From the Alumni President

"Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears." I come not to bury Caesar, but to praise the Alumni! They have by their generosity provided for a new "Forum" on campus, the Alumni Center. On December 15, 1962, we presented a check for $230,000 to College President John J. Connolly, and the Center is moving forward to open remarkably close to our originally targeted date. Starting this summer, this magnificent building of Georgian-Colonial style will be the new home of the Alumni Association and the headquarters for important activities. The Center is pictured on the cover and described on pages 12 and 13.

It is because of your enthusiasm that the Alumni Goals Fund drive has achieved its objective. I know I speak for Sy Schlussel, who preceded me as president, and for all the other members of the Board of Governors, in thanking you for your warm support of our fund drive. You have been very tolerant of my "vampire activities" and enormously generous in your response. Our "Blood Donor List"

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for the Alumni Goals Fund would be the envy of any of the university medical schools in this country. The list of contributors is printed on pages 8 through 11, according to the categories of giving: benefactors, patrons, sponsors, and donors. We will also, as promised, inscribe the names of all contributors on a bronze plaque to be mounted in the foyer of the Center. In addition, we will be sending an individualized plaque to each of you in the benefactor category and certificates to those in the patron and sponsor categories.

It is appropriate here to announce, with deep gratitude, three gifts of special magnitude: $50,000 from a contributor who wishes, for the time being, to remain anonymous; $10,000 from Louis V. Angioletti, Jr.'66; and $10,000 from the Louis Levin Foundation, contributed through the good offices of Richard J. Rose '64. These gifts are especially encouraging to us in our efforts to help our medical school grow and flourish. We express warmest appreciation for them, and once again we acknowledge the generosity of each of you.

In this, the centennial year of the Alumni Association, I am pleased to be able to report to you that our medical school is making excellent progress under the present Board of Trustees and administration. Chairman of the Board John K. Cas before. The Alumni Association is both heartened and encouraged by recent developments, and we intend to support the administration by doing what we are best equipped to do: maintaining contact with you, deserving and keeping your confidence, and providing the College with both monetary and moral support for its endeavors.

You, the alumni and alumnae, are scoring a proud record of giving, and we are confident that your example will influence other constituencies, such as the private and corporate sectors, to make our medical school the beneficiary of the untapped potential they represent. The greater the giving at our level, the greater the harvest is likely to be outside NYMC. It is axiomatic that the interest of graduates in their college is probably the single most important criterion used by potential donors in determining their gifts.

On still another front, I would like to report to you that having raised the necessary funds for completion of the Center, we are about to embark on a new campaign to establish an endowed research fund. The College administration has placed a high priority on establishing such a fund, and the Alumni Board of Governors unanimously endorses this project. I will elaborate on this in my next letter to you.

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In closing, let me express thanks to Mike Antonelle, our editor, and his staff; to James H. Keller, Director of Alumni Relations; and in particular, to Ruth N. Oliver, our executive editor, for their work on Chironian. Their talents and energies in putting together this centennial-year issue of our alumni magazine are greatly appreciated.

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