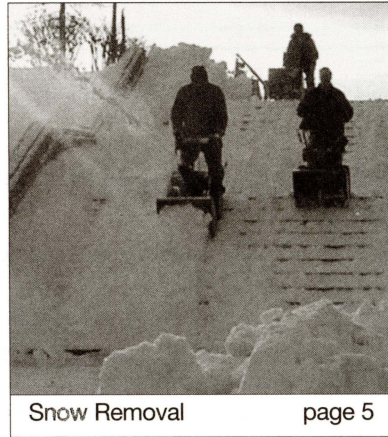




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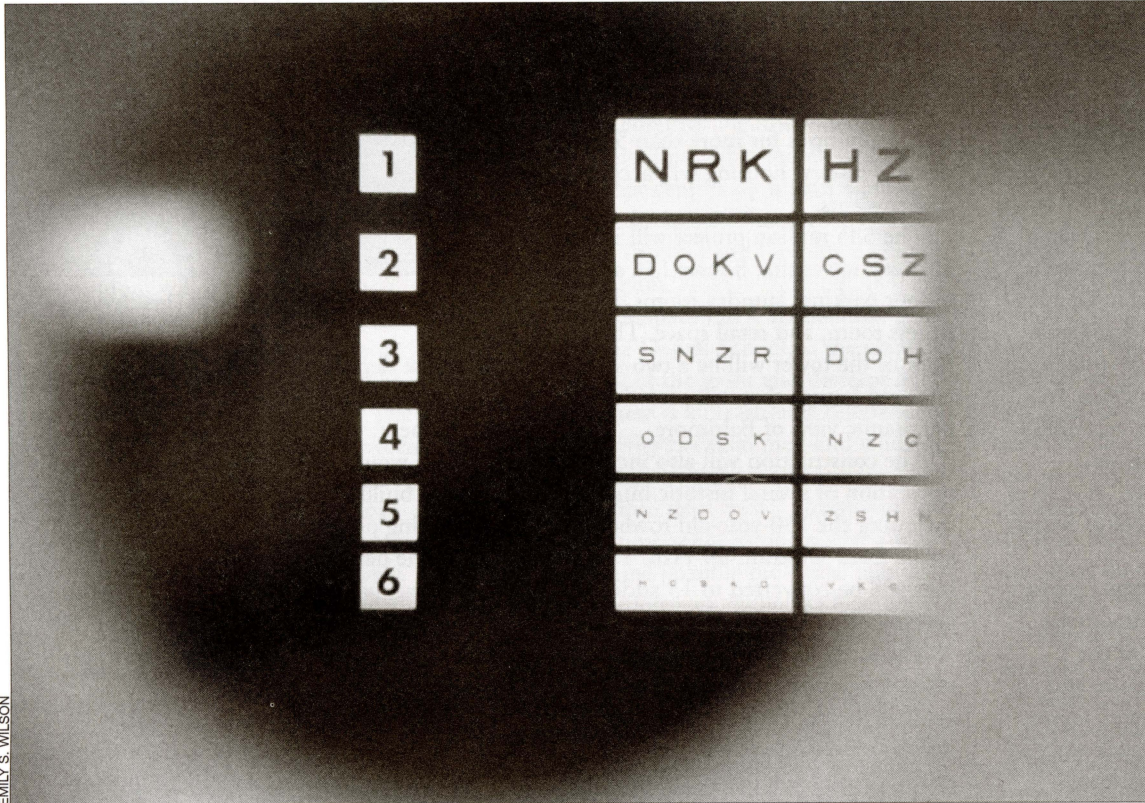
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During a glaucoma screening, individuals look through the lens of a visual acuity machine, which measures far and near vision. The loss of far vision is associated with symptomatic glaucoma.

## Students Saving Sight

ROSALIA SCALIA

### MEDICINE

Glaucoma is a condition that can rob sufferers of their eyesight. Because there are no symptoms associated with the condition, it often remains undetected until vision is impaired permanently. Although there is no cure for glaucoma, it is treatable. Vision loss can be prevented if the disease is detected early.

To help individuals detect the disease, the Department of Ophthalmology in the School of Medicine trains community lay people to perform glaucoma screenings. The department recently received a \$50,000 grant from the Friends of the Congressional Glaucoma Caucus Foundation to support its screening programs.

The foundation also gave \$10,000 to the Student Sight Savers Program (SSSP) in the School, a student-run program that conducts screenings.

“Early detection is crucial in helping at-risk populations maintain their eyesight. Glaucoma is called the ‘sneak thief of eyesight,’” says Ehsan Sadri, MD, a second-year resident at the School, who oversees the medical students’ program.

The SSSP, started by Eve Higginbotham, MD, a professor and chair of the ophthalmology department, and Sadri in 2001, recruits first- and second-year medical students to screen individuals. Together, the two programs have screened more than 1,500 individuals in the

Baltimore metropolitan area.

“Because the exposure of students to ophthalmology is limited, the [SSSP] significantly enhances their understanding of eye diseases,” says Higginbotham.

“Getting our medical students involved is a win-win situation. Students screen local citizens who need care, allowing them to learn basic eye exam techniques. At the same time, they increase the citizens’ awareness and refer individuals who fail their screening exams,” says Sadri.

Sadri spearheaded a dual expansion of the student effort. He recruited more than 80 medical school students and volunteers to coordinate the screenings.

Sadri and student volunteers also launched a nationwide initiative, inspiring students from 22 other medical schools to implement a similar program.

“I’m delighted that our medical students are leading the effort to fight glaucoma nationwide,” says Sadri.

## School Rankings Rise Again in U.S. News

ED FISHEL

The University of Maryland, Baltimore continues to be recognized for excellence in national rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*.

For the fifth consecutive year, the School of Nursing is ranked among the top 10 in the nation. Four of the School’s master’s specialty programs also received top 10 status. The adult nurse practitioner program ranked fifth, the nursing service administration program ranked seventh, and the adult/medical-surgical and community/public health programs ranked eighth.

“I am very proud that our School continues to achieve top 10 status,” said Janet D. Allan, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN, dean of the School of Nursing. “I am very pleased, too, that we attained top

10 rankings in several of our master’s specialty programs. This is a tribute to our highly regarded and nationally and internationally known faculty.”

The School of Law is 45th out of the 177 law schools ranked by the magazine—the law school’s highest ranking ever. Additionally, it is the only law school in the country that has both its health law program and its environmental law program ranked among the top five. The law school’s health law program is ranked third, compared to fourth last year, and its environmental law program is ranked fourth, up from fifth last year. The clinical law program, which was not re-evaluated this year, continues to be ranked eighth.

“These rankings only begin to tell the story,” said Karen Rothenberg, JD, dean of the

## Health Care Heroes

SONIA ELABD

A selfless deed, a courageous feat, an innovative solution, or a triumph over adversity are acts that define heroes. For the individuals and organizations who received the *Daily Record* Health Care Hero awards, these acts occur almost daily. Three individuals and one organization from the University were recognized as Health Care Heroes—individuals and organizations who go beyond the call of duty to improve the health of Marylanders.

Thomas Scalea, MD, physician-in-chief of the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, was named physician hero, and Roy Bechtel, PT, PhD, an assistant professor in the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, was named health care professional hero. The Division of Transplant Surgery in the University of Maryland Medical Center was an honoree for “Advancements in Health Care,” and Open Gates, Inc. Health Center in the School of Nursing was an honoree in the “Community Outreach” category.

### Physician Hero: Thomas Scalea

As physician-in-chief of the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, Thomas Scalea, MD, leads a team of physicians, nurses, and staff in saving the lives of 7,000 individuals every year who have suffered serious injuries.

As a trauma surgeon, Scalea operates on many of the most seriously injured—from victims of

gunshot wounds to serious crash injuries. “Scalea personifies the words ‘physician hero,’” says Donald Wilson, MD, MACP, vice president for medical affairs for the University of Maryland and dean of the medical school.

“Dozens of police officers and firefighters injured in the line of duty owe their lives to Dr. Scalea and Shock Trauma.”

Since he came to Shock Trauma in 1997, patient survival rate at the world-renowned trauma center has reached 97 percent. Scalea, who is director of the Program in Trauma and professor of surgery at the School of Medicine, has also pioneered the use of new technologies and less invasive techniques, such as using CAT scans to diagnose heart injuries.

### Health Care Professional Hero: Roy Bechtel

During the 23 years that Roy Bechtel, PT PhD, an assistant professor in the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, has worked as a physical therapist—17 of them at UMB—he has developed a unique approach to evaluating and treating his patients. Bechtel combines conventional physical therapy approaches with osteopathic principles, which emphasize muscle and joint manipulation, to treat one of the most difficult problems—low back pain. “At the core of this system is a willingness to listen to the patient, a true patient-first approach,” says Mary Rodgers, PhD, PT, professor and

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of the School of Medicine. “I am especially pleased by our primary care ranking, which reaffirms our position as a national leader.”

“These rankings are the result of hard work by a dedicated group of administrators, staff, faculty, and students to improve the quality of our education, research, and service to the public. It is gratifying to see their work being recognized,” said President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil.

In the last pharmacy school ranking, the School of Pharmacy was ranked in the top 10 by *U.S. News & World Report*. In addition, the School of Social Work is ranked seventh nationally in faculty publications by the *Journal of Social Work Education*, and the Dental School is ranked sixth in National Institutes of Health research funding.



## Schools Wage Appeals

REGINA LAVETTE DAVIS

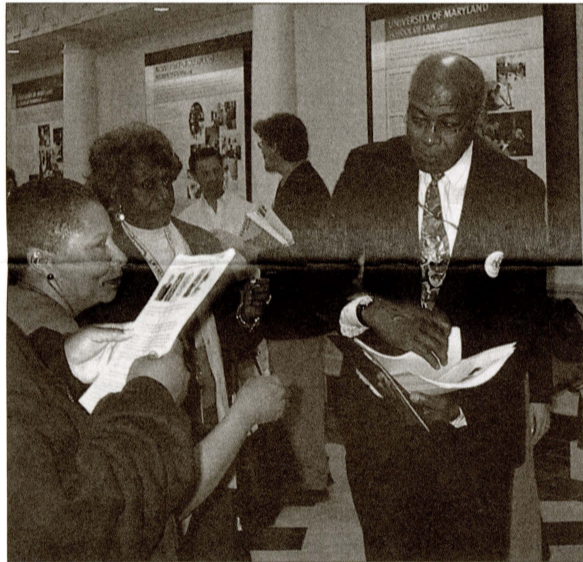
In response to the state's budget crisis and severe cuts for the University System of Maryland (USM), several UMB schools traveled to Annapolis in February and March to advocate against the proposed cuts.

The School of Pharmacy held its Third Annual Legislative Day in February as a joint effort of the Maryland Pharmacy Coalition and the School.

Pharmacy student Adrienne Hanstein met with legislators. "I am very concerned about the cuts to higher education and how that could impact my future profession. The cuts, with corresponding increased tuition, could contribute to the pharmacist shortage," she says.

Students from the Dental School attended Dentist's Day, sponsored by the Maryland State Dental Association, in February. The group lobbied for the "Mobility for Recent Graduates" legislation that would allow recent dental graduates who pass regional boards in another state to obtain a license in Maryland.

"We were able to bring our views on the mobility issue to our legislators. I met with the senator and delegates from my hometown in St. Mary's County. They responded positively to my presentation," says Luke Morgan, a third-year dental student.



Dean Jesse Harris distributes fact sheets about the School of Social Work in front of the UMB exhibit in Annapolis.

The School of Nursing lobbied legislators to save the Governor's Wellmobile Program, which provides health care to non- and underinsured people across the state. According to the School, funds allocated by the Board of Public Works were in jeopardy. Dean Janet D. Allan, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN, students, and other stakeholders contacted legislators to save the program.

"During this national nursing shortage crisis, it is disconcerting that Maryland's flagship nursing school has to limit the enrollment of future nurse scholars because there is a serious faculty shortage," says Allan.

Students from the School of Social Work traveled to Annapolis in February for Social Work Student Lobby Day. At the March 18 School of Social Work rally in Annapolis, about 90 students participated in an advocacy event, which included giving legislators a 44-point fact sheet on the profession.

"The enthusiasm of our students, faculty, and staff clearly made an impression on the legislators. Our message was straightforward—no more cuts," says Jesse Harris, PhD, dean of the School of Social Work.

The School of Law's campaign against the budgets cuts included testimony by Dismas N. Locaria, president of the Student Bar Association, to Senate and House Subcommittees. In March, representatives of the first year day division of the law school hand-delivered to the chairs of the House Appropriations Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee more than 190 letters from students expressing concern about budget reductions.

School of Medicine Dean Donald E. Wilson, MD, MACP, addressed the legislature during the February budget hearings. In his statements, Wilson said budget cuts would make it difficult to retain and attract faculty, maintain clinical programs at their current levels, and ensure that patients continue to receive the same level of care.

## Campus Emergency Plan

ROSALIA SCALIA

The director of the campus Emergency Management Team (EMT), Robert Rowan, MS, assistant vice president for facilities management, met with the Staff Senate on Feb. 26 to discuss the University's emergency preparedness plan. Rowan directs the team of representatives from several departments on campus that design and implement the plan.

The plan is designed to protect the campus and the community in the event of an emergency and reduce the risk from toxic, biological, or chemical exposures. The plan was created in 1999 and revised in 2002.

"Although the campus has a long history of responding to emergencies in a professional manner, the Emergency Preparedness Plan is the first plan that involves a coordinated approach by all affected agencies on campus, including the University of Maryland Medical Center," said Rowan.

If an emergency occurs, the EMT will oversee the incident operations and support the incident commander, the person in charge of the emergency response.

Information about the emergency will be disseminated to the rest of the campus through the Campus Alerts Web page, the

Campus Emergency Information phone line (410-706-8622), or fire wardens in each building.

"Incident commanders will be the first people to arrive at the scene," said Rowan. "They will change as the emergency unfolds, based on the type of emergency it is. For example, the incident commander may initially be a police officer, but may then change to a medical supervisor based on the need. The incident commander will determine the short- and long-term effects of the emergency, order an evacuation or shut down of a facility or system, and inform the University's administration and deans," he said.

The plan, said Rowan, outlines three emergency response levels, which correspond to the classification for emergencies as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Baltimore City. "These levels will enable us to communicate a clear understanding of the severity of the emergency and the necessary response by all potential respondents."

Information about the campus emergency management plan and personal emergency preparedness are available online: [www.umaryland.edu/alerts/](http://www.umaryland.edu/alerts/).

## Construction Begins on Residences

ED FISHEL

In February, the University began constructing student residences on the 500 block of West Fayette Street. The new building is the first University housing project in more than 20 years.

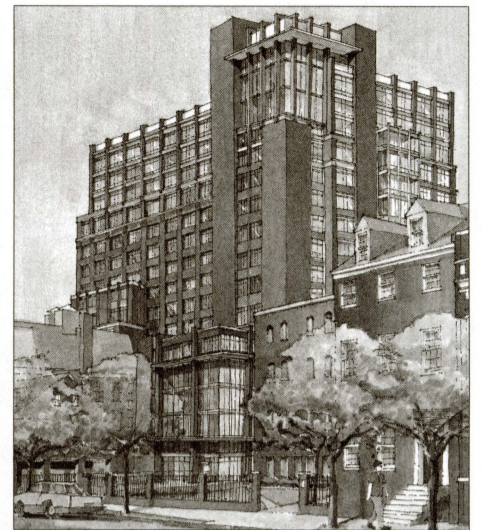
The residences are being built in response to the increased demand for real estate in Baltimore and students' desire to live closer to the campus.

Currently, the University has only 242 beds on campus for more than 5,000 students. The new housing will accommodate 337 students.

The \$35 million project will include a 15-story tower that houses 134 apartments, indoor parking, laundry rooms, lounges, a fitness room, and retail space. The top floor of the tower will be a two-story glass-enclosed lounge that will provide a panoramic view of Baltimore.

The construction will also include the restoration of several historic buildings, including the 150-year-old rowhouses across from Westminster Hall. These buildings will be converted to 13 additional apartments, a lounge, and a laundry room.

The restoration of the historic buildings offered unique challenges to the designers because the floors of the buildings are at different levels. A central glass-enclosed elevator tower will be constructed with ramps to each of the floors. "It would have been easier to demolish the six historic buildings," says James Hill, MPA, vice president for administration and finance,



Rendering of new Fayette Residences

whose department is managing the project. "However, we felt that the campus environment, especially around Westminster Hall, would be greatly enhanced if the historic buildings were incorporated into the housing project."

The demand for rental housing close to campus has increased rent in surrounding neighborhoods where many students live. The new student housing will be available at or below market rates.

The University partnered with A & R Development Corporation, a company that specializes in urban residential development, for the project.

The housing will be completed in July 2004, in time for students to move in for the Fall 2004 semester.

## Health Care Heroes continued

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chair of the department.

Bechtel considers teaching his most important job. In addition to balancing his clinical and teaching responsibilities, Bechtel conducts research on the spine and related joints.

### Community Outreach: Open Gates, Inc., Health Center

When the Open Gates Health Center opened in 1993, it strove to meet the health care needs of uninsured and underserved people in Baltimore's Pigtown/Washington Village neighborhood. Since then, the community-based health clinic has not only improved the health of the community, but also served as a model of nurse-managed care. Nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, and nurse psychotherapists work with physicians, dietitians, pharmacists, and other professionals to meet the physical, mental, and emotional health care needs of more than 5,000 patients every year.

"One of the center's unique aspects is the community health workers who reach out into the community, identify people's needs, and bring health education and home-based

services to the residents," says Margaret Jozsa, MSW, MA, executive director of Open Gates. Nurse practitioners at the clinic work with community health workers to help individuals access the services at the clinic and learn about wellness and disease prevention.

### Advancements in Health Care: Division of Transplantation

During the past decade, the University of Maryland Division of Transplantation, under the direction of Stephen Bartlett, MD, a professor of surgery, has established itself as a national leader in transplant surgeries. Hundreds of kidney, pancreas, liver, heart, and lung transplants are performed every year, giving patients with organ failure a chance at living a healthy life. By implementing new technologies and improving techniques for kidney transplant surgeries, the program has increased patient survival rate, increased availability to kidney transplants, and decreased the cost of transplant surgery.

"Under the leadership of Dr. Bartlett, the program has grown so significantly that it performs more kidney transplants annually than any other U.S. hospital," says Bruce Jarrell, MD, chair of the Department of Surgery and a professor in the School of Medicine.

Physicians improved a less invasive technique for removing a kidney from a living donor, making it possible for more people to have a kidney transplant and for donors to recover faster and with less pain. Since implementing this technique, the program has performed the most minimally invasive kidney removals in the world.



From left: Bechtel; Marla Oros, president of Open Gates; Scalia; and Jozsa. (Bartlett not pictured.)



## Research Park Planned

MIKE LURIE

The University of Maryland, Baltimore is planning to build a biotechnology park in the Poppleton neighborhood, which is west of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The research park is being built because of the increase in University research activities. Some of these activities have led to the creation of private companies that would benefit from a location adjacent to the campus.

The University recently created a non-profit company to oversee development of the proposed park. The company, named UMB Health Services Research Park Corporation, will be headed by President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil.

The project could cost between \$150 million and \$200 million and will be financed mostly by private funds. The park will consist of seven buildings between four and six stories tall and a parking garage. James L. Hughes, vice president for research and development, expects that the park will employ about 3,000 people.

The University will first construct a "test" building that would be occupied by biochemical research companies and University departments. Once that building is completed and occupied, the University will begin construction on the other buildings. The University expects to break ground on the first building in the fall of 2003 and have the entire park completed by the end of 2004.

Before construction can begin, the University must obtain 4.5 acres of land designated for use in the first phase of the project. Negotiations continue for the University to acquire the land from Baltimore City.

In March, the University requested proposals from local developers and construction companies to develop the property.

"What we're really looking for in these proposals from developers is creativity and an ability to demonstrate flexibility with regard to building structure, marketing, and financing," says Hughes.

### HIPAA Takes Effect

The privacy rule of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 is a federal law that sets national standards to protect people's health records and personal health information.

The law, which took effect on April 14, gives patients more control over their health information, sets guidelines on the use and release of health information, and establishes regulations for health care providers, hospitals, and academic health centers to protect the privacy of health information. Information that is protected includes any data that relates to past, present, or future mental or physical health conditions or information on the payment for the provision of health care.

Under the law, individuals who improperly obtain or disclose information can be subject to fines ranging from \$100 per violation to \$250,000 and 10 years in prison for disclosing health information for personal gain or harm.

University personnel have and will continue to receive training about the privacy rule as it related to their specific jobs. For more information, contact the privacy official in your school or administrative division.

## NIH Funds Pain Study

MIKE LURIE

Through a five-year, \$5.36 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, researchers in the Dental School and the School of Medicine will examine how men and women respond to pain differently.

The grant will be used to establish an NIH Specialized Center of Research on women's health at the University, called the Research Center for Neuroendocrine Influences on Pain. This center is one of only 11 other centers on women's health research in the United States that NIH established in 2002 and the only one that focuses on pain.

Joel Greenspan, PhD, an associate professor in the Dental School, is the principal investigator of the grant and director of the center. "There is a measurable difference in pain sensitivity between men and women. Women tend to show greater sensitivity to painful stimuli than men," Greenspan says. "A major component in our research will be to examine possible biological reasons for these differences, including how hormones affect the way people experience pain."

To fully study how men and women respond differently to pain, researchers will look at different kinds of pain and how pain is sensed in the brain. Edward Grace, DDS, an associate professor and director of the Brotman Facial Pain Center in the Dental School, will supervise a study on

how a woman's menstrual cycle and the changes in hormone levels affect facial pain. The researchers will also look at gender differences in patients with chronic pain in response to medications. "We're looking at persistent pain problems and why gender differences are significant and widespread," Grace says.

For another component of the center's research, Anne Murphy, PhD, an associate professor in the School of Medicine, and Richard Traub, PhD, an associate professor in the Dental School, will examine causes of gender differences regarding organ pain. This component will be particularly relevant to irritable bowel syndrome, a chronic pain condition of the intestines that affects significantly more women than men. In particular, Murphy and Traub will study how the hormones change the sensitivity of organs to painful stimuli. They are also studying whether the way organ pain is relayed to the brain differently in men and women. "Together, these studies will provide insight as to why men and women differ in their sensitivity to organ pain and will allow for more precise therapeutic treatments," Murphy says.

Michael S. Gold, PhD, an assistant professor in the Dental School, will study how sex hormones affect the nerves that carry sensory information from the body to the spinal cord and brain. His research will focus on sensory nerves that relate to temporomandibular (jaw) disorder, another pain condition that is more prevalent in women than men.

## Forums Held on Baltimore Drug Crisis

JUDY HEIGER

### LAW

The School of Law's Clinical Law Program hosted three community forums, "Strategies for Citizens on the Front Lines," between February and April to address Baltimore's drug problem. The Clinical Law Program, which provides a wide range of legal services to individuals and organizations in Baltimore's most distressed neighborhoods, thought it was important to start a dialogue after the firebombing in East Baltimore that killed the Dawson family. Each session focused on a different aspect: community strategies, the impact of drugs on children and their families, and alternative methods for justice.

During the first forum on Feb. 4, community organizers from areas heavily affected by drugs presented ways they are working to improve communities. For example, Cherry Hill community organizers realized that they needed to do more than have drug dealers arrested. They needed to provide drug dealers with an alternative lifestyle, including different jobs. The organizers, in conjunction with member organizations, provide jobs, drug treatment, and mentoring to these individuals. Cathy Brown, executive director of Cherry Hill 2000, a community-based nonprofit organization, said, "We have reduced crime by 38 percent and reduced unemployment from 14 to 7 percent."

The second forum, focusing on the impact of illegal drugs on children and families in Baltimore, was held on March 4. The speakers included former drug addicts and dealers. Sammi Taylor, an intake coordinator for the Center for Addiction and Pregnancy at Johns Hopkins Bayview

Medical Center, noted the obstacles that pregnant women addicted to drugs face, such as the high cost of treatment programs and counseling, insurance issues, and day care issues. Taylor affirmed that, by treating these women, crime and death from drugs would be lowered.

Kenneth Montague Jr., JD, secretary of the Department of Juvenile Justice and a former state delegate, discussed his vision to decrease drug-related crimes and death by preventing drug addiction and provide early intervention to those already addicted.

The final forum, held on April 8, dealt with alternative justice methods, ways of solving problems without resorting to bringing a case against an individual or party. "Alternative justice methods could be beneficial not only to the parties involved in the dispute, but also to the demands on our prison system," states Brenda Bratton Blom, JD, MPS, an assistant professor in the School of Law. The forum focused on three moments in the progression of events that led to the Dawson tragedy—the street corner altercation between the Dawsons and drug dealers, the brick being thrown through the window of their home, and the fire—and various alternative justice methods that could have been used to deal with each situation.

"Through these forums we've learned that individuals and communities have found effective strategies to address Baltimore's complex drug problem," says Ellen Weber, JD, an assistant professor in the School of Law. "We realized that with adequate resources, comprehensive planning, and long-term involvement of a variety of sectors, people who suffer from drug dependence can rebuild their lives and communities can grow stronger."

## IN THE NEWS

*"The stars leave. Like the Orioles."*

—**Stephen Jacobs, MD**, a professor and chair of the Division of Urology in the School of Medicine, quoted in a March 28 *Washington Post* article about cuts to the University of System of Maryland's budget. Jacobs is referring to talented professors leaving universities because of the lack of funds. Jacobs and three dozen members of Maryland's Council of University System Faculty participated in a rally in front of the State House in Annapolis to protest the budget cuts.

*"It's ironic that we train our students to give vaccines, yet when they graduate they can't do it in Maryland."*

—**David Knapp, PhD**, dean of the School of Pharmacy, was quoted in a Feb. 28 *Daily Record* article calling for legislation that would allow pharmacists in Maryland to vaccinate people in the event of a bioterrorist attack. Thirty-six states allow pharmacists to immunize patients.

*"We don't expect them to die—or be killed, but it's beginning to change."*

—**Cara Krulewitch, PhD**, an assistant professor in the School of Nursing, referring to pregnant women. She is quoted in a Feb. 27 *Salon.com* article about homicide being the leading cause of pregnancy-associated death.

*"It probably happens more than we're aware of."*

—**Richard Pierson III, MD**, clinical director of health and lung transplantation at the University of Maryland Medical Center and a visiting professor in the School of Medicine, quoted in a March 11 *New York Times* article on organ transplant mistakes. In the past 15 years, only about a dozen transplant mismatches have been revealed to the public or reported in medical journals.

**Leonard Derogatis, PhD**, a professor in the School of Nursing and director of the Center for Sexual Health and Medicine, was interviewed in a March 25 *New York Times* article about the challenges of developing a drug for women, similar to Viagra, that treats sexual dysfunction.

**Michael Greenberger, JD**, director of the Center for Health and Homeland Security and a professor in the School of Law, was interviewed in a March 12 *ABCNews.com* article about an alleged draft of a follow-up law to the USA Patriot Act called the Domestic Security Enhancement Act, or Patriot II. According to the article, many are concerned about effects of both laws on individual civil liberties.

**Robert Percival, JD**, director of the Environmental Law Program and a professor in the School of Law, was interviewed on WBAL-TV about the lawsuit brought by parents of city school children regarding safe drinking water in schools.



## LAURELS

**Dental School**

**John Hasler, DDS**, coordinator for the new school building, received the 2002 State Award of Recognition from the Maryland Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

**M. Elaine Parker, RDH, PhD**, an associate professor and graduate program director of dental hygiene, was appointed Maryland's state liaison to the American Dental Hygienists' Association State Education Network.

**Warren Tewes, DDS**, an assistant professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry, serves on the Forensic Advisory Board of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

**Joseph Von Fraunhofer, PhD**, served on the Scientific Committee at the Prosthodontic Academy and Gnathology Society Sixth Annual Conference.

**Henry Williams, PhD**, an adjunct professor in the Department of Oral and Craniofacial Biological Sciences, received the Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major Award from the MLK Committee in Annapolis.

**HS/HSL**

**Frieda Weise, MLS**, executive director of the Health Sciences and Human Services Library, was named a fellow of the Medical Library Association. Weise also received the Ida and George Eliot Prize for co-authoring an article, "Study to Assess the Compensation and Skills of Medical Library Professionals Relative to Information Technology Professionals."

**School of Medicine**

**Alan Jones, MD**, an associate professor in

the Department of Orthopaedics, is among the recipients of the Ann Doner Vaughn Award for the paper, "Limb Salvage or Amputation Following Severe Lower Extremity Trauma: The LEAP Study."

**Stephen Meltzer, MD**, a professor in the Departments of Medicine, Pathology, and Pharmacology and Experiment Therapeutics has been named associate editor of the journal *Cancer Research*.

**Carol Tacket, MD**, a professor and program director at University of Maryland General Clinical Research Center, was named one of three finalists for the Marion Spencer Fay Award by the National Board for Women in Medicine.

**Bill Whiteford and Susan Hannah Hadary**, co-directors of Video Press, were honored at the International Health and Medical Media Awards in the category of Youth Health for their film "Love, Josh."

**School of Nursing**

**Dean Janet Allan, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN**, has been selected to serve on U.S. Congressman Ben Cardin's Health Advisory Committee in the 108th Congress.

**Elizabeth Arnold, PhD, RN**, an associate professor in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health, has been appointed to the Maryland Board of Nursing's Psychotherapists Peer Review Advisory Committee. She was also invited to co-chair the American Psychiatric Nurses Association's (APNA) Education Council Initiative to develop an education council for APNA. In addition, Arnold has been appointed a member of the Shady Grove Academic Planning Advisory Committee.

**John Distler, MS, CRNP**, a clinical instructor in the Department of Child, Women's and Family Health, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Western Maryland Area Health Education Center.

**Mary Haack, PhD, RN, FAAN**, an associate professor, and **Doris Scott, PhD, RN**, an assistant professor in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health, have been appointed to the Open Gates Health Center's Board of Directors.

**Nalini Jairath, PhD, RN**, an associate professor in the Department of Adult Health Nursing, recently served as a member of the Triservice Nursing Research Review Panel in Bethesda, Md.

**Nilda Peragallo, DrPh, RN, FAAN**, an associate professor and acting chair in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health, has been elected to a 1-year term on the Nurse Advisory Council of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. In addition, Peragallo will serve on the American Academy of Nursing's Task Force on Health Disparities. **Dean Janet Allan** will co-chair the Task Force.

**Ann Thomasson, MS**, assistant dean for budget and finance, has been appointed to the Shady Grove Academic Planning Advisory.

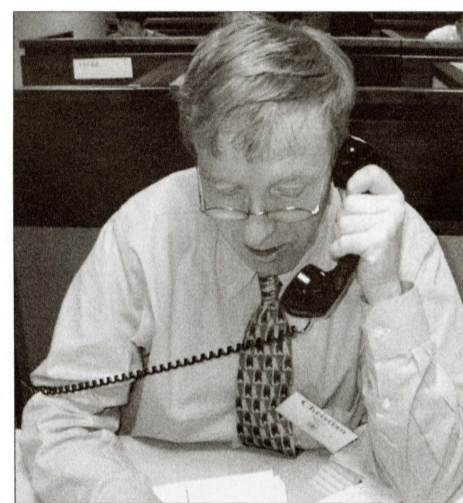
**Mary Tilbury, EdD, RN, CNA, BC**, an assistant professor in the Department of Education, Administration, Informatics and Health Policy, has been appointed to the Invest in Nursing campaign cabinet, an initiative under the direction of the American Nurses Foundation.

**School of Pharmacy**

**C. Daniel Mullins, PhD**, an associate professor and associate director of the Center Drugs and Public Policy, received an Outstanding Service Award from the Drug Information Association at its 2002 annual meeting.

**Françoise Pradel, PhD**, an assistant professor, received an American College of Clinical Pharmacy Investigator Development Research Award for the project, "Pharmacists Behavioral Control and Asthma Counseling."

**James Trovato, PharmD**, an assistant professor, was appointed chair of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Council on Educational Affairs.



On March 5, Christian Stohler, DMD, DrMedDent, dean of the Dental School (above) and other faculty and staff, called alumni to raise money during the Dental School Leadership Phonathon. That night, the School raised \$15,000 in only a few hours.

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JOHN BENT

During the blizzard in February, the Facilities Management snow crew worked hard to remove the more than 2 feet of snow from sidewalks, steps, and parking lots across campus. In appreciation of their work, the crew—a total of 26 men—attended a lunch in their honor on March 24.

## Two UMB Faculty Honored

ROSALIA SCALIA

### SOCIAL WORK

The Maryland Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW-MD) named Aminifu Harvey, DSW, LCSW-C, an associate professor in the School of Social Work, Social Work Educator of the Year. In addition, Nathaniel Branson, PhD, an adjunct faculty member at the School, received the NASW-MD Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Educator of the Year is awarded to educators who strive to teach the public about the unique qualifications and diverse professional activities of social workers, who support high standards for training in social work education, and who advance the body of social work knowledge through research and publication.

“Dr. Harvey brings a unique point of view to social work education, especially as it pertains to youth and families and the African-American perspective. He is widely recognized for his contributions in this area. It’s not surprising that he will be honored for his work,” says Jesse J. Harris, PhD, dean of the School.

Harvey, who has worked at the School for 11 years, was a vanguard in bringing culturally competent approaches to the field of social work and in pioneering the notion of implementing an Afro-centric approach when treating African-Americans, particularly youth and families. He is the key person in conceptualizing and implementing what was probably the first federally funded, Afro-centric comprehensive program for families and youth in the country.

“Back then, some people resented and saw no validity in the idea of a culturally

competent approach to social service theory and practice, especially an Afro-centric approach,” says Harvey.

Among Harvey’s most recent research projects are an exploration of the prison-industrial complex as a modern form of economic bondage and the efficacy of after-school enrichment programs for impoverished children in Washington, D.C.

Nathaniel Branson was one of three individuals to receive the Maryland chapter’s Lifetime Achievement Award.

“Professor Branson has made numerous contributions to the School of Social Work and to the community. He has been highly respected by our students throughout the years,” Harris said.

Branson pioneered the way as a black social worker, beginning his career at the Baltimore City Department of Social Services in 1958 when the city was still segregated and very few blacks worked in the field.

Branson left the city social services for a community action agency that was part of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (EOA) to try to eliminate social and community barriers that fostered poverty. “The EOA became controversial because for the first time poor people were going to be involved in solving some of the problems and participate in the policy and decision-making roles. Many poor people came off the welfare rolls as a result of the training and education they received through the community action program,” he said. Despite that, Branson noted that the reaction to the program proved negative, although he saw it as one of the first steps to empowerment.

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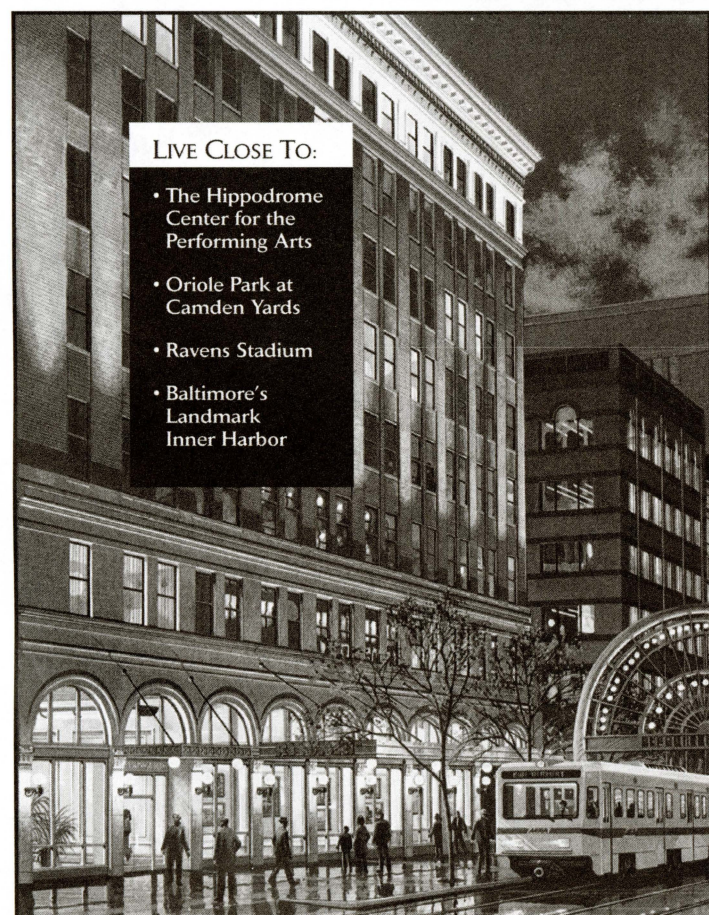
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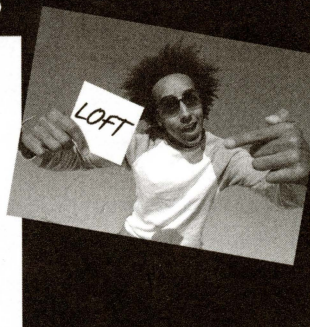
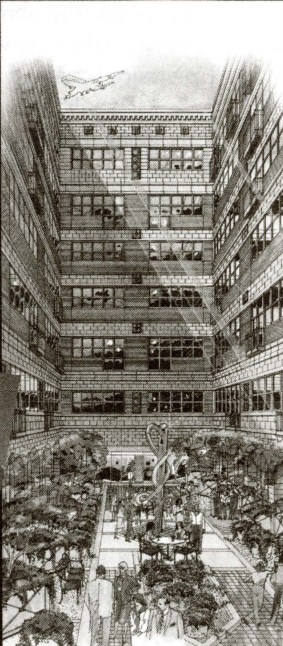
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## Internet2 Day

MIKE LURIE

Although attendees at the University's Internet2 Day conference on March 10 knew that they were sitting in the School of Medicine freshman lecture hall, at one moment they may have felt as if they traveled to Pittsburgh. As Kathleen Charters, PhD, an assistant professor in the School of Nursing, spoke about the advantages of video collaboration, Deborah Lewis, EdD, MSN, MPH, RN, an associate professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, appeared on the video screen. As if she were conversing with Charters in the same room, Lewis discussed the two schools' plans to collaborate on teaching their respective students about differences between cultures. Then, Lewis transmitted to Baltimore crystal-clear audio-video images from "The Joy Luck Club," a film she uses in her class, Cinematic Paradigms of Cultural Competence.

This technology is possible because of the University's membership in Internet2, a consortium of 202 universities that have partnered with industry and government to link the nation's research community through a network more powerful than the publicly accessible "commercial Internet."

The purpose of Internet2 Day and other conferences held at subscribing universities, was to demonstrate the network's potential as a tool for teaching and research.

Internet2 needs just 30 seconds to download a feature-length movie, a process that would take 171 hours with a standard 56k dial-up modem. Enhanced videoconferencing through Internet2 allows researchers on campus to share and discuss data with colleagues at other member institutions. With the technology's speed and enhanced capacity, physicians at separate locations can quickly transmit large images such as mammograms. Doctors at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center use the technology to improve patient care. If a patient is suspected of having a stroke, for example, a medical technician can conduct a neurological exam in the ambulance and then transmit large data files by cell phone to Shock Trauma. Doing this would give providers a head start in determining its treatment plan at a stage where every minute is critical.

"Our efforts in enhanced patient care and delivery of information will require this kind of technology," said President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil.

Donald E. Wilson, MD, MACP, vice president for medical affairs for the University and dean of the School of Medicine, said that membership in Internet2 helps the School keep pace with advances in information technology. "If the commercial Internet is the information superhighway, then the Internet2 is the Autobahn," Wilson said.

At the conference, speakers from UMB and other institutions presented information on Internet2, an initiative led by universities, and the Next Generation Internet (NGI), a companion initiative led by the federal government.

Gary Hollenbeck, PhD, a professor in the School of Pharmacy, showed how Internet2 is used to conduct a class from a remote location. Using Internet2, Hollenbeck has taught two classes in basic pharmaceuticals to students at the University of Oklahoma.

The conference's host, Peter J. Murray, PhD, vice president and chief information officer of the UMB Center for Information

Technology Services, said, "Internet2 means that almost everything we do to deliver health care physically can be communicated between people who are not sitting next to each other. For people in rural areas, this technology will provide access to experts who can diagnose medical problems. Moreover, for an institution like UMB, it can provide access to experts in research."

## Fulbright Winner Lends Expertise

ROSALIA SCALIA

### SOCIAL WORK

Dale A. Masi, DSW, a professor in the School of Social Work and an expert in international employee assistance programs (EAPs), recently received a



Dale A. Masi

Fulbright Program

grant. As a Fulbright Senior Specialist, Masi will travel to Japan in Fall 2003 for four weeks to work with leaders of Japan's occupational mental health professions.

"I have long been interested in Japanese EAPs because I've wanted to compare these programs with America's models," she says.

Masi will deliver lectures to medical and doctoral students regarding occupational mental health at the Kyorin University School of Medicine and will lead workshops for occupational mental health practitioners regarding design and administration of occupational mental health programs, also called EAPs. Masi will also consult on the design of advanced occupational mental health professional training and serve as an advisor for a social work doctoral student.

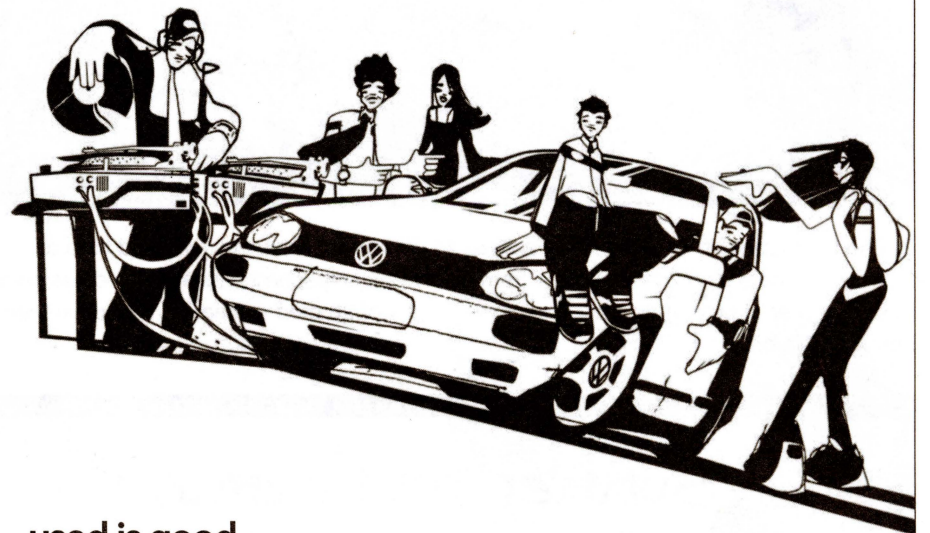
This is Masi's third Fulbright grant. Previously, she traveled to Italy and Hong Kong. The Fulbright Program, established in 1946, was designed to promote international educational exchange. In addition to the Department of State's sponsorship, the Senior Specialist program requires the host country's sponsorship. The Kyorin University School of Medicine's Department of Preventive Medicine and the Motorola Corporation, which has EAPs in Japan and other countries, will sponsor her work.

Before she leaves for Japan, Masi is planning several trips abroad. In March, at the internationally renowned Bocconi University School of Management in Milan, Italy, Masi will teach in the Master's of International Health Care Management, Economics, and Policy Program on how to measure results of and establish performance guidelines for EAPs and behavioral health.

In May, Masi will meet with EAP professionals in the United Kingdom to describe the American EAP Accreditation Program and how it can be adapted to the UK.

In Berlin, Germany, in June, Masi will give a presentation on worldwide EAP guidelines on mental health in the workplace at the Third Annual Global Symposium on Business and Mental Energy and Work sponsored by Volkswagen, the World Health Organization, the International Labor Organization, and World Strategic Partners.

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a buffet lunch. The awards ceremony will take place at 1:30 p.m. The abstract submission deadline is 5 p.m., Friday, April 18, 2003. Electronic submissions can be made through the WHRG Web site, <http://med-school.umaryland.edu/womenshealth/wbrg/Regformpd03.html> or e-mail attachments to [bberman@grecc.umaryland.edu](mailto:bberman@grecc.umaryland.edu). For more information, call 410-605-7000 ext. 5405.

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**New Class Dates**

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**CPR Renewal Classes**

The Dental School will offer CPR renewal classes on April 21, May 15, and May 19. 8–10 a.m. \$45 registration fee. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Call 410-706-3622 to obtain a registration form.

**PT Department Changes Name**

SONIA ELABD

In March 2003, the Department of Physical Therapy changed its name to the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science. The new name reflects the department's recent growth in education and research programs and the demand for providing evidence for practice in physical therapy. "The American Physical Therapy Association supports the national trend toward doctoral level training in physical therapy to emphasize evidence-based practice," says Mary Rodgers, PhD, PT, professor and chair. "The onus to provide this evidence through research related to rehabilitation science falls on programs such as ours."

In the past two years, the department added three new doctoral programs that focus on evidence-based practice: the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree for entry-level students wanting to become physical therapists, the Doctor of Science in Physical Therapy for practicing therapists to advance their education, and the transitional Doctor of Science in Physical Therapy for recent Master's of Physical Therapy program graduates who wish to receive a doctorate degree.

The name change also reflects the increase in research faculty and funding in rehabilitation science and the growth in the graduate PhD program in Physical Rehabilitation Science. During the past five years, the number of research faculty has more than tripled and research funding has increased six-fold.

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## CALENDAR

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**April 22:** Survival Skills Seminars: "Research Application Process: A Musical Analogy." 8:30–10 a.m. Baltimore Student Union, Terrace Lounge. Speaker: Jay Magaziner, PhD, MSHyg, a professor and director of the gerontology division in the School of Medicine. To register, call 410-706-8323 or e-mail [mfish@umaryland.edu](mailto:mfish@umaryland.edu).

**April 23:** The Ellis Grollman Lecture, "The Currents of Life: Electron Flow through Biological Molecules." 11 a.m. School of Nursing Auditorium. Speaker: Harry B. Gray, PhD, Arnold O. Beckman Professor of Chemistry and founding director of the Beckman Institute at the California Institute of Technology.

**April 24:** Title IX: Women, Athletics and the Law: A Symposium on the Final Report of the Secretary's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics. 3–5 p.m. School of Law Ceremonial Court Room. Free. To RSVP, contact Lu Ann Marshall at 410-706-4128 or [lmarsal@law.umaryland.edu](mailto:lmarsal@law.umaryland.edu).

**April 24:** Dental School Student/Faculty Scholarship Day. 10:15 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Nursing School Auditorium.

**April 25:** The Future of Civil Rights Research. 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Westminster Hall and Thurgood Marshall Law Library. For more information, contact Lu Ann Marshall at 410-706-4128.

**April 25–26:** Black Alumni Reunion and Symposium. 6–9 p.m. on April 25 and 9 a.m.–Midnight on April 26. School of Law. For more information, visit [www.marylandblacklawalumni.com](http://www.marylandblacklawalumni.com) or call Liz McFarlane at 410-706-2070.

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**May 6:** 2003 Program in Neuroscience Symposium: "Hormones and Higher Brain Function: Think About It." 8 a.m.–5 p.m. School of Nursing Auditorium. For more information, visit <http://neuroscience.umaryland.edu/symposium.htm>.

**May 7:** PDA General User Group Meeting. Noon–1 p.m. Health Sciences and Human Services Library. To RSVP, e-mail [brown-bag@hshsl.umaryland.edu](mailto:brown-bag@hshsl.umaryland.edu).

**May 7:** "Teaching with Technology in Health Sciences: Today & Tomorrow." 8:30 a.m.–Noon. School of Nursing. To register or for more information, e-mail [ITL@son.umaryland.edu](mailto:ITL@son.umaryland.edu).

**May 20:** School of Medicine Faculty Development Book Club. 12:15 p.m. Davidge Hall. To RSVP or for more information, e-mail Richard Colgan, MD, [rcolgan@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:rcolgan@som.umaryland.edu).

**June 12–13:** National Conference on Children and Adolescents "Gateways to Treatment: Linking Service Systems for Mental Health." For more information, call 410-706-3449 or visit [www.nursing.umaryland.edu](http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu).

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**April 22:** "Play Therapy (225)." Kathleen M. Reitz-Sanner, MSW, LCSW-C.

**April 30:** "Critical Issues in Adolescent Substance Abuse: When An Immovable Object Meets An Irresistible Force (114)." Stuart A. Tiegel, MSW, LCSW-C, and Thomas L. Baumgardner, PhD.

**May 1:** "Dimensions of Divorce: The Research of Wallerstein and Hetherington and Implications for Clinical Practice (263)." Anthony Abbondandolo, PhD.

**May 6:** "School-aged Children (Ages 6-12) with Prenatal Substance Exposure: What Works (262)." Caroline L. Burry, PhD, LCSW-C.

**May 13:** "The Use of Spirituality in Social Work Practice (439)." Toni Cascio, PhD, Carmen Morano, PhD.

**May 22:** "Child and Adolescent Psychopharmacology (236)." Miguel Frontera, MD.

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Health Sciences Facility II

## HSF II Dedicated May 8

SONIA ELABD

The schools of medicine and pharmacy dedicated the new Health Sciences Facility II on May 8. Elias Zerhouni, MD, director of the National Institutes of Health, spoke at the ribbon-cutting ceremony and dedication.

"HSF II is going to be a flagship of biomedical technology. It will attract top-flight scientists from all over the globe to the University of Maryland and provide the space we need to continue the dynamic growth in research we have achieved over the past decade," said President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil. "It is a true interdisciplinary research facility, encouraging collaboration between the schools of medicine and pharmacy."

"This building is an example of how to synergize the medical community and research facilities," said Zerhouni. "The University is pursuing the right strategy by creating an environment for multidisciplinary research."

Earlier in the day, the schools had a sneak preview of the 101,000-square-foot, \$78 million biomedical research facility. Rita Colwell, PhD, director of the National Science Foundation, spoke at the morning event.

She said the University has taken a leadership role in countering bioterrorist threats, and the new building will advance bio-defense research and help continue this leadership role.

Individuals toured the new facility, which has some of the

most advanced scientific equipment in the world.

The medical school, which occupies six floors of the new building, is home to a new \$2.5 million nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer that allows researchers to analyze the structure of many proteins and apply the information to design new drugs, such as cancer treatments. Funded by the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation, this new NMR is the most sensitive machine of its kind in the world.

"HSF II will help keep the School of Medicine on the cutting edge of biomedical research as we focus on new frontiers in genomics, molecular biology, proteomics, bioterrorism, and bioinformatics," said Donald Wilson, MD, MACP, vice president of medical affairs for the University and dean of the medical school.

The building also houses the School of Medicine's Emerging Pathogens Research Center, a Biosafety Level Three (BSL-3) containment laboratory, funded in part by a \$2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health National Center for Research Resources. The BSL-3 facility allows researchers to safely work with infectious pathogens and possible bioterrorist agents. The lab is equipped with a special ventilation system and multiple security components. "This lab is one of the largest and most sophisticated BSL-3 facilities in the eastern United States that is located on a university campus," says Howard Dickler, MD, asso-

ciate dean for research and graduate studies in the medical school.

The School of Pharmacy, which occupies the top two floors of the building, has X-ray crystallography equipment, which helps researchers determine the structure of proteins and apply the information to drug design, in addition to other high-tech equipment.

"Just as the roots of this building extend into the past, opening HSF II represents the present: a great facility presenting marvelous opportunities," said David Knapp, PhD, dean of the pharmacy school.

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## UMB Commencement May 23

ROSALIA SCALIA

On May 23, more than 1,289 candidates will graduate from the University's six professional schools and the Graduate School. Anthony S. Fauci, MD, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), will deliver the University's commencement address at 3 p.m. at the First Mariner Arena. Fauci and graduation speakers for the schools of law and social work will receive honorary degrees in public service from President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil.

Fauci, who became director of NIAID in 1984, is known for his many contributions to basic and clinical research on the pathogenesis and treatment of immune-mediated diseases, such as AIDS. Fauci became internationally renowned as a pioneer in human immunoregulation. His observations serve as the basis for the current understanding of the regulation of the human immune response.

Before commencement, each school will have its own commencement ceremony. The hooding ceremony for the School of Law will be held at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall at 11:30 a.m. on May 23. The graduation speaker will be Guido Calabresi, LLB, a federal court judge in Connecticut and author of four books and more than 80 articles. Before he was appointed to the bench in 1994, Calabresi was the dean and Sterling Professor at Yale Law School, where he began teaching in 1959. He continues to serve as a member of that faculty as the Sterling



Anthony S. Fauci

Professor Emeritus and Professorial Lecturer in Law.

The speaker for the School of Social Work convocation is Hubie Jones, MSW, who has played a key role in the formation, rebuilding, and leadership of at least 30 Boston community organizations, including the Roxbury Multi-Service Center. This center became a national model for neighborhood-based social services. He also has been a leader for many community service organizations, including the Massachusetts Advocacy Center and Roxbury Youth Works.

Other schools also will hold graduation ceremonies on May 23. The Dental School convocation will be at 9:30 a.m. at the War Memorial Plaza. The School of Pharmacy convocation is at 10 a.m. at the Renaissance Hotel. The School of Nursing convocation and luncheon is set to begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Lyric Opera House.

The School of Medicine will conduct a robing ceremony on May 22 at the MSTF Auditorium for its MD and PhD candidates and a precommencement ceremony at 8 a.m. on May 23 at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall.

## EPA Conducts Public Hearing

On May 7, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held a session at the School of Nursing Auditorium to solicit public comment on its national agenda on the environment and aging. EPA conducted the public listening session as part of the Aging Initiative, an initiative to study the effects of environmental health hazards on older people and to examine the effect that the aging population will have on the environment.

Janet Allan, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN, dean of the School of Nursing, introduced Christine Todd Whitman, EPA administrator. Allan cited the School's environmental program as the reason why the University was a good

choice to host the public hearing, the sixth and final session the EPA has conducted at universities across the country.

During the session, Whitman reiterated her commitment to clean water, clear skies, and protected lands. She discussed the EPA's efforts to identify research gaps in environmental health, prepare for a rapidly aging population, and to encourage older



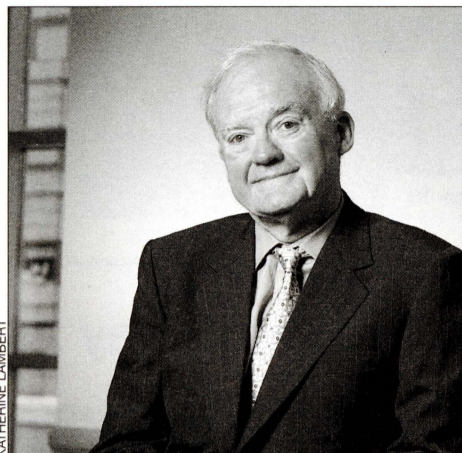
Christine Todd Whitman

people to volunteer to address environmental health hazards in their communities. Whitman said she has made the protection of

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## CAMPUS MESSAGE



President David J. Ramsay

## HIGHER EDUCATION IN HARD TIMES

"These are the times that try our souls." The academic year 2002–2003, our 196th year of operation, has certainly been trying on the fiscal front. A year that began with no increase in our state general funds budget got worse and worse as the year progressed. The fall semester saw a series of budget cuts ultimately totaling some \$16.5 million, or about 11 percent of our state payment, with most of these cuts continuing into next fiscal year. By the time we absorb additional cuts that the legislature has imposed and pay for mandated

increases, particularly for employee health benefits, our state general funds budget for the year that begins on July 1, 2003 will be at least \$22.3 million below where we had been last July, a cut of about 15 percent. And as I write, we are likely to face even deeper cuts for FY 04 and FY 05 since the State of Maryland faces the prospect of budget shortfalls on the order of a billion dollars.

How did this happen? *The Perfect Storm*, the story of the Gloucester fishing boat that was caught in once-in-a-century bad weather, has its parallel in what is happening to the budgets of state and local government. These budgets are being hit on all sides. The economic slowdown has resulted in more unemployment, lower income tax revenues, lower sales tax revenue, lower or non-existent capital gains, and more need for the state's social programs—the safety net. Unlike the federal government, which can spend dollars it does not have, the state of Maryland, like almost all of the 50 states, has to live within its revenues.

Could it have been worse? Absolutely. Without the dedication and hard work of so many in our community who took the time and the energy to advocate in Annapolis on behalf of this campus, I am persuaded that the cuts would have been even more draconian.

How will we manage? By cutting expenditures to the bone, raising tuition and fees, and looking toward entrepreneurship—particularly increases in external contracts and grants, improved clinical revenue, and more philanthropic support. We shall implement every sensible cost saving measure we can identify.

What we shall not do is cut back on quality. I am incredibly proud of our schools, which individually and collectively are already considered to be very good indeed. We owe this to the efforts of our outstanding faculty, who have made excellence their watchword. Our growth in externally sponsored research has been nothing short of phenomenal — 20 percent last year alone. We must make sure that the recognition that our schools are among the finest in the nation does not slip.

In a few weeks, we shall graduate another outstanding crop of physicians, dentists, nurses, physical therapists, attorneys, social workers, pharmacists, dental hygienists, and biomedical researchers. I consider each of these individuals to be our best advocates. They have experienced first hand the quality of our programs and can be justly proud of their alma mater. I hope that as their professional lives take shape, and they manage to pay off their accumulated student loans, they will continue to advocate for the schools and programs that nurtured them and help their University weather higher education's *Perfect Storm* to come through it all stronger and better than ever.

## Advances in Info Technology

SONIA ELABD

This spring, two information technology projects were implemented, making the lives of students, faculty, and staff easier.

On March 24, the second phase of the eUMB project went live. eUMB is a multi-year project that the Center for Information Technology Services (CITS) is implementing to replace the University's administrative applications for human resources, payroll, finance, procurement, and grants management with integrated PeopleSoft software.

The second phase of the project focused on the time and payroll systems. Now, time and leave tracking and payroll processing are done online. "The administrative processes are now automated and more time efficient," says Peter J. Murray, PhD, vice president for information technology and chief information officer. "For the first time, decision-makers have access to valuable information that is real-time and online."

"The administrative processes are now integrated, a quantum leap in improvement from the old systems that were separate," says Kevin Curley, MBA, executive director of the eUMB project.

"The eUMB project has been a major initiative for the University," says Murray. The next phase of the project, which will include financial and grants management software, is in the planning stage.

Another effort that CITS helped implement is online student registration. In April, students in the schools of nursing, law, pharmacy, social work, the Graduate School, and dental hygiene program were able to register online for courses. This project was an intensive collaborative effort between CITS, the Office of Records and Registration, and the schools in ensuring that the registration procedures met the specific and unique needs of each school and program.

In November 2002, students in the School of Nursing and Graduate School were the first to register for courses for the

Spring 2003 semester. Based on the success of that pilot effort, other schools were able to implement online registration procedures this spring.

"Without the effort and cooperation of the schools, this project would not have happened," says Chris Phillips, MGA, CITS assistant vice president.

The advantages of online registration are many. For administrative officials, it saves time in data entry and processing. "For the School of Law, we saved them about 80 percent of their work in processing student registrations for their lottery system," says Phillips.

"The new human resources, payroll, and student systems more effectively and efficiently meet the University's information needs," says Murray.

The new system is also easy for students to learn and use. "I got up at 6 a.m., made coffee, and registered for class in my fuzzy slippers and with my cat on my lap," says Ivory Harris, a second-year nursing student. "It took all of 10 minutes, and I was back to bed."

## New SON Assistant Dean



Sue Thomas

ROSALIA SCALIA

Sue Thomas, PhD, RN, FAAN, a professor in the School of Nursing, has been appointed assistant dean for doctoral studies, effective June 1. In her new position, Thomas will oversee the doctoral program and advise students on their thesis projects and research.

Thomas, who will continue her teaching and research responsibilities, has been involved in cardiovascular research for more than 30 years and is currently working on a project to identify the psychological and social factors that predict survival in patients with congestive heart failure. In addition, she is collaborating with national and international cardiologists to improve psychosocial outcomes for cardiac patients.

"Dr. Thomas is an outstanding scholar, mentor, and teacher and will bring many talents to this new position," says Janet D. Allan, PhD, RN, FAAN, dean of the School.

Thomas came to the School of Nursing in August 2001. She will replace Louise Jenkins, PhD, RN, who will return to a full-time teaching and research role and will continue to serve as co-director of the Clinical Education and Evaluation Lab.

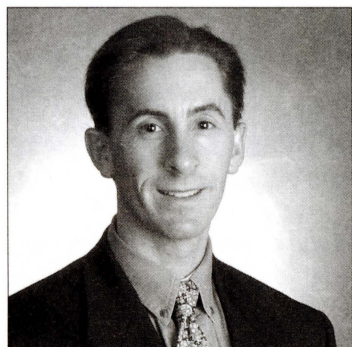
## Pharm Health Services Research Dept in SOP

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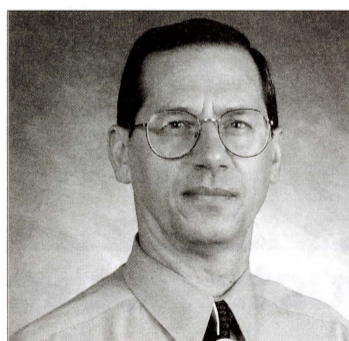
David A. Knapp, PhD, dean of the School of Pharmacy at the University of Maryland, Baltimore has appointed Robert J. Michocki, PharmD, BCPS, as chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, and C. Daniel Mullins, PhD, as chair of the new Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research, effective April 2003.

The new Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research was created to allow faculty to focus their research on cost-effective drugs, to find new ways to help people effectively use medications, and to help shape government policies that affect drug sales, use, and safety.

Mullins, an associate professor in the School, joined the faculty in 1995. He has more than 10 years of experience in research on drug pricing



C. Daniel Mullins



Robert J. Michocki

and the economic analysis of the pharmaceutical industry. Mullins received the 1998

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America Faculty Development Award in Pharmacoeconomics and the 2002 Drug Information Association Outstanding Service Award. His current projects focus on the cost-effectiveness of cardiovascular, arthritis, and cancer treatments.

"Dr. Mullins is nationally recognized for his studies of the outcomes of drug therapy and pharmacy services," Knapp says. "As a result, he is perfectly positioned to guide this new division."

Michocki, a professor, joined the faculty in 1974. His research interests include the role of the pharmacist in geriatric care and the development of criteria for drug use that can be applied to large databases. He maintains an active primary care practice in geriatrics and is a geriatrics consultant to

the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center.

Michocki's drug therapy research includes the treatment of Alzheimer's disease and asthma.

"Dr. Michocki's practice in family medicine, primary care, geriatrics, and the emergency room gives him the broad-based experience necessary to lead the department," Knapp says.

## HSF cont.

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kinetics/ Biopharmaceutics Laboratory, researchers will analyze how drugs are absorbed and distributed through the body. The new building doubles the amount of lab space in the pharmacy school.

A \$3 million gift from an anonymous alumnus helped fund the pharmacy school's portion of the building.

## Maryland Magazine 2003

Pick up a copy of the 2003 issue of *Maryland* magazine. This issue features a story on the Onziga conjoined twins and University endeavors to improve access to care. To receive a copy, call 410-706-7820.



## Family Connections Proven Effective

SONIA ELABD

### SOCIAL WORK

In April 2003, the Family Connections program at the School of Social Work was selected by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Children's Bureau as the only "demonstrated effective program" in preventing child abuse and neglect.

Family Connections is a community-based program that provides services to families in West Baltimore with children ages 5–11. The programs' primary mission is to promote the safety and well-being of children and families and to evaluate the effectiveness of interventions for families that have difficulty meeting the needs of their children. The program does this by providing community service and educating MSW student interns to help these families.

Using an experimental design, Family Connections compared two intervention groups for at-risk families—families that have one or more risk factors, such as parental drug use or child behavior problems, that increase the risk of child abuse or neglect. One group of families, which received three months of services to meet their emergency needs, participated in a comprehensive assessment of risk and protective factors and then were referred to community agencies for further services. The second group of families, which received nine months of services, also had their emergency needs met and participated in a comprehensive assessment of risk and protective factors, but then received home-based counseling services and service coordination with community

agencies.

The evaluation showed that in both intervention groups, appropriate parenting attitudes and satisfaction increased and caregiver stress and drug use decreased. "The nine-month intervention group had a greater effect in reducing parental depressive symptoms and child behavior problems," says Diane DePanfilis, PhD, MSW, an associate professor in the School of Social Work and co-director of the Center for Families.

The program's results indicate that children in 90 percent of the at-risk families served between 2000 and 2001 were safe from the suspicion of abuse or neglect.

The program was featured in an April 2003 Children's Bureau report "Emerging Practices in the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect," as well as in the bureau's monthly newsletter, *Children's Bureau Express*.

"The program plans to further study what components of the intervention make the most differences for families," says DePanfilis.

For more information about Family Connections, visit [www.family.umaryland.edu](http://www.family.umaryland.edu).



Diane DePanfilis

## Two Faculty Among *Daily Record's* Top 100 Women

ROSALIA SCALIA

The *Daily Record* named Susan Leviton, JD, a professor in the School of Law and director of the Children's Law Clinic, and Denise Harmening, PhD, assistant dean of policy and planning and a professor in the School of Medicine, two of Maryland's Top 100 Women.

The *Daily Record* created the Maryland's Top 100 Women Awards to recognize women who have achieved extraordinary accomplishments. This year, 30 of the 100 women joined the Circle of Excellence, a designation for those who had been chosen three times in the past.

Leviton, who was also a Circle of Excellence inductee, came to the law school in 1975 and started working on the rights of handicapped children. By 1985, she founded the Advocacy for Children and Youth, a statewide nonprofit organization to ensure that all children "have a voice and a choice." In the Children's Law Clinic,



Susan Leviton



Denise Harmening

Leviton guides law students on how to change policy regarding children's rights. She also has worked to ensure that youths in the justice system are treated fairly. In addition, she is a board member of the Open Society Institute, an organization that examines the justice system, helps link children with services they need, and fosters after-school programs that can deter delinquency.

Harmening, a professor in the Department of Medical and Research Technology in the medical school, founded the department and served as its chair for 12 years. She has written three textbooks, two of which are used in more than 250 programs worldwide. During the past 20 years, she has been an active educator, administrator, and researcher. She was also the sole inventor of a number of patents in the field of cellular preservation. She was named among the Top 100 Women in 2001. In that same year, she was inducted as a fellow in the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professionals.

## Environmental Law Celebrates Successes

JUDY HEIGER

During the past year, the School of Law's environmental law program has celebrated many achievements.

In April, the program was ranked fourth nationally in *U.S. News & World Report*. The program has been ranked in the top five for several years. "Our program focuses not only on the legal aspects of environmental issues, but also on the scientific and political aspects of environmental law," says Robert Percival, JD, director of the environmental law program, a professor, and Robert Stanton Scholar.

In addition to the rise in national rankings, the program has enjoyed other recent successes.

In March, the program was selected to host the National Association of Environmental Law Societies conference. More than 130 students from 40 law schools across the country attended the conference—a record attendance. "Hosting this prestigious conference provided a fantastic opportunity to bring national experts to the school," says Katherine Baer, a second-year law student and the student conference coordinator.

One of the main aspects of the program is the clinic, which provides students practical experience with real clients. The clinic is one of approximately 25 in the country. During this academic year, the students have worked on a wide variety of projects. On behalf of the South Carolina chapter of the Sierra Club and the Environmental Working Group, the students wrote an amicus brief to the Supreme Court involving the disposal of nuclear waste. Students also wrote a report titled, "Keeping Pace: Maryland's Worst Environmental Problems and What We Can Do To Solve Them," at the request of state Senator Brian Frosh.

"It is remarkable that our students are given the opportunity to work on such important public interest projects," says Rena Steinzor, JD, a professor and director of the Environmental Law Clinic.

Internationally, the program has participated in several significant projects. The School was selected to help establish the first environmental law clinic in South America. Percival traveled to the University of Chile School of Law to assist in this process and, following his visit, two faculty members from Chile traveled to Baltimore to explore the workings of our clinic. "Our selection to participate in this project is a testament to the program's growing international reputation," says Percival.

In April, Percival traveled to Japan with Miranda Schreurs, PhD, MA, an assistant professor from University of Maryland, College Park, to present a paper and deliver a lecture at a conference as part of a continuing project on comparative environmental justice. From this experience, Percival and Schreurs developed a new seminar they will co-teach in spring 2004 on comparative environmental law and politics.

## IN THE NEWS

"It's like the difference between an H-bomb and a laser-guided rocket."

—Alexander Sulakvelidze, PhD, an assistant professor in the School of Medicine, quoted in a March 31 *Los Angeles Times* article on bacteria-eating viruses, called bacteriophages. Sulakvelidze was referring to the difference between antibiotics and bacteriophages in fighting viral infections. Bacteriophages only target the harmful virus, leaving beneficial organisms intact.

"It sounds trite to say that justice delayed is justice denied."

—William Reynolds, JD, a professor in the School of Law, is quoted in an April 11 article in the *Washington Post*. Reynolds was discussing the Maryland Court of Appeals' delay in ruling on a legal challenge of a smoking ban in Montgomery County bars and restaurants. The ban, one of the first in the nation, was first enacted in 1999. It was challenged in November 2000.

Janet Allan, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN, dean of the School of Nursing, was interviewed for a May 2 *Washington Post* article about the increased number of accelerated degree programs in the nation. More schools are offering these programs in response to the national nursing shortage. Allan said that the School's accelerated degree program still is expanding and that enrollment for bachelor's degrees in nursing increased 16 percent last year despite a faculty shortage.

On April 7, Christian S. Stohler, DMD, Dr.Med.Dent, dean of the Dental School, appeared on WBFF-TV to discuss a study published in *Science* on a genetic mutation that changes the way people experience pain. Stohler was one of the study's authors.

Julie Magno Zito, PhD, an associate professor of pharmacy and medicine in the School of Pharmacy, was interviewed in an April 14 *Dallas Morning News* article and discussed the use of psychiatric drugs in children. Magno Zito led a study finding that the use of medications to treat emotional problems in children and teenagers more than doubled in the decade ending in 1996.

Steven Soifer, PhD, an associate professor in the School of Social Work, was quoted in an April 21 in the *Wall Street Journal* about his work in helping people overcome shy bladder syndrome, the inability to urinate in public restrooms.

Cara Krulewitch, PhD, an assistant professor in the School of Nursing, was interviewed on April 23 on "Inside Edition" regarding her finding that 38 percent of pregnant women who died in Washington, D.C., between 1988 and 1996 were homicide victims. The death of Laci Peterson and her unborn baby has called attention to the finding that homicide is the leading cause of pregnancy-associated death.



## LAURELS

## Dental School

Department of Oral and Craniofacial Biological Sciences faculty **Renty Franklin, PhD**, a professor, and **Joel Greenspan, PhD, MS**, an associate professor, were appointed to the Reproductive Endocrinology Study Section and the Integrative, Functional, and Cognitive Neuroscience 4 Study Section, respectively. These study sections are part of the Center for Scientific Review of the National Institutes of Health.

**Ronald Gunderson, DDS**, an associate professor, restorative dentistry, was inducted into the Maryland Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, an international honor dental organization.

**Henry Williams, PhD**, a professor in the Department of Oral and Craniofacial Biological Sciences, received the William A. Hinton Research Training Award from the American Society for Microbiology. The award recognizes outstanding efforts toward teaching, mentoring, inclusion, and advancement of students from groups that are under-represented in microbiology.

## School of Medicine

**Jay S. Magaziner, PhD**, a professor in the Departments of Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine and Medicine, has been selected to serve a one-year term on the Epidemiology and Disease Control Subcommittee 3 Study Section of the Center for Scientific Review of the National Institutes of Health.

**John A. Talbott, MD**, a professor in the Department of Psychiatry, was awarded the Special Presidential Commendation from the American Psychiatric Association at its annual meeting in San Francisco. This award is in recognition of his editorship of the

journal *Psychiatric Services* for more than two decades.

## School of Nursing

**Carole Jennings, PhD, RN**, an assistant professor in the Department of Education, Administration, Health Policy and Informatics, has been appointed to the National League for Nursing's Public Policy Committee.

**Naomi Lamm, MS, RN**, coordinator of the Western Maryland Wellmobile Program, was recently appointed to the Maryland Board of Nursing's Continuing Competency in Education Committee.

**Sally Raphel, MS, APRN, CS-P, FAAN**, a clinical instructor in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health, has been appointed to the Maryland Workforce Challenge: Developing New Partnerships to Serve Children and Families, by the Coalition Member, the American Nurses Association.

**Barbara Resnick, PhD, CRNP, FAAN**, an associate professor in the Department of Adult Health Nursing, received honorable mention as Nurse Educator of the Year in the Baltimore-Washington, D.C., region by *Nursing Spectrum* magazine.

**Carol Snapp, MSN, CNM**, a clinical instructor in the Department of Child, Women's and Family Health, received the 2003 Excellence in Teaching Award at the School, presented by the American Colleges of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) Foundation. The foundation honors one teacher in every ACNM pre-accredited/accredited education program each year.

## School of Pharmacy

**Cynthia Boyle, PharmD**, an assistant professor and the director of the Office of Continuation Studies, has been elected as a member At-Large of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management Administrative Section.

**Gary Smith, PharmD**, a professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, has been named chair of the clinical sciences section of the APhA Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science.

**Andrew Coop, PhD**, an assistant professor

in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences was selected as this year's Joseph Cochin Young Investigator by the College on Problems of Drug Dependence.

## School of Social Work

**Lauren Torres**, an MSW student, received the 2003 Geriatrics and Gerontology Education and Research (GGEAR) Program Student Award for Excellence in Clinical Services for Social Work. This annual award was established in 1994 by the GGEAR Program to recognize outstanding students who have demonstrated a commitment to the care of older adults through their educational experiences at the University.

## Facilities Management Named Employer of the Year

The ARC of Baltimore (formerly the Association of Retarded Citizens) recognized the UMB's Facilities Management Department as its Employer of the Year.

More than a year ago, Vassie Hollamon, MBA, assistant director for general services, led the community outreach initiative to collaborate with ARC. This collaboration has proven to be successful for both the University and ARC. The University gains hard-working and reliable employees, and ARC helps place individuals in stable, long-term employment positions. "Most importantly, individuals find a place where they can meaningfully contribute their time and their talent toward successful outcomes that are bigger than any one person could possibly achieve," says Robert Rowan, MS, assistant vice president for facilities management.

The University currently employs four housekeepers as a result of the collaboration. Earnest Woodard, the first person of the four hired, recently celebrated his one-year anniversary as a University employee. None of the four have yet to use one day of sick leave.

"Both the ARC and the University look forward to expanding this successful partnership and toward demonstrating that everyone has a place in the diversity of talent required to enable learning, discovery, and care," says Hollamon.

The award was presented at the ARC's annual meeting on May 7. Hollamon accepted the award on behalf of the University.



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## Employees of the Month: February, March, April, and May

### February



Larry Sauder

It is not unusual for February Employee of the Month Larry Sauder, an administrator in the Department of Medicine in the School of Medicine, to arrive daily for work at 6:30 a.m., to trek to the campus on weekends and holidays, or to bring work home.

Sauder, a 26-year veteran of the UMB campus, began his career as a registered research assistant in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine in 1977. He has been the divisional administrator for the division for the past 18 years. During his 26 years on campus, he has not taken a single day of sick leave.

Responsible for supporting many of the faculty's clinical needs in the University of Maryland Medical Center, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, and in the labs, Sauder works closely with approximately 30 faculty who collectively have nearly \$12 million in active sponsored project funding. When he first took this position, the grant level was less than \$1 million. "One of the greatest joys of the job is receiving notice of new grant awards and seeing new clinical programs prosper. These are rewards of a lot of effort by many individuals," he says.

"Larry is known as one of the most solid, experienced, and thoughtful managers on our team," wrote Pat Breault, senior administrator, in his nomination letter. "The systems and procedures that he has developed are often seen as the 'ideal' way to address problems in the department. When new administrators are hired, he is one of the first people they are told to visit."

### March



Rosa Johnson

Rosa Johnson, accounting clerk in the Office of External Affairs (OEA) and Employee of the Month for March, organizes neighborhood children into clean-up crews.

Johnson's organizational skills, her eye for accuracy and detail, and her infectious personality may be the ingredients that inspire kids to collect litter and sweep streets, but they are also skills that impressed her colleagues. Johnson records all the gifts for the

University of Maryland Baltimore Foundation, Inc. She prepares and reconciles daily bank deposits of gifts and non-gifts to accounts. She also verifies the accuracy of gift receipts and maintains required documentation for gifts.

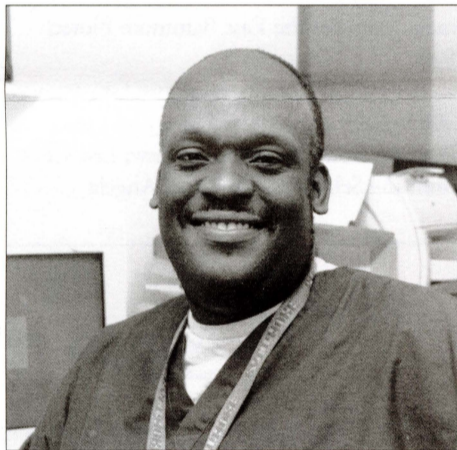
"My background has always been in finance or money," says Johnson, who joined OEA in 2000.

"Rosa is extremely conscientious as she goes about her responsibilities, and it shows in the quality of the work she produces. She is invariably accurate and detail-oriented," wrote Jan Schofield Wright, director of gift administration for OEA. "In December 2002 alone, more than \$6.6 million in gifts and commitments were processed—a record for the University. During this busy time, Rosa worked additional hours through the holidays to ensure that processing deadlines were met and that receipts were distributed in a timely manner," wrote Wright.

Rosa, who always seems to be smiling, cried when she received the award. "I was so shocked. I love coming here every morning, and I love what I do."

Proof, says colleague Mike Rittmiller, gift and endowment specialist, is that "Rosa dances down the hallway to her office."

### April



Wallace G. Evans

When Wallace G. Evans Jr., a lab technician at the School of Medicine and Employee of the month for April, was seven years old, he prayed for a pet monkey. "I fell in love with Cheetah on 'Tarzan,' and ever since, all I wanted was a pet monkey," he says.

Although his mother scoffed at the notion of any monkey sharing their home, Evans did not give up on his passion for primates.

He joined the University's Obesity and Diabetes Research Center (ODRC) in the School of Medicine in 1986 as a work-study student.

"God has a sense of humor," he says. "I prayed for a pet monkey at age seven without knowing that at age 20, I'd find myself taking care of a small colony of them." For Evans, this was as close to heaven as he could get.

Evans displayed such devotion and dedication in caring for the colony of rhesus monkeys that he was quickly promoted to a full-time position of laboratory animal technician. "For the past 17 years, Mr. Evans has consistently performed well above expected levels," wrote Barbara C. Hansen, PhD, director of ODRC and a professor in the Department of Physiology, and Noni L Bodkin, PhD, associate director of ODRC and a research associate, in their nomination letter.

For Evans, who is now nearing completion of a master's degree from Coppin State College, caring for the primates has been a

labor of love.

The colony maintained by the ODRC team is a critical model for age-related dependence of diabetes and obesity. According to Mordecai Blaustein, MD, professor and chair of the Department of Physiology, the importance of the rhesus monkeys within ODRC has a significant impact on the research of every investigator studying the biological interactions of diabetes, aging, and obesity in relationship to similar diseases in humans.

Indeed, Evans' devotion to the animals is legendary. "He has been known to sleep on the ODRC overnight if there is an impending snow storm to ensure full and safe care of these diabetic animals," Hansen and Bodkin wrote.

### May



Regina L. Davis with President Ramsay

When not at work, Regina L. Davis, MA, senior editor in the communications office in the Office of External Affairs and Employee of the Month for May, occupies her time with a host of creative and educational activities.

Davis volunteers for the Lutherville Laboratory for Math, Science, and Communications Parent Teacher Association as president and newsletter editor. She participates in the school's writers workshop and talks to students about writing and editing. "This year, I helped fourth-graders write news and feature articles," she says. Davis, who has a cultivated knack for drama, also finds time to write a novel for which a publisher has already demonstrated a keen interest.

In addition, she and her nine-year-old son Austin have appeared as extras in television shows and movies filmed locally.

Davis' ability to juggle many activities is honed at work where, as senior editor, she manages two other editors and reviews just about every document the office produces, ranging from brochures to *Maryland* magazine and materials from the Office of the President.

Davis joined the department two years ago as an editor. She became senior editor in September 2002. "Because no document leaves our office without the review of an editor, whether it comes from the Web developer, our design team, or our media team, Regina and her editors carry much responsibility," wrote Paul Drehoff, assistant vice president of the communications office, in his nomination letter.

For Davis, who is able to shift gears at a moment's notice, receiving the Employee of the Month recognition proved to be quite a surprise. "I love coming to work every day to work with people I consider as friends," she said.

—ROSALIA SCALIA

PHOTOS BY MARK TESKE

## Employee Recognition Ceremony

Members of the campus community were recognized for their accomplishments on May 16 at the annual Employee Recognition Luncheon. The event, held at the Marriott Inner Harbor, honored the Employee of the Year, employees of the month, the newly elected Staff Senators, and community service award recipients.

Karen Sack, administrator in the School of Pharmacy, was named the Cecil S. Kelly Memorial Employee of the Year. In her administrative role in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Sack is well-known and admired for her organizational and management skills.

One of the goals of the department is to increase research grants and contracts. Sack's ability to facilitate the grants and contracts application process has helped increase the amount of research funding in the department. "By facilitating faculty grant submission, she has helped the department increase its extramural grant application rate twofold," wrote David Knapp, PhD, dean of the pharmacy school, in his nomination letter. "This had led to an increase in grant funding in the department of more than 12 percent in FY 2002 and an 80 percent increase over FY 2000."

According to several department faculty, Sack's grant expertise and experience is valued not only in the department, but across campus because of her work in developing a National Institutes of Health Grantmanship Workshop for the campus.

Sack received a plaque and \$500 for the honor.

The ceremony also recognized individuals who completed 20, 25, 30, and 35 years of service at the University.

The following employees were recognized for 35 years of service to the University.

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**Carolyn Waltz**  
School of Nursing

The complete list of honorees is online at [www.umaryland.edu/oea/voice](http://www.umaryland.edu/oea/voice).



## SSW Makofsky Lecture on Child Welfare

On May 2, the School of Social Work held its 13th Annual Louise Rainer Makofsky Lecture on Child Welfare. Brenda Jones Harden, PhD, an assistant professor in the Department of Human Development, Institute for Child Study at the University of Maryland, College Park, delivered a lecture titled, "The Road Less Traveled: Child Well-Being in Child Welfare."

Harden said that a child's well-being should have an essential place in the child welfare delivery system. She urged child protective service workers to consider a child's psychological well-being as important as issues of safety and permanency. For example, she asked, "Is it smart to move a 12-month-old child in the throws of attachment from one caregiver to another?"

Joyce N. Thomas, RN, MPH, president and co-founder of the Center for Child Protection and Family Support, Inc., in Washington, D.C., received this year's memorial award. Thomas, a national and international expert in child welfare and domestic violence, was honored for her work on behalf of child protection and family support and for her effective intervention in cases of domestic abuse and child maltreatment.

Established in 1990, the event honors Louise Rainer Makofsky, who dedicated her life to child welfare and social justice.

# Schweitzer Fellows Announced

MIKE LURIE

Students from the schools of pharmacy, social work, nursing, and law are completing a one-year community service program through the Baltimore Schweitzer Fellows program.

The U.S. Schweitzer Fellows Programs, named after the late surgeon and humanitarian Albert Schweitzer, offer national community service fellowships to graduate students in health and human services. The project has grown to include U.S. Schweitzer Fellows Programs in Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Pittsburgh, and New York City. Fellows receive a stipend of \$2,000 and are expected to deliver a minimum of 200 hours of service.

The 2002-2003 Baltimore Schweitzer Fellows were selected in April 2002 from the University of Maryland, Baltimore; Johns Hopkins University; and the College of Notre Dame. They will conclude work on their projects by the end of May. In April, they gathered at the School of Law to make a brief presentation about their experience to fellowship colleagues and faculty advisors.

From UMB, the 2002-2003 fellows are Sharon Kim in the School of Pharmacy; Melinda Fowl and Amy Hampton in the School of Social Work; Juhee Lee in the School of Nursing; and Leslie Lobos in the School of Law.

Sharon Kim based her project at the Greenmount Korean Senior Center. Fluent in Korean, she presented seminars on hypertension, diabetes, and medication compliance. She also advised seniors on how to take their medications properly. "Diet and drug

interactions remain one of the most challenging areas because of certain cultural differences," Kim said, noting that there is a stigma in the Korean community about taking such medications as anti-depressants.

Melinda Fowl worked with refugees from Liberia through two groups in North Baltimore, the Immigration Outreach Service Center and the Episcopal Refugee and Immigrant Center. She helped the refugees apply for medical insurance and also started an aid fund to give the refugees access to attorneys at the Legal Aid Bureau.

At the St. Michael's Outreach Center in Fells Point, Amy Hampton gave lessons to Latinos in cooking and how to reduce living expenses. She spent the majority of her time developing a computer lab that, upon its completion this month, will give users access to software that teaches English as a second language.

The Latino population also was served by Leslie Lobos, who gave workshops on legal issues, housing, employment, finances, and immigration at the Annie E. Casey Foundation Community Center in Baltimore.

Finally, a group calling itself the "Save Middle East Action Committee" worked for the past year with doctoral student Juhee Lee. The committee's mission is to ensure that East Baltimore's African-American and elderly residents are involved in the development plans for the East Baltimore Biotech Park.

Baltimore Schweitzer Fellows for 2003-2004 are Pooja Adhikary and Joseph Peterson from the School of Law; Lisa Chan from the School of Medicine; Angela

McMichael from the School of Pharmacy; and Mark Donahue, Sara Schoolwerth, Allison Sand, and Ken Shapiro from the School of Social Work. The students are completing final plans for their service programs, which will begin in late May.

## Ramsay Appointed to Tech Commission

President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, was one of twenty individuals appointed to Governor Ehrlich's Commission on the Development of Advanced Technology Business in March.

The commission was created to address the revival and growth of the technology industry in Maryland. Ehrlich stated he wanted to "end Maryland's days as a 'pass-through' state" to the pro-business states of Virginia and Pennsylvania.

The commission comprises entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, and individuals from other Maryland academic institutions, including William Kirwan, PhD, chancellor of the University System of Maryland. The commission will identify strengths and weaknesses in Maryland's business industry and analyze successful initiatives in other states. By fall 2003, the group will submit recommendations to the governor on how to encourage business growth in Maryland.



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## Tewes Wins Regents' Award

ED FISHEL

### DENTAL SCHOOL

Warren D. Tewes, DDS, an assistant professor, received a Faculty Award for Excellence in Public Service from the University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents. Tewes was one of 11 other USM faculty members to receive the faculty awards, which were given for outstanding contributions in one of seven areas: collaboration, mentoring, public service, teaching, research, scholarship, and creative activity.

Tewes is a volunteer dental consultant to the Maryland State Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and a member of the federal Disaster Mortuary Operations Response Team. As part of this team, Tewes worked with 40 individuals to process the remains of the 44 passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in Somerset, Pa., on Sept. 11, 2001.

In addition to his work with the medical examiner, Tewes has helped establish the Maryland Dental Database for Missing and Unidentified Persons. This central repository of dental records for missing persons allows police to compare reports from families with bodies of unidentified persons. Also, Tewes was asked to be the volunteer forensic dental representative on the Forensic Advisory Board at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

There, he developed simplified dental charting schemes for non-dental first responders that can be communicated globally in a crisis.

The USM Board of Regents presented the Regents' Faculty Awards for Excellence at its April 11 meeting at Towson University.

"These 11 educators are an example for every person in higher education," said Clifford M. Kendall, chairman of the Board. "Through their hard work, dedication, and creative endeavors, they have shown that for teachers and students alike, real learning knows no boundaries. The Board is pleased to bestow its highest honor upon them."

Tewes will receive \$1,000 and a plaque of recognition for the honor.



Pictured from left to right: William Kirwan, PhD, chancellor of the University System of Maryland; President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil; Tewes; and Clifford M. Kendall, USM Board of Regents chairman.

## SOP Conducts Diabetes Screening

MIKE LURIE

On April 12, members of three student associations in the School of Pharmacy held a diabetes awareness fair at the Rite Aid Pharmacy on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, located a few blocks north of the University campus.

Under the guidance of Cherokee Layson-Wolf, PharmD, an assistant professor in the School, members of the Academy of Students of Pharmacy, the Lambda Kappa Sigma Professional Pharmacy Fraternity, and the Student National Pharmaceutical Association organized the free event.

Through "Operation Diabetes," a cooperative venture with the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Students of Pharmacy, Rite Aid has agreed to make its stores available nationally for the screenings. At the store, patients participated in blood-pressure screenings and diabetes risk screenings. Patients were asked to complete a questionnaire that determined their risk for diabetes.

"Most patients have not had experience with testing for sensitivity in the foot," Layson-Wolf said. "Diabetics lose sensitivity in their feet, so that information was very useful to the people we screened." Students used a mannequin from the School of Nursing to demonstrate how to administer the foot sensitivity test.

"Many people want to be involved in their own health care. These screenings can provide this service in a more relaxed envi-

ronment without time constraints," said third-year student Simmie Douthit, who helped coordinate the event.

"Organizing this event is a great learning experience about leadership and how to get people involved," said Yang Xu, another third-year student who helped plan the screenings.

Said Layson Wolf, "In the past three years, I've really seen an explosion in the community service provided by School of Pharmacy students."

An example is A Bridge to Academic Excellence (ABAE), a student group anchored in the School of Pharmacy that teams with students at other schools on campus to tutor high school students free of charge. ABAE sponsored a free health and career fair in April with presentations about preventing strokes and heart attacks and screenings for blood pressure, vision, and hearing.

Moreover, students with fluency in Vietnamese and Korean are volunteering to counsel members of those communities in the proper administration of medication and other health care concerns.

## EPA continued

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the health of older people a priority for a variety of reasons, including the changing demographics in the nation.

Whitman also announced that EPA would not use the Bush administration's policy of placing a lower dollar value on senior citizens' lives when calculating costs and benefits of environmental policies. "The bottom line is that EPA will not use an age-adjusted analysis on any regulations it promulgates," she said.

Representatives from environmental organizations, health care providers, and human service providers had the opportunity to address a listening session panel and to express their opinions on environmental hazards and the aging.

Individuals on the listening session panel included Jay Magaziner, PhD, MSHy, a professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine at the School of Medicine, director of the division of gerontology, and director of the Center for Research on Aging; John P. Steward, executive director of the Baltimore Commission of Aging and Retirement Education; Donald S. Welsh, regional administrator of EPA Region III; Jean W. Roesser, secretary of the Maryland Department of Aging; and Kendal Philbrick, deputy secretary of the Maryland Department of the Environment.

According to the panelists, by 2030, there will be 70 million elderly in the country. The fastest growing segment of society is people 85 and older, a group that is expected to reach 14 million in 2030. The panelists also agreed that senior citizens and infants represented the most vulnerable populations that are most susceptible to environmental health hazards such as microorganisms in drinking water, indoor and outdoor air pollution interfering with lung capacity, temperature extremes, and pesticides, among others.


The public listening session was co-sponsored by the School of Medicine, the Center for Research on Aging, the School of Nursing, and the Baltimore Commission on Aging and Retirement Education.

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## Quest for Care

SONIA ELABD

### DENTAL

"I can't wait to eat with my new teeth!" said Mr. J, a patient in the Dental School, of his new partial dentures. Mr. J, who experienced pain every time he chewed, received financial support from the Quest for Care fund in the School to help pay for his removable partial dentures.

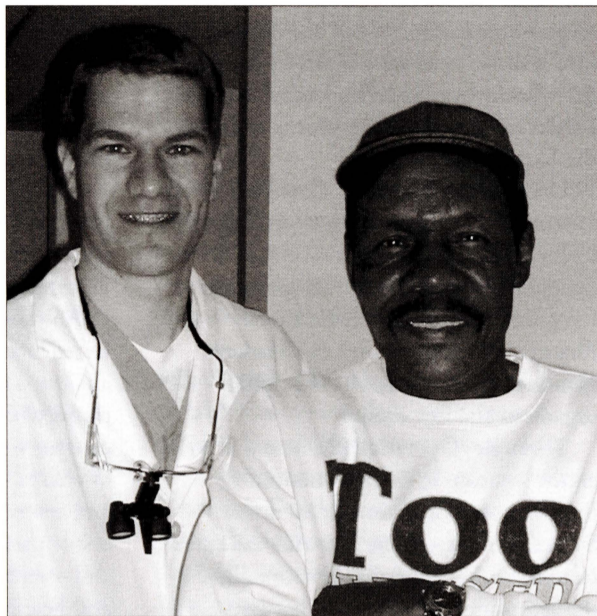
Quest for Care was established nearly 20 years ago by four dental students who wanted to provide a financial resource for patients who have medical, mental, or physical health challenges and are unable to pay for their essential oral health care.

"The cost for dental care at the Dental School is already substantially lower [up to 50 percent less] than private practice fees," says Werner Seibel, PhD, an associate professor in the School and the faculty advisor for the program. "But if patients don't have the money, their student dentist can request assistance from the Quest for Care fund."

Since it was established in 1984, the Quest for Care fund has provided more than \$200,000 in financial assistance to more than 300 patients.

Many of these patients, such as Mr. J, would not have otherwise been able to receive care. "Many of the patients who seek care at the Dental School are part of an underserved population," says Peter Spanganberg, president of the Student Dental Association and a May 2003 graduate of the Dental School. "The Quest for Care patients are a subset of that population with very special needs who might not otherwise have access to oral health care."

The fund is run by a volunteer committee of about 50 faculty and students, of which Seibel and Spanganberg are co-chairs. Every month, student dentists make presentations to the committee regarding patients they are treating and whom they believe are eligible for assistance. After reviewing the patient's dental problems and



Third-year dental student Corey Price with his patient, Mr. J, who received funds from Quest for Care.

other medical conditions and the student's treatment plan for the patient, the committee decides whether the patient is eligible for financial assistance from the fund and determines the amount of money the patient receives.

"Every year, we get more and more requests from students who want to be involved with the program," says Seibel.

"I like knowing that the patients are truly benefiting in their quality of life from the little bit of financial support we can give them," says Nancy Bouchard, a third-year dental student, who is involved with the program. In March, Bouchard made a presentation about Quest for Care at the annual session of the American Dental Education Association as part of the association's "Quest for Excellence" program, which recognizes student-driven initiatives.

Quest for Care receives donations from many individuals and organizations, including individual classes, the Student Dental Association, Psi Omega Dental Fraternity, and the Korean American Student Dental Association.

For more information on this program or to find out how to donate money, contact Werner Seibel at 410-706-7092 or [wms001@dental.umaryland.edu](mailto:wms001@dental.umaryland.edu).

## Center Study Predicts Nursing Shortage Will Continue

SONIA ELABD

In April, the University of Maryland Center for Health Workforce Development released a study predicting the effects of Maryland's nursing shortage on health care quality and safety. The study estimates that if current trends of increased demand for nurses and dwindling supply of nurses continue, Maryland will have a shortage of 17,000 registered nurses by 2012. The current shortage is approximately 3,000. In Maryland, as well as nationwide, there has been a shortage of nurses for several years.

In the next decade, the demand for nurses will increase because of several factors. First, the aging baby-boomer population will use more health care services. Also, other trends in health care, such as shorter hospital stays and organizational changes in health care delivery, will increase the demand for skilled nurses in other sectors of the health care industry, as well as in hospitals.

The study also points to several factors that contribute to the diminishing supply of nurses. "For a variety of reasons, the supply is shrinking, rather than growing to meet the need," says Barbara R. Heller, EdD, RN, FAAN, the center's director and principal author of the study. Those reasons include an aging nursing workforce and dissatisfaction with working conditions.

Also, fewer students in Maryland are graduating with nursing degrees and the state's education programs have limited capacity to expand enrollment. The added burden of faculty shortages and lack of clinical placement sites are contributing factors. "Schools will have to continue to change the way they do business," says Heller.

According to the study, although "some progress has been made in addressing the nursing shortage in Maryland from a recruitment and retention perspective, much more work remains to be done." The authors recommend developing more aggressive strategies to increase a diverse student enrollment in nursing programs and expanding the capacity of nursing education programs. Developing strategies for

increasing job satisfaction and improving perceptions about the profession are also needed.

The Center for Health Workforce Development, established in 2002, works to understand workforce dynamics and trends in all areas of health care. Relying on the expertise of the University's six professional schools, the center assists health care professionals, educators, the health care industry, and public policymakers in anticipating and meeting the challenges of recruiting, educating, managing, and retaining a health workforce.

To address the nursing shortage, the center, in conjunction with *Nursing Spectrum* magazine and the Maryland Nurses Association, is sponsoring the Virginia Lee Franklin Trust Conference, "Seeking Solutions to the Nursing Shortage: Best Practices in Recruitment and Retention," on June 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the School of Nursing Auditorium. National, regional, and local speakers will present insights from their perspectives, whereas the poster session will allow participants to share best practices and exemplars from their institutions. There is no charge and contact hours are available.

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## Program Addresses Leadership and Equality

JUDY HEIGER

### LAW

The School of Law recently established the Women, Leadership, and Equality Program to educate lawyers—both men and women—about the barriers women face when assuming leadership in society and to encourage lawyers to actively promote women in leadership roles. The program also acts as a clearinghouse for faculty and student research on gender-related legal issues.

"The idea for the program developed out of concern that more opportunities need to be created for law students to work toward more progress for women. Many members of this generation of female law students were unaware of the struggles that had been waged to achieve legal and social equality for women in this country," says Paula Monopoli, JD, a visiting professor in

the School and director of the program.

The School received a five-year, \$250,000 grant from the Marjorie Cook Foundation, a foundation dedicated to advancing women's equality under the law, to create the program. "Through this program, we hope to become the preeminent law school in the nation producing thoughtful and proactive leaders in the area of women and equality," says Monopoli.

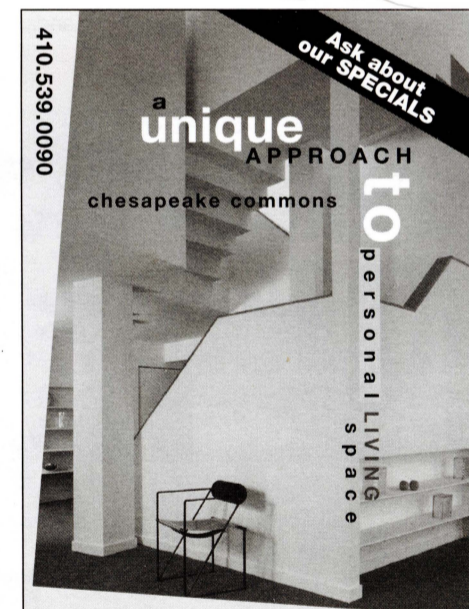
A fellowship component is another part of this program. Each year the law school selects students to participate in the Rose Zetzer Fellows Program, named after the first female lawyer admitted to membership in the Maryland State Bar Association. The fellows participate in an externship and a corresponding classroom workshop. The first group of 10 fellows was recently selected. "Although there have been women lawyers for many years, there are still barriers for women to overcome in the

legal profession," says Lisa Yonka, a second-year law student and fellow.

Monopoli believes the program is off to a good start. "The program has fostered intellectual inquiry and debate about gender issues," Monopoli says.

As part of the program, a panel discussion, called "Title IX: Women, Athletics and the Law," took place in April in the School. Experts on Title IX discussed the final report of the Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics, including its effect on athletic opportunities across the country. Title IX, enacted by Congress 30 years ago, is the federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in education. Since it was enacted, the law has led to a tremendous increase in the number of women participating in athletic programs across the country.

To learn more about the School of Law's program, visit [www.law.umaryland.edu/wle](http://www.law.umaryland.edu/wle).



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**Founders Week 2003**

Mark your calendars. Founders Week 2003 events have been announced. Locations and times for each event are to be determined. On Monday, Oct. 20, a groundbreaking ceremony will be held for the new biotech research park. The staff luncheon will be on October 21. The student cookout is also scheduled for Oct. 21. The faculty research lecture and reception will be Wednesday, Oct. 22. The gala will be Thursday, Oct. 23. For more information, call the Office of Special Events at 410-706-8035.

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The library added the "Friends and Alumni Gateway" to the HS/HSL Web site. The gateway provides a one-stop location for many resources of interest to friends and alumni. This approach also removes the

frustration of trying to access resources only available to the campus community. The gateway includes access to a wide variety of consumer and discipline-specific resources, selected by faculty librarians at HS/HSL, as well as a link to national health news. For more information, visit [www.hsbsl.umaryland.edu/friends](http://www.hsbsl.umaryland.edu/friends).

**Spanish Language Consumer Health Site**

The Spanish Language Consumer Health Web sites ([www.hsbsl.umaryland.edu/consumer/sites/espanol.html](http://www.hsbsl.umaryland.edu/consumer/sites/espanol.html)) were developed to provide the Spanish-speaking population with links to reliable health information. The list contains links to general and specific health topic sites. Descriptions of the sites are included.

**Summer Schedule**

Beginning May 22, HS/HSL will be open from: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m.–8 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.–6 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.–5 p.m. The library will be closed on Sundays. Reference Desk hours will be: Monday through Friday 8 a.m.–6 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.–5 p.m. The library will be closed on May 26, Memorial Day. The library will resume regular hours on Aug. 25.

**CPR Renewal Classes**

The Dental School will offer CPR renewal classes on June 10, 27, and July 24 from 8–10 a.m. and on June 18 from 10 a.m. – Noon. \$45 registration fee. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Call 410-706-3622 to obtain a registration form.

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**New Core Facilities****MEDICINE**

The School of Medicine has established two new core facilities, the Bioinformatics Core Facility and the Transgenic Core Laboratory. Both facilities, located in Howard Hall, will serve the needs of researchers throughout the School.

The sequencing of the human genome and other advances in medicine have yielded an immense amount of data. Bioinformatics refers to the field that focuses on the computer analysis, management, and organization of that complex data. The Bioinformatics Core Facility, directed by Mark Pohl, will help researchers automate research data analysis and develop software and databases for research. Under the leadership of Kate Tracy, the facility will also provide a resource for research study design.

"One of our main goals is to build a shared resource. By working on different research projects in the School, we can share first-rate software and study design expertise with all departments and other entities within the School to further leading-edge research through automation and

effective study design," says Pohl.

The next phase of the genomic revolution will be to determine the structure and function of all the genes identified in the sequencing of the human genome. An important technology for this phase is the ability to insert genes into rodents (referred to as transgenic animals) or to delete genes from rodents (knockout animals). These animals are then subjected to sophisticated analysis to determine the effects of the addition or removal of the genes. To provide this sophisticated technology to faculty, the School recently established the Transgenic Core Laboratory under the direction of Valerie Stewart. "When assessing gene function, there is no substitute for observing the effects of genetic changes in living animals. We hope that bringing transgenic technology 'in-house' will enhance the faculty's research efforts to explore the human and mouse genome," says Stewart.

The facilities receive funding from investigators who use the facilities and from the Office of the Dean.

**New Hypertension Recommendations**

BILL SEILER

**MEDICINE**

Hypertension experts from across the country, including the School of Medicine, are calling for more aggressive treatment of African-Americans with high blood pressure. The recommendations are published in the March 10 issue of the *Archives of Internal Medicine*.

"We have compelling evidence that African-Americans are significantly more likely to die from the consequences of high blood pressure than the general public, and that may be because current treatment strategies have not been very successful," says Elijah Saunders, MD, a professor at the School.

The recommendations are spearheaded by the International Society on Hypertension in Blacks (ISHIB), a group co-founded by Saunders in 1986. They are endorsed by some of the nation's leading health organizations: the American Heart Association, the Association of Black Cardiologists, the Consortium for Southeastern Hypertension Control, and the National Medical Association.

"On average, one African-American dies from high blood pressure every hour, yet barely a quarter of hypertensive African-Americans has the disease under control," says John Flack, MD, president of ISHIB and chief quality officer at Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich. "ISHIB developed these recommendations—with the participation of the nation's most prominent high blood pressure experts—to give health care providers the tools to manage high blood pressure appropriately in African-Americans and save lives."

Nearly 40 percent of African-Americans suffer from heart disease and 13 percent have diabetes. Thirty-two percent of people on dialysis due to kidney failure are African-American. Because high blood pressure contributes to all of these conditions or makes them worse, the panel is urging health care providers to act more aggressively to lower the blood pressure of patients with these disorders—especially those with diabetes and/or kidney disease—to less than 130/80 mm Hg. This is a significant change from the previous standard of 140/90 mm Hg (for most patients) and 130/85 mm Hg (for those with diabetes) recommended in 1997 by National Institutes of Health guidelines.

Numerous clinical studies, including the recently completed Antihypertensive and Lipid-Lowering Treatment to Prevent Heart Attack Trial (ALLHAT), demonstrate that many African-American patients will require two or more medications (one of which is most often a diuretic) to reach target blood pressure goals and reduce their risk of heart attacks, strokes, and kidney disease.

The panel recommends that health care providers and patients follow the "15-over-10 rule." This means that any patient with a systolic (upper number) blood pressure greater than or equal to 15 mm Hg and a diastolic (lower number) blood pressure greater than or equal to 10 mm Hg above the desired goal should start on two medications instead of one. For example, a patient (without diabetes, kidney or heart disease) whose target is less than 140/90 mm Hg, but who has a blood pressure of 155/100 mm Hg or greater, would be a candidate for combination therapy.

The panel also recommends that health care providers urge their patients to exercise, lose weight (if overweight), moderate their alcohol intake, and avoid tobacco. In addition,

the panel has endorsed the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) diet. In carefully conducted clinical studies, this diet was shown to lower blood pressure significantly, especially in African Americans. The DASH diet is rich in fruits, vegetables and fiber. It also emphasizes the consumption of low-fat dairy foods, less meat and more poultry, and recommends high potassium and low sodium (salt) intake.

"By assessing patients' risk for heart and kidney disease, encouraging patients to follow the DASH diet and prescribing a combination of medications to get to the recommended blood pressure level, we believe we can make a significant difference. Our hope is that these recommendations will help health care providers save the lives of thousands of African-Americans with high blood pressure," says Saunders.

The initiative was supported, in part, by an unrestricted educational grant from Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation.

**Grollman Endowed Professorship**

MIKE LURIE

The School of Pharmacy has established the Evelyn Grollman-Glick Professorship in the Pharmaceutical Sciences, made possible by a bequest of more than one million dollars from the estate of the late Evelyn Grollman-Glick. The endowed professorship will allow the School to recruit an eminent pharmaceutical scientist to further strengthen the School's research program.

Evelyn Grollman-Glick was connected to the School of Pharmacy through her brother, Ellis S. Grollman, who graduated from the School in 1926 and practiced pharmacy in Maryland until his death in 1983. Recognizing the critical importance of the basic sciences to the practice of pharmacy, she endowed the Ellis Grollman Lecture in the Pharmaceutical Sciences in his memory. For more than 20 years, the lectureship has made possible visits from internationally renowned pharmaceutical and biomedical scientists to enrich the School and the campus.

Her bequest will provide funding for both the lecture series and the endowed professorship. "The timing of the newly endowed professorship is ideal," says Dean David A. Knapp, PhD, "having come on the eve of the dedication of the Health Sciences Facility II, which doubled the laboratory space available to the School of Pharmacy." The schools of pharmacy and medicine jointly occupy the 101,000-square-foot, \$78 million state-of-the-art biomedical research facility. The combination of the endowed professorship, the new facilities, and the excellence of the faculty will make the School of Pharmacy especially attractive to a top scientist.

The Evelyn Grollman-Glick Professorship was announced by Dean Knapp on the occasion of the 2003 Ellis Grollman Lecture in April. Harry B. Gray, PhD, the Arnold O. Beckman Professor of Chemistry and founding director of the Beckman Institute at the California Institute of Technology delivered the lecture. He spoke on "The Currents of Life: Electron Flow through Biological Molecules."



CALENDAR

**May 23:** University commencement ceremony. 3 p.m. First Mariner Arena. Speaker: Anthony Fauci, MD, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. See article on page 1 for more details.

**June 2:** Clinical Informed Consent and Capacity: Law Versus Ethics. 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. School of Law. Co-sponsored by The Maryland Healthcare Ethics Committee Network, Upper Chesapeake Health, and the Chesapeake Health Education Program. For more information, contact Anita Tarzian at 410-706-1126 or [atarzian@law.umaryland.edu](mailto:atarzian@law.umaryland.edu).

**June 6:** Virginia Lee Franklin Trust Conference: "Seeking Solutions to the Nursing Shortage: Best Practices in Recruitment and Retention." 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. School of Nursing Auditorium. Sponsored by the Center for Health Workforce Development, *Nursing Spectrum* magazine, and the Maryland Nurses Association. Free. For more information, call 410-706-1146.

**June 12–13:** National Conference on Children and Adolescents. "Gateways to Treatment: Linking Service Systems for Mental Health." Pre-Conference on June 11. Hosted by the School of Nursing. \$280/three full days; \$180/two-day conference only; \$100/pre-conference only. To register or for more information, call 410-706-3449 or visit [www.nursing.umaryland.edu](http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu).

**June 14:** Family Fun Fest: Under the Big Tooth Top. 11 a.m.–3 p.m. National Museum of Dentistry. Activities include face painting, clown art activities, treasure hunts, and toothbrush games. Admission is \$3 person, children 6 and younger are free. For more information, contact Kristin Foster at 410-706-0052.

**July 16–19:** Summer Institute in Nursing Informatics: "Making Informatics Work for Nursing." School of Nursing. Registration: \$625; Early Bird (before 6/4/03): \$575. Many sessions offered via Web cast. Pre- and post-conference sessions available. To register or for more information, call 410-706-4959 or visit [www.nursing.umaryland.edu/informatics](http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/informatics).

**July 21–25:** Third Annual School Health Interdisciplinary Program, "Charting the Course for Our Children's Future." Sponsored by the Center for School Mental Health Assistance in the School of Medicine. For more information, contact Sylvia Huntley at 410-706-0981 or [shuntley@psych.umaryland.edu](mailto:shuntley@psych.umaryland.edu) or visit <http://csmba.umaryland.edu>.



On March 9, Dental School students who are members of the Hispanic Dental Association, Maryland Chapter at the School visited St. Michael's Church in upper Fells Point, a church with a predominantly Spanish-speaking congregation. First-year dental student Brandt Foster, junior dental hygiene student Elizabeth Aguilar, and Tootsie the Cow (a puppet) demonstrated proper brushing techniques and more about oral health. The Dental School students also conducted oral screenings for the adults.

## SSW Continuing Professional Education Spring 2003 Workshops

Workshops are open to all professions. Pre-registration and payment are required. To receive a brochure or to register for a workshop, call the Office of Continuing Professional Education at 410-706-1839. Workshops are from 8:30 a.m.–4:15 p.m. at the School of Social Work unless otherwise noted. All workshops are approved for CEUs for social workers (Category I) and for psychologists and professional counselors. See full description at [www.ssw.umaryland.edu/cpe](http://www.ssw.umaryland.edu/cpe).

**May 29:** From Victim to Survivor: Group Work with Adult Survivors Sexually Abused in Childhood (630). Carolyn Knight, PhD.

**June 3:** Imago Relationship Therapy: A Form of Couples Therapy (231). Gail Guttman, MSW, LCSW-C.

**June 5:** Using Themes in Art Therapy for Achievable Treatment Outcomes for Children (646). James McGrath, MSW, LCSW, AT.

**June 6:** Coaching as a Tool for Staff Development (730-M). Marsha K. Salus, MSW. Montgomery County.

**June 10:** Introduction to Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT) and other Energy Therapies (633). Deborah G. Mitnick, MSW, LCSW-C.

**June 12:** Distinguishing Delirium From Dementia and Depression in the Elderly (322). Paul McClelland, MD.

**June 13:** Reaching Agreements Through Interest-Based Negotiation (814). Charles G. Field, PhD, JD.

**June 13:** Communicating With Adolescents About Sexuality, HIV, and Relationships (227-M). Wayne Pawlowski, MSW, LCSW. Montgomery County.

**June 18:** Building "Learning Organizations" for Quality Performance, Competitive Advantage, Consumer Satisfaction and a Committed Work Force (738). Karen Hopkins, PhD.

**June 24:** Against the Odds: Effective Treatment with Low-Income Families (SS03). Kenneth V. Hardy, PhD. Baltimore. 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. \$130.

## Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) is an acute respiratory illness believed to be caused by a virus and spread by close contact with an infected person, e.g., through coughing and sneezing.

Although there have been no cases of SARS reported on campus, the UMB Emergency Management Team continues to monitor the situation and has established guidelines in the event that someone shows symptoms of, or contracts, SARS.

Individuals who have traveled within the past 2 weeks to countries where SARS has been identified who are experiencing the sudden onset of symptoms such as fever, cough, headache, and muscle aches should be evaluated. The symptoms may develop as early as 2 days after exposure or as long as 10 days. If you are experiencing symptoms, call first before going to your primary care doctor or an emergency room to lessen the risk of exposing others. The University of Maryland Medical Center Emergency Room has experts available 24 hours a day at 410-328-9595. When you call the ER, ask for the charge nurse, who will evaluate your symptoms and instruct you accordingly.

People traveling to SARS-affected areas should be aware of their increased risk for contracting this infectious disease. If you must travel to one of these endemic areas, you are advised to consult the World Health Organization's Web site ([www.who.int](http://www.who.int)) before your departure.

Because of the outbreak of SARS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization have issued travel advisories for the areas hardest hit by the disease: Hong Kong, mainland China, and Singapore. Toronto, Canada, and Vietnam have recently been taken off of this list. These advisories can be found at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and [www.who.int](http://www.who.int). The World Health Organization regularly updates its Web site with the number of cases reported and additional information.

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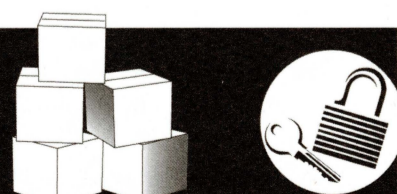
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