

Moving on Up! Renovations Completed on First Four Floors of Lasdon House

Starting with the lower floors and moving upward, Phase 2 of the 8-phase renovation scheduled for the Jacob S. Lasdon House has just been completed with upgrades of floors four and five. Some 61 apartments already have been renovated in the 15-story building at 420 East 70th Street that is home to Weill Cornell Medical College and Graduate School of Medical Sciences students and postdoctoral trainees and their families.

Lasdon House offers studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom residences. Two floors are renovated at a time with a “buffer” to separate occupied floors from construction activity. As each two floors are finished, the next two floors of residents move down into the new apartments.



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“THE NEW CARPET DESIGN, KITCHEN CABINETS, AND FURNITURE HAVE ADDED STYLE AND COMFORT TO OUR LIVING QUARTERS,” NOTES ANDREW HUNG (RIGHT) WITH HIS ROOMMATE ANUJ MEHTA. “STUDENTS GENERALLY HAVE BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC AND EXCITED ABOUT THE RENOVATIONS.”

Renovations for each apartment include:

- ▶ automatic fire sprinklers in each room
- ▶ new windows, heating, and air-conditioning systems
- ▶ new carpeting and flooring throughout
- ▶ sleek kitchen cabinetry in warm wood tones and new countertops
- ▶ modern and comfortable furniture
- ▶ cable and telephone connections and data lines in every room
- ▶ bathroom fixtures and kitchen appliances repaired or replaced as needed.

Of the 232 apartments scheduled for upgrades, several will comply with design standards set by the Americans with

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Exercise Room Coming Soon!

Staying fit will be a whole lot easier for residents of Lasdon House as construction of a new exercise room begins on the second floor. Previously occupied by two apartments, the approximately 1,500-square-foot room will offer a mix of strength training and cardiovascular equipment. The Housing Office enlisted recommendations and input from the Student Committee on Fitness Facilities in planning and designing the facility, which is due to be completed by this summer.

New Peds Research Labs Open

On November 17, Weill Medical College of Cornell University celebrated the formal opening of a new research facility—the Friedman Family Foundation Pediatric Research Laboratories—on the entire 6th floor of the Hamad bin Khalifa Biomedical Research Building. The research laboratories and offices, a gift of Barbara and Stephen Friedman, were designed by Mitchell Giurgola Architects.

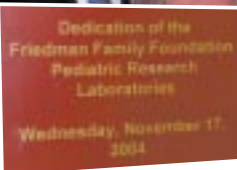
Antonio Gotto Jr., M.D., Dean of Weill Cornell Medical College; Barbara Friedman, Vice Chairman of the Medical

College’s Board of Overseers; and Gerald Loughlin, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics, presided over the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

When fully staffed, 75 researchers will occupy the 6,500-square-foot Friedman labs. Their work will focus on new approaches for the treatment of genetic disorders that affect growth and development in children, as well as the basis of infection, in four areas: pulmonology, gastroenterology, infectious disease, and critical care medicine. •



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DR. ANTONIO GOTTO, BARBARA FRIEDMAN AND DR. GERALD LOUGHLIN AT THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW LABS.

The Big Picture: Report on Major Upgrades

UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE MEDICAL College's Strategic Plan, Advancing the Clinical Mission, you will continue to see over the next few years a modernization effort underway at the Medical College of unprecedented size and scope. At 70th Street and York Avenue, the foundation has been poured and the framework is rising for the Ambulatory Care and Medical Education Building. Meanwhile, across the street, a transformation of the existing medical college campus is also taking place. Major upgrade projects will include consolidating the space of a number of departments to enable them to operate more efficiently. While the design and renovations of individual departments are being completed independently of each other, the overall timing and logistics of these projects are

managed and coordinated to minimize any negative impact on the Weill Cornell community.

Following are those units and floors that are scheduled for renovation in the A,B,C,D,E and LC buildings over the next several years:

- ▶ **3rd floor:** Dermatology
- ▶ **6th floor:** Pathology, Medicine, Hematology/Oncology, Cardiothoracic Surgery
- ▶ **7th floor:** RARC
- ▶ **8th floor:** Surgery
- ▶ **9th floor:** Urology
- ▶ **10th floor:** Physiology

There will also be a rooftop addition to the E building that will create much needed additional space.

We will keep you apprised of progress on these projects in each issue of *On the Move*. •

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Disabilities Act, including wider doorways and bathrooms and lower countertops.

In addition to modernizing the apartments, interior upgrades include new carpeting and a warmer color scheme for corridors, as well as brighter lighting. General improvements throughout the build-

ing also call for a new fire alarm system and elevator upgrades that are scheduled for the final phase of renovations.

The Housing Office also has hired professional movers to help ease the stress and any inconvenience as students move into the new apartments. Renovations for the entire building are slated for completion in early 2006. •



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More Power to You

In an effort to meet the Medical College's ever-increasing demand for electricity to operate modern research equipment, office and lab computers, and to support the vast heating and cooling systems, a new switchgear room that brings a fifth electrical service into the 1300 York Avenue buildings has been completed. Located under the North Courtyard outside the Harkness Medical Research Building, the construction of the switchgear room required that the courtyard be excavated 30 feet deep. With the completion of this year-long project, the courtyard—the last of the College's original three—has been restored. Best of all, the Cornell Lions—a pair of two-foot-wide stone statues—have been placed more prominently atop pillars at either end of the courtyard. At night, they are bathed in accent lighting, courtesy of the additional electrical power. •



Project Schedule

■ CONSTRUCTION FEBRUARY TO JULY 2005

