

LEWIS THOMAS

Lewis Thomas, an eminent medical leader, is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Sloan-Kettering Institute. Born in New York, he was educated at Princeton University and the Harvard Medical School. Dr. Thomas' brilliant career has taken him to several important institutions, including the Rockefeller Institute and several university Schools of Medicine. He was Dean at New York University School of Medicine and Yale University School of Medicine before assuming his present position.

In spite of administrative burdens, Dr. Thomas has been continuously engaged in significant research; he has published more than 200 papers on virology, immunology, experimental pathology, and infectious disease. He has been most widely acclaimed, however, for his "Notes of a Biology Watcher," finely crafted essays first published in the New England Journal of Medicine. These were collected and appeared as a book, The Lives of a Cell, which won the National Book Award in 1975. These interesting essays show Dr. Thomas' ability to zero in on the essential points in research problems, to explain the significance of work currently being done, and to point to crucial research that still needs to be done.

Dr. Thomas has won several other awards and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the National Academy of Sciences. This University now adds this degree to the well-deserved honors won by this outstanding physician.