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MATCHING DAY, 1970

For fourth-year medical students throughout the country March brings a day of great drama: Intern Matching Day. The tension and excitement, the ensuing rejoicing or disappointment—and in either case the relaxation—that follows months of waiting and wondering were all reflected here on the morning of March 16 when promptly at eleven o'clock the graduating class assembled on the 14th floor lounge to receive the fateful news of next year's hospital assignment.

Arrived at by computer, the result of each student's choice is a closely-guarded secret until the moment of ripping open the long white envelope. When the first clamor has subsided and the jubilant hugs exchanged (while babies watch wide-eyed) the students with wives and well-wishers proceed to the soothing business of something to munch and a long cool drink.

ART AUCTION "FIRST" TO RAISE FUNDS FOR UH EMERGENCY ROOM

A last-minute flash from the Aid Association's Art Auction Committee, headed by Mrs. Lawrence A. Norton, (whose pictures appeared in the February FRONT & CENTER) makes it clear that if you cannot make at least one of the double dates, April 10th and 11th, you will have missed one of the most exciting social events of Center history... and perhaps the most colorful yet held on the beautiful sky-line 14th floor of the Instructional Building.

The Big Auction gets underway Sat... (continued on page 3)

Spring Meeting Honors the Dean

A third reason for celebration joined the two which make Boston such a joyous place to be on March 17th, when the Spring Meeting of the Boston University Medical Center, at a Parker House luncheon, honored Dean Henry J. Bakst.

Guests at the historic luncheon felt that it was just that, and a large part of (continued on page 2)
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what made the occasion memorable were two brief speeches: Dr. Chester S. Keefer’s introduction of Dr. Bakst, and the guest of honor’s address, which, as Jerome Preston had promised in his invitation “had something to say about his own philosophy of education and his plans for the School of Medicine.”

Space permits only excerpts from Dr. Bakst:

“There was a time when, if one wanted to be fully and broadly educated, he studied medicine. My son, who is a lawyer, would say that this was also true of law. Chaplain Potter of the University Hospital undoubtedly would add that this was equally so of theology. All three of us would be right, for these were known as the “learned professions.” All are concerned with people. All are, in one way or another, involved with moral and ethical issues and all provide a particular kind of help to society..."

“For various reasons, the image which these professions project today is quite different from what it used to be..."

We are now living in an age of dynamic and rapid transformation — an age in which innovation and change are the norm. At this time, and in the future, those who are committed to unchanging traditions will travel a rough road.

Within this context it is well to remember that the curriculum of a medical school evolves from a steadily expanding fund of knowledge stemming from the biological, psychological and social sciences and the particular health needs which society may present at any given period. For example, the control of infectious disease has been a contributing factor in an increased life expectancy at birth. However, as the average age level of the population increases there is a concomitant increase in long-term illness and disability. Chronic illness implies a need for continuing comprehensive medical care rather than the episodic care which acute short-term illness requires. Comprehensive medicine demands an encompassing consideration of the pathologic process in relation to the patient’s heredity and personality as well as the organic and environmental forces which impinge on the functional capacity of the individual..."

“The medical curriculum for almost three generations has consisted of a rigid pattern of prescribed study. Current social issues and increasing demands for high quality medical care for the entire population require a review of the ways such care should be provided and how the consequent costs can be met."

“Interestingly enough a program instituted by our Medical School and Hospital almost a century ago — the Home Medical Service — is receiving particular attention in the modern curriculum. In this program senior students have an opportunity to contrast the burden of disease as it occurs in the community with the carefully screened patient population of a teaching hospital. In recent years there has been a striking increase in the number of medical schools which have established Departments of Community Medicine with such specific goals in mind."

“There has also been a tendency to develop programs of integrated teaching, which involve joint efforts by basic scientists and clinicians to present a unified, comprehensive approach to the understanding of body systems in health and disease. To date three such courses have been established. Flexibility has been created by increasing elective time. Such time is now available in all four years of our medical school and has been extended to eight months in the fourth year. This period in the senior year permits any student to spend the entire eight months in any area of his choosing or to elect a smorgasbord of multiple choices, each of shorter duration.

Dr. Bakst went on to speak of other "areas of interest" in the medical curriculum: of Bio-Medical Engineering; of the Department of Surgery's interest in the management of trauma and the projected emergency services; of closer ties with other schools and colleges in the University; and "of utmost interest today" the matter of financing medical education. In closing, he said:"

"I am proud of our student body and the physicians we have produced, who compare favorably with those of any school in the country. In these days of student unrest, I must also add that ours have generally been reasonable in their criticisms and I have shared their concerns. For these various reasons, I am not quite sure that I should be honored when, in truth, I have had a rare and unusual professional experience for which I am and will remain forever deeply grateful."
Know Your Own Medical Center!

In the last issue of FRONT & CENTER, because a great deal of interest has been manifested by fellow-workers in the functions and structure of the complex medical center in which we all have a share, a series of brief informative articles was launched.

The first article described the role of University Hospital within the Medical Center. Here is a start on the role of the Center’s activities within the larger community; other vital community services and affiliations to come!

1. Through our School of Medicine, the following services are delivered at the Boston City Hospital: Fifth and Sixth Medical Services, Obstetrics and Gynecology Service, Mallory Institute of Pathology, Pediatrics Service, Pediatric Surgical Service, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Radiology Service, Third Surgical Service and Research Laboratory, Urology Service, and Thoracic Surgery Service. Cooperatively, under the administrative direction of the Boston City Hospital, the Boston University School of Medicine staff provides more than half of the professional (M.D.) medical care delivered at the Boston City Hospital.

2. University Hospital operates an outpatient department available to all residents of the city. With an increasing number of our physicians located in the new Doctors Building, their services may become more available to local residents.

3. The Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Project provides primary medical care to approximately 32,000 Roxbury residents. Funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity, the program, under the direction of Dr. David French, Professor of Community Medicine, is the responsibility of our Medical Center.

The Home Medical Service provides care to 35,000 individuals within a square mile area surrounding the Center. This program is a joint responsibility of the Hospital and the School of Medicine.

DR. VINCENT LANZONI NAMED ASSOCIATE DEAN

Dr. Vincent Lanzoni, Associate Professor in Pharmacology and in Medicine of the School of Medicine and Associate Professor in Pharmacology of the School of Graduate Dentistry has been appointed an Associate Dean of the Boston University School of Medicine.

Dr. Lanzoni, who is also Staff Physician at Boston City Hospital, is a graduate of our School of Medicine, Class of 1960, and received his Ph.D. in Pharmacology from Tufts University. He has authored numerous publications and is a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, Alpha Omega Alpha and Sigma Xi.

ART AUCTION (continued)

urday night, April 11th, at 8 p.m., following cocktails and dinner from 5 to 7:30, and the last hammer blow falls at midnight, or thereabouts! But on Friday, April 10, at the convenient hours of 4 to 7 p.m., there will be held a preview, companion sale and reception, with refreshments. All are invited to come up for a look at the rare and beautiful objects contributed for the Auction, and to pick up some delightful bargains at the companion sale.

Up for bid on Saturday will be antiques, from a rare old soup tureen to a 200-year-old tapestry, and beautiful objects, from a valuable oriental rug to a complete set of handblown Venetian crystal. Distinguished artists whose works will go under the hammer include Jose Bayreda, Bernard Lamotte, Jack Kramer, Ruth Cobb, Conger Metcalf, Arthur Polansky and Karl Fortress. Honorary Chairman for the Auction is Edwin E. Stein, Dean of the Boston University School of Fine and Applied Arts.

Photographic highlights of the Auction will appear in the next issue of F&C as well as in the May-June issue of SCOPE, when we announce the news of what surely will be an impressive financial gift towards the urgently-needed University Hospital Emergency Room.
**BUMC BRIEFS**

Announcement has been made of the appointment of Gordon L. Snider, M.D., as Chief of Inhalation Therapy Services at University Hospital, effective February first. Inhalation Therapy was formerly an additional responsibility of the Department of Anesthesia. It has now been established as a separate Hospital service.

If you have not dropped in yet at the bright new pharmacy in the Doctors Building, right on our own medical center campus, you will want to pay it a visit. Small, but well-stocked and conveniently compact—the pharmacy is a bright new pharmacy in the Doctors M.D., as Chief of Inhalation Therapy branch of Kenmore Pharmacy, Inc. In addition to prescription services and the sale of drugs and cosmetics, there are also small gifts and novelty items on sale. The manager, Frank E. Manuel, and Sandra Orgettas both extend a warm welcome to all Medical Center personnel, who will receive a discount consideration. Pharmacy hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Hoeber Medical Division of Harper and Row, Publishers, has just brought out a book by Dr. Alan Peters of the Department of Anatomy: *The Fine Structure of the Nervous System*, by Alan Peters, Sanford L. Palay and Henry de F. Webster.

We have been tipped off that a frequent visitor to “Dr. Friedman’s cats” in the Animal Care department on the 6th floor of the Research Building has eight of his own at home! The cat-lover is Leigh Houseman whose responsibilities as Assistant Plant Superintendent of the Medical Center take him to every corner of our campus buildings.

Interviewed by telephone, Mr. Houseman admitted to his warm interest in animals. Right now, at his home in Chelmsford, it’s cats, and it’s quite an assortment. “At latest count we have 2 males and 6 females . . . 2 grey tigers, 2 orange, 2 calico and two who are sort-of grey and white.” Leigh Houseman is informed and solicitous about the health of his animals. He once had a male cat with leukemia who was spared further suffering when Mr. Houseman saw to it that the illness was correctly diagnosed. He and his wife have also taken in several strays and turned them into contented “fatcats.”

Dorothy Campbell, smiling above, has just been appointed Registrar of the Boston University School of Medicine in an announcement made by Dean Henry J. Bakst. She assumed her new post on March 16, on the retirement of Edith Chadwick. Miss Campbell has served as secretary to Dr. Bakst, and brings a wide range of Medical Center experience to the job. She began her Department of Preventive Medicine, then moved to Harriet Memorial in Brighton (then part of the Medical Center) when Dr. Bakst became Chief of the Department of Industrial Rehabilitation. Headquarters for this Department were transferred to Robinson 7 when that floor was completed in 1969. “Dottie” continued to work with Dr. Bakst when he was named Associate Dean in 1965, and Dean in 1969.

His present concern is a young tom-cat among the 6th floor group of research animals. Mr. Houseman reports that being caged no longer seems to appeal to the cat and he is getting quite neurotic about it, even going so far as to growl at his friend, Mr. Houseman, whose visits he used to welcome. “I plan to take the matter up with someone,” says Mr. Houseman.

### Grants and Honors:

Dr. James W. Hinds, Assistant Professor of Anatomy, has been awarded a five-year grant by the National Institutes of Health. The NIH award, totaling $96,000, will be used for a study of the development of neurons and neuroglia in the olfactory bulb, a part of the central nervous system.

Dr. Robert G. Feldman, Chairman of the Department of Neurology, has accepted the Lillian B. Saner Memorial Grant for Research on Multiple Sclerosis, which will be used by his department to complete studies on delayed hypersensitivity in patients with multiple sclerosis and in animal counterparts.

Dr. Spencer N. Frankl, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at the American College of Dentists, was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Dentists at its recent annual meeting in New York City.

Dr. Richard H. Egdahl, Chief of Surgery and Associate Dean for Hospitals of the Medical Center, has been elected President of the Society of University Surgeons, a group dedicated to the advancement of surgery in clinic and laboratory, and to the development of better graduate teaching methods in the resident system.

Attendants of the New England Hospital Assembly’s 49th Annual Meeting— all 17,000 of them!— were registered by Belle Cruikshank, Administrative Secretary to UH head Nelson Evans, and her efficient crew. Belle has presided over the registration desk for this important spring meeting for 20 years and has watched it get bigger and bigger. Held this year at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, March 22-25, the Assembly drew many visitors from our Medical Center, particularly from such groups as the Aid Association and Volunteer Service, as well as Nursing, Accounting, Purchasing and Housekeeping.

Mary Laspa of Psychiatry also worked on the “Cruikshank team.”

... if you can play the piano, and ask for Dr. Orville Rodgers, who reports that the eagerly-sought pianist for the Medical Center Chorus-to-be has not yet been found. About two and twenty singers are all set to meet at lunch-time once a week and make music together, but they have no accompanist! Dr. Rodgers says perhaps the title “choral pianist” may have been intimidating. If you read music and enjoy playing he would like to hear from you.