

Still The Second Best Thing About Payday

## Flu Fighter Webster To Give Kinyoun Lecture, Nov. 19

By Jeff Miner

Dr. Robert G. Webster, one of the world's leading influenza researchers, will deliver this year's Kinyoun Lecture, sponsored by the National Institute of Allergy and



Dr. Robert G. Webster

Infectious Diseases.

Webster will give his talk, titled "The Origin and Control of Pandemic Influenza Viruses," on Monday, Nov. 19 at 10 a.m. in Lipsett Amphitheater, Bldg. 10.

He is professor of virology and molecular biology at St. Jude Children's Research

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## MEDLINE and 'Plus' Version Celebrate Birthdays

MEDLINE has grown up and had kids. The National Library of Medicine's premier bibliographic database of references to 4,500 biomedical journals published in the United States and 70 foreign countries, MEDLINE in October celebrated its 30th birthday. Its progeny, MEDLINEplus, a source of reliable consumer health information via the World Wide Web, celebrated its third birthday last month, too.

The pioneering MEDLINE project, begun in the early seventies, evolved from the computerized system used to produce the *Index Medicus*, which NLM had installed in 1964. MEDLINE was the first successful marriage of a large reference database with

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Campus Building Like No Other

## New Porter Neuroscience Facility Will Be One of World's Largest

By Carla Garnett

The soon-to-be-built John Edward Porter Neuroscience Research Center will be like no other building on campus, because of the unique

interinstitute cooperation of the investigators who will conduct research in the building, according to NIMH director Dr. Steve Hyman. Hyman, along with former NINDS director Dr. Gerald Fischbach, initiated the concept for the new laboratory building in discussions with former NIH director Dr. Harold Varmus.

"It quickly became clear that the goal of overcoming the fragmentation of neuroscience on



Project Manager Bob McDonald

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## NINDS/NIMH Celebrate Brain Science at Gala

By Shannon E. Garnett

Brain science has come a long way in the last 50 years. We now know more about the brain and nervous system than ever before. Yet, there is still much to learn and more research to do.

That was the resounding message heard at the jointly sponsored NINDS-NIMH 50th Anniversary Symposium held recently at the Natcher Conference Center.

"In the past 50 years, we've seen the face of neurological disease change from one of

helplessness on the part of physicians and hopelessness among



Reporter Leslie Stahl and Dr. Stanley Prusiner talk about the excitement of research during the Nobel laureate panel discussion.

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## NIAMS, NMA Host Plenary Session on Lupus

Anyone can develop lupus, an autoimmune disease with symptoms that can range from a mild skin rash to major organ failure. But 9 out of 10 people who have it are women, and African American women are three times more likely to have it than Caucasian women. Lupus affects as many as one in every 250 African American women.

To address the disproportionate burden of lupus in African American communities, NIAMS recently teamed with the National Medical Association to host a plenary session on this topic at NMA's 2001 annual meeting in Nashville. The partnership provides an opportunity for NIH to address issues that affect the health of minority populations as well as provide a platform to address issues included in the President's initiative to reduce disparities in

minority health status. The session, which featured remarks by Surgeon General David Satcher, explored all aspects of lupus in African Americans including genetics, clinical aspects, pregnancy, outcomes and possible connections with arteriosclerosis.

NIAMS scientific director Dr. Peter Lipsky, who moderated the event along with Morehouse School of Medicine's Dr. E. Nigel Harris, said, "Lupus is a significant health problem in the African American community. Because the initial symptoms may be nonspecific, the clinician must consider the diagnosis of lupus when faced with patients living with arthritis, kidney disease, rash, or thought difficulties. We hope this plenary session increased awareness of the various faces of lupus."

Questions posed by the conference included: Why is lupus more common in African Americans compared with Caucasians? Why do African American men have more severe lupus, with major organ system damage, compared with Caucasian men?

The plenary session was coordinated by the NIAMS EEO office. An article on the session will appear in the *Journal of the National Medical Association*.—Liz Freedman ■



During a conference break, Surgeon General David Satcher shares a moment with NIAMS' Lyn Eyre (l) and Sharon Louis.



Dr. Yvonne Maddox (r), NIH acting deputy director, and NIAMS' Janette Gabriel chat at conference.



**Master Rowers**—NIDDK's Dr. Ad Bax (l) and NCI's Dr. Marc Gwadz broke a course record by 22 seconds as they won the men's master doubles division in the annual Head of the Charles Regatta, held before 93,000 spectators in Boston on Oct. 20. The two rowers, members of the Potomac Boat Club in D.C., had participated in the race before individually, but never as partners, and never victoriously. Bax says Gwadz, a postdoctoral fellow working under Dr. David Fitzgerald in the biotherapy section of Dr. Ira Pastan's Laboratory of Molecular Biology, is "the engine" of their duo. Says Gwadz, "Ad likes to play possum, but he's a fierce competitor." Placing eighth in the event was NIH rower Dr. Chuck Selden, who, along with Bax, was profiled in a Record story Oct. 16. The Bax/Gwadz combo finished the 3-mile course in 17:23:81. Selden and his partner, John Younger, a Californian, finished in 18:11:57. "Their lack of training together did them in," said Bax. "Plus Marc and I had an exceptional day." The following Saturday, Oct. 27, Bax and Gwadz won the men's master doubles by 24 seconds at the annual Head of the Schuylkill Regatta in Philadelphia. At that event, Selden rowed with the winning men's master eights team.

## STEP Session Evaluates Web Medicine

The staff training in extramural programs (STEP) committee will present a Science and the Public Health Forum titled "Surfing for a Cure: Service and Disservice from the WWW" on Friday, Nov. 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Natcher Conference Center, balconies A and B.

Since you work at NIH, naturally you're considered an expert in all things medical—how do you begin to direct worried friends, relatives and strangers who are seeking information and advice? How does one choose the most useful information from the host of different web sites, chat rooms, user lists, and discussion groups? How do you know what's valid? The session will feature experts on web content, health information, and public education. Attendees can earn ESA credit. ■



*Dr. Barry R. Komisaruk recently joined NIGMS as a program director in the Division of Minority Opportunities in Research. He comes to NIGMS from Rutgers, where he was a professor in the department of psychology and director of the university's Minority Biomedical Research Support program. Komisaruk conducted postdoctoral research as a National Institute of Mental Health fellow at the Brain Research Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles. His research interests include the neurophysiology, pharmacology, and endocrinology of reproductive behavior, and analgesia in laboratory animals and humans. He is a member of several professional societies, including the Society for Neuroscience and the American Physiological Society.*

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Hospital. His lab, working in collaboration with the World Health Organization, established that the wild aquatic birds of the world, such as ducks and shorebirds, are the natural reservoirs of the influenza virus. Since then, Webster has regularly traveled the globe to monitor wild and domestic animals for the appearance of new viral strains, especially strains that might adapt to infect humans. His research has become a critical tool for predicting and preparing for future influenza pandemics.

Webster's work helps explain where, how and why avian influenza viruses evolve to become infectious to humans. In particular, he helped discover that live poultry markets in Hong Kong were the origin of the H5N1 influenza virus that spread directly from chickens to humans in 1997 and killed six of the 18 people it infected.

He also pursues research in the structure and function of influenza virus proteins. He was recently involved in creating a more efficient version of the reverse genetics technology that allows researchers to engineer influenza viruses with specific characteristics in order to study them. His research also includes work on new influenza vaccines and antiviral drugs.

Webster is also director of the U.S. Collaborating Center of the World Health Organization, a group that studies animal influenza viruses. A native of New Zealand, he received his B.Sc. and M.Sc. in microbiology from Otago University in New Zealand. In 1962, he earned his Ph.D. from the Australian National University and spent the next 2 years as a Fulbright scholar working on influenza at the University of Michigan School of Public Health in Ann Arbor.

In 1989, he was admitted to the prestigious Royal Society of London in recognition of his contribution to influenza virus research. In 1998, he was elected to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences. The author of more than 400 articles and reviews on the influenza virus, he has mentored many scientists who have also significantly contributed to our knowledge of influenza.

The Kinyoun Lecture honors Dr. Joseph Kinyoun, who, in 1887, founded the Laboratory of Hygiene from which NIH evolved. The lecture highlights research advances in the understanding of infection and immunity. All are invited to join Webster at a reception in the Lipsett lobby after the talk. ■

#### Healthy People Needed

The National Institute of Mental Health is seeking healthy adults ages 25-35 to participate in a study of emotional regulation. An interview, computer tasks and an MRI are involved. Compensation is provided. Call toll-free 1-866-MAP-NIMH for more information. ■

#### CIT Has Discount Software Available Through Special Distribution Project

Did you know that the Center for Information Technology offers significantly discounted brand-name software to all NIH and DHHS personnel? CIT established the Software Distribution Project (SDP) to save money and time by entering into large-volume purchasing agreements, reducing your need to search for the best software deals.

SDP offers major software titles from Microsoft, Adobe and many others to more than 40,000 customers, including all of NIH and more than half of DHHS personnel. DHHS is saving nearly \$10 million each year through this program.

There are several ways to participate in SDP. Some agreements, including those with Microsoft, Macintosh, Novell, Filemaker and McAfee, require enrollment and enrollment fees. Every IC within NIH currently participates in this portion on some level. Each IC has a contact person responsible for administering the enrollment program within their organization.

Open Agreements, another component of SDP, do not require enrollment or enrollment fees. These are available to the entire DHHS community and allow customers to purchase software directly from the reseller. Adobe, Macromedia and BindView products are available through Open Agreements, and CIT is currently negotiating several others.

Before you spend your time and money on software, check out CIT's SDP, your software "store" of choice. For more information about the program visit <http://sdp.cit.nih.gov/>. ■

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**Self Selected New OEO Director**

Lawrence N. Self was recently selected as the director of the NIH Office of Equal Opportunity. OEO is responsible for administering the agency's equal employment opportunity and special emphasis programs. A native of Falls City, Neb., Self has 19 years of civilian federal service, and most recently spent 2 years at the Department of Commerce as the deputy director and acting director of the Office of Civil Rights.

The remainder of Self's federal career was spent with the Army. He began as an EEO intern, a 3-year assignment, and eventually became the EEO officer at the Army's National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. Self then moved on to Fort Riley, Kan., to serve as the EEO officer for the 1st Infantry Division. In 1994, he became the EEO director for the Defense Logistics Agency in Los Angeles. Self has also spent 6 years on EEO assignments in Europe, most recently in Heidelberg, Germany.



Lawrence N. Self

When asked why he chose a career in EEO, Self said, "I entered the EEO field because the dynamics of human relations have always interested me." He went on to say, "When this position was advertised, I applied because the NIH is an organization on the cutting edge and enjoys a reputation throughout the federal EEO community as one that truly supports the program. With this support, my goal is to build this program into the model EEO program in the federal government. I want managers, employees, and anyone else who has an interest to view us as such."

Self and his wife of 25 years, Dianne, have a daughter, Amanda, who is beginning her 2nd year as a middle school teacher, and a son, Matthew, a high school senior, whom Self hopes is bound for Virginia Tech.

According to Self, his impression of the NIH thus far is, "an outstanding organization, exciting and truly working towards diversity and EEO in the work place—an employer of choice." Self and the OEO staff are located on the 3rd floor of Bldg. 2.—Linda Morris ■

**Third Salzman Award Winner To Be Named**

The Foundation for the NIH and the NIH Virology Interest Group will present the Norman P. Salzman Symposium in Virology on Tuesday, Nov. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., where the third annual Salzman Award winner and mentor will be recognized. Award presentation and lecture will be held at the Cloisters (Bldg. 60). For more information call 402-5311. ■

**Harvard's Livingston To Give Khoury Lecture**

The past quarter century has seen a tremendous increase in scientists' understanding of cell growth. During that time researchers have learned that a cell's life cycle and functions are controlled through complex interactions of DNA, proteins and other molecules. As each molecule moves within or between cells, it communicates with other structures in a coordinated dance to determine a cell's fate. The secret for scientists, therefore, has been finding and understanding each of those molecular interactions.

On Wednesday, Nov. 28, a leading scientist who has revealed many such interactions during 35 years of research will visit the NIH campus. On that date,



Dr. David Livingston

Harvard University's Dr. David Livingston will present "Molecular and Biological Analyses of BRCA1 Function" during the annual George Khoury Lecture to be held at 3 p.m. in Masur Auditorium, Bldg. 10. Livingston will discuss the role of BRCA1, a tumor suppressor protein that plays a pivotal role in controlling cell growth and a contributing factor to most cases of familial breast and ovarian cancer.

Throughout his career, Livingston has studied the biochemical processes that cause cells to break from their carefully controlled life cycles to grow out of control and cause cancer. His laboratory conducted key experiments that showed how the retinoblastoma gene regulates cell division, a seminal discovery in cancer research. That discovery led to increased basic research in the molecular biology of cancer, resulting in many new discoveries from his and other laboratories.

Livingston is a past staff member of the National Cancer Institute and has been at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard University since 1973. He is currently deputy director of the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center, chief of the Charles A. Dana Division of Human Cancer and Genetics at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and the Emil Frei professor of genetics and medicine at Harvard.

A member of the National Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine, he has received numerous awards throughout his distinguished career. Among these are the Dana-Farber Claire W. and Richard P. Morse Research Award, the Brinker International Award for Breast Cancer Research, the Lila Gruber Cancer Research Award, and the Association of American Medical Colleges Award for Distinguished Research in the Biomedical Sciences. ■



Dr. Rita R. Colwell, director of the National Science Foundation, will give the fifth James A. Shannon Lecture on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 3 p.m. in Masur Auditorium, Bldg. 10. She will speak on "Crossing Borders: Science, the Public and New Policies." The talk is sponsored by the NIH Alumni Association. Colwell has spearheaded the NSF's emphases in K-12 science and mathematics education, graduate science and engineering education/training and the increased participation of women and minorities in science and engineering. She is a past president of the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute and was a professor of microbiology at the university. She has also been president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and is a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

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a national telecommunications network.

The eighties saw the introduction of "Grateful Med," a software program created by NLM that one could load onto a PC and, equipped with a modem and a password, search MEDLINE right from one's home, office or laboratory. Due in large part to outreach efforts by librarians in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Grateful Med was eagerly snapped up not only by librarians but also by health professionals, scientists, students, lawyers, medical journalists and others, who saw the average charge of \$2 per MEDLINE search as a bargain.

Today, in the age of the Internet and the World Wide Web, the NIH web site is the second most heavily trafficked site in the federal government, and NLM databases account for the major share of that use.

MEDLINE searching via "Internet Grateful Med" was introduced in 1996. The following year, free MEDLINE searching via the web began through a new system called PubMed. Now, for the first time, anyone with access to the web could search through an immense database of references and abstracts to 11 million medical journal articles. The response was immediate and startling: from 7 million MEDLINE searches (1996), the usage climbed dramatically and now stands at 400 million searches annually.

Improvements to PubMed continue to be introduced, and today it offers a high degree of flexibility to users. For example, there are now web links to about a quarter of the publishers represented in MEDLINE, allowing users to have access to the full text of articles referenced in the database. As it turned out, with the simplification of MEDLINE searching, about 30 percent of all MEDLINE searches were being done by consumers, and this presented a great opportunity for NLM.

In October 1998, the library introduced a service that not only provided selective MEDLINE results that are useful to the consumer, but that also linked the web user to authoritative, full-text health information. Because the name "MEDLINE" had a quarter-century exposure to the health professions, and because that database was now also increasingly known to the public, the library called the new service MEDLINEplus (<http://medlineplus.gov>).

Consumers and health professionals are using it as the source of the most reliable and most accurate health information available on the web. It now receives some 70 million hits each year. ■

### NICHD Offsets Food Bank Shortfall

The Sept. 11 attacks have left area food banks in short supply, according to an article in the *Washington Post*. Although Americans contributed record amounts to victims and their families, donations to area food banks and other charities dropped sharply.

Touched by the news article, NICHD staffer Mona Rowe organized a food drive for the Capital Area Food Bank, coordinating placement of donation boxes throughout the institute, encouraging fellow staffers to contribute, and coordinating food deliveries and pick ups.

"In difficult times, people like to feel that they're pitching in to help," said Rowe, deputy director of the Office of Science Policy, Analysis and Communications. "Our effort gives everyone the chance to contribute."

According to the Capital Area Food bank, food donations were down 22 percent from Sept. 11 through Oct. 11, compared to the same time last year. During the same time, the need for food donations increased, particularly after the layoffs by regional employers such as Reagan National Airport. This month alone, the food bank distributed 10 percent more food than last month.

"We've gotten a great response from the *Post* article, but donations are still down," said Monica Testa, a spokeswoman for the food bank. "This is the time of year when we usually generate the income that sustains us through the rest of the year."

Along with Rowe, other NICHD staffers are striving to meet the shortfall. Steven Klein, a program officer in the Developmental Biology, Genetics and Teratology Branch, is coordinating the food drive at the institute's offices in 6100 Executive Blvd. He collects donations and sends weekly email reminders to NICHD staffers in the building, asking them to pick up a little extra when they visit the grocery store.

"The NIH staff here have been extremely responsive to the needs of the food bank," he said. "We're all feeling the need to help one another now, and this food drive is a perfect means of expression."

NICHD staffers as well as those from other parts of NIH may bring food items to the food boxes on the second floor of the A wing in Bldg. 31 or to floors 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8 at 6100. NIH'ers at the Poolesville facility may bring food donations to boxes located in buildings 110, 112 and T18B or coordinate with Peggy Wagner at 496-7037.

The Capital Area Food Bank is most in need of canned meat, fish and poultry, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, canned soup, and dry pasta. Others who would like to organize a food drive may contact the Capital Area Food Bank at (202) 526-5344 ([www.capitalareafoodbank.org](http://www.capitalareafoodbank.org)). ■



A physician requesting a search of MEDLINE back in 1972 works with search analysts on the query.

## NIH Honors Scholarship Program Participants

By Matt Holder

Students in the NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program (UGSP) were joined by leaders of NIH and scientists in the intramural research programs at a recognition ceremony in the Mary Woodard Lasker Center (the Cloisters) recently. The event celebrated the scientific achievements of the UGSP Scholars throughout the school year and during their 10-week summer program at NIH.

The UGSP offers scholarships to undergraduates committed to careers in biomedical research. Recipients work here as research trainees during the summer and also agree to work at NIH after graduation, one year for each year of scholarship support. While here, the scholars participate in a series of programs on science, skill-enhancement and career development and planning. These programs, along with research experience, are designed to prepare them for careers in biomedical research.

Dr. Ruth Kirschstein, acting NIH director, welcomed scholars and their guests, which included not only their lab mentors at NIH, but also their university mentors who traveled here for the recognition ceremony and poster day.

Dr. Yvonne Maddox, acting NIH deputy director, delivered remarks at the ceremony. "We at the NIH are excited about the successes of the UGSP. Of the 45 scholars who have graduated college, eight have been accepted to Ph.D. programs in the sciences, 17 are attending medical schools, and eight scholars have been accepted to combined M.D./Ph.D. programs. The remaining 12 graduates will be in our labs for the next year, receiving more research training before starting their graduate and medical school programs."



Alike Maunakea

Former Congressman Louis Stokes, who introduced the legislation authorizing the UGSP, sent a letter expressing his regrets that he could not attend. Dr. Alfred C. Johnson, director of the UGSP, read the letter to the audience. "I hope you will keep me in mind," the letter stated, "for future opportunities to speak to this group since they are the beneficiaries of my legislation." Johnson also spoke of his experiences with this year's scholars and his high esteem for them. Johnson joined NCI's Laboratory of Molecular Biology in 1985 and has been an investigator there since 1994. He was director of the UGSP last summer, but this summer's group is the first recruited under his leadership.

Alike Maunakea, a UGSP scholar for 3 years, graduated *cum laude* from Creighton University in May. "I am so grateful for this opportunity to come to the NIH and work with the leading researchers in the field I've been interested in since high school," he said. In high school, Maunakea began a project to determine the effects of a traditional Hawaiian herbal medicine on cancer cells. His results showed that water-soluble compounds from noni, a native Hawaiian plant, have a very selective inhibitory effect on various types of cancer cells. This summer he worked in NCI's Laboratory of Molecular Pharmacology with Dr. John Weinstein. Maunakea plans to pursue a doctoral degree in pharmacogenomics after taking time off from school for more training in Weinstein's lab.



OrLando Yarborough III

OrLando Yarborough III, a Meyerhoff scholar majoring in biological sciences at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, also spoke of his passion for research. As a young boy, his first aquarium—actually the death of his first goldfish—sparked his desire to understand everything he could about marine biology and helping things live. His interests shifted to biomedical research when he discovered that marine organisms are used to understand our own biology.

"The beginning of helping people live a quality life is here, in biomedical research," he said. "When we scientists decrease people's physical complications, we consequently allow an increase in their quality of life in mind and spirit."

Yarborough spent the summer studying the nicking activity of *in vitro* and *in vivo* synthesized adeno-associated virus rep proteins in NIDDK's Laboratory of Molecular and Cellular Biology. Dr. Roland Owens, former president of the NIH Black Scientists Association and current chair of BSA's career enhancement committee, mentored Yarborough during the summer.

The UGSP also recognized previous participants who are currently fulfilling their service obligation at NIH before continuing graduate or medical programs. Lawanda Miller-Schief, a doctoral student in the molecular and cellular biology interdisciplinary program at Tulane University, and Ahmed Ismail, a doctoral student studying molecular simulations and algorithms at MIT, attended the ceremony during their visit to NIH to explore postdoctoral opportunities. All current and previous UGSP participants were presented with lapel pins featuring the UGSP logo and motto *olim doctus, semper doctus*—"once a scholar, always a scholar."

For more information about the UGSP, including an online application, see <http://ugsp.info.nih.gov>. ■

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patients and caregivers to one of tremendous hope on both sides that many of these disorders can be treated and eventually conquered," said Dr. Yvonne Maddox, acting deputy director of NIH.

The 2-day conference, titled Celebrating 50 Years of Brain Research: New Discoveries, New Hope, featured scientific presentations by more than 25 leading basic and clinical scientists, including present and former NIH intramural scientists and grantees. The presentations focused on current research in the field of neuroscience, the mechanisms of major neurological and psychiatric disorders, and the



*Three of the many symposium presenters were (from l) Dr. Kay Redfield Jamison, who discussed her personal experiences with manic depression; Dr. Dennis Choi of Washington University School of Medicine, who traced the history of stroke; and Dr. Huda Zoghbi of Baylor College of Medicine, who spoke on neurodegeneration.*

potential for developing new therapies for many disorders including epilepsy, schizophrenia, stroke, manic depression, Alzheimer's disease, prion diseases, Parkinson's disease and AIDS. Other topics included ion channels, neurogenesis, brain plasticity and wiring, neurodevelopment, memory, emotion and attention.

More than 1,000 people attended the conference, one of the first major NIH events to escape postponement or cancellation following the Sept. 11 tragedy. Although many of the speakers commented on the events of Sept. 11 and the tremendous toll it has taken on our nation, they also stressed the need and importance for those involved in neuroscience to persevere and move forward.

"It is important to get together and it is important to meet as a family of scientists and as a family of science advocates to discuss what we have accomplished and where we are going in the future," said Dr. Gerald Fischbach, formerly NINDS director and now executive vice president of health and biomedical sciences and dean of the faculty of medicine and of the faculty of health sciences at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

While a major portion of the conference consisted of scientific presentations, of special note were several addresses called "My View" during which the audience heard the personal side of three disorders—manic depression, Huntington's disease, and spinal cord injury. These talks were presented by Dr. Kay Redfield Jamison, professor of psychiatry



*Christopher Reeve (c) joins (from l) NIMH director Dr. Steven Hyman, NINDS acting director Dr. Audrey Penn, 50th anniversary executive committee member Mrs. William McCormick Blair, Jr., and former FNIH executive director Dr. Constance U. Battle, at the Library of Congress dinner.*

and behavioral sciences at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, who spoke about her own experiences with manic depression and her decision to share these with the public; Dr. Nancy Wexler, a professor in the department of neurology and psychiatry at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, who described her work in Venezuela tracking Huntington's disease among members of the world's largest known family with the disorder; and well-known actor Christopher Reeve, chair of the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation in New Jersey.

Reeve's presentation, which came at the end of the first day and received a standing ovation, was particularly moving as he admitted that he and other patients are worried about getting "lost in the shuffle." He challenged scientists to not lose sight of the goal of research, which is to translate basic science into therapy for patients, and to not get so caught up in basic research that they lose the focus of actually curing people.

"Basic research of course is very, very valuable but it must not be anything more than the basis for therapy," said Reeve. "If basic research becomes an end in itself, it will create real despair."

Highlighted on the second day of the symposium was a panel of four Nobel laureates—Dr. Eric R. Kandel of the Center for Neurobiology and Behavior at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons; Dr. Stanley B. Prusiner of the Institute for Neurodegenerative Diseases at the University of California in San Francisco; Dr. Paul Greengard of the Laboratory of Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience at the Rockefeller University; and Dr. Torsten Wiesel, president emeritus of the Rockefeller Univer-

sity. The panel was moderated by Leslie Stahl of the CBS television news show *60 Minutes*. She led the scientists in a wide range of discussion topics, from their current research interests and their experiences at NIH to how the brain handles trauma and fear, to their advice for young investigators.

When asked if he would recommend the field of neurology to young scientists, Wiesel said, "The revolution of biology is so enormous and the potential and promise to do interesting work is so great that I would have no hesitation in recommending young persons to go into science, not only neuroscience, but all of science."

Prusiner added, "To be able to work in science. To be able to create. To be able to think about things that other people haven't thought about. To have the opportunity to get there first and to realize that, gee, I found something here which is unique...That's an extraordinary feeling to have and I think that any young person should take that chance and try. Science is a lot of luck. And if you are very fortunate and you get into a problem and it works out and you really discover something new, then this is the greatest career you can have."

In closing remarks Dr. Steven E. Hyman, director of NIMH, noted that the meeting represented an extraordinary collaboration between NINDS and NIMH, perhaps providing a glimpse of the type of collaborations that will soon take place in the John Edward Porter Neuroscience Research Center, which will be built on campus as part of an increased NIH effort to share research and resources among institutes (see story on p. 1).

Hyman said, "We look forward as this science progresses to growing closer and closer in terms of our scientific collaborations because it is clear that we are working at many levels of analysis and, quite frankly, we need each other if we are going to solve these important scientific problems. And we must always remember that we are ultimately in the service of people who are suffering and I think that draws us together."

The 50th anniversary activities also represent a



*Leslie Stahl, Dr. Eric R. Kandel (c) and Dr. Paul Greengard talk about the excitement of research during the Nobel laureate panel discussion.*

first-ever collaboration among the Foundation for NIH (FNIH) and the two organizing institutes. FNIH board treasurer Mrs. William McCormick Blair, Jr., spearheaded efforts to involve the private sector. As a result, contributions from more than 40 corporations, foundations and individuals provided refreshments and other amenities for conference attendees and funded a celebratory dinner. Perhaps most important, funds raised will be used to enhance an educational initiative at the Porter Neuroscience Research Center.

A culmination of the foundation's 50th anniversary efforts, the dinner coordinated by Blair was held at the Library of Congress. The evening honored 50 years of accomplishments by distinguished scientists and sparked new conversations about the future of neuroscience research. Featured speakers included Reeve, Jamison, Blair, former Congressman John Edward Porter, and FNIH board chair Dr. Charles A. Sanders.

FNIH acting Executive Director Amy McGuire anticipates that this successful partnership will illustrate the foundation's potential as an advocate for each of NIH's institutes and centers. ■

### **Fibromyalgia and Exercise Study**

Fibromyalgia affects millions of Americans. It can cause widespread muscle joint pain, fatigue and other symptoms. NIH researchers invite women 18-45 diagnosed with fibromyalgia to take part in a new study to test the benefits of exercise. The 10-month study takes place in Bethesda. There is no charge for taking part. For more information, call 1-800-411-1222. ■

### **A Ninth-Grade Witness Reports**

On Oct. 9-10, NINDS held a historic event in which it celebrated its 50th birthday. The celebration included such guests as Christopher Reeve and four Nobel Prize laureates in the field of neurology. I was fortunate enough to attend both days of the meeting.

Seeing the Nobel Prize winners take the stage actually made me have a greater love for science. All throughout my life, I've lived in a household where if you didn't know neurology or genetics you were excluded from conversations. And now after seeing the Nobel Prize winners with their love for science and fun, I have a renewed love for science. My dad, my step-mom, and their colleagues have always shown a carefree and funny side of science to me, but I always felt awkward in it. But the Nobel Prize laureates showed how much fun you can have in science. They sat up on stage and joked around for an hour, which to most people is an unseen side of science.—Robert Hardy

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campus required a new building," Hyman recalls. "The existing buildings, especially Bldg. 36, were past their useful lives and were designed based on cinder block modules. Modern science depends on communication and shared cores—the very antithesis of the existing space.

"The contiguity of the labs will be based on shared scientific interests rather than institute," he explains. "Thus, for example, a planned neurogenetics community might be comprised of groups from as many as seven institutes. This critical mass will permit the efficient use of modern core facilities and above all, should benefit postdocs by creating a very rich environment for interaction."

Far different from the Neuroscience Center on Executive Blvd., which houses extramural staff for NIMH, NINDS and NIDA, the new campus facility



The new Porter labs will occupy 560,000 gross square feet, or approximately the same space as three Bldg. 36s. In the rendering above, the completed Neuroscience Center has already replaced the current Bldg. 36 and occupies the entire southwest corner of campus near Old Georgetown Rd. and Lincoln Dr. Not shown is the glass atrium that will be the facility's centerpiece.

will house intramural researchers from many more ICs. There will be large, open laboratory areas on the building's upper levels, which will consist of more than 210,000 square feet of bench laboratory, lab support and lab office space. Additionally, a large vivarium will meet the need for animal support.

Among the public areas in the facility, a prominent feature of the Porter Bldg.'s design is a five-story glass atrium with numerous places for researchers to gather in the course of a normal day. Other features include a 400-seat auditorium, a cafeteria, a self-service supply store, a snack stand and a coffee bar. Several small meeting rooms—facilities sorely lacking in many of the campus's existing lab buildings—are also slated for the structure.

"The concept of the new building is to bring together nine or 10 institutes or centers that have components that study neuroscience," explains Bob McDonald, a mechanical engineer who retired from the Commissioned Corps some years ago, but recently returned to NIH when he landed the position as Porter Bldg. project manager in the Office of Research Services' Design, Construction and Alteration Branch. "The building's design promotes interaction and collaboration. It literally forces people into chance encounters in the hall-

ways, in the atrium, in the lobbies. This will be one of the largest neuroscience research facilities in the world. By putting so many investigators together, we hope the building will promote natural synergy, those serendipitous interactions that can lead to groundbreaking research."

Besides NIMH and NINDS, ICs most likely to have investigators working in the Porter Bldg. include NIA, NICHD, NHGRI, NIDCD, NEI, NCI, NIDA and NIAAA.

"This building will foster a much more collaborative environment," notes NINDS Executive Officer

Andrea Lamberti, project manager for Raphael Viñoly, the architect designing the Porter Bldg., shows a model of the new facility as seen from its front side.



Kevin Kirby. "Organized by such research themes as neurodegeneration or mood and cognition, instead of by institute, our objective is to build a model for how modern neuroscience gets done."

Construction will consist of two phases, with completion of the whole lab facility by spring 2007. Site preparation and demolition of Bldg. 35—the first steps toward construction of phase I of the new neuroscience center—began during the first week of October; phase I is expected to be completed by early 2004. The second phase will require the demolition of Bldg. 36. All told, the new Porter labs will occupy 560,000 gross square feet, or approximately the same space as three Bldg. 36s.

Decades of talent and experience are represented in the planning of the new building, McDonald continues. The overall project management contract was awarded in fall 2000 to Higgins Development Partners, a subsidiary of the prominent Pritzker Realty Group of Chicago, well known in the art and design realms for its sponsorship of the Pritzker Prize, a prestigious award in the world of architecture. The Whiting-Turner Co. will handle construction of the building.

About 50 people currently frequent the project's suite of construction trailers stationed off South Drive and Old Georgetown Road; all are involved in the management, design, development and construction of the facility. McDonald estimates that there are special designers for nearly every aspect, from mechanical, electrical and plumbing and structural engineers to kitchen and dining facility planners.

In addition, internationally renowned New York architect Raphael Viñoly crafted the building's

design. His recently acclaimed projects include Princeton University's Genomics Laboratory in New Jersey, the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, and the Samsung Cultural and Education Center in Seoul, Korea.

"The local community, NIH's neighbors and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission have all been very supportive and enthusiastic about the new building, in part because of the architectural quality of the project," notes McDonald.

The budget for the building is \$261 million, and is accounted for in NIH's buildings and facilities budget. Construction is also being "fast-tracked," he notes. That means the project is divided into parcels, with construction beginning on the first parcel before completion of the design of the remaining parcels. For example, demolition and foundation can begin before details about other parts of the structure have been nailed down.

Continuity on the project is maintained on NIH's end by McDonald and overall contractor Higgins.

According to Kirby, the building was named in honor of former House of Representatives appropriations committee chair Porter, who retired from Congress earlier this year and is widely regarded as one of NIH's "best friends ever in Congress" and who has shown throughout his career a "particular interest in neuroscience research."

Not only will the nine or 10 ICs share space in the new building, Kirby points out, but all core facilities will be shared as well. This will present a unique administrative challenge. Investigators in the building will continue to be paid by their respective ICs, but a plan for other business aspects—answers to such questions as "Which IC will supply support staff?" "Who will pay for shared supplies?" "How will other so-called shared expenses be divided among participants?"—has yet to be determined. Also up in the air at the moment is just who, among intramuralists conducting neuroscience research, will be assigned to the new building.

Hyman says the scientific directors from every participating IC are currently working on a proposal to identify possible investigators. "The key factor will be how the investigator would fit with the planned themes of the building," he says.

According to Kirby, 200 principal investigators are involved in neuroscience across NIH, including clinical programs. The new facility will have space for 100 of them.

"When this idea was first broached to Dr. Varmus and to the extramural community," Kirby remembers, "it was met with tremendous optimism."

"For the first time a program emphasis is being implemented in a major way," concludes McDonald, enthusiastically. "This building is about eliminating barriers between institutes, and striking a balance between competition and collegiality." ■

### Mobile Mammography Screening at NIH

George Washington University Breast Care Center will be visiting NIH for its fall 2001 mammography screening, which began Nov. 6 and lasts through Jan. 16. All NIH employees, their families, and others associated with NIH (such as IRTAs, visiting scientists, contractors, volunteers) are eligible to participate. The van will visit from 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., taking prescheduled appointments. If you or a family member are interested in scheduling an appointment, call (202) 994-9999; a clerk from the GWU Breast Care Center will schedule you. Each screening is conducted by a female technologist, and a board-certified radiologist specializing in mammography will interpret the films. Appointments should take about 20 minutes and will cost \$138. GWU will bill some insurance companies directly or payment can be made by cash or check at the screening (check with your insurance company for reimbursement). The remaining screening dates and locations are as follows:

EPN/EPS (Parking lot behind complex)	Nov. 13
Rockledge (Visitor parking behind RKL One)	Nov. 20
Neuroscience Center (Parking lot next to 6003 Executive)	Nov. 27
Bldg. 45 (Front of building)	Dec. 12
Bldg. 31 (Lot 31D)	Jan. 16

It is important to get regular mammograms; more lives will be saved if women 40 or older are screened every 1 to 2 years. Mammography is safe, effective and is capable of detecting breast cancer early in its most treatable stage. Check with your doctor to decide the best time for you to begin screenings. ■

### TV Health Disparities Series Features NIH

NIH has a central role in the national effort to reduce striking disparities in the burden of illness and death experienced by racial and ethnic minorities. A summer lecture series on health disparities reviewed research that is advancing knowledge of diseases and disabilities contributing to such health disparities, and that may lead to innovative diagnostic, treatment and preventive strategies.

Those lectures are now on television. Watch the ResearchChannel broadcast/webcast every week at these times: Tuesdays at 10 p.m.; Wednesdays at 3 a.m., 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 7 p.m.

The series premiered with "Why Are Babies Born Premature?" Upcoming programs in the series include: "Sickle Cell Disease – Recent Advances"; and "Obesity, Diabetes, and Energy Metabolism: Why Fat Is Good and Bad." On-demand video of the series will be available soon at: [www.researchchannel.com/programs/nih/Disparity.html](http://www.researchchannel.com/programs/nih/Disparity.html). ■



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### Winter Blues Study Recruits

Do you hibernate in the winter time? If you notice that you feel fatigued and down and that your sleeping and eating habits change in the winter, you may be eligible to participate in a research study on seasonal affective disorder (SAD). Diagnostic assessment and treatment consisting of light therapy, psychotherapy or their combination will be offered. There is no charge for participation in the study. Interested volunteers, 18 or older, are invited to call the Uniformed Services University seasonality treatment study for more information, (301) 295-9718.

### Thrift Savings Plan Open Season

The Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) is having another open season from Nov. 15, 2001, through Jan. 31, 2002. FERS employees who were hired before Jan. 1, 2002, as well as CSRS employees have an opportunity to change their election or make an initial election.

Eligible FERS employees may elect to contribute up to 12 percent of their salary this open season and will receive matching agency contributions on the first 5 percent (once they become eligible for the agency contributions, i.e., the second open season after being hired). CSRS employees may contribute up to 7 percent of salary this open season, but do not receive agency contributions. FERS employees who do not contribute receive an automatic 1 percent agency contribution each pay period (once they become eligible to receive agency contributions).

The features of the TSP and directions on how to make an election or to change your current withholding are described in the *Thrift Savings Plan Open Season* leaflet, which will be distributed to eligible employees by their IC personnel office. More detailed information is provided in the *Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for Federal Employees* booklet and is available in your IC personnel office. ■

### American Indian, Alaska Native Program Set

All are invited to attend the first annual NIH American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month program held on Friday, Nov. 16 in Masur Auditorium, Bldg. 10 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The theme of the program is "Leading the Way to Good Medicine."

Opening remarks will be delivered by NIH acting director Dr. Ruth Kirschstein with presentations by Dr. Clifton Poodry, director, NIGMS Minority Opportunities in Research Program, and Leo J. Nolan III, senior policy analyst for external affairs, Indian Health Service. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Everett R. Rhoades, former IHS director and assistant surgeon general.

For more information, contact Frank GrayShield, 496-4236 or William Reeves, 435-1203. Sign language interpreters will be provided. For other reasonable accommodation contact Michael Chew, 402-3681 or at (TTY) 1-800-877-8339. ■

### 'Use or Lose' Reminder

Don't forget to officially schedule your "use or lose" annual leave no later than Saturday, Dec. 1. Questions concerning "use or lose" leave should be directed to your Human Resource Office or other program official designated by your institute or center. ■

### NIH Influenza Vaccination Schedule

Free flu vaccinations will be given in the Occupational Medical Service offices in Bldg. 10, Rm. 6C306 on a schedule based on the first letter of the employee's last name. The program is only for employees with an NIH photo ID. Contractors are not permitted to receive the flu vaccine through this program. More flu information is available on the web site <http://www.nih.gov/od/ors/ds/flu/>.

On-campus vaccinations, Bldg. 10, Rm. 6C306

First Letter Last Name	Date	A.M.	P.M.
A, B	Tuesday, Nov. 13	7:30 - 11	1 - 3:30
C, D	Wednesday, Nov. 14	7:30 - 11	1 - 3:30
E, F	Thursday, Nov. 15	7:30 - 11	1 - 2
G, H	Friday, Nov. 16	7:30 - 11	1 - 3:30
I, J, K	Monday, Nov. 19	7:30 - 11	1 - 3:30
L, M	Tuesday, Nov. 20	7:30 - 11	1 - 3:30
N, O, P, Q	Wednesday, Nov. 21	7:30 - 11	1 - 3:30
R, S	Monday, Nov. 26	7:30 - 11	1 - 3:30
T, U, V	Tuesday, Nov. 27	7:30 - 11	1 - 3:30
W, X, Y, Z	Wednesday, Nov. 28	7:30 - 11	1 - 3:30
A, B, C, D	Thursday, Nov. 29	7:30 - 11	
E, F, G, H	Friday, Nov. 30	7:30 - 11	1 - 3:30
I, J, K, L, M	Monday, Dec. 3	7:30 - 11	1 - 3:30
N, O, P	Tuesday, Dec. 4	7:30 - 11	1 - 3:30
Q, R, S	Wednesday, Dec. 5	7:30 - 11	1 - 3:30
Open-any letter	Wednesday, Dec. 12	7:30 - 11	1 - 3:30
Open-any letter	Thursday, Dec. 13	7:30 - 11	1 - 2
Open-any letter	Friday, Dec. 14	7:30 - 11	1 - 3:30

Beginning Dec. 17, influenza vaccinations by appointment only; call OMS at 496-4411.

#### Off-Campus Sites

8:30 - 11:30 a.m. 1 - 3 p.m. each day except Dec. 6  
 Federal Bldg., Rm. 604 Thursday, Dec. 6, 8:30 a.m. - 12  
 Rockledge I, Rm. 5054 Friday, Dec. 7  
 EPN, Rm. 103 Monday, Dec. 10  
 NSC, Conf. Rm. D Tuesday, Dec. 11

### Annual PEF Fundraiser, Dec. 7

The Clinical Center's department of laboratory medicine will hold its 29th annual holiday fundraiser auction to benefit the Patient Emergency Fund and the Friends of the Clinical Center on Friday, Dec. 7 in Bldg. 10, Rm. 2C310. Volunteers are needed for the event, and all donations are tax deductible. There will be a white elephant sale, bake sale, pizza lunch and a silent auction. Guests are invited to arrive as early as 9 a.m. for coffee and bake sale. At 10:30 a.m., the silent auction and white elephant sale begin. The silent auction ends at 2 p.m. To make donations call Sheila Barrett, 496-5668 or Norma Ruschell, 496-4475. ■

## CSR's Tyner Retires After 40 Years

By Don Luckett

"I've always believed in public service." John Tyner certainly practiced his belief. He recently retired from the Center for Scientific Review after 40 years of federal service. He was chief of the CSR travel and reimbursement section. Before he left, he shared his thoughts on having a successful career in government.

"Your first federal job is an opportunity to see how government and people operate," he explained.

"Build on it and hone your career as you go." Tyner got his first glimpse of government service during 2 years of active duty in the U.S. Army Medical Corps at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. After graduating from Ashland College in Ohio, he returned to Washington, D.C. In 1963, he took a job as a supply commodity management officer at the Army Map Service. He soon seized opportunities to work in the Public Health Service, first as a public health advisor for the division of hospital and medical facilities in 1965, and then as a budget analyst for NCI in 1966, and the Health Services and Mental Health Administration in 1967.

In 1969, Tyner was selected by the National Institute of Public Affairs to participate in its Career Education Award Program in Urban Affairs at the University of Southern California. At USC, he studied the interrelationships of local, county, state, and federal health administration. He earned a master's degree in public administration and completed his residency for a doctorate.

When he returned to HSMHA, he discovered his new skills were not being utilized. Tyner soon created his own job, advancing plans to decentralize various HSMHA programs and establish regional offices. In 1970, he became chief of HSMHA's operations section. Three years later, he joined the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health as chief of the biomedical section, which oversaw the financial activities of NIH and the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration. His financial management experience prepared him for the next reorganization, which made him chief of the OASH budget integration and review section. For 7 years he coordinated the development of PHS agency budgets and the preparations for congressional appropriation hearings. Another OASH reorganization made him deputy branch chief of the PHS Budget/Resource Analysis Branch in 1982.

Tyner faced more radical change when Congress



John Tyner

downsized OASH in 1995. He ironically helped abolish his own job and found a new one as a special assistant to the executive officer at the NIH Division of Research Grants, now CSR.

Tyner said helping others has been the key to his happiness at work. He was recognized in 1999 with an NIH Director's Award for being part of a CSR group that worked to improve customer service. He also regularly counseled coworkers seeking better careers. Tyner's focus on others has extended far into the community. He has been a member of Kiwanis International for 20 years, and is currently its Capital district governor. He was also a four-term member of the Rockville City Council, as well as president of the Rockville Chamber of Commerce.

"Always praise in public and admonish in private," he said. At his retirement party, he invited his staff to join him in the limelight for a final group hug. He also surprised many by bringing a sheet cake to the party to thank his coworkers. The inscription read: "I'm off to the Yellow Brick Road with my fond memories." Tyner certainly brightened the path for those he left behind. ■

## CIT Computer Classes

All courses are on the NIH campus and are given without charge. For more information call 594-6248 or consult the training program's home page at <http://training.cit.nih.gov>.

Using Email at NIH	11/15
Titan Account Sponsor Orientation	11/15
Data Warehouse <i>Query</i> : Human Resources	11/15
Network Security and Firewalls	11/16
Using Photoshop for Acquiring Scientific Images	11/19
Resisting Hacker Attacks: Understand the Tools	11/19
PowerPoint Topics: Graphs, Links and More	11/19
Data Warehouse <i>Query</i> : Procurement & Market Requisitions	11/20
Introduction to Active Server Pages	11/20
Cost-Benefit Analysis	11/27
Parachute for Windows	11/27
Budget Tracking	11/27
Introduction to Programming	11/27-30
Microsoft Content Management	11/28
Seeking Information on the Web	11/28
Account Sponsor Orientation	11/28
Data Warehouse <i>Analyze</i> : Budget & Finance	11/28
DSIG - Desktop Support Interest Group	11/28

## Healthy Adults Needed

NIMH is seeking healthy adults between the ages of 18 and 45 to participate in a memory study. Individuals must be able to see at least 3 feet away without the use of glasses or contact lenses. Participants will be interviewed and will complete a memory task during which physiological functioning will be recorded. Compensation is provided. Call toll-free for information: 1-866-MAP-NIMH. ■

## Home Safe for the Holidays?

By popular demand, Officers David Baker and Luis Hurtado from the Montgomery County Police Department are back to address the Bethesda chapter of Federally Employed Women (FEW) at the Monday, Nov. 19 membership dinner. All employees are invited to attend the talk on home security, which will be held at the USUHS cafeteria, in Bldg. B on the campus of the National Naval Medical Center at 5:30 p.m. RSVP to Angela Magliozzi at 496-1642, [am133m@nih.gov](mailto:am133m@nih.gov). Dinner is \$20. Contact Claire McCullough if hearing interpreter or other reasonable accommodation is required; 435-8601 or [cm27q@nih.gov](mailto:cm27q@nih.gov).