Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research at MIT
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Former factory dedicated for cancer research

By Stephen Blatt

A former candy factory, now the home of MIT’s Center for Cancer Research, was dedicated yesterday as the Seeley G. Mudd Building.

The dedication of the building was preceded by a symposium in honor of the occasion. The symposium, in Kresge Auditorium, featured talks by Nobel laureates Professor James D. Watson of Harvard University and Professor Gerald Edelman of the Rockefeller University, and by Dr. Michael G. P. Stoker of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund Laboratories in London and Dr. David Baltimore of the Center for Cancer Research (above left).

MIT President Jerome Wiesner, who opened the symposium with a fifteen-minute speech, called the opening of the Mudd Building “a milestone in the history of the life sciences at MIT” and one of “the highlights of modern biology.”

“The major research programs under way in the new building will be directly integrated into the other investigative activities at MIT,” Wiesner said, noting that “MIT is a recognized leader in molecular biology.” Besides the Cancer Research Center, the Mudd Building will house the Atherosclerosis Center and Cell Culture Center.

The building, located at 40 Ames Street, is named for Seeley G. Mudd, a physician, educator and philanthropist who died in 1968. In his will, he established the Seeley G. Mudd Fund, with assets of $40 million, which was to be used to construct buildings bearing his name at colleges across the country.

Photos by Dave Green (upper left) and Mark James
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100,000,000,000,000 cells x 1,000
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