A NEW FRONT & CENTER COMING UP NEXT ISSUE

In an effort to keep you well informed about news events which are occurring at the Medical Center in rapid succession, Front & Center will take on a new format and publishing schedule.

Beginning with the next issue, it will be published once each month, instead of nine times a year.

Since Front & Center is designed to keep you up-to-date on employee, doctor and student activities, ideas that you have for a feature story, or news article on a Medical Center employee or student, or a special activity that you or someone you know is involved in, should be sent to Barbara Dolan, Public Relations Department, Doctors Building, 720 Harrison Avenue.

For the interest and convenience of employees, classified ads will be published, free of charge, in each issue. These ads should be either typed or printed and sent to Mary DeRoche in

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MATCHING DAY AT BUSM

Matching Day, a day of doubt resolved and direction determined for the graduating class students of the School of Medicine, fell on Monday, March 29th this year. More than ever it was a family scene, as each student received the long white envelope from Dean Bakst which contained the name of the hospital where he or she will intern. Wives, toddlers, well-wishers joined in

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Invitation to Browse and Borrow from our Beautiful Library

Take the elevator to the 12th floor, Instructional Building of the School of Medicine. Any employee of our Medical Center is a welcome visitor, invited to share in the life and privileges of this magnificent Alumni Library. You may not wish to delve into a medical volume or look up a reference in a scientific journal, but the handsome red carpeted floors house many other facilities you are free to enjoy.

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the Public Relations Department. Forms for such ideas, events or ads are available by calling Miss DeRoche at Extension 6146.

Publishing more news more frequently is not enough; distributing the publication to you and at the same time keeping our budget under rein is paramount in our minds. To accomplish this aim, we are installing this month (May) racks for the new Front & Center throughout the Medical Center, making it easy for you to pick up your copy of the publication as well as blank cards for your ideas and ads.

Racks will be installed in the following locations: School of Medicine, 14th floor of the Instructional Building opposite the elevators, and in the basement outside of the Cafeteria; School of Graduate Dentistry, first floor, opposite the elevators; University Hospital, Evans 9, below the public relations bulletin boards and in the Robinson lobby near the elevators; Medicenter, first floor opposite the vending machine area adjoining the cafeteria; and in the Talbot Building, main lobby by the information window.

Front & Center looks forward to publishing your ads and events and receiving your ideas for articles.

Barbara Dolan

B.U. Home Medical Service Provides "Family Doctors" for the South End

A recent edition of the People's South End News described the health care our Home Medical Service provides for its neighbors in the South End. Dr. Frederick N. Brand directs the Home Medical Service, whose purpose is to "serve community people who couldn't be admitted to a hospital" for either medical or social reasons. As a result, most of the patients served by the Home Medical Service are children, whose mothers could not leave their other children to take the sick child to the hospital, or the elderly, who may have difficulty in reaching a hospital.

The Home Medical Service provides comprehensive medical service covering all aspects of medical and dental care including family planning, hygiene counseling, and social and preventive

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LIBRARY (continued)

Irene Christopher, Librarian since the retirement of Florence Turner in 1970, is a gracious and enthusiastic advocate of the Medical Center policy that "the Library belongs to everyone."

"For example," she says, "our browsing room is bright and comfortable. Here is our collection of non-medical books to which we are adding titles every day. There is a beginning paperback section on the open shelves and we are exploring the possibility of a paperback exchange plan - bring one, get one! Our periodicals are also in the browsing room and they include the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, Boston daily papers and a few foreign publications. Even Playboy! Although this is a difficult one to keep on hand; each current issue tends to disappear."

All Center employees are eligible to borrow circulating material; the usual period is a week, but it is possible to renew. Another of the services, which is being extended to all on an exploratory basis is the ordering of books at a discount. Miss Christopher invites you to get in touch with her for the title you may wish to own for yourself at a substantial reduction in price.

In addition to the services you receive, you may also give - by making contributions for the use and pleasure of your fellow employees. Books and subscriptions to periodicals are particularly welcome, as are suggestions for a broader use of the Library or any other aspect of its operation which might make it still more effective in serving the whole Medical Center.

The Library is open every day Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 2 to 11 p.m. Make a visit soon.
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the occasion, held in the Hiebert “sky­
line” lounge of the School, and tradi­
tionally accompanied by good cheer in
the way of things to eat and drink.

Dean Henry J. Bakst, for whom this
is the last such ceremony, was assisted
in his official duties by newly-named
Dean of Students Dr. William McNary;
Dean Ephraim Friedman will preside
over next year’s Matching Day.

According to Dean Bakst this was “a
very good year for our graduates, who
were selected for some of the most
coveted internships in the country.”

For expressions you may interpret as
you wish on the faces of the Class of
‘71, see the photographs on pages 1 and
3, made at the moment of truth by your
Front & Center photographer.

HOME MEDICAL SERVICE (continued)

medicine (check-ups and immuniza­
tions). The service also provides com­
prehensive treatment that often involves
examining all the members of a family
and sometimes requires working to solve
a housing problem or sending a home­
maker to assist the family.

Anyone who calls B.U. Home Medi­
cal (262-4200, ext. 5648) in the morn­
ing will have a doctor sent to his home
the same day, usually within two hours.
The Home Medical Service has a staff of
5 full-time doctors and 2 social workers
who are on duty from 8 AM to 5 PM,
Monday to Friday. They see more than
3000 patients each year, 80% of whom
are on some kind of public relief. There
is no fee for their service.

The Service also has a psychiatric
consultant one day per week, a dentist
who makes calls each Wednesday, and
the assistance of the Visiting Nurses
Association. Dr. Brand hopes in the
future to acquire the services of occu­
pational and physical therapists from
Sargent College and to add several full­
time nurses to the staff.

In addition to their home service, the
Home Medical Service has screening
clinics giving check-ups at both Castle
Square and Cathedral projects. So far,
extensive 1½ hour check-ups including
electrocardiogram, chest x-ray, Wass­
erman test, screening for Sickle-cell trait,
urinalysis, and hematocrit have been
given to more than 220 people.

All the candid photographs above are of Intern Matching Day, 1971. Center above shows
Dr. Bakst presiding for the last time in the traditional handclasp; Dr. McNary in the
background.
Dr. Lester E. Block, Chairman of the Department of Community Dentistry at the Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry and Director of Dental Health in the Brookline Health Department, was elected President-elect of the Massachusetts Public Health Association at its recent annual meeting at the Canton State Hospital. This is the professional organization of public health workers in Massachusetts. It includes among its members, the health officers, public health nurses, health educators, dentists and dental hygienists, sanitarians, health planners, nutritionists and administrators of long-term care facilities.

During the past year, Dr. Block has served as Chairman of the Dental Health Section. Under his leadership, the Section has sponsored several meetings on various phases of dental health. These meetings have been attended by not only dentists and dental hygienists, but other health workers because of the excellence of the program. The Section has also developed a news letter entitled "Dental Health News" with Dr. Block serving as editor.

A wedding announcement on the traditional crisp and creamy paper read as follows: "Miss Dorothy Margaret Campbell and Dr. Chester Scott Keefer announce their marriage on Saturday, the twenty-seventh of March Nineteen hundred and seventy-one, Milton, Massachusetts."

The former Miss Campbell, Registrar of the School of Medicine, and Dr. Keefer honeymooned in Rome, Florence and Milan where he was scheduled for an international medical conference.

Belle H. Cruikshank, Administrative Secretary to Nelson Evans, University Hospital Administrator, once more did a bang-up job as chief of Registration for the 50th Anniversary of the New England Hospital Assembly, March 29-31, at the Sheraton Boston Hotel.

Belle reports the golden anniversary "a huge success with an amazing registration of nearly 20,000 people.

Many of our Medical Center staff attended some of the sessions of the three-day meeting. Herbert Klein, Plant Superintendent, was the featured speaker for a seminar of the New England Hospital Engineers Society held in connection with the Assembly. His subject was "Management: Principles and Objectives."

Dr. John C. Athans, Clinical Instructor in Surgery at the School of Medicine, has been appointed City Physician for the City of Newton by Mayor Monte G. Basbas. Dr. Athans is active on the surgical staffs of the Boston City Hospital, Newton-Wellesley and Faulkner.

Don't forget Mr. "Fixit. Plant Superintendent Klein issued a periodic reminder to all personnel in March, but has indicated that full advantage of this system for minor repairs throughout the Medical Center is still not being taken.

Upkeep, "Fixit" sheets are located near every nursing station in the Hospital, and in most elevator lobbies at the Medical and Dental Schools. If you have a small job for a carpenter, electrician or plumber, list it on these forms, which are checked each day. So don't phone or write a memo to the Plant Department if "Fixit" can fix it. Except of course for regular maintenance or emergencies.

Many who remember Dr. Edward Dreyfus, director of Outpatient professional services and chief of the Home Medical Service here who left us for Denver about two years ago, will be interested to know that he has been elevated to Denver's top medical spot, "Manager of Health and Hospitals" for the city. He went to Colorado as medical director of the East Side Neighborhood Health Center in Denver. The $27,000-a-year post he now holds "was the last thing I thought would be considered for," says Dr. Dreyfus.

"However the in-fighting that used to characterize the department has been largely resolved, or I would not have taken this job."

Newly-appointed Boston University president, Dr. John R. Silber, praised the Medical Center in a brief talk given during his welcome reception held in the Hiebert Student Lounge on March 25.

"It is hoped that the excellence here at the Medical Center can also be achieved on the Charles River Campus," he said.

Dr. Silber pointed out that one of the most serious threats to higher education is the failure of university departments to establish interdisciplinary communication to carve a guiding passageway for students. He said that during his two-day tour of the medical campus, he was pleased to note the high degree of cooperation and communication between departments in the School of Graduate Dentistry and the School of Medicine.

Dr. Silber declared he hopes someday that "a physician at the School of Medicine will allow me, a layman, to observe what goes on in an operating theater." He said he believes that any student who witnesses what goes on in an operating theater will have second thoughts on violence. "The young person will be able to see for himself the consequence of violent acts and this personal experience may help curtail the rate of violence."