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*Left to right: Lucy, Ian, Marissa and Paul Koontz*

## Franklin P. Koontz Dedication March 25, 2002

Michael B. Cohen, M.D., head of Pathology, welcomed the Koontz family, co-workers, colleagues, and friends to the Franklin P. Koontz Conference Room dedication on March 25, 2002.

"This is indeed a special day as we recognize Frank Koontz with two important events," Cohen said. "As most of you know, Frank was a member of the Pathology faculty and UI Hospitals and Clinics staff for some 35 years.

His contributions to the field of microbiology, both locally and nationally, in fact internationally, remain highly regarded. He was a gifted teacher. On a more personal note, Frank was a colleague—insightful, forthright, and with a wonderful sense of humor." Koontz's contributions were recognized with a lectureship in his honor, funded by the Koontz family and friends, and the dedication of a conference room in his name. The Dr. Frank Koontz Memorial Lectureship in Pathology will support an annual lectureship within the Department of Pathology. Memorials may be made to the Dr. Frank Koontz Lectureship Fund, Account #30-526-010 at the University of Iowa Foundation, PO Box 4550, Iowa City, Iowa 52244.

Jason Bridie from the University of Iowa Foundation; John Staley, associate director and COO, UI Hospitals and Clinics; Allyn Mark, interim executive dean, University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine; Gary Doern, Ph.D., section director of Clinical Microbiology; Ian Koontz, M.D.; and Paul Koontz, M.D., also shared their memories about Koontz with the audience.

## Congressman Leach Visits Pathology

Congressman Jim Leach toured the Cytology and Microbiology laboratories on May 29, 2002, as a follow-up to the Political Advocacy Training sponsored by the College of American Pathologists (CAP). Michelle Barry, M.D., Co-Chief Resident, organized the tour through the CAP.

Leach and Barry reviewed a positive PAP smear from a woman over 65 years of age and discussed his co-sponsorship of the bill that will grant annual PAP funding for women over 65 through Medicare. They then went to microbiology to discuss bioterrorism and the Bioterrorism Preparedness bill sponsored by Leach. The bill has currently passed through the House and the Senate and is awaiting the signature of the President to be made into law. This bill would provide federal funding to state medical societies for training of laboratory scientists and pathologists.



*Michelle Barry, M.D., and Congressman Jim Leach on a tour of the Cytology and Microbiology laboratories*

## Grand Opening of a New Facility: DeGowin Blood Center

On Tuesday, March 26, 2002, a ribbon-cutting ceremony took place to celebrate the grand opening of the recent relocation of the DeGowin Blood Center to the 2nd floor of the General Hospital. Michael B. Cohen, M.D., professor and head of pathology, commented that this was a wonderful realization of planning that dated back to 1995. Dr. Cohen acknowledged all of those who worked so hard for so long to bring this project to fruition and extended his special thanks to the administration of UI Hospitals and Clinics.



*Visitors led by Mitch Overton (middle), Donor recruitment coordinator, on a guided tour through the new facility*

"This has been a long and illustrious history of blood banking that included Dr. Elmer DeGowin and faculty members of the Department of Pathology and has continued under the leadership of Dr. Ronald Strauss," said Cohen. "With this new facility, I believe there is an equally bright future for patient care, teaching, and research in the new DeGowin Blood Center."

### **Address by Ann M. Rice** *Former Interim Director and CEO,* *UI Hospitals and Clinics*

Welcome everyone,

Today, the newly remodeled DeGowin Blood Center is officially opening its doors for business. Our center, founded by Dr. Elmer DeGowin in 1938 as the first blood bank west of the Mississippi River, has a long history of service to Iowans. Dr. DeGowin's career with UI Carver College of Medicine spanned 50 years, during which he became a nationally recognized pioneer in banking, storing, and transporting blood products.

Building on his legacy, during the past 20 years, our dedicated team of about 80 staff members has introduced new technologies and therapeutic procedures that have increased the range and volume of services available to Iowans.

In 2001 alone, the blood center collected 7,649 units of whole blood and 3,434 units of apheresis platelets through 114 blood drives in Iowa City, Coralville, and the surrounding communities. This is up 30 percent compared with year 2000. More than 2,000 new people have been added to our list of dedicated blood donors.

In this new location, the DeGowin Blood Center is closer to the patients it serves and offers a greater comfort to donors. All the blood collected at this main donor center; the donor facility at UI Family Care, Southeast Iowa City; and at the increasing number of blood drives operated across Iowa City and Coralville is used for patients at our hospital.

The DeGowin Blood Center houses the Blood Bank that provides specialized blood components for transfusion and performs the whole range of required testings. Through the Hematopoietic Progenitor Cell lab, which is an apheresis center for the National Marrow Donor Program, the DeGowin Blood Center collects, processes, and stores peripheral blood stem cells for transplantation. The center also specializes in therapeutic hemapheresis and provides consultative services to clinicians.

We all greatly appreciate the hard work and effort of all staff members who took part in bringing this new area about. I'm proud to cut the ribbon and declare the DeGowin Blood Center at UI Hospitals and Clinics officially open. Thank you all for sharing this afternoon with us.

## **Address by Ronald G. Strauss, M.D.** **Section Director, DeGowin Blood Center**

Dr. Strauss also welcomed everyone to the opening celebration of the DeGowin Blood Center. He reviewed the history of the important contributions to research, education, and service by the people at the center and stressed the challenges of continuing these efforts in the present and future. In addition, he shared the letter he received from Richard L. DeGowin, son of Elmer. The Elmer L. DeGowin Memorial Blood Center, previously located on the first floor of General Hospital, was dedicated in DeGowin's honor in December of 1981.



Richard DeGowin stated in his letter that his father would be honored by the way this outstanding facility was operated throughout the years and the excellent patient care it provided.

Tours of the Blood Center, Blood Bank, and the Hematopoietic Cell Laboratory were guided by Blood Center staff after the end of the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

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## **Faculty Recognized for Long Service**

### **James A. Goeken, M.D. – 25 years**

James Goeken joined the Pathology Department in 1973 as a resident and became a faculty member in 1977 and Professor in 1990. He has been a loyal and valued faculty member who has fulfilled many roles within the department, including the Blood Bank and most notably the Immunopathology Laboratory. Goeken is internationally recognized for his work on ANCA and has given an extraordinary amount of his time to professional organizations such as the CAP and the Clinical Laboratory Immunology Committee. In addition, he's contributed extensively to the medical literature and his teaching efforts are highly valued by medical students.

### **Ronald G. Strauss, M.D. – 25 years**

Ronald Strauss came to The University of Iowa in 1976 to join the Pediatrics Department and joined the Pathology Department in 1983. His primary role has been as Director of the DeGowin Blood Center. Like Elmer DeGowin, Strauss is widely recognized for his numerous and varied contributions to the blood banking field for which he has received numerous awards. He is a prolific researcher whose CV is in excess of 80 pages, is exemplary in his service contributions, and has been a valued mentor to significant numbers of trainees who have pursued his chosen discipline.

### **George F. Johnson, Ph.D. – 25 years**

George Johnson was recruited by George Penick, from Johns Hopkins University, in 1976 to join the Pathology faculty and has been Professor since 1988. He has played an integral role in the Chemistry Laboratory, especially in the area of endocrinology and therapeutic drug monitoring. Johnson has fulfilled a number of administrative and educational roles (e.g., Human Pathology Course Director), which have been appreciated.

### **Frank A. Mitros, M.D. – 25 years**

Frank Mitros came to The University of Iowa in 1976 to join our faculty. He is recognized locally and nationally as a true expert in GI/liver pathology. Mitros is one of the best teachers that UI Carver College of Medicine has to offer, as noted by residents and medical students. In addition, he is truly a great colleague.

### **Ronald D. Feld, Ph.D. – 25 years**

Ron Feld came to The University of Iowa in 1974 as a postdoctoral fellow and joined the faculty in 1976. He has had various administrative roles in the lab and in 1994, after the departmental reorganization, assumed the Directorship of the Section of Chemistry. Feld has done a great job in this regard and has also been a very effective teacher. He is commended for his efforts to teach managerial issues to the residents—something they usually appreciate only after they leave. Dr. Feld has always been active with professional



societies and organizations.

### **Richard G. Lynch, M.D. – 20 years**

Dick Lynch came to the University of Iowa in 1981 to head this department and did so until 1999, with a short interruption by a stint as Interim Dean. He has been a mentor to many academicians, especially pathologists, and is an internationally recognized immunologist. Lynch provides outstanding professional service to a number of professional organizations (including ASIP, FASEB, and the NIH). Michael Cohen, M.D., said he personally feels very lucky to have been recruited to The University of Iowa by Lynch and has benefited greatly from his counsel. Lynch has had a dramatic positive impact on this department!

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## **Research Awards and Information**

Congratulations to the following Pathology investigators who have recently obtained extramural funding for their research projects.

**C. Michael Knudson, M.D., Ph.D.**, was recently awarded a research grant from the National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute for his project titled "Regulation of cell growth and oncogenesis by Bcl-2 & Bax." This award is for \$1,049,310 and runs for a period of four years.

**Nancy Ray, Ph.D.**, has been awarded a K01 Mentored Research Scientist Award from NIH/NIAAA. She works as an Assistant Research Scientist in Robert Cook's laboratory. This award totals \$478,097 and will run for four years. This is Nancy's first federal research award.

Congratulations to the **Clinical Laboratory Sciences Program**, and especially to **Alan Junkins, Ph.D.**, as they have received an internal educational grant from the Office of Consultation in Research and Medical Education (OCRME) to develop six Molecular Pathology educational modules. Mark Bowman, Ph.D., and the program thank Fred Dee, M.D., for his invaluable comments and advice.

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## **New Faculty**

### **Jonathan W. Heusel, M.D., Ph.D.**

#### ***Assistant Professor, Molecular Pathology***

Jonathan Heusel, M.D., Ph.D., joined the department on July 1st as an Assistant Professor in Molecular Pathology. He received his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from Washington University School of Medicine in 1995. Dr. Heusel completed his residency in laboratory medicine in the Department of Pathology and Immunology at Washington University and completed postdoctoral training in the laboratory of Wayne Yokoyama, M.D., a former postdoctoral trainee at The University of Iowa.

Heusel's clinical and teaching activities will be focused in the area of molecular pathology. His current research interests include: defining the molecular parameters of NK-cell activation in the context of specific viral infection; understanding the molecular mechanisms that lead to dysfunction and neoplastic transformation in human NK cells in response to viral infection; and exploit NK-cell responses for therapeutic application.

### **Thomas L. Winder, Ph.D.**

#### ***Assistant Professor, Molecular Pathology***

Thomas L. Winder, M.D., joined the Department of Pathology in June as an Assistant Professor in Molecular Pathology. He obtained his Ph.D. from Iowa State University in 1991. Before joining the department, Winder was a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the University of Wyoming as well as the Institute of Biological Chemistry and the Department of Botany at Washington State University. Since 1998, he has been a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Pathology with affiliations in the Medical Genetics Division of the

Department of Pediatrics as well as the Department of Ophthalmology.

Winder will oversee the genetics component of the molecular pathology and will be involved with the broader molecular pathology laboratory as it continues to grow.

## New Appointment

**Jo Benda, M.D.**, has been appointed as Medical Student Course Director, effective April 1, 2002.

## Promotions

**Mohammad A. Vasef, M.D.**, has been promoted to Associate Professor, effective July 1, 2002.

**Mary S. Stone, M.D.**, has been promoted to Professor, effective July 1, 2002.

## New Residents

### **Bryce L. Dursteler, M.D.**

1st year resident in Pathology; Medical School: Medical College of Wisconsin, 2002.  
Training Goals: combined AP/CP Program.

### **Jill Hagenkord, M.D.**

1st year resident in Pathology; Medical School: Stanford University School of Medicine, 1999. Training Goals: combined AP/CP Program.

### **Jessica D. Krochmal, M.D.**

1st year resident in Pathology; Medical School: The University of Iowa, 2002. Training Goals: combined AP/CP Program.

### **Shadi Qasem, M.D.**

1st year resident in Pathology; Medical School: Jordan University of Sciences and Technology, 1999. Training Goals: combined AP/CP Program.

### **Sigrid Wayne, M.D.**

2nd year resident in Pathology; Medical School: The University of Iowa, 1997. Training Goals: combined AP/CP Program.

## New Fellows

### **Joan H. Admirand, M.D.**

Fellow in Surgical Pathology; Medical School: University of Wake Forest, 1998.

### **Yong Zhao, M.D.**

Transfusion Medicine Fellow; Medical School: Luzhou Medical College, China, 1982.


## House Staff who Have Changed Their Positions

**Avina Kolareth, M.D.:** Surgical Pathology Fellow (5th Year Resident)

**Charles A. Nicholson, M.D.:** Surgical Pathology Fellow (5th Year Resident)

**Daniel F. Schraith, M.D.:** Surgical Pathology Fellow (4th Year Resident)

**Paul D. Murray, M.D.:** Fellow in Cytopathology



**Manaf Ubaidat, M.D.:** Fellow in Cytopathology  
**Sanjai Nagendra, M.D.:** Fellow in Hematopathology

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