

# TRUE BLUE ★ CWRU

## LANDMARK SCIENCE

The opening of the Agnar Pytte Center for Science Education and Research was a landmark event not just for the College of Arts and Sciences, but also for the University as a whole. While many people contributed in many ways to this project, the vision could not have been made real without the generosity of key supporters.

### Jeanette Grasselli Brown and Glenn Brown

In addition to contributing to the sciences at CWRU, Jeanette Grasselli Brown and her husband, Glenn Brown, are also distinguished scientists in their own right. Mrs. Grasselli Brown (GRS '58, organic chemistry) enjoyed a thirty-eight-year career as a research scientist and executive at BP America. She currently serves as chair of the Ohio Board of Regents. Glenn Brown (GRS '54 and '58, chemical engineering) was also a leader at BP America, where he worked as senior vice-president and chief technology officer. After retiring, he served CWRU as a dean and as vice-provost for corporate research and technology transfer. Dr. Brown was also Ohio's first formally designated science advisor. The Browns' contribution to the Brown Lobby in the Pytte Center is one example of how they continue to dedicate their lives to the sciences. ★



Dedication day: In the Frank Hovorka Atrium last October, Interim President James Wagner welcomes guests to the dedication of the Pytte Center.

### M. Roger and Anne Clapp

Honorary trustee Roger Clapp began his affiliation with the University as a professor at Case School of Applied Science. He went on to a successful career with the Lubrizol Corporation but always maintained ties with CWRU. The relationship of honorary trustee Anne Clapp (FSM '39; GRS '41, history) with CWRU began in her undergraduate years at Mather College and continued through graduate school at WRU. Both Mr. and Mrs. Clapp have been trustees of the University, and together they've been benefactors for many years. Students and faculty will study, research, and learn in Anne and Roger Clapp Hall for years to come. ★

### Mayme DeGrace

Mayme DeGrace received her MS in music education in 1951 and her doctorate in education in 1962, both from WRU. Working as an elementary schoolteacher and principal in Lorain, and then as a professor at Baldwin-Wallace College, Dr. DeGrace never strayed from her commitment to education. With her late husband, William, she has been a longtime benefactor of the University, offering major support to its schools and to the Veale Convocation, Recreation, and Athletic Center. Her latest gift has enabled CWRU to bestow a new name on the Biology Building: DeGrace Hall. ★

### Dorothy Humel Hovorka

Both honorary trustee Dorothy Humel Hovorka and her late husband, Frank Hovorka, who was the Hurlbut Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, have been generous to CWRU. Most recently, Mrs. Hovorka provided funding for the Pytte Center's Frank Hovorka



Namesake: The spotlight is on President Emeritus Agnar Pytte (seated), while looking on are his wife, Anah, and, standing from left, Interim President James Wagner, Dean Sam Savin of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Phillip Ranney (LAW '61), secretary/treasurer of the 1525 Foundation.

Atrium. Mrs. Hovorka is an accomplished musician who has been actively involved in the Cleveland arts community. In tribute to her husband, she has also taken a serious interest in the sciences at CWRU. In 1987, Mrs. Hovorka received CWRU's highest honor, the University Medal, for chairing the six-month Michelson-Morley Centennial Celebration. ★

### John Huntington Fund for Education

The John Huntington Fund for Education was incorporated in 1953 from the estate of John Huntington with a mission to support both education in science and technology and in the arts. Originally designed to provide scholarships directly to individual students, the fund now donates to several area institutions. ★



Guests of honor: Among the Pytte Center benefactors at the October dedication were, from left, Anne Clapp, Dorothy Humel Hovorka, and Mayme DeGrace.

### Dorothy Prentiss Schmitt

Dorothy Prentiss Schmitt was a CWRU trustee from 1953 until her death in 1985. A 1925 graduate of the School of Library Science, she was a dedicated community volunteer and leader of many cultural and social service organizations. In memory of her son, she funded the Andrew E. Schmitt Auditorium in 1957. ★

### 1525 Foundation

The 1525 Foundation was established by Kent Hale Smith, a 1917 graduate of Case School of Applied Science. The late Mr. Smith, a founder of the Lubrizol Corporation, was also a trustee of Case and served as acting president from 1958 to '61. He and his wife, Thelma Smith, established the 1525 Foundation to continue their work to promote scientific advancement in harmony with the environment. The foundation has participated in a wide variety of projects at CWRU. Its contribution to the new science center, in the form of a \$12-million challenge grant, initiated the fundraising drive, but that was just the beginning. The foundation continued to provide both the direct support and the fundraising incentives that made the project possible. ★

### John Schoff Millis

We gratefully acknowledge the leadership of John Schoff Millis, president of Western Reserve University from 1949 to 1967, chancellor of CWRU from 1967 to 1969, and chancellor emeritus until his death. He was honored in 1960 with the naming of the John Schoff Millis Science Center. Chancellor Millis was a physicist, mathematician, and a national leader in health sciences education. ★

For more information about the Pytte Center, see "Science Alliance," page 30.

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