The Ohio State Cancer Center was organized in 1973 by David S. Yohn, Ph.D., and Albert LoBuglio and was the eighteenth to be given the designation “comprehensive” by the National Cancer Institute on April 16, 1976. Its professional staff is drawn from the faculties of ten university colleges and numbers 231.

This spring marks the opening of the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Research Institute, a twelve-story building that will house the clinical and much of the experimental activities of the cancer center. The building was constructed with funding of $40 million by the Ohio state legislature and $14 million by the university. Arthur B. James, who was a past president of the American Cancer Society and a prominent surgeon at the Ohio State Medical School, was instrumental in obtaining the state appropriation.

The ground floor houses radiation oncology, the first and second provide outpatient services, and the upper floors have 160 patient rooms. One entire floor of 24 beds is devoted to bone marrow transplantation, and the top two floors comprise experimental research laboratories.

A 13,000-net square foot building, completed in 1980, houses the administrative offices of the center and the laboratories of those investigators who require for their research biosafety level 2 to 3 containment.

Featured on the cover are the Arthur G. James Center, David B. Yohn, left, and David E. Schuller, right. Dr. Yohn, professor of veterinary pathology, was director of the center from 1973 to 1988, when he was appointed deputy director of the center and director of the campuswide research programs. David E. Schuller is medical director of the hospital and research institute and director of the Ohio State Cancer Center. He heads a broad-based head and neck clinical oncology resource and research program and is chairman of the head and neck committee of the Southwest Oncology Group.

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