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Scuba Session Great
Hit With Robby 7 Group

It was quite a night for a group of Robby 7 patients — who live for awhile
on our famous Robinson 7 floor for
pool of the Cambridge War Memorial
for a lively session of instruction in
they were bussed to the handsome big
treatment of spinal cord injuries — when
they were selected by their supervisors, or by fel­
low students, as appropriate.

The Assembly, according to John S.
Gracey, Executive Assistant to the Di­
rector, who chaired the first two meet­
ings, is the BUMC employee and student
forum — a direct channel where ideas
can flow freely, where problems can be
examined and solutions arrived at and
carried forth. “Assembly is designed to
provide employees with a better under­
standing of what the Center is doing and
where it is going, and to seek your
assistance as representatives, in making
it a better and more fulfilling place to
work and study,” he said.

In addition, Assembly members will
have specific responsibilities. They will:
develop a system whereby, each month,
an outstanding Medical Center em­
ployee, in any job capacity, will be
selected and honored; serve in an ad­
visory capacity to the employee publica­
tion “Front & Center;” and suggest and
sponsor group activities for employees
and students. Other Assembly duties
will be developing as it gets further
underway.

Attending the first meeting, on Jan­
uary 28, and speaking with representa­
tives were Dr. Lewis H. Rohrbaugh,
Director of the Medical Center, and
Herbert D. Klein, Plant Superintendent.
Guest speaker at the second meeting,
held on February 25, was Dr. David M.
French, Professor and Chairman, De­
partment of Community Medicine, BU
School of Medicine.

Dr. Rohrbaugh discussed the long­rangethe plans of the Medical Center —
where we will be and what we will have
here when the 10-year development pro­
gram in completed in five years. Mr.
Klein explained the physical layout of
the Center and how the development
program has changed and will further
alter it.

At the second meeting, Dr. French
spoke about the Center’s 100-year-old
Home Medical Service, and the role of
the Department of Community Medi­
cine.

Problems discussed at the business
sessions following each meeting ranged
from parking to improving communica­
tions within the Medical Center.

Assembly representatives are: Mrs.
Marlene Adams, UH Personnel; Vose
Hall 2; Mrs. Virginia Banis, UH Business
Office, Vose Hall 2; Elaine Connelly,
BUMC Plant Office, Talbot Building;
Edward Corrigan, SGD Lab Technician;
Mrs. Estelle Davidoff, Director, UH
Volunteer Service; Mrs. Bernadette Der Hagopian, BUMC Business Office, Building A
2; Dr. Nicholas M. DelRusso, SGD
Dental Student; Cynthia Downs, SGD
Secretary; Mary Ellen Doyle, SGD Den­
tal Assistant Student; Dr. Vincent J.
Hennessey, BCHI House Officer; Betty
King, UH Chemistry Lab, Evans 5;
Larry Kleinman, BUSM Lab Technician,
Research Building 520; Herman Martin,
UH Housekeeping; Mrs. Carrie Over­
street, UH Nurse’s Aid, Collamore 4;
Gail Pettiford, UH Staff Nurse, Robin­
son 3; Mrs. Bernadette Regan, BUMC
Library, Instructional Building; Mary
Sitas, BU Secretary, Research Building 215; Jessie Willis, UH Dietary Service;
Carole Winograd, BUSM Student; and
Jeanne Barry, UH Secretary (Social Ser­
vices).

Employees and students are urged to
speak with their representatives about
topics they feel should be discussed at
Assembly meetings. “This Assembly will
be as good and as effective as you, the
representatives, make it,” said Mr.
Gracey.

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Herman Martin
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S.G.D. Dental Assistant Student

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UH Staff Nurse
BU MC BRIEFS

Biggest news for the Medical Center since the first of the year was the announcement by Dr. John R. Silber, newly-elected President of Boston University, of the appointment of Dr. Ephraim Friedman to Dean of the School of Medicine.

Announcing the appointment on February 4, Dr. Silber said: "In Dr. Friedman we shall have a superb Dean of the School of Medicine. He has already distinguished himself in his specialty, I predict that he will now distinguish himself as an extraordinarily imaginative contributor to medical education. Under his direction, I am confident that the B.U. School of Medicine will develop even further its excellent programs for the students and will provide leadership in solving some of the most baffling and important problems facing the medical profession today."

Dr. Friedman succeeds Dr. Henry J. Bakst, who retires on June 30, 1971. A native of California and graduate of U.C.L.A., where he majored in Zoology, and of the University of California, San Francisco, where he received his M.D. in 1954, Dr. Friedman came East to Harvard Medical School in 1958, coming to us in 1965 as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology of the School of Medicine and Ophthalmologist-in-Chief at University Hospital.

The naming of Dr. Friedman has been a popular decision. Third-year medical student, Russell M. Jaffe, for example, said of the appointment: "His accomplishments here and his dedication to the Medical Center have distinguished him to the students, the faculty and to the Medical Center as a whole."

A memo dated January 15 to division and department heads, clinical and administrative, from John F. Mullett, Associate Administrator of University Hospital, covered an important move on the part of the Medical Center and University Hospital.

It announced that "the Hospital will purchase MediCenter on February 1, 1971. Initially we will operate 80 beds on the second and fourth floors of the building. The remaining area will be used for offices and other hospital activities.

Providing that they meet our qualifications and employment standards, the personnel currently employed by MediCenter will become employees of the Hospital. They will be directly responsible to the appropriate department head at the hospital."

As of February 1, 1971, the two patient floors shall be known as the University Hospital Extended Care Unit. Although we anticipate some problems during the transition period, with the cooperation of you and your staff, there will be a minimum of disruption of normal duties. Any questions which you have concerning the operations in the Extended Care Unit should be directed to Gerald Borgal, Assistant Administrator.

On February 8, 1971, the first of a series of letters from Dr. Lewis H. Rohrbaugh, to all fellow employees of the Medical Center, was sent out throughout our big Center complex.

"Because you are an integral part of the Center," Dr. Rohrbaugh said, "I want to be personally satisfied that you are kept informed of events and decisions as, or even before, they happen... I'm confident that you will read these letters carefully and discuss them freely with co-workers and family."

"If you have any comments about these letters, or would have an idea for one of interest to the BUMC family, I would welcome a letter from you."

The Director's Newsletter is for you. Dr. Rohrbaugh will be vitally interested in your reaction to its content as he informs you, firsthand, "about the Medical Center as it changes and grows."

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their attractive bikinis to help out with the demonstrations.

As the photographs will vividly demonstrate, it was a time for learning and enjoying; and, according to Kelly Lynch, who is in charge of Occupational Therapy for Robinson 7, it was only the first a series of such events, which are wonderfully cooperative affairs. Experts, volunteers and staff members all give of their time to speed the recovery to normal living and the development of new interests for the patients of our rehabilitation unit.

BOBBY ORR AT UH

Beloved Bruins superstar Bobby Orr has been wonderfully generous with his time for the Arthritis Foundation, and this year it was lucky patients of University Hospital who got to meet him during the taking of pictures for the 1971 fundraising campaign. Members of Dr. Alan Cohen's staff acted as hosts.