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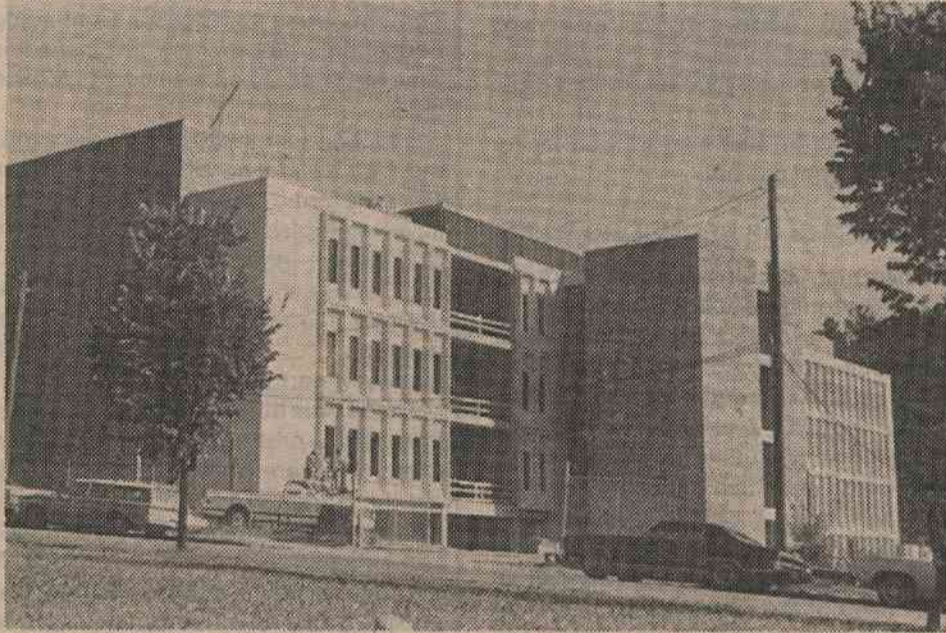
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Founder's Day Weekend Sees Sands Bldg. Dedication

Tomorrow, Duke Honors an Old Friend



TO BE DEDICATED TOMORROW—The naming of the Alex H. Sands Jr. Building will become official Saturday afternoon when university representatives, students, faculty, alumni and friends attend a dedicatory ceremony to be held at 2:30 p.m. in the first floor of the new research facility. Alex H. Sands, who died in 1960, was one of the original trustees of the Duke Endowment, and he made many significant contributions toward the university's rise to national prominence. This photograph was taken shortly before the completion of the building last year. (Photo by David Williamson)

The Alex H. Sands Jr. Building, a basic sciences research facility at the medical center will be dedicated tomorrow as friends of the university gather to celebrate Duke's 50th anniversary.

The Founder's Day ceremony will take place at 2:30 p.m. in the first floor lobby of the new 108,000 sq. ft. structure located across from the Computation Center on Research Drive.

Trustees have named the four-story building, which is a blend of brown, orange and gray Hillsborough stone and panels of pre-cast concrete, in honor of Alexander Hamilton Sands Jr., a long-time supporter of the university and one of the original trustees of the Duke Endowment.

Dr. William G. Anlyan, vice president for health affairs, will offer introductory remarks, Marshall I. Pickens, chairman of the Duke Endowment, will discuss the role Sands played in Duke's rise to national prominence and Alexander McMahan, chairman of the board of trustees, will accept the building on behalf of the university.

The research facility, completed last year, now houses Department of Anatomy administrative and faculty offices and research laboratories. It also provides research space to members of the departments of Medicine, Surgery, Psychiatry and Anesthesiology.

The research which is currently being carried out in the Sands Bldg. covers a broad spectrum of scientific interests. The Department of Anatomy, which occupies the west wing, carries on work on the fine structure and cell biology of chromosomes, the structure and function of muscles, cell membranes and nervous tissues, physical anthropology, neuroanatomy, neuroendocrinology, comparative anatomy and developmental biology.

The other departments, which have been allocated lab and office space in the east wing, are involved in cancer and brain tumor studies, hormonal imbalances, dermatology, and hematology to name but a few of the current investigations.

Alexander H. Sands Jr., who died in 1960, served as secretary of the Duke Endowment from its establishment in 1924 until 1953 when he was named vice chairman.

Active in many civic organizations, the Richmond, Va., native was also vice chairman of the Doris Duke Trust, president and director of the Angier Biddle Duke Memorial, director and vice president of Duke Power Co., a member of the committees on rural churches and yearbooks of the Duke Endowment, chairman of the board of New York Medical College and chairman of the investment and building committees of the university's board of trustees.

The building which bears his name was designed by the Perkins and Will architectural firm and erected by the Daniel Construction Co. of Greensboro.

To Lead Pathology

Northwestern Head Succeeds Kinney

Dr. Robert Burgess Jennings has been appointed chairman of the Department of Pathology, effective next June 1.

Jennings currently is chairman of the Pathology Department at the Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago, a post he has held since 1969.

He will succeed Dr. Thomas D. Kinney, chairman of pathology at Duke since 1960, who is retiring from administrative responsibilities to devote full time to teaching and research.

Jennings, 48, has spent most of his professional career at Northwestern, where he rose from instructor to full professor in 10 years. He received bachelor's degrees in chemistry and medicine and a master's in pathology at Northwestern and earned his M.D. degree there in 1950.

His internship and pathology residency were served at Passavant Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Jennings' central area of research has been cell injury. He is known especially for his studies of the mechanism of cell death following diminished blood supply to the heart as in myocardial ischemic injury and myocardial infarction. He was one of the earliest researchers to concentrate in that area and to apply electron microscopy and biochemical techniques.

He also has done work in the natural history of kidney diseases using renal biopsy techniques.

Jennings is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, honor medical society.

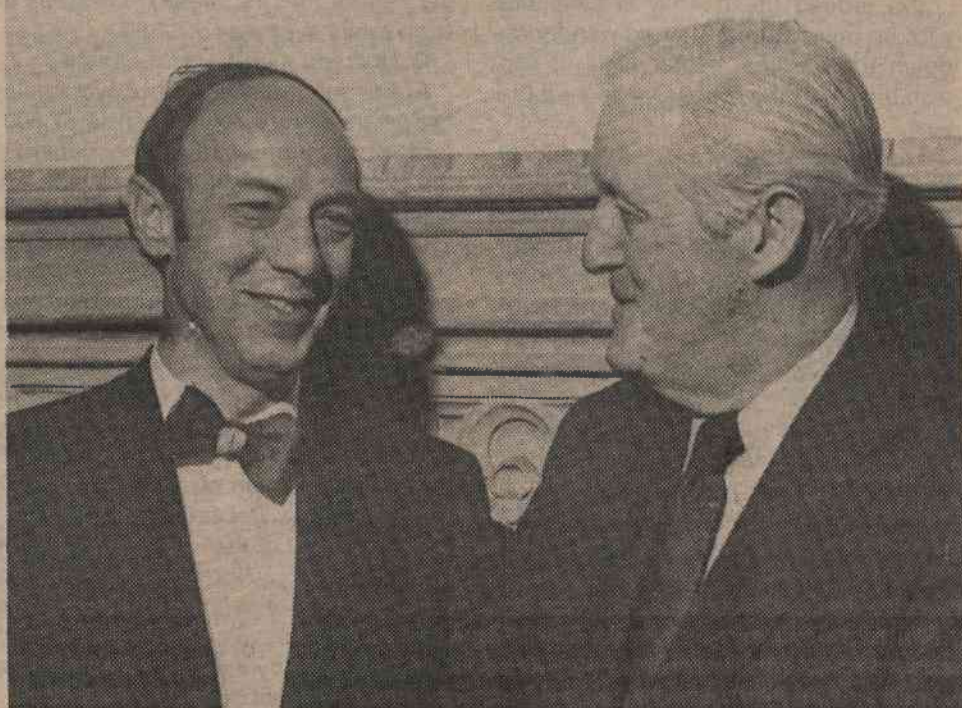
He received the Borden Award for Undergraduate Research in medical school, and from 1958-63 he was a John and Mary R. Markle Scholar in Medical Sciences.

He was Magerstadt Professor of Pathology at Northwestern in 1969, delivered the first annual Alfred Angrist Lecture at Albert Einstein Medical College in 1971 and the sixth annual Emmet Bay Lecture at the Pritzker School of Medicine at the University of

Chicago in 1973.

In addition to membership in numerous professional societies and service on national committees, Jennings is on the editorial boards of Laboratory Investigation, Archives of Pathology, the Journal of Molecular and Cellular Cardiology, and Experimental and Molecular Pathology.

Jennings and his wife, Linda, have five children—Carol, 21, Mary, 19, Jack, 17, Anne, 16, and Jim, 14.



FROM CHAIRMAN TO CHAIRMAN—Dr. Thomas D. Kinney (right) will be succeeded as chairman of the Department of Pathology next June 1 by Dr. Robert B. Jennings, who currently chairs pathology at the Northwestern University Medical School. Dr. Kinney will leave the administrative post to devote full time to teaching and research. (Photo by Jim Wallace)

Gross To Discuss Duke Endowment

As part of the university's observance of its 50th anniversary, Dr. Paul M. Gross, W.H. Pegram professor emeritus of chemistry and former dean of the graduate school and vice president of the university, will speak on "Fifty Years of Duke University and the Duke Endowment."

He will speak at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11, in the auditorium of Gross Chemical Laboratory.

Gross came to Trinity College in 1919—more than six years before James B. Duke signed the indenture creating the Duke Endowment on Dec. 11, 1924. Because he has worked with the officers of the endowment since its inception, he brings a unique perspective and background to the topic of his address.

All interested members of the university community are invited to attend.