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PRESS CONFERENCE OFFICIALLY OPENS BUMC'S DRUG ADDICTION CENTER

BUMC officially opened its Drug Addiction Center with a press conference attended by state and community leaders and held on May 13 at 90 East Concord Street.

The Drug Center has joined forces with community self-help agencies in an effort to halt the area's mounting drug problem. Since it opened for services on February 1, more than 500 addicts have sought help.

Dr. Milton Greenblatt, commissioner of the State Department of Mental Health, officiated at the opening of the center, which is the only Federally and State funded drug program in Massachusetts offering comprehensive outpatient services. The Drug Center's efforts are concentrated in Roxbury, North Dorchester, the South End, as well as the Back Bay.

The Drug Center, allied with area self-help drug programs, forms a coalition of lay and medical expertise, according to Dr. Lewis H. Rohrbaugh, director of BUMC. "The self-help programs provide the Drug Center's physicians and personnel with grass-roots knowledge about the community and its perspective on drug problems, as well as referrals," Dr. Rohrbaugh said. "To addicts these programs offer a variety of services supplemented by in-depth medical care and programs available at the Drug Center."

This year the Drug Center received $339,000 from the National Institute of Mental Health, with descending support indicated over a five-year period. The program also received $270,000 from the State for one year, with yearly reviews thereafter.

Located on the first floor of the Talbot Outpatient Building, the Drug Center

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SGD TO BEGIN PREDOCTORAL PROGRAM

The School of Graduate Dentistry will open a predoctoral dental program in the Fall of 1972, according to Dr. Henry Goldman, dean of the School.

To begin with 16 students, the program is a "first" on two fronts. It is the only dental program to be inaugurated by a private institution in the U.S. in 20 years, and the first ever to be located within a school of graduate dentistry and to be started as an off-shoot of such a graduate program.

The Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association has given accreditation for the program to begin. A $1,000,000 fund-raising campaign will be undertaken to build three additional floors atop the present School, and a matching grant is being applied for from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The program will offer a three-year course of study leading to a D.M.D. degree and prepare a student for continued study thereafter in one of eight dental specialties, if he chooses.

ABORTION, DEATH RIGHTS TOPICS
AT SCHOOL OF MEDICINE GRADUATION

Does a pregnant woman have a right to decide whether to have a child? Does a dying patient have a right to decide whether his life should be prolonged?

Such moral questions must be faced by doctors, the president of the 1971 graduating class of the School of Medicine told his 77 fellow students May 22.

Speaking at commencement exercises, held at the College of Basic Studies, Wayne Cohen said: "Never, in any age, has the physician been able to exert such exquisite control over life and death. The physician of this era of medicine is frequently confronted by moral questions of great magnitude that were of little consequence not very many years ago.

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University Hospital kicked off National Hospital Week (May 10-14) with a series of receptions and personal gestures to honor employees and patients. Administrators and department heads personally placed flowers on patients' trays; two employee receptions were held on Evans 9— one especially for the night shift, and a slide presentation showing employees at work at UH and entitled "The Hospital Story - The Employee Story," was shown at each reception.

Committee members who organized activities for the week were: Charra Wright, Dietary; Don Anderson, Housekeeping; David Kourt, Personnel; Thomas Tighe and Karen Turino, Administration; and Russell Smith, Extended Care Unit.

The Department of Oral Surgery, in cooperation with University Hospital, will begin a three-year Training Program in Oral Surgery in July in basic oral surgery, reconstructive oral surgery, orthodontic and prosthetic surgery.

Mrs. Marjorie Guthrie was guest speaker at a meeting of the New England Chapter of the Committee to Combat Huntington's Disease sponsored by BUMC, held May 24th at the School of Medicine. More than 150 members have joined the Committee since its inception in October.

Anne Sweatt and Barbara Amaseen of Nursing attended the National League for Nursing convention in Dallas, Texas, May 9 through 12.

Drs. Asher Kelman and Frederick Moolten of BUSM's Department of Microbiology were recipients of awards presented recently by the Massachusetts Cancer Society. Dr. Kelman received the Francis Stone Burns Award for the most promising cancer researcher in Massachusetts in 1971. Dr. Moolten was presented with the Cancer Research Scholar Award.

Dr. Charles D. Bonner, a 1944 graduate of the School of Medicine, was named Outstanding Alumnus of the Year at the 96th annual meeting of the BUSM Alumni Association on May 8 in the J. Mark Hiebert Student Lounge.

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE DENTISTRY

GRADUATES 63 STUDENTS

The School of Graduate Dentistry presented degrees to 63 students during graduation exercises at the Law School Auditorium at Boston University on May 13. Graduates represent eight dental specialties.

Greeting guests in the capacity-filled Auditorium was Dr. Henry M. Goldman, dean of the School, and Dr. Lewis H. Rohrbaugh, director of the Medical Center.

The commencement address was delivered by Dr. William Danforth, vice chancellor for medical affairs at Washington University in St. Louis.


(BUSM Graduation, continued)

"Just as abortion raises the question of the patient's right to control her own body, we must ask in the case of a dying patient whether it is not a human's right to decide where and when he will die," he said.

The graduating class presented to the School a freshman scholarship of $2,600, raised through contributions of $20, matched by funds from the Alumni Association.

(Recognition Day, continued)

Employees receiving service pins were: 50 years: Dr. Sigmund Simons and Dr. Joseph Skirball; 45 years: Dr. Louis Howard and Dr. George Levene; 40 years: Helen Foley; 35 years: Dr. Hollis Albright and John Strieder; 30 years of service: Margaret Hodgdon, Dr. Knowles Lawrence, Dr. Benjamin Tenney and Dr. Robert Wilkins.

Names of employees with five to 25 years of service are listed on the UH bulletin boards.