PROMINENT LA JOLLANS DONATE $1 MILLION FOR SCRIPPS CLINIC DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

LA JOLLA, CA Dec. 26, 1989 -- Richard and Alice Cramer of La Jolla have donated $1 million to Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation to support a new senior-level investigator in the Department of Chemistry.

The newly created position within the department will be named the Richard and Alice Cramer Chair in Chemistry.

"The recruitment of this chemist will significantly enlarge and enhance the chemistry department's strength in synthetic and organic chemistry and will pave the way for future appointments," said Richard Lerner, M.D., Scripps Clinic senior vice president and director of the Research Institute.

Established last July, the Department of Chemistry focuses on a new branch of chemistry called bio-organic chemistry. Researchers in this area seek to synthesize organic molecules of certain shapes that can be used to bind with proteins and other macromolecules with extreme specificity and strength.

The ultimate goal of this work includes the synthesis of both biologically active natural compounds and synthetic derivatives that have potential medical applications in blood clotting, stroke, heart attack, asthma, allergies, rheumatoid arthritis and cancer.
"It is our hope that this will help shorten the time from scientific study to clinical application," commented Mr. Cramer.

The Department of Chemistry will be housed in the new Chemistry Center, the first building to be constructed on the Lusk Research Campus, the recently acquired land across the street from Scripps Clinic's facilities at 10666 N. Torrey Pines Road. The Chemistry Center is scheduled to be completed by fall, 1991.

The Richard and Alice Cramer Chair in Chemistry is the third named chair in the department. The Darlene Shiley Chair is held by prominent chemist K.C. Nicolaou, Ph.D., who was recently recruited to San Diego in a joint effort by Scripps Clinic and the University of California, San Diego. The Ernest W. Hahn Chair is held by Chi-Huey Wong, Ph.D., who joined the Research Institute in July.

The Cramers have been involved with Scripps Clinic since 1969 and have made gifts to the institute that total more than $1.3 million. Previous gifts have been used to support the Ida M. Green Cancer Center and to help purchase radiation oncology equipment.

A member of the Scripps Clinic board of trustees since 1982, Mr. Cramer is currently vice chairman of the board and chairman of its Strategic Planning Committee. He is active on the clinical affairs and research committees, among others. Mr. and Mrs. Cramer are members of the Research Council and President's Council of Scripps Clinic.

Chairman and former chief executive officer of Fisher Scientific Group, a biomedical, research and pharmaceutical company, Mr. Cramer is the founder of several biomedical companies...
including IVAC, a medical instrument firm he founded in 1967 and later sold to Eli Lilly & Co., and IMED, a leading manufacturer of intravenous feeding equipment, which he sold to Warner-Lambert, Inc.

Mr. Cramer also serves as a director for the Henley Group, City National Bank and Sym-Tek Systems, and is actively involved in the community.

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