



Dear Alumni/ae and Friends:

Welcome to the sixth issue of *Medicine at Michigan!* It's hard to believe that the sesquicentennial celebration has ended. The events over the past year have become another important part of the legacy of our Medical School, and I want to thank each and every one of you who took advantage of all of the opportunities to help us celebrate our anniversary.

When the Michigan Marching Band left the field at half time during the October 14th homecoming game, the celebration of the Medical School's sesquicentennial officially ended. The high-energy program was a fitting conclusion to the final week of campus events that began with a "birthday party" outdoor barbecue for nearly 5,000 students, faculty, staff and hospital employees.

Other major events during the week included the opening of *Seeing Is Healing?* at the University of Michigan Museum of Art; the dedication of the MCAS Hall of Honor in the Towsley Center; the Medical Center Alumni Society all-classes reunion activities including keynote addresses by noted alumni Donald S. Fredrickson, M.D., former director of the National Institutes of Health, and Marshall Nirenberg, Ph.D., Nobel-prize-winning medical researcher; and a sesquicentennial gala dinner.

While the last anniversary toast has been offered and the final set of remarks delivered, many lovely reminders of the celebration are now in place in the Medical School. Patients, visitors, staff and students alike pass through a permanent anniversary project when they walk through the connector between the Medical School and the hospital. Graduation class composites now hanging there re-establish the tradition begun when the composites first hung in the connector to Old Main. The turn-of-the-century doctor's office exhibit in the hospital lobby offers a historic view of a typical Ann Arbor practice. Seven of our leading basic science faculty members now have lecture halls named after them. Near the third-floor entrance to Medical

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Science II Building is a colorful 27-foot-long art installation that pays tribute to John Jacob Abel, Minor J. Coon, James V. Neel, Horace W. Davenport, Frederick C. Neidhardt, Elizabeth C. Crosby and Gerald D. Abrams. (See pages 42-45 for details.) Lastly, four bronze markers are now located around campus to mark important sites in the history of the Medical School at the University.

With a newfound appreciation for the greatness of the Medical School's proud history and of all the men and women who contributed to it over many years, we are more determined than ever to carry that illustrious heritage forward. In this issue, as in the five that have preceded it, you will learn more about the truly outstanding people and programs that make up this wonderful place. The Medical Scientist Training Program is one of our most prestigious and exciting programs, one in which, with the support of the National Institutes of Health, we train some of the most creative and most ambitious of the next generation of physicians and medical scientists. The efforts of Ron Koenig and all of the Medical School faculty who participate in recruiting and training these outstanding students is crucial to the success of the Medical School's mission. Also, you'll read about how Betsy Lozoff's conscientious and long-running work examining the role of iron deficiency in the development of children's brains is having an impact on children's well-being in countries throughout the world.

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