

reliance on out-reach, vehicles, and sub-centers; in addition, less intensive services will be provided to the most impoverished population in other areas of the county. While all of the full-time Tufts faculty and staff at Columbia Point live in Boston, most of the Tufts faculty at the Delta Health Center—including the author—will be moving to, and living in, Mound Bayou. While the Boston Housing Authority provided the physical facility for the Columbia Point Health Center, Tufts will have to find its own facility in the south. Fortunately, two very substantial but uncompleted buildings—originally planned for a new (but unrealized) junior college campus near Mound Bayou—are located only two miles from the town, and it is hoped that these J. P. Campbell College buildings can be completed and equipped as the Tufts-Delta Health Center.

MOUND BAYOU

Mound Bayou itself is a small (population, 1380) but fascinating community. Founded just after the Civil War, it is the oldest all-Negro town in the United States, and it serves as a regional medical center

(since it has two small hospitals), educational center and social center for the Negro population of the entire northern Delta area. It has its own town government, a non-profit, chartered economic development corporation, a district high school and elementary school, a parochial school, and other facilities. Like the rest of the Delta, it also has needs—for better housing and for industrial development in particular.

Extensive field work has already been completed in the Bolivar County area, including meetings with many local residents, with the Bolivar County Community Action Program, with state and county health departments and local physicians, with civic and religious leaders, and with the leaders and residents of Mound Bayou. Plans for housing construction are under way, plans for health center construction are being drawn up, staffing patterns are set, arrangements for cooperative relationships with the two Mound Bayou hospitals are being developed, health education and community organization efforts have already begun, staff recruitment has started—and we hope that within months the Tufts-Delta Health Center will be a reality.

Tufts' New Community Health Division

H. Jack Geiger, M.D., Professor of Preventive Medicine, has been named head of a newly-created Division of Community Health in the Department of Preventive Medicine at the University's School of Medicine. Tufts' New Community Health Program was written up by Count D. Gibson, Jr., M.D., and Herman Jack Geiger, M.D. in the Tufts Medical Alumni Bulletin 24:18, Nov. 1965.

Dr. Geiger is Project Co-Director of the Tufts Comprehensive Community Health Action Program, which includes the Tufts Health Center at Columbia Point, Boston,

and a second Health Center and program which is being developed in Mississippi. The Co-Directorship is shared with Dr. Count D. Gibson, Jr., Professor and Chairman of the Department of Preventive Medicine.

Dr. Geiger has received an award of a five-year Milbank Faculty Fellowship for the period 1966 to 1971. The award of \$40,000 was made by the Milbank Memorial Fund to enable Dr. Geiger to pursue his program of research and development in social and community medicine, evaluation of teaching and training in community health,

and advanced study in social medicine. He is one of eight scholars chosen by the Milbank Memorial Fund from the United States and Latin America for the current award.

The Department of Preventive Medicine's new Division of Community Health will be responsible for the planning, direction and further development of Tufts' pioneering programs in community health, including the establishment and operation of neighborhood health centers. Funded under an initial \$1,168,000 grant from the U. S. Office of Economic Opportunity (the "Poverty Program") (see Tufts Medical Alumni Bulletin, Nov., 1965), the project has become the model for a nationwide OEO network of more than 15 neighborhood health centers linked to community action groups in order to improve health and to stimulate social change in low-income populations.

Dr. Geiger joined the Tufts faculty in 1965 as Associate Professor of Preventive Medicine. He came to Tufts from the Harvard School of Public Health, where he was Assistant Professor of Public Health, and Clinical Associate in Medicine on the Harvard Medical Service at Boston City Hospital.

Born in New York City in 1925, Dr. Geiger began his academic career at the University of Wisconsin in 1941. He served for three years as a Lieutenant in the U. S. Merchant Marine during World War II and then completed undergraduate studies in biological and social sciences at the University of Chicago.

In 1958 he graduated from Western Reserve University School of Medicine. While still a medical student, he was awarded, in 1957, a Rockefeller Foundation Scholarship for studies in social medicine in the Union of South Africa and in particular for observations of the relationships between rapid culture change and health at both rural and urban Zulu health centers affiliated with the University of Natal Medical School.

He interned on the Harvard Medical Service at Boston City Hospital, 1958-1959. He was Research Fellow in Harvard's Department of Preventive Medicine, 1959-1961, and simultaneously held a Post-doctoral Research Fellowship in the Joint Training Program in Social Science and Medicine at Harvard University. During this period he also received in 1960 an M.S. degree in epidemiology from Harvard School of Public Health.

In 1961, Dr. Geiger became Instructor in Preventive Medicine at Harvard and also served as Chief Consultant to a major School of Public Health project, the Cross-Cultural Survey of Social Factors in the Etiology of Disease. From 1962 to 1964 he returned to Boston City Hospital to complete his training in internal medicine, serving as Assistant Resident and Senior Resident on the Harvard Medical Service and Research Fellow in the Thorndike Laboratory. He is married and lives in Brighton, Mass.

ALUMNI AWARDS

The following students received Medical Alumni Awards for academic achievements for the academic year 1965-66:

Marvin P. Fried, M'69—Anatomy

Vincent R. Conti, M'69—Biochemistry

Peter J. Savage, Jr., M'68—Microbiology

Eugene L. Keller, M'68—Pathology

Jeffrey H. Newton, M'68—Pharmacology

Richard T. Milazzo, Jr., M'69—Physiology

Charles E. Bemis, M'66, received the Alumni Award which is given to that student who has received the highest record for his four years at medical school. Dr. Bemis is interning in medicine at the Boston City Hospital.