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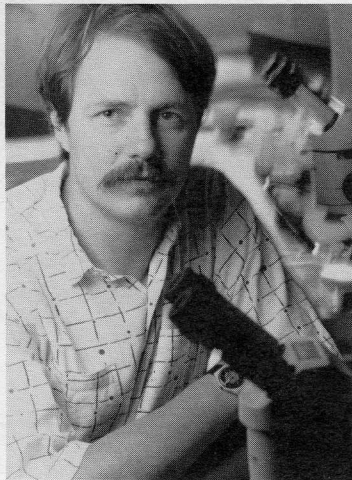
New dean focuses on jr. faculty

"It's very important for people to be aware that there's more going on than just their own research," says newly named Assistant Dean Claude Desplan, head of laboratory and an assistant investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. "If your happiness relies only on what's going on in your own lab, sometimes you'll be very happy, but there will also be plenty of times when you'll be frustrated. It's very important for researchers to broaden their perspectives. It's crucial to interact."

And facilitate interaction is exactly what Desplan plans to do. His primary responsibility as assistant dean is to serve as liaison between the university administration and junior faculty and postdocs. He is responsible for organizing seminars and other activities for junior faculty, postdocs, and students, and arranging faculty/student retreats. He also intends to put together, with the help of the students, a *New York User's Manual*, providing tips for new (and old) New Yorkers on shopping, cultural events, sports, etc.

Desplan came to the university in 1988 after a postdoctoral fellowship in the department of biochemistry at the University of California, San Francisco, where he studied the molecular mechanisms of *Drosophila* development. He received a doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Paris VII, and was an undergraduate at the Ecole Normale Supérieure, in St. Cloud, France.

Robert Reichert



Claude Desplan,
new assistant dean

With his laboratory group, Desplan studies the molecular mechanisms of early development in *Drosophila*. The lab focuses its attention on the motif called the homeodomain, which appears to play a fundamental role in the molecular processes common to all developing organisms.

Desplan joins a new team of deans assembled by Dean Bruce S. McEwen, whose responsibilities include overall coordination and fund raising.

The other deans are Peter Model, associate dean, who is responsible for curriculum; and Marjorie Russel, associate dean for admissions and recruitment. Also a member of the Deans' Office is Ralph Steinman, who directs the university's involvement in the Tri-Institutional M.D.-Ph.D. Program, which Rockefeller University sponsors jointly with Cornell University Medical College and the Cornell University Graduate School of Sciences, and the Sloan-Kettering Institute

Security increases vigilance in wake of two muggings

by Joseph Nekola

Two recent muggings in the university area have prompted the Security Department to take a number of steps to ensure the safety of the Rockefeller community. These steps have also resulted in cost savings.

The first incident took place on York Avenue and 62nd Street, at 3:00 p.m., August 6. A resident of Faculty House was accosted by two young men on the sidewalk in front of Faculty House. They attempted to take her handbag, but she resisted and they ran away to a waiting vehicle on 62nd at York Avenue. They fled north on FDR Drive.

The second incident occurred at 3:30 a.m., Saturday, August 10, on 66th Street. A guest investigator at the university left the campus via the 66th Street gate. As he walked towards First Avenue on 66th, two men in a black car pulled up next to him, jumped from the vehicle and forcibly stole his wallet. The thieves escaped west on 66th.

Neither victim was injured. Both crimes were reported to the 19th Precinct. Police there report that these incidents do not appear to be part of any pattern in the area.

Security Department Takes Action
To increase safety in the university area, Rockefeller Security has taken several actions.

- To reduce the number of access points, the Avery Gate at 67th Street was closed July 1, and the service gate at 68th Street is closed weeknights, weekends and holidays. A guard is posted at the north end of the campus 24 hours a day. There have been no incidents on campus



Guard Dennis Rivera at
66th Street gate

since these gates were closed.

- For the past 18 months, the Security Department has patrolled York, from 63rd to 68th. Although the number of crimes around the campus has been significantly reduced, perhaps because of this highly visible uniformed presence, the university is taking additional actions to safeguard the area. For example, security guards posted at the 66th and 64th Street gates at night have been instructed to be especially watchful for suspicious persons or vehicles in the area, and to keep Rockefeller people leaving the campus under observation on York Avenue.

- With the assistance of Clifford Norton, superintendent of Faculty House and Scholars Residence, Security has developed a system of communication to protect those walking between these residential buildings and the main campus. The guards at Faculty House and Scholars Residence phone guards on campus to alert them that someone is walking towards campus, and the guards on campus watch until he or she is safely on campus. The same procedure will be established with the doormen at Sutton Terrace.

Residents of these buildings should notify their doorman or guard when they set out for the campus at night. Similarly, when leaving campus, they should notify the security guard at the gate, who will watch them until they reach their building and notify the building guard to watch for them.

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Going out? Better behave!

Although this neighborhood is among the safest in New York City, residents do live and work in a large urban setting and should be cognizant of the dangers around them. Director of Security Joseph Nekola offers these safety tips:

- Notify Security immediately if you see anyone acting in a peculiar manner.
- When leaving the campus late at night, tell the security guard at the gate where you are going.
- When leaving the neighborhood at night, take a taxi if possible. Ask a guard to help you hail one.
- Those who must walk late at night should avoid the poorly lit, less traveled side streets in favor of main thoroughfares.

New LARC head faces rules, rules, and more rules

by Susan Blum

There's a lot going on in science these days. Research techniques are changing, regulations are becoming more stringent, and the public is demanding more accountability. Nowhere are these challenges more acute, or more interconnected, than in the field of animal research. And no one is more eager to meet them than Michael Hayre, the new director of Rockefeller's Laboratory Animal Research Center (LARC).

Hayre, who took up his new post in mid-June, is already deep into plans for the future. He hopes very soon to establish a transgenic mouse embryo cryopreservation service. Ultimately, he envisions, LARC will provide even more support services for research with transgenic animals. These will be available not just for Rockefeller scientists, but for researchers throughout the greater New York area, as well. "There aren't many places around that offer a comprehensive array of techniques for transgenic studies. We want to be one of them," says Hayre. (For more on how transgenic technologies are changing the face of scientific research, see "The Heart of the Matter" in the Fall 1991 issue of *SEARCH*.)

Creating a virus-free environment

Hayre is also moving to implement another goal: making LARC a facility free of all rodent viruses. "Some scientists are worried that this will be onerous," Hayre acknowledges, referring to the fact that virus-free research techniques can be more time-consuming. But, Hayre says, he is committed to helping researchers meet the goal in a way that is not burdensome. Moreover, he adds, his experience putting the same kind of policy in place when he served as associate

director for animal care at Schering-Plough Corporation showed that a virus-free environment is a boon to research. "Without exception, researchers found their data were more reliable after we implemented the new policy," Hayre reports.

Still another goal is to more fully integrate LARC's veterinary postdocs into the research life of the university. "They've got technical skills that can supplement those of the scientists, while the researchers have a depth of scientific perspective that can be invaluable for these postdocs. Everybody could benefit from greater interaction," he says.

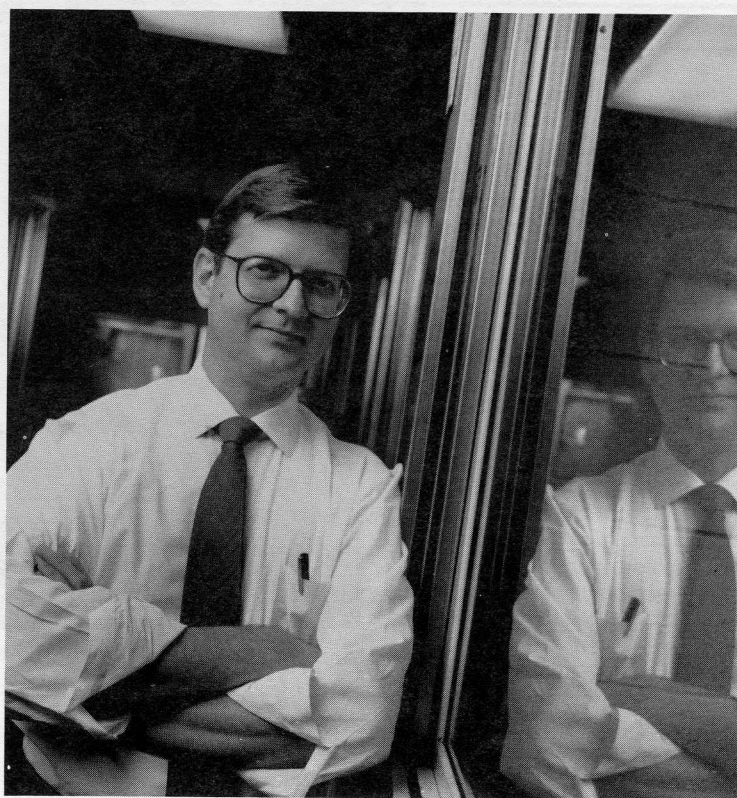
In addition to all he wants to accomplish, there's a primary task that he *must* fulfill: ensuring compliance with Federal regulations on animal research. Hayre explains that the new regulations, promulgated last month, are "the most extensive Federal regulations ever enacted." Designed to promote animal well-being, as well as to prevent abuse, they are, says Hayre, "even more stringent than child abuse laws." Like all others in the animal research field, Hayre's challenge will be to implement regulations which, while stringent, are not specific.

His commitment to do so superbly is grounded not only in governmental and institutional requirements, but in his own beliefs—shaped, in part, by his experience as a veterinary intern on Arizona's Navajo reservation. "The Navajos used animals to their benefit, but they were always respectful in their use," Hayre says. "There are lessons from their approach that are applicable to all who work with animals."

Hayre emphasizes that animal research is essential for scientific research. "We must use animals if we want to understand biological processes, unravel the mechanisms of disease, and develop therapies," he says. While alternatives may supplement animal research studies, they can never supplant them, Hayre says. In fact, he believes, "the very word, 'alternative,' is misleading. 'Adjunct' would be better. Computer or tissue-culture studies can add to our knowledge, but no computer will ever simulate the complexity of a living organism."

Complex issues at stake

As the organisms are complex, so are the issues surrounding their use—and therein lies the problem with much of the debate over animal research, Hayre asserts.



Michael Hayre at the LARC

"Concern over animal welfare is a reasonable concern," he says. "We must be concerned. We must be considerate. But, as the French author Alexis de Tocqueville said, it's easier for people to believe a simple lie than a complex truth. And the truth is that animal research has immeasurably improved the human condition—as well as that of animals who have benefitted from the discoveries, too."

Hayre believes it is up to the scientific community to help explain this complex truth. "Unless we develop mechanisms to explain science to the general public, and

explain the benefits of animal research, then we are only seeing the beginning of more and more restrictive legislation," he predicts.

The public must also have confidence that animal researchers, and those who maintain research facilities, are fully committed to the highest standards of humane, responsible animal care. In this respect, Hayre sees himself as the inheritor of a Rockefeller tradition. "Rockefeller has always been known for its outstanding standards of animal care," says Hayre. "I intend to make sure that LARC remains the standard by which all other facilities are judged."

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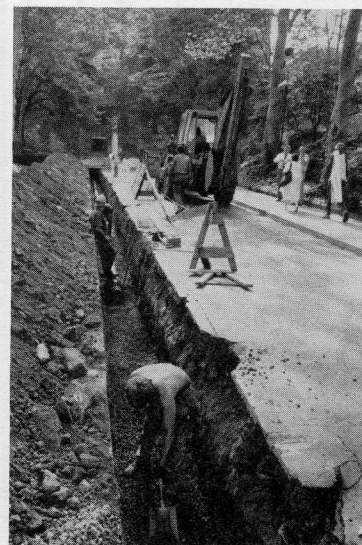
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Fire hydrants force closing of 66th St. gate

The construction of several new fire hydrants on campus has necessitated the closing of the 66th Street gate to cars during weekends in September. Pedestrians will still be able to enter at 66th Street.

Rockefeller employees were dismayed to note the huge trench that suddenly appeared on the main drive. It didn't come as a result of an errant lightning bolt. It's part of the plan to upgrade the university's fire-fighting capacity, required by law because of the construction of the new research tower. The installation of the new fire hydrants should be completed by the fall, and then all can rejoice.





From left, Isaiah, Lillie Mae, and Bernard Curry in a photo taken at the university in 1980.

News&Notes gets facelift, new editor

by Alfred G. Kildow

This summer, *News&Notes* went to the fat farm and got a makeover. We also took a good hard look at how we were covering the campus and decided to make some changes there, too.

Readers may recall that a year ago, the campus's traditional newspaper speeded up from five times a year to once a week, changed its look and became the centerpiece of an effort to improve internal communications.

As President David Baltimore said in the inaugural issue of the weekly: "As your new administration defines itself, this will be our major outlet for announcements. We will encourage everyone in our campus community to take advantage of its availability and use it to share information."

Later in that article, Baltimore said: "For *News&Notes* to serve its purpose, we all have to read it and contribute to it. It will be the job of the editorial group to see that it attracts readership, but it will be the responsibility of us all to provide useful information to it so that it can be an effective, compelling medium of communication for all elements of the campus."

For our part, we are taking two steps:

1. You're looking at a newspaper that's slightly larger, with slightly smaller type (a big complaint was that the type was too big). It was designed by Corrine O'Neill, manager of Graphic Design at the university. We intend to write brighter, more interesting copy, elicit the views of more of our

readers, and cover more of the news and interesting topics on our campus—in a timely manner.

2. Toward that end, we have a new editor starting next week. Her name is Mika Ono. I think you will like the spirit, skill and intelligence she brings to the job. Her career is described in a nearby story. Ono replaces Rob Brown, who has returned to his native New Orleans to work in public relations.

A new editor, a new look and new resolve isn't enough. We need more stories, more writers, more features. We need letters from the community. Generally speaking, we will run a letter from any member of the community, provided the writer signs his or her name, does not criticize an individual, and subscribes to the bounds of propriety—and length.

As an experiment, we will run want ads submitted by members of the community for items for sale or for housing—wanted, offered, or to share. Ads must be brief and must include a university telephone number.

So that readers can clearly see who is publishing this newspaper, we have added to the masthead the names of all responsible. Located there, too, are instructions for submitting items—and our E-mail address, by far our favorite means of communicating.

Meanwhile, those of us in University Communications hope you're enjoying our other major publication, the magazine *SEARCH*, the third issue of which will reach mailboxes within a few days.

Death of Bernard Curry at 37 saddens university campus

A familiar face around Rockefeller University for nearly 15 years, Bernard Curry was known for his broad smile, kind heart, and keen sense of humor. His death on August 27, at the age of 37, stunned and saddened the community, which also knew him as a member of a family whose ties to the university go back more than four decades.

His mother, Lillie Mae Curry, is an assistant supervisor in Custodial Services and has worked at Rockefeller since 1947. His brother, Isaiah Curry, is a radiation safety attendant in Laboratory Safety, and has been on staff since 1974. A cousin, Cora Fields, a former helper in the laboratory of William Trager, began work at the university in 1951 and remained until recently.

"Our laboratory has lost a valuable member whose work supported research in important ways," said Igor Tamm, in whose laboratory Curry had been a helper for over a decade. "Bernard had the best of relations with everyone in the laboratory. He was a person with a sunny disposition, who faced life with a heart full of good spirit. We will miss him very much."

Curry was born in Harlem Hospital on June 26, 1954. He graduated from William Edinger High School in New York City, and studied computer science at Manhattan College, developing an interest in business law and accounting.

He came to the university in 1976 as a porter in the laboratory of Emil C. Gotschlich, and was promoted to laboratory helper in

the Tamm lab in 1979. His interests included cooking and music, and he owned an extensive record collection.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 3, at the Marcus Jackson Funeral Home, 2461 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10027.

Besides his mother and brother Isaiah, Curry is survived by another brother, Nathaniel, two sisters, Betty Jean and Sylvia, two uncles and two aunts, and a nephew and four nieces. The university community wished to extend its sincerest sympathy to the Curry family.

New editor takes over at *News&Notes*

The latest member of Rockefeller's publications staff is Mika Ono, who will begin editing *News&Notes* starting with next week's issue.

Ono is a 1985 graduate in English literature of Reed College, and received a M.A.L.D. in international communication from The Fletcher School at Tufts University. She wrote public relations material for a New York firm whose clients include the New York state medical association and New York Law School. Ono has also done promotion work for a student exchange organization, and with her father, a professor at York College in Toronto, has published two scientific articles on vision.

"I hope that people will feel free to come to me with their ideas and suggestions," Ono said. She starts work Monday in the news office on the second floor of Nurses Residence; her extension is 8968.



Mika Ono, the new editor of *News&Notes*, gets accustomed to her new office in Public Affairs on the second floor of Nurses Residence.

Film series aims at plight of rain forest

Far as the Amazon is from New York, many here know that the disappearance of the tropical rain forest will have ramifications all over the world. And many in New York—including members of the Rockefeller community—are trying to do something to stop the devastation of the Amazon.

The university will hold a Rainforest Film Series in the Caspary auditorium featuring documentaries aimed at informing and raising concern about the destruction of this area. Supported by the Deans' Office, the program is as follows:

Forests of Plenty - Tuesday, September 17, 1991, 12:00 noon
Amazonia: A Celebration of Life (20 min.) Set in Peru, this film serves as an introduction to the diversity of life in a tropical rain forest.

Jungle Pharmacy (53 min., 1989)
This documentary points out the importance of saving the tropical rain forest, a storehouse of medical science. It also illustrates the fruitful collaboration between Indian chamans and ethnobiologists in saving endangered species.

People of the Forest - Tuesday, September 24, 1991, 12:00 noon
The Spirit of Kuna Yala (60 min.,



Amazonian rain forest, the subject of a new film series

1990) This film presents an ethnographic portrait of the Kuna Indians of Panama as they unite to protect their rain forest homeland and the tradition it inspires.

Contacts: The Yanomani Indians of Brazil (28 min., 1990)
This work depicts the devastating impact of contact with the outside world on an isolated indigenous tribe in the Amazon.

Fighting for the Rainforest - Tuesday, October 1, 1991, 12:00 noon

Chico Mendes: Voice of the Amazon (57 min., 1989) This film examines the life and work of the rubber tapper and environmentalist who started a movement to protect Brazil's tropical rain forest.

Halting the Fires (52 min., 1990)
To conclude the series, this documentary gives a socio-political framework to the devastation of the Amazon. It points to the economic interests which are behind the massive burning of the tropical rain forest and illustrates strategies used to prevent deforestation.

For additional information, contact Christine Neyt, postdoctoral fellow in the Geliebter lab (X7969) or Pierre Gonczy, graduate fellow in the DiNardo lab (X7874).

Potpourri

New Protocol Club organizing

A group is forming for those who wish to discuss, present, or evaluate techniques and protocols of general interest to the Rockefeller scientific community. The Protocol Club plans meetings focussed on a specific topic, such as PCR protocols, *in situ* hybridization, quantitative methods for protein analysis, etc. Discussions will include comparisons of protocols; their advantages, disadvantages, and limitations; the best sources for information; and the best sources for reagents and equipment. Optimum protocols will be chosen and written up in a standard format, including recipes and logistical considerations, and be given to club participants.

Meetings will begin in September or early October. Contact Charles Mobbs, Box 275, by September 11, or call him at X8662.

Painless—and free—English classes start

Free evening classes in conversational English will begin on campus next week. An overview of the course will be given by the instructor, Tom Pallo, Monday, September 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Caspary Hall, Room 1B. Those unable to make the general meeting may still participate and should attend the first class Thursday, September 12, at 6:00 p.m., in Caspary 1B, or the following class Monday, September 16, same time, same place.

Reminder

Those planning seminars must reserve rooms with Sandi Walsh, X8072, before submitting an entry to *News&Notes* or the *Calendar of Events*.

Jan L. Breslow, lab head and physician-in-chief of The Rockefeller University Hospital, joins a select group of lipid researchers who have been awarded the Heinrich Wieland Prize, presented yearly to scientists making important contributions to work on the chemistry, biochemistry, and physiology of fats and lipids and their nutritional and clinical significance.

Inna Perlin, administrative assistant in the laboratory of Bruce S. McEwen, gave a reading of her poems at the International Chicago Festival of Russian Culture last May. She has self-published two books of poetry and is currently working on a third.

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Rainforest symposium scheduled for January

A symposium sponsored by the Rainforest Alliance/New York Botanical Garden, "Tropical Forest Medical Resources and the Conservation of Biodiversity," will take place January 24-25 in Caspary Auditorium. Members of the Rockefeller university community will receive 100 complimentary pre-registered seats. (Details on how to apply for these seats, which will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, will be announced at a later time.)

Breslow unveils plans for hospital growth

By Susan Blum

It has been ninety years since Rockefeller opened its doors as the first institute in America devoted to basic medical research. Just a few years later came another landmark, when Rockefeller's hospital was founded as one of the country's first clinical research centers—a place to study disease as it presents itself in the patient.

By the time the university celebrates its 100th anniversary, this unique commitment to combining medical research with clinical investigation should be stronger than ever, said Jan Breslow, the Hospital's new physician-in-chief. Breslow met with the hospital's staff last Friday to discuss plans to fortify the bridge between the lab bench and the bedside.

Within five to ten years, Breslow reported, plans call for the establishment of eight new labs devoted to medical science. A search committee has been formed and applications from potential new lab heads are already arriving. "The ideal candidates will be MD's or MD-Ph.D.'s with a strong grounding in basic research, as well as a firm commitment to studying human disease," Breslow said.

The expanded corps of Rockefeller researchers won't be the only ones making greater use of the hospital's facilities in the future. Breslow reported that scientists from many of Rockefeller's neighboring institutions hope to conduct clinical investigations at the hospital. These institutions include The New York Hospital, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Hospital for Special Surgery, Strang Cancer Prevention Clinic, New York Public Health Research Institute, and Population



Physician-in-Chief Jan Breslow addresses Hospital staff at planning meeting last Friday.

Council. Projects already under discussion include clinical investigations into cancer treatment and prevention, reproductive biology, bone metabolism, cystic fibrosis, and AIDS.

While the clinical investigations of researchers on and off campus will cover a wide range of topics, Breslow stressed the special need for coordinated research in particular fields, many of which already have a strong foundation in current university projects.

One such field is the study of infectious diseases that pose a serious threat to public health, such as tuberculosis and AIDS. "AIDS research is not just a scientific opportunity, but a moral obligation," Breslow said. "We must conquer this horrible scourge."

Genetic research and resultant gene therapies are another targeted area. "If you ask ten scientists you'll get ten different opinions about how gene therapy will first be used clinically, but it is clear that it will be an important field of clinical investigation," Breslow said. He predicted that the Human Genome Project, which aims to map the entire genetic endowment of humans and certain animals, will augment our knowledge of the genetic basis of human disease and increase the prospects for experimental gene therapy within the relatively near future.

Research in the neurosciences is also ripe for translation into clinical investigation, Breslow said. "We've reached the point where we can start to apply the considerable advances made in basic research to a wide range of neurological diseases, such as psychiatric and behavioral disorders, immunological diseases, and degenerative disorders such as Alzheimer's," he said.

Yet another field of concentration will be nutrition. "We hope to serve as a center for clinical nutrition studies," Breslow said.

Breslow also reported plans to rejuvenate the Clinical Scholars Program. The program, which enjoyed great success from the mid-70s to the mid-80s, trains young physicians in the skills needed to conduct patient-oriented research—

skills they can carry back into the world of academic medicine.

While all these goals are being pursued aggressively, Breslow reported, their ultimate success depends to a large degree on support from private sources. "Setting up labs is expensive, doing basic research is expensive, and conducting clinical investigations is expensive," Breslow said. "With Federal funding diminishing, and support from insurance companies for experimental treatment declining, we must rely more and more on private funds."

With enough support, though, "the possibilities are limitless, and so are the opportunities," he said. "As I look ahead, I see a very bright future for the Rockefeller University Hospital."

LARC receives half-million dollar NIH grant to upgrade animal labs

The National Institute of Health (NIH) has awarded Rockefeller University a matching grant of approximately \$500,000 to modernize the Laboratory Animal Research Center (LARC).

The funds will help provide more than 50 labs with pathogen-free rodents needed for advanced biomedical research, in addition to improving the humane care of lab mice and rats at the university. The

modernization of the LARC, which follows recent improvements made to the aviary at the university's Field Research Center in upstate New York, will elevate all the university's animal facilities to the highest standards of care.

The NIH grant will fund 50 percent of the total cost of the project—\$1,107,000. The university must raise the remaining 50 percent from private donors.

2 Senior tutors advise entering students

3 Children's School begins

4 New lab building on schedule

New senior tutor program provides guidance for entering students

by Mika Ono

Twenty-one students entered Rockefeller's Ph.D. program this month with the usual mix of hope and fear that accompanies all significant new endeavors. Thanks to the senior tutor program beginning this academic year, these students will have the benefit of immediate, individual guidance from a senior faculty member to help them through the early part of Rockefeller's program.

The senior faculty members—or senior tutors as they are called—meet one-on-one with students to discuss courses, labs, and campus life. Each senior tutor also heads the student's faculty advisory committee, a group of three or four faculty members who provide expertise on the student's scientific interests.

At the beginning of the students' third year, the senior tutors cede their duties to the pre-thesis committees, groups of faculty members and outside examiners who advise students on their dissertations.

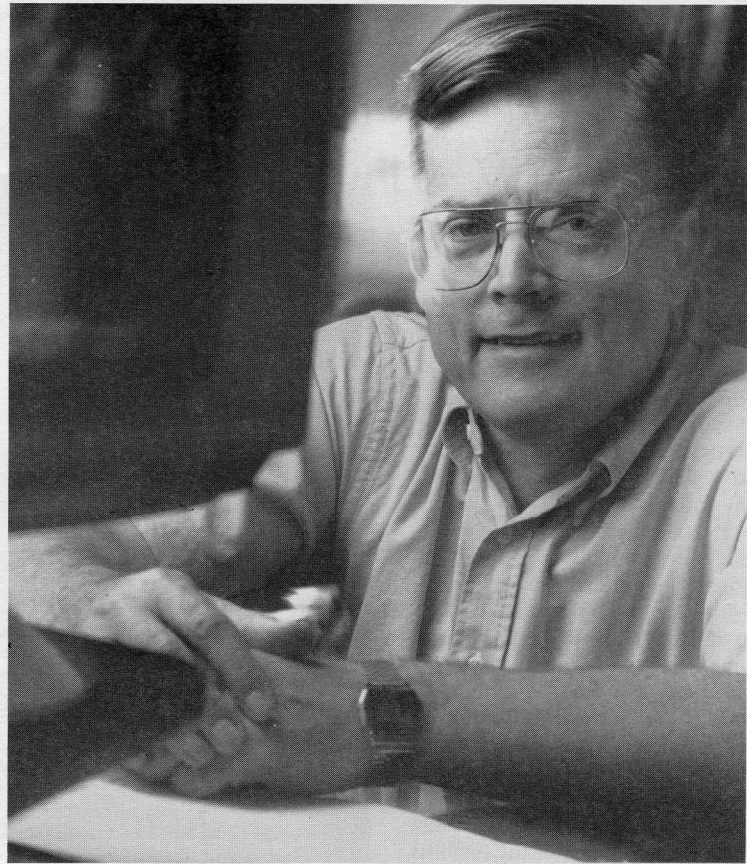
"In previous years, the deans assumed much of the responsibility for advising entering students," said Dean Bruce S. McEwen. "In addition to providing students with support and advice from active

researchers, the new senior tutor program enables deans to devote more of their time to research and provides senior faculty with an opportunity to become involved with students outside their lab groups."

The senior tutor program is one result of a movement in the Deans' Office to spread administrative responsibility among a larger number of faculty. Since last January three deans have been staffing the office: McEwen (overall coordination, interaction with the administration, and fund raising), Marjorie Russel (admissions, recruitment of new students), and Peter Model (curriculum).

This year's senior tutors are Brian Chait, Nam-Hai Chua, Bruce Cunningham, David Gadsby, Nat Heintz, McEwen and Model. Each tutor will be mentor to approximately three students. Meetings between senior tutors and students will take place in the Dean's office on the first floor of Founder's Hall.

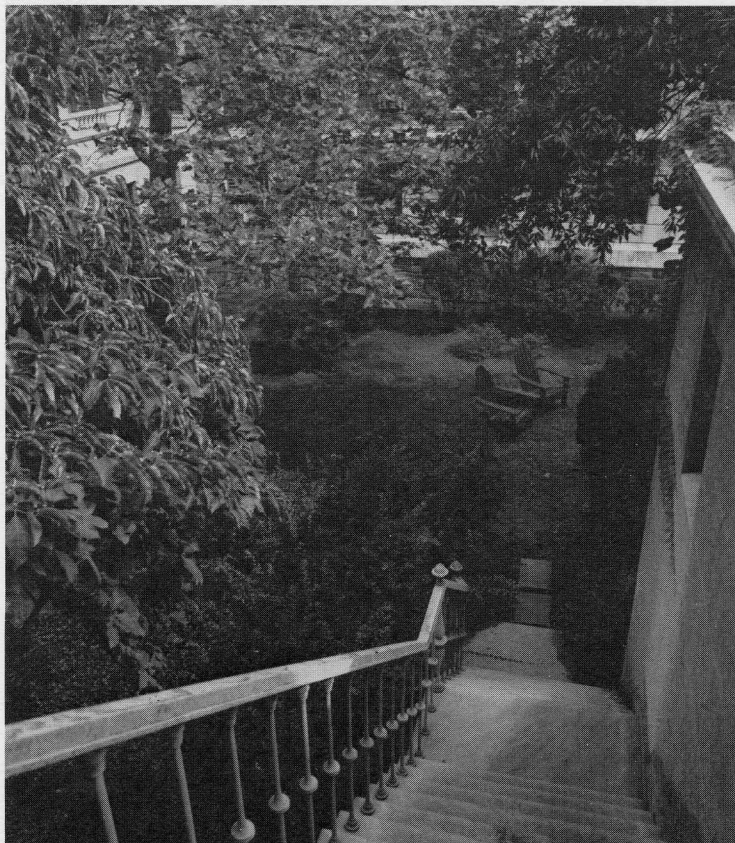
A get-acquainted cookout for senior tutors and entering students will officially launch the new program on Monday, September 16, at 5:00 p.m. in the Berlin Garden between Bronk Laboratory and Graduate Students Residence.



Dean Bruce S. McEwen

Corners

Robert Reichert



The reading garden behind the northeast end of the university library in Welch Hall provides a quiet place to study.

A gathering of students

Presidential precept packs preceptors party

President's House was packed Tuesday night with students, preceptors, and invited guests for an informal celebration of the beginning of a new semester.

The affair, hosted by President David Baltimore and his wife, Alice Huang, attracted more than 175 students, faculty members, visitors,

and guests, who talked far into the night.

The weather was gorgeous, the night perfect for viewing passing ships through the big picture windows of President's House, but only a few did so, choosing instead to focus in on clusters of conversational action.

Wanna get max mileage outa your Mac, PC? Read on

Computing Services will conduct workshops again this year, but in new, well-equipped permanent classroom space. The classes will begin as soon as the classroom is completed, scheduled for October. Classrooms will be equipped with Macintoshes and PCs, which will also be available for anyone to use when classes are not in session. The expanded classrooms will make it possible for training without waiting, as well as making possible classes for specific purposes.

During 1990-91, a total of 547 wanna-be computer jocks attended 80 workshop sessions.

Additional details, including schedules and topic listings, will be issued soon.

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Children's School begins

For the first time since May, the sound of children's voices could be heard on campus Wednesday, September 11. The Rockefeller University Children's School had opened for its 25th year.

"The Children's School is a wonderful resource for Rockefeller families, and we make it affordable to them by charging on a sliding scale," said Barbara Adams, director of the Children's School since 1974. "Our philosophy is to develop self-motivated, independent children by providing a rich environment in which they can make their own choices. We also teach them to cooperate with others. I know we are accomplishing our goals because our graduates excel when they reach grade school."

The school currently educates 66 children, from two to six years of age. One of the most popular

activities for the children is an art program, in which they work with acrylics, water colors, paint, tempura, pastels, and inks to make pictures and collages. Specialists come twice a week to teach dance, movement, gym activities, and eurythmics (music and movement). The first field trip of the year—to pick apples—is planned for Friday, September 20.

Although Wednesday was the first official day, even the youngest children—some of whom have not yet reached their third birthday—were somewhat familiar with the school. Teachers had visited new children at home, and the students and their parents had attended an open house at the school.

Parents interested in the Rockefeller University Children's School should contact Barbara Adams, X8580.



Nicole Clark, daughter of Brenda and Kirk Clark (a post-doc in the Burley lab), creating a masterpiece on her first day of school.

Sweat Shirt Shop to open Tuesday

Rockefeller's Sweat Shirt Shop will open its doors for business again Tuesday, September 17. In addition to the traditional sweat shirts, T-shirts, sweat pants, and Rockefeller memorabilia, the shop's merchandise this year will include a Swiss-made "Swatch" Watch—complete with Rockefeller insignia—which will sell for about \$35.

"The shop is open between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday," said Charlene Simonian, one of the volunteers who staff the shop. "Since all the proceeds go to Rockefeller's Children's School, you can buy mementos for your friends

and relatives, and at the same time provide funds for the kids' activities."

The shop is currently tucked away in the tunnel below level B in the Hospital Building. Follow the yellow footprints to the laundry room; the shop is right next door. If you need help getting there, feel free to ask at the Children's School.

The shop accepts cash, checks, and American Express cards. Prices range from \$4 to \$6 for children's clothes, and from \$9 to \$19 for adult sportswear.

Individuals interested in volunteering should contact Charlene Simonian at (212) 935-6637.



Children's School alumna Hillary Kirk (pictured here with volunteer Charlene Simonian) tries on a T-shirt at the Sweat Shirt Shop.

Work out on campus

Those who love the ache of tired muscles or long for the feel of sweat dripping off their brow may want to take advantage of the on-campus sports facilities.

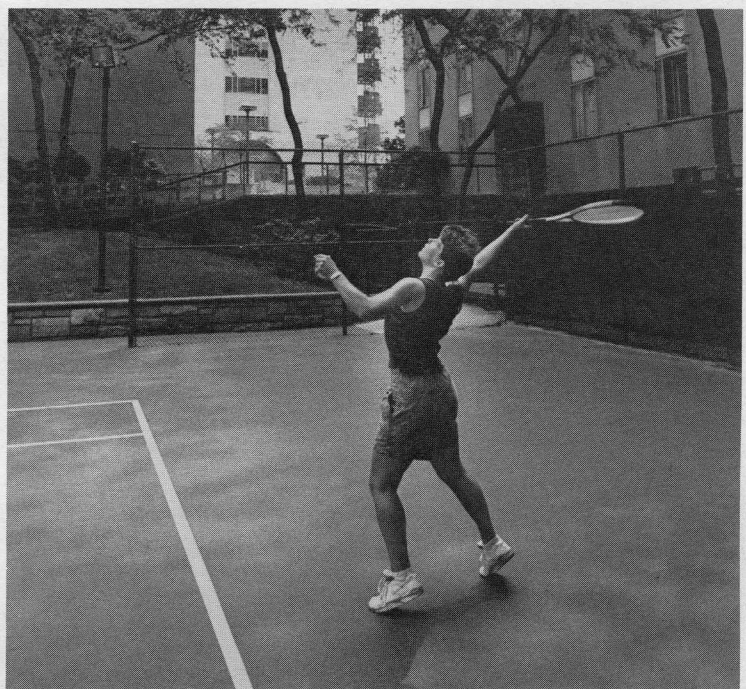
The gym, located on the first floor of Graduate Students Residence (GSR), has all the equipment needed for a complete workout: stationary bicycles, treadmills, step machines, a universal weight machine, and free weights.

Aerobic exercise can burn 200 calories in just 20 minutes. Those who find this appealing should consider attending low-impact aerobics classes, held in the gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:10 to 1:00 p.m. and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (After Wednesday, September 18, the Monday and Wednesday sessions will change to 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.) Since the classes are taught

by an outside instructor, there is a moderate fee of \$6 per class, or \$38 for eight classes.

Racket sports also can get the heart pumping and the blood flowing. The university has two squash courts, located in the basement of GSR, and a tennis court in front of Bronk Lab.

Employees can use the gym from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Faculty and students can use it any time. The guard at the reception desk in Founder's Hall can provide a key to the GSR gym to those with a Rockefeller I.D. Those who wish to sign up for the courts can do so at the Founder's Hall reception desk on weekdays between noon and 4:00 p.m. Tennis reservations should be made one week in advance. Because of the great demand for tennis court time, each individual can reserve the court for only one hour per week.



Jeanne Barker, assistant for research in the Cohn-Steinman laboratory, practices her serve on the university tennis court.

An inside look at the new research laboratory building

Leif Carlsson



by Patricia Sadiq

Construction on the university's new laboratory building is progressing right on schedule. The 14-story structure, built to facilitate Rockefeller's expanded research initiatives, will not only be completed by its projected mid-1992 date, but will be completed below budget.

Four floors will be occupied by Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigators. The remaining floors will house university researchers.

Shown in the photo are Joseph Sanches (right), construction manager in the university's department of Planning and Construction, and the project manager from Morse Diesel, Bob Schwartz (left).

Potpourri

Junior Faculty-Student Seminar Series

Speaker: Hugo Bellen, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Baylor College, Houston, TX

Topic: "Dissecting the Complexity of the *Drosophila* Nervous System with Enhancer Detectors"

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 1991

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Tower 301

Birth

Jane Otto, an associate director in the Development Office, and her husband Stephan Koplowitz are the proud parents of a baby girl, Sarah Glenn Koplowitz, born September 4, at Lenox Hill Hospital.

Seminar

Peter Mombaerts, a graduate student in Susumu Tonegawa's laboratory at MIT, will present a seminar on "Creation of T-Cell Deficient Mice by Gene Targeting in ES Cells" today, September 13, at 2:00 p.m. in Tower 301. Information: Andrew Plump, X7702.

University Trustee

Ronald C. Breslow has received the 1991 United States National Medal of Science. He also recently received the Paracelsus Medal of the Swiss Chemical Society, the sixteenth recipient and the third American winner. Breslow is the S.L. Mitchell Professor of Chemistry at Columbia University.