

APHA - Alumni Breakfast 30 Nov. 1977

Welcome to all of you on the occasion of the John Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health's annual family reunion breakfast. - in case there are any of you who are already awake. Largest group. Introduce self + wife

Pleasure to inform you that the school is alive and kicking - Thriving as never before - ~~it is in fact~~ In terms of both faculty & budget, it is, in fact, the world's largest school of public health.

Altho it's 8th Dean admits to a degree of fatigue at this point in time, the enthusiasm and spirit generated by faculty and student body alike have sustained me in the transition from eradication to vector - from Europe to America - and from international bureaucracy to civilian academia. I can only acknowledge with gratitude a remarkable tolerance and forebearance on their part.

Part of the success must be attributed to the fact that unlike any other Dean, I can call on the experience & wisdom of all the Deans ~~of this school~~ who have served this school since 1945 - Stokols + Hume

Note that 1 of the 4 distinguished APHA awards 2 (50%) going to School Faculty - John H. E. L. A. + AMERICA
The past 8 months have seen a number of changes - many more can be foreseen over the next year.

1st - Happy to introduce to you our new Associate Dean - Dr. Edythe Schenroich whose reputation as an able administrator, a creative force in the area of chronic disease and aging and in the broader issues of education have made her a national figure of renown. < 8 wks. - Society California - recruitment working. blh. jibin the country.

Secondly - our new Asst. Dean for Administration - who after a meteoric rise in the business world, joined ^{admin. staff at} Johns Hopkins. From 72-74 served as Pres. ~~Office~~ at the school but ^{having commanded rapidly respect of faculty and staff. blh} was quickly recruited by the Pres. as Dir. of Personnel for the University. Despite the enticement of yet a further promotion in the Univ. administration, we were happily able to ^{entice} ~~persuade~~ him to return to the School to assume the role of Asst. Dean for Administration.

Next year - hope to be able to introduce to you an Asst. Dean for Students & Cont. Education but with ~~difficulty~~ ^{difficulty} such as we now have, the ~~search for such a~~ ^{identification of} person of similar caliber is not easy.

Three important programs have been initiated this past year

1. ~~Center for Occup. Safety and Health~~ -

1. Depts. of Env. Health + Env. Medicine joined into Env. Hlth. Sciences -
now comprises a faculty of some 67 persons.

Dr. Gault Croon. - reorganizing & planning a longer term strategy

Important - Center for Occup. Safety and Health.

(University wide)

2. This October - The long-discussed Topical Medicine Center came into existence -

Appointment of Dr. Howard Goodman.

TDR / Immun / SAIS

3. Cancer

4. ~~Program in Prevention~~ ^{Alumni meeting} ~~led by Dr. George Bratton.~~

Space - an important & critical constraint -

'0' space budgeting - this past summer.

library - student reading area - feasibility study in process.

longer-term planning - ~50,000 ft.² of office & 50,000 ft.² of laboratory.

Accreditation - self study begins next month. Where are we going?

Debate over Natl. Hlth. Insur. - a good thing - sharply focusing the question of
how much can we afford for health - how much for sickness care & how much for prev.

White House & Congress - idea is gradually dawning that there is no choice but to
^{in the short term to} provide sickness care less expensively. longer-term - more difficult but ultimately
for more effective means for prevention - to grant the nation from intercepting
the expensive sickness-care system. Prevention ^{now} - ~~from~~ ^{new} idea where this has come - ~~to~~ ^{we are so deeply fixed to provide not prevent.}

Cannot prejudge the results of self study - but clearly some new directions
can be foreseen

① ↑ in ~~basic~~ departments concerned with teaching basic methods
to address problems. That which today is relevant ^{will} ~~may~~ be
wholly irrelevant in 5 yrs.

- ① ↑ in Continuing Education
- ② ↑ in Environ. Hlth Sciences.
- ③ ~~Gender Center~~

④ Regional resource + deeper engagement in the "practice of public health"

Request your ideas as to what we should do. ~~Wisham.~~

Now - what of the student body + a few items of data - before you

In brief, ^{I feel} I'm on the move. ^{or anything else} I think who told me that being a Dean could ~~never~~ ^{be that} approx. the excitement of being head of a global coord. prog. - I'm happy to report the converse. I feel we're on the verge of a revolution in health care - ^{you} ~~this~~ school is uniquely poised to ^{train} ~~prepare~~ the leaders of the next 20 years - ~~to support of this development of a new educational revolution in public health~~

I personally can't conceive of a more exciting place to be than at the center of what I'm confident will be a revolution in public health education. Close by requesting your support, your ideas and no less your financial contributions & aid us in this great effort.