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Boston University
BUMCH/BCH Trauma Center only one in Boston to receive highest quality award

Boston University Medical Center Hospital and Boston City Hospital have jointly been verified as a Level I trauma center by the American College of Surgeons (ACS), validating the high quality care rendered to its trauma patients. The BUMCH and BCH Trauma Center is the only one in Boston that accepts patients. The BUMCH and BCH care rendered to its trauma center by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) should give people peace of mind that they will receive in the trauma center, if they are injured, will match or exceed anything available in the country," said BUMCH/BCH Trauma Director Erwin Hirsch, MD, during a press briefing hosted by Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, who has established a commission to handle any thing available in the emergency call, open the box and make an arrest. The dispatcher answers, request assistance by talking into the speaker. A similar system has been successfully operating on the Charles River Campus of Boston University since 1991. To make suggestions or express concerns, contact Boston University Police Chief Steven Devlin at 353-2127.

Call boxes increase access to security

In an effort to increase security for all guests and members of the Medical Center community, 18 emergency call boxes have been installed and around the Boston University Medical Center grounds. These boxes provide immediate communication, 24 hours a day, with a BUMC security dispatcher who will then issue the appropriate response. The dispatcher has access to Hospital and Medical Campus security, and Boston University Police, who have the power to make an arrest.

The boxes are clearly visible, even at night, by the blue light located atop the poles that the boxes rest upon. To place an emergency call, open the box and press the red EMERGENCY button. When the dispatcher answers, request assistance by talking into the speaker. A similar system has been successfully operating on the Charles River Campus of Boston University since 1991. To make suggestions or express concerns, contact Boston University Police Chief Steven Devlin at 353-2127.

New research building hosts convenience store

A convenience store featuring the traditional range of groceries, office and health supplies, a sandwich shop and a bakery is now open for business in the lobby of the Center for Advanced Biomedical Research (CABR). The "Campus Convenience" store is the newest edition to the 700 Albany St. building.

Standard grocery items such as milk, juices, water, frozen foods and ice cream, as well as a wide range of newspapers, magazines, and snacks are now for sale at the store from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Freshly baked breads, muffins, croissants, cookies and bagels are served daily, and the sandwiches, which will change in variety each week, are made on freshly baked bread. Fresh fruit salads and tossed garden salads are also available.

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Boston University Medical Center (BUMC) has opened its new ambulatory operating room suite in August. Cutting the ribbon were, from left, BUMC President Elaine Chao, Vice President of Nursing Nancy Mitchell, RN, MD, Chief of Anesthesiology Marcelle Willock, MD, and Surgeon-in-Chief James Becker, MD. The new ambulatory suite is equipped with two renovated operating rooms, one of which is dedicated solely to ophthalmology procedures.

BUSCH program to increase number of minority physicians

Boston University School of Medicine (BUSCH) is one of six medical schools in the country to develop programs to increase the numbers of minority physicians nationwide. The $7.3 million program, sponsored by the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation, will involve 11 medical schools, the U.S. College Board and Venture in Education, a leading non-profit organization committed to promoting academic rigor in mathematics and science for high school students.

In the five years of the grant, the goal is that "minority students interested in the sciences will take a two-year "booster" course in the BUSCH program to improve their scores on the MCAT and medical school admissions tests," said Mitchel, RN, MEd; Chief of Anesthesiology Marcelle Willock, MD, and Surgeon-in-Chief James Becker, MD. The new ambulatory suite is equipped with two renovated operating rooms, one of which is dedicated solely to ophthalmology procedures.

Crosstown buses now serve BUMC area

The Massachusetts Turnpike Commuter Authority (MBTA) has insti­
tuted a new crosstown bus service that provides service for hundreds of area residents. The bus routes, CTI and CT2, directly link the Medical Center area with Back Bay, Green Line and Orange Line transit stations, and use limited stops along each route.

At a ribbon-cutting ceremony held at the Cambridge City Hospital recently, to recognize the new bus service, Secretary of Transportation and MBTA Chairman James Keranoski said, "Bus service with few stops is a step in the right direction as we continue to analyze the growing transportation needs of this area."

"These new buses represent a significant enhancement in transportation service," said Bill Gaster, president of the BUMC/MBTA Joint Transportation Management Agreement and BUMC's vice president for business affairs.

The buses, which bear an MBTA logo surrounded by "MBTA" and operate on limited-stop routes, are running from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., at 15- to 20-minute intervals. Other stops stop­ping at CAMC will be affected by this new service.

All MBTA plans (except subway service) will be acco­rporated on the crosstown buses. Without a pass, a bus ride will continue to cost 67.5 cents.

Dental school receives increased HIV funding

This is the third year that the Department of Health and Human Ser­vices has awarded an average of $78,000 to dental schools for non-stormbursed oral health research. Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-infected patients, the Goldenman School of Gradu­ate Dentistry (GSGDC) recently received more than $75,000.

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BUSCH's new OB/GYN practice offers state of art child birth service

On a recent weekday morning, some 20 young, concerned inter­city males take turns knelt on the floor of a Boston University Medical Center Hospital training room learning the proper way to breathe life into a living being. The youth, all on pro­vision from Boston Juvenile Court, find themselves learn­ing room with baseball caps worn backward,艾滋病 clothing and somber expressions.

But by the time a group of BUSCH training professionals, mostly nurses, works well into the cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instruction, looks of indifference turned into nods of understanding and smiles of enjoyment.

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"The best advice for women who have had a previous C-section is to talk with their obstetrician early on in their pregnancy to decide whether they are a good candidate for vaginal delivery," said Riley. "After that, they should get themselves in the mood psychologically for a vaginal delivery. They should expect pain, but should know that there are excellent options out there for pain manage­ment.

Expectant mothers may want to check with their local maternal and child health services to see how many caring professionals have been per­formed, as a way of deter­mining the likelihood that they will be allowed to attend one. At Boston University Medical Center, the information is provided during child birth education classes as a routine courtesy.

If you have any questions about vaginal birth after cesarean or would like more information on the services offered at the new BUMC Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, call 262-4000. Those who wish to discuss other health issues may contact the BUMC Connections hotline at 638-6765.
Gillette Company Unit dedicated

The Gillette Company's commitment to Boston University Medical Center is nowhere more evident than on BUMC Hospital's Atrium 7 West, where the newly named Gillette Company Unit is located. The unit was dedicated recently in honor of William Greer, MD, a BUMCH physician since 1950 and the longtime director of Corporate Health Services at Gillette. ‘My family and I have all been cared for by Dr. Greer,’ said Gillette Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Alfred Zeien during the dedication ceremony. ‘He is the most involved medical professional I’ve ever known. He is not just duty bound—he is personally bound by his own emotions to see that everything is in its very best.’ The Gillette Company has long been one of the Hospital’s most generous donors. The company’s most recent pledge of $300,000, made in 1990, is the largest corporate contribution the Hospital has ever received. ‘The Gillette Company Unit is not only a tribute to one of our own, Dr. Greer, but also to a company that has generously supported this Hospital for decades,’ said Jay Wein, BUMCH’s Vice President for Development. ‘I have gained great happiness and satisfaction from being part of the Gillette Company,’ said Greer. ‘The dedication of this unit represents the sharing and caring that are integral components of the BUMC Hospital/Gillette partnership.’ The association extends as far back as 1966, according to Gillette’s Zeien. The Gillette Unit is a medical surgical unit, with seven private and seven semi-private rooms. There are several special medical services that the unit provides, such as positive/negative air flow rooms for patients in respiratory rehabilitation, and radiation and implant services for cancer patients. ‘We are so glad that Gillette is allowing us to celebrate Dr. Greer’s legacy,’ said BUMCH President Elaine Ullian. ‘To honor Dr. Greer and Gillette is a double win.’

William Greer, MD, middle, stands beside the plaque outside the BUMCH medical unit dedicated in his honor with Gillette CEO Alfred Zeien and BUMCH President Elaine Ullian.

Fuller Center displays local art

The portrait of Eugene Bussey, a Roxbury resident, will be on display during November in the lobby of the Dr. Solomon Carr fuller Mental Health Center. The mental health center, located at 85 East Newton St., across from BUMCH, is named after Solomon Carr Fuller, MD, the first black psychiatrist in the United States. The work of a different black artist will be showcased every month until the end of the year as part of the Center’s 20th anniversary celebration. The exhibition is entitled “Art Speaks,” can be viewed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week. For more information, contact Bussey, who is also a telephone services supervisor at the Center, at 266-8600, ext. 443.

AmeriCorps Health and Housing Fellows Program.

The students were recently sworn in as AmeriCorps members on the Boston Common by U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley, as part of the program's national launch. Sen. Edward Kennedy and Mayor Thomas Menino were among those who addressed the hundreds of local AmeriCorps members on the Common, while President Clinton spoke via satellite.

As AmeriCorps fellows, the students are helping to establish programs aimed at bolstracing the communities to which they've been assigned. At the Plymouth Hospital Authority, Salazar is working with the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, instructing older children to tutor younger children, and initiating a neighborhood clean-up and bulb-planting party in the family development in which she lives. In Attleboro, Kutogi is developing a tenant/staff newsletter and organizing neighborhood children to revitalize a local public park. Karaczun is working with the Milford Housing Authority staff to design a health and social services survey with the ultimate goal of creating a round table meeting for local providers. While is living and working in an elderly development in Quincy, surveying the health services available there and working with existing community groups to improve services to housing authority residents. In Brockton, Broe is living in an elderly housing complex, working one-on-one with disabled residents and local community service groups to improve services for the elderly. Nationally, AmeriCorps will engage thousands of Americans of all ages and backgrounds in a domestic Peace Corps to give humanitarian aid throughout the urban and rural communities of the United States.

SPH student fellows work for local housing authorities through AmeriCorps

Five Boston University School of Public Health students, all previous Peace Corps volunteers, have been selected for fellowships through AmeriCorps, President Bill Clinton's new national service program.

The students, Guadalupe Salazar, Tracy Lee Kutogi, Mark Karaczun, Kelley Bentley White and Kerry Broe, now live and work at housing authorities in Plymouth, Attleboro, Milford, Quincy and Brockton for one year. The SPH is the lead agency in a consortium with the University of Alabama/Birmingham, the University of Texas/Eil Paso School of Public Health and the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. Together, the four schools received a grant of more than $500,000 to fund the newly developed

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SPH students Mark Karaczun and Guadalupe Salazar joined the crowd on Boston Common in taking the AmeriCorps oath of service.