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Legacy enriches IUSM and Indiana

"One of my best friends just informed me that I will soon be moving from the category of 'Who's Who' to 'Who's He?'" said Dean and Walter J. Daly Professor Robert Holden, MD, at a gathering of emeritus faculty. "And frankly, I'm looking forward to the change and the opportunity to be able to choose the jobs that I want to do."

Dr. Holden has served as the eighth dean of IUSM during what he terms a "provocative time" for academic medicine as well as for the School itself. He counts among his greatest accomplishments as dean the increase in extramural funding, both from National Institutes of Health and from private and corporate donors, and the state's decision to establish the 21st Century Research and Technology Fund. He hopes to continue working to increase the fund's current level of \$50 million for 1998-2000 biennium to twice that during the next legislative session. The fund supports biomedical and technological collaboration between academic institutions and private industries in Indiana during the 1998-2000 biennium.

Holden reception

Faculty and administrators of the School of Medicine, IUPUI and IUB campuses are invited to a reception for Dr. Holden on Friday, June 30. It will be from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with a special program at 4:30 in the University Place Hotel ballroom. Participants in the program include Lynda Means, MD, and Valerie Jackson, MD, Katie Humphries, the recently appointed secretary of Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, and IUPUI Chancellor Gerald Bepko.

Noteworthy achievements

Accomplishments of the School under the Leadership of Robert W. Holden, MD:

1996 - Cancer Pavilion opens

1997 - Cancer Research Institute opens

1998 - Van Nuys Medical Science Building Expansion opens General Assembly approves building

campaign for four IUSM campuses General Assembly approves 21st Century Fund, dedicating \$50 million for the 1998-2000 to support biomedical and technology research collaboration between academic institutions and private industry

2000 - Higher Education Commission approves financing that provides support of infrastructure needs for a research building that mirrors the Cancer Research Institute; Clarian Health contributes \$10 million

Research awards expected to reach \$140 million, increasing to \$47 million from \$92.9 million in 1995 and by 22 percent from 1998-99.

Briefs

Hospital training

This summer, the ISMA will help 47 first-year medical students gain hands-on experience in community hospitals.

The new 2000 Hospital Medical Education Program offers students the opportunity to learn about clinical medicine and community health in community hospital settings. Students matched to 20 hospitals through the program that's administered by the ISMA and the Indiana Hospital & Health Association. Most students who signed up for the program said they wanted hands-on experience in a clinical setting. "I'd like to gain experience in interacting with patients and observing the many sub-specialties of medicine," said B.J. Justice, who was matched with St Francis Hospital and Health Centers. "Hopefully, I'll be able to use some of the knowledge I attained this year." Scott Steenburg, who was matched with St. Joseph Community Hospital, said hopes for exposure to as many medical specialties as possible. One aim of this program is to give prospective physicians a taste of different specialties. "We're trying to help medical students any way we can," said Sarah Snyder, ISMA's program coordinator. "This is an excellent program and I'm glad students are taking advantage of it." The students will spend eight to 12 weeks in their matched hospital.

Student choice

The IUSM Department of Neurology has been recognized by the Association of University Professors of

Neurology and the American Academy of Neurology for having the largest number of medical students choose residency training programs in neurology of any medical school in the country.

Chairman Jose Biller, MD, accepted the award on behalf of his department. The Association has requested that the IUSM faculty share with other departments of neurology across the country the specifics of the Neurology Student Clerkship at IU so that other medical schools may have similar success.

Students get hands-on training this summer in family medicine

The IUSM Department of Family Medicine, together with six other organizations, has placed a total of 26 students who have just completed their first year of medical school in summer family medicine preceptorships across Indiana and in bordering Illinois counties.

The Family Medicine Scholars Consortium was formed this year with the common goal of increasing the number of medical school graduates entering primary care residencies. The six consortium members include Cinergy, Vectren, the Indiana State Department of Health, the Midwest Center for Rural Health, the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians and Deaconess Hospital.

The programs were developed in response to the ongoing shortage of primary care physicians in Indiana. As of March, 66 of Indiana's 92 counties were designated by the Indiana State Department of Health as either health professional shortage areas or medically underserved areas.

"This isn't easy summer work," said Brenda O'Hara, MD, director of predoctoral education at Department of Family Medicine. "The students work with a variety of health care professionals, interact with patients and see first-hand the cultural and language barriers that can exist between physicians and patients. But what I often hear at the end of the summer from students is that this experience helped them to remember why they entered medical school in the first place."

Shoe collection to send message; IUSM and Clarian participate

The Indiana Partnership to Prevent Firearm Violence in conjunction with several local agencies will collect 814 pairs of shoes as part of a national protest against gun violence, June 12 through July 10.

People in Indiana are being asked to contribute a pair of shoes and to personalize it by inserting a signed note, card or photo saying how gun violence affects them and their families. In 1997, 30,000 Americans died from gun related accidents, suicides and homicides. The 814 pairs of shoes reflect the number of gun-related deaths in Indiana.

In a Silent March on the National Republican Convention in Philadelphia on July 29-30, and on the National Democratic Convention in Los Angeles on August 14-18, the number of pairs collected per state represent the number of gun deaths each year in each state.

Locally, the Silent March is being supported by a dozen groups including IUSM and Clarian Health Partners.

Shoes can be dropped off at several locations including Wishard, IU, Riley and Methodist hospitals.

Honors

Bruce Martin, PhD, associate professor of physiology and biophysics with Bloomington's Medical Sciences Program, has been honored with IUSM's 2000 Faculty Teaching Award, the sole award presented by the school to its 1,100 full-time faculty. Martin joined the faculty in 1979 as assistant professor. He will be appointed to full professorship July 1. This is not the first time Martin has been recognized for his teaching prowess. In 1998, he was honored nationally with the Innovative Basic Science Faculty Member Award from the American Medical Association.

Peter Roach, PhD, is one of three IUPUI faculty members to receive the newly created title of chancellor's professor during the Chancellor's Honors Convocation in April. The title recognizes senior faculty members based on their long-standing, continuous commitment to excellence in research, teaching and service. To be considered for the designation, candidates must have the rank of full professor and have served at IUPUI for at least 10 years. Chancellor's professors will serve as consultants to the chancellor and as mentors for colleagues.

David Wilkes, MD, has been named a member of the Lung Biology and Pathology Study Section for the Center for Scientific Review at the National Institutes of Health. His appointment begins July 1 and extends to June 30, 2004.

Submissions to Scope

Scope summer hiatus begins

The June 26 issue of Scope will be the last one published until August. Items for the fall issues can be submitted during the summer by:

- faxing the information to 278-3502;
- e-mailing the information to mhardin@iupui.edu;
- mailing the information to Mary Hardin, LO 401, IUPUI.

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