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New research facility to be built on Medical Center campus

By the fall of 2002, many IUSM researchers and physicians will have a new place to hang their lab coats.

The Trustees of Indiana University recently approved plans for construction of a 120,000-gross-square-foot research facility on the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis campus.

The Research Institute II will house research laboratories and offices, although it has yet to be determined which departments or faculty offices will be housed in the new facility.

"The expansion of research space for the Indiana University School of Medicine provides the ability for our school to expand the frontiers of medical care by promoting bench research which can translate into an understanding of disease processes, allowing tomorrow's cure," says IUSM Dean Robert Holden, MD. "This space will house investigators doing this basic research promoting tomorrow's cures."

It is anticipated that construction will begin by late June or early July with a target date of occupancy by October 2002. The four-story building will be situated on the south side of Wishard Boulevard, west of the Wishard Parking Garage. A tunnel connecting the new research building with the Medical Research and Library Building to the south also is included in the project, estimated to cost \$26.9 million.

The entire project is funded by IU School of Medicine gift funds, including a \$10 million contribution from Clarian Health Partners.

To control costs, the architectural design plans of the IU Cancer Research Institute, dedicated in 1997, will be used for the new research facility. The two buildings, which will be nearly adjacent, will share exterior and interior design features.

Briefs

Wells director

Mary Dinauer, MD, PhD, is the new director of the Herman B Wells Center for Pediatric Research, Department of Pediatrics, at IUSM.

In her new role, she oversees all interdisciplinary scientific research into genetic causes of severe and chronic diseases affecting children and the development of treatments for disorders. She is the Nora Letzter Professor of Pediatrics and a professor of medical and molecular genetics with IUSM.

She succeeds David Williams, MD, as director.

Schoch aboard

Eric Schoch has joined the Indiana University School of Medicine as director of new media and consumer health communications.

Schoch previously was science and technology writer at *The Indianapolis Star* where he was on staff for nearly 21 years. During his tenure at the Star, Schoch also covered health, medicine and business.

Schoch is working on projects that provide medical, health and science information directly to the public. He is a staff member of the IU School of Medicine dean's office and works close with the school's Department of Public Health and Office of Public and Media Relations.

He is available to provide communications support to all IU faculty who work in areas of science, technology and health.

Faculty honored at 2000 Senior Banquet

Faculty and students were recognized at the 2000 Senior Banquet. The May 15 issue of SCOPE carried the names of the student award-winners. Faculty members recognized by graduating medical students are included in this issue.

Teaching excellence

For the past four years, Stan Alexander, MD, has walked to the podium to receive the Golden Apple Award, an honored bestowed by graduating medical students to the outstanding teacher. This year, at the 2000 Senior Banquet, the tradition was broken; Dr. Alexander instead received the Platinum Apple Award, a one-time award honoring him for excellence in teaching and opening the way for others in coming years to receive the Golden Apple Award.

Other teaching awards presented to faculty for excellence in basic science and clinical instruction include:

Basic Science

Mark Braun, MD, Thimjon Ferguson, MD, Darryl Smith, MD, Robert Harris, PhD, James Walker, PhD, Victor Jolgren, MD, James Vanden Berge, PhD, Kenneth Olson, PhD, Taihung Duong, MD.

Clinical Science

Worthe Holt, MD, Joseph Mamlin, MD, Robert Pascuzzi, MD, Haywood Brown, MD, Jim Megremis, MD, Alan Schmetzer, MD, Stan Alexander, MD, James Madura, MD, and Frederick Rescorla, MD.

Jose Espada was honored with the Students' Award.

David Spigel, MD, was the recipient of the Outstanding House Officer Award.

Dr. Bull takes stand for safety

IUSM pediatrician Marilyn J. Bull, MD, has taken a national role in the effort to crack down on firms that produce defective equipment and fail to report them to the commission.

"Today, injury is the number one cause of death for kids one and older, and as new products come onto the scene, they've brought with them new potential for injury," said Dr. Bull, appearing at a recent White House news conference with the first lady, government officials and other health-care organization representatives.

"The American Academy of Pediatrics is committed to do all we can to ensure that pediatricians take advantage of the reporting system that has been designed by CPSC for health-care professionals," added Dr. Bull, who chairs the academy's Committee on Injury and Poison Prevention.

Proposed legislation calls for raising the fine cap the CPSC can impose on a company that fails to report a serious product hazard and stiffer criminal penalties for those convicted of violating product safety laws.

3 honored at Spring Medical Alumni Weekend

Three distinguished physicians who have left their mark in the field of medicine nationwide were honored during the Indiana University Spring Medical Alumni Weekend.

Ting-Kai Li

The Glenn W. Irwin Jr., MD, Distinguished Faculty Award was presented to Ting-Kai Li, MD, distinguished professor of medicine and assistant dean for research at IUSM. He also is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Li is internationally known for his research on the genetic determinants of alcohol use and alcoholism.

Robert Hattery

Robert Hattery, MD, a 1964 alumnus, received the 2000 Distinguished Medical Alumnus Award. Dr. Hattery served as chairman of the Mayo Clinic Board of Governors from 1994 to 1998, marking a pinnacle in his more than 30 years of service to Mayo Clinic. He also served on the Clarian Health board at its inception. A radiologist, Dr. Hattery's medical work has focused on applications of computed tomography for imaging organs and disease states.

Steven Beering

A sculpture was unveiled of Purdue University President Steven Beering, MD, ScD, who served as dean of IUSM from 1974 to 1983. The bust of Dr. Beering will join those of previous IU medical school deans gracing the lobby of Ruth Lilly Medical Research and Library Building.

Dr. Beering's likeness was created by Ben Wilson, M.D., an April 1944 graduate of IUSM and a Scottsdale, Ariz., sculptor and gallery owner.

Awards for outstanding career achievement presented during the annual Strawberry Shortcake Luncheon.

More than 600 IUSM alumni and friends attended the weekend event.

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