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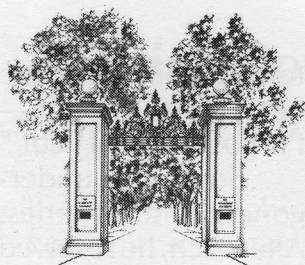
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News & Notes

Tri-lab meetings: 'vital interaction'

The first Tri-lab meeting of the academic year was held Tuesday in the Tower Building. Originally an informal information exchange between three labs, the meetings, still informal, have grown to include participants from 27 labs. James Darnell, Vice President for Academic Affairs, described the get-together as an opportunity for "vital interaction" among those on campus "interested in a molecular biological approach." Tri-lab meetings take place twice a month, with labs participating on a rotating basis. Each meeting features three research presentations.

At the first meeting, Hiroyuki Kato, a postdoctoral fellow in the Laboratory of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, spoke about repression of the HIV-1 promoter by a cellular protein. Marcus Thelen, a postdoctoral fellow in the Laboratory of Cellular Physiology and Immunology, reported on findings about MARCKS, or myristoylated, alanine-rich C kinase substrate. And Lee Babiss, Assistant Professor in the Laboratory of Molecular Cell Biology, discussed how changes in adenovirus and cellular gene expression contribute to the process of cellular transformation and tumor progression.

—by Susan Blum

A recovery, a victory

On Memorial Day in 1987, Aquiles Sosa, Day Porter in Custodial Services, was the victim of a mugging near his home in the Bronx that left a bullet hole in his hand, a bullet lodged close to his spine, and doctors saying he might never work again.

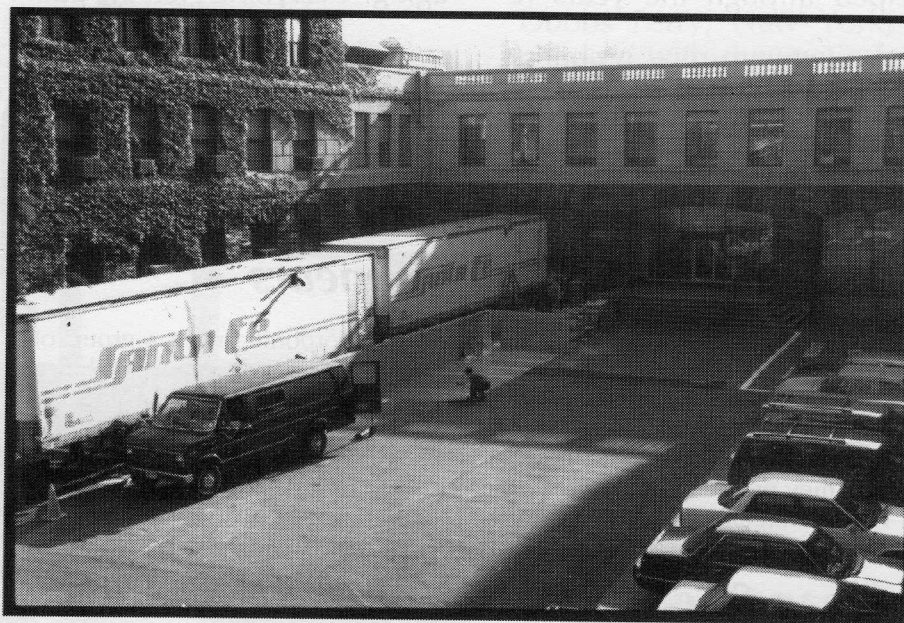
On Wednesday, Sosa was presented a new Fuji 10-speed bicycle by his supervisor Tom Mineo in recognition of his hard

work on the job and to encourage him to continue the daily workouts doctors credit as the key to his rapid recovery.

"People have been so supportive here at Rockefeller," Sosa told *News and Notes*. "Almost everyday for the last three years I have gone down to the workout room at lunchtime, and they

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Preparing for winter



Two trailers have been set up in the parking lot between Flexner and Smith Halls to house two boilers that will provide the university with heat and steam throughout the winter. These temporary arrangements are caused by construction of the new building. Above, workmen are building the dike and underlying pan that will surround the fuel tank for these boilers. The system will be activated next month and should remain in use through April when the powerhouse will go back on line using the smokestack in the new building.

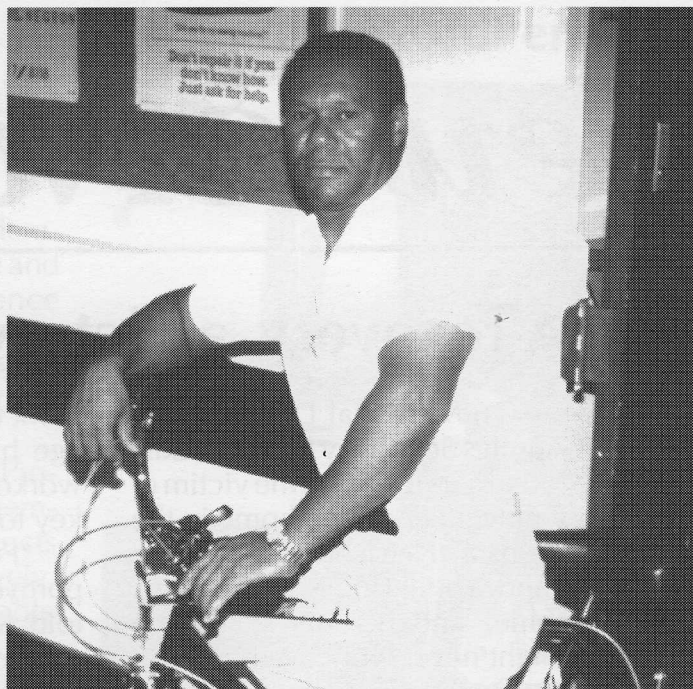
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have helped me."

Sosa was born in Santo Domingo, where he trained to be a physical education teacher. He immigrated to America in late 1968 and took a job at the university 21 years ago. Most of those years he has been responsible for housekeeping duties on the third floor of the hospital.

After joining the Rockefeller staff, Sosa began frequenting the Graduate Students' Residence Gym, where he assisted people trying to get in shape by helping them develop workout routines. Following the Memorial Day incident, many of those he had helped through the years re-



Aquiles Sosa pauses a moment with his new bicycle.

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told the bullet, "You are not going to beat me—I'm going to beat you!"

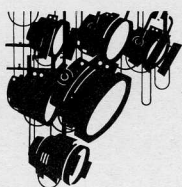
Sosa has undergone several surgeries. After each, he received many cards and visits from friends at the university. He also credits the Rockefeller with attempting to accommodate his special needs during the time of his recuperation.

"Aquiles is an extremely conscientious and diligent worker," Mineo said. "He's the kind of guy that never says 'no' and never gives up."

turned the favor.

"It was very difficult for me to work out at that time," he said. "But people were very encouraging. Everytime I felt the pain I

Sosa still carries the bullet that felled him three years ago. "I have regained about 90% of my strength now," he says. "This bicycle will help me go the rest of the way." ➔➔



Lunchtime Film Series will show *Intrapreneurs*

Hidden among the ranks of the traditional corporation are a group of inventors and pioneers called "intrapreneurs," or entrepreneurs within a larger business or organization. This 1986 production goes behind the scenes at four major corporations—Dupont, Digital Equipment, 3M and Polaroid—and shows how they dared to invest in their "intrepreneurs" and how they profited greatly from doing so. The film will be shown twice, at 12:00 noon and 1:10, in Caspary Auditorium. Bring your lunch.

Mean Streets featured at Fall Film Series

On Sunday night, the 1990 Fall Film Series will present Martin Scorsese's 1973 film *Mean Streets* at 7:30 in Caspary Auditorium. The movie focuses on two young men trying to cope with Mafia brutality and family ties in New York's Little Italy. Robert DeNiro and Harvey Keitel star.

Intro to PC Course Offered

Paul Rosen of the Electronics Laboratory will offer a 6-8 week introductory course on the use of personal computers beginning October 29, 9:30-10:30, in Tower 305. The course will consist of 1-hour lectures and 2-3 hours of laboratory exercises each week. The goal of the course is to enable participants to acquire confidence in the operation and selection of personal computers in the normal laboratory environment. Register by calling Paul Rosen at x8750 or sending mail to box 297. ➔➔

Housing Committee represents university tenants

Approximately 600 Rockefeller staff members live in the university's six apartment buildings. A Housing Committee, consisting of tenants from each building and chaired by Vice President David Lyons, meets about six times a year to discuss tenants' concerns and matters of mutual interest. The next meeting is scheduled for December.

A number of changes in building operations and facilities have been made as a direct result of committee discussions. For example, various buildings have received new mailboxes, additional dryers and bulletin boards, and improved locks and security.

In addition to tenant representatives, Housing Committee meetings are attended by Joseph Nekola, Director of Security, Jack Contes, Director of Housing and Realty Services, Marjorie Russell from the Rockefeller University Faculty House Tenants Association, and Dorine Colin and Wilfred Chabrier from Phipps Houses, the agency that manages the buildings.

Committee members would be pleased to hear about any problems or concerns from tenants in their buildings. Members of the committee are listed below.

*Faculty House
Scholars Residence
Sutton Terrace
220 E. 70th St.
238 E. 81st St.
325 E. 84th St.*

Dr. Rudolph Leibel, Dr. Charles Mobbs
Dr. Lee Babiss
Dr. E.G.D. Cohen
Dr. Jill Inverso
Dr. Debra Goldman-Wohl
Dr. Claude Desplan

Early morning Spanish classes



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Baltimore, Cohn address Irvington symposium

University President David Baltimore delivered the keynote address at the 75th Anniversary Symposium of the Irvington Institute for Medical Research in New York City. The conference, "Immunology in the 21st Century," took place at the Plaza Hotel, October 11-12.

Dr. Baltimore also presented a lecture, "Immunodifferentiation: A Frontier of Molecular Biology," at one of the conference sessions. In addition, Dr. Zanvil A. Cohn spoke on "The Enhancement of Cell Mediated Immunity with Recombinant Lymphokines - Studies in Leprosy and AIDS."

The Irvington Institute, founded in 1915 as a facility in Dobbs Ferry, New York, for children with rheumatic fever, has increasingly supported immunologic research over the years, including studies at The Rockefeller University and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. The Institute also sponsors postdoctoral fellowships in immunology.

— by Enid Goldberg

Tower 17th floor is the setting for a course in Spanish each week. At left (l to r), Antje Haase (barely visible), Marcia Simpson, Alexander Hoffman, Janet Stern, and Ruta Nonacs listen to a lecture in Spanish by their teacher Anne Gradwohl.

Computerized sequence analysis demonstrated

Several companies will demonstrate computer hardware and software for DNA sequence acquisition and manipulation in the Faculty and Students' Club on Wednesday from 10:00 to 3:00.

Intelligenetics, Inc., and Protein Databases, Inc., will demonstrate film scanning products at 10:00 and 10:45, respectively. These systems will be available for hands-on testing during the entire day to those who bring their own sequence films.

At 12:00, Textco, Inc., will make a presentation on The Gene Construction Kit, a unique "cloning tool" for plasmid construction, analysis, tracking and graphics production on the Macintosh computer.

Also available throughout the day will be representatives from Pharmacia-LKB, who will demonstrate their Automated Laser Fluorescent DNA Sequencer, and Apple Computer, who will demonstrate the new line of Macintoshes. ➡➡

Mammography screening offered in January

The mammography screening program sponsored by the Employee Health Service will be repeated in early January. Details will be announced when specific arrangements have been completed. ➡➡

Perfecting WordPerfect



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Above (l to r), Marguerite Nulty of Housing and Realty Services, Barbara Sampson of the Laboratory of Bacteriology and Immunology, and Suzanne Runyan of the Journals Office learned the intricacies of the WordPerfect program during Tuesday's afternoon computer class.

Announcements

Bake Sale Today

The Rockefeller Childrens' School is holding a bake sale today from 8:30 to 3:30 in the Tower Building lobby. In addition to wonderful baked goods, an assortment of African violets (courtesy of Mrs. Nina N. Casciano in Purchasing and her husband) will also be on sale. Proceeds go to support the school.

Frame exhibit

University Painter Oliver Farley will exhibit his collection of sports frames in the Tower lobby all day today. Farley, who builds and markets these items himself, says that the frames are "great gift items for sports enthusiasts."

Orion String Quartet performs

The Orion String Quartet will provide the third performance in this year's Tri-Institutional Noon Recital series. The performance is free and will begin at noon today at Sloan House, 1233 York Avenue.

The quartet is four renowned artists—violinists Daniel and Todd Phillips, violist Catherine Metz, and cellist Timothy Eddy—who, according to The New York Times, "come together in a configuration of particular sensitivity and bravado." At today's recital, the group will perform works of Mozart and Schubert.



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