WILLIAM H. HELFAND TO DELIVER 15TH ANNUAL SAFFRON LECTURE AT MEDICAL HISTORY MEETING IN PRINCETON

"Nineteenth Century Addiction Cures" will be the title of the 15th annual Morris H. Saffron Lecture to be presented by William H. Helfand at the annual meeting of the Medical History Society of New Jersey on Wednesday, May 11. Mr. Helfand, co-author with David L. Cowen of Pharmacy: an Illustrated History, has written many works in the history of medicine, and is an authority of medical art and ephemera. The Saffron Lecture is sponsored by The Academy of Medicine of New Jersey. The meeting will be held at the Nassau Club, Princeton.

Papers to be presented are:

"Blutwaschung" -- Building the Artificial Kidney"
Sandra Moss, M.D., Attending Physician, St. Peter's Medical Center, New Brunswick

"A History of the Treatment of the Rupture: The Silent Plague"
Benjamin F. Rush, M.D., Distinguished Professor of Surgery and Chair, Department of Surgery, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School

"How Shall We Determine Whether a Treatment Works? -- A Brief History of Clinical Trials"
Bart K. Holland, Ph.D., Department of Preventive Medicine, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School

The Morris H. Saffron Lecture:

"Nineteenth Century Addiction Cures"
William H. Helfand, Scholar and Author
Members, students and friends are invited to attend this dinner meeting. Registration begins at 3:30 p.m. The cost is $35 including dinner and a cocktail or soft drink. For more information and registration, contact Lisa Fleischer, MHSNJ, 14 Washington Road, Suite 101, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550 609/275-1911.

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

Francis P. Chinard, M.D. in collaboration with William Sharpe M.D., taught the History of Medicine course last fall and Current Issues in Medicine this spring at UMD-New Jersey Medical School. Dr. Chinard is co-editing and co-authoring A History of the Physiology of Breathing with Donald F. Proctor, M.D., Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene.

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Hugh E. Evans, M.D., who presented "The Medical History of Franklin D. Roosevelt" at the MHSNJ fall meeting, will present a paper on the same topic at an FDR Conference to be held in 1995 at Louisiana State University in Shreveport.

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Former member, Gerald N. Grob, Ph.D., was the first recipient of the Daniel Gorenstein Memorial Award presented by Rutgers University. The award will be given annually to a Rutgers faculty member noted for both outstanding scholarly achievement and exceptional service to the University. The presentation held on April 4 included a lecture by Professor Grob entitled, "The Mentally Ill in America: Retrospect and Prospect."

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Barbara Smith Irwin, MHSNJ Secretary-Treasurer, takes office on April 28 as president of Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences (ALHHS), a national professional organization, at the annual meeting to be held in New York City prior to the American Association for the History of Medicine annual conference.

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Donald F. Kent, M.D. (retired) was honored on February 25 at a dedication and naming ceremony of the Donald F. Kent, M.D. Family Practice Center, the new home of the Chatham Family Practice.
MHSNJ President, Sandra Moss, M.D., prepared a history of medicine art exhibit in the Department of Medicine, St. Peter's Medical Center, New Brunswick. Dr. Moss was appointed recently to serve on the Committee on Relations with Professional Associations of the American Association for the History of Medicine.

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Murray A. Rosenberg, M.D. will deliver a paper at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine during the second conference on Civil War medicine which will take place August 5, 6 and 7. Dr. Rosenberg will discuss the career of William A. Hammond, Surgeon General of the U.S. Army (1862-1864). For information about the conference, contact the Museum at 48 East Patrick Street, P.O. Box 470, Frederick, MD 21705-0470.

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"A Crisis in Therapeutics: Osteopathy and Diphtheria Antitoxin in 1915" was presented by Robert Thompson, Ed.D. on March 17 to members of the Theobald Smith Society in New Brunswick.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save this date -- October 19 -- for the fall meeting of the MHSNJ.

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The MHSNJ welcomes the following new members (as of April 1993):

David V. Alcid, M.D.  Henry R. Liss, M.D.
Arnold Byer, M.D.    Marc I. Malberg, M.D.
Otniel E. Dror, M.D. (student)  Murray A. Rosenberg, M.D.
Hugh E. Evans, M.D.    Eva Stahl, M.D.
Aaron Feingold, M.D.  Erika Wojciuk (student)
Chung S. Kim, M.D.

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Slate of Officers Proposed for 1994-1996

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate as officers of the Society:

President
William C. Campbell, Ph.D.

Vice President
Murray Rosenberg, M.D.

Secretary/Treasurer
Barbara Smith Irwin, M.L.S.

A vote will be held at the annual meeting, May 11.

New Corporate Sponsor

A $300 gift was received from SmithKline Beecham through the intervention of Jose Meneses, Hospital Project Specialist. SmithKline Beecham joins other New Jersey pharmaceutical companies as corporate sponsors of the MHSNJ. These special corporate funds are used to support the Corporate Lecture Series and to help sponsor the Pasteur Prize essay competition for high school students.

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Pasteur Prize Winner Announced

Lucy Page Funkhouser, a student at Chatham High School, is the first recipient of the Pasteur Prize, sponsored by the Medical History Society. The Pasteur Prize is given for an award-winning essay on topics in the history of medicine written by a high school student. Ms. Funkhouser's essay is titled "The History of Lead Poisoning: Lead Poisoning as an Example of Public Inaction." A prize of $350 will be presented to her at the awards ceremony at Chatham High School this spring by incoming MHSNJ president, Dr. William Campbell.

Nadia Ahmad, Mt. Saint Dominic Academy (Jersey City), Elizabeth Davidson, Delran High School, and Abby Struthers, Ridgewood High School, were selected runners-up and will be awarded certificates for their essays. Over 130 entries were received from New Jersey students; 12 essayists were selected finalists.

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Surgery Exhibit Opens

"The Cutting Edge - Surgery in Medical History and Surgery at the New Jersey Medical School" is the title of a recently opened exhibit at the UMDNJ-George F. Smith Library, Newark. Juxtaposed with illustrations from historical texts are photographs of NJMS Section Chiefs in the Department of Surgery and Surgery Chiefs from Affiliated Hospitals. The exhibit includes rare books from the Morris H. Saffron Collection donated to UMDNJ by the Academy of
Medicine of New Jersey. The exhibit, open daily, will remain on display for a year. For information, contact the University Libraries' Special Collections Department at 201/982-6293 or 982-7830.

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"Silent Auction" Book Sale

Duplicates, non-medical, facsimiles and deaccessioned books and reprints are currently being offered for sale in a silent auction by UMDNJ Libraries' Special Collections Department. Proceeds from the sale will be deposited into the Morris H. Saffron Endowment for Books in the History of Medicine; interest from the endowment is used to purchase rare and antiquarian materials for Special Collections. A list of materials being offered and instructions for bidding are available by contacting the Department at 201/982-6293 or 982-7830. The deadline for bids to be received by the Special Collections Department is on Thursday, May 5.

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AAHM to Meet in New York City

The 67th annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine will take place in New York City from April 28 to May 1 with headquarters at the Park Central Hotel. MHSNJ members presenting papers are Christopher Sellers, M.D., Ph.D., "Occupational Health, Science, and Objectivity: Lessons from the 1930's" on April 28, and Bart Holland, Ph.D., "Epidemics as a Remedy for Overpopulation in Tertullian's De Anima" on April 29. Another member, James T. Goodrich, M.D., is the Coordinator of the book exhibit of antiquarian books and recent publications in the history of medicine.

A copy of the program and registration materials are available by contacting Gail Cambridge or Daniel Fox at the Milbank Memorial Fund, 212/570-4800.

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Epileptics at Skillman Topic of Local History Publication

A History of the New Jersey State Village for Epileptics at Skillman by Walter C. Baker has been published by the Van Harlingen Historical Society. The old Skillman institution, a very progressive undertaking when it opened in 1898, has been all but forgotten since medical science developed effective drug therapies to control the disease.

Walter Baker was employed as state sanitarian at Skillman from 1954 until his retirement in 1978. The twenty-six page history begins
with initiatives which led to enabling legislation in 1897 and follows the work at the epileptic village to its discontinuance in 1952. A bibliography is included. The book may be purchased for $8 from the Society, P.O. Box 23, Belle Mead, NJ 08502.

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