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sary illumination on our six year liberal arts-medical program:

To the Editor:

An excellent summary of the Special Report and Recommendations by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education entitled "Higher Education and the Nation's Health: Policies for Medical and Dental Education" appeared in the Nation's Health; Policies for Medical Education" appeared in the New York Times on October 30, 1970. Of particular interest is the reference to shortening the overall period of medical education from eight to six years. This recommendation suggests that this reduction take place by reducing the time of the medical school curriculum and the period of postgraduate training to a total of six years from the present average time of eight years.

It should be pointed out that there are other ways of reducing the total elapsed time required to produce a practicing physician. It might be of interest to learn that the Boston University School of Medicine established a six year liberal arts-medical program which is now in its tenth year. These students comprise about a third of each class in the School of Medicine, and are admitted to this program on graduation from high school. They spend two years at the College of Liberal Arts at Boston University and complete their requirements for the A.B. degree by the end of their second year in medical school. Both the A.B. and M.D. degrees are awarded on the completion of six years of study.

This program has been carefully evaluated periodically. From the point of view of scholastic standing the six year students have performed better than the traditional eight year students. While the Medical Faculty initially was concerned with the fact that the six year students were on the average, two years younger than their colleagues who had graduated from college before entering medical school, this did not seem to influence the performance of the younger students.

If one considers the total traditional period for physician education it adds up to a total of approximately twelve years, four baccalaureate, four medical and four postgraduate (intern and residency). Elimination of the internship in combination with a six-year program as described above could reduce the overall period of physician education to nine years. If it were possible to so structure the medical school curriculum so that one year could be eliminated then the total elapsed time following graduation from high school could be reduced to eight years.

However, of paramount importance is to be certain that in restructuring the total medical curriculum the system continues to produce able and competent physicians. Anything less than this goal would be neither desirable nor acceptable.

MMH NURSING ALUMNAE HOLD 75th ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, November 7, was a big day for alumnae of the MMH School of Nursing, celebrating the 75th Anniversary and Homecoming with a full day’s program at University Hospital, and a gala evening at Boston's Fenway Motor Hotel.

Morning registration and coffee were

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During the vigorously contested midterm elections of this autumn of 1970, students of the School of Medicine and men and women from all over the Medical Center had a chance to listen to the senatorial candidates from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on separate occasions in October, in the 14th floor student lounge. At left, Edward Kennedy, below Josiah Spaulding. By now you know who won.

“Robby Lobby” Gift Shop: New Hours and a New Look

The delightful small gift store just inside the main entrance to the hospital has always been a godsend both to visitors and medical center employees. It has now acquired a new manager, Mrs. Ann Karsh, who arrived this summer and has instigated some inspired changes in the display and quality and range of the gifts as well as a set of more convenient open hours.

Although there is still much to look at in a small space, the new arrangement of stock is more restful, less cluttered. Gifts include all sorts of things you will want to consider for your Christmas list: a fine line of cosmetics, children’s books, well-made stuffed animals, with a good deal of charm to boot, and such international items as a woven tote bag from Scotland, wineskins from Spain, music boxes from Switzerland and ceramics from Japan.

The Shop is run by the Aid Association of the Hospital and everything you buy there helps the cause! For the first time the “Robby Lobby” is open on weekends, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m., and during the week, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

THEY KEEP A COLLECTIVE EYE ON MEDICAL CENTER EXPANSION

The Medical Center still has a long way to go to fulfill the master plan envisioned as we embarked on the long range development program in 1965. A key group as we grow is the BUMC Physical Planning Committee, formerly called Site Planning. The change of title, new this year, more accurately reflects the responsibilities of committee members.

In a memo to the men who form the 1970-71 Committee, Director Lewis H.

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A festive reception for the nursing staff of University Hospital recognized Governor Sargent’s proclamation of “Nurse Week” in October. Below, some punch is poured, with a glimpse of the lovely floral pieces, red roses nestled in white chrysanthemums, which graced the occasion.

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The Plant Department, long adept at turning a sow's ear into a silk purse, has recently salvaged a part of the basement of Building A (formerly used to house the old Medical Library archives) and made it a clean, bright rest-and-meeting place for Buildings and Grounds personnel, including new lockers, toilet and shower facilities, and a lounge with refrigerator. Here Rush Holt of the security force, poses with the shiny new row of lockers, and in the lounge.

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Rohrbaugh pointed out the change in title and went on to define more closely their job, which is "to review BUMC's present physical plans in accordance with changes made in view of our remaining land expansion opportunities and our as yet unfulfilled building needs. The Committee will insure uniformity and consistency in the location and external appearance of any additional structures, and in general will take both an immediate future and a long range view with regard to the positioning of buildings not yet planned. The role of the Committee, to put it another way, has to do with much more than site planning. The Committee will also develop proposed policy, making any recommendations it feels necessary. It will feel free to co-opt the services of other colleagues as matters affecting them arise. The limits of the Committee's assignment are the limits of the Medical Center's physical needs and plans and steps to meet them.

An early task will be to review the up-dating of our long-range physical plan, which Architects Collaborative are to accompany by a narrative statement which describes orally the long-range plans graphically reflected in the physical plans themselves."

It's an exciting prospect. These are the present Committee members:

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BUMC BRIEFS

Medical Center Director, Dr. Lewis H. Rohrbaugh and Nelson Evans, University Hospital Administrator, went west for the 81st Annual Meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges, held in Los Angeles from October 29 to November 2, 1970.

The special theme of this year’s meeting was “The Academic Medical Center and Health Care Delivery.” Formal papers and discussions concerned themselves in a concrete way with the role of the academic medical centers in innovation, experimentation, demonstration and participation in health care delivery.

Dr. Rohrbaugh chaired a “Reactor Panel,” following the first plenary session of the Meeting, which introduced the theme for the days to come.

Magazines, anyone?

Mrs. James Moss, President of the University Hospital Aid Association would like everyone to know that The Organization Plan of Wollaston – telephone 479-3263 in any hour of the 24! – will fill all your subscription needs, at a discount price, and at the end of the year the Aid Association gets a sizeable check. So you save, and you give, all at once.

In a recent memo to Dr. Rohrbaugh, Dr. Sanford L. Cohen, new Professor and Chairman of the Division of Psychiatry, announced a new responsibility for a member of the Division faculty. His memo reflects the Division’s traditional concern with its community responsibilities in mental health.

He writes: “Dr. Richard Kahn, a full-time member of the Boston University Division of Psychiatry faculty, has just been appointed Director of the May Unit at Boston State Hospital. This appointment has been made as part of B.U.’s effort to develop clinical programs of the highest quality, which would then provide an adequate base for our educational programs as well as for our community responsibilities. Dr. Kahn is one of the most distinguished members of the faculty and will devote, full-time, during the remainder of the 1970-71 year of reorganizing and restructuring the Boston University services and activities at the May Unit. The utilization of the Boston State Hospital facility is not a new activity, but the appointment of Dr. Kahn is an effort to directly and actively implement a policy of fuller Divisional commitment in utilizing Boston State Hospital May Unit as part of the Division’s clinical facilities.”

Have you got a point of view on pants – for women at work, that is?? Front & Center has conducted an extremely informal survey of the ladies among us, and many, including nurses, are wearing attractive pant suits. But there has been a dissenting comment or two. What do you think? Come “front and center” and tell us, for publication.

STAR BRUSH NEIGHBORS (Continued)

and has often expressed the desire to get to know the faces of other Medical Center men and women. Many share his view. The Star Brush factory, at one end of our frontage on Harrison Avenue, seems somewhat remote, but the space we lease from the factory contains major “task force” groups: the Roxbury Community Health Center and Division of Psychiatry research teams as well as the Psychopharmacology Laboratory. Here is a start at getting to know its occupants.

MMH HOMECOMING (Continued)

followed by tours of the Center’s new buildings, including MediCenter, led by Mrs. Jane Fritz and Elizabeth Manning. An afternoon program focused on a nursing care study dealing with acute care and rehabilitation. Mrs. Sonya Hamlin of Channel 4’s “For Women Today” program was a charming and stimulating guest speaker at the evening Dinner.

The alumnae voted to donate $1000 to the American Nurses’ Association through the Massachusetts Nurses’ Association.

PLANNING COMMITTEE (Continued)

Dr. T. R. Dawber, BUMC Program Planning Officer; Mr. Nelson F. Evans, UH Administrator; Mr. Harry N. Gorin, Trustee; Mr. John C. Harkness, The Architects Collaborative; Mr. Herbert D. Klein, BUMC Plant Superintendent; Dean Vincent Lanzoni, SM; Dr. Arthur G. B. Metcalf, Trustee; Dean Herbert Wells, SGD; Mr. Charles B. Woodman, Director of Space Planning, Charles River Campus.

Dr. Metcalf serves as chairman and Dr. Dawber as secretary.