

# From the Dean



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gratitude and appreciation for this unprecedented gift, which we will surely put to good use.

Another generous gift, from two of our Trustees, Helen L. and Martin S. Kimmel, has provided funding for a new Center for Stem Cell Biology. This world-class multidisciplinary research center focuses on the basic biology of stem cells in animal models and ensures that we will play a leading role in this vitally important scientific field.

A development that launches NYU into a new era of research is the Joan and Joel Smilow Research Center, which is in its final stage of completion. From my office window I can see the finishing touches being placed on the building, which will be a striking addition to the New York City skyline. The building, which will be ready for occupancy in early 2006, will house scores of researchers, many of them recruited from the top ranks in their fields.

The top ranks are also where we find the Medical Center's nursing staff. After a rigorous application process, they were recently honored with the Magnet Award by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association. This prestigious award places NYU in the company of an elite group of hospitals and medical centers, representing less than 2 percent of such institutions nationwide. It also makes official what we've all known to be true for some time: that our nurses are among the best in nation.

The same can be said for many of the treatment programs at the Medical Center's hospitals—Tisch, Rusk, and Hospital for Joint Diseases. Of the 17 medical specialties ranked in this year's Best Hospitals issue of *U.S. News & World Report*, 10 NYU programs were rated among the nation's best.

As you can see, the good news keeps getting better. ■

## Good News All Around

I often use this column to report good news, and as we begin a new academic year the news I have to report is nothing less than extraordinary. Dr. Jan T. Vilcek, Professor of Microbiology, has made a remarkably generous gift of \$105 million in support of the basic sciences at the School of Medicine. The source of this gift, the largest ever made to the School—and perhaps the largest by an active faculty member to any academic medical center—is the royalties Dr. Vilcek

continues to earn from Remicade, made from a monoclonal antibody that he helped develop.

The School has already benefited substantially from the success of Dr. Vilcek's research, based on a patent licensing agreement by which we share in Remicade royalties. Dr. Vilcek's gift augments one he made a year ago and will enable the School to greatly expand its research capabilities.

On behalf of the entire NYU community, I want to express my deep