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THE HOLLY AND THE IVY: CHRISTMAS SEASON, 1970

The Christmas holiday season at the Medical Center is many things: making the patients of University Hospital feel a part of the joyous days through song, colorful wreaths and plants; enjoying a big all-Center party; and on the more personal level of warmth among fellow workers, the small spontaneous get-togethers and the various formal and informal events that marked the holiday within the departments of the BUMC, and throughout the South End community.

The all BUMC party — see the photographs on page three — was held on the afternoon of December 18, from 2 to 5 p.m. Occupying the 14th floor of the Instructional Building, the huge throng came and went comfortably, with dancing, refreshments and a beaming Santa Claus (Sgt. Clement Sanborn). Members of the BUMC 1970 Holiday Party Committee were William F. McNary, Jr., Miriam Barror, Arthur Bloom, Ruth E. Brody, Gail Cross, Robert Ditkoff, Lewis Green, Edward Kerns, Constance MacDonald, Shirley Roy and Neal Stahl.

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In animated conversation at the reception which preceded the 116th Annual Meeting of University Hospital at Boston's Museum of Science are Dr. Richard Egdahl and Dr. Sanford Cohen and his wife. This was a first Annual Meeting for Dr. Cohen who became Psychiatrist in Chief, succeeding Dr. Bernard Bandler, in the fall. Dr. Egdahl is Surgeon in Chief.

116th Annual Meeting of University Hospital

One of the most friendly, albeit formal, traditions of the Medical Center was celebrated on the evening of December 8th this year when University Hospital for the 116th year, held its Annual Meeting.

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His Excellency, Francis W. Sargent, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, swings a good shovel! He is performing the symbolic Ground-breaking Ceremony for the Hospital's new Health Services Building with the other participants, Nelson F. Evans, University Hospital Administrator; Paul F. Helmuth, President of University Hospital; Inc.; and Dr. Lewis Rohrbaugh, Director of the Medical Center, December 17th, 1970, at 10:30 a.m. was a "dismal" day to be out-of-doors, but this quartet express the happiness and pride of the occasion.
HARBOR NATIONAL BANK
TO ESTABLISH BRANCH
AT MEDICAL CENTER

The letter below delivers its own message, of interest to all members of the Medical Center:

December 23, 1970
Dr. Lewis Rohrbaugh
Boston University Medical Center
80 East Concord Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Rohrbaugh:

I am most happy to report to you that we have just received the final official approval from Washington allowing us to establish our branch at the corner of Harrison Avenue and East Newton Street. Our contractor is now investigating the water and sewer requirements and also planning to prepare the lot so that we might locate the trailer at the earliest possible time.

Very shortly we will be erecting a sign announcing to the Medical Center that the Harbor National Bank will be opening soon. If I were to anticipate an opening date, it would have to be somewhere between the fifteenth of February and the fifteenth of March depending upon the weather.

We at Harbor are anxiously looking forward to the day when our new branch is established at the Boston University Medical Center and we look forward to providing your personnel with a complete line of banking services.

I should like to contact you after the first of the year for the purpose of discussing our plan and implementing any thoughts that you might have regarding this matter. It was good seeing you again at the annual meeting. I hope that you have a Very Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Fitzgerald
Harbor National Bank of Boston

A Good Time to Give

to the UH Thrift Shop

Did you get ten cakeplates for Christmas? Slippers too small (flattering but inconvenient)? Books or records you already own, or toys your children are too big to play with? Harken to the message of Mrs. Belton A. Burrows, of the UH Aid Association. We wish we could reproduce the bright colors and attractive calligraphy of her poster, but here is the story:

University Hospital Thrift Shop
please save your unused treasures...
please call for pick-up or deliver to:
Thrift Shop of Boston
656 Centre Street
Jamaica Plain 9-3 p.m.
be sure U.H. is clearly marked on bundles... and sign the book in the shop...

Area Chairmen for pick-up:

Brookline:
Mrs. Belton Burrows - 232-9966
Mrs. David Chaples - 566-7998
Mrs. Sidney Friedman - 277-1810
Mrs. Stuart Strong - 332-8630

Cambridge:
Mrs. George Blodgett - 547-4195
Mrs. John Cogan - 862-4614

Lexington, Lincoln:
Mrs. Arnold Herman - 969-1680

Milton:
Mrs. James Melby - 698-8939

Newton:
Mrs. Alan Cohen - 527-1121
Mrs. Herbert Mescon - 527-4017

... can you help any Monday?...

... please sign and mail to: Mrs. Belton A. Burrows, 50 Edge Hill Rd., Brookline 02146.

MIRIAM BARROR (continued)

Business Office of the Medical Center, Miriam is retiring, and her close friends planned a "surprise" buffet supper celebration in the 14th Floor Lounge. Miriam's sister, Dorothy, was assigned the delicate task of luring the unsuspecting star of the occasion to the Lounge to "see the sparkling night view" (the party was set for 5 to 7 on December 29th and the view was sparkling) while the party-planners and guests sat in the dark waiting impatiently to scream "surprise."

From the moment of Miriam's arrival the party was a warm and swinging affair, culminating in a gift of red roses and a huge box that turned out to be a complete Polaroid camera outfit. Instructed in its use by the F&C photographer, Miriam promptly put her Polaroid to work with practically professional results.

It was only a few years after the war, in 1948, that Constance MacDonald hired Miriam Barror who had been an elocution teacher, for the switchboard of the Dean's Office, then in Building A. Shortly thereafter she began to work on grants, and developing an interest in the business side of the School of Medicine, she joined the Business Office when it was formed, later becoming a member of the staff of the Medical Center Business Office, under the direction of Robert Jordan. She has worked closely with Ralph Gary, Business Office Manager, as Supervisory Accounts Clerk.

The photographs of Miriam and her party tell the story much more vividly than these paragraphs.
CHRISTMA (continued)

The Division of Psychiatry and the BU-Commonwealth of Massachusetts Community Health Center held their Annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 22 from 3-6 p.m. in the same beautiful 14th floor setting, with music, refreshments and prizes. The previous evening, Monday, had seen the Division of Medicine, Evans Memorial Department of Clinical Research of University Hospital, occupy the skyline floor “with an evening of Cocktails, Hors’d'Oeuvres and Dancing” from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m.

Typical of less formal parties may have been the memo that went out for the planning of a Christmas buffet luncheon, Wednesday, December 16 in room 10031 — this one a get-together for members of the Anatomy Department, who were asked to check “I want — I do not want — to participate”, and “I want to contribute [check one] tossed salad, fruit salad; beef, pork, chicken, fish casserole or pies; vegetables, rolls, pies, cake.” F&C hopes this party was as much fun as it sounds.

Circle March 6, 1971 on your calendar!
U.H. Aid Association Gala Spring Benefit includes Cocktails, Dinner, Theatre
Call Mrs. Charles W. Vaughn, Jr. at 696-8122

ANNUAL MEETING (continued)

Of recent years, the tradition has included a reception, dinner and meeting under the roof of the Boston Museum of Science. For this one evening, the entrance and lobby floor houses, not only moose and penguin in their natural settings, but a lively and communicative group of friends of the University Hospital: trustees, corporators, chiefs of service, officers and friends of the Hospital and Medical Center.

As the evening progresses, the party proceeds upstairs to the delightful skyline floor of the Museum for a dinner served at round tables, each blessed with a view of the glittering Charles River and the high-rise structures which line its shores.

Dinner Chairman Clifton H. Eaton introduced the Rev. Leicester R. Potter, Jr. for the Invocation and welcomed the group. Calvin B. T. Lee, Acting President, brought greetings from Boston University; and after a welcome from Lewis H. Rohrbaugh, Director of the Medical Center, the Business meeting was conducted by UH President Paul F. Hellmuth. Judge Bailey Aldrich presented the minutes of the 115th meeting with an extra measure of his understated humor; Louis J. Hunter gave the Treasurer’s Report; Nelson F. Evans presented the Administrator’s view of this year at University Hospital; and the evening ended with President Hellmuth’s Message and a graceful close by Mr. Eaton.

The Hospital’s Annual Meeting is always expressive of the warmth and friendliness that characterize University hospital staff, trustees and Corporators, and this vivacious “cross-section” of the 116th Annual seems to prove the point.

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Contributors to this issue: Mrs. Constance MacDonald, Mrs. Estelle Davidoff, Sabra Carl, Ivy Pike, Valerie Dixon, Belle Cruikshank, Mrs. Belton Burrows.
Dr. Silber, 44, is a native of Texas. He holds degrees from Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas; from Yale University (the M.A. and Ph.D.); and he also attended Northwestern University, the Yale Divinity School and the Law School of the University of Texas. He comes to us, assuming his responsibilities early in 1971, from the University of Texas where he was University Professor of Arts and Letters, Professor of Philosophy and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

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David Kourtz has joined the Personnel Department of University Hospital as Wage and Salary Administrator. He is a graduate of Boston University and has been employed by the Aetna Life and Casualty Company of Hartford, Connecticut, in Wage and Salary Administration.

A very fine and dedicated young woman, now completing her professional training as an occupational therapist, will be working with Kelly Lynch, Chief Occupational Therapist on our world-famous Robinson 7 unit, headed by Dr. Murray Freed, and dedicated, in large part, to the treatment of patients with spinal cord injuries.

She is Loretta Curtin, and she needs a home! A graduate of Temple University in Philadelphia, Miss Curtin is eager to come to Boston and to University Hospital for her three months of final intern training — March, April and May — but her family circumstances, due to illness, are financially limited and she needs to find room and board, for which she wants very much to pay in terms of loving service as a baby sitter! Miss Lynch tells F&C that home or evening work is not required of these students, and Miss Curtin is very hopeful of caring for children evenings and weekends as a token of her appreciation for a three-month Boston home.

If you know of a family who would welcome Miss Curtin, or have suggestions for her training period here, please call Kelly Lynch, x 5101.

The student wives of the School of Graduate Dentistry have embarked on a lively social program. Here they are enjoying a dinner meeting held in December at a popular restaurant in Boston. This pretty sextette is only one table of the large group that attended.

Being an event of major importance to the City of Boston, the appointment of Dr. John R. Silber to the Presidency of Boston University will have been noted by Front & Center readers in the local and national press, coming as one more happy event at the height of the Christmas season.

His selection as the University’s Seventh President was announced by the Board of Trustees through its chairman Hans H. Estin, who also chaired the Search Committee, with these words: “Dr. Silber combines those exceptional qualities needed for the presidency of the modern university in America — broad intellectual range, coupled with imagination, courage, and a remarkable capacity for innovation. He has a deep commitment to the idea of a university as an institution responsive to the great challenges confronting contemporary man and society.”

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