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O'Hare Academic Center at Salve Regina College, Newport, Rhode Island has been chosen as the site to house a rare collection of the life's work of famous bone pathologist Henry L. Jaffe. Dedication of the Henry L. Jaffe Bone Pathology Collection was held July 22 at Salve.

Dr. Henry Louis Jaffe is considered the nation's leading pathologist in the field of bone tumors. The collection of his life's research -- clinical histories, slides, X-rays, articles and reprints -- was moved to the basement of his home in Pelham, New York, after his death in January, 1979. Many felt it had been lost to the field of science.

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Dr. Jaffe's widow learned of a refresher course, "Basic Sciences in Orthopaedics," taught each summer at Salve Regina College for over 100 Orthopaedic surgeons from hospitals in the U. S. and Canada. Sponsored by the Harvard Combined Orthopaedic Residency Program Faculty, the course has been held on the Newport campus since 1979. With the placement of her husband's work at Salve, Mrs. Jaffe felt the rare collection could be used year-round: in the summer by orthopaedic surgeons and during the academic year by Salve students, especially medical technology majors. Through her son, Dr. Arthur Jaffe of the Lyman Physics Laboratory in Cambridge, Mrs. Jaffe offered the collection to Dr. Henry J. Mankin, Edith Ashley professor of orthopaedic surgery at Harvard and chief of orthopaedic surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Mankin, organizer of the summer course for surgeons, was delighted to move the collection to Salve in Newport.

Curators moved into the first floor biology lab in O'Hare Academic Center 14 filing cabinets, 2 large steel cabinets and many cardboard and wooden boxes. Discovered for the first time by the curators during the move was material collected by an earlier bone pathologist, Dr. Erdheim of Vienna. Filing cards (in German) were cross-indexed to boxes of slides and glass-plated X-ray pictures. Though the material predates World War I, the stained tissues on the slides and X-rays are extremely clear. Research, now impossible to get on certain diseases, is included in the Erdheim portion of the Jaffe collection. This research includes autopsy specimens of Viennese children suffering from congenital syphilis, scurvy, rickets and tuberculosis. Rarities such as this, as well as organized displays of more common conditions, make the collection unique in the orthopaedic world.

Dr. Howard Browne on the staff of Newport Hospital assisted the Jaffe family and Dr. Mankin in the selection of the site for the collection. Attending

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the dedication July 22 were Dr. Browne, Dr. Mankin, Mrs. Jaffe, Dr. Arthur Jaffe, and Sister M. Therese Antone, vice president for institutional advancement at Salve Regina. Dr. Crawford J. Campbell, retired professor of orthopaedics at Albany Medical College and now lecturer in orthopaedic surgery at Harvard spoke of the life and work of Dr. Jaffe.

Dr. Jaffe was born in New York City and graduated from the medical school of New York University. His early background was in surgery and internal medicine. At Montefiore Hospital he became assistant pathologist and bacteriologist. After three years at Montefiore he assumed the new position of pathologist and director of laboratories at the Hospital for Joint Diseases. While developing the laboratory at this hospital he began his series of publications on bone tumors. It was learned from these reports that he systematically studied practically every important tumor of bone. Through these publications he became established as the nation's leading researcher and educator in the pathology of bone. Jaffe's principal published work and today's textbook in the field is Tumors and Tumorous Conditions of the Bones and Joints. Though published in 1958, the book has never had a second edition and is still in demand. Dr. Jaffe will also be remembered for his world famous course in bone pathology held yearly at the Hospital for Joint Diseases, and for his invaluable contributions as the most knowledgeable consultant in difficult bone pathology cases.

The Jaffe Collection was dedicated during the workshop for orthopaedic surgeons, held annually for the past three years at Salve. "Basic Sciences in Orthopaedics" is a course offering over 100 orthopaedic surgeons from the U.S. and Canada an opportunity to review the anatomy, physiology and pathology that undergirds their specialty. Other surgeons have begun to donate material from their own collections to the Jaffe research. Curators hope that in the next 10 years this collection will become the nucleus of a first-class study center at Salve Regina College.

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