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On September 24, I attended a gathering of key players from the Health Sciences Center and Stony Brook University Hospital at a planning retreat to discuss meeting the challenges of the third decade. The outcome of this session was a clarification of our strategic direction and resources needed to differentiate the hospital as the academic tertiary center of Long Island. I believe the proposed enhancements will have a direct impact on solidifying our revenue base and expanding our market share by providing LI residents optimal care closer to home.

Over the next five years, a \$250 million capital investment will

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restructure and rehabilitate the hospital. There will be an increase in the number of beds from 523 to 710 by the Year 2010 in order to accommodate a projected increase in volume. This growth will be necessary to enhance current programs and launch Centers of Excellence in Cardiac, Cancer, and Perinatal Medicine. I have no doubt that the infusion of resources will impact the upward spiral growth of our excellence in research and education, making this an exciting time for all of us.

An aggressive implementation plan was outlined, and the first steps are already underway regarding the reconfiguration of Level 5 of the hospital. I will be sharing more details on this important topic as they become available—but clearly there is more positive news to come.

Q & A

Good communication is two way. Therefore, if you would like to comment or respond to any topics, please do so at HSC_VP@notes.cc.sunysb.edu. Suggestions for future topics are always welcome, as well.

IN OTHER HSC NEWS:

- At the **School of Dental Medicine**, Allan J. Kucine, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, has been appointed Acting Chair, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.
- The **School of Health, Technology and Management** has received federal funding for a Health Careers Opportunity program to establish a partnership

with the Riverhead and Greenport School Districts and four community-based organizations. The program involves job shadowing and other opportunities for students to interact with healthcare professionals.

- The **School of Health, Technology and Management** has established an alumni association. For information, please contact shtmlalumni@epo.sunysb.edu.

- The **School of Medicine's** "Mini-Med School" has a waiting list for the second straight year. The seven-week program began October 4.

Seven senior medical students have been elected to the Stony Brook chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha, a national medical honor society established in 1902.

- The **School of Nursing** collected \$20,000 for the victims of the World Trade Center disaster to be donated to the American Red Cross. The total includes a contribution from the Staller Center and matching corporate funds.

- The **School of Social Welfare's** 15th Annual "Counseling and Treating People of Colour: An International Perspective" conference is planned for November 28 - December 2nd, 2001 at the San Diego Marriott in California. The conference presenters include nationally recognized experts in the fields of Health, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, AIDS, Violence, and

Education. This much anticipated event brings practitioners together from around the world to participate in a holistic cultural learning experience.

School of Social Welfare's Professor Abraham Lurie, Ph.D. is being honored by the Variety Child Learning Center located in Syosset, NY. Variety Child Learning Center is a pre-school program for children with developmental disabilities. Dr. Lurie is being honored for serving as the first President of the organization on the occasion of its 35th anniversary. This occasion is also being observed to mark the completion of an addition to the building as a result of a matching grant from the Kreske Foundation. Dr. Lurie serves as a member of their Board of Trustees.

- During the week of October 22nd, the **Veterans Home** will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a series of activities and events designed to highlight its first decade of service to Long Island's veterans. The week-long celebration will include a block party celebration on October 22nd from 4pm to 6 pm, and performances by the Xavier Cugat Orchestra and the New York Metropolitan Troupe of the USO. In addition, on Wednesday, October 24th, the Vets Home will recognize 49 members of its staff for providing ten years of service to its residents and their families.

- The **Long Island Cancer Center** will host a Fall Fashion Festival at the Three Village Inn on Thursday, October 18 from 6:30-10:30 PM. Tickets are \$40 and include a full-course dinner. Call 4-2390 for further information. Proceeds to benefit women's cancer services patients.

Save the Date

October 10	University Convocation - Staller Center at 12:40 pm
October 10	3rd Annual Van der Kloot Symposium, contact Dept of Physiology & Biophysics
October 11	New Faculty Reception - 3 Village Inn at 4 pm
October 18	LICC Fall Fashion Festival at 3 Village Inn at 6:30 pm
October 19	Annual Alumni Awards Dinner - Dr. Jack Fuhrer, School of Medicine, is receiving a recognition award at the Student Activities Center at 6 pm, Call 2-6330

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