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CE: Fall Health Care Symposium*
JFK Library and Museum, Boston

November 4

Pizza & Politics: Pharmacy
MCPHS–Worcester, Student Lounge
Noon – 1 p.m.

November 4

42 Nights 'Til Graduation Celebration
Class of 2006, MCPHS–Manchester
The Puritan Back Room, Suite B
245 Hooksett Road, Manchester, N.H.
6 p.m.

November 6-10

AAPS Annual Meeting and Exposition
Gaylord Opryland Resort and
Convention Center, Nashville, Tenn.

November 7

Alumni Luncheon at AAPS Convention
Gaylord Opryland Resort and
Convention Center, Room Bayou C
Noon – 1:30 p.m.

November 8

**Pizza & Politics CE Program:
Radiologic Sciences***
MCPHS–Boston, Stepanian Hall
Noon – 1 p.m.

November 9-12

**American Society of Consultant
Pharmacists**
36th Annual Meeting and Exhibition
Boston, Mass.
Visit our booth at the Expo.

November 16

**Pizza & Politics: Pharmacy and
Physician Assistants**
MCPHS–Manchester, N.H., Student
Lounge, Noon – 1 p.m.

November 17

**CE: Pharmacy Preceptor and
Alumni Networking Event***
Wyndham Hotel, Westborough, Mass.

November 19-20

CE: Pharmaceutical Care Days I & II*
MCPHS–Worcester, Auditorium II

December 3-4

CE: Pharmaceutical Care Days III-IV*
MCPHS–Boston, Stoklosa Hall

December 4-8

ASHP Midyear Meeting
Las Vegas, Nev.

December 5

**Alumni and Student Reception at
ASHP Meeting**
Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, Nev.
6 – 7:30 p.m.

December 8

**DEA, Pain Management CE for
Pharmacists and Physician
Assistants***
MCPHS–Manchester, N.H., Room 207
5 – 9 p.m.

December 9-10

**CE: Pharmaceutical Compounding
for Pharmacist and Technicians***
MCPHS–Worcester, Room 203
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day

December 10

**Alumni Matinee, The Wang Center
for "White Christmas The Musical"**
2 p.m. performance

December 13

CE: Emergency Contraceptives*
MCPHS–Worcester, Auditorium II
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

December 16

**Commencement,
MCPHS–Manchester, N.H.**
Manchester Country Club, 1 p.m.

December 17

President's Leadership Gala
MCPHS–Boston, 6:30 p.m.

December 20

CE: Year-End Law Update*
MCPHS–Boston

January 13-16, 2006

**Dental Hygiene National Board
Review Course**
MCPHS–Boston

January 14-16

**CE: Certification in the
Administration of Local Anesthesia
for Dental Hygienists***
MCPHS–Boston, Forsyth Dental Clinic
8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

January 20-21

**CE: Pharmaceutical Compounding
for Pharmacists and Technicians***
MCPHS–Manchester, N.H., Room 207
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day

**If you had fun with our Summer of Baseball events,
you might enjoy...**

Alumni Night with the Boston Bruins!

Join your classmates and old friends for
Boston Bruins vs. New York Rangers

Saturday, January 21, 2006

4 p.m. – "Comfort Food" dinner at MCPHS–Boston

6 p.m. – Motorcoach ride to the Garden

7 p.m. – The puck drops!

After the game – Motorcoach back to MCPHS

Tickets are \$55 and include:

Parking in the MCPHS underground garage, dinner, transporta-
tion to and from the game, and game ticket

See page 35 for ticket orderform.

For more information, call the Alumni Office at
617.732.2902.

January 21

Alumni Night, Boston Bruins
4 p.m. Dinner at MCPHS–Boston
6 p.m. Bus to Garden
7 p.m. Game Time

January 27

MCPHS–Forsyth Alumni Reception
Yankee Dental Congress
Westin Hotel, Boston
6:30 p.m.

February 7

Pizza & Politics: Dental Hygienists
MCPHS–Boston, Rm: TBA
Noon – 1 p.m.

February 8

**100 Nights 'Til Graduation
Celebration**
Class of 2006, MCPHS–Boston
Inn at Longwood Medical
6 p.m.

February 9

Pizza & Politics: Physician Assistants
MCPHS–Boston, TBA, Noon – 1 p.m.

February 10

Pizza & Politics: Pharmacy
MCPHS–Worcester, Student Lounge
Noon – 1 p.m.

February 14

Pizza & Politics: Pharmacy
MCPHS–Boston, Room TBA
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

March 8

**100 Nights 'Til Graduation
Celebration**
Class of 2006, MCPHS–Worcester
Via Bene, 5 p.m.

March 9

CE: The Reed Conference*
Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, Mass.

March 17-21

APhA 2006
San Francisco, Calif.

March 19

**Alumni and Student Reception at
APhA Convention**
San Francisco, Calif.
5:30 – 7 p.m.

March 22

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Physician Assistants**
MCPHS–Manchester, N.H.
Student Lounge, Noon – 1 p.m.

CE: Radiologic Sciences
MCPHS–Boston

March 29

**CE: Program Pharmacists and
Physician Assistants***
MCPHS–Manchester, N.H., 6 – 9 p.m.

May 19

Commencement, MCPHS–Boston
Bayside Expo, Boston
10 a.m.

May 10, 17, & 24

**CE: Henrietta DeBenedictis
Women's Health Series***
TBA

June 9-11

Reunion Weekend**

June 16

Commencement, MCPHS–Worcester
Mechanics Hall, Worcester
10 a.m.

June 21-28

ADA 83rd Annual Session
Orlando, Fla.

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letter from the president

Dear Alumni and Friends of the College,

As we go to press with this issue of *The Bulletin*, our thoughts and prayers are with the victims of Hurricane Katrina. I have heard from many alumni who have traveled to the affected areas in order to provide emergency services or who are planning to do so in the near future. Student groups on all three of our campuses have collected personal care items and other donations for the relief effort. In addition, MCPHS has offered assistance to our sister schools on the Gulf Coast, and we are prepared to help their students on a case-by-case basis with clinical rotations, elective courses and other academic requirements as they arise. Finally, we have recently reviewed and updated our disaster recovery plans in the event that we are faced with similar challenges in the future.

Speaking of planning, the College has completed a new three-year strategic plan, Vision 2008. I want to thank Robert O'Connell BSP '81, alumni representative, as well as the many faculty, staff, students, trustees and friends who participated in the planning process. The result is a dynamic document that sets forth exciting goals for academic programs, student services, human resources, technology and professional outreach. Among the plan's initiatives is a comprehensive career center that will provide services for both current students and alumni. Watch for future announcements about this important project.

As you may recall, the focus of the spring *Bulletin* was on students. For this issue, the spotlight is on legacies, both personal and professional. You will meet several western Massachusetts families, including the Walczyks featured on the cover, whose members are graduates of the College. You will also read about the interesting work being done by our School of Arts and Sciences faculty: Dr. Jennifer Tebbe-Grossman's research on the role of the community pharmacy in early 20th century America; Dr. Ellen Ginsburg's study of health histories from a medical anthropologist's perspective; and a group of faculty who have launched the new Medical Humanities Interest Group to explore the ethical, social, cultural and political dimensions of health care.

The legacy of dental hygiene is represented by a dedication article on the Esther M. Wilkins Forsyth Dental Hygiene Clinic, which is without question one of the most technologically advanced facilities of its kind in the United States, and by a profile of Dr. W. Gail Barnes, the new director of our dental hygiene program. I hope many alumni, especially those from Forsyth, will visit our recently completed clinic and meet Dr. Barnes in the near future.

Dr. Jeannine Muldoon, a nationally recognized nurse educator and the director of a unique nursing program that begins this fall, is also profiled in this issue. She is overseeing a 33-month Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program for high-school graduates in Boston and a 16-month BSN for those with a prior bachelor of arts degree or bachelor of science degree in Worcester, which begins in January.

Other articles include the annual commencements in Boston and Worcester, Reunion Weekend in June, Class Notes, alumni profiles and the calendar of events. I hope you will enjoy reading about your classmates and thinking about the College's rich history and bright future.

Charles F. Monahan Jr.
President



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**Any thoughts
on this issue of
The Bulletin?
Write or e-mail us.
We want to know
what you think.**

Getting the Message Across

Editor's Note: *The following letter was sent to Dawn Ballou, director of Alumni Relations:*

Ruth and I want to thank you for the lovely article about us. You definitely captured the essence of our lives. So many of our dental friends congratulated us on "your well-done article," which shows that their hygienists were reading *The Bulletin* and were also impressed.

The Bulletin is a high-quality publication with excellent photography and informative and entertaining articles. It imparts considerable information about all the new happenings at the College and certainly gets the message across that MCPHS is a dynamic and progressive institution.

—Robert Angorn BSP '58, DMD
Lynnfield, Mass.

Letters Welcome—E-mail, Too!

The Bulletin encourages its readers to respond by letter or e-mail. We reserve the right to edit for style, clarity and length, and give preference to those that address the content of the magazine. All letters must be signed and include the writer's name and address. Please direct your correspondence to: Letters to the Editor, *The Bulletin*, MCPHS, 179 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115-5896; or e-mail: bulletin@bos.mcphs.edu



Professor Emeritus Raymond W. VanderWyk PhG '37, PhC '39, MS '42 is greeted by former MCPHS faculty member James Barbato at the 2005 Reunion.

Editor's Note: *The following are excerpts from two letters sent to Dawn Ballou, director of Alumni Relations:*

An Evening of Wonderful Memories

I wish to extend my thanks and gratitude to you, your associates, and the Class of 1955 for providing an evening of memories, which go back a long time. Frances and I had attended almost every Reunion, and I can remember when they were held in Sheppard Library. There were not too many 50-year members in those days when life spans were so much shorter. A 50-year member would receive a standing ovation for living such a long life.

Which reminds me to make a reservation for 2007 to celebrate my 70th. There were only three of us who celebrated our 65th in 2002, out of a class of 50 males and one female.

Of course, I wish that Frances could have shared the evening with me. She was almost a faculty member herself, attending meetings, parties, and conferences throughout the years with the faculty. She especially acquired a bond of friendship, and I might say a love, for many of the faculty members. She was an active member of WOBARD [Women's Organization, Boston Association of Retail Druggists], and demonstrated a keen interest in the advancement of the College and my work with it.

I was overwhelmed by my many students who had come to celebrate the evening, some of whom I had not seen since my retirement in 1985. Sharing those days with the faculty was truly a nostalgic experience, not to mention dancing again with Dottie Kay.

I thank you for providing a wonderful evening of memories. It helped a lot.

—Raymond W. VanderWyk PhG '37,
PhC '39, MS '42
Professor of Biology, Emeritus
Waltham, Mass.

Forsyth Alums: Delighted with MCPHS

At first, we "older" hygienists were sad to leave our Forsyth building. Now we are delighted to be at MCPHS. Everyone is so nice and friendly. Plus, we love all the social events and the way you organize everything. It makes us feel that "we are not getting older, we are getting better."

Can you find a new pitcher for the Red Sox?

—Helen J. Benson DH '49 Forsyth
Natick, Mass. ■

WHOOOPS! Please note the correct e-mail address for Susan Mboya MS '91, PhD '94, profiled in Class Notes, in the Fall 2004 edition of *The Bulletin*, is susanamboya1@yahoo.com. *The Bulletin* regrets the error.

What's happening
in and around
Massachusetts
College of
Pharmacy and
Health Sciences.

College Hosts Camp for Diabetic Children

MCPHS–Boston hosted a day camp for diabetic children in August, donating dormitory accommodations in the Academic and Student Center and other facilities for children and camp counselors. Fifteen Type-1 children, aged 6 to 12 years old from the Barton Center for Diabetes Education in North Oxford, Mass., swam at the Simmons College pool and were given a special tour of Fenway Park. The Barton Center is located on the grounds where Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, was born. The center is the largest, independent camping and education program in the United States, dedicated to children who live with diabetes and the people who care for them.

“Top Docs” Hold Public Forum at MCPHS–Worcester Campus

Senior officials from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services held a public forum on the new Medicare prescription drug benefit on July 13 on the Worcester campus. The event was part of a national bus tour by the nation’s “top docs” to raise public awareness about the prescription drug coverage benefit that will go into effect on January 1, 2006.



Children from the Barton Center for Diabetes Education, hosted by MCPHS, capped off a fun-filled week with a private tour of Fenway Park. Setting off from Gate D, they wound their way through the stadium’s private restaurant and function rooms, ending up in the .406 Club, the plexiglass-enclosed private indoor seating area located directly above and behind home plate, where they were treated to a snack and a panoramic view of the park.

“Because these kids have so many obstacles to overcome due to diabetes, it’s nice to give them an uplifting experience,” said John Maconga, president of the Barton Center. “It helps develop an outlook that, while diabetes can be difficult, there are still great things in life to look forward to.”



President Monahan and the College’s senior staff welcomed physicians and program directors from Medicare and Medicaid who discussed the upcoming prescription drug benefits program.

Participating in the event were Dr. Mark McClellan, the administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Dr. Julie Gerberding, the director of the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. Richard H. Carmona, Surgeon General, and Dr. Elias A. Zerhouni, director of the National Institutes of Health. MCPHS President Charles F.

Monahan Jr. welcomed the group at the College’s main auditorium at 19 Foster Street. The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 created



Play Ball!

More than 80 students, faculty and staff and their families attended the summer event hosted by President Charles F. Monahan Jr. BSP '62 for MCPHS–Manchester, N.H. students, which featured the New Hampshire Fisher Cats against the Norwich Navigators, at the new riverfront Fisher Cats Stadium in Manchester. The event was a hit; the home team

won 5-3 on two home runs and some great pitching.

The evening included Dinner-in-the-Din, a special Fisher Cats group event, and a barbeque dinner and beverages, all while watching the game. The College provided shuttle service from the campus to the stadium.

It was the third annual event for students sponsored by the President,

who attended with his wife, Lenore. Other guests included Trustee Judith (Patrick) Ronshagen BSP '70, a New Hampshire native who works at Elliot Hospital, and her husband, Eugene, and Angela Cloutier, Student Affairs coordinator for the Manchester campus. Dennis Lyons BSP '75, vice president for Institutional Advancement, brought MCPHS baseball hats

for everyone. All arrangements were handled by Wayne Hoitt, director of operations, MCPHS–Manchester, and the Fisher Cats' group event office.

The Fisher Cats, the AA Eastern League affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays, were the 2004 Eastern League Champions; the Norwich Navigators are affiliated with the San Francisco Giants.

prescription drug benefits that will offer a variety of choices for prescription drug coverage plans with a monthly premium.

MCPHS–Worcester was chosen to host the Medicare tour because the College is the home of MassMedLine, a toll-free prescription drug information service operated in partnership with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

MCPHS Hosts Kids to College Participants

On May 25, 30 sixth-grade students from the Umana/Barnes Middle School in East Boston were introduced to a career as a

pharmacist, complete with lab coats. MCPHS was one of many area colleges that hosted local sixth-graders through Kids to College, a program whose premise is that higher education is something anyone can achieve given the proper tools and planning early in their academic life. These students had recently finished a six-session curriculum that combined hands-on activities with information on careers, college life, and how to choose courses that provide the greatest range of options for education beyond high school.

After a campus tour and scavenger hunt, and demonstra-



Joseph M. Calomo BSP '95, PharmD '97, MBA, assistant dean of the School of Pharmacy–Boston, and assistant professor of pharmacy practice, introduces middle-school students to a pharmacy education.

tions in the pharmacy practice labs in which they practiced filling prescriptions with “candy pills,” the students enjoyed

lunch and a graduation ceremony marking their completion of the Kids to College program.

Working Up a Sweat

In March MCPHS' Habitat for Humanity collegiate chapter took a very untraditional spring break in Texas. Instead of "chillin'" on a beach in Cancun, students spent their week working up a sweat helping to build 10 houses for families in poverty.

Michelle Tailby, a fourth-year PharmD student, SGA president-elect, and vice president for the student-run chapter of Habitat for Humanity, said that Texas was an eye-opening experience. Involved with the MCPHS chapter since its inception in 2002, Tailby comes away from each project with a different way of seeing her world. "These families and their stories—this organization—make me challenge myself to live my life better; how can I do more?"

Craig Baille, a third-year PA student, SGA treasurer-elect and chapter president, when asked about the most rewarding aspect of the Texas project, said, "Knowing I have helped someone



when they needed it most, treating others how I want to be treated; that's important to me."

Tailby and Baille and the 70 other student members hold bake sales and T-shirt sales on campus and write to local

and national corporations to raise as much money as they can for their organization.

For more information on joining, or to make a donation, please contact the Student Activities Office at 617.732.2871.

Welcome Back BBQ

Students received a warm welcome within a few days of their return to campus. The courtyard at Massachusetts College of Art next door provided the perfect grassy spot for tables and tents, and for a great turn out. The e-mail message to all students carried "FREE FOOD" in the subject line, but an even greater incentive may have been the line about a Red Sox raffle!



Robert M. Gladstone BSP '75, pharmacy manager of Target Corporation, congratulates PharmD student Simon Nguyen-La PharmD '06 upon his receipt of a \$1,000 academic scholarship award made by Target Corporation. The award was announced at a School of Pharmacy-Boston Scholarship Recognition Celebration held at the Brant House on the MCPHS Boston campus last April.



PharmD students Jenna Merlo and Ally Cornelio shore up pharmacy practice instructor Joseph Ferullo BSP '96, who generously volunteered to take pies in the face from students at \$2 a pop. The Lambda Kappa Sigma event raised more than \$100 for Project Hope and was one of many "table contests" sponsored by the Student Government Association at the Student Activities Fair in September. Other brave volunteers were Paul J. Kiritsy BSP '82, MS '85, assistant professor of pharmacy practice; Laurie McCorry, associate professor of physiology; Shelley Nicholson, director of Multicultural Services; and Marin Gillis, assistant professor of ethics and philosophy. The Student Activities Fair introduces students to the many activities and organizations available during the academic year.

in the news

MCPHS community members sought after by the local and national media for their expertise.

Patricia Crane Ramsay DH '66 Forsyth, director of the College's Forsyth Continuing Education programs, and a past president of the American Dental Hygienists Association (ADHA), wrote a guest editorial, "Achievement by Association," in *Access*, an official publication of the ADHA.

A June article in the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette* quoted David F. Forsberg, president of the Worcester Business Development Corporation, as saying the \$20 million Living and Learning Center at MCPHS-Worcester is "the most important thing that's happened downtown in recent history." Housed in the old Graphic Arts building at 25 Foster Street, next to the College's Henrietta DeBenedictis building, the center opened in August for the fall 2005 semester. The apartment-style suites will house approximately 170 students. (See article on page 23.) ■

Amie Jo Hatch PharmD '07

Schweitzer Fellow Inspired to Aid MassMedLine

Amie Jo Hatch PharmD '07, School of Pharmacy–Worcester, was one of 25 students from the Boston-Worcester area—and the only pharmacy student—selected for the prestigious Boston Schweitzer Fellows Program (BSFP). Her community service project is aimed at streamlining the paperwork of area physicians participating in MassMedLine so that more patients may ultimately be served by the program.

“It’s a great opportunity to serve,” says Amie. “I’ve learned so much about pharmacy and people who can’t afford their medications from MassMedLine.”

MassMedLine is a toll-free hotline operated by the College that provides information for Massachusetts residents who have difficulty paying for prescription drugs. Established in 2001, MassMedLine is a public-private partnership between the state’s Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the College. The program is funded partly by the state with the balance of the operational costs subsidized by the College with support from federal, foundation and corporate grants.

“I knew I wanted to work with pharmacy and with public speaking, so I asked Dr. Kearney for suggestions,” says Amie. (Kevin Kearney, PhD, associate professor of biochemistry, is her advisor.) “He’s been

really helpful. I feel I can go to him when I have questions.”

Amie also met with Mary Sullivan, PharmD, the director of MassMedLine, before writing and submitting her community service proposal to BSFP. One of only seven programs of its kind around the country, BSFP provides community service fellowships for graduate students in health-related professional fields who are dedicated to addressing unmet health needs in their local areas.

“Mary Sullivan has been a great help, and the staff has been wonderful,” says Amie, who accessed the MassMedLine database and mailed out a

“I’ve learned so much about pharmacy and people who can’t afford their medications from MassMedLine.”

survey that she wrote to 20 physicians asking for their input on how MassMedLine could be improved.

Amie says she was inspired after Meghan L. Kalinich, the director of BSFP, spoke on the Worcester campus. According to Kalinich, BSFP is eager to increase the number of pharmacy fellows, as well as the program’s presence at MCPHS on the Worcester and Boston campuses. Each Schweitzer fellow is required to perform 200 hours of direct services and receives a \$2,000 stipend.



MCCARDINAL PHOTO

Amie Jo is helping streamline the required paperwork from physicians for MassMedLine so that more patients may be served.

“It’s been neat to meet all the other fellows in health care,” says Amie. “This is a great way to serve.”

Four of the fellows are from Worcester (three from University of Massachusetts Medical School). They hail from area medical, dental and acupuncture schools. The fellows meet once a month, and the Worcester contingent is already planning to volunteer for the Rebuilding Worcester weekend next April.

Amie has an undergraduate degree in biochemistry from Brigham Young University in

Provo, Utah, and worked at US Genomics in Woburn, Mass., before enrolling at the College. She is also active in the American Pharmaceutical Association’s Academy of Students of Pharmacy.

This fall she began her clinical rotations at the University of Kentucky’s Chandler Medical Center, but has not decided on her ultimate career goals. “I’m still learning about all that a career in pharmacy can offer,” she says. “That’s what I like about pharmacy. There are so many career options.” ■

Less than 10 years ago, while chair of the Elms College Department of Nursing, Jeannine D. Muldoon, PhD, RN, told her nursing students to expect to travel out of the Chicopee, Mass., area to find their first job. Remarkably, all that has changed, and jobs are plentiful both in Massachusetts and around the country, all fueled by the severe nationwide nursing and nursing teacher shortage.

“We went into a major shift almost overnight,” said Muldoon, chair of the College’s new Department of Nursing.

MCPHS-Boston’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, for students just out of high school, enrolled its first class in August, and the BSN program for students who already have an undergraduate degree begins in January 2006 at MCPHS–Worcester. Both are accelerated programs; the Boston program is 33 months and the Worcester program is 16 months.

“It’s been challenging and exciting to meet with our various partners, both here and in Worcester, and to build the relationships needed for our programs,” said Muldoon, who has 36 years of nursing education experience. “Their enthusiasm about our innovative model and breaking new ground in nursing education and practice has been wonderful.”

Whatever is taught in nursing education influences nursing practice, so the curriculum stresses the reality and relevance of the workplace. A constant interchange of dialogue helped the College design the new programs, which reflects the other significant nursing issue that needs to be addressed: job retention. According to Muldoon, statistics show that 30 percent of nurses, frustrated



Department of Nursing Chair Oversees Two Accelerated Programs

Jeannine Muldoon, PhD, RN Has 36 Years of Experience

and overwhelmed by the demands of the workplace, leave the profession in five years.

“We worked very hard to devise a curriculum to truly prepare a nurse for practice today and for the future,” she said.

Today the average age of nurses is mid forties and for faculty, mid fifties, and in the next few years, the demand for nurses and teachers will increase dramatically when the currently licensed nurses retire. As the average age increases, hospitals and health care will not be able to replace those retiring as quickly as they are leaving the system. Complicating the shortage crisis is the burgeoning increase of elderly residents (the baby boom generation) who need medical care.

To induce students to pursue nursing careers, salaries have risen dramatically to attract strong candidates. She noted, for example, that the response to the Johnson & Johnson campaign promoting nursing careers begun during the winter Olympics caused enrollments in baccalaureate and associate degree programs to increase, and the College too was flooded with phone calls from prospective students.

Prior to joining the College, she served as dean and professor in the School of Nursing and Health Systems at the State University of New York Institute of Technology. She also taught for 16 years at the University of Massachusetts School of Nursing at Amherst, was employed as program manager for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Tobacco Control Program, and today serves as a site

“It’s been challenging and exciting ... to build the relationships needed for our programs. ... Their enthusiasm about our innovative model and breaking new ground in nursing education and practice has been wonderful.”

evaluator for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. A member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, she has a bachelor’s degree in nursing from Boston College, a master’s degree in community health nursing from the University of Massachusetts at School of Nursing at Amherst, a doctorate in health policy and management from UMass–Amherst, and a certificate in management and leadership in higher education from Harvard University. She has also published numerous professional and scholarly presentations, monographs, and articles.



to graduate the most well-educated hygienists with the clinical skills as well as the problem-solving skills, which will enable them to locate the information they need to educate and provide services to the patients.”

The MCPHS–Forsyth online program was designed for dental hygienists working in the field, either with a certificate or an associate’s degree to complete their bachelor’s degree through the Web-based Blackboard™, a commercial platform that was used in the online programming Barnes helped to develop for East Tennessee State University (ETSU), where she was an assistant professor and assistant director of the dental hygiene program. The online-completion program has received grants from both the Massachusetts Dental Society and the Delta Dental Foundation.

“The online program is an excellent program for the working hygienist,” said Barnes, who has taught numerous Web-based and Web-enhanced courses using Blackboard™. “Online students are enthusiastic and energetic, and what they like most about online programs is the convenience; they have access to the program 24/7.”

Barnes has more than 15 years of higher education experience, including a Certificate in Dental Hygiene from Howard University, baccalaureate and master’s degrees in dental auxiliary teaching education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a PhD in Higher Education Administration from the Ohio State University. Barnes’ doctoral dissertation explored the effect of mentoring on career satisfaction and professional development for dental hygiene directors.

Online-Completion DH Program Makes Its Debut

W. Gail Barnes, PhD, RDH, New Chair and Program Director

W Gail Barnes, PhD, RDH, the new program director and department chair for the Forsyth Dental Hygiene Program, has kept busy, traveling to Oregon to select and order the 24 dental chairs for the new dental clinic at MCPHS–Boston, and playing a leadership role in designing the new accelerated and online Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene programs.

“I’m very pleased with the new clinic,” she said. “I feel like a proud parent. It’s a good time to be here and a good time for Forsyth. The administration and the Alumni Association have been extremely supportive.”

The Esther M. Wilkins Forsyth Dental Hygiene Clinic opened in August (see page 20), and the first classes for both the dental hygiene accelerated baccalaureate and online degree-completion programs were admitted this fall.

In addition to the state-of-the-art chairs and dental stations, computers and specialized software, the new MCPHS–Forsyth clinic is one of a handful of schools to use intra-oral cameras, which help educate and motivate patients about their oral health.

“President Monahan wants our students to be knowledgeable about dental technology so they can teach dentists and other hygienists about operating the equipment,” she said. “Our goal is

“...It’s a good time to be here and a good time for Forsyth. The administration and the Alumni Association have been extremely supportive.”

“Research has proven that if you have a mentor, you’re happier with your job and you achieve more professionally than a person who does not have a mentor,” she said. Her other research has focused on online dental hygiene education.

Her articles on dental hygiene and teaching have appeared in peer-reviewed dental education journals, and she has given more than 20 research-based presentations at national and regional conferences. In addition she has mentored dental hygiene students in research projects that resulted in publication, national presentations, and a fourth-place award at a national conference.

When Stanley B. Walczyk BSP '75 was a youngster, he often accompanied his father, a market researcher for Gillette, on rounds to pharmacies in Berkshire County, in Massachusetts, from Sheffield to Williamstown, where Stan marveled at the white-coated professionals behind the bench and at the bustling pharmacies that were the heartbeat of neighborhoods.

"The pharmacy was a great setting back then," recalls Stan, owner of O'Laughlin's Homecare Pharmacy, the only pharmacy in Dalton, Mass. "You looked up to the pharmacist and thought that if you worked hard enough you could get where he was."



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Twenty three years ago, Stan bought the O'Laughlin's Homecare Pharmacy where personal service, the hallmark of the mom-and-pop pharmacies he visited as a child, is paramount, and Stan calls his patients by their first names. But O'Laughlin's, with its 100-year-old history, is a modern computerized pharmacy with 15 employees, which offers herbal supplements and vitamins, homeopathic remedies and influenza immunizations, as well as over-the-counter items, compounding services, and home delivery. The pharmacy has deep roots in the community, and so does its owner.

"Patients don't think twice about calling me at home," he says. "It has not been unusual over the years for me to open up the store at 10 or 11 at night. They're my neighbors. Because you're part of the community, you're part of the team. It's a feeling of being one big family."

Over the years Stan has adapted the pharmacy to changing times, trends, and professional advancements. Stan is one of a growing number of specially trained pharmacists to participate in Massachusetts' then-pilot flu shot program, which allows him to immunize patients who are referred by area physicians. Calling it "the most exciting hands-on change to the pharmacy profession," he sets up appointments and immunizations for patients who come from as far south as Lenox and as far north as North Adams. Stan is an advocate for the pharmacy profession; he is a member of the College Corporation and sits on the College's Legislative Advisory Committee, which gives feedback to the MCPHS Office of Government and Regulatory Affairs about bills that affect the pharmacy profession. A devoted alumnus, he is also active as the president of the MCPHS Alumni Association.

Stan's brother, Daniel BSP '72, and sister, Mary Beth Walczyk Driscoll BSP '81, who also were present on those trips to area pharmacies with their father, are both pharmacists. The elder Walczyk arranged for his son, Dan, to have an after-school job at Wendell Pharmacy owned by Mitchell Kiluk BSP '50 Hampden, now deceased. "They both motivated me to go into pharmacy," says Dan, whose daughter, Melissa, is a pharmacist; a second daughter, Jenifer, is attending the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy. Dan was the director of pharmacy at Berkshire Medical Center (for-

merly Pittsfield General Hospital) for many years before he bought Lenox Village Integrative Pharmacy in Lenox, which he recently sold. He sees compounding as the next phase of his career. "Compounding pharmacists are looked upon as problem

The FAMILY of PHARMACY

Alumni Who Grew Up In and Around Drugstores Cater to Their 'Family' of Patients



Left: Dan and Stan Walczyk; Above: Thomas Flynn II BSP '48 and wife Lillian (Duffy) Flynn BSP '43 on opening day in Flynn's Pharmacy. Right: Brothers Thomas III BSP '76 Hampden and Christopher Flynn BSP '83, with their mother, Lillian Flynn.

solvers for patients who need medicines that are not commercially available," he says.

Mary Beth, a pharmacist specializing in sterile compounding at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, says her older brothers talked her into attending pharmacy school. Initially she thought about becoming a pharmacy tech. "Why not go all the way, they said," recalls Mary Beth, who is married to David Driscoll BSP '79 a researcher and full-time research professor at Harvard Medical School. "I'm really glad that I did."

Mary Beth and her husband, David, whose research involves embolic phenom-

ena from IV infusions, met at the College and have two children, Erin, 16, and Mark, 12. To her father's surprise, Erin recently has shown some interest in the pharmacy profession. "We'll see," David laughs, when asked whether she might follow in her parents' footsteps. "She could take the plunge and become a pharmacist, but that's her decision."

However, at least one of the second generation is eager to embark on a pharmacy career: John Walczyk PharmD '06, Stan's son, although he is unsure whether it will be retail or clinical. In his final professional year at the College, John is working at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (as well as at O'Laughlin's), where he occasionally exchanges pleasantries with

brother Thomas III BSP '76 Hampden.

"My father used to deliver prescriptions on his way home from work, and when patients came into the pharmacy, he always had the time to talk to them," says Chris. "Working in the store after school, I learned how people should be treated."

Christopher handles the administrative end of the business, and Tom is responsible for the pharmacy and the equipment. Both work behind the bench filling prescriptions and dispensing pharmaceutical care. "It's worked out tremendously well," says Chris. "One of us is always here. It's great to have a weekend off or to be able to go away on vacation and not have to worry about the business."

"We bounce ideas back and forth

IV will enter the family pharmacy business, he is enthralled with the potential of a career in pharmacy and enjoyed his first year at the College. "I'm eager to learn more about pharmacy, about how drugs work in the body," he says. "Working at the store is definitely an interest, but all aspects of pharmacy sound really good right now."

Chris and Tom purchased the building from their parents in 1986, and expanded the pharmacy four years later to approximately 3,000 square feet. The pharmacy specializes in respiratory therapy (three of the 45 employees are certified respiratory therapists who make home visits), in addition to a large home health section. A 3,000-gallon bulk oxygen tank was installed on the property as "another way to survive the Medicare cutbacks and reimbursement in oxygen." The joint decision was made after they attended seminars and conducted thorough researching about the potential.

"We keep abreast of trends and know about shorter hospital stays and patients sicker than before who are now going home," Chris says.

Chris and Tom grew up around pharmacy (the family lived next store to the pharmacy), as did their mother, Lillian BSP '47, and their aunt, Lucy (Duffy) Ward BSP '43, daughters of Henry J. Duffy, owner of Duffy's Pharmacy. "I never thought of having another career," says Lillian, who worked alongside her husband in Flynn's Pharmacy until after the first of their children were born.

Lucy and her husband, Harold Ward BSP '43, bought and operated Duffy's pharmacy until Harold's death. Lucy turned in her license in 1995 and retired. "It was like I had cut off my right arm,"



his aunt and uncle, Mary Beth and Dave Driscoll, in the halls of the medical center.

"I'm looking forward to my rotations in clinical and in retail, so I can see how other pharmacies operate," says John. "Our whole family is in pharmacy, so I assume there will be more family members to come."

Flynn's Pharmacy on Elm Street in Pittsfield, Mass., the last family-owned pharmacy in a small city that once had more than half dozen, was started by Thomas Flynn II BSP '48, now deceased, and his wife Lillian (Duffy) Flynn BSP '43. Today the pharmacy is co-owned by their sons, Christopher BSP '83 and his

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—Carl Bannon BSP '74 Hampden, Bannon's Pharmacy

before we make a decision on anything," says Tom. "Our business is growing and that gives us a lot of satisfaction."

Tom's son, Thomas IV PharmD '10, a second-year student at MCPHS-Boston, listens and learns, as he works alongside his father and his uncle at Flynn's Pharmacy. Although it's too soon to tell whether Tom

she says, about not being able to fill prescriptions or care for her patients. "But I couldn't keep up; the new drugs were coming out too fast... It was the patients that I loved. One of them said, 'I'll never forget when my mother was so sick. You said not to worry.' It was the personal relationship

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Jennifer Tebbe-Grossman, PhD, fondly recalls going to the corner drugstore with her father as a child to get a prescription—and an ice cream cone at the soda fountain.

Today, Tebbe-Grossman, professor of political science and American studies at MCPHS, celebrates the drugstore as a place that has represented the American dream for owners and patrons alike.

“It’s a quintessential American institution,” said Tebbe-Grossman, who chronicles the American drugstore’s history in a new book, *The Drugstore and America: In Pursuit of Health and Happiness*, to be published by the University of Michigan Press in 2006.

The book comes at a time when the public’s perception of the institution as a “place” is changing, as the independent neighborhood pharmacy gives way to the chain store, the superstore, the HMO pharmacy, mail order, and the Internet.

Tebbe-Grossman, who has taught at MCPHS-Boston for 30 years, said the book is an outgrowth of her course, Evolu-

tion of the Health Professions. The book recounts the history of the drugstore in America, dating back to the late 1800s, as the institution struggled to earn the confidence of the American public. That confidence grew over time as pharmacists pursued professionalism through such means as licensure, professional organizations and rigorous college degree programs.

Initially, drugstores were all independently owned, but chains like Walgreens and franchises like Rexall emerged around the turn of the 20th century. Today, as chains dominate, Tebbe-Grossman said she hopes the independents find a way to survive.

“I think the country will be a lesser place if the independent drugstore disappears,” she said. “I’d like to see them survive and thrive.”

To her, the independents not only offer choice, but also keep alive a “place” in the American memory that is quickly disappearing.

By the early 20th century, whether independent, chain or franchise, the drugstore had supplanted the general store as the community gathering place. Soda fountains and lunch coun-

ters helped fuel that phenomenon, as did other innovations such as in-store post offices, phone booths, rental books, perfume counters, and more of an emphasis on health and beauty products, she noted.

Tebbe-Grossman pointed out that these new drugstores offered the American dream of economic and professional opportunity for both native-born Americans and new immigrants. The newly licensed pharmacists often apprenticed and then took clerk positions, only to later open their own stores.

on that,” she said. “The soda fountains and lunch counters became popular places to go to sit, talk and drink a beverage.”

The homespun image of the corner drugstore was boosted in films and newsreels around the time of World War II.

In the Andy Hardy series, Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland sipped sodas at the local drugstore. The March of Time Newsreel, “Eight Million Yankees,” featured Mr. Seward preparing prescriptions at Seward’s Drugstore in Exeter, N.H., “an American town embodying the home front values that Americans were

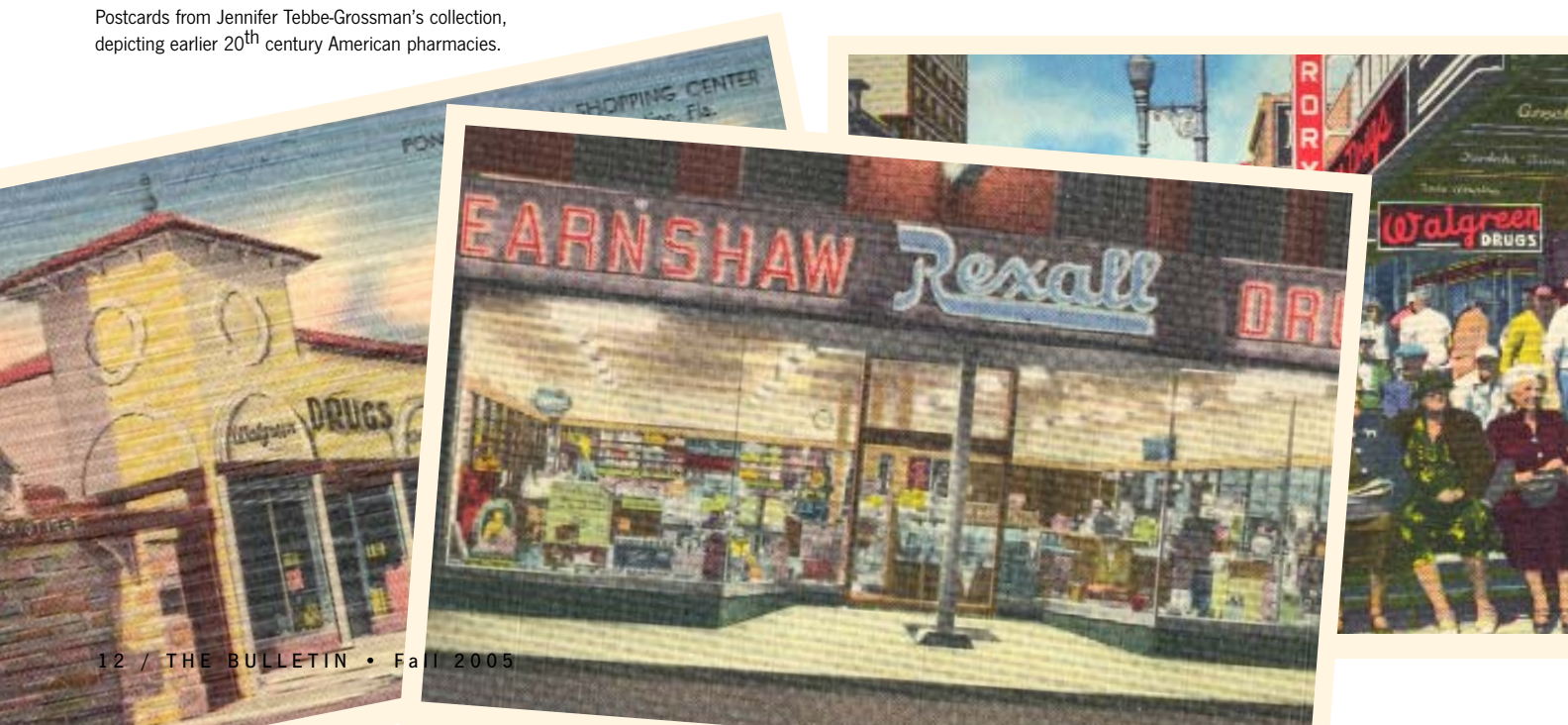
The Corner Drugstore:

The popularity of drugstores as gathering places picked up even more steam around the 1920s when, during prohibition, people no longer had bars and taverns in which to hang out. “The druggists picked up

fighting for in the war,” Tebbe-Grossman said.

At the war’s end, she noted, films also portrayed the changes to come to communities across America. In “The Best Years of Our Lives,” Dana Andrews

Postcards from Jennifer Tebbe-Grossman’s collection, depicting earlier 20th century American pharmacies.



played a returning veteran who temporarily returned to working behind the drugstore lunch counter. He found out that the institution had changed dramatically as the new owners, the Midway Chain, expanded the concept of self-service, where abundant post-war products were put in reach of customers rather than behind counters.

Eventually, self-service helped put an end to soda fountains and lunch counters, as pharmacy owners decided they could better use the space for more self-service displays. The growth of fast-food franchises also contributed to the decline

A Place in History

By Michael Lasalandra

of the soda fountains and lunch counters, Tebbe-Grossman said.

But the soda fountains did remain a mainstay of many drugstores into the 1950s and 1960s, as teenagers—the emerging rock-and-roll youth culture—embraced them as spots to hang out.

As more and more “miracle” drugs became available, Tebbe-Grossman noted that pharmacists had less call to compound their own drugs and soon became known, in many people’s minds, as mere “pill counters.”

But the pharmacists countered this image by extending the curriculum at

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NICHOLS PHARMACY SOLD 5-CENT ICE-CREAM CONES, \$1 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

When Nichols Pharmacy opened on January 11, 1956, the neighborhood gathering place boasted a stand-up soda fountain with frosted root-beer glasses, 25-cent ice cream sundaes—and 75-cent and \$1 prescription drugs.

“A prescription at \$1.25 was considered expensive,” recalled owner Arthur Nichols BSP ’53. “If we did \$100 a day in prescriptions, we were having a good day.”

Arthur operated Nichols Pharmacy on the banks of the

removed to expand the over-the-counter merchandise.

Arthur served two years in the U.S. Army before he established Nichols Pharmacy and bought the property from his father, Harry Nichols, an immigrant from Lebanon, who opened Harry’s Variety Store at the same location in 1914. Arthur and his eight siblings lived with their parents above the store; additions were made to the living quarters as the family increased in size.

“We were so well established for so long that

room allowed patients privacy. The pharmacy, located near Berkshire Medical Center (formerly Pittsfield General Hospital) and an orthopedist office, was among the first to have a computerized prescription system. He bought his supplies from John L. Thompson and Company, wholesalers in Troy, N.Y., and wrote out orders longhand on legal-size pages in triplicate. He also compounded ointments and solutions for pediatricians.

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“If a doctor said he was coming over with a prescription, I waited to close. The doctors made their house calls, and visited with us before leaving their prescriptions for the next day for us to fill.”

Housatonic River in Pittsfield, Mass., for 37 years before he retired in 1993. At that time, he had 18 full- and part-time employees, and carried a full line of home health aids and colostomy supplies, in addition to the traditional retail pharmacy items. Arthur had tripled the space, so that the store actually spanned the river. The stand-up soda fountain, which sold 20-cent frappes and 5-cent ice-cream cones, had long since been

everyone knew the Nichols family,” said Arthur, who moved to a house on Alcove Street in the neighborhood with his wife, Patricia. Married a month after graduating from the College, Arthur and Patricia eventually raised a family of seven children.

Nichols Pharmacy, opened seven days a week from 7:30 a.m. to 9 or 10 p.m., became a colostomy supply dealer and added orthopedic devices in the late 1960s; a private fitting

tion, I waited to close,” he said. “The doctors made their house calls, and visited with us before leaving their prescriptions for the next day for us to fill. We prided ourselves on being professionals.”

Nichols Pharmacy was a post office substation and authorized site for paying bills from Berkshire Gas, AT&T Telephone, and Western Massachusetts Electric. They also offered free prescription drug delivery. He sold greeting

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pharmacy colleges to five years and, by the turn of the 21st century, to the six-year Doctor of Pharmacy degree program, she said. The new programs sought to incorporate the philosophy of “pharmaceutical care,” under which pharmacists “moved away from an emphasis on dispensing a product to the concept of providing drug therapies to improve outcomes for a patient’s quality of life,” she said.

The independent drugstores continued to thrive until the 1980s, when many closed due to increased competition from national chains. Others closed after managed care insurance plans entered into exclusive contracts with chains. These closings caught the attention of the news media, which covered in-depth the demise of the independent “mom and pop” drugstores, she noted.

“The remaining independents fought back, pushing many states to enact laws requiring insurers to do business with ‘any willing provider,’” Tebbe-Grossman said. “Many independents

continue to thrive today because they offer a personal character and significant personal service.”

Tebbe-Grossman said she got the idea for the book after noticing an academic interest in the study of the culture of consumption. “There were books on the department store, the diner, the gas station, the hospi-

“(The drugstore) is a quintessential American institution.”

—Jennifer Tebbe-Grossman, PhD
Professor of Political Science and American Studies

tal,” she said. “But nobody had done the drugstore.” Her research is based on an examination of a variety of sources, including trade and professional journals, newspaper articles and books, novels, short stories, memoirs, and popular media. She also plans to conduct some interviews with pharmacists young and old.

Besides her own memories of the soda fountain at her childhood drugstore, Tebbe-Grossman also has a family connection: her father-in-law, Saul

Grossman, owned Arborway Pharmacy and, later, Hailer Drug, both in Jamaica Plain.

Independent or not, pharmacies still offer the pursuit of the American dream, she said.

“That dream might still be in an independent store, but it is more likely to be in a hospital, a chain, or a superstore,” she

said. “The biggest threat to pharmacies may be with the mail order and Internet pharmacies.”

Many insurers or employers are now requiring the use of mail order houses, she noted.

“I, along with many members of the American public, have deep concerns about mail order and Internet pharmacies,” she said. “Is there sufficient counseling? Pharmacists are being educated to provide pharmaceutical care. But they need time to counsel you. Will it be

done through the mail or in cyberspace?”

And cut-rate “rogue” Internet pharmacies present a serious safety threat, she warned. “You don’t know what you’re getting,” she said.

Tebbe-Grossman said that whenever she mentions her research, people immediately offer personal memories of “their drugstore.” She said this sort of nostalgia is exactly why she expects her book will hit a nerve with the public.

“It beautifully illustrates the influence of the drugstore as a ‘place’ in American lives,” she said. “People remember the local pharmacist, the smells, the tastes, the community.” Expanded chains and superstores are creating new and different experiences and memories.

She wonders what people in the future will remember about their pharmacies. “With the changes now occurring, what will the sense of ‘drugstore place’ be in years to come?” she asked. ■



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with patients that I liked the most.”

Anthony “Tony” C. Samale BSP ’67 worked in Samale Pharmacy in Pittsfield, owned by his uncle, Giro Samale BSP ’38, when Tony was 13. He washed floors and the windows and dreamed about opening his own pharmacy. In December 1974, he did. Patrick’s Pharmacy—named after Tony’s father—was an instant success. Located next to an Adams Supermarket, he drew in grocery shoppers. It was a traditional pharmacy with over-the-counter items, vitamins and minerals, greeting cards, and candies, as well as a sub-station post office. In addition to a strong front-store business, Patrick’s Pharmacy made home deliveries.

“There were patients who we never saw,” recalls Tony. “They’d call up and say ‘I need

“We talked about medicine at the dinner table. Sometimes my Dad would give us the Latin names of medicines and talk about compounding medicines....”

—Julie Samale BSP ’98, CVS Pharmacy

pounding medicines, which he learned at the College.”

Tony’s cousin, Michael T. Samale BSP ’64, also worked at Samale Pharmacy but has had a varied career. After graduating from the College, he served in the U.S. Army, then attended graduate school at Boston College, earning a master’s in education. He taught high school for six years before becoming the proprietor of Haggard Pharmacy. Later, he co-designed software that was bought by Spectro Industries, Inc., a company acquired by 3PM, and he has worked for McKesson

Drug and other large companies. Today he is an adjunct assistant professor at the University of Rhode Island and vice president for pharmacy services for Liberty Healthcare Group. “I love what I do,” he says.

A long-time employee at Samale’s Pharmacy, Steve Salvini BSP ’61 Hampden retired eight years ago. When he chose a part-time employment, he sought out another community pharmacy with a philosophy similar to his own: O’Laughlin’s Pharmacy, owned by Stan Walczyk.

“People come to community

pharmacies for the personal touch,” says Steve. “I get a great deal of satisfaction being a pharmacist, especially helping the elderly, who need the help the most.”

Steve’s daughter Lisa (Salvini) Frianks BSP ’86, who works part-time due to family commitments, says she was inspired by her father to become a pharmacist. “I watched him counting pills, typing the labels at Samale’s,” she says. “He’d give me the store stamp, and I’d stamp pieces of paper to pass the time.”

Steve Bannon BSP ’81 Hampden and Carl Bannon BSP ’74 also spent time in their father’s pharmacy in Great Barrington, Mass., which Steve bought in 1988. Bill’s Pharmacy was started by William Bannon BSP ’56 Hampden, and both brothers

remember working there, when the soda fountain and lunch counter were standard in pharmacies. In the last nine years, Steve has increased the medical equipment section and brought in herbals and homeopathic remedies; he has 28 employees. He now carries a huge array of vitamins to replace the fragrances and cosmetics that he no longer offers. He also increased gifts, china, stuffed animals and candles.

“You go with what the customers want,” he says. “Either what you have is the right type of merchandise, or other places are doing a better job, or you don’t need to carry it anymore.”

Carl owns Bannon’s Pharmacy in Claremont, N.H., which was remodeled in 1996, when Carl and his wife Fran, a nurse, opened a separate business, Granny’s Garden, a health food store. The store compliments the pharmacy and the Bannon’s other business, K.C.’s Korner, a retail store for nurse uniforms and clothing. Still, the pharmacy is the centerpiece of his career.

“I’m glad I’m a pharmacist,” he says. “I wouldn’t change that for anything.... My customers are like family. The other day, I offered a child free M & M’s like I always do, and her mother said, ‘I remember when you used to give me free M & M’s.’ Now that made me feel old.” ■



Steve Bannon BSP ’81

a pound of Russell Stover candy and a bottle of Robitussin,’ so we’d pack that right in the bag with their prescription medicine.”

As the city of Pittsfield grew, so did Patrick’s Pharmacy. Business expanded with contracts for bubble packing of medications for group homes. Tony had 30 employees when he sold the store in 2004. Two of his four children have careers in health care: his daughter Julie BSP ’98 is a pharmacist for CVS and Jennifer MSPA ’01 is a physician assistant for Northgate Medical. “A huge part of medicine is knowing your pharmacology,” says Jennifer, who was a pharmacy tech for Patrick’s Pharmacy. “We talked about medicine at the dinner table. Sometimes my Dad would give us the Latin names of medicines and talk about com-

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cards, cosmetics, first aid supplies and penny candy. (The store was located within close proximity to two elementary schools.) As the times changed, so did Nichols Pharmacy, dropping items that were not selling, and adding new merchandise and services such as video rentals.

“Mostly, I remember my customers. I walked to work, and I saw them everyday on the street. Three generations of the same family came into the pharmacy....” he said. “I didn’t fully realize how much the pharmacy was appreciated until after I retired. I underestimated the respect people had for the pharmacy. But it’s nice to know that, even if it’s after the fact.” ■

Interactive Sculptures Embody Health Narratives

By Michael Lasalandra

As a medical anthropologist, Ellen S. Ginsburg, PhD, has traveled to distant locations such as Arequipa, Peru where she taught at the School of Pharmacy at Catholic University of Santa Maria as part of the College's exchange program, and studied curanderos or traditional folk healers. Now, the MCPHS-Boston associate professor of anthropology and sociology is focusing her attention on more local subjects who are turning out to be no less fascinating.



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Ginsburg spent a recent six-month sabbatical chronicling the health narratives of artists in Boston's South End neighborhood and is working with a noted new media artist who is distilling and translating those stories into a series of interactive sculptures that will be displayed in an exhibit at the Mills Gallery in that neighborhood starting in spring 2006.

"I'm very interested in the complex relationship between body and health, community and individual, public and private self, self and the community, and this was a good way to look at a number of issues from a multi-

disciplinary anthropological and artistic perspective," Ginsburg said. "It is the cross pollination of anthropology, art and technology. This is really representing a new dialogue."

The project—The Tipping Point: Health Narratives from South End Artists—seeks to identify the artists' "tipping point," moments when their health issues resulted in a significant change in the way they view their world, and, in the end, their art.

"Ultimately, this will contribute to our coming up with a new understanding and perspective as to what health

issues become agents of change," said Ginsburg, who has taught at the College for more than 20 years.

The phrase "tipping point" comes from the work of author Malcolm Gladwell and his book of the same name. The interactive sculptures will each involve a tipping point, a balance beam or see-saw, if you will, which will tip in one direction or the other, triggered by movements of those who are viewing the exhibit. Optical sensors will collect data as participants move through the room. At the same time, each sculpture will include depictions of events in the artists' lives



Above left, Ellen S. Ginsburg with Michael Mittleman, producer of *Aspect* magazine and videographer for the project, at the studio of new media artist Jennifer Hall. From left, The creation of the "tipping point" sculpture, by Hall.

that have tipped their artistic visions or perceptions. These items will also be able to move in response to gallery participants' movements.

The sculptures are being created by new media artist Jennifer Hall, a professor at the Massachusetts College of Art. Each one is going to be from seven to 10 feet high and will have to be trucked from a studio in New Hampshire to the gallery before the exhibit opens.

Although the artists' narratives will be reproduced in print form along with the sculpture, the artists will not be identified

by name. For professors Ginsburg and Hall, the idea is more than telling individual stories. Rather, it involves gathering anthropological data and translating that data visually.

"We are interested in how each of these stories creates a community story," Hall said. "I'm interested in the idea of what we think health is, and that it is a community-based phenomenon. The idea of what health is really changes a lot from community to community. The South End has gone through so much. A lot of artists have fascinating health

issues. They use their health issues in proactive ways in their artwork. It becomes a springboard for coming up with some wonderful work."

Although the South End community was hard-hit by the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s and 1990s, narcolepsy turned out to be the most common health issue evidenced in the artists' stories, according to Ginsburg.

Other illnesses that came up often included epilepsy, eating disorders and birth defects. The artists included in the project range in age from 27 to 66.

"Of interest to me was how did their vision change as a result (of their illnesses)," Ginsburg said. "For example, there was an individual who developed an eating disorder at a young age. All the work this artist does somehow involves food."

One individual's life's work was changed from software development to painting after being diagnosed with narcolepsy. "The only way to stay awake for significant hours during the day was to paint," Ginsburg said.

It turned out that some of the artists had not even realized until they were telling their stories how much they had been changed by their particular health experience.

Although she approached 40 artists, she narrowed the number to seven to become

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The MCPHS-Boston faculty have organized the Medical Humanities Interest Group (MHIG), a think-tank to share ideas on ways to view the

medical sciences from the perspectives of other disciplines such as literature and poetry. Formerly the purview of faculty at medical schools, medical humanities is emerging as a discipline in all of the health sciences, and the College is at the forefront of this movement.

"The humanities have something to tell us about medicine," says Marin Gillis, LPh, assistant professor, health care ethics and philosophy, co-chair, MHIG. "We can learn from literature, plays, poetry, and artwork. They are by no means frivolous. There's something profound about

reading and hearing about medicine from a different perspective."

The MHIG community of scholars and educators is exploring and promoting opportunities for the study, development and application of the humanities as they relate to:

- experiences of illness and well-being;
- the pursuit and provision of health care;
- the social, cultural, political and institutional contexts of health care; and
- the education of health professionals.

Using Blackboard, an electronic platform, Gillis posts the meeting's minutes, and medical humanities conferences, calls for papers, and grant information. Organizations and federal agencies sponsoring programs and research include the

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MAKING MEDICINE
More Humane

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National Endowment for the Humanities; National Institutes of Health; Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues of Genome Research, U.S. Department of Energy; and the National Science Foundation.

In today's complex world, where changes in science and technology often clash with cultural and political issues, the humanities can help health care professionals learn skills

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that are essential for humane medical care. The interdisciplinary field of the humanities, which includes philosophy and ethics, literature and the arts, history, anthropology, and related social and behavioral sciences, can provide insight into the human condition.

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At the first MHIG daylong retreat last spring at Brant House attended by 14 faculty members, the topics presented were:

- "Street Level Research Staff and the Responsible Conduct of Research," by Richman;
- "Personal Narratives of Patient and Practitioner Experience: Health Care History Contexts," by Jennifer L. Tebbe-Grossman, PhD, professor of American studies and political science and Martha Gardner, PhD, adjunct professor arts and sciences;
- "*Cuckoo Culture: Genre and Cultural Discourse in One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*," by David E. Tanner, PhD, dean, School of Arts and Sciences, and associate professor of American studies and humanities;

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- "Establishing Effective 'Trade zones' in Inter-Professional Collaborations," by Gillis and Stacie Spencer, PhD, assistant professor of psychology;
- "The Doctors' Choice Is America's Choice: The Physician in U.S. Cigarette Advertisements 1930–1953," by Gardner.

Attending were Mary Buchinger Bodwell, PhD, assistant professor of English, Marie Dacey, EdD, adjunct professor of

physician assistant studies, Carol-Ann Farkas, PhD, assistant professor of English, Susan E. Herz, JD, MPH, assistant professor of social and administrative sciences, Ann Hilferty, EdD, assistant professor of English, Victoria Longino, PhD, associate professor of humanities and communication, Helen Meldrum, EdD, associate professor of communication and psychology, and Christine Parkhurst, MA, associate professor of English and humanities.

Later in April, MHIG presented The Medical Humanities Scholarship Poster Session to the students and faculty at large in Rombult Atrium at MCPHS–Boston. Faculty and premedical students presented research, teaching methods and creative work in sociology of science; medicine and literature; empirical bioethics; medicine-related poetry; and other topics.

Richman, the author of *Ethics and the Metaphysics of Medicine: Reflections on Health and Beneficence*, which won the College's Faculty Research Prize for Scholarship of Discovery, said he was pleased with the turnout and being able to showcase other avenues of research. "People in the humanities are creating new knowledge even if we're not working with beakers and chemicals," Richman says. "There are different ways of looking at the sciences from other disciplines." ■

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project subjects. She said all were interested in telling their stories, despite the fact that they would have no attention drawn to their work, since their names will not be mentioned and there is no monetary benefit.

Ginsburg is still crunching data, looking at emerging patterns and similarities by using phenomenological research methods.

In any case, she hopes MCPHS students, faculty, and staff will stop by to participate in the exhibit when it opens in April.

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The Medical Humanities Interest Group encourages and supports:

Scholarship

- promoting collaborative research
- discussing readings, films and other texts of common interest
- responding to presentations of works in progress by group members

Curriculum Development

- identifying and investigating potential medical humanities pathways and programs
- advancing continuing education programs

Public Outreach

- sponsoring conferences, invited speakers, and other public forums that engage the larger MCPHS and Longwood Medical Area communities
- establishing MCPHS as a resource in the medical humanities

Charles “Chuck” R. Young BSP ’69, the executive director of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy, is so devoted to his job, he arrives in the office most days by 7 a.m. He can’t help it; he loves the pharmacy profession and navigating through the myriad of changes in health care with an eye toward his main mission to protect the public health at the forefront of every decision. For his entire career, he has helped current pharmacists as well as students, who are working toward a degree in pharmacy, elevate the profession above a dispensing function.

Globe health reporter suffering from breast cancer who was given fatal doses of the chemotherapy drug cyclophosphamide at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in 1994.

“The Betsy Lehman case changed the way I thought about pharmacy,” he says. “My focus has been driven by that single event since then because I believe that regulating for outcomes is the best solution, so the regulated community can think about health care delivery in a completely different way than it did 10 years ago.”

He began his pharmacy career as the owner of an independent pharmacy, Phoenix

great experience working with area kids,” he says.

Eventually, Young learned about a position as an investigator on the pharmacy board from then-Executive Director Charles F. Monahan Jr. BSP ’62, who encouraged Young to apply. Young was hired and worked as an investigator for more than 10 years before being named acting director and later executive director.

Asked about one of the greatest challenges of state service, Young says that working in a bureaucracy can sometimes be frustrating. “Over time I have come to accept the fact that things don’t happen quickly in

patients every day I come to work,” he says.

MCPHS has changed since Young was a student; the diversity of students and the different program offerings in health sciences, all demonstrate the College’s leadership role in educating health care professionals for the future. “I see the same columns in the White Building, but I now see a blend of the past and the future,” he says. “They represent where we were and where we are going. I’m very proud to be a graduate and continue to do what I can to ensure that future generations think as fondly as I do about their chosen career and their college experience.”

Young has served on a myriad of state and national organizations; most recently he was elected treasurer of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy; he is also a member of the Massachusetts Coalition for

Chuck Young BSP '69:
A Passion for Promoting the Pharmacy Profession

By Katherine Keough
Director of Government Affairs and Continuing Education



Perhaps his dedication can be attributed to his up-hill battle to become a pharmacist. “I wanted to be a pharmacist from the time I was a boy, except I just didn’t know how to get there,” he says. “I wasn’t serious about academics in high school. Once I made the decision and was accepted, I had to struggle while I was in school, supporting a wife and two children at the time and working two jobs.”

Young’s determination paid off: he ultimately graduated in the top 10 percent of his class, an accomplishment of which he is extremely proud. “The foundation that MCPHS gave me made me a completely different person, and for that I’m grateful,” he says.

One of the events in pharmacy that had a profound effect on him was the case of Betsy Lehman, the *Boston*

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Pharmacy, in Fairhaven, which he operated for many years. “We really were on the cutting edge in pharmacy at the time,” he recalls fondly. “We had a hypertension clinic every Sunday. We counseled every patient on every new prescription and tried to let the patients know how to be a better partner in their own health.”

Young first became interested in public service when one of his professors sponsored a community program and asked MCPHS students to speak to high school students about the dangers of substance abuse. “Steve Tocco BSP ’85 and I volunteered and had a

state government, sometimes for a good reason,” he says. “Decisions need to be well-thought out because they may have far-reaching implications.”

Young advises pharmacy students and alumni interested in working in public service to take advantage of nontraditional, advanced practice rotations, and to think beyond the dispensing function of pharmacy. “You can certainly benefit patients in many other ways. I feel I benefit

the Prevention of Medical Errors Board of Directors.

A tireless advocate for the profession of pharmacy, he spends many a weeknight and weekend without compensation participating in continuing education programs for pharmacists. His reward is helping pharmacists expand their understanding of pharmacy law and the role of the board. ■

Do you know an alumnus/a currently working in state or federal government who may be a good subject for a *Bulletin* article? If so, please contact Kathy Keough at 617.732.2789 or Katherine.keough@bos.mcphs.edu.

Up and Running

Esther M. Wilkins Forsyth Dental Hygiene Clinic
Dedicated at MCPHS–Boston

The state-of-the-art Esther M. Wilkins Forsyth Dental Hygiene Clinic at MCPHS–Boston was dedicated in August with a host of area-college and city dignitaries, including Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, a former “Forsyth kid,” as well as alumni and friends in attendance.

“The clinic is a fully licensed facility that will provide much-needed oral health services to the people of Boston at a minimal cost,” said President Charles F. Monahan Jr. BSP ’62. “And it will be the most advanced facility in the country for training the next generation of dental hygiene professionals.”

The Wilkins Forsyth Clinic features a reception area with a multi-



and the dental industry. The MCPHS Forsyth Dental Hygiene Program (FDHP) is one of the few dental hygiene programs in the nation to offer qualified high school graduates an accelerated, three-year Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene degree. With the help of philanthropic support from the Delta Dental Foundation and the Massachusetts Dental Society Foundation, FDHP has also introduced an online, baccalaureate degree-



Esther Wilkins stands with Ann Marie (Tarullo) Niemyski DH '69, chair of the Dental Clinic Campaign Steering Committee, and President Monahan, outside the door of the new clinic which bears her name.

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—President Monahan

media display on oral health care and early detection and prevention of oral disease, 28 operatories, radiologic imaging technology, intraoral cameras and other modern technical capabilities. (See “What’s Inside” on page 22.)

The new clinic helps to advance the College’s mission and enhances several innovative, proactive approaches to oral health care education that address the shortage of baccalaureate-educated dental hygiene graduates, particularly in the areas of academic, public health

completion program for dental hygienists who are unable to pursue a traditional baccalaureate dental hygiene educational curriculum.

For decades, FDHP faculty and students have promoted oral health through the delivery of dental hygiene services to Boston school children. The mayor and MCPHS board member and philanthropist Theodore L. Iorio BSP ’61, ScD ’96 (hon.) are among nearly half a million former child patients. FDHP students also offer reduced-fee oral health care to the elderly; Boston’s

homeless receive free preventative dental hygiene care through the Homeless Treatment Fund.

“This is a special night for the city too,” said Menino, after being introduced by the President. “I’m a Forsyth kid; I grew up in Hyde Park and went to Forsyth for my dental care for many years. It was the best and the most affordable. That tradition continues today.”

The mayor thanked President Monahan for his leadership in keeping FDHP a viable part of the community and praised Esther M.



Esther Wilkins with dental hygiene program students and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino

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Wilkins DH '39, DMD, whom he called a "living legend in dental hygiene circles."

"It's great to be here, especially when we're dedicating a new dental hygiene clinic for a woman who has been such an outstanding educator and dentist...." the mayor said. "I want to thank Dr. Wilkins for her dedication."

The esteemed Dr. Esther M. Wilkins is both a dental hygienist and dentist who is recognized internationally as a renowned clinician, educator and speaker. Her dental hygiene textbook, *Clinical Practice of the Dental Hygienist*, now in its 10th edition, is indispensable to the education of dental hygienists around the world. She is a mentor, colleague and role model; the FDHP's annual Distinguished Alumni Award also is named in her honor.

Wilkins, who gave a leadership gift toward the \$2 million fundraising campaign goal for the new clinic, said, "We are celebrating a new era for Forsyth, the longest continuous dental hygiene program in the world. I'm proud to be given this opportunity to contribute to this state-of-the-art clinic... When you donate to the clinic, you are giving not only to the excellent

learning resource for our students, but especially to the oral health of patients who come to the clinic."

She noted that patients with periodontal infections were 30 percent more likely to develop arteriosclerosis, and that the lack of oral health has been linked to several other diseases.

As the Forsyth program prepares to celebrate its 90th anniversary in 2006, W. Gail Barnes, RDH, PhD, director, FDHP noted the clinic's important role in continuing to provide exemplary education for students who are sought after for their scientific knowledge and clinical skills. FDHP graduates are not only top-quality practitioners, but also leaders throughout academia, public health and the dental industry. "The opening of this dental hygiene clinic marks the dawn of a new era in dental hygiene education," said Barnes. "For nearly 90 years, the Forsyth Dental Hygiene Program has been recognized as a leader in this field."

The Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene, once part of the Forsyth Institute in the Fenway, joined the College in 2002 as the Forsyth Dental Hygiene Program in the School of Health Sciences. The College, established in 1823, is the oldest



Esther Wilkins and W. Gail Barnes, PhD, RDH, chair and program director, Forsyth Dental Hygiene Program

institution of higher education in Boston, and Forsyth is the longest continuously operated dental hygiene program in the country; its first class graduated in June 1917.

Ann Marie Niemyski RDH, DH '69 chairs the Steering Committee of the Campaign for the Forsyth Dental Hygiene Program and served as emcee for the event. She recognized the following guests in attendance: Helena (Gallant) Tripp RDH, DH '65, immediate past president, American Dental

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Hygienists' Association (ADHA); Jean Connor, vice president, ADHA, and FDHP Advisory Board member; Myrna Olderman, president, Massachusetts Dental Hygienists' Association; Dr. Robert Faiella, president, Massachusetts Dental Society; Dr. Kathy O'Loughlin, president and CEO, Delta Dental of Massachusetts; and Dr. James Williamson, executive director, New Hampshire Dental Society.

"This event has brought members of the Forsyth community together, sparked the interest of the local, regional and national dental communities, and attracted guests from as far away as California," Niemyski said. "The Esther M. Wilkins Forsyth Dental Hygiene Clinic is truly the talk of the town."

Gregory H. Laham BSP '73, chair of the MCPHS Board of Trustees' Building Committee, also addressed the audience and recognized the trustees in the audience, adding the board actively supported the College's unprecedented growth. "We are proud that our new clinic demonstrates our commitment to the health sciences," he said.

Also attending the event were Dr. Dominick P. DePaola, president, Forsyth Institute; Dr. Bruce Donoff, dean, Harvard University School of Dental Medicine; Sister Anne Marie Donovan, treasurer, Emmanuel College; John Heinstadt, CFO, and Dr. Zorica Pantic-Tanner, president, Wentworth Institute of Technology; Cornelia Kelly, headmaster, Boston Latin School; Dr. Lonnie Norris, dean, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine; and Marilyn Schwartz-Lloyd, president, Medical, Academic and Scientific Community Organization, Inc. (MASCO).

"Our students deserve the best educational experience, and they find it at MCPHS...." said Niemyski. "Those of us within the Forsyth dental hygiene community feel passionately about the need to support this outstanding program that underlies our professional success. We hope that all of you will play a role in the success of the campaign." ■

For more information about supporting the campaign, contact Lonny Townley (617.732.2230, or lonny.townley@bos.mcphs.edu), or Pat Crane Ramsay (617.735.1105 or pat.ramsay@bos.mcphs.edu).

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Chair, Steering Committee
Campaign for the Forsyth Dental Hygiene Program



What's Inside...

The new Wilkins Forsyth Clinic is accessible through the Palace Road entrance, where patients are welcomed into a modern reception area with a multi-media display on oral health care and early detection and prevention of oral disease.

- ▶ The clinic has 28 operatories of which 24 are partitioned to enhance privacy. Each operatory is equipped with modern dental chairs, as well as computers and highly specialized software that facilitate chair-side periodontal charting and intraoral camera capabilities.

The clinic includes:

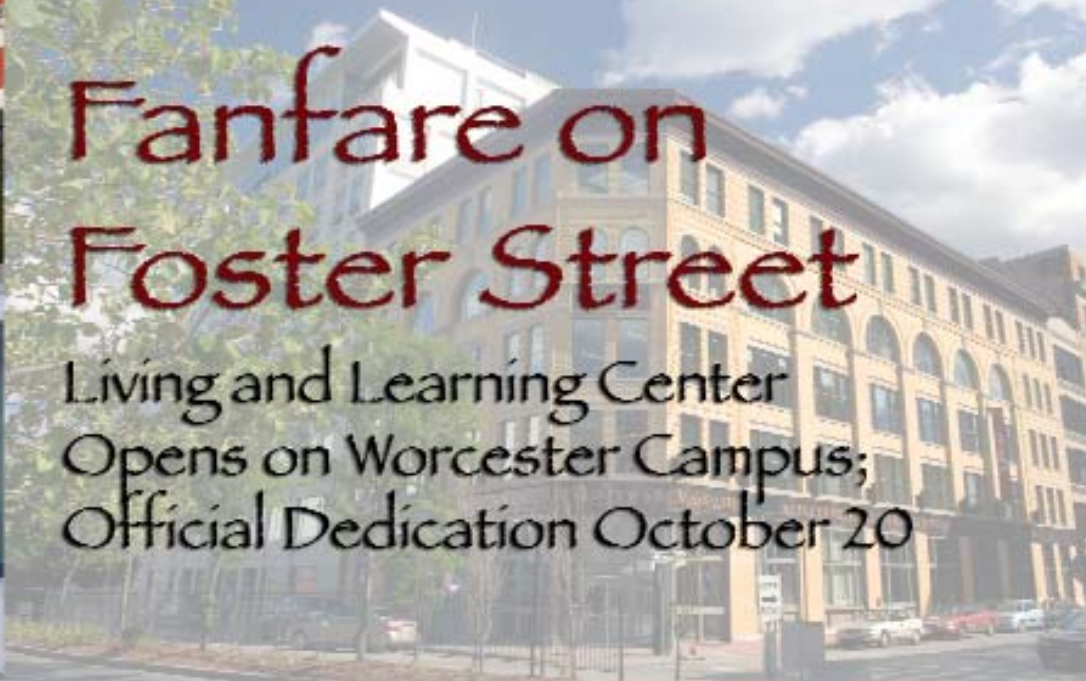
- ▶ eight operatories with conventional and digital radiologic imaging technology;
- ▶ four of the operatories in the radiology suite feature dedicated equipment within private imaging rooms;
- ▶ a 12-station dental materials laboratory with computerized instructors' station and six networked video monitors;
- ▶ an office for the manager of daily clinic operations;
- ▶ five instructors' stations equipped with computers and monitors; and
- ▶ a sterilization area, darkroom, dispensary and viewing room.

Located outside the clinic but near the clinical treatment area, is a suite of private offices for full-time FDHP faculty members, including an office suite for the director, shared offices for adjunct clinical instructors and supervising dentists, which allow for consultation and collaboration among students and faculty.



Fanfare on Foster Street

Living and Learning Center Opens on Worcester Campus; Official Dedication October 20



Downtown Worcester will never be the same. The opening of the \$20 million Living and Learning Center adjacent to the Henrietta DeBenedictis Building is ushering in a new academic era for the College and helping to launch an economic boom for the city.

“The building is wonderful,” says Michael J. Malloy, dean, School of Pharmacy–Worcester. “They’ve done an excellence job. It’s definitely 21st century.”

Most importantly, the new building will allow the College to expand its academic programs; the 16-month Bachelor of Science in Nursing, which begins in Worcester in January 2006, joins the accelerated PharmD program. The College is also considering bringing other health sciences programs to Worcester as well, although a final decision has yet to be made.

The nine-story building, once called the Graphic Arts Building, was renovated in high style and in record time. In addition to five floors of apartment-style residences for 175 students, there are two floors for new classrooms, faculty offices, and conference rooms. A portion of the street level is leased to Honey Farms, a convenience store. The ninth floor features a spacious conference center with dramatic views of the city.

The new building has expanded space for MassMedLine, the College’s toll-free prescription information center that dispenses advice regarding medication plans for elderly and under-served Massachusetts residents.

For now, the fanfare is focused on the students who have moved into the freshly



Painted apartments with their fine cabinetry and free, high-speed Internet access. The official dedication of the building was October 20. “Students have every amenity,” says Malloy. “Everything I’ve heard has been very complimentary.”

A graduate of Ohio State University with a BS in pharmaceutical sciences, Theresa Morrow PharmD ’07 is a residential assistant (RA) in the Living and Learning Center. She moved from an apartment in Worcester the week before classes began. Active in the Student Government Association, the Black Student Union, and on the Curriculum Committee, she is thrilled with the convenient location. “Students

will be able to get up, get dressed, and get to class,” she says. “In the wintertime, it’ll be so much easier.”

All the suites are furnished with beds, couches, desks, and table and chairs for the kitchen area. “When you come all the way to Massachusetts, you don’t want to worry about furniture,” says Theresa, who is from Ohio. “Having everything ready takes a major load off your mind.”

Victoria McGee PharmD ’07, a graduate of Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va., says “The proximity to the school is great; it’s a lot better than where I was staying, and the free Internet access makes it easier to conduct research and study.” ■

The Power of **One**

Seek Out Opportunities for Meaningful Changes to Health Care

Michel Coutu, president and CEO, The Jean Coutu Group USA, owner of the Brooks pharmacy chain, urged the graduates at the 137th Commencement to believe in their ability to make a difference.

“Look for opportunities to improve the delivery of services in whatever setting you find yourself,” he said. “Remember that in the long run, the most meaningful changes to the health professions will come from you—the physician assistants, nuclear medicine technologists, pharmacists and

other practitioners who are the heart of our health care delivery system.”

According to Coutu, the opportunities to make a difference are numerous: Unprecedented growth, opportunity and endless possibilities exist to enhance the quality of life of patients everywhere, thanks to new developments in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease, and the promotion of wellness. In therapeutic treatment and disease state management, for example, a whole new generation of medications will be tailor-made for the genetic makeup of each patient. But, ultimately, the responsi-

bility rests with each health care professional on how those services are delivered.

Understand Your Patients

“The difference between a good health care professional and a great one is someone who understands his patient, who goes beyond providing the proper therapeutic treatment or intervention,” he said. “It is someone who tries to make his patient feel good about himself, feel confident. This is a great health care professional.”

President Charles F. Monahan Jr. BSP '62 awarded Coutu an honorary degree for his outstanding achievement in the promotion of community pharmacy, his leadership in advancing the professional development of pharmacists, and his support of innovative client services such as patient consultation rooms. He was also cited for his longstanding support of the College sponsoring scholarships, student activities, and continuing education programs.

The President introduced Coutu and mentioned the company's successful venture into the health care industry. In 1994, it bought 220 Brooks Pharmacies; in 2002 it purchased the Osco Drug stores; and in 2004, more than 1,500 Eckerd Pharmacy stores. Today it operates 1,900 stores in 18 states with 46,000 employees and revenues of \$1.75 billion.

First Honor Graduates

- Vivianne Martine Sambour BSPHS '05, School of Arts and Sciences
- Susan E. Richmond MSPA '05, School of Health Sciences
- Elizabeth G. Magnarelli PharmD '05, School of Pharmacy

School of Arts and Sciences

- Bachelor of Science in Health Psychology 7
- Bachelor of Science in Chemistry 3
- Bachelor of Science in Premedical Studies 4

School of Health Sciences

- Certificate in Dental Hygiene 11
- Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene 11
- Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene 16
- Bachelor of Science in Health Science 27
- Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Science 8
- Associate of Science in Nuclear Medicine 3
- Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (Boston) 38

School of Pharmacy—Boston

- Doctor of Pharmacy 203
- Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Management 6
- Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences 8

School of Pharmacy—Worcester

- Doctor of Pharmacy 8

Division of Graduate Studies

- Master of Science in Drug Regulatory Affairs and Health Policy 17
- Master of Science in Industrial Pharmacy 1
- Master of Science in Medicinal Chemistry 1
- Master of Science in Pharmacology 1
- Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial Pharmacy 1
- Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmacology 1

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Michel Coutu and President Monahan: Coutu, president and CEO of The Jean Coutu Group USA, received an honorary doctorate degree.





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The Power to Assist Those in Need

Coutu told the graduates that their education is accompanied by the “power to assist those in need,” and with that power comes the responsibility of professionalism at all times. That professionalism can be enhanced by life-long learning through many of the continuing education programs sponsored by the College. He spoke of his association with College and his company’s activism in government affairs, providing testimony on proposed

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Michel Coutu, President and CEO
The Jean Coutu Group USA

legislation and regulations that impact the health professions. “Our institutions have a common goal: crafting a better future for you, the professional health care graduates and the patients we serve,” he said.

Coutu briefly related his own professional trajectory, moving from Montreal, Canada to the United States to learn English and to earn a master’s degree in business administration, and later settling in

Professors Kosegarten & Williams Named Faculty Emeriti

Two respected professors, David C. Kosegarten, professor of pharmacology, and David A. Williams, professor of chemistry, retired after 31 and 38 years respectively at the College, and were named professors emeriti.

Kosegarten began his career at the College in 1974 and was made a full professor in 2001. He chaired the College’s Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee for more than 20 years. He is a recipient of the Trustees’ Award for Teaching Excellence, and a member of the Applied Research Ethics National Association, the American Association of Laboratory Animal Science, Scientists Center for Animal Welfare, and American Academy of Forensic Sciences. Most recently he was appointed to the Massachusetts Advisory Committee for the National Violent Death Reporting System.

Williams joined the faculty in 1969 and is a



Trustee Chair David L. Maher, David A. Williams, David C. Kosegarten, and President Monahan

former associate dean for graduate studies and chair of the chemistry math and physics departments. A past recipient of the Faculty Service Award, he also received the Alumni Association Board of Directors’ Award, Trustees’ Award for Excellent in Teaching, and the Phi Delta Chi Alumni Achievement Award. A fellow at the American Institute of Chemists and a member of the Phi Lambda Chi and Sigma Chi honor societies, he is the co-editor of the fourth and fifth editions of *Foye’s Principles of Medicinal Chemistry*.



Professors emeriti George Matelli and David C. Kosegarten

the United States permanently and opening the company’s first pharmacy in Western Massachusetts. “The harder you work, the luckier you get,” he said.

An education from the College opens the door to many career opportunities. He cited President Charles F. Monahan Jr. BSP ’62, a graduate of the College, for his vision and leadership in transforming the College into the largest U.S. pharmacy school, as well as the several senior executives at Brooks and Eckerd pharmacies who

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are alumni: David Morocco BSP '64, executive vice president of marking; Daniel C. Haron BSP '80, senior vice president of pharmacy; and David A. Sencabaugh BSP '80, senior director of pharmacy services.

STUDENT ADDRESS:

Defining the Profession

Preceding Coutu's speech, Sachin Shah PharmD '05 gave the student address, comparing the molding of students—their knowledge, their camaraderie at the College—to the Latin inscription on the U.S. penny: "Out of many, one."

"We've all come together from different backgrounds, different cultures, different states—and even different countries," he said. "This class that is truly one of kind. It's unique for what it has accomplished and what it will become."

Shah was a senior resident assistant, and a member of the Student Government Association, Indian Student Club, ASP-APhA, and Phi Lambda Sigma; he received a two-year cardiology fellowship at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, Conn.

"Let us not practice our profession to define our lives, but let us live our lives in such a way that it defines our profession."

Sachin Shah PharmD '05

He thanked family and friends of all the graduates as well as "the place that has fed our intellectual thirst."

"We are indebted to the faculty and staff for not only what you have taught us but the individual interest you took in our improvement," he said. "The extra time you took in molding us is truly appreciated."

He congratulated the graduates on their

Jennifer Goldman-Levine: Trustees' Award for Teaching Excellence

Jennifer Goldman-Levine BSP '90, PharmD '96, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, received the Trustees' Award for Teaching Excellence. She received a plaque and a \$5,000 check.

"I try to create an environment that promotes trust, decreases tension, and allows for active student participation in learning," she said. Her motto is "love what you do; teach by example."

She has presented her creative and innovative teaching techniques at the National Lilly Conference on Teaching. In 2002, she received the Preceptor of the Year Award from the College. She is a honorary member of Phi Lambda Sigma.

After thanking her husband and daughter, she offered some advice to the graduates: "remember your school, remember this day."



Karen Ryle BSP '85, MSRA '02 Awarded the College Medal

Karen M. Ryle BSP '85, MSRA '02, an MCPHS trustee and Alumni Association president, was awarded the College Medal for serving her alma mater selflessly as a student, adjunct faculty member, and graduate.



"My mentor David Morgan BSP '78 is here, and he taught me to have compassion for my patients and to make a positive difference in their lives," she said.

The president of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy, she is a member of the Boston Public Health Commission Committee on Safe Medication Use in the Elderly, Pharmacist National Response Team, National Disaster Medical Assistance Team of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and has served on numerous committees established by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. She is the co-founder of the innovative Clinical Center Pharmacy at Beth

Israel Deaconess Medical Center, co-owner of the Boston Medical Center Outpatient pharmacy, and manager of the Outpatient Pharmacy Services at Massachusetts General Hospital.



Sachin Shah PharmD '05 gave the student address.

common desire to be health professionals who are interested in making a difference and encouraged the graduates to continue their learning to be best health care providers, parents, and citizens.

"Let us not practice our profession to define our lives, but let us live our lives in such a way that it defines our profession," he said. ■



The Art of Healing

Health Sciences' Hooding and Awards Ceremony

Technology is a necessary component in health care but the one-on-one interaction between health care provider and patient is often the most important diagnostic tool, said Paula A. Johnson, MD, MPH, a leader in women's health and cardiology.

"The power of the human touch, be it a literal supportive hand on the shoulder, or an emotional connection with a patient and his or her family, is the most powerful instrument we have as medical providers," she said, calling the human touch the "art of healing."

Johnson spoke gave the keynote address at the School of Health Sciences' annual Hooding and Awards Ceremony, held at the Conference Center at Harvard Medical School, in May. Students completing the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies were hooded, undergraduate students in dental hygiene and in the radiologic sciences completing the clinical

phase of the of their programs were pinned, and students who achieved academic or clinical excellence received awards.

"In my years as a physician, I have seen the power of connection," she said. "It is taking the time, often only a few minutes, to understand what is really at the root of a patient's troubles from their perspective. It can be as simple as the way you transmit caring

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**Paula A. Johnson,
MD, PhD**

through brief encounters."

"...EKGs may detect abnormal heart rhythms but they are not so useful for discovering dangerous health behaviors like smoking or the root causes of stress," she continued. "Talking to patients to learn what is really wrong, holding their hands during a frightening moment, and providing company and comfort in times of loneliness and loss is healing."

She also discussed the interrelated work of health care providers and links between health problems. For example, studies show a relationship between periodontal disease and other health problems such as pre-term, low-birth-weight babies, and heart disease, and the racial and ethnic disparities in the health care system. Compounding these problems are the lack of health care services for low-income people, i.e. the uninsured and the underinsured who do not receive preventative care.

The award recipients were:

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Susan E. Richmond MSPA '05,
Student Achievement Award

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

Richmond, Academic Excellence Award

Cherry W. Choi MSPA '05,
Clinical Excellence Award

Richmond and Choi, Pi Alpha
Honor Society Inductees

Tori O. Hall MSPA '05, Natural
Medicines Comprehensive
Database Recognition Award

Mary P. Osborne MSPA '05,
White Coat Award

RADIOLOGIC SCIENCES

Lauren Rush BSRS '05,
Academic Excellence in Nuclear
Medicine Technology Award

Rush, Clinical Excellence in
Nuclear Medicine Technology
Award

Mariella Velasco BSRS '05,
Academic Excellence in Radiation
Therapy Award, and Clinical
Excellence in Radiation Therapy
Award

Stephanie Scipione BSRS '05,
Academic Excellence in
Radiography Award

Estevan Olazabal BSRS '05,
Clinical Excellence in Radiography
Award



FORSYTH DENTAL HYGIENE

Stacy M. Dodge BSDH '05,
Academic Excellence Award

Stephanie Martin ASDH '05,
Procter & Gamble Dental
Hygiene Professional Award in
Preventive Oral Health Care,
Dorothy K. Boudreau DH '30
Award, and Martha Nichols DH
'88 Memorial Scholarship

Nicole Johnson CDH '05,
Jane Greig Barth Award

Argiro Katsabiris CDH '05,
Colgate STAR Award

Jennifer Bearor CDH '05,
Oral B Excellence in Chairside
Education Award

Jackie Furnari BSDH '06,
Roberta Derris Memorial
Scholarship

Kristen Sullivan BSDH '06,
Hu-Friedy Clinical Excellence
Award

Nicole Strout BSDH '05,
Fourth-Year Leadership Award

Danielle Sullivan BSDH '07,
John W. Hein Memorial
Scholarship

Jill DeCosta ASDH '06, Louise
W. Hord DH '32 Book Award

Kristen Bowdrige ASDH '06
Isabel Kendrick DH '21 Award

Anne Powers ASDH '06,
Marilyn Hogan Thoreson
Memorial Award

Jessica Briceno CDH '05,
American Association of Public
Health Dentistry Award

President Charles F. Monahan Jr. BSP '62 welcomed and congratulated the students, as did Janis P. Bellack, PhD, RN, FAAN, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. Dean James D. Blagg Jr., PhD, FASAHP, School of Health Sciences, made the closing remarks before the reception that followed. ■

trust: The Key to a Successful Pharmacy Practice

Mary Anne Koda-Kimble, PharmD, Addresses Worcester Graduates, Their Families and Friends

Custom-made therapies to genetic specifications. Microscopic robots that deliver medicines directly to cells ravaged by disease. Portable electronic medical records controlled by patients. No matter what the future brings, a successful pharmacy practice is based on patients' trust, said Mary Anne Koda-Kimble, PharmD, dean of the School of Pharmacy at the University of California, San Francisco, in her MCPHS–Worcester Commencement address.

"We must always be vigilant to hold tight to our core professional values," said Koda-Kimble, who received an honorary degree. "All of these values center around trust."

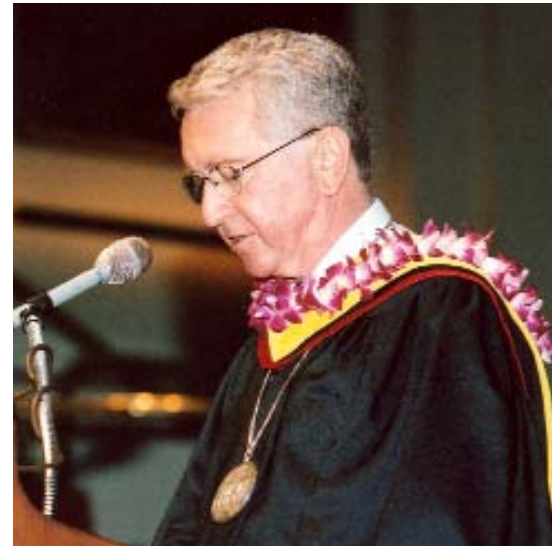
One hundred and eleven graduates from Hawaii, California, Florida, as well as Massachusetts, received their degrees at the third Worcester Commencement held in Mechanics Hall in Worcester. David L. Maher, chair of the Board of Trustees, called the Commencement to order, before turning over the duties to President Charles

F. Monahan BSP '62, who presided over the ceremony and presented Koda-Kimble with an honorary degree.

Competency, veracity, and caring must all be present to ensure patients' trust, she said. Pharmacists need to think critically about science with regard to patients' drug regimens, as well as use good judgment in applying the "right skills and knowledge in ways that will identify and solve patients' problems." Veracity—truthfulness—stems from intellectual rigor, impartiality, full disclosure, and integrity—in short, "doing the right thing."

"Your gut and your heart will tell you when you must act on what you know to be true and right," she said. "Don't ignore the whisperings."

It is the pharmacist's responsibility to discover the truth to ensure the best outcomes for patients, but this takes time and research because the truth can be complicated. And caring is a "core value" for all health professionals," although it is not

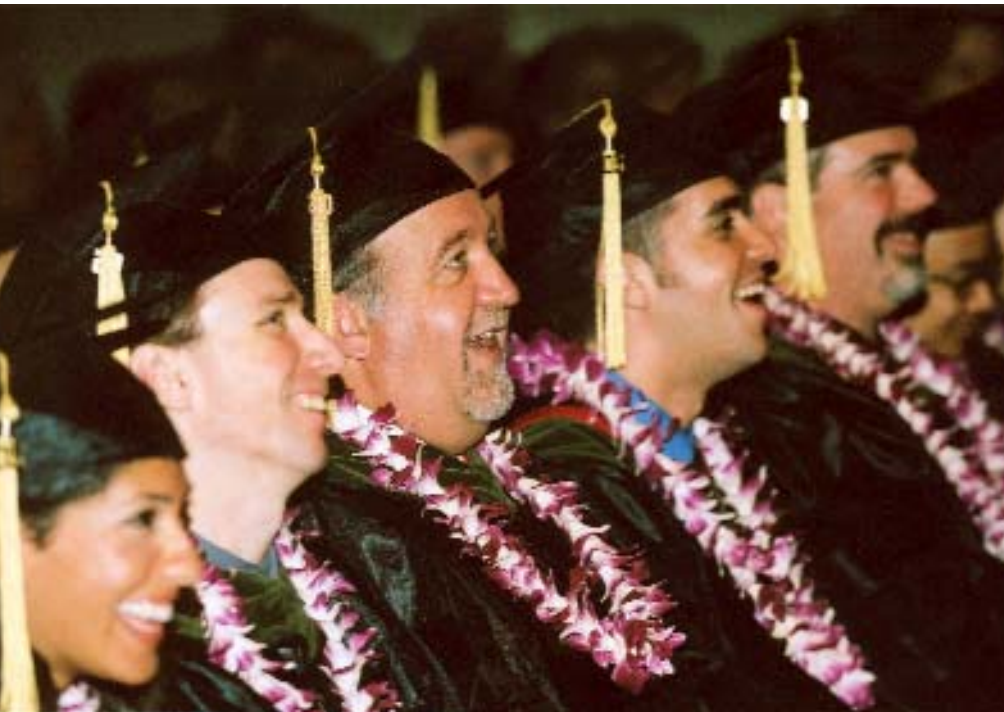


President Monahan presided over the ceremony.

always easy. She urged the graduates to view the situation through the eyes of patients. Most of all, she said the patients' goals must come first.

"I implore you to keep the patients' goals and wishes at the core of your professional caring and avoid the influence of your own morality on what is best for the patient... Trust is a precious commodity, especially in the health care professions," she said. "Work hard to develop and preserve it, for once it's lost, it's hard to recover."

Koda-Kimble received an honorary degree for her distinguished career in pharmacy, including her election to the Institute of Medicine, where she is one of only nine pharmacists. She is a member of the United States Pharmacopoeia Board of Trustees, and is a past president of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. She has received numerous awards, including the Daniel B. Smith Practice Excellence Award from the American Pharmaceutical Association, and was inducted into the California Pharmacists Association Hall of Fame. She is a co-editor of the *Handbook of Applied Therapeutics* and co-author of *Applied Therapeutics: The Clinical Use of Drugs*, two widely used textbooks.



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President Monahan also introduced Susan Farley Brodie PharmD '05, the First Honor Graduate. In her address, she noted that her classmates, who come from all around the United States, were embarking on varied career paths: retail, clinical, and residencies in such specialties as cardiology and toxicology to deepen their knowledge. "No matter which path we have chosen, there is a vast spectrum of opportunity available," she said. "We all share the same passion to learn and to help others under-

stand how drugs can help prevent, treat and cure disease."

The ever-changing practice of pharmacy, with its new drugs and information about different disease states will be challenging, but MCPHS graduates are well prepared to tackle the challenges of the future. "Our professors have done an excellent job of providing us with the foundation for continuing self-education and development," she said, and urged the graduates to keep pursuing "the challenge of learning." ■



Mary Anne Koda-Kimble



Susan Farley Brodie, First Honor Graduate

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Mary Anne Koda-Kimble, PharmD
Dean, School of Pharmacy
University of California, San Francisco

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— Susan Farley Brodie PharmD '05, First Honor Graduate



alumni associations

Alumni Reception at APhA

More than 120 alumni, students and faculty attended an alumni reception held in conjunction with the American Pharmaceutical Association's (APhA) annual meeting in Orlando, Fla. in April, where the MCPHS Academy of Student Pharmacists (ASP-APhA) Chapter was recognized with a plaque and monetary award for their hard work on Operation Diabetes and Heartburn Awareness, two disease-prevention and health promotion projects sponsored by ASP.

Dennis G. Lyons BSP '75, vice president for Institutional Advancement, brought greetings from President Charles F. Monahan Jr. BSP '62 and the Board of Trustees. Deans and faculty members from the campuses in Boston, Worcester, and Manchester, N.H. were also in attendance.

Alumni were treated to a video of the new Academic and Student Center in Boston and learned about the progress at both the Worcester and Manchester campuses.

The alumni reception at the APhA meeting is held annually. Mark your calendar for the 2006 APhA Annual Meeting in San Francisco from March 17-21,

This is an especially exciting time at MCPHS. President Charles Monahan has brought the College into a new era. The Academic and Student Center at the Boston Campus is nothing short of spectacular—alumni who have had the opportunity to see it are left speechless. In August the Worcester Campus welcomed its first resident students to the new residence suites in the Living and Learning Center at 25 Foster Street. At the dedication October 20, the excitement in the air was palpable. The College is certainly moving forward and making its mark on the future of the health care professions.

On behalf of the Alumni Association, I want to thank President Monahan for his leadership. He has taken our alma mater to unprecedented successes. He has ensured that the College is filled with capable leaders who are able to achieve great things. These faculty and staff members work to preserve the traditions of this prestigious institution and welcome new programs and members to our College community. We are proud to embrace the Forsyth Dental Hygiene program and more than 300 alumni and friends of both Forsyth and MCPHS were on hand to dedicate the Esther M. Wilkins Forsyth Dental Hygiene Clinic located on the first floor of the Boston campus.

The dental hygiene program is

2006. Visit the College's Web site www.mcphs.edu to check the alumni calendar for the time and location of the alumni and student reception in 2006.

In Full Swing

The Student Alumni Association (SAA) is back in action and ready to plan events that help to bridge the gap between students and alumni!

Last academic year, the SAA held numerous events for students and alumni. A Pumpkin-Gram sale sold more than 100 pumpkins that were given to

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From the MCPHS Alumni Association President

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only one of the health science programs that have added to the bright future of the College. Our programs in radiologic sciences, physician assistant studies, and nursing are growing. The School of Pharmacy has expanded to Manchester to join the physician assistant studies program that has been so successful to date.

President Monahan's vision, that we prepare health care professionals who will serve mankind and achieve excellence in all they do, is now a reality. He has been the College's greatest asset in securing the resources necessary to grow.

The College is alive with activity and learning. Our campuses in Boston, Worcester, and Manchester, N.H. are thriving with academic programs that bring the best facilities, faculty and experience available to students. As president of the Alumni

Association, I challenge you to become a part of the success.

We can all do something to honor the work of President Monahan and thank him for all he has done for the College:

If you have never contributed to the College, there is no better time than the present. Information is available on the Web site at www.mcphs.edu. Getting involved isn't only giving. Visit the merchandise page and show your school spirit by wearing alumni clothing. Volunteer to speak with students and share your experiences.

We are looking for volunteers, too! Call the alumni office (617.732.2902). Send in your news for Class Notes, and don't miss out on the alumni events and programs offered through the College.

—Stan Walczyk BSP '75
President, MCPHS Alumni Association



Student Alumni Association members Julie Chang, Mark Mandlsohn, Shweta Garg, and Kacey Goslin take a few moments to relax when they're not busy with SAA events.

Summer of Baseball a Homerun

More than 100 alumni, friends and their families, attended the first baseball game of the summer at Fenway Park in May. They arrived at the Student Lounge in the Fennell-Horio Building at MCPHS-Boston, which had been transformed into a replica of Yawkey Way, and joined their classmates for a dinner of hot dogs, sausages, cracker jacks and make-your-own ice cream sundaes. After dinner, the group boarded open-air trolleys to Fenway Park for the game. The rain held off, and the MCPHS crowd helped cheer on the Red Sox for a 7-2 win over Seattle. The crowd was elated, bringing home souvenirs, balloons and the thrill of a win!

Alumni and their families also participated in several minor league

baseball activities over the summer. In June, the group of more than 50 baseball fans traveled to Pawtucket, R.I. to watch the Pawtucket Red Sox play the Columbus Clippers. After a catered barbeque dinner at the park the group watched the game played by tomorrow's superstars. Rain caused a delay, but many of the guests toughed it out until the end.



In July, MCPHS fans traveled to Portland, Maine to meet up with fellow alumni from Maine and enjoyed a night at the Portland Seadogs ballpark. More than 50 alumni and friends snacked on beans, hot dogs and barbeque chicken, as they watched the Seadogs play the Akron Arrows.

In August, dedicated alumni visited Lowell, Mass. to see the Lowell Spinners play on their home turf and crush the Williamsport Crosscutters. The extravagant barbeque feast included steak tips, pulled pork and ribs.

On September 16, 100 Alumni gathered at the college to partake in a Yawkey Way spread of delicious fare and jumped on a bus headed to Fenway Park to celebrate the last home game of the MCPHS Summer of Baseball! After an hour-long rain delay, the Sox beat Oakland in extra innings!

To cap off the season, 50 alumni boarded a bus on September 24 for the eight-hour road trip to Baltimore's Camden Yard to watch the Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles. After a night at the Marriott in Balti-

more, the sleepy fans enjoyed the ride home to Boston by listening to the Patriots on the bus radio.

Join your classmates next summer at a baseball game! Contact the Alumni Office at 617.732.2902 or log on to www.mcphs.edu and the alumni page for continually updated information.

Hi Dawn,
Kemi and I would like to take a moment to thank you and your staff for such a wonderful job this weekend. This was our first time ever doing a road trip to a major city for a sporting event. We had so much fun going to Baltimore and of course the best part of the weekend was the Red Sox winning the game 4-3 against the Baltimore Orioles.

The movie selections on the bus were also wonderful, and we enjoyed every video and it certainly help pass the time.

Please keep us in mind for any future programs such as this the College may offer.

Sincerely,
Kemi & Rolf
Alphonse BSP '89



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the buyer's person of choice. Proceeds were donated to charity. The group also helped coordinate and judge the annual Gingerbread House contest sponsored by the Alumni Association in November and held a bake sale in the fall, all to benefit charity. In the spring, the students coordinated a career forum and invited two distinguished alumni to come and speak to the students. They also helped at the Reunion dinner in June and other alumni events throughout the summer.

Class of 2006 Pre-Graduation Celebrations

Come chat with members of the Class of 2006 at one or all of our celebrations!

They begin with a 6 p.m. reception followed by dinner at 7 p.m. This is a social gathering where alumni and staff offer their congratulations and brief words of advice. Prizes are raffled off to celebrate the occasion and each other's company. The dates for the Class of 2006 celebrations are:

- 42 Nights 'til Graduation for the Manchester Campus – November 4, 2005, Puritan Backroom, Manchester, N.H.

- 100 Nights 'til Graduation for the Boston Campus – February 9, 2005, The Inn at Longwood Medical, Longwood Avenue, Boston

- 100 Nights 'til Graduation for the Worcester Campus—March 8, 2006, Viva Bene, Commercial Street, Worcester, Mass.



The generosity of **Milton J. Swiatlowski** BS '51 and his wife, Judith, has been recognized with a plaque, held by Judith, that names a conference room in the Fennell-Iorio Building in their honor. After graduating from the College, Milton worked for Abbott Laboratories for nearly 40 years, beginning as a sales representative and moving up to district sales manager and manager of state government affairs. The Swiatlowskis reside in Madison, N.J. and Naples, Fla.

Come back to MCPHS and get involved!

Wheel of Careers

If you are interested in mentoring and/or in offering career advice to current students, we want you! Come and speak with students about your experiences in your profession. We are seeking graduates in all the health care disciplines: pharmacy, physician assistant, dental hygiene, radiologic sciences, nuclear medicine, nursing, pharmaceutical sciences, regulatory affairs, pharmaceutical marketing, premedical, health science, health communication, health psychology, and chemistry.

Wanted: Boston and Manchester Alumni

Can you spare a few hours for the Boston and Manchester campus Wheel of Careers program? These programs are offered at lunch time, lasting about 1-1/2 hours with box lunches served. We typically have two speakers who present for about 15-20 minutes each followed by a question-and-answer period.

Dates for the spring:

February 16, 2006

March 21, 2006

April 11, 2006

Worcester Alumni Speakers Needed Evening Panel

Can you spare a few hours in the evening for the Worcester campus Wheel of Careers program? This program is a panel discussion typically beginning at 6 p.m. Each presenter talks for 10-15 minutes, followed by a question-and-answer period.

Career Tools Seminar

Help prepare students to enter the workforce by discussing topics such as résumé writing, interviewing techniques, business etiquette, networking, the role of professional organizations and the changing horizon in the health care professions. Contact the Alumni Office for more details.

Get Together!

Looking for something to do on a Friday night? Trying to find a way to get all of your College buddies together? Look no further! The Alumni Office will help you make it happen. If you graduated in 1995 or later, and are interested in creating alumni events that are targeted to your age group and interests, contact the Alumni Office to become a part of the Recent Graduate Focus Group. This group will meet three times or less this year to brainstorm and devise a fun, exciting event that will be held in April 2006.



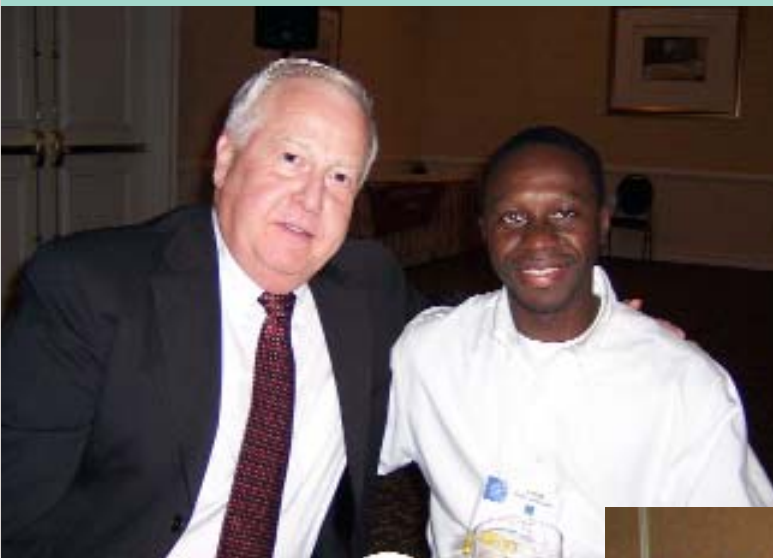
calling all Alumni...

For more information or to volunteer for any of the above mentioned programs, contact the Alumni Office at 617.732.2902 or email alumnievents@bos.mcphs.edu.

New Alumni Directory in the Works

MCPHS has selected Universal Publishing Corporation (UPC) to publish a revised and updated alumni directory in 2006. Watch the mail for more information. You can participate by completing and returning an information card. You also will receive a request for a voluntary contribution specifically to support the directory program. However, **you will receive a directory with or without the contribution simply by returning the completed information card.** Please note that this is **not** an Annual Fund contribution; voluntary donations to the alumni directory will support the program. Your response will ensure the directory's success. Distribution is scheduled for fall 2006.

Located in Bloomington, Ind., UPC specializes in the publication of high school, college and professional school directories nationwide.



Maine Alumni Reception

Ronald A. DeBellis BSP '67, associate professor of pharmacy practice and assistant to the dean MCPHS-Worcester, greets Peter E. Ogagan BSP '01, PharmD '03 of Portland, Maine at the 2005 Maine Pharmacy Association fall conference held at the Samoset Resort in Rockport.

Alumni and Student Reception at 2005 APHA Annual Meeting

MCPHS students joined Associate Dean Ronald A. DeBellis BSP '67, associate professor, MCPHS-Worcester, for a photo at the Alumni and Student Reception hosted by the College at the 2005 APHA annual meeting.



Forsyth News

Katherine (Lemoine) Pelullo DH '70, Jane (Robinson) Weiner DH '64 Honored at ADHA Meeting

During the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) annual meeting in June in Las Vegas, two Forsyth Dental Hygiene Program alumni were honored for their endeavors.

Katherine (Lemoine) Pelullo DH '70, a dental hygienist at Tufts Dental Facilities for Persons with Special Needs at the Fernald School in Waltham, Mass., received the ADHA Irene Newman Professional Achievement Award. The award, sponsored by Oral-



Kathy (Lemoine) Pelullo DH '70 with ADHA President Helena Gallant Tripp DH '65.

B Laboratories, recognizes a current ADHA member who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in advancing the art and science of dental hygiene. The award was pre-



Noel Paschke, educational director from Sonicare, presented Jane (Robinson) Weiner DH '64 with her award.

sented by ADHA President Helena Gallant Tripp DH '65. Kathy is a member of the Steering Committee for the Forsyth Dental Hygiene Program Campaign.

Jane (Robinson) Weiner DH '64 received the Philips Oral Healthcare and RDH Magazine Mentor of the Year Award. This award is presented to an exceptional dental hygienist who has

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motivated other dental hygienists and helped to develop and contribute to the profession. Jane travels throughout the country providing review courses for dental hygiene students. She is a much-valued presenter at the yearly Forsyth Dental Hygiene National Board Review, a four-day course held each January. She is an adjunct faculty member at NOVA Southeastern College of Dental Medicine in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. and the owner of Jane Weiner RDH, Board Reviews, Inc.

A reception was held at the Mandalay Bay Hotel for local MCPHS alums and those attending the ADHA meeting. Dawn Ballou and Patricia Crane Ramsay DH '66 from the Alumni Relations Office were in attendance and presented an overview of new additions to the Boston and Worcester campuses, as well as the new Esther M. Wilkins Forsyth Dental Hygiene Clinic.

"We were pleased to be able to bring a 'touch of Forsyth' to Libby (Kramer) Pudoloff DH '41 who now lives in Las Vegas," said Ramsay.

During the meeting, MCPHS Forsyth Dental Hygiene Program and Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals co-sponsored a continental breakfast for attendees, where many alumni and friends had the opportunity to meet and speak with the new program director, W. Gail Barnes RDH, PhD, and learn about the new programs being offered.

Campaign Kick-Off!

The Forsyth Dental Hygiene Program (FDHP) Campaign kicked off at the annual Alumni Association meeting during Reunion Weekend with a presentation by Patricia Crane Ramsay DH '66, director of Forsyth Alumni Programs, and Lonny Townley, MCPHS

director of development. Attendees also toured the dental hygiene clinic construction site. (See article on the new Esther M. Wilkins Forsyth Dental Hygiene Clinic on page 20.)

Forsyth Dental Hygiene Program alumni and several dentists who are MCPHS graduates are enthusiastically involved as members of the FDHP campaign steering committee and task forces. Dr. Wilkins serves as honorary co-chair and Anne Niemyski is the chair. Look for more news about the campaign in future mailings to alumni and friends.

FDHP campaign steering committee members:

Marian (Cardone) Clark DH '56
Mary Ann Cugini DH '72
Linda (Murphy) Dallamora DH '61
Janice (Kirkland) Dibble DH '68
Dr. Lawrence DiBona BSP '61, DDS
Mary (Cahoon) Dole DH '41
Dr. Catherine Hayes DH '80
Dr. Brian H. Miller BSP '69, DDS
Anne Marie (Tarullo) Niemyski DH '69
Lisa (Hurwitz) Panich DH '70
Katherine (Lemoine) Pelullo DH '70
Diane (Zack) Seigal DH '75
Gail Weisberg DH '74
Beverly (Panciera) Whitford DH '59
Dr. Esther Wilkins DH '39, DMD



Members of the Forsyth Class of 1965 at their 40th Reunion brunch.



Gail Weisberg DH '74 New Alumni President; M. Barbara Schulze DH '50 Receives Outstanding Alumni Award

At the Forsyth Alumni Association annual meeting at Reunion Weekend, Maureen (Welby) Tobiassen DH '78 (right) presented the Outstanding Alumni Award to M. Barbara Schulze DH '50 (left). Barbara, the first full professor at the Forsyth School for Dental Hygienists, mentored a multitude of graduates of the Forsyth program. A past president of the Alumni Association, Barbara served as chair of the Scholarship and Loan Committee for many years.

Gail Weisberg DH '74 was introduced as the new president and presented Tobiassen with a past-president's pin. President Charles F. Monahan Jr. welcomed alumni to the meeting and to MCPHS-Boston and discussed plans for the future of the dental hygiene program.



Join us as MCPHS hosts...
Alumni Night
with the
Boston Bruins!

Join your classmates and old friends as
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
celebrates the return of the Boston Bruins!

Saturday, January 21, 2006

Boston Bruins vs. New York Rangers

- 4 p.m. – “Comfort Food” dinner at MCPHS–Boston
179 Longwood Ave., Boston, Mass.
- 6 p.m. – Motorcoach ride to the Garden
- 7 p.m. – The puck drops!
After the game – Motorcoach back MCPHS

Tickets are \$55 per person and include the following:
Parking in the MCPHS underground garage, dinner,
motorcoach ride to and from the arena
and a ticket to the game.

YES! I would like _____ tickets to the Bruins game at \$55 per ticket.

Name _____ Class year _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

TOTAL: \$_____ Please make checks payable to MCPHS or fill out credit card information below.

___MC ___VISA ___AMEX ___DISC # _____

Exp. Date ____/____/____ Signature _____

Please return this order form to: MCPHS, Alumni Relations, 179 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA 02115
For more information, call the Alumni Office at 617.732.2902

Reunion Makes a Splash!

Three hundred alumni and their guests from as far away as Washington, D.C. and Ontario, Canada partied at the annual Alumni Reunion Weekend, enjoying a harbor history cruise, duck tours on the Charles River, dining and dancing at an elegant downtown hotel, and a jazz brunch at the College.

Alumni and their families met at Rowes Wharf on Friday night for a harbor history cruise and lobster bake aboard the M/V New Boston and dined on boiled lobster and boneless sirloin strips as they listened to stories of colonial Boston. Saturday was hot and sunny, and alumni cooled off on a duck tour of the city that included a breezy cruise on the Charles River. Saturday night was the big bash at the Copley Fairmont Plaza Hotel: the annual Reunion dinner. It was a night that was filled with laughter, dancing to the band, Code 51, excellent food, and a time to catch up with classmates. Alumni Recognition Awards were presented to David Williams BSP '60, MS '62, professor emeritus from the College and to Louis A. Imbriano Jr. BSP '65. (This award is presented to a graduate who has made a significant contribution to society and thereby has achieved a level of distinction that has brought honor to the College.) Dancing continued well past midnight.

Alumni enjoyed the music of the Arthur Simonelli Jazz trio at brunch at MCPHS–Boston on Sunday. Many Forsyth alumni attended, along with MCPHS grads. Many took student-led tours of the newly constructed Academic and Student Center, and the Esther M. Wilkins Forsyth Dental Hygiene Clinic. Guests dined on a large buffet of brunch foods to the sounds of the excellent jazz band. ■



Above: Anne Marie (Wilde) Santos '00

Bottom, from left: W. Barry Norton, David Edwards, William Lancaster, Ed Koplovsky and William Grace, class of '60; Joe '96 and Danna Ferullo pose for the camera.

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...and they said we couldn't dance!



Middle row: Members of the classes of '85 and '90; Jim DeVita '85, Jim Barbato (faculty honoree), Mazen Bissat '90, Jennifer Goldman-Levine '90, Nicole (Caroli) DeVita '90, Ottavio Tullini '85, Karen (Fredericks) Ryle '85, Phil Wizwer (faculty honoree); Inset: Members of the class of '65 let themselves be heard; Class of '55 (50th anniversary class): sitting: A. Walter MacEachern, George Connolly, Joseph Arrigo, Don Messina, Robert Cohen. Standing: Paul Krutt, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Peter Demro, Gloria Alvino, Robert Hehir, Shirley Copeland, Bill Birch, Richard Raczkowski, Edward Collins, Marie (Brunelle) Birch, Robert Cunningham, Francis Fosmire. Left: Bill and Marie Birch, both members of the 50th anniversary class.



From left: the Brauders '50 and the Brills '50 pose for a portrait.



Alex Carman, son of Irene (Czerniha) Carman and John Carman, both members of the 25th anniversary class, joined in.



Former Dean and Professor Doug Kay '53 and wife Dottie traveled from Maine to attend the festivities.



Professor Emeritus Raymond VanderWyk '37 (center) is joined by Professor Emeritus and Mrs. George Matelli.



Class of '80, 25th anniversary class. Kneeling: Paul Kheboian, Stephen Birch; First row: Steve Kershaw, Lynne Sylvia, Irene (Czerniha) Carman, Mary McCormick, Marylyn (Himes) Barnum, Kathryn (Schultz) Fulginiti, Laurie (McGowan) Dionne, Nicola (Taylor) Pyburne, Lucille (Dumouchel) Curry, Mary Agnew; Standing: Jack Reynolds, Bill MacArthur, Andrea (Walsh) Haron, Joan MacArthur, Thomas Carman, Bob Guanci, Deb Ptak, Marc Dulac, Frank Pignataro, Paul Mabey, Vincent Mainella, Tim Maher, Michael Curry, and Dan Haron



Louis A. Imbriano '65, a recipient of the Alumni Recognition Award.



Joseph Calomo BSP '95, PharmD '97 leads the Class of '95 in a rip-roaring cheer.

Reunion

Right: David A. Williams '60, received the Alumni Recognition Award.
 Far right: Members of the class of '55 cheered.
 Below, left to right: Donna Bartlett '95; President Monahan and Trustee Eileen Dumouchel BSP '54; all eight members of the Messina family celebrate with Dad, Don Messina '55.



Forsyth Alumni renewed old friendships at the MCPHS Reunion Weekend. They enjoyed the lobster cruise, duck tours, the dinner dance, and the jazz brunch. Above, the Forsyth Class of '45 celebrate together at the Annual Alumni Brunch.

The Forsyth class of '65 had the largest turnout with 23 in attendance at the Alumni Brunch. Class members who attended the Reunion dinner (seated): Janet Selwitz-Segal, Eleesa (Magno) Sibley, Susan (Hurst) Hodgson. Standing: Sandra Warren-Sangster, Judith (Hehiri) Donnellan, Palma (Zordan) Spunt, Maryellen (Lewis) Letarte, Judith (Phyllis Bower) Nourse.

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1927

Delia (Soldani) Naumann PhG of Revere, Mass. celebrated her 100th birthday on November 4, 2004. She was the first practicing female pharmacist in East Boston where she worked in a family-owned drug store.

1930

Rose (Sorin) Rubin PhG lives in West Palm Beach, Fla. with husband Sidney. They have three grown children.

1940

Paul C. Kaufman BSP lives in Houston, Texas with wife Bernice. He left the U.S. Army Medical Service after 28 years and worked as a hospital administrator in Texas for 20 years but has since retired. He is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Irving Henry Stepnner BSP lives in Boynton Beach, Fla. with wife Ruth. They have two grown daughters. Irving was president of the Lynn Druggists' Association and the Medford Pharmacy Society, and director of the Massachusetts Pharmacists Association.

James Zographos BSP lives in Westboro, Mass. and is active in the Worcester chapter of American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA). He has three grown daughters.

1945

Ruth M. (Sheldon) Bodurtha BSP lives in New London, N.H. with husband Frank. Ruth is involved in land conservation and is the secretary for the New London Garden Club. She has enjoyed traveling to destinations in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and the Middle East.

Helen Ruth (Levin) Isenman DH Forsyth lives in Portland, Maine and was an active member of many community organizations over the years. She has two children and two grandchildren.

Priscilla A. (Mauch) Gillespie DH Forsyth lives in Boothbay Harbor, Maine with husband Charles. They have two grown children.

Priscilla Ruth (Lightbown) Milliken DH Forsyth of Homosassa, Fla. is retired. She has a grown son, Mark.

Polly Jean (Gerrish) Walker DH Forsyth and husband Kennard live in Dover, N.H. They have three grown children. Polly fills her time with computer courses, volunteer work, concerts and plays. She is involved in the Women's Club Mayflower Society and in Daughters of the American Revolution.

1950

Sumner B. Bladd BSP of Seminole, Fla. is a staff pharmacist at Pharmacia. He has three grown children and volunteers at a middle school teaching history.

Robert F. Brawdgers BSP lives in Springfield, Mass. with wife Virginia Claire. They have seven grown children.

Haskell Bronstein BSP lives in Auburndale, Mass. He has two grown sons. Relatives who graduated from MCPHS are **Harry Bronstein** BSP '50 and **Simon Bronstein** BSP '50. Haskell worked at the Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington D.C. from 1966-1983.

Albert E. Buckpitt BSP of Marco Island, Fla. is retired and has four grown sons.

Mary Theresa Carvalho DH Forsyth of Fall River, Mass., now retired, was awarded the Ursula Larus Citation in 2002 at the annual Alumnae Weekend at the College of New Rochelle for outstanding leadership.

Joyce A. (Swartz) Goodman DH Forsyth lives in Natick, Mass. She has three grown children.

William M. Leavitt BSP and wife Carol live in West Dennis, Mass. They have four grown children. William received his DMD from Tufts in 1958 and is a member of the Academy of General Dentistry and the International College of Dentists.

Jacob I. Silverstein BSP lives in Palm Beach, Fla. with wife Inez. They have four grown children.

1955

Gloria D. Alvino BSP lives in North Redington Beach, Fla. She is an ordained minister and founder of Heart to Heart Associates. She received a master's in health and human services in 1992.

Patricia Alayne (Scott) Carey DH Forsyth is retired. She and husband Richard live in Franklin, Mass. and have two grown children.

George H. Connolly BSP lives in Hamilton, Mass. with wife Natalie. They have six grown children. MCPHS alumni relatives are the Rev. **Henry Gagnon** BSP '52 and **James Campbell** BSP '57. George is director of the Ipswich Cooperative Bank and a member of the Hamilton-Wenham Rotary Club.

The Very Rev. Fr. Peter C. Demro BSP lives in Ocala, Fla. with wife Diane. They have four grown children.

Gilbert S. Friedland BSP and wife Ida live in Boynton Beach, Fla. where he is a pharmacist for CVS. They have two grown children.

Constance H. (Hilton) Gerard DH Forsyth owns Gerard Farm with husband Arnie in Marshfield, Mass. They have three grown children.

Gail D. (Demoranville) Green DH Forsyth lives in Swansea, Mass. She has three grown daughters.

Suzanne E. (Rolissel) Heflin DH Forsyth lives in Methuen, Mass. with husband Wesley. She has a grown son and two grown step-children.

Eleanor Joy (Maslen) Johnson DH Forsyth and husband Roland live in New Port Richey, Fla. They have two grown children. A member of the Presbyterian Church, Eleanor is also involved in Amnesty International.

Joan M. (Doyle) McGinn DH Forsyth of Hingham, Mass. was named South Shore Dental Hygienist of the year in 2004. She is a eucharistic minister at St. Paul's Parish, does volunteer work, and has four grown children.

Adelyn I. (Green) Segelman DH Forsyth is retired and lives in West Roxbury, Mass. with husband **Myron** BSP '54 and is active in her synagogue. They have two children and five grandchildren.

Barbara G. (Goldberg) Winnerman DH Forsyth lives with husband Norman in Danbury, Conn. They have two daughters and three grandchildren. Barbara has served as chair of the Robert S. Young Foundation for Jewish Culture for 10 years, and continues to be involved in various other associations and activities.

Patricia J. (Mis) Wood BSP lives in Hopedale, Mass. with husband Robert. They have a grown son, David. Patricia is treasurer for the Worcester County Women's Golf Association.

1960

Mae Elizabeth (Hashim) Atter DH Forsyth lives in Gardner, Mass. and has three grown sons. Mae is past president of the Wachusett District Dental Hygienists' Association and volunteers with a number of health organizations. She writes, "I lost my beloved husband, Sam, to can-

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BSDH/Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene
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PhG/Graduate in Pharmacy

From Rio to Rhode Island: David Morocco BSP '64, The Numbers Man at Brooks Pharmacy

It's all in the numbers.

David A. Morocco BSP '64, executive vice president of Marketing and Logistics for Brooks Pharmacy, played an integral role in the acquisition of Eckerd Drug Stores, a feat he attributes in part to a mathematics course once taught by Professor Mitchell Stoklosa PhG '32, PhC '34, ScD '69. In the undergraduate course, David learned how to estimate and compute outcomes. In one year's time, Brooks, owned by the Jean Coutu Group, increased in size from 330 pharmacy stores to approximately 1,900 stores, and in revenue from \$2 billion to \$10 billion annually.

"It's the greatest mathematics course in the world because I learned how to estimate answers," says David, calling Stoklosa, now professor emeritus, an "inspirational teacher." "The course should be taught in every school in the country...I use estimation all the time in my work."

Of course, at the time David didn't realize how the course, in which he learned techniques to gauge the relationship of one number to other numbers, would affect his future career.

After graduation, David joined the Peace Corps where he served as a health care worker in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and later hitchhiked his way through Argentina, Chile and Peru. David attended the University of Texas at Austin where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and toyed with the idea of pursuing a completely different career. He received a National Institute of Mental Health fellowship and studied at Brandeis University for a PhD.

Then he worked at Garb Drug Store in Newton and re-discovered his first love: interacting with patients. Garb was bought by Thayer Drugs and eventually he accepted a job in the Thayer corporate offices. In 1986, after a serendipitous meeting with the president and CEO of Brooks Pharmacy, outside a Washington, D.C. museum, he was recruited to join the Brooks corporate team. Later, in 1994, the 220 Brooks stores were purchased by Michel Coutu, president and CEO, and David joined the Brooks team and began a whole new adventure.

"For the first time I found my niche," he says. "...I could be a player in the area of negotiations. You have to wear many hats when you negotiate."

After two years of negotiations, the Brooks-Eckerd merger was completed on August 1, 2004, with the smaller company, Brooks, acquiring approximately 1,500 Eckerd stores, and



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increasing its presence from six New England states to 18 states in the north-east and mid-Atlantic. Brooks also purchased Eckerd's headquarters in Florida, and all key functions were incorporated into the Brooks' Warwick, R.I. offices.

Today, David still has an active pharmacy license, and credits the College for giving him the firm footing he needed to embark on his successful career.

"I've been blessed," he says. "I'm grateful to have great colleagues and bosses and to be recognized for the contributions I bring to the table."

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cer after his courageous five-year battle with the disease 10 years ago. I found happiness again with my significant other, Norman Hope."

Lynn M. (Stenal) Cone DH Forsyth and husband William live in York, Maine and have two grown children. Lynn volunteers at the Old York Historical Society and the International Women's Club of New England.

Therese (Hebert) Dargie BSP lives in Franklin, N.H. with husband L. Daniel Dargie. Relatives who graduated from MCPHS include Therese's sister-in-law **Elaine (Dargie) Pellegrini** BSP '60.

Robert M. Foresta BSP is retired. He and wife Barbara live in Chelsea, Mass.

Barbara M. (Chaban) Fox DH Forsyth and husband Richard live in Boynton Beach, Fla. They have two grown children.

Sandra Rochelle (Gersh) Gabriel BSP and husband **Allen** BSP '59 live in Fairfax, Va. and have two grown children. Relatives who graduated from the College include **Malcolm Gersh** BSP '64 and **Louie Goldfarb** PhG '29.

William James Lancaster BSP lives in New London, N.H. with wife Bette. They have four grown children.

Larry S. Magil BSP is supervising pharmacist at Rite Aid in Medina, N.Y. He and wife Shirley live in Tonawanda, N.Y. and have two grown children.

Carol Ann (Marcotte) McCormack DH Forsyth and husband Leo have four grown children and live in Naperville, Ill.

Suzanne E. (Morinville) McNally DH Forsyth lives in Apopka, Fla. with husband Richard. They have two grown children.

Suzanne is past president of the Rhode Island Dental Hygienists' Association and is also active in the Boy Scouts of America, Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA, and St. Vincent de Paul.

Rosemary H. (Coviello) Merlino BSP and husband Anthony live in Surprise, Ariz. and have two grown daughters. Relatives who graduated from MCPHS include Rosemary's father, **Vito Coviello** PhG '33. Rosemary is a volunteer at Del Webb Hospital and the Sons of Italy, and is president of Lady Putters.

Joan (Carroll) Powell DH Forsyth lives in Weymouth, Mass. and has four grown children. Joan is president of the South Shore Dental Hygienists' Association, secretary for the Massachusetts Dental Hygienists' Association, and she is on the board for Friends of Emergency Care of South Shore Hospital.

Robert J. Schollard BSP continues to work as a pharmacist at Miles Memorial Hospital in Waldoboro, Maine. He and wife Gwen have 10 grandchildren. Robert was a clinical associate professor at the University of North Carolina from 1988 to 1997, and associate professor at MCPHS from 1997 to 2003.

Nancy A. (Carpenter) Stover DH Forsyth and husband Richard of Sherborn, Mass. have

A Pioneer Dental Hygienist in Switzerland

Paula (Dion) Daeppen, UN Volunteer, Wins Service Award

Paula (Dion) Daeppen DH '70 Forsyth, a Switzerland resident for 30-plus years, has it all: wonderful family, a rewarding dental hygiene practice, and a volunteer position with the Federation of American Women's Club's Overseas (FAWCO) as a United Nations (UN) representative. Last spring she was thrilled to receive FAWCO's Circle of Honor for exceptional dedication and volunteer services in recognition of her overall involvement on U.S. and global issues.

"Volunteering is exciting, and I have met and worked with wonderful and incredible people," says Paula. "People who volunteer actually receive more than they give, and it is certainly rewarding as well as being fun."

Paula directs FAWCO's NetWorks, a malaria prevention program. Her goal is to supply insecticide-treated bed nets to some of the world's most vulnerable women and children. FAWCO is an accredited nongovernmental organization



Paula with son Christoph and husband Hans

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(NGO), and in 1997 was granted special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. Through FAWCO she sits on the U.N. Committee on the Status of Women, and the Special NGO Committee on Human Rights.

"Malaria is one of the world's great tragedies," she says. "Our dream is to supply 18,000 nets by March 2006, FAWCO's 75th birthday, to represent each of our members."

A FAWCO volunteer for the last 20 years, Paula is in the process of investigating programs and partners for the project, working closely with UNICEF and the World Health Organization. Despite the fact that malaria is preventable, controllable, and curable, the infection claims nearly 2.7 million people yearly. In sub-Saharan Africa, for example, 3,000 children under the age of 5 die every day from malaria.

Although she considers Switzerland home, Paula still celebrates Thanksgiving and the fourth of July and is active in the American community. "My friends are all nationalities, and I speak Swiss German as easily as English," she says. "I love my life here and I feel very privileged to be able to live in such a beautiful and safe country."

When Paula moved to Zurich, Switzerland with her new husband, Hans, in

1974, many of the dental hygiene pioneers in the country were either American or Dutch. (The first class of the Zurich Dental Hygiene School graduated in 1975). Confident about her skills, she read up on patient motivation and psychology and used her natural American friendliness to help build trust and to calm nervous first-time patients. She learned Swiss German quickly and often was the only hygienist in periodontal workshops with all dentists.

"I found I really enjoy the challenge of helping fearful patients relax and finding ways for them to overcome fear and pain," she said. "I started looking for relaxation tricks and using positive input to help my patients enjoy the process."

More than 30 years later, Paula works two days per week in a dental office; co-incidentally one of her co-workers is Maret Zadotti-Lukk DH '71 Forsyth, a former clinical instructor for radiology at the Zurich Dental Hygiene School. Paula is licensed to administer anesthesia, and dental hygiene is a highly respected health profession in this health-conscious country. She also worked in other offices in Geneva and Zurich, as well as at the University of Zurich Dental School, treating periodontal patients in the crown and bridge department.

"I'm convinced that the discipline and professionalism that was drilled into us at Forsyth contributed to my success in Switzerland," she says.

two grown children and two grandchildren. Nancy is involved in several organizations in Sherborn as well as the Thyroid Foundation of America.

Nerses J. Zeytoonian BSP lives in West Falmouth, Mass. where he is vice president and treasurer of a boutique, Europa Imports. He and wife Gladys have three grown children. Nerses is active in his church and his interests include writing, art, and music.

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1961
George A. Demeritt BSP of Middleton, Mass. writes, "I retired as vice president from the

Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in 2000 after 20 years in administration. Retirement didn't agree with me. In January of 2004 I re-entered the work force and was appointed the long-term care ombudsman director for the North Shore Elder Services, overseeing 43 nursing homes. Fortunately, I have kept my pharmacy license and attend many in-service programs which keep me current with geriatric medications."

1963
Dr. Clayton T. Shaw BSP of Garland, Texas was elected vice chief of staff of Mesquite Community Hospital for 2005.

1965
Bradford C. Adler BSP lives in Dracut, Mass. with wife Emily. They have four grown daughters.

Carole D. Bury DH Forsyth is a dental hygienist in Meriden, Conn.

Richard T. Connolly BSP and wife Judith live in South Easton, Mass. and have three grown children.

John G. Corcoran BSP lives in Everett, Mass. with wife Mary. They have two grown sons, and their first grandchild, Ellorie Rose, daughter of Michael and Johanna Corcoran, was born on October 5, 2005.

Toby Rhea (Turezky) Freedman DH Forsyth lives in Simi Valley, Calif. with her husband Robert. They have three grown children.

Ronald N. Guimond BSP is a retired program manager for the Gillette Company. He and wife Carole live in Melbourne, Fla. and have two grown children.

Louis A. Imbriano Jr. BSP lives in East Boston, Mass. with wife Patricia. They have two

grown children and five grandchildren. Louis is a member of the Dante Alighieri Pharmaceutical Association and the Boston Druggists Association, and he is deputy sheriff for Middlesex County.

Robert Kearney BSP lives in Woburn, Mass. with wife Sandra. They have four grown children and one grandchild. Relatives who attended MCPHS include **Jack Dempsey** BSP '66. Robert is involved with the Knights of Columbus and is a diabetes educator.

Mayer R. Mintz BSP and wife Iris live in Boynton Beach, Fla. and have two grown sons. Mayer writes that he "retired September 30, 2005 after 29 years of surgical practice at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital where I was chief of surgery the last 10 years."

Bruce M. Perry BSP lives in Aventura, Fla. with wife Louise. They have three grown daughters. Relatives who graduated from the College include Bruce's father, **Milton Perry** BSP '38.

John B. Robinson BSP and wife Patricia have six grown children and live in Hudson, N.H. John is chief pharmacist at Health South/St. Joseph's Rehab. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and serves as a eucharistic minister at St. Kathryn's.

Jan Selwitz-Segal DH Forsyth lives in Sarasota, Fla. with husband Bob. She volunteers at the Senior Friendship Center and was a contributor to *The Clerical Practice of the Dental Hygienist*, 9th Edition.

Donna M. (Fox) Sisitsky DH Forsyth and husband Mark live in Bethesda, Md. and have two grown sons. Donna is a volunteer at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and a member of the Washington Hebrew Congregation.

Paul J. Stec BSP lives in East Kingston, N.H. He has two grown daughters.

Harvey P. Tabachnick BSP of Needham, Mass. was awarded the pharmacy industry's highest honor, the Bowl of Hygieia, by the Massachusetts Pharmacists Association.

Helena (Gallant) Tripp DH Forsyth and husband Frederick live in Montgomery, Texas. They have two grown sons.

Elaine M. Westerlund DH Forsyth of Cambridge, Mass. is a psychologist and has her own practice. She is the co-founder of Incest Resources, Inc. and author of the award-winning book, *Women's Sexuality after Childhood Incest*.

Barbara E. (Cornaro) Wilson DH Forsyth of Jonesboro, Ga. writes, "My three children are older than I thought I would ever be! Corey is 35, Jason is 34, and Jessica is 30. I have three grandchildren—Sarah is 4, Katherine is 3, and Jack is 2. I still work two days a week in a family practice."

1969

Charles R. Young BSP, the executive director of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy, was elected to serve as treasurer of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) during the association's 101st meeting in May. Prior to the election, Chuck was completing the final year of his three-year term as a member of the NABP Executive Committee.

1970

Lauren Beverly (Johnson) Balekian BSP lives in Camarillo, Calif. with husband Avedis. They have three grown children. Lauren is director of pharmacy for interim services at Cardinal Health and a member of the Armenian Relief Society.

Mary C. (Turell) Hargreaves DH Forsyth and husband Steven live in Sumner, Maine and have three grown children. Mary is a dental hygienist at Cross Way Family Dental, as well as a singer/songwriter/performer, and is involved in various music organizations.

Elizabeth Baxter (Smith) Johnson DH Forsyth and husband Bruce live in Kennebunkport, Maine. They have a grown daughter, Libby. Relatives who attended Forsyth include Elizabeth's mother, **Elizabeth Baxter King Smith** DH '24 Forsyth.

Ronald Joseph LaVallee BSP lives in West Gardiner, Maine with wife Margaret. They have two grown children (twins).

Arthur J. Lawrence BSP was recently honored at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists mid-year clinical meeting held in Orlando, Fla. where he received the Board of Directors' Award of Honor for his advocacy on pharmacists' behalf as one of the top health policy-makers in the nation. A career officer of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, he currently serves as the acting principal deputy assistant secretary for health in the Department of Health and Human Services. He holds the rank of rear admiral and is an assistant surgeon general.



Arthur J. Lawrence BSP '70

William Raymond Letendre BSP and wife Lise live in Sugar Land, Texas with their three sons. Relatives who attended MCPHS include **Gerald Letendre** BSP '73. He has worked as an adjunct professor at universities across the country, and won the 2000 APhA Achievement Award and the 2004 Texas Pharmacy of the Year Award. William is currently vice president of Pharmacy Management Services at Professional Compounding Services of America (PCCA) in Houston.

Edward L. Lynsky BSP is pharmacy manager at Wal-Mart in Savannah, Ga. He and wife Gale have three sons.

John Miskinis BSP of South Yarmouth, Mass. is retired. He has two grown children. Relatives who graduated from MCPHS are his father, **Alphonse Miskinis** BSP '42, and his sister-in-law, **Claudia St. Louis** BSP '76.

Lisa S. (Hurwitz) Panich DH Forsyth lives in Marblehead, Mass. with husband Jerry and their two sons. Lisa is a professional relations specialist at DentaQuest Ventures, Inc. and is on the Parents Athletic Leadership Council for Brown University. Relatives who graduated from Forsyth include Lisa's sister, **Amy Hurwitz Goldstein** DH '85.

Howard A. Rosenberg BSP lives in Cherry Hill, N.J. with wife Janis. They have two grown daughters. Howard writes that he "retired from AstraZeneca after 30 years in the pharmacy industry." He is now principal of Pharma Consulting Services. Relatives who graduated from the College include Howard's uncle, **Samuel Rosenberg** BSP '37.

Debby Gail (Segal) Rosenfeld DH Forsyth and husband Edward live in Greenwood Village, Colo. and have two grown children. Debby volunteers for Advocates for Children.

Alan Edward Saunders BSP of Gilbertville, Mass. is director of pharmacy and materials at Wing Memorial Hospital. He has a daughter, Evelyn.

William A. Shapiro BSP lives in Worcester, Mass. with wife Sherry and their two children. William is a staff pharmacist at McKesson Medical Management.

William N. Shepard BSP and wife Michele of Feeding Hills, Mass. have a grown son, Eric. William is manager of Brooks Pharmacy in Agawam, and is past president of the West Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

Betty K. Szeto DH Forsyth lives in Wellesley, Mass. and is an account executive at Blue Cross Blue Shield in Boston. Betty is active on the committees for the Asian Task Force, the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, and the Silk Road Gala Fund Raiser.

John D. Tripodi BSP is president/CEO of Heritage Information Systems in Glen Allen, Va. John and wife Wilma have two grown children. Relatives who attended MCPHS include his nephew, **Jonathan Shea** BSP '97.

Linda M. (Nelson/Morrison) Wacholtz DH Forsyth lives in Boothbay, Maine with husband Theodore and their five children. Linda is executive director of Prevention Partners and is the present owner of Dental Phases Placement Service.

Jan Eileen Widdowson DH Forsyth lives in Rio Vista, Calif. where she mentors at a local grammar school.

Joseph G. Yered BSP lives in Thousand Oaks, Calif. with wife Maureen. They have two grown daughters. Relatives who graduated from the College are Joseph's brothers **James** BSP '79, **Louis** BSP '81, and **Paul** BSP '90.

Robert V. Zolnierz BSP and wife Suzanne live in Kingman, Ariz. where Robert is director of pharmacy services at KRMC. They have two grown children.

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1971

Dana W. Fickett BSP of Perry, Maine closed his pharmacy, Havey & Wilson, on April 26, 2005. The store had been in business for more than 100 years, but he said cuts in Medicaid reimbursement made it impossible to stay open. The *Calais Advertiser* stated, "Not only will the drug store be missed but so will Dana's presence."

1972

Michael Omar BSP moved to Glastonbury, Conn. when he changed jobs in June 2004. He is now pharmacy/operations manager for Chartwell Southern New England.

1973

Harold C. Hawthorne BSP of Wayne, N.J. writes that he “retired from Hoffman-LaRoche after 30 years of service.” He now works at BASF Corporation. His daughter, Hara, is attending College of New Jersey, and his son, Ken, is at Morris County College.

1975

Shelagh D. (Donnelly) Finch DH Forsyth lives in Groton, Mass. with husband Stephen and their three children. Shelagh is a dental hygienist at Associates in Dentistry in Lowell, Mass. and teaches religious education at her church.

Orasa M. Garland BSP is pharmacy manager at Rite Aid in Washington D.C. She and husband Tony have two grown children. Orasa received a master’s degree in public health from Loma Linda University in California.

Ann Jane (Banios) Kemon DH Forsyth lives in White River Junction, Vt. with husband Kenneth and their two children, Matthew and Allison. Ann Jane is a dental hygienist, volunteers at the Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and is president of the Dothan Brook School PTA.

Frederick F. Meloy Jr. BSP and wife Kathleen live in Arlington, Mass. They have three grown children. Frederick works for Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates in Medford.

Laurie (McIntosh) Nichols DH Forsyth is a speech language pathologist for the Attleboro Public Schools in Attleboro, Mass. She and husband William live in Rumford, R.I. and have three grown children. Relatives who attended Forsyth include Laurie’s mother **Roslyn Parker McIntosh** DH ’40 Forsyth.

Dilip K. Patel BSP lives in Wellesley, Mass. with wife Bhavini. They have two grown children. Dilip is vice president of pharmacy affairs at CutisPharma Inc. in Beverly.

Jay Rocheleau BSP of Wilmington, Del. writes that he “recently participated in Operation Diamond Shield, the test of the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) plans for receiving, staging, managing and distributing the federal Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) in the event of a bio-terrorism or bio-hazard event. Jay is the Exanta Brand business partner for AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals.”

Diane (Zack) Seigal DH Forsyth and husband Michael live in Yarmouthport, Mass. Diane is president of RDH Temps Inc. and has a daughter, Amanda, and a step-son, Ben.

1977

David W. Tower BSP of Alton, N.H. was recently named president of Huggins Hospital in Wolfeboro, N.H. David had been the hospital’s chief operating officer since 2001.

1978

Barbara McGuire DH Forsyth of Virginia Beach, Va. recently changed her name back to Chervanik.

1979

Joanne Dunphy Lewis DH Forsyth lives in Laurel, Md. with husband Mark. Joanne writes, “I’m currently working part time with a dental consulting firm and two local orthodontists in a marketing capacity—my dental hygiene experience and knowledge are very useful for this job.”

1980

Valerie T. Akins DH Forsyth of Hyde Park, Mass. has three grown children and six grandchildren. Valerie is a dental hygienist at the Whittier St. Health Center in Roxbury, Mass. where she is preceptor for Forsyth students.

Michael Joseph Ayotte BSP is director of government affairs at CVS in Richmond, Va. He and wife Palema live in Midlothian, Va. and have two grown sons. Michael is a member of the Virginia Board of Pharmacy, a past chair of the Virginia Association of Chain Drug Stores, and is on the board of directors of several retail associations.

Robin A. (Benza) Balboni DH Forsyth and husband Robert live in Farmington, Conn. with their two children, Lauren and Scott.

Susan (DiMaria) Bash DH Forsyth lives in North Reading, Mass. with husband Robert and their two daughters, Jennifer and Julie.

Rosemary (Mercuri) Dickinson BSP and husband Scott live in Methuen, Mass. with their two children, Rebecca and Benjamin. Rosemary writes, “I’m quite involved with quilting, especially for charity, and I actually teach classes. Most of the time, my free time is taken up by my children with all their activities!”

Laurie A. (McGowan) Dionne BSP is a staff pharmacist at Walgreens in Katy, Texas. She and husband David have four children, and Laurie volunteers at career fairs and is an athletic booster at the high school.

Mary Driscoll-Hodgeson DH Forsyth is an oncology account specialist at Amgen, Inc. in Princeton Junction, N.J. where she lives with husband Robert and their daughter, Catherine.

Jennifer Lyn (Sgro) Dziadyk DH Forsyth and husband Michael live in Bristol, Conn. where Jennifer is a dental hygienist for Drs. Posner and Turkus. Jennifer and Michael have a grown son, James.

Maria Terri (Pereira) Evans DH Forsyth is a dental hygienist in Hurst, Texas. She and husband Stan have two daughters. Maria volunteers at St. John the Apostle School and is an active member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

Cheryl A. Happnie DH Forsyth of Mansfield, Mass. writes, “I have been in remission for 19 years from Hodgkin’s Disease. Just completed therapy for colorectal cancer...and still working full time!”

C. Daniel Haron BSP and wife Mary live in Warwick, R.I. where he is senior vice president of Eckerd and Brooks Pharmacy. Relatives who graduated from MCPHS are Daniel’s aunt **Eliz-**

abeth (Rice) Goulston BSP ’56 and his uncle **Paul Goulston** BSP ’59.

Victor Ho BSP of Newport News, Va. graduated on December 18 with his PharmD from the Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy at Shenandoah University.

Dovid C. Kashnow BSP and wife Esther live in Brighton, Mass. and have four children. Dovid is director of information technology at Imperial Distributors in Auburn, is on the New England Hebrew Academy Board of Directors, and is the chairman of Chabad Synagogue, Brighton’s synagogue committee.

Dale H. (Headley) Labrecque BSP, husband Gerard, and their six children live in Staunton, Va. where Dale is a pharmacist at the Medicine Shoppe.

Jane Frances (Borkowski) Link DH Forsyth lives in Terryville, Conn. with husband Kurt and their two children. Jane is a dental hygienist in Bristol, Conn.

Vincent A. Mainella BSP is vice president of pharmacy at Price Chopper Supermarket in Schenectady, N.Y. Vincent and wife Christine live in Saratoga Springs. They have three sons, one of whom is currently attending MCPHS.

Deborah L. (Antonucci) McCarthy DH Forsyth and husband William have two grown sons and live in Ipswich, Mass. where Deborah works as a dental hygienist.

Jacqueline (Rodrigues) Mellyn BSP lives in Mesa, Ariz. with husband William and their two daughters, Sarah and Emily. Jacqueline is a staff pharmacist at Fry’s Marketplace and writes that “occasionally I have spoken at community and church groups on pharmacy and tips on preventing illness, as well as on herbs and nutrition.”

Diane (O’Grady) Ogasian DH Forsyth lives in Lynn, Mass. where she is a dental hygienist. She and husband John have a daughter, Jennifer.

Robin Leigh (Juit) Omar DH Forsyth lives in Brockton, Mass. with husband John. Robin is a dental hygienist at Pediatric Dental Health Care in North Attleboro, Mass., a member of the RDH study group at Norwood Hospital, and does charity work with the Fellowship Christian Academy.

Denise Marie (Leger) Payette BSP lives in Townsend, Mass. and is a supervisor at Health Alliance in Fitchburg. She has three children. Relatives who graduated from the College include her late husband **Marc Payette** BSP ’80.

Diana Mae (Lucy) Pelosi BSP and husband Brian live in Portland, Maine where Diana is a clinical pharmacist at New England Life Care. She has two grown children.

Ronald A. Provencher BSP, wife Jody, and four children live in Harleysville, Pa. Ronald received his Master of Divinity from Biblical Theological Seminary, and he is an ordained minister and a seminary instructor at Bethel University. He is currently pharmacy manager at K-Mart in Phoenixville, Pa.

1981

Joel L. Greene BSP of Boca Raton, Fla. writes, "I am the pharmacy manager at Florida Atlantic University's Student Health Services located in Boca Raton, Fla., and my wife Merrie and I are looking forward to our son Shane's bar mitzvah this summer. Also, I am in heaven since the Red Sox won the World Series in October."

1985

Ruth N. (Tanguay) Abi-Kheirs BSP lives in Hanover, Mass. with husband Paul and their three children. Ruth is the pharmacy manager at Brooks Pharmacy in Marshfield, Mass.

Annamarie Theresa (Fiore) Arvanites BSP and husband James have a daughter, Christina, and live in Cranston, R.I. where Annmarie is co-owner/vice president of Rx Compounding Specialists of Rhode Island. Relatives who graduated from MCPHS include her brother, **James Fiore** BSP '96.

Diana Backlund BSP and husband Noel Armstrong live in South Windsor, Conn. Diana is a pharmacy manager at Arrow Pharmacy and Nutrition in Middletown, Conn. and is the preceptor for the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy.

William Austin Barrows BSC is chief pharmacist at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates in Wellesley, Mass. He and wife Marie live in North Reading, Mass. with their two children.

Carlo A. Bertazzoni BSP and wife Debbie live in Burlington, Mass. Carlo is a senior pharmacist at Theatre Pharmacy in Lexington and was voted No. 1 Pharmacist in Lexington by *Readers' Choice* in 1998. He is also a Revolutionary War re-enactor and appeared in the PBS American Experience Program, "Patriots' Day," in April 2004.

Maha G. Boutros DH Forsyth lives in Concord, Mass. with husband Sameh and their son Anthony. Maha earned her DMD from Boston University in 1995 and owns a practice in Chelmsford.

Stephanie N. (Davidson) Doyle DH Forsyth, husband Ken, and their children live in Woburn, Mass. Stephanie is a dental hygienist in Chelsea.

Ken R. Einhorn BSP and wife Martine live in Pewaukee, Wis. and have two daughters. Ken is director of generic pharmaceuticals at The F. Dohmen Company in Germantown, Wis.

Michael S. Forman BSP and wife Rona live in Aberdeen, S.D. with their two daughters. Michael is a regional pharmacy consultant for the U.S. Public Health Service.

Gary Louis Fusco BSP lives in Stafford Springs, Conn. where he is a medical liaison for Novo Nordisk, Inc. Gary completed his American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) residency in hospital pharmacy at Hartford Hospital and graduated in 1986.

Amy Beth (Hurwitz) Goldstein DH Forsyth lives in Needham, Mass. with husband

Donna M. (Bucher) Horn BSP '83 Receives NABP President's Award

Donna M. (Bucher) Horn BSP '83 is the chairperson of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) Executive Committee. She is the immediate past president of the NABP and received the President's Award at the NABP annual meeting in May.

"It has been an exciting year serving as your president," she said in her speech, "and I am uplifted and proud at what NABP can accomplish with, and for, its members."

During her tenure, programs were expanded and new initiatives were developed aimed at her goals of continuing NABP's patient safety focus, exploring ways to reduce medication errors in community pharmacy practice, and curbing the incidence of counterfeit drugs in the medical distribution system. The programs launched included the Verified-Accredited Wholesale Distributors program and the Pharmacist Self-Assessment Mechanism, a component of the Continuing Professional Development program. She also helped establish the Task Force to Develop Recommendations to Best Reduce Medication Errors in Community Pharmacy Practice

Donna is the manager of regulatory affairs for Brooks Pharmacy in Warwick, R.I. She is also a member of the Institute for Safe Medication Practices, Massachusetts Pharmacists Association, American Pharmacists Association, and Boston Druggists Association.

Eric and their three sons. Amy is a dental hygienist in Watertown. Relatives who graduated from Forsyth include her sister, **Lisa Panich** DH '70 Forsyth.

Stuart Tilman Haines BSP lives in Baltimore, Md. where he is a professor and vice chair at the University of Maryland. Stuart is also on the Board of Regents of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy and was named a distinguished educator by the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy.

Elisa B. (Gilson) Hertel BSP and husband Mark live in Andover, Mass. with their two children. Lisa enjoys running science fiction conventions with the Mother Connection.

Nancy (Kiehl) Hillman DH Forsyth lives in Vermilion, Ohio with husband Paul and their two children. Nancy writes, "I teach radiology courses for dental assistants earning a license to take radiographs. I'm also an instructor for Anna Pattison around the U.S."

Christopher L. Martin BSP, wife Caroline, and their two children live in Milford, Conn. Christopher received his MBA in Health Care Management from Quinnipiac University in 1994 and is currently a pharmacist at Veterans Administration Medical Center in West Haven, Conn.

Gail L. (Pflomm) McCallum BSP and husband Bill live in Danvers, Mass. with their two children. Gail is a staff pharmacist at Conley's Drug Store in Ipswich.

Gregory A. Sabak BSP lives is a staff pharmacist at the Louis A. Johnson V.A. Medical Center in Clarksburg, W.Va. He lives in Farmington, W.Va. with wife Tina and their two children.

Altaf A. Shamji BSP is a marketing director at Bristol Myers Squibb in Princeton, N.J. Relatives who graduated from the College include his brother, **Munaf Shamji** BSP '88.

Jonathan Alan Speicher BSP lives in Trumbull, Conn. He is the owner of Weston Pharmacy in Weston, Conn.

Michele C. Valerio-Rivera DH Forsyth and husband Paul live in West Haven, Conn. with their two children. Michele is a clinical manager and a dental hygienist at Comfortable Care in Milford, Conn. and has participated with Smiles for Life for four years.

Sandra A. (Roy) Goddard BSP lives in Nashua, N.H. with husband Rand and their two daughters. Sandra is a staff pharmacist at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, N.H.

Jeffrey Paul Lannigan BSP is director of pharmacy at Bayfront Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla. He lives in Seminole with wife Tracey and their two children. Jeffrey received his PharmD from Nova Southeastern in July of 2004.

Mary Lisa Ryan-Roach BSP and her three daughters live in Plymouth, Mass. where Mary is a staff pharmacist at Jordan Hospital Pharmacy. She writes that she "participated as a pharmacy representative on a CD-ROM to be used in public schools in Massachusetts."

Shawn M. Warshauer BSP lives in Swansea, Mass. with wife Sandra and their son Shawn Jr. Shawn is a pharmacist at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, R.I.

1990

Eric S. Balotin BSP, wife Theresa, and their three children live in Jamesville, N.Y. Eric is the director of pharmacy at Upstate Homecare in Syracuse, N.Y. Relatives who graduated from MCPHS include **Joel Balotin** BSP '82.

Todd R. Baptista BSP lives in Westport, Mass. with wife Kristen and their son Kyle. Todd is a consultant pharmacist at Omnicare of Massachusetts in Peabody, press representative for the NASCAR Seekonk Speedway, and an auto-racing columnist for the *Standard Times*, New Bedford, Mass. He also has written and published three books: *Group Harmony: Behind the Rhythm & the Blues* (1996), *Group Harmony: Echoes of the Rhythm & Blues Era* (2001), and *The Last of the Good Rocking Men* (2003). Relatives who graduated from the College include Todd's sister **Lynn (Baptista) Brouillard** BSP '92.

Lynne Marie (Mutter) Beaudry DH Forsyth lives in North Smithfield, R.I. with husband David and their two children. Lynne is a dental hygienist in Johnston, R.I.

Bridgette Ann (Brayton) Bedi DH Forsyth and husband Robin live in Huntley, Ill. with

Roots, Shoots, and Leaves: A Natural Pharmacy

When Legrand-Halbert Norvin II BSP '94 opened Pharmacy Lakaye (it means "wise man"), a pharmacy specializing in herbal remedies in 2000, he was following his family's natural path to wellness: his father is a doctor and his mother, a midwife. Today he has five clinics in his native Haiti, and he is a sought-after radio and TV speaker in the Massachusetts Haitian community.

"We have people coming from all over," says Legrand-Halbert, who hails from Ouanaminte, Haiti and speaks fluent Haitian Creole. "We are the best kept secret in Boston."

Legrand-Halbert, a student in the College's Non-Traditional PharmD program, and his wife Sherada, a graduate of Smith College, operate the natural pharmacy in the Hyde Park section of Boston and employ five people to help with patients who seek him out to relieve chronic symptoms from various maladies, for which he recommends a mix of herbal remedies and changes in lifestyle. Persons with acute illnesses are advised to seek traditional medical treatment.

A licensed pharmacist, he said he travels extensively to Paris and throughout North America to acquire the herbs. He hosts a home health TV show once a month on Channel 23, and speaks about the benefits of herbs on four different Haitian Creole radio stations.

"We rely on preventive medicine first," he says. "Ninety percent of the time their ailments are due to nutritional deficiencies."

His shop has huge glass jars with more than 100 herbs, including Jamaican dogwood, mug wort, chaste berry, dandelion, ginger, and ginkgo. Half of his customers are Haitian, another third are from West Indian countries, and approximately 20 percent are Caucasian and Hispanic. "There is a place for natural medicine," says Legrand-Halbert, who stresses the synergistic interaction of a healthy lifestyle and herbal supplements.

"The College was the best school I ever attended. It was like a family, and it strengthened my confidence. MCPHS helped me be who I am today..."

He recalls fondly the camaraderie he experienced at MCPHS, especially on the basketball team, on which he played for four years. His teammates included Stephen Duval BSP '92, his best friend, and Richard Zanzalari BSP '90 and Anthony Cioco BSP '89.

"Every year we lost to Albany College of Pharmacy," he says. "But we beat them in my last year. It felt as though we won an NBA championship."

Those memories include the warm welcome he received at the College when he arrived from Haiti and the professors who assisted him along the way: George E. Humphrey, PhD, Timothy Maher PhD '80, and Charles J. Kelley, PhD.

"The College was the best school I ever attended," he says. "It was like a family, and it strengthened my confidence. MCPHS helped me be who I am today, and I'm very grateful."

their daughter, Julia. Bridgette is a dental hygienist at Sandypoint Dental in Lake Zurich, Ill.

Pamela Frances (Hall) Boutin BSP lives in Duxbury, Mass. with her son, Robert.

Wilson Casimir DH Forsyth and his two daughters live in Hyde Park, Mass. He is a dental hygienist at Harvard Vanguard in Boston.

Janine Marie (Fiore) Collins BSP and husband Dan live in Basking Ridge, N.J. with their two children. Janine is director of quality assurance at Partners Healthcare in Cranford, N.J.

Mary Beth Mesrobian DH Forsyth, husband Carl, and their two sons live in Salem, Mass.

Judith (Phyllis Bower) Nourse DH Forsyth and husband Jim live in Hendersonville, N.C. where Judith is a reflexologist and feng shui health consultant at the Center for Healing Arts. She is founding president of the North Carolina Reflexology Association, on the advisory board for the Center for Integrated Health and Healing, and a diabetes education instructor. She and Jim have a grown daughter, Beryl.

Jennifer (Hodges) Salvon BSP, husband Michael, and their two children live in East Longmeadow, Mass. where Jennifer is the manager of pharmacy at Big Y Pharmacy. She also has a photography business on the side and still finds time to coach recreational basketball.

Janice Spinney BSP and husband James live in Intervale, N.H. and have four children. Janice is pharmacy manager at MWV Pharmacy in North Conway, N.H., a consultant for the Northern N.H. Visiting Nurses Association and the White Mountain Community Health Center, and she volunteers for various charitable organizations.

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1991

Michele B. Kaufman PharmD sends news that she has been made editor of the pharmacy discipline-specific area of the PRIME, Inc. (Professional Resources in Management Education) Web site.

1995

Donna Lee (St. Martin) Bartlett BSP lives in Paxton, Mass. with husband John and their two children Lianna and Chad. Donna is a Pharmacist at Park Avenue Pharmacy in Worcester, Mass.

Theresa Battista-Needham BSP lives in Morris Plains, N.J. with husband William and their three children. Theresa is a pharmacist at Liss Pharmacy in nearby Summit.

Steven Michael Bloom BSP, wife Lisa, and their two sons live in Nepean, Ontario where Steven is staff pharmacist at Shoppers Drug Mart.

Wendy M. (Thomas) Boudreau BSP lives in Attleboro, Mass. with husband Peter and their three daughters. Wendy is a pharmacist at Women and Infants Hospital in Providence, R.I.

Jennifer (Olszewski) Chiarella BSP is a staff pharmacist at Walgreens Pharmacy in Brick, N.J., where she lives with husband Mario and their two children.

James J. Gaudino BSP owns Cook's Pharmacy is Kingston, Pa. where he lives with wife Dawn (Lombardo) BSP '93 and their three children. Relatives who graduated from MCPHS include James' sister, Rose (Gaudino) Butler BSP '90.

Gail Gesin BSP lives in Orlando, Fla. where she is a clinical pharmacist in critical care at Orlando Regional Medical Center. She received her PharmD from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1998 and finished her critical care residency in 2000.

Melissa A. (Carlson) Gleason BSP lives with husband James and their two sons in Bradford, Pa. where Melissa is a pharmacist at CVS.

Christine Ann (Sobuta) Grillo BSP lives in Moosic, Pa. with husband Joseph and their daughter Adriana. Christine is a pharmacist at Caremark in Willes-Barre, Pa.

Veronica Hamczyk-Korogolos DH Forsyth lives in Massapequa, N.Y. with husband George and their son Peter. Veronica is vice president/editor of the Long Island Dental Hygienists' Association and coaches cheerleading at Bellmore JFK High School.

Fayaz B. Hirji BSP lives with wife Afshen and their daughter, Aliyah, in Niagara Falls, Ontario where he is a clinical pharmacist at the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center. Fayaz is a board-certified pharmacotherapy specialist.

Margaret M. Hirschfield DH Forsyth lives in Marshfield, Mass. with husband David and their two sons. She is a dental hygienist in Cohasset, Mass.

Patricia A. Hochmuth BSP lives in Groveland, Mass. with husband Frank and their four children. Patricia is pharmacy manager at Sam's

Club in Seabrook, N.H. Relatives who graduated from the College include her brother, **Thomas Fahey BSP '91**.

Amy M. (Barber) Kelly BSP, husband Michael, and their two daughters live in North Reading, Mass. where Amy is a pharmacist at CVS. Relatives who graduated from MCPHS include **Julian Barber BSP '42**.

Shamoli Khanderia BSP lives in Ann Arbor, Mich. and is a physician at Saint Joseph Hospital/Northwestern University in Chicago, Ill.

Ronni Ann Mancini BSP lives in Galway, N.Y. with husband Adam and their three children. Ronni is a consultant pharmacist at Royal Care Pharmacy, a certified geriatric pharmacist, and a member of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists.

Rajesh H. Patel BSP lives with wife Anita and their two children in Columbus, N.J. Rajesh is a pharmacist at Medco Health Solution in Willingboro, NJ.

Anthony Marc Pecoraro BSP lives in Atlanta, Ga. where he is a clinical pharmacist at Northside Hospital.

Amy Jane (Giunta) Rihl DH Forsyth owns the Hula Grill in Ocean City, N.J. where she lives with husband David, and their new baby Mya. Amy is assistant coach of a high school rowing team.

Christine Lee (Witts) Savard BSP lives in Lowell, Mass. with husband Timothy and their two daughters. Christine is a staff pharmacist at Harvard Vanguard in Chelmsford, Mass.

Jennifer Anne Cameron Sylvester BSP, husband Christopher, and their son Jonah live in Merrimack, N.H. Jennifer is a staff pharmacist at Wal-Mart in Bedford, N.H.

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1996

Karen Maureen Ferguson BSP lives in Brandon, Fla. She is a clinical staff pharmacist at McKesson Medical Management.

1998

Jamie Charron BSP lives in Falmouth, Maine with wife **Jane (Gallagher) BSP '00** and works for Osco Pharmacy. The couple announces the birth of their first child, son Camden Ronald Charron, on June 15.

2000

Tiffany L. (Ferguson) Bairos DH Forsyth lives in Peabody, Mass. with husband Paul and their son Andrew. Tiffany is a dental hygienist in Ipswich and a member of the Forsyth Alumni Association since 2001.

Kerri Lynn Bessette DH Forsyth lives in Attleboro, Mass. where she is a dental hygienist at Family Dental Care.

Elizabeth Laurine (York) Brewer PharmD, husband Brennan, and their two daughters live in Mars Hill, Maine. Elizabeth is a staff pharmacist at Wal-Mart in Houlton, Maine.

Jane E. (Gallagher) Charron BSP and husband **Jamie BSP '98** of Falmouth, Maine announce the birth of their first child, Camden Ronald Charron, born on June 15. Jane works for Osco Pharmacy and is a member of LKS Alpha Alumni Chapter. Relatives who graduated from the College include **Alphonse Charron BSP '70**.

Joseph Albert Chiodo BSP married Laurie Anne D'Alessandro July 31, 2004.

Patricia Clark DH Forsyth of Reno, Nev. was married in August 2004.

Claudine Halko DH Forsyth lives in Mt. Kisco, N.Y. and is a dental hygienist at Family Dentistry of Yorktown in Yorktown Heights.

Jocelyn (Sayre) Hoaglin BS Forsyth of Missoula, Mont. writes, "We had a boy March 5. His name is Zachary Frederick, and he is such a joy! We love being parents! Hope all is well in Boston!"

Chantal (Vuillaume) Kosmidis PharmD and husband Gregory live in Cambridge, Mass. where Chantal is a senior associate of drug safety and risk management at Biogen Idec, Inc. She is on the Alumni Board of Directors.

Kristin Anne Melancon BSP married Agostino Pimentel on December 11, 2004. The couple lives in Fall River, Mass.

Stephen G. Milek BSP lives in Oak Creek, Wis. where he is a pharmacist at Walgreens.

Lisa Evelyn Nielsen DH Forsyth writes that she is "currently a third-year student at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. I plan to graduate in May 2006 with my DMD."

Ginger O'Toole-Smeltz BSP lives in Wethersfield, Conn. with husband Nate. She is a pharmacist at Price Chopper Pharmacy in Newington, Conn. Ginger is involved in fundraising for MS, speaking at senior centers, and is currently taking acting classes.

Mitul Patel BSP lives in Parsippany, N.J. with wife Bhavini and their son, Krishna. Mitul is pharmacist-in-charge at CVS in Whippany, N.J.

Jill Christina Russell-Morey PharmD, husband Benjamin, and their daughter, Carly, live in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. where Jill is a pharmacist-in-charge at CVS.

Annemarie (Wilde) Santos BSP is a home-care pharmacist at Infusion Options in Brooklyn, N.Y. where she lives with husband Ryan.

Shawn M. Saunders PharmD lives in Foxboro, Mass. with wife Nicole. Shawn is a pharmacy supervisor at the Department of Veteran Affairs in West Roxbury, Mass.

Jennifer Ann (Feteira) Tavares BSP and husband Manuel live in Rehoboth, Mass. Jennifer is a pharmacy manager at CVS Pharmacy in Attleboro, Mass. and writes, "I also work part time for Sturdy Memorial Hospital, Attleboro, Mass. as a staff pharmacist."

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2001

Cuthbert Joseph DH Forsyth of South Easton, Mass. writes, "I have always worked with my wife since graduation and have held the title of office manager/hygienist. We began with two operations and have moved up to four."

2003

Nicole Susanne Grise MSPA was married September 17, 2004 to Nathan Guthrie Orgain.

John Macropoulos MSPA married **Shelagh O'Hagan MSPA** September 26, 2004. The couple lives in Boston, Mass.

2004

Jennifer LeBel MSPA married Brian Tedcastle September 18, 2004.

Lisa A. (Chesarone) Ostrom PharmD married Eric B. Ostrom in October 2004. The couple lives in Lake George, N.Y.

In Memoriam

Leon Saphire PhG '26, March 17, 2005
David Hazman PhG '30, December 31, 2004
Christopher Cerullo PhG '32, April 2, 2004
Paul H. DesRochers PhG '33, April 4, 2005
Irving Horowitz PhG '33, April 9, 2005
Michael J. Nardozi PhG '33, March 14, 2005
Nicholas Maloney BSP '37, March 25, 2005
Beatrice C. (Murphy) Kauppila DH '41
Forsyth, January 5, 2005
Jacqueline Olden BSP '41, January 19, 2005
Frank Tranner BSP '43, March 7, 2005
Gloria T. Youmatz DH '43 Forsyth,
March 3, 2005
Eli Leviton BSP '48, January 16, 2005
Harold Orino BSP '49, March 15, 2005
Maynard R. Lovely BSP '50, April 2, 2005
Arthur Sparr BSP '51, January 31, 2005
Gordon W. Burr BSP '55, February 1, 2005
Edward L. Perednia BSP '55, April 17, 2005
Paul M. Correia BSP '60, March 19, 2005
David Martin Abelov BSP '65, January 27, 2005
Raymond A. LaCouture BSP '72,
January 19, 2005
Gary V. Lameiras BSP '76, February 14, 2005
Charlene A. (Hancock) Wood BSP '87,
January 6, 2005

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Fleece reversible vest in royal blue and black with the college name imprinted in black on the left chest.

Available in sizes M, L and XL.
Great for the fall!

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Sweatpants in powder blue with tie waist and straight leg. Forsyth seal printed in white on the left upper thigh.

Available in sizes S, M, L and XL.



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