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STANLEY ROBBINS HONORED
AT BANQUET, SYMPOSIUM

Approximately 150 persons attended a dinner May 16 honoring Stanley L. Robbins, M.D., newly retired chairman of the Department of Pathology and associate dean for resources. The dinner was held at the Great Hall in Quincy Market.

"His devotion to our School, to our students and to education has been extraordinary," Dean Sandson said of Robbins, who retired June 30 after serving on the School's faculty for 35 years. Sandson further described Robbins' best-selling textbook, Pathological Basis of Disease, as "the most popular medical textbook of our time."

Other speakers at the dinner included Leonard S. Gottlieb, M.D., the new chairman of the Department of Pathology and director of the Mallory Institute of Pathology (MIP); Robert L. Berger, M.D., a professor of surgery at the School and a former student of Robbins; G. Kenneth Mallory, M.D., chairman emeritus of the Department of Pathology and a former director of the Mallory Institute, and Joseph M. Corson, M.D., president of the New England Society of Pathologists, which co-sponsored the event with the School.

A symposium at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel honoring Robbins on "Recent Advances in Diagnostic Pathology" preceded the dinner. Gottlieb organized and moderated the symposium, along with Norman Zamcheck, M.D., chief of the gastrointestinal laboratory at MIP.

Mallory Institute graduates who spoke at the symposium included: Ramzi Cotran, M.D., chief of pathology at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital; Max Goodman, M.D., chief of pathology at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary; Hugh Wolf, M.D., chief of pathology at Tufts-New England Medical Center, and Merle Legg, M.D., chief of pathology at the New England Deaconess Hospital.

Among those presenting papers at the symposium were Michael J. O'Brien, M.D., an assistant professor of pathology and chief of surgical pathology at MIP, who discussed "Epithelial Antigens in Diagnostic Pathology," and Richard S. Neiman, M.D., an associate professor of pathology and chief, section of hematopathology at MIP, who discussed "Recent Concepts in the Clinical and Pathologic Recognition of Granulocytic Sarcomas."

Neiman recently directed a workshop on morphologic hematopathology at the annual symposium sponsored by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, held in Jackson, Wyo. He has been director of the symposium for the last four years.

NOTED AUTHOR, SURGEON
LANGDON PARSONS DEAD AT 80

Langdon Parsons, M.D., a professor emeritus of obstetrics and gynecology at the School from 1949 to 1962, died on Saturday, June 21, at age 80. He was also chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals (now University Hospital) from 1954 to 1962.

Parsons was a nationally recognized surgeon, author and teacher. During his distinguished career, he wrote more than 100 scientific articles and contributed to numerous...

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books. His own texts, *Atlas of Pelvic Surgery* and *Gynecology*, have been translated into many languages.

Before assuming his BUSM and UH responsibilities, Parsons was a visiting surgeon at the Massachusetts General Hospital and an assistant clinical professor of gynecology at Harvard Medical School, his alma mater. In 1966, he was designated a clinical professor emeritus of gynecology at Harvard. He was a consultant in gynecology at Chelsea Naval Hospital and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Boston as well as a senior consultant in gynecology at Lemuel Shattuck Hospital.

Upon his retirement from the School, the Langdon Parsons Scholarship Fund was established. Last year, more than $12,000 was raised in pledges and gifts to benefit that fund at a dinner honoring Parsons. Contributions in memory of Parsons may be made to the Langdon Parsons Scholarship Fund, Boston University School of Medicine, A-101, 80 East Concord Street, Boston, MA 02118.

**SERVICE HONORING INGFELFINGER**

**HELD AT HOSPITAL'S CHAPEL**

Approximately 60 people attended a special memorial service in honor of Franz J. Ingelfinger, M.D., May 27 at the University Hospital Interfaith Chapel. Ingelfinger, the renowned physician and BUSM professor emeritus of medicine, died March 27 at age 69. Ingelfinger, who was also editor emeritus of *The New England Journal of Medicine* and was the School's first Conrad Wesselhoeft Professor of Medicine, served as chief of gastroenterology at the Evans Memorial Department of Clinical Research at UH for 27 years.

Speakers at the service included Norman G. Levinsky, M.D., chairman of the Division of Medicine, Donald M. Small, M.D., a professor of medicine and biochemistry, and Robert M. Levin, M.D., an associate professor of medicine. A buffet luncheon for guests was held in Dean Sandson's office following the service.

**STUDY SHOWS SIX-YEAR STUDENTS**

**EXCEL IN KEY ACADEMIC AREAS**

A recently completed study comparing students in the first five graduating classes of the Six-Year Program (1967 to 1971) to their classmates in the traditional eight-year program showed that the accelerated group achieved as well as, and often better than, the traditional group on national medical school admission and board examinations, class rankings, honors at graduation, medicine clerkship grades and postgraduate professional career choices.

The study, published in a recent issue of the *Journal of Medical Education*, was conducted by Ernest H. Blaustein, Ph.D., associate dean for the College of Liberal Arts and coordinator of the Six-Year Program, and Herbert L. Kayne, Ph.D., director of the Biostatistics Laboratory at BUSM. The report confirmed an earlier study of the first three Six-Year graduating classes (1967 to 1969).

In the five-year cohort, 19 percent of the Six-Year students were awarded honors at graduation, compared to 10 percent of the students in the traditional program. Fifty-seven percent of the Six-Year graduates have achieved specialty board certification, compared to 41 percent for the traditional group. The attrition rate for the Six-Year students, however, was 11 percent, compared to 7 percent for the students in the traditional program.

**WHITAKER GRANTS AWARDED**

**TO FOUR BUSM RESEARCHERS**

Four BUSM researchers, each in collaboration with a researcher from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will share a total of $120,000 in grants from the Whitaker Health Sciences Fund. The Health Sciences Fund is an independent, nonprofit organization that provides support for specific research projects in the life sciences and bio-

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medical engineering. The grants will cover a year's work, beginning July 1, on four separate research projects. The BUSM recipients are: Vinay Kumar, M.D., an associate professor of pathology and microbiology; Wayne A. Gonorner, Ph.D., an assistant professor of biochemistry; Herbert Z. Kupchik, Ph.D., an assistant professor of microbiology, and Kenneth J. Rothschild, Ph.D., an assistant professor of physiology.

**LOGERO RECEIVES GRANT FOR VASCULAR SURGERY STUDY**

Frank W. LoGerfo, M.D., an assistant professor of surgery, was recently awarded a $231,339 grant from the U.S. Public Health Service to fund a three-year study on the disturbance of fluid at anastomoses, sites where blood vessels are connected to synthetic bypass grafts. He will see if there is a relationship between flow disturbances and abnormal cell multiplication, a complication of vascular surgery.

Assisted by Cristian Haudenschild, M.D., an associate professor of pathology, LoGerfo hopes this work will improve the long-term results of surgery on the vascular system.

**BENNETT, SENGUPTA RECEIVE CANCER RESEARCH GRANTS**

Two BUSM faculty members were recently awarded grants totaling $124,633 by the American Cancer Society (ACS).

Michael Bennett, M.D., a professor of pathology and microbiology, received a $45,037 grant to fund the fourth year of an ongoing study entitled "Immunobiology of Placental Carcinogenesis." The project was undertaken because of the high rate of vaginal cancer among young women whose mothers had taken estrogens during pregnancy. Working with pregnant erythrocebus patas monkeys, whose physiology is similar to that of humans, Bennett's study aims to determine whether injecting women with cancer-causing agents during the first trimester of pregnancy, when the fetus has no active immunity, increases the babies' susceptibility to the disease.

Sisir Sengupta, Ph.D., an associate professor of biochemistry, received a $79,596 grant from the ACS to fund the fifth year of an ongoing study entitled "Biochemical Pharmacology of Tetracyclic Chromophoric Analogs of Actinomycin D." Working with mice, Sengupta has discovered that certain compounds chemically similar to the chemotherapeutic agent Actinomycin D hasten tumor regression and cause milder side effects than Actinomycin D. By studying these analogs, Sengupta hopes to discover why they are less toxic than Actinomycin D.

A total of $454,263 in research grants is currently being funded at the School by the ACS.

**CIHC PUBLISHES REPORT ON WOMEN, WORK AND HEALTH**

A report examining the circumstances women encounter in the labor market and that defines the health-related issues specific to women workers was recently published by the University's Center for Industry and Health Care (CIHC). Women, Work and Health: Challenges to Corporate Policy gives special attention to four women's health areas in which corporate policies are being reassessed: physical and social conditioning, reproductive capacity and maternity leave.

Women, Work and Health is the eighth volume in the Series on Industry and Health Care, edited by BUMC director Richard H. Egdahl, M.D., Ph.D., who is also director of the CIHC, and Diana Chapman Walsh, director of program evaluation for the Center. Copies of the report are available for $12 from the Center, 53 Bay State Rd., Boston, MA 02215.

**MCCAHAN, HOFFMAN ADDRESS FAMILY PRACTICE GRADUATES**

Associate Dean John McCahan, M.D., and Sumner Hoffman, M.D., a professor of socio-medical sciences and community medicine and director of University Hospital's Home Medical Services program, spoke on June 6 at a dinner held for graduates of the family prac-
COHEN HEADS LOCAL DELEGATION TO NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Alan S. Cohen, M.D., the Conrad Wesselhoeft Professor of Medicine and director of the Multipurpose Arthritis Center, attended the 1980 national scientific meetings of the Arthritis Foundation, held in Atlanta May 28 to 30. Cohen, who is past president of the American Rheumatism Association, headed the Massachusetts delegation to the conference, which was attended by more than 2,000 scientists, physicians and other health professionals.

SWARTZ TO DEVELOP UH PROGRAMS AT CHARLES RIVER HOSPITAL

Jacob Swartz, M.D., a professor of psychiatry and associate dean for admissions, has been given the responsibility of developing University Hospital Division of Psychiatry programs at Charles River Hospital, a psychiatric hospital in Wellesley.

HYPNOSIS SECTION ADDED TO PHYSIOLOGY CLINIC

A section on hypnosis was added last month to University Hospital's Behavioral Physiology Clinic, according to Lyle Miller, Ph.D., chairman of the Department of Biobehavioral Sciences and director of the clinic. Hypnosis, either by itself or in combination with other behavioral techniques, has proved successful in helping people to give up smoking or reduce their weight, explained Miller, who is also a professor of psychiatry (psychology). Hypnosis programs can also be designed to alleviate such behavioral or stress-related problems as phobias and anxiety.

The clinic is located on the ninth floor of the Doctors Office Building. The phone number is x6138 (247-6138).

ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA ELECTS 25 NEW MEMBERS FROM BUSM

Twenty-three recent School of Medicine graduates and current BUSM students, along with a faculty member and an alumnus, were elected in March to the BUSM chapter of the national Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society. Students, chosen for membership during their last two years of medical school, are elected to AOA because they have shown "promise of becoming leaders in their profession" and rank in the upper quarter of their class.

Philip Kramer, M.D., a professor of medicine, and Timothy Regan '52, a professor of medicine at New Jersey College of Medicine, were elected to the society in recognition of their "high attainment in medical science and practice."

The new members chosen from the Class of '80 were: Winston Alt, Andrea Baldyga, Kathleen Brelsford, Michael Cahalane, Paul Gilmore, Christine Spitaels Hunter, Michael Husson, Richard Kagen, Daniel Levy, Jennifer Mok, Mark Shankman, Susan Strahosky, Daniel Teplin, Arnold Toback and Stephen Travers.

Members of the Class of '81 who were elected as officers to AOA were: Veronica Gabriel, president; Carolyn Bondy, Jeffrey Sager and Alan Salz, vice presidents, and Richard Kahn, assistant secretary-treasurer. Linda Hsueh, Heidi Kominsky and Ronald Paul Sen of the class were also elected to the society.

Murray M. Freed, M.D., chairman of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, is the faculty counselor to the society.
BUTTERS, CERMAK PUBLISH KORSAKOFF'S SYNDROME BOOK

Nelson Butters, Ph.D., a professor of neurology (neuropsychology), and Laird S. Cermak, Ph.D., an associate professor of neurolology (neuropsychology), have written a book entitled Alcoholic Korsakoff's Syndrome. The book, scheduled to be published at the end of this month by Academic Press, discusses the amnesic syndrome, a possible effect of alcohol abuse that prevents some alcoholics from learning new information.

DISCUSSIONS HIGHLIGHT BOARD OF VISITORS MEETING

Discussions on "Women and Medicine" and "Law at the Edges of Life: Making it Easier to Enter and Harder to Leave" highlighted the fourth annual meeting of the School's Board of Visitors, held at the School on May 23. The Board also saw a slide show on the dedication of the Hubert H. Humphrey Cancer Research Center and heard the "State of the School Message: Progress and Problems," presented by Dean Sandson. Participants in the "Women and Medicine" discussion included Associate Dean Leah Lowenstein, M.D., D.Phil., and Marianne Prout, M.D., an assistant professor of medicine and of socio-medical sciences and community medicine. George Annas, J.D., M.P.H., an associate professor of law and medicine, and Leonard Glantz, J.D., an assistant professor in that department, were the two discussants for "Law at the Edges of Life."

The Board of Visitors welcomed several new members this year, including Luci Baines Johnson, former Minnesota Governor and Senator Wendell Anderson, and Michael Halberstam '57, editor-in-chief of Modern Medicine.

PARENTS COMMITTEE HOLDS CRC BENEFIT LUNCHEON

Approximately 60 members of the BUSM Parents Committee attended a June 12 luncheon to benefit the Hubert H. Humphrey Cancer Research Center, at the home of the committee's chairpersons, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rothbaum, in Great Neck, N.Y. Paul H. Black, M.D., director of the Center, addressed the group on "Cancer: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," and parents of BUSM students were able to meet Dean Sandson.

Winners of the Center's benefit raffle were drawn at the luncheon. Mrs. Janice Kostroff, mother of Daren Kostroff '79, won the grand prize, a one-week Club Med vacation for two.

Mr. and Mrs. Rothbaum succeed Mr. and Mrs. Alan Edelstein as chairpersons of the Parents Committee. The Rothbaums are the parents of David Rothbaum, BUSM III.

DEAN'S CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Nearly 100 BUSM alumni, guests and friends attended the Dean's Club fifth annual meeting and dinner June 7 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Dean Sandson and Barry Manuel '58, chairman of the Club, spoke briefly at the event. Manuel presented Dean Sandson with a plaque in recognition of the John and Hannah Sandson Student Assistance Fund, established this year by the Alumni Association. The Club meets annually to recognize individuals who provide leadership through their support of the Annual Fund.

READERS RESPOND TO SURVEY

A number of News & Notes evaluation forms from the May 30th issue have already been received by the Office of Informational Services. If you have not already done so, please return your evaluation immediately so your views may be included in the results to be published in the next issue of News & Notes.

BRIEFLY NOTED

George E. Gifford Jr., M.D., an associate professor of socio-medical sciences and head of the Section on the History of Medicine at BUSM, recently published two articles on the Doris Appel History of Medicine Room and the American Medical History panels. The article describing the room appeared in the April issue of the Journal of the History of Medicine, and "Doris Appel
and Boston University School of Medicine" was published in the spring issue of the Bulletin of the History of Medicine.... Noted artist and author Andy Potok, an apprentice counselor at University Hospital's Gundersen Eye Clinic in 1976, addressed students in the Department of Socio-Medical Sciences and Community Medicine classes on May 2. Potok, who is going blind from retinitis pigmentosa, is the author of Ordinary Daylight: Portrait of an Artist Going Blind, which has been capturing much local and national media attention...

Herbert L. Kayne, Ph.D., an associate professor of physiology and biostatistics, was recently appointed a biostatistical consultant to the general medical devices panel of the Food and Drug Administration.

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