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COVER LEGEND

Kenneth DeOme was born in 1906 in Kalkaska, Michigan. After completing his early academic studies in Michigan and his graduate studies at the Berkeley campus of the University of California, he received his Ph.D. in 1938. He then joined the faculty of the Division of Veterinary Science at Berkeley as an instructor of comparative pathology. In 1950, DeOme was appointed Professor of Zoology, and the University established the Cancer Research Genetics Laboratory (since renamed the Cancer Research Laboratory) under his directorship. Dr. DeOme retired as director in 1973.

From the beginning, DeOme’s intent was to gather scientists from varying disciplines to focus on the study of a single type of tumor: the mammary carcinoma of the mouse. He felt that scientific achievement would result from the collaboration of pathologists, endocrinologists, virologists, cytologists, immunologists, and biochemists, each bringing his own experimental approaches to the study of a single system. The group photograph (pictured) shows DeOme (far left) with three senior coworkers, all professors at the University (second from the left to right): Phyllis B. Blair, Satyabrata Nandi, and Howard A. Bern.

The Cancer Research Laboratory is housed adjacent to Warren Hall (pictured) on the Berkeley campus. The Laboratory is perhaps best known for the studies done there on the preneoplastic hyperplastic alveolar nodule of the mouse mammary gland. DeOme, with his colleagues and students, delineated many of the factors affecting the induction of the preneoplastic nodule, its maintenance, and its transformation to carcinoma. A basic advance was the development of a technique for the transplantation of nodules into gland-free mammary fat pads (Cancer Res., 19: 515-520, 1959). This technique permits growth and transformation in an accessible and easily manipulated site. A recent review on mammary neoplasia in mice by Nandi and McGrath (Adv. Cancer Res., 17: 353-414, 1973) includes the contributions of DeOme’s group. With the collaboration of his faculty associates, DeOme also developed a teaching program in tumor biology which not only provides comprehensive training for advanced students of tumor biology but also provides younger students with an introduction to the field.

Dr. DeOme has long been a participant and consultant in national and international cancer research organizations. Since 1954, he has served as Executive Secretary of the Cancer Research Coordinating Committee, which is responsible for the allocation of cancer research funds to investigators on the nine campuses of the University of California. In 1969, he received the Doctor of Medicine and Surgery degree (Honoris Causa) from the University of Perugia, Italy.

Although Dr. DeOme has relinquished his administrative duties as director of the Cancer Research Laboratory, his retirement will not reduce his involvement in teaching and research. We wish him many long and productive years.
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"Cancer. Diagnosis, Treatment and Prognosis," by J. A. del Regato (left) and L. V. Ackerman (right), is one of the best contemporary single-volume textbooks on cancer. It has gone through four editions since 1947, appearing in revised editions in 1954, 1962, and 1970. All English editions were printed by the C. V. Mosby Company of St. Louis, Missouri. The textbook, with del Regato as senior author, also appeared in a Spanish translation of the first edition in 1951 and in a Polish translation of the second edition in 1967.

Lauren V. Ackerman was born in 1905 in Auburn, New York, and graduated in 1932 from the University of Rochester, New York, with a doctorate in medicine. Initially an internist, he trained in pathology under Dr. Shields Warren at Pondville Hospital and was pathologist at the Ellis Fischel State Cancer Hospital in Missouri from 1940 to 1948. He joined the faculty of Washington University at St. Louis, where he was professor of pathology and surgical pathology until he moved to the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1973 as Professor of Pathology. Dr. Ackerman is a consultant to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and has edited Fascicles 22 and 23, "Tumors of the Retroperitoneum Mesentery and Peritoneum." Washington, D. C., 1954. Among his numerous publications, he has notable ones on melanomas, thoracic neurogenic tumors, and polyps of the large bowel. His honors include an honorary doctor of science from Hamilton College, Clinton, New York; the Janeway Medal of the American Radium Society; and the Shahbanou Medal presented by the queen of Iran.

Juan A. del Regato was born in 1909 in Camagüey, Cuba, and received his doctorate in medicine at the University of Paris in 1937; he trained in radiotherapy under the noted instruction of Regaud, Coulard, and Lacassagne. In 1938, he came to the United States, where he served as a radiotherapist at Ellis Fischel Cancer Hospital from 1943 to 1948. From 1949 until 1973, he was director of the Penrose Cancer Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and professor of radiobiology at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Currently he is at the University of South Florida College of Medicine, Tampa, where he is Professor of Radiology. Dr. del Regato is chairman of the Commission on Radiation Therapy of the American College of Radiology. Contributions of his include: initial observations on dental lesions occurring after irradiation of the salivary glands: transvaginal roentgenotherapy; and radiotherapy of carcinoma of the maxillary sinus, nasopharynx, bladder, and prostate. Dr. del Regato has received an honorary doctor of science from Colorado College, the Gold Medal of the Radiological Society of North America, the Gold Medal of the American College of Radiology, and the Gold Medal of the Inter-American College of Radiology.

The portraits of Ackerman and del Regato were taken during the late 1940's. The photograph of the four editions of "Cancer" and its translations into Spanish and Polish is by Tom Schuster.