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ALUMNI NEWS

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Infinite Possibilities

We have often indicated to you the pride that BUSM takes in our alumni. We graduate outstanding professionals who make contributions to health care on local, national and international levels in research, teaching and clinical practice. In past editions of our newsletter we have featured alumni in academic practice, clinical practice and in a variety of individual pursuits. In this issue we feature some alumni who have made a major commitment to the less fortunate in our society, those who have little access to the medical care we come to expect on a daily basis. Our graduates take seriously the commitment to help those in need, and we are pleased to highlight in this newsletter a few of our many dedicated alumni.

—Barry M. Manuel '58

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Linda Burke-Galloway '87 administers prenatal care in a Florida county health department for a predominantly Medicaid and uninsured immigrant population. “My patients come from every peaceful and disruptive corner of the globe as well as trailer parks and drug-infested housing projects.”

Like Dr. Burke-Galloway, many BUSM alumni have chosen to make a place in their medical practice for disadvantaged patients. Their work encompasses people from urban and rural areas, from native-born Americans to immigrants from around the world. They also travel around the world to provide care to people with little access to quality medical treatment.

Dr. Burke-Galloway got a taste of providing community-based care while fulfilling a three-year National Health Service Corp. obligation after her residency in ob/gyn at Columbia University in New York. She delivered babies in a small Cajun Louisiana town where she was on call 24-7, and she managed postpartum hemorrhages on a Lakota Native American Reservation in Wounded Knee, South

Dakota. With the Osceola County Health Department in Kissimmee, Florida, for the past six years she has tended to the obstetrical needs of poor women. “Their backgrounds are diverse, but they all smile in the same language when they hear the fetal heart tones of their unborn babies. Their wombs carry gifts of

infinite possibilities...I should know. Forty-something years ago, my mother was one of those women. Each day that I go to work, I am honored and humbled to have the ability to ‘return the favor.’”

It has been documented that upwards of 18% of rural children lack health insurance

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Dear Alumni

Winter is upon us and BUSM students, faculty and staff are in the thick of it. For all of you who share our cold, wintry climate we offer our newsletter as a prescription for cabin fever. Those of you who live in warm, sunny climates, you can enjoy our newsletter along with your great weather.

The Alumni Association continues our mission of promoting the relationship between our graduates and the School while giving support to our students. We recently did two surveys of alumni. One survey polled our recent graduates who have just finished residency as to how well their BUSM education prepared them for residency and medical practice. The results are gratifying with 94% of those surveyed feeling prepared for residency and medical practice. Those not feeling prepared indicated the lack of readiness for practice had more to do with preparation for the business end of being a physician than with providing medical care.

Also, as a way to increase our students' exposure to medical practice as early and as often as possible, we requested our local New England alumni to allow our medical students the opportunity of shadowing them for a day. The response has been incredible, and we look forward to this opportunity for enhancing our students' education and strengthening the bond between our alumni and our students.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year!
Barry M. Manuel '58
Executive Director

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and those with insurance lack coverage for developmental-behavioral issues. In rural communities children have minimal access to the services of specialists as they are primarily centered in urban areas, and families must travel long distances for evaluations and care. Often the distances preclude completion of evaluations and often contribute to poor coordination of services. **Ronald Lindsay '83**, clinical assistant professor of pediatrics at The Ohio State University and medical director of the Nisonger Center at Ohio State, has developed the Ohio Rural Developmental and Behavioral Clinic Initiative to document the needs of children with neurodevelop-

mental disabilities in the Appalachian communities of Ohio.

These developmental clinics serve children from birth to six years with developmental delays while the behavioral clinics serve school-age children. Through the Initiative, services are provided free of charge to families. Local county health departments and churches host the clinics. Assessment teams include developmental-behavioral pediatricians, psychologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech therapists, clinic coordinators and Public Health Nurses from the local counties. Assessment teams also may include local school and early intervention personnel, primary care and mental health providers, and county juvenile justice systems.

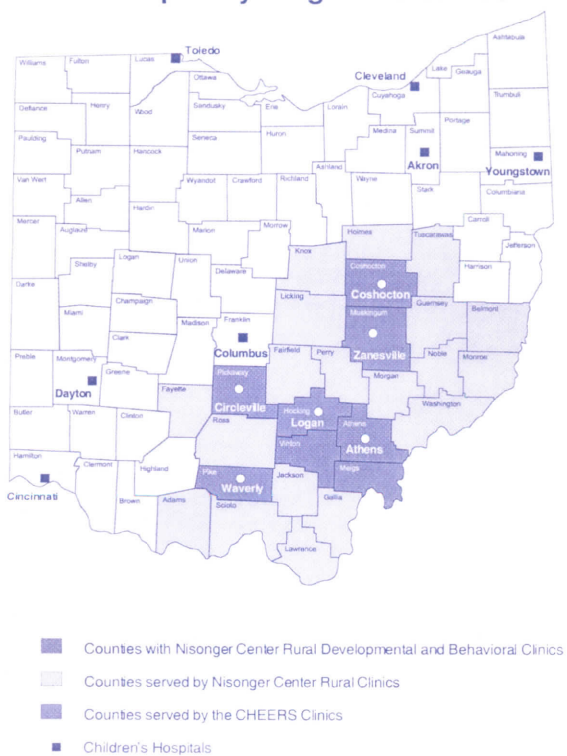
The program provides referrals, care coordination by public health nurses in conjunction with local pediatricians, and health professions training. Over the past six years, the program has expanded to include 37 clinic sessions in six host counties, with children from 19 counties receiving evaluations. Outcome assessments have shown that these children obtain 88% of the services recommended by the interdisciplinary evaluation teams. According to Dr. Lindsay, "The program is evolving from primarily providing direct services to children to the development of community-based, integrated, seamless systems of care consistent with the Medical Home model."

Husband and wife and both members of the Class of 1982, **Kenneth Thompson** and **Andrea Fox** work with underserved populations. Dr. Fox, an associate professor of medicine at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, is a geriatrician who has focused her career on providing and directing medical care to elderly persons who are socially isolated, homebound or homeless. She has developed a program using a mobile van that brings badly-needed medical services to patients where they live. Dr. Thompson, an associate professor of psychiatry also at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, is the Soros Physician Advocacy Fellow and medical director of the Department of Community Initiatives of the Uni-

versity of Pittsburgh Center Health System. He provides psychiatric and medical care to socially excluded communities including homeless persons, HIV patients, racial and ethnic minorities and poor and working class persons.

Karen Bayle '88 says she has been "committed to public health and indigent care since my days as a student at Boston City Hospital. I find the challenges presented by this patient population both more interesting and rewarding than providing care to the 'worried well.'" Dr. Bayle works for the Public Health Department in San Francisco at the Tom Waddell Health Center. "Our catchment area includes the 'Tenderloin' district, where many homeless, mentally ill, and substance users reside. We provide outreach, urgent and primary care to thousands of uninsured and underinsured residents of San Francisco." Her work as part of the Community Health Network (CHN) also stresses education so that patients understand that good health begins

Counties Served by Rural Interdisciplinary Diagnostic Clinics



in childhood and is achievable regardless of financial or ethnic background. The CHN has a special emphasis on and commitment to serving San Francisco's most vulnerable, diverse populations. Dr. Bayle sees patients in a homeless shelter, at the health center in urgent care, and she provides primary care to

some 60 patients with HIV.

Some alumni have found their opportunity to help bring good medical care to underserved populations outside of the U.S. In Grenada, West Indies, the incidence of diabetes is extremely high and according to George Brizan, former prime minister of Grenada, "It affects both young and old. Most people who are affected by the disease are poor and are unable to afford treatment." A patient of **Jeremy Chess '70**, Dr. Brizan told him of the growing health problem in his country. In response, Dr. Chess, an ophthalmologist who specializes in retinal surgery, and his two partners developed a retinal screening and treatment program to address diabetic retinopathy and the management of diabetes in general. Their goal is to change the way diabetes is treated in Grenada to prevent severe retinal disease and renal failure. "With the percentage of diabetic patients somewhere between 15 and 20%, the lack of preventive medical programs is a serious, ongoing problem for Grenada," according to Dr. Chess. He adds, "Currently there is little advanced medical treatment available for patients with complications of diabetes. For example, there is currently no renal dialysis program, cardiac surgery or retinal surgery."

Working with Grenada's Ministry of Health and local health facilities including the St. Georges School of Medicine, Dr. Chess has implemented a program that

has resulted in the donation of screening and laser therapy equipment to Grenada, the screening of hundreds of patients with diabetes, patients receiving laser treatment, and some being referred to the U.S. for surgical treatment not available on Grenada. The cost for all of this is covered by a few donations, but the bulk of the



expenses are self-funded by Dr. Chess and his partners who have donated the instruments and pay their own expenses. Dr. Chess is working on providing the funding

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—Jeremy Chess '70

for the patients to travel to the U.S. While due to Dr. Chess' efforts and the

generosity of the New York Eye Surgical Center, the use of the operating room there is provided at a reduced rate and the surgery is performed without fee by Dr. Chess and his partners, he says "new money is needed to pay for the operating room fees." In addition to the screening and treatment, his program includes a strong education

component so that patients have a more complete knowledge of the diabetic process, gain better control of their blood sugars, and raise their awareness of the risks of diabetes. One major obstacle is the cost of glucose blood monitoring. The strips needed for daily glycemic monitoring are expensive and represent an ongoing cost for patients.

According to Dr. Chess, "The programs developed there are likely to be a model for other Caribbean nations as well as other countries in the developing world faced with increasing complications of diabetes. The retinal screening program will per-

mit identification of the most advanced cases of diabetes and hopefully will allow these patients to receive increased medical care for their diabetes since they are now facing the other medical complications of the disorder."

Dr. Chess' work in Grenada continues as he makes approximately four trips there a year. His simple explanation is, "The work is its own reward."

Jamel Patterson '88 doubles the good he does as both an emergency room physician at Harlem Hospital in New York and as a volunteer for HealthCare Inc. traveling to Jamaica to work with medically underserved people.

At Harlem Hospital, a Columbia University affiliate level I trauma center, Dr. Patterson serves a predominantly African-American population, although he notes that the area has been changing, with a large increase in the Hispanic population and an influx of Middle Eastern, African and Caribbean people. "It is truly a diverse population. The majority of the patients seen in the Emergency Department are Medicaid recipients. The rest comprise self-payers, private insurances, and Medicare patients." Dr. Patterson is drawn to working with a population that historically has been underserved and underinsured. Many of these people show up in the emergency room as they don't have or get regular medical care so that conditions that may very well have been easily treated in an early stage become

major medical problems requiring more complicated and expensive care. Dr. Patterson “is faced daily with the reality of the increasing numbers of uninsured because of the rising health costs and the massive layoffs which people are experiencing. I also am forced to fight with the HMOs and their refusal of payments. We are facing, as the nation is facing, a large nursing shortage which impacts the ‘culture’ of the hospital. We also face the

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—Jamel Patterson '88

layoffs of staff, as the nation is facing, and are forced to do our best with less.”

Additionally Dr. Patterson travels to Jamaica, West Indies, annually as a member of HealthCare Inc. “We do not go to the city, but stay in the country parts. We take all equipment and medications with us, and on leaving donate them to hospitals there. Our group consists of surgeons, ob/gyns, internists, ophthalmologists, dentists, nursing assistants, nurses and some non-medical personnel. As volunteers we provide our airfares and housing. The days are long. For example, one physician may see approximately 70+ patients a day.” The group sets up clinics in schools, community centers, and sometimes at the hotels where they stay. Often when they visit a school, they will treat all of the students. When necessary, if a patient needs immediate or urgent attention, arrangements are made to transport the patient to the city for treatment. All care is given for free including medications. “The people in the community look forward to us coming. It is fulfilling and heart breaking at the same time because of the void that occurs when we leave. We encourage them to follow up with nearby health centers where a public

health nurse works, daily, and a doctor visits at times.”

According to Dr. Patterson, “This is the best part of medicine. Giving freely to those who truly are in need and their payment to you is to say God Bless You! I feel blessed that the opportunity is there for me to work in Harlem at Harlem Hospital, Jamaica, and now to do something similar in Ecuador.

Operation Housecall Enriches Many Lives

For more than a decade, a special training program at BUSM has been offering medical students first-hand experience interacting with children with developmental disabilities and their families.

The program, Operation Housecall, pairs third-year medical students with a child with developmental disabilities and his/her family, giving the student a unique perspective into the lives of the patients they may one day care for.

“The goal is to make the students more aware of the needs and potential of people with developmental disabilities, and to foster better communication between their families and future physicians,” said Benjamin Siegel, M.D., director of Medical Student Education in Pediatrics and professor of pediatrics and psychiatry at BUSM, and attending pediatrician at Boston Medical Center.

Approximately 30 host families associated with the Greater Boston Association for Retarded Citizens (GBARC) volunteer to open their homes to BUSM students at the beginning of each pediatric rotation. The volunteer family usually has the students over for dinner where he/she can interact with the child and the family in their own environment. During the visit, students ask the parents questions and parents share their experiences and issues surrounding the medical care of their child.

“The students can learn so much from the parents,” said Siegel. “For

Many of our alumni are doing the kind of work and making the kind of contributions that these graduates are making. The consistent theme is the privilege of practicing medicine and the opportunity to give back. Linda Burke-Galloway sums up her gratitude this way, “Thank you, BUSM, for making that possible.”

many of our students, this initial meeting teaches them how to interact with children with developmental disabilities and how to talk to them directly.” Siegel added that Operation Housecall also helps the students learn how they can best explain medical information about the care of a child to the parent.

In addition to the home visit, students undergo an orientation that covers the lifespan of persons with disabilities, their legal rights, and special education and community resources available. The program also has a Web site where students can access information about the condition and health background of the child they will visit.

The idea for Operation Housecall originated from parents associated with GBARC. The parents approached BUSM with concerns about the treatment of their children and family by medical professionals, and the general lack of knowledge on the part of medical professionals about available support services. Together with BUSM faculty, the parents worked to create a curriculum that has a significant impact on medical students’ comfort in caring for children with developmental disabilities.

“The time and experience spent with the family gave me pause for reflection,” said Jim Chen '03. “The experiences we shared will definitely shape my future practices as a physician.”

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Class of 2002 Representative Addresses Alumni at Annual Meeting and Banquet

The following is an excerpt from Stephanie Omokaro's message to alumni at the Annual Meeting and Banquet of the Alumni Association on May 18, 2002, on the eve of her graduation:

It is an honor to be a part of this institution and its unwavering dedication to the development of excellent individuals who are committed to community service. As evidenced by Boston Medical Center's motto—exceptional care without exception—a legacy of giving and devotion to those who are in need exists here.

City Lab mobile laboratory: a creative approach by BUSM to address the challenges facing science education. This project also sponsors a summer camp for 45 high school students, which allows them exposure to basic lab techniques and concepts related to molecular biology.

Project Assert (which stands for alcohol, substance abuse, services, education, referral, treatment): an effort by BMC's Emergency Department in facilitating patient access to primary care, clinical preventive services as well as the drug and alcohol treatment network.

A comprehensive breast cancer screening and diagnostic program: an initiative aimed at providing better, more accessible care to women in low income urban communities, thus reducing the number of undetected cases of breast cancer.

The Anna Bissonette House: which is one of more than 25 student organizations. This group visits with, cooks and provides entertainment for previously homeless elderly.

These and many more contributions reveal the essence of this institution.

The student experience here has also been rewarding in numerous ways. It is invigorating to be in an environment that is vibrant with intellect, compassion and research. One cannot help but be inspired by the experiences of individuals like Dr. Jerome Klein, Department of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, who was recently honored with the Maxwell Fin-

land Lifetime Achievement Award for his groundbreaking work in vaccination and otitis media; or Dr. Raffi Der Sarkissian, Department of Surgery, who traveled to Vietnam to treat victims with facial trauma and deformity as well as teach surgeons modern techniques in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery; or Dr. Bruce Jackson, Department of Biochemistry, who is in his "roots" project: a molecular anthropology collaboration with the University of South Carolina retraces the slave trade as well as the ancestral origins of African-Americans using DNA technology. And of course the Class of 2002 themselves, competent and caring individuals who have ventured into all walks of medicine and matched in excellent residencies throughout the country.



Stephanie Omokaro

Finally I hope it is apparent to those who are just beginning to know this place, that we are more than an institution, we are a community that is supportive in overcoming individual and national devastation. A community that realizes dreams and celebrates triumphs. Most importantly, we are a community that understands that we continuously move forward when we give back.

Calendar of Events

Alumni Reception	The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota Thursday, February 13, 2003, 6:00 p.m.
Alumni Reception	The Ritz-Carlton, Palm Beach Saturday, February 15, 2003, 6:00 p.m.
Spring Phonathon	Hiebert Lounge, BUSM Tuesday, March 11, 2003, 5:30 p.m.
AOA Induction Ceremony	The Castle, Charles River Campus Monday, March 17, 2003, 7:00 p.m.
Match Day Luncheon	Hiebert Lounge, BUSM Thursday, March 20, 2003, 12:00 noon
Alumni Weekend	The Westin Copley Place, Boston Friday and Saturday, May 16 and 17, 2003
Commencement	Sunday, May 18, 2003, 3:00 p.m.

Boston University
School of Medicine
Alumni Association

Alumni Weekend 2003



Dear 2003 Reunioners,

It is hard to believe that the holidays are over and our reunions during Alumni Weekend May 16 and 17, 2003, are just around the corner. I encourage you to put these dates on your calendar and to plan to attend your reunion. It's both interesting and fun. With our busy lives, now is the time to block your schedule.

My class is celebrating our 25th Reunion, which hardly seems possible. All reunions are a special opportunity to reconnect with classmates, colleagues, and faculty and to find out what everyone else has been up to. We have planned lectures, receptions, and sightseeing events, and for those who haven't been to Boston lately, we will show off the medical school campus.

Please call or write your classmates and urge them to participate.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the Reunion!

Sincerely,

Marcia E. Herrmann '78
President
BUSM Alumni Association



**Classes celebrating
Reunions
on May 16-18, 2003**

Golden Reunion

1953-50th	1978-25th
1958-45th	1983-20th
1963-40th	1988-15th
1968-35th	1993-10th
1973-30th	1998-5th

For more information contact:
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 16

Museum of Science

Science Park
O'Brien Highway
(Route 28)
Boston
9:00 a.m.

Scientific Program

Keefer Auditorium
Evans Medical Building
Boston Medical Center
12:00 noon

Parties for Reunion Classes

The Westin Copley Place
10 Huntington Avenue,
Boston

6:00 p.m.
Reception

7:30 p.m.
Reunion Dinner
Parties

Saturday, May 17

Duck Tours of Boston

9:30 a.m. Departing
from the Prudential
Center (Boylston Street
side)

Barbecue

12:00 noon
Talbot Green, BUSM

Update on BUSM

DEAN ARAM V.
CHOBANIAN
50th Reunion Class
Recognition
Class of 1953

Tours of the School and Medical Center

1:30 p.m. Departing
from Talbot Green

128th Annual Meeting and Banquet

The Westin Copley Place
10 Huntington Avenue,
Boston

6:30 p.m.
Social Hour

7:30 p.m.
Dinner

Annual Meeting
Award Presentations

Sunday, May 18

Commencement

Boston Marriott
Copley Place
110 Huntington Avenue
Boston
3:00 p.m.

2003 Marks the Inaugural Year for the Golden-plus Reunion Celebration

Traditionally, the alumni reunions come but once every five years. While the Alumni Association, Dean Chobanian and Dr. Manuel have criss-crossed the United States hosting regional alumni events, alumni have expressed their ardent appreciation and a desire to gather more often. In response to your ideas, this year we decided to kick off a new type of reunion gathering: **The Golden-plus Reunion** for those who graduated more than 50 years ago.

Golden-plus reunioners will gather with classmates and comrades who graduated prior to 1952 at Alumni Weekend on May 16 and 17, 2003.

If you would like to join us for the First Annual Golden-plus Reunion, make suggestions or find out more, please contact us.



Alumni Fund Phonathons

Alumni, student and faculty volunteers gathered for three nights of calling alumni on November 4, 7, and 12. The turnout was excellent and so were the results. The hard work of 46 callers produced \$181,350 in pledges from 419 alumni and another 261 agreed to make an unspecified pledge. The average pledge was \$432, an increase of \$32 per pledge compared to fall 2001. We also welcomed 18 first-time callers, many of them students eager to help make a difference at the School.

We look forward to the Spring Phonathon on Tuesday, March 11, to continue the important work of raising money for the School.

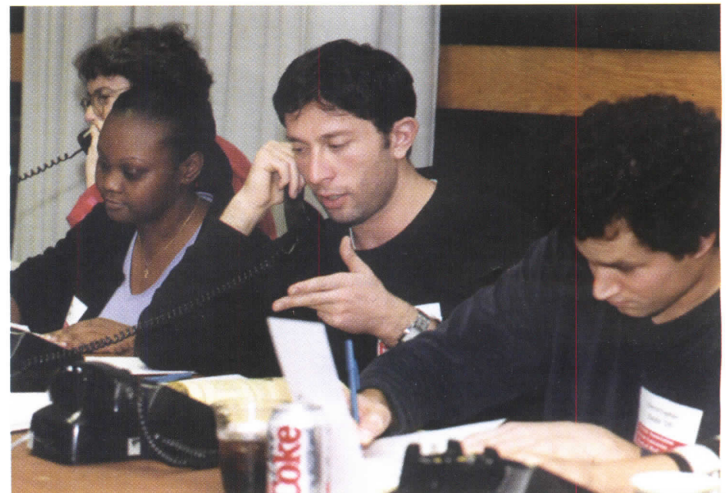
Sincerely,

Donald J. Grande '73

Phonathon Director

The following is a list of the Fall Phonathon volunteers:

Ann Augustine '05	Melina McCarty '05
David A. Bailen '67	Walter L. McLean '60
Chhavi Bansal '05	Grace Monis '03
Misa Belazi '05	Jana Montgomery '06
Donny Chang '03	Robert M. Najarian '05
Shawn Chhabra '03	Mun-Wah Ng '06
Warren Chuang '05	Laura Ngwenya '03
William R. Cranley '68	Paul O'Bryan, PhD
Christopher M. Dodd '05	Peter E. Pochi '55
Patricia Wilson Donahue '78	M. Douglass Poirier '76
Elizabeth C. Dooling '65	Neil L. Prufer '05
Donald J. Grande '73	Annley Richardson '06
Edward S. Gross '68	Ronda A. Rockett '98
Marcia E. Herrmann '78	Jatin Roper '04
Marquis Jessie '03	James W. Rosenberg '68
Arthur Jey '05	Jennifer G. Rothschild '05
Lauren N. Jones '04	Fabio Settecase '05
Nicole E. Jordan '05	Suzuko Suzuki '05
Lauren Kelly '06	Anthony Talieri '06
Walter G. Leonard '46	Neelam M. Thacker '04
Mark L. Lessne '05	Meisha Todd '06
Russell T. Loeber '04	Albert F. Tsai '05
Forrest N. Maddix Jr. '45	Arjun Viswanathan '05
Barry M. Manuel '58	



Online Directory

The online directory is a secure, members-only feature and can be accessed only by other alumni and by School of Medicine faculty, staff and students. It is not made public and all information resides on a secure server. You, as the user, have complete control over the information that appears. The following information will illustrate how you can update or hide your profile pieces at any time directly through the site as well as acquaint you with other features of the directory.

To access the directory, go to our website www.bumc.bu.edu/medalumni and click on *Visit our Online Directory of Alumni*. If you've already registered, proceed by clicking on *Online Directory* in the left margin.

If you haven't registered, you may do so by following direc-

tions on the directory's home page. Remember to keep a careful record of your UserID and Password as they are case sensitive and must be entered exactly as they were during registration in order for access to be granted. If you forget your UserID and/or Password or if you are not able to gain access, please call (617-638-5150) or email (alumbusm@bu.edu) the alumni office for assistance.

View/Update Your Online Directory Listing

The *View/Update Your Online Directory Listing* feature allows you to see what information is listed for you as well as how your listing looks to other alumni. This is also where you can update your own information and where you may hide your entire listing or just pieces of it.

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Some alumni do not

Welcome to the BU School of Medicine Alumni Association Online Community.

[Click Here To Register Now!](#)

Search for friends and make new connections with the Online Community. Memberships exclusive and free to alumni only. All you need to do to take advantage of all the community has to offer is to proceed through the

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Some alumni do not appear in the directory. These graduates may have requested to be excluded or may be deceased. Please contact the Alumni Association for further information.

Search the Online Directory for fellow alumni using either the Simple Search or Advanced member of the Online Community, the directory is a great resource for personal and professional use to keep up to date on fellow alumni.

Search the Directory
You can perform either a simple search or an advanced search using one or all of these information you enter, the more refined a search you perform.

MyContacts
You may bookmark directory listings as an easy reference for future visits so there's no same friends and contacts. This is a great way to keep up-to-date on what others are doing.

View/Update Your Online Directory Listing
View your directory listing and use the update feature to send any address, business or academic information. This is an easy way to provide your institution and fellow alumni, with current professional or academic accomplishments.

To update your information click on *View/Update Your Online Directory Listing*.

When prompted, enter UserID and Password then click on the "Click to Update" button located all the way to the right in the red bar above the section you wish to update. This will bring you to the update screen. Make necessary changes in the update boxes and then click on "update" button for the changes to take effect. An "update successful" message should appear at the top of your listing.

To see how other alumni will see your listing click on [Click here to see how your directory listing is viewed by others](#). This appears right above your name on the *View/Update Your Online Directory Listing*.

To hide information click on [Click here to modify your directory listing preferences](#).

This appears above the option that allows you to see how others will view your listing. If you wish to hide any information, click on the box next to "Hide?" on the right side of your screen. **Please keep in mind, even if information is deleted, the only way to ensure that that piece of information will never appear is by hiding it.** The alumni directory is continually updated, so information that is not there one day, may be there the next if it's not marked as hidden.

Advanced Search

The advanced search feature allows you to **search** for alumni **by name, class year, city, state, or specialty**.

After clicking on *Online Directory*, click on [Search the Directory](#). Above the red bar that reads, "Simple Search," click on *For additional search options, try the advanced search* and follow the instructions.

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The BUSM Alumni Association home page offers you the opportunity to keep current

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*We thought
you would like
to know some
facts about the*

Class of 2006

Each class has its own personality and this year is no exception. Here's a snapshot of what makes the Class of 2006 unique.

- This past year there were
7,766 applicants
928 interviews and
155 enrolled students
- The class is **50%** female
- The average age is **24**,
with range of **20-35**
- **31** states and
21 foreign countries
are represented
- Massachusetts has the
largest representation
with **33** students
- Students attended **67**
different colleges, with
BU 1st and University of
California 2nd

White Coat Ceremony and Welcoming Reception SEPTEMBER 6, 2002



Comments from members of the Class of 2006

"The ceremony was unifying, with spirit and excitement, enthusiasm and support. I definitely appreciated it and feel it is a great way to begin one's medical training."

"Excellent speakers made me feel a part of a community."

"Great food, even better speakers. Beautiful scenery."

"I know of students at other schools that are very envious of our ceremony and now I see why. I feel this ceremony was an honor and a great family experience."

BUSM Creative Arts Society



is looking for writing and visual art submissions from alumni for publication in *Whorl*, the journal of art and literature at the School. The Creative Arts Society was formed to bring the Boston Medical Center community together to create opportunities to *share works*, *teach* each other and promote self-expression, growth, health, and fun. *Whorl* is just one of our many annual projects. The published journal is distributed free of charge

throughout the medical campus and an online version is available at <http://people.bu.edu/creative/whorl>.

To receive copies of *Whorl*, to send submissions, or request information please contact *Whorl* c/o Laura Ngwenya, BUSM, 715 Albany Street, Boston, MA 02118 or via email at ngwenya@bu.edu.

25th Reunion Class of 1977 “Best Memories of BUSM”

Reunions are about memories and shared experiences. Here are some thoughts about BUSM from those who studied here 25 years ago.

Lee Anderson: “Camaraderie with classmates; joint study sessions with groups of students; great group parties after major school exams; loved Boston.”



Robert Antelman: “I used to be the class note taker and I put little cartoons in the margins of the notes.”

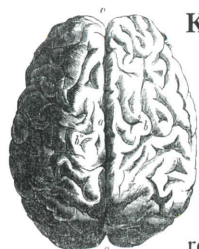
George Gales: “Not having to take notes in lectures (thanks to Bob Antelman!).”

Steven Colan: “Pediatric rotations at BCH.”

Ana Soto: “Dr. McNary’s anatomy lab—he was the best in the subject and a great teacher. May he RIP.”



Gary Tanguay: “Anatomy class, the accessibility of the professors/teaching staff and their willingness to go the extra mile to make it work!”

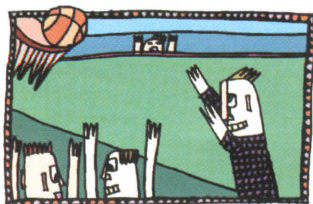


Kathleen Jones: “Brain cutting with Dr. Romanue; ER trauma call at City; liver rounds with Dr. Robbins.”

Philip Lesorgen: “Dr. McNary.”

Laura McCann: “Time spent in surgery rotation at Cape Cod Hospital. Came to know the Cape and considered it home even after leaving for residency. Continue to be friends with Jo-Anne O’Malley Sheppard whom I had the rotation with.”

Michael Niederman: “Home Medical Service. Rotations at BCH.”



Philip Wisiackas: “My roommate, Rick Chiulli and apartment house mate, Tom Forlenza; great neighborhood; great basketball; Boston was a blast; anatomy class and clinical rotations—best times.”

Kenneth Wright: “My first patient at Boston City Hospital was an alcoholic with severe pancreatitis. After treating the patient and counseling her on the importance of stopping her alcohol abuse, the patient was discharged. She promised me that she would never drink again. Over a year and a half

later, during my senior medicine rotation, the patient returned to the hospital to visit me. She had gained weight, looked extremely healthy, and was, in fact, a new person off all alcohol. In her eyes, Boston City Hospital and our interaction changed her life, and she wanted me to know.”



John Benanti: “Clinical rotation in Community Services. Pediatrics at old Boston City Hospital. Interactions with fellow students.”

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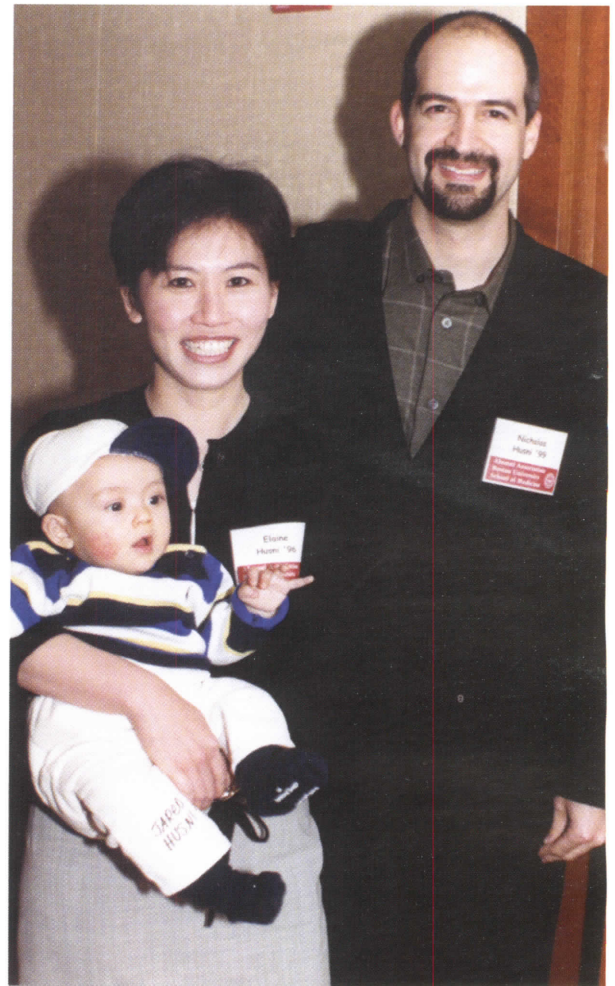
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ALUMNI RECEPTIONS

Alumni receptions that bring a little bit of BUSM to alumni across the country have become an Alumni Association tradition. Dean Chobanian and Dr. Manuel take these opportunities to travel from east to west coasts to update graduates on the School of Medicine. The Ritz-Carlton Boston Common was the scene for the October 23 reception for Boston area alumni, and Los Angeles alumni gathered at the Beverly Hills Hotel on November 7, while San Francisco graduates joined Dean Chobanian at The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco.



Alumni Association past president and loyal supporter of the School, Bill Croskery '37 with Barry Manuel '58 and Dean Chobanian.



Joining in the festivities is Jared Husni with his parents, Elaine '96 and Nicholas '99.



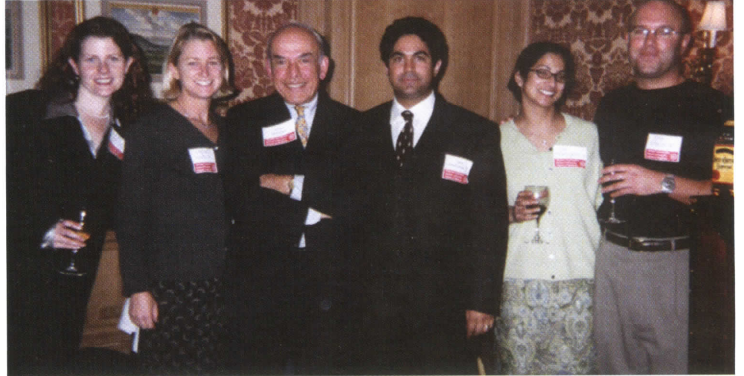
BUSM Board of Visitors member Elaine Kirshenbaum with Charles Welch '72 and Jasmine Chobanian.



Phyllis Vogel, Marilyn and Norman Weinstein '53, and Martin Vogel '53.



Carolyn and Howard Ledewitz '65 with George Ghareeb '62 and his wife, Nancy.



Having a mini reunion and joining Dean Chobanian at The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco are recent graduates (from left) Laura Campbell '96, Kathleen Manning '96, Amin Ashrafzadeh '97, Sonia Ramamoorthy '96, and Jeffrey Peterson '96.



BUSM faculty and staff enjoyed the reception including Janet Osterman, M.D., Dr. Tom Green and Peter Reich.



Attending the San Francisco reception are Julian Waller '57 and his wife, Elsa.

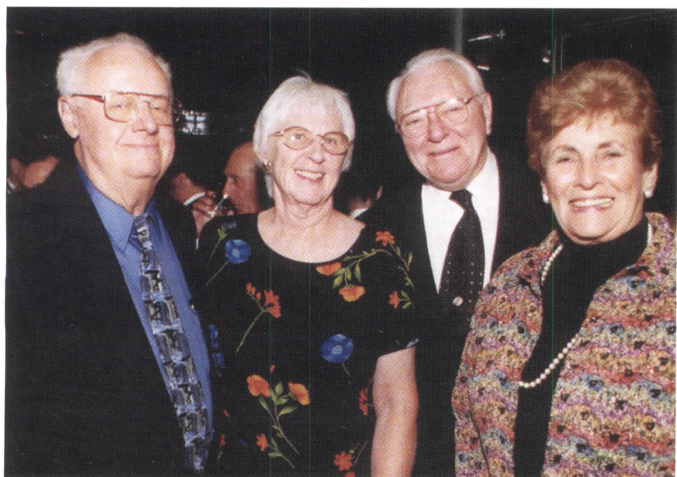


BUSM students joined alumni and faculty for the reception. Pictured here are Arthur Jey '05, Jenny Rothschild '05, Kris Smith '05, Gráham Snyder '05 and his wife, Anne.



During the reception at the Beverly Hills Hotel (from left to right) Joan and Carlos Beharie '78 join former BUSM Department of Anesthesiology Chair and Medical Campus Provost Marcelle Willock, M.D., and Ronald Katz '56.

Dean's Club Dinner 2002



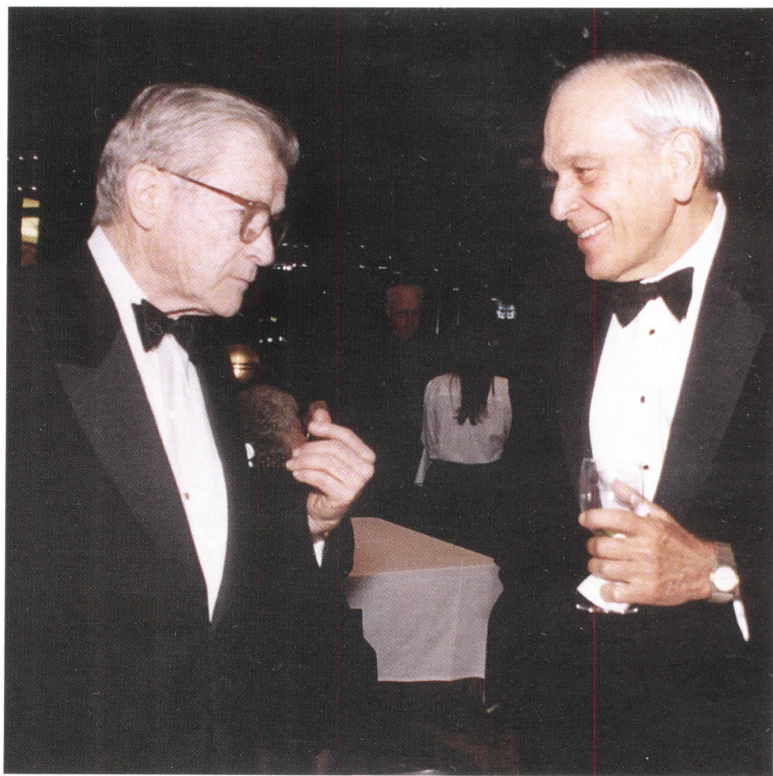
The Dean's Club dinner is the perfect opportunity for classmates Herbert Everett '54 and his wife, Dorothy, and Francis Mason '54 and his wife, Jacqueline, to get together.



Clement Papazian '57 and his wife, Marian, are joined by Nancy Schoen and George Edward Garcia '61.



Alumni Association staff members Laura Mullen, Mary Hopkins, Tim Fitzgerald, and Holly Lindner are on hand for the Dean's Club Dinner with Alumni Association Executive Director Barry Manuel '58.



University Chancellor John Silber joins Barry Manuel '58 for the Dean's Club dinner reception.



George Whitelaw '71 and wife, Associate Dean for Student Affairs Phyllis Carr, join Barry Manuel '58.



Enjoying the Boston Museum of Fine Arts galleries open for viewing during the Dean's Club Dinner are Peter Mozden '53 and Anne and Alan Weiner '52.



Shamim Dahod '87 and her husband, Ashraf, with Dean Chobanian at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts for the annual Dean's Club Dinner.



Alumni Association President Marcia Edelstein Herrmann '78 is flanked by her brother, David Edelstein '80, and her husband, Jeff Herrmann.



Lois and George Talis '50 with Louise Penta (center).

Class Notes

1939

TIMOTHY L. CURRAN of Avon, Conn., writes, “Timothy L. Curran, M.D., BUSM 1939 and his wife, Mary, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 8, 2002, and his 89th birthday on September 21, 2002. We continue to enjoy good health and memory recall of old friends with whom we gather at family and social events.

“For future correspondence, please note change of address to our winter residence on November 1, 2002 – 5113 Club Way, Stuart, FL 34997.”

1942

ELIZABETH A. GREGORY of Kennett Square, Penn., is retired after 43 years of practice. She has been living in Crosslands Retirement Community for the past three years. She is very happy there.

1952

ROBERT M. DONALDSON JR. of Guilford, Conn., writes, “I greatly enjoyed seeing so many classmates and former colleagues on the faculty at our 50th reunion.

“I recently edited a book on careers in health care which is coming out in February 2003, and I continue to teach professional responsibility to Yale medical students and to direct a project on distributive justice and the allocation of medical care for Yale’s interdisciplinary bioethics program.”

NICHOLAS GIOSA of Wethersfield, Conn., writes, “Looking at those smiling, gray-haired and bald ancients of the Class of 1952, at our 50th reunion, seen in the photo in the recent Donor Report, and at those young, innocent medical students posing in front of

Building B, ca. 1950, shown in our Class of 1952 50th Reunion Newsletter, one can only marvel at the flight of Time. A few years ago I tried to express this sense of wonder in the enclosed sonnet. May we endure a few more years.”

A LIQUEUR LOST

Pouring through our hands, seemingly
without end,
Years flowed on as we held points of view
That would consign no accord to time, nor
lend
A nod, a pause, decant a thought or two
Toward the day when we would gaze into the
cup
Of tumbling intervals, wondering – when
that liqueur
That was youth, that glaze of innocence, was
gulped –
Why we were in such haste to be suitor
To the rages of this world: a thrall
Of totems, ploys, and postures of little gist.
In the coda of our interlude, recall
Once more – but, be memory’s revisionist!
Revive that lapse of time when we were
young:
Now, let that liqueur slowly play upon the
tongue.
(November 1996)

Also by Nicholas Giosa:

THE ASTRONOMER: REFLECTIONS OF NARCISSUS

How the darkly vested night falls upon his eyes,
Holds the coursing of the clock
And the light of peacock skies;
What mysteries unleashed, parade
Before the gaze of this cartographer
Of night, in search of coordinates –
This mirror - drawn voyager –
Pressed to the window of his telescopic sight?
What would he read in the deep recesses
Of the glass; what histories of
Hope prescribed? He, whose time is less
Than a hand span, whose journey
Brief, as an awakened mayfly.
The wind howls, tears waves
From the sea, as gulls cry
In their flight and the moon pulsates
Through clouds that race numbly by.
This, then, is the traffic of his stay:
The enormity of the all-other, the non – I
The insensate world devoid of lacrimation;

As all about him gases coalesce, merge,
Stars evolve, galaxies collide;
While questions upon questions, gather,
surge,
Swirl in the endless void of uncertainty.

What would he see – this tearing Narcissus –
In the mirror of his soul:
What pause, what iota of purpose
To harbor, to console?

(November 1997)

1955

SAVERIO CAPUTI JR. writes, “Recently I had a life-altering experience, one that I want to share with my classmates. On Friday, September 20, 2002, a little past noon, a F-2/F-3 (moderately severe) series of tornadoes extended across Indiana obliquely from the southwest aspect of the state through Indianapolis to the northeast section (‘tornado alley’), touching down in four to five places. It touched down in Greenwood, my hometown city, briefly, causing extensive devastation, numerous injuries, but miraculously without loss of life. (Greenwood is located on the south side of Indianapolis.) I was having lunch at the MCL Cafeteria in the Greenwood Park Mall when the tornado touched down in Greenwood. There was a ‘whooshing’ noise, not unlike that of a ‘freight train’, and this was followed by torrential rains and heavy, turbulent winds. It was over in less than one to two minutes, but it seemed like an eternity. Then the warning sirens started to wail, indicating tornado warnings.

“Fortunately I and many others were not injured, although we were all shaken. Several cars were overturned in the parking lot, some with their windshields blown out. My car and home survived untouched, although debris was scattered all about. Certainly my guardian angel was looking over me that day!”

1956

ARTEMIS P. SIMOPOULOS of Washington, D.C., writes about her trip to China in May of 2002, “As co-chairperson of the Organizing Committee and Academic Committee, I helped plan the ‘2002 Essential Fatty Acids & Human Nutrition & Health International Conference,’ Shanghai, China, April 24-27, 2002, which was the first of its kind to be held in China. The goal of the conference was to review the research on essential fatty acids in human nutrition and health and to expand the technology and communication between the Chinese and international organizations. I



Artemis Simopoulos

gave several keynote presentations: ‘Current International Research Situation on Fatty Acids and Government Policies in Western Countries,’ ‘Importance of Omega-3 Fatty Acids in Food: Evolutionary Aspects of Diet’ and ‘Omega-3 Fatty Acids in Inflammation and Autoimmune Diseases.’ From Shanghai, I went to Beijing for a meeting that took place at the Fragrant Mountain, which is a hotel/convention center on the grounds of the Summer Palace. It is an absolutely beautiful place. We had a meeting with the officers of the Nutrition Society of China and the Ministry of Health. It went very well.

“On April 24, prior to the conference, I had a book signing in Shanghai of the newly-published Chinese translation of our book for the public **The Omega Diet** (HarperCollins, 1999). There was a big turnout at the book signing, and I was also taped for several television programs. They gave



Peter Deckers and family.

me a video on CD showing the signing at the bookstore and a number of people buying more than one copy of the book! The publication looks very good. The publisher informed me that they are already going to do a second printing of the book and are going to add some Chinese recipes.

“Omega-3 fatty acids are beginning to get more coverage in the press in the U.S. It is sort of unusual to dedicate almost a whole page to a nutrient, but as you can see from the link to the article (which does not include all the illustrations), on May 1, 2002 USA Today did so! I was interviewed along with Walter Willett, who is coming around to understanding the importance of omega-3 fatty acids, but unfortunately does not understand the importance of the ratio of omega-6/omega-3 fatty acids, which should be 4 to 1 or less, instead of 16-20 to 1 as it is today in Western diets.” The *USA Today* article can be viewed at www.usatoday.com/news/healthscience/health/diet/2002-05-01-omega3.htm.

1957

DAVID L. PIERCE of Mashpee, Mass., writes, “I am now retired and do some volunteer work here on Cape Cod. I attended our 45th reunion at BU in May of 2002. On a sad note I lost my 40-year-old son in August of 2001 – he was a victim of 18 years of severe progressive multiple sclerosis. I am in contact with Nancy

Perry – her husband and I attended medical school together. He died several years ago secondary to an acute heart attack.”

1966

PETER J. DECKERS of Avon, Conn., received the Boston University Alumni award during Homecoming and Parents Weekend on October 19. The highest honor Boston University bestows on alumni, Dr. Deckers was recognized for his distinguished career as a surgeon and cancer specialist and for his leadership in medical education as dean of the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. He also serves as vice president for health affairs at the University of Connecticut Health Center. Dr. Deckers is a past president of the Alumni Association and served on the national Sesquicentennial Committee. He received the School of Medicine Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1996.

1968

MARTIN T. FELDMAN of Leominster, Mass., received the Distinguished Physician Award at a recent HealthAlliance medical staff meeting. The award recognizes a physician for setting the standard for the practice of medicine and as a worthy role model. Dr. Feldman’s peers described him as an

astute clinician, an enthusiastic and talented teacher, a tireless leader, a smart businessman and a good friend.

“What we say is important, but what we do is what people emulate,” he said in his acceptance speech. “As physicians, we are role models to our patients, our families and each other.”

Dr. Feldman started a solo pediatric practice in 1973 that has grown to include nine pediatricians and three nurse practitioners and is called Medical Associates Pediatrics P.C. A trustee of HealthAlliance, Dr. Feldman served as chairman of HealthAlliance’s Department of Pediatrics for 17 years and has been chairman of the HealthAlliance Credentials Committee since 1982. He has been a member of the HealthAlliance Medical Executive Committee for 25 years and was president of its medical-dental staff from 1975-1976. He is a school physician for the Leominster and Lancaster school systems and the FLLAC Collaborative.

Dr. Feldman serves as an assistant clinic professor at BUSM and an associate professor of clinical pediatrics at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester. In May 2001, he received an Award of Excellence from UMass Medical School.

When asked about what he views as his greatest accomplishment in life, Dr. Feldman replied that it was marrying his wife, GERALDINE (BUSM 69). Asked what he was proudest of, Dr. Feldman answered, “My five children.” He is the father of SARA FELDMAN JACOBSON (BUSM 00) who is married to JONATHAN JACOBSON (BUSM 00).

1974

ROBERT W. CHAMBERLAIN of Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, writes, “Pat and I have enjoyed living and working here in Saudi Arabia for the past four years. I am practicing emergency medicine at the full service medical center run by

Saudi Aramco, the national oil company. No managed care and minimal malpractice concerns make work a joy. The travel opportunities have been endless. I send my regards to all my former classmates.”

THOMAS R. INSEL of Potomac, Md., has been named director of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). Serving as professor of psychiatry and director of the Center for Behavioral Neuroscience at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia, he began his appointment in November.



(From NIH News Release) “After a thorough and careful search process, it became clear that Dr. Insel’s ability to communicate a compelling vision for mental health research, his outstanding scientific record and proven leadership skills made him the natural choice for this important directorship,” said Dr. Elias Zerhouni, director of the National Institutes of Health, in announcing the appointment.

“I am honored and privileged to be joining the NIH at a time when mental health and mental disorders are so very clearly at the forefront of the nation’s public health agenda,” Dr. Insel said. “Recent years have witnessed enormous progress in our understanding of the brain. We have important new insights into the molecular and cellular basis of brain function. Now our challenge is to translate these discoveries from basic science into new insights and new treatments for mental disorders. Equally important, NIMH must work with other federal agencies and with professional and consumer groups to ensure that what is known through research is being applied to address the tremendous – and frequently unmet – needs for high-quality mental health treatment services.”

Dr. Insel first joined NIMH in 1979 as a clinical associate in the clinical neuropharmacology branch and went on to hold several administrative and leadership posts. During his 15 years at NIMH before heading to Emory in 1994, Insel conducted research in obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), initiating some of the first treatment trials for OCD using serotonin reuptake inhibitors. Five years later, Dr. Insel launched a research program in social neuroscience, focusing on the neurobiology of complex social behaviors in animals. Using molecular, cellular, and pharmacological approaches, Dr. Insel’s laboratory has demonstrated the importance of the neuropeptides, oxytocin and vasopressin, in maternal behavior, pair bond formation, and aggression.

In 1994 he went to Emory University, Atlanta, as professor, Department of Psychiatry, Emory University School of Medicine, and director of the Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center. As director of Yerkes, Dr. Insel built one of the nation’s leading HIV vaccine research programs. He currently serves as the founding director of the Center for Behavioral Neuroscience, a science and technology center, funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). The Center has developed an interdisciplinary consortium for research and education at eight Atlanta colleges and universities. Dr. Insel’s research continues to study the role of oxytocin in social attachment and behavior, and under an NIMH grant, he is involved in the development of an autism research center.

HAROLD “HACKIE” REITMAN of Plantation, Fla., was inducted into the Broward County Sports Hall of Fame on October 15, 2002, in recognition of his successful boxing career. A 10-round main event, professional heavyweight boxer, he has a pro record of 13 wins (11 by knockout), seven losses, and six draws. Over his boxing career which has

spanned five decades, he has sparred with 36 world champions including Roberto Duran and Hector “Macho” Camacho. He is also a former Lowell, Massachusetts, New England Heavyweight Golden Gloves Champion. Other sports figures inducted along with Reitman were Muhammad Ali’s coach Angelo Dundee, Andy Granatelli of auto racing, and Bernie Kosar of football fame.

A full-time orthopaedic surgeon in Plantation, Florida, Dr. Reitman is the founder and CEO of Orthopaedic Associates USA, one of the premier orthopaedic surgery multispecialty groups in the Southeast. He is also a spokesperson, board member, and chairman for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County, as well as the team physician for the American Heritage Schools. He donates all of the proceeds from his fight purses to various children’s charities. According to the *Sun Sentinel*, “Dr. Hackie Reitman is a role model for the community of boxing fans and for the many youngsters his life touches.”

1975

JOSEPH E. PARIS of Atlanta, Ga., is the medical director of the Georgia Department of Corrections and the immediate past president of the nationwide Society of Correctional Physicians.

On Monday, October 21, 2002, he received the Armond Start Award of Excellence by fellow correctional physicians in a ceremony in Nashville, Tennessee. The award is given for adherence to the highest professional and ethical standards in correctional medicine; unceasing advocacy for better patient care and professional correctional medical environments; and dedication to research, publication, and training in correctional medicine.

1978

AMY ROBBINS ELLISON writes, “Well, I moved to Chicago in June 2000. Lots of other life changes ensued...haven’t begun working yet here in Chicago as I’m just getting over an illness that slowed me down for the past two and a half years. I married Allan Ellison on June 10, 2001. My daughter, Hillary, is almost 15 and a freshman in high school and loving it, and I acquired two more beautiful daughters: Arianne, 20 (a dancer/theater person living in Manhattan) and Alea, 22 (living in Colorado). All of this has been life-altering and certainly very different from my role as director of cardiac anesthesia at Montefiore Medical Center for all those years, in the Bronx. Anxious to see what awaits me in the coming year and can’t wait to see my classmates in May ’03 at our 25th!!”

THOMAS L. HIGGINS of Longmeadow, Mass., has announced the publication of *Cardiopulmonary Critical Care*, a textbook of critical care medicine published by Bios (Oxford, England) and distributed in the U.S. by Springer Verlag. Higgins co-authored the text with Drs. J. Steingrub, Robert Kacmarek and James Stoller. Dr. Higgins is chief of the Critical Care Division at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts, and associate professor of medicine and anesthesiology at Tufts University School of Medicine.

1986

STEPHEN B. CORN of Boston, Mass. and Meredith Corn, M.D., are “thrilled to announce the birth of their son, Bradley Robert Corn, on August 3, 2002. He’s wonderful!!!”

Also, Dr. Corn has been promoted to associate professor at Harvard Medical School. He is the first recipient of the Brigham & Women’s Physician Organization Physician Recognition Award for

Clinical Innovation. Presented on November 8, 2002, this award recognizes outstanding BWPO and DFCI clinicians for their collaborative, innovative, community service and leadership activities. The program is designed to allow peers to recognize their colleagues who are extraordinary in any of these aspects of clinical practice.

He is the recipient of a 2002 Partner’s in Excellence Award from Partners Healthcare given to those “who are nominated by their colleagues for their exemplary performance and ‘above and beyond the call of duty’ contributions to Partners and our medical institutions.”

Dr. Corn was recently awarded his 14th patent for medical technology.

1989



JERRY M. SCHREIBSTEIN of Longmeadow, Mass., has been elected to serve as member-at-large for the American Academy of

Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS) Board of Governors (BOG). He has also received recognition in the Academy’s “Big On Goals” program for community service on behalf of the specialty.

The BOG is the grassroots arm of the AAO-HNS, and organizes community physicians to advocate on behalf of patients, address state legislative issues that affect the specialty of otolaryngology, and engage in public outreach and education.

He is a board certified otolaryngologist who practices at Ear, Nose & Throat Associates of Springfield, Inc., a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and an assistant clinical professor of otolaryngology – head and neck surgery at Tufts University School of Medicine. Additionally, he serves as director of the sinus surgery program at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield and is presi-

dent-elect of the Massachusetts Society of Otolaryngology.

He lives with his wife, Harlene Ginsberg, and their children, Kayla and Andrew.

1990



MARGARET M. DUGGAN of Roslindale, Mass., was recently appointed director of the Faulkner Breast Centre,

located at Faulkner Hospital in Boston, MA. Dr. Duggan has been a surgeon at the Centre since 1998. Board certified in general surgery, she has been a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons since 1999. She is a clinical instructor in surgery at Harvard Medical School. Her clinical interests are in breast surgery, specifically focusing on the treatment of breast cancer.

1991

JENNIFER KASPER of Jamaica Plain, Mass., writes, "I just completed a Soros Medicine as a Profession Advocacy Fellowship. This fellowship allowed me to work part time with the organization Physicians for Human Rights (PHR). During my time with PHR I conducted a study of nearly 400 Latino immigrant families in the Boston area (hopefully publication of the findings will be forthcoming!).

"I also traveled to India for two weeks to work on a child labor study. I co-authored a paper with Dr. Paul Wise on the relevance of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child for U.S. domestic policies affecting children. I continue to be actively involved in the non-governmental organization with whom I worked in rural El Salvador for two

years, Doctors for Global Health. I currently serve as chairperson of the board. We have ongoing projects in El Salvador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Guatemala, and Uganda. I continue to practice medicine working at the Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center, serving mostly low-income Latino families. In short, Life is Good! If anyone is interested in international health and human rights, please look me up!"

1992

TIMOTHY J. O'HARE writes, "My new address is 319 Sandhurst Drive, Melbourne, Florida 32940. I did my ENT at Washington University and then four years in the Air Force. I am now in private practice in Florida. My number is 321-757-3245."

1993

PAUL C. FU JR. of Long Beach, Calif., writes, "We welcomed our new son, Ian Paul Fu, on July 7, 2002 at 00:17 AM, 5 lbs, 3 oz. and 19 inches long (apgars 8 and 9). I miss Boston and am planning a family visit next year."

Necrology

1934

WALTER A. KOVALESKI of Clifton, N.J., died June 3, 2000, at the age of 92. Dr. Kovalski was a general practitioner in Clifton.

1935

FRANCIS V. ITRI of Westfield, N.J., on July 3, 2002, at the age of 93. He conducted a family practice in Brooklyn for more than 40 years before retiring.

He was a captain in the Army during World War II.

Predeceased by his wife, Mary Nitti Itri, he is survived by his daughter, his son, his sister, and two grandsons.

1937

JOSHUA R. DEROW of Hastings-On-Hudson, N.Y., on June 1, 2002, at the age of 90. A retired radiologist, he was an assistant clinical professor at Downstate Medical School in Brooklyn, New York, and was on staff at the Brooklyn Veterans Administration Hospital.

He was a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Air Force and served as a flight surgeon during World War II.

He was a member of the Brooklyn Radiological Society, the Radiological Society of North America and the American College of Radiology.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Elisabeth Derow-Turnauer, his daughter, and two grandsons.

1938

JAMES S. KAVANAH of Jamaica Plain, Mass., on May 22, 2002, at the age of 90. An obstetrician, he served on the staff at Boston City Hospital, St. Elizabeth's Hospital and St. Margaret's Hospital. In addition, Dr. Kavanah was a faculty member at BUSM and Tufts University School of Medicine. In more recent years, Dr. Kavanah served as the

cancer registrar at the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital. During more than 45 years of active practice, Dr. Kavanah gave prenatal and obstetrical care to thousands of mothers and their babies.

During World War II, Dr. Kavanah served in the U.S. Army Air Corps, eventually attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel. By the end of the war, Dr. Kavanah was serving as flight surgeon in an element of the Eighth Air Force that was staging for the planned allied invasion of the Japanese home islands.

Predeceased by his wife, Teresa W. (Winn) Kavanah, he is survived by two sons; two daughters, one of whom is Dr. Maureen Kavanah, associate professor of surgery at BUSM; and five grandchildren.

1940

DOROTHY SPERLING ANDERSON of Auburn, Maine, on April 17, 2002, at the age of 87. An anesthesiologist, she served at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, Central Maine Medical Center and Franklin Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Anderson was a member of the American, Maine, Massachusetts and Androscoggin County Medical associations.

Predeceased by her husband, Donald L. Anderson, M.D., she is survived by three daughters, three sons, and two grandchildren.

1941

CONSTANTINE VEREMAKIS of Umatilla, Fla., on July 10, 2002. An anesthesiologist, he served at St. Joseph and Stamford Hospital, Memorial Hospital, New Milford Hospital, and as a volunteer at Florida Hospital Waterman, Eustis.

He served his country as a major with the U.S. 5th Army Surgical MASH Unit in World War II, receiving a Bronze Star.

He actively supported the Special Olympics, volunteering for 40 years working with the mentally challenged.

He is survived by his wife Josephine

Dewarde Veremakis, two sons, two daughters, his sister, and 12 grandchildren.

1942

VINCENT BAPTIST of Bristol, Conn., on October 1, 2002, at the age of 88. A respected general surgeon in private practice, he was an emergency physician at Bristol Hospital.

He served as a captain in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Emma (O'Brien) Baptist, five daughters, three sisters, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews.

MARTIN L. BRADFORD of East Sandwich and Truro, Mass., on May 17, 2002, at the age of 86. A general surgeon, he practiced for more than 40 years, serving at University Hospital (now Boston Medical Center), New England Baptist Hospital, and at Norwood Hospital from 1950 until his retirement in 1985. At Norwood Hospital he also served as chief of surgery for eight years.

During World War II he served as a U.S. Army surgeon at Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver.

He was a member of the American Medical Association, American College of Surgeons, New England Surgical Society, and Boston Surgical Society.

He is survived by his wife, Alice (Thomsen) Bradford, four daughters, his son, his brother, his sister, 12 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

1943-A

CHAUNCEY M. STONE JR of Miami, Fla., died November 27, 2000, at the age of 85. An internist, he was an associate clinical professor of medicine at the University of Miami School of Medicine and was an attending at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Jackson Memorial Hospital and the South Miami Hospital. He served as chief of staff at Baptist Hospital.

He served as second lieutenant in

the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II.

He was a member of the Florida Medical Society and the American College of Physicians.

He is survived by his wife, Muriel, his son and his daughter.

1943-B

THEODORE T. AMBADGIS of New Bedford, Mass., on April 3, 2002, at the age of 84. A psychiatrist, he maintained a private practice in New Bedford until his retirement in 1996.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a captain in the Medical Staging Service and was a recipient of the Meritorious Service Unit Award and the World War II Victory Medal.

He was a member of the American Medical Association and the Massachusetts Medical Society.

He is survived by his wife Bernadette (Belliveau) Ambadgis, his two sons, his daughter, and two grandsons.

1945

EDWARD F. VANDER BUSH of Mahwah, N.J., on December 11, 2001, at the age of 81. A retired anesthesiologist, he served as associate director of the Anesthesia Department at Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, N.J.

He was a Fellow of the American College of Anesthesiology, a member of the American Medical Association, the American Society of Anesthesiologists, the Passaic County Medical Society and the Ridgewood Medical Society.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1946-1948.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and three sons.

1947

FEL G. DAVIES of New Hartford, N.Y., on August 30, 2002, at the age of 82. An internist, he served as medical director for Blue Care Plus and medical director of health services for General Electric Company in Utica, N.Y. He was

a medical director of the Detoxification Unit at Faxton Hospital in Utica and consultant to Marcy State Hospital and Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center. He was also on staff at Children's Hospital in Utica and St. Luke's Memorial Hospital Center.

He was a past president of the Faxton Hospital medical staff and foundation, a past president of the Oneida County Medical Society, the Central New York Academy of Medicine, the Mohawk Valley Society of Internal Medicine, the American Heart Association Central New York Region, and the Oneida County Council on Alcoholism. He was a member of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Physician Executives.

He served in the U.S. Army and later joined the Navy, serving as a medical officer.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret E. Davies, and his daughter, and predeceased by his son.

1948

RALPH J. PALERMO of North Andover, Mass., on Monday, April 1, 2002, at the age of 77. A general surgeon, he practiced at Lawrence General Hospital and at Holy Family Hospital, where he served as chief of surgery. He retired from private practice in 1994, but continued to assist with surgery until recently.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army infantry, and during the Korean War, he was a major in the Air Force Surgical Corps.

He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine (Parolisi) Palermo, his son, five daughters, a brother, three sisters, seven grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

1949

HAROLD S. FELDMAN of Longboat Key, Fla., and Barnegat Light, N.J., on May 15, 2002. A psychiatrist and phar-

macologist, he served as clinical professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the New Jersey School of Medicine and Dentistry, as professor of pharmacology at BUSM, as an instructor in pharmacology at Harvard Medical School, and as a professor of pharmacology at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. As a consultant to the pharmaceutical industry and international expert in forensic psychiatry, he testified in the courts and actively engaged in the development of new psychotropic drugs.

He served in the U.S. Navy as a captain during the Korean War.

Dr. Feldman was a past president of the Begg Society at BUSM and past president of the Phi Delta Epsilon medical fraternity at BUSM. He was a Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, and a member of the New Jersey Psychiatric Association, and the Association for the Advancement of Clinical Chemotherapy.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Nelson Feldman; his three sons, David (BUSM 72), orthopedic surgeon; Edward (BUSM 75), retina surgeon; Robert (BUSM 82), ophthalmologist; and his daughter, Carol Feldman Bass, graduate of BU School of Law. He is also survived by eight grandchildren.

ALBERT J. PLUMMER of Morristown, N.J., on June 14, 2002, at the age of 94. Executive director of biological research at Ciba-Geigy Pharmaceutical for 26 years, his research focused on antihypertensive agents and psychopharmacological drugs. After his retirement in 1975, he remained a consultant to Ciba-Geigy for many years. He received the BUSM Centennial Award for Distinguished Alumni in 1973 and the Boston University College of Liberal Arts Collegium of Distinguished Alumni in 1974.

He was a member of the American Medical Association, a Fellow of the American Heart Association, a member of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology, the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, the American Chemical Society-Medicinal Chemistry Section,

the Society of Toxicology; the American College of Clinical Pharmacology and Chemotherapy, the Council on High Blood Pressure of the American Heart Association, the New York Academy of Science, and the Summit Medical Society.

He was predeceased by his wife, Mary, and his son. He is survived by his daughter and two grandsons.

1950

MICHAEL ROHMAN of White Plains, N.Y., on July 12, 2002, at the age of 77. A general, thoracic, and trauma and critical care surgeon, he served at Jacobi Medical Center and North Central Bronx Hospital. Professor of surgery at New York Medical College, he also had served as director of surgery at Westchester Medical Center, chief of cardiothoracic surgery at Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center, and as chief of the Trauma Service there as well.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a member of the board of directors and president of the American Heart Association, New York State Affiliate and Westchester/Putnam Chapter; the board of directors and chairman of the Research Committee of the Westchester County Medical Society and Academy of Medicine; and president of the American College of Surgeons, Westchester Chapter.

He is survived by his wife, Joelyn Iser Rohman, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

1953

JOHN H. LEWIS, of Sandwich, Mass., on February 2, 2002, at the age of 78. A general practitioner, he served as Sandwich school physician, lecturer at the Barnstable Police Academy and associate medical examiner for Barnstable County for 14 years. In 1979, the John H. Lewis Medical Center was built in Sandwich.

Dr. Lewis served as a combat bomber pilot in World War II. He obtained his wings in March 1944 in Fort Sumner,

N.M., and in 1946 he was discharged as a first lieutenant in the Army Air Corps.

He was a delegate on the Barnstable County Medical Society Board. He was elected as the representative from Barnstable County Medical Society to the Massachusetts Medical Society in Boston.

He is survived by his fiancée, Elaine Pyne, two sons, three daughters, and ten grandchildren.

1958

DONALD A. DECOSTA of Auburn, Maine, on April 25, 2002, at the age of 69. A family practitioner, he and his partner, Dr. E. Stanley Young, established the Poland Community Health Center, which later moved to Auburn.

He served in the Public Health Service for two years in Laredo, Texas, and held the rank of captain in the U.S. Coast Guard.

He was a member of the American Association of Family Practitioners, the American Medical Association, as well as the Maine and Androscoggin County Medical associations.

Predeceased by his wife, Priscilla (Rand), and daughter, Cynthia, he is survived by two daughters, four sons, three brothers, his sister, seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

1959

ARNOLD WONG of Danville, Calif., on May 7, 2002, at the age of 71. A board-certified otolaryngologist, he served as president of the medical staff at Washington Township Hospital in Fremont, volunteered as a clinical instructor at Stanford University Hospital, and served as president of the Peninsula ENT Society.

He is survived by his wife, Doris, his son, a daughter, two brothers, and two grandsons. His daughter, Adrienne, predeceased him.

1973

KIMBALL JOHNSON of Lewisville, N.C., on March 8, 2002, at the age of 59. An emergency medicine specialist, he served on the staff at Old Town Immediate Care in Winston-Salem, N.C. He was an assistant professor of emergency medicine at Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

He was a member of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

He is survived by his wife, Mershon Beach, two daughters, his mother, two siblings and extended family and friends.

1991

CIRIACO A. MEMMOLO of Revere, Mass., on September 5, 2002, at the age of 34. He was a trauma surgeon at St. Anthony's Hospital in St. Louis.

1994

CHRISTOPHER G. GAPOSCHKIN, of Lexington, Mass., on July 23, 2002, at the age of 40. A neurosurgeon, he was an assistant professor of neurosurgery at the University of Kentucky. He completed an internship in surgery at Boston City Hospital and graduated from residency training at Cornell University's New York Hospital, where he was chief resident from 1998 to 1999. In 1999-2000 he was a Fellow at the University of Florida in Gainesville where he trained in vascular neurosurgery.

An MD/PhD graduate, Dr. Gaposchkin won a number of honors, including the prestigious "Most Outstanding Medical Student Award" granted by the National Institutes of Health.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa (BUSM 92), his parents, his brother, Daniel (BUSM 01), his sister, and maternal grandmother.

His family has established an award at BUSM in his memory for medical students who excel in the qualities that Dr. Gaposchkin represented in his profession.

September 11th Service of Remembrance

It was a beautiful, sunny day just as it was on September 11, 2001. On Wednesday, September 11, 2002, the medical campus community may not have been in shock as it was a year ago, but there was an atmosphere of reflection and remembrance. School of Medicine Dean Aram Chobanian and Boston Medical Center Chief Executive Officer Elaine Ullian addressed the campus community assembled on the Talbot Green. Prayers were offered by members of the Boston Medical Center Pastoral Care program, Reverend William Alberts, Imam Salih Yucel, Father Robert Carr, and Rabbi Paul Levenson. The following "Message of Hope" was recited by all present:

We believe in tomorrow. We believe that we have the power to make tomorrow different from today. We believe that there can yet be a time of peace and a time of justice, a time of fellowship and a time of tranquility for all who live on earth. We believe that we can share in bringing that day close by the way in which we live. The world may smile at our dreams—but no matter, we still believe. We persist in our belief that the human being was created not for evil, but for good, not a curse, but as precious blessing.

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