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FSU medical library dedicated

Library named for FSU benefactor Charlotte Edwards Maguire

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In another step toward completion of Florida State University's College of Medicine, the medical library was dedicated as the Charlotte Edwards Maguire Medical Library Friday afternoon. Maguire is an FSU Foundation trustee and has been supporting FSU, especially the FSU College of Medicine, for years.

The dedication occurred during a luncheon for the FSU Foundation's Board of Trustees meeting at the new John Thrasher Building in the College of Medicine.

At the dedication, FSU President T.K. Wetherell and Dean of the College of Medicine

J. Ocie Harris spoke commending Maguire for her generous support of the University.

"We are honored to have such a notable individual take such a personal interest in the medical school and its students," Harris said. "Her generous support during the planning stages of the college, and her overall encouragement, was vital to our success."

According to Maguire, in an effort to improve North Florida's medical community, she spoke to then FSU President Sandy D'Alemberte about starting a medical school at FSU.

"I was more interested in the fact that Northwest Florida had 13 medically underserved counties," Maguire said. "There



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FSU's College of Medicine dedicated its new medical library for FSU supporter Charlotte Edwards Maguire Friday.

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didn't seem to be any way to fix the problem."

Maguire said she got the "ball rolling," for the College of Medicine by making the first donation for the medical school.

The FSU College of Medicine was created in 2000 when the Florida Legislature passed a bill establishing the college. The college aims to educate physicians who will practice patient-centered medicine and to be sensitive to the community's needs, especially those of the underprivileged. The college has established regional campuses in Orlando, Pensacola, Sarasota, and Tallahassee, and plans to develop campuses in Fort Myers and Jacksonville.

Maguire attended the University of Arkansas' medical school from 1939 until 1944, graduating as the only female in her class of about 100 students. At the time when she attended medical school, there were none in Florida.

Following graduation, she moved back to Orlando, where she had grown up, and became Orlando's first female doctor. Since then, Maguire has worked in private, state and federal practice.

Through the years, Maguire has been involved

in several health organizations, including becoming the first female president of the Florida Pediatric Society. She has also been a delegate of the World Health Conference in London and the Assistant Secretary of Health and Scientific Affairs for the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. She also earned the Distinguished Achievement Commendation Award from London's Two Thousand Women of Distinction.

Maguire said she currently has 29 scholarship

students at the FSU College of Medicine. Two of those scholarships were paid for by Maguire's recent donation of \$130,000 for two full-tuition scholarships.

Maguire announced an additional \$1 million donation for the College of Medicine at the dedication. Maguire said that the money would go toward the geriatrics program.

The medical library is the first new medical library created since the rise of the Internet. In order to make the library even more accessible, 95 percent of its resources

were placed on the Internet for access. The online library is also named for Maguire.

The FSU Foundation, of which Maguire is a trustee, is a private, not-for-profit organization that aims to raise private gifts to support FSU. The Foundation is currently working on the FSU CONNECT Campaign, the largest fundraising effort in FSU's history. The Campaign is attempting to raise \$600 million by December 2005.

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