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The week of June 12 through June 18, 2008, was one of the most important in the history of the LSU School of Medicine; and, because of its importance, we wanted to share highlights of it in this special edition of LSU Medicinews.

Full stories will follow in our next regular edition, but the highlights are just too good to save.

On Thursday morning, June 12, 2008, television news anchors from the metropolitan area and a bevy of print and radio reporters gathered in the Center for Advanced Practice to witness the formal dedication of the Center and the transfer of ownership from the LSU Medical Alumni Association to the LSU System.

The formal Act of Donation took place when Alumni President Lee J. Monlezun ('69) presented the signed documents to **Fred Cerise ('88)**, LSU System Vice President for Health Affairs and Medical Education. Before the presentation, DHH Secretary, Alan Levine, addressed the audience made up of alumni, faculty, staff, political and business leaders on the importance of the Center. Clearly moved and impressed, he held the Center up as a symbol of what LSU can do to improve health care. Medical device manufacturers echoed his sentiments, praising what the alumni had done.

That evening, 200 well-wishers gathered to honor Sam McClugage, PhD, Professor and Chair of Cell Biology and Anatomy, and long-time Associate Dean of Admissions, with a Professorship in his name.

On Friday, June 13, 2008, six hundred alumni and guests gathered for a kick-off party for Alumni Weekend.

The next day, alumni were treated to a virtual-reality tour of the Center and an outstanding Scientific Session. The day was topped off with the dedication of not one, not two, but *three* more Professorships—The **Gerald ('61)** and Gayle Foret Professorship of Family Medicine, the **Alice Baker Holoubek ('38)** Professorship of Medicine and the **William A. Rock ('69)** Professorship of Clinical Pathology.

Because the Raja Dhurandhar, MD, Professorship of Cardiology was dedicated in a separate event a few weeks earlier, the Alumni Association is able to boast of adding five professorships to strengthen the School.

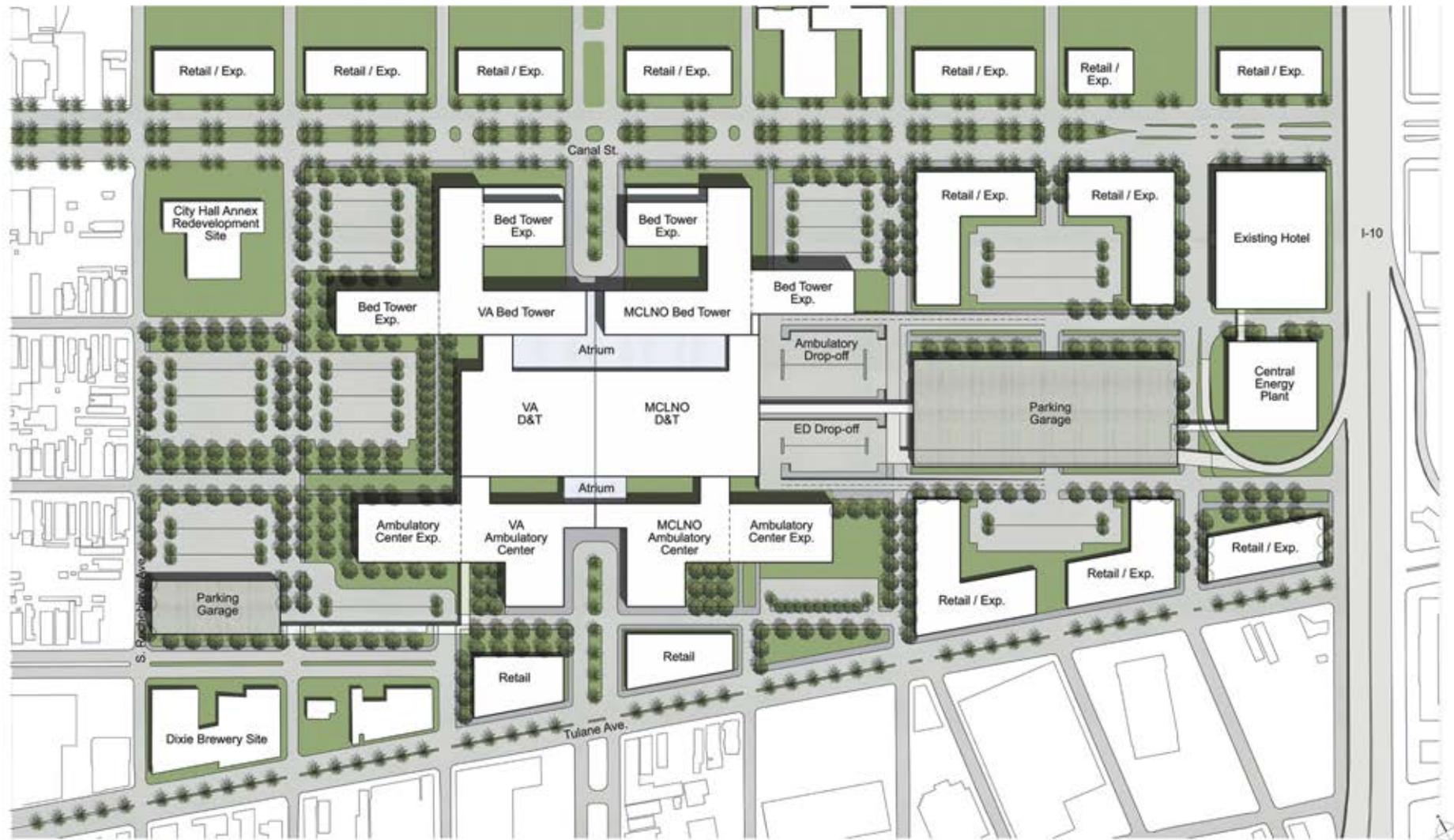
It was good to be a Tiger! It was going to get even better!

On Tuesday, June 17, 2008, **Larry Hollier ('68)**, Chancellor of the LSU Health Sciences Center, alerted the staff of the Center for Advanced Practice to prepare the site for an important press conference to be held on June 18, 2008.

At the press conference, with even more media, more political and business leaders and more faculty and staff in the Center, Dr. Hollier introduced DHH Secretary Alan Levine. Secretary Levine announced to a cheering audience that the final studies commissioned by the administration of Governor Bobby Jindal to review the construction plans for the new LSU Academic Medical Center had been completed. The final recommendations were for a downtown site bounded by Tulane Avenue, Canal Street, Claiborne Avenue and Rocheblave Street, a partnership with the VA for shared services, and initial construction of 424 beds, two floors of shell space for future expansion and ground-breaking within a year.

A great week to be a Tiger – indeed a great week – and one where the support of the alumni played a pivotal role. Thank you.





## Long-Term LSU & VA Campus Site Plan

PHOTO CAPTIONS, front and back covers (All photographs by Daryl Lofaso)

Front cover: *Left* – **Lee J. Monlezun** ('69) cuts the cake to celebrate opening the Center for Advanced Practice. *Center* – Mike survey's his domain, the Demonstration Lab, at the Center for Advanced Practice. *Right* – **Larry Hollier** ('68), LSUHSC Chancellor, prepares to introduce Honorable Alan Levine, Secretary of DHH (far right, background), who announced plans to construct the new LSU Hospital.

Back cover: *Top left* – The Cardiology Suite in the Center for Advanced Practice. *Top right* – Darren Rozas (*left*), architect for the Center for Advanced Practice, and **Lee J. Monlezun** ('69), Alumni President, pose before the entrance. *Inset* – **Fred Cerise** ('88) (*left*), LSU System Vice President of Health Affairs and Medical Education receives the formal Act of Donation from Dr. Monlezun. *Middle left* – Dr. Cerise addresses the audience during the announcement of construction of the new LSU Hospital. *Middle right* – Ribbon cutting to open the Center. *Lower* – Guests and media at the opening.



It's official!

Press  
conference



Ribbon-cutting  
ceremony



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