members of the Medical Center and its affiliated institutions, are cordially invited to attend the lectures which will be given in Studio A of WGBH-TV headquarters at 125 Western Avenue, Boston.

If you cannot be at the studio in person, you are urged to tune in on your home television. FRONT & CENTER will list the participating speakers and their subjects in its next issue.
A party and reception preceded the Monday Evening Banquet of the three-day dedication ceremonies for the new School of Graduate Dentistry, held on September 8 at the Hotel Sheraton Boston. Dr. Shields Warren, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Boston University and Mrs. Warren, chat with Trustee John Perkins.

Among the special features of the evening were the presence of the featured speaker, Brandeis University, as the featured speaker. The new building, designed by The Architects Collaborative of Cambridge, will be known as the Lawrence J. and Anne Cable Rubenstein Building; it should be fully occupied within the month.

Wine-tasting (continued)

wine—red, white and rosé—and an authoritative speaker to provide an introduction to the wine-tasting ritual. Urged to use all three senses of sight, smell and taste, party participants enthusiastically swirled, sniffed, sipped and swallowed. Bite-sized chunks of cheese served to obliterate the delightful “aftertaste” for a fresh approach to the new offering, be it burgundy or sauvignon blanc, Christian Brothers or Italian Swiss Colony.

Student pourers performed in close-to-professional style, and women guests, whether faculty, students or “dates” added a glamorous touch. As the evening wore on, its objective, to provide a “getting-to-know-you” atmosphere was more and more agreeably realized. Consensus of the guests: “Let’s make it an annual affair!”

“To All the Dear People . . .”

Nelson Evans, University Hospital’s administrator, received the following heartfelt letter recently from a patient of Dr. Robert Feldman:

Dear Sir,

I wish I could adequately express my appreciation to your hospital. Perhaps this poem will help.

THIS IS A HOSPITAL
(author unknown)

It’s another building you hardly noticed before
Until one day you find yourself inside
Lying there helplessly —
Or sitting and standing and pacing and waiting and hoping.

You know now it’s not just another building — it’s more like a church
Where no one, except death, is ever turned away.

There life enters timidly, and is
Coaxed to remain
There men and women spend their lives saving lives of people they
never saw before.

Where who you are and what you are
seem rather unimportant,
Where forgotten things like the miracle of opening and closing your hand becomes new and exciting,
Where the starched whiteness, the
gentle touch, the selfless devotion
Take you back to when you were a
child and you looked up to see
Your Mother and Father smiling over you.

This poem sounds like University Hospital—except your hospital has something more that I can't define other than saying there's a ‘happy joy’ there too.

Everyone I met had a happy smile, a
cheery voice and an exciting joyful pride in their work.

It is rather unusual to keep opening doors and always finding someone that
would make a nice friend. If there is any
way you can retrace my steps in the
hospital — please give an extra smile of
thanks from me to all the dear people.

(Signed) Pat March

Above left, Dr. Walid El Bermani, center, and a group of happy wine tasters; and, right, Dr. Stanley L. Bobbins toasts a student and his guest with a California vintage. Below, Ray Anthracite, SAMA president, does the honors for a piano-playing pair.
Mrs. Estelle Davidoff became the new Director of Volunteer Services of University Hospital as of August 23, 1969. The widow of a surgeon at Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, the new director comes to her key job in our Hospital with years of creative and successful service in the development of volunteer programs. From 1964 to 1968, she served as a consultant for the Family Care Program at Boston State Hospital, and most recently held the post of Director of Volunteer Services at the Norwood (Mass.) Hospital.

Mrs. Davidoff will be pictured in the next issue of FRONT & CENTER with a group of devoted volunteers, among them two Boston University students whose work on Robinson 7, our Rehabilitation Unit, has convinced them that they wish to study medicine.

Ida Malootian, Supervisor of the Blood Bank and Clinical Hematology Laboratories of University Hospital, returned in September from the Soviet Union where she participated in the 12th Congress of the International Society of Blood Transfusion, held in Moscow.

The only technologist from this part of the country to present a paper, Miss Malootian added the Russian trip to an impressive list of medical congresses in which she has taken an active part. She has delivered papers in Latin America, Japan, Sweden and Italy. Her subject for the Moscow meeting was “The Emergency Cross-match Requisition” which described the techniques used in handling emergency calls for blood.

On September 2, Leigh Houseman took on the job of Assistant Plant Superintendent of the Medical Center. He will work with Herbert Klein whose department keeps our extremely complex physical plant in “good shape” as well as making sure that the building and re-building program progresses smoothly.

The Recreational Reading Room of the beautiful new 12th floor library in the Instructional Building welcomes new or used books, hard cover or paperback. If you have enjoyed a book, let another member of the Medical Center share your pleasure. Florence Turner, Librarian, will be happy to receive your contributed books. Send them or take them to her on the 12th floor.

Appointments: On July 1st Dr. Ernest J. Ferris assumed his duties as Chief of Diagnostic Radiology at University Hospital. Also on July 1, Dr. Isaac L. Battin, Jr., became Associate Director of the Psychiatric In-Patient Service at the Hospital.

The Sound of Music? Are there enough singing staffers of the Medical Center to revive the Choral Society that lent a musical dimension to all sorts of events at the BUMC? If you are interested, just call the Public Relations Office and leave your name and extension number.

Rehearsals will be held weekly during the lunch hour under the talented leadership of Dr. Orville Rodgers. Many voices are needed, in appropriate range and quantity, and two pianists will also get a big welcome.

Dial 6146 to join the chorus.

The Medical Center Business Office packed up and left its Vose Hall space for new and expanded quarters on the second floor of Building A in mid-September. Robert Jordan and his lively crew are pleased with their new setting, which will enable them to provide their essential services—just a few of which include Payroll, Personnel, Purchasing, etc.—more efficiently. A brief conducted tour for FRONT & CENTER was offered on Moving Day, September 11, by Miriam Baror. Vivid colors, an eye-opening yellow and a Chinese red; a feeling of spaciousness; and soft carpeting underfoot make the Business Office very smart indeed.

Instead of affixing the Standing Room Only sign to the door of Room 3A, Vose Hall, Dr. Charles Nagy shifted his larger-than-expected enrollee group for the Digital Computer Course to more comfortable class space in Conference Room 702 of the Instructional Building.

Offered by the Biomedical Engineering Section of the Division of Medicine to Center employees with no previous experience with computers, the latest in a popular series of courses will provide the general background for programming a digital computer, with emphasis on scientific computing and the FORTRAN programming language.

The course meets once a week on Mondays and runs from September 22, through December 8. During and after the course of lectures and work sessions, every participant will have the opportunity to run his programs on the Center’s IBM 1401 Computer.

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