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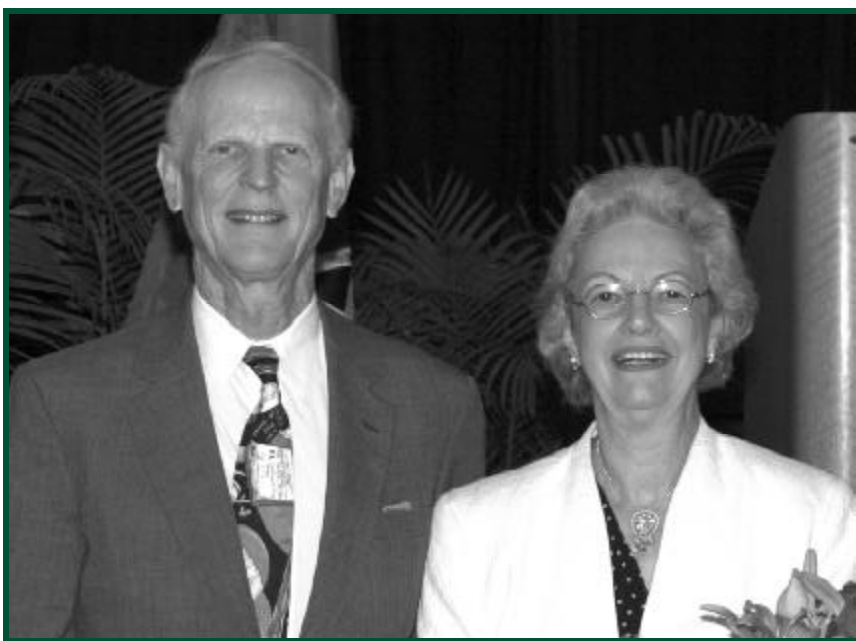
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DR. RALPH AND MRS. BARBARA HAMILTON AT THE DEDICATION.

On May 10, 2004, university faculty and administrators came together with community leaders to celebrate the opening of the research floor of the new Hamilton Eye Institute at the University of Tennessee. The 14,000-square-foot facility, consisting of laboratories and shared core resources for vision research, represents the first phase of a regional center for clinical care, education, and research.

Chancellor William Rice opened the event by introducing the participants and commenting on the value of the Eye Institute to the university, the Health Science Center, and the community. Mr. Rice has supported the Eye Institute initiative from its inception. The opening of the research laboratories, as the first step of realizing this initiative, would

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CHANCELLOR RICE BEGINS THE DEDICATION CEREMONY

not have been possible without Mr. Rice's enthusiastic support and leadership. **Dr. Henry G. Herrod**, dean of the School of Medicine, another ardent advocate of the creation of the Eye Institute, welcomed the community. Former Interim **University President Joe Johnson** commended **Dr. Barrett Haik**, Hamilton Professor and chair of the Department of Ophthalmology, on his dedicated efforts since his arrival in 1995 to create a center that will serve as a resource for the university, the community, and the region.



ROBERT CARTER SPEAKS ON SUPPORTING THE EYE INSTITUTE

Mr. Robert Carter, Chief Information Officer for FedEx and chair of the capital campaign for the Eye Institute, also stressed Dr. Haik's central role in the campaign and emphasized the importance of community and corporate support for the Institute. Mr. Carter's leadership and guidance has greatly advanced the campaign to fund the Eye Institute.

Dr. Ralph and Mrs. Barbara Hamilton, major benefactors of the Institute, were introduced and thanked for their generous support, and a portrait of Dr. Hamilton, which will be placed in the Institute's entry, was unveiled. Dr. Hamilton is a distinguished ophthalmologist, who has contributed not only his support, but also his teaching and clinical expertise to the department.

Those contributing to the construction of the research floor were acknowledged on a donor wall, which was also unveiled during the day's activities.

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Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services Speaks at Opening

Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services **Claude A. Allen** was the keynote speaker at the opening of the Hamilton Eye Institute research laboratories. Mr. Allen works closely with HHS secretary **Tommy G. Thompson** on all major policy and management issues, and he serves as the organization's chief operating officer. HHS is the federal government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and provides essential human services, especially for those least able to help themselves. National programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, and Head Start comprise a budget of nearly \$503 billion.

Mr. Allen holds both a Juris Doctorate and a Master of Law in International and Comparative Law from Duke University Law School. He completed his undergraduate education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, earning degrees in Political Science and Linguistics. Prior to joining HHS, Allen was Secretary of Health and Hu-



CLAUDE ALLEN WITH DR. BARRETT HAIK

man Resources for the Commonwealth of Virginia, leading 13 agencies and 15 thousand employees.

Deputy Secretary Allen addressed the benefits a regional eye institute will provide, particularly to the under- and uninsured, who have limited access to quality eye care.



PRESIDENT JOHNSON UNVEILS THE PORTRAIT OF DR. HAMILTON THAT WILL HANG IN THE NEW EYE INSTITUTE.

Eye Patient Sings National Anthem

The *Star-Spangled Banner*, a traditional opening for many events, had special significance at the dedication of the research laboratories of the Hamilton Eye Institute. **Brian Woods** and **Jessie Wright Martin**, both members of the voice faculty at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas, delivered an elegant and touching rendition of our national anthem.

Five years ago, Woods, while still a graduate student at Louisiana State University, was diagnosed with a malignant eye tumor and sought the medical expertise of Dr. Barrett Haik. Malignant tumors such as the one that afflicted Woods present not only a threat to the patient's sight, but to their overall survival, as they can metastasize to other parts of the body. Dr. Haik treated Woods's tumor with a local radioactive implant, which halted the growth of the tumor. Dr. Haik has closely monitored his progress over the subsequent years.

With his eye problem stabilized, Woods



BRIAN WOODS AND JESSIE WRIGHT MARTIN PERFORM THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AT THE EYE INSTITUTE DEDICATION

was able to pursue his singing and teaching career. Described as being “luxurious of voice and ardent of personality,” he has appeared throughout the United States in opera, operetta and in concert. He has performed with such companies as the Tulsa Opera, the Pensacola Opera, Heartland Opera Theater, Opera in the Ozarks, Baton Rouge Opera, and the LSU Opera. Additionally, he has appeared in approximately 300 performances with the Ohio Light Opera and is featured their re-

cordings of *Gems from the Ohio Light Opera* and *The Red Mill*. Woods is currently a member of the voice faculty and director of opera at Pittsburg State University.

Jessie Wright Martin, a mezzo-soprano who has enjoyed great success singing on both the lyric and concert stages, joined Woods in the performance. Martin has also performed numerous roles in both operetta and opera. Some of her favorites include Buttercup in *H.M.S. Pinafore*, Tessa in *The*

Ophthalmology Resident Speaks of Training Opportunities at Opening

The Hamilton Eye Institute will serve as a clinical resource to all area ophthalmologists, but it will also serve as a vital community and regional resource in training the next generation of ophthalmologists. The UT Department of Ophthalmology accepts only three students annually out of over four hundred applicants for a three-year residency training program. **Dr. Kim Lovelace** begins her ophthalmology residency in July 2004 and will be one of the first residents to train at the new Hamilton Eye Institute.

Dr. Lovelace completed her medical degree at the University of Arkansas and her internship at the Methodist University Hospital. Her comments at the dedication ceremony expressed her excitement and gratitude for being one of the first classes of ophthalmology residents to benefit from training



DR. BARRETT HAIK WITH DR. LOVELACE AT THE DEDICATION

in the new Hamilton Eye Institute. The planned clinical floor will have a general clinic adjacent to the subspecialty clinic and will allow the residents the advantage of immediate access to the faculty for consultation and direction.

Gondoliers, Madame de la Fere in *The Red Mill*, Pauline in *La Vie Parisienne*, Susanna in *Le Nozze di Figaro*, Nancy in *Albert Herring*, Annina in *La Traviata*, Mary in *The Ballad of Baby Doe*, and Lady Ella in *Patience*. Martin currently serves as assistant professor of voice at Pittsburg State University.



MR. WOODS AND MS. MARTIN WITH DR. BARRETT HAIK.

National Eye Institute Director of Extramural Research Visits Faculty

Dr. Loré Anne McNicol, director of the Division of Extramural Research of the National Eye Institute, attended the opening of the research floor of the Hamilton Eye Institute and spent the afternoon in meetings and seminars with the research faculty.

The research floor was constructed with the assistance of a CO6 construction grant from the National Eye Institute. Michael Dockter, PhD, Vice Chancellor for Research for the School of Medicine, and Dianna Johnson, PhD, Director of Research for the Department of Ophthalmology, are co-principal investigators for the grant. The CO6 grant, along with matching funds from Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Hamilton and the Knapp Foundation, made the construction a reality. Dr. McNicol's presence at the opening allowed the university, the department, and particularly the researchers to express their gratitude to the NEI and to Dr. McNicol as its representative.



(CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT) DRs. BARRETT HAIK, ELDON GEISERT, HOWARD JERNIGAN, JR., EDWARD CHAUM, ALESSANDRO IANNAACONE, RAJESH SHARMA, DIANNA JOHNSON, AND LORÉ ANNE MCNICOL

Dr. McNicol's visit was invaluable to the basic scientists on our staff. Meeting with Drs. Dianna Johnson, Eldon Geisert, Edward Chaum, Alex Iannaccone, and Rajesh Sharma, she updated the faculty on the recent events and policies at the National Eye Institute and the National Institutes of Health and encouraged an exchange of information in question-and-answer sessions.

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Visitors Tour New Laboratories

As part of the Hamilton Eye Institute opening ceremony, members of the research faculty were available to conduct tours of the new facility. Visitors viewed the new laboratories and spoke with basic scientists concerning their current and planned projects.

The 14,000-square-foot area includes laboratories and offices for ten principal investigators, their support staffs, and graduate students. Additionally, core resources are centrally located for shared use. The new floor allows scientists who have previously been located throughout the medical school campus to work in proximity to each other, promoting and enhancing collaborative efforts.



MR. PHIL AND MRS. GRETCHEN BLAIR MEET DR. ALESSANDRO IANNAACONE AND MEMBERS OF HIS RESEARCH TEAM.

With the construction of the clinical floors scheduled to begin in July 2004 and to be completed in July 2005, collaboration of the basic scientists with the clinical subspecialists will also be encouraged.

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