New dean presents his vision for the Medical College of Wisconsin
I have always been proud of the contributions the Medical College of Wisconsin makes to medicine that extend beyond the education and training of students. Being one of 125 medical schools that receive funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for biomedical research and training support already puts us in exclusive company. Being ranked in the top 34 percent of those schools in dollars granted is noteworthy indeed.

That is exactly where we find ourselves as the Medical College was 42nd in funding among that group in 2007. This ties the highest ranking the College ever achieved (it also ranked 42nd in 2003) and represents a four-place improvement in rank from the previous year.

Total NIH funding to the Medical College in 2007 was more than $92.3 million, a 9 percent increase over the previous year. The total number of NIH grants awarded to Medical College faculty increased from 192 to 206 in that time period.

The climate for obtaining NIH grants makes this progress all the more remarkable. When adjusted for inflation, appropriations for the NIH have been either flat or in decline for the past five years. This has intensified competition for grants that are already quite competitive. Innovative ideas in research have not declined, but success rates for NIH awards have. As a result, many worthwhile projects remain unfunded.

Many of you enjoyed the opportunity to reunite with your classmates during Alumni Weekend at the beginning of May. I regret being unable to join you then. Members of the Class of 1958 celebrated 50 years of medicine with us at the College’s 2008 commencement proceedings. Hopefully, activities like these not only rekindle memories but also inspire you to look to the future.

Put most simply, as dean, my goal is to make a difference. I want to be sure that as alumni, you also have the opportunity as alumni to make a difference for future generations. I pledge to be a conscientious steward of your alma mater and to work with you to find mutually satisfying ways to advance the College.

I appreciate the great accomplishments of Michael J. Dunn, MD ’62, during the 13 years preceding my arrival. Mike Dunn and I enjoyed a smooth transition, reflecting our longstanding relationship dating back over eighteen years, our shared values and mutual commitments to excellence and collegiality. As alumni, your relationship with the Medical College is lifelong. It is my goal and privilege to see that your traditions and values live on in our work. I welcome you to join me in this effort. Thank you.

T. Michael Bolger, JD
President and CEO

Jonathan I. Ravdin, MD
Dean and Executive Vice President
Vision statement

Dr. Jonathan Ravdin envisions the Medical College of Wisconsin continuing its trajectory toward being a premier medical school. As the College’s new Dean, his ideas in research, education, clinical care and community health will be the fuel for the journey.

Classes represented in this story: ‘62

Alumnus takes Association helm

Vascular surgeon Dr. Paul Fox has been elected Alumni Association President. Other officers and directors were also selected this spring.


Blood ties

An international expert on blood and marrow transplantation, Dr. Mary Horowitz was named the Medical College’s 2008 Alumna of the Year. Her contributions to research and patient care affect countless cancer patients and have helped make the College a leader in the field.

Classes represented in this story: ’45, ’70, ’80

Answering the call

Dr. Thomas Russell helped Dermatology grow into a full-fledged College department and has been its leader on three occasions. He received the 2008 alumni Distinguished Service Award.

Classes represented in this story: ’29, ’62, ’96

Aiding the indigent

Gynecologist Dr. Carol Ritter provides care to underserved people around the world and is a tireless advocate for tort reform in the U.S. She received the 2008 Humanitarian Award.

Classes represented in this story: ’83

Death becomes him

Using accessible, narrative style that integrates science and history, epidemiologist Dr. Robert Morris explores the pathogenic threats to drinking water in his book, The Blue Death.

Classes represented in this story: ’91
College’s renal transplant program has top outcomes in Midwest

Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin has the best kidney transplant outcomes in the Midwest, according to data released this year by the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients.

Of the 15 largest renal transplant centers in the Midwest (which includes Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan and six other states), Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin ranks No. 1 in both patient and graft survival. At one year, 99.2 percent of patients are alive after transplant compared with the national average of 96.1 percent. In addition, 96.4 percent of kidneys are still functioning.

The national average is 92.4 percent.

“We have been successful for many reasons,” said Christopher Johnson, MD, Professor and Chief of Transplant Surgery. “Froedtert Hospital has historically been a strong supporter of this program. The transplant surgery and nephrology physician groups are both nationally recognized for their expertise in transplantation. The physician groups have a very strong working relationship that goes beyond being collaborative and collegial. As a result, we are synergistic in our effectiveness together. Translational research has been an important contributor to improved patient outcomes. We have very dedicated and experienced staff on both the MCW and Froedtert sides, which is present throughout the pre- and post-transplant phases. There is abundant talent present at this medical center to assist in multidisciplinary care. We continuously examine our outcomes and are always looking to improve.”

The Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients is a national database of transplantation statistics. It is administered by the Arbor Research Collaborative for Health and the University of Michigan.

College students give ‘Ovations’ to alumni individuals and groups

Among those selected for 2008 Standing Ovation awards from the Medical College of Wisconsin Student Assembly were a faculty alumna, an entire class and the Alumni Association. Beth Krippendorf, PhD ’93, Assistant Professor of Cell Biology, Neurobiology and Anatomy, received an award for her “excellence in teaching the basic sciences” and for “setting an example for how all faculty should view teaching.”

The Class of 1972 and the Medical College of Wisconsin/Marquette Medical Alumni Association received an award for their efforts to “improve student life” at the College and for their establishment of the Student Lounge Endowment, which funds the continued development and improvement of the Class of 1972 Student Lounge.

The Standing Ovation awards recognize those affiliated with the College who have enhanced the quality of campus life for the students of the College and gone above and beyond their required duties to provide exemplary educational, social or organizational improvements in the student community.

NIH grant for $7 million funds hypertension research

The Medical College has received a $7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to identify targets for drugs controlling high blood pressure. Hypertension affects more than 50 million Americans and remains largely uncontrolled in 75 percent of these patients, leading to an increased incidence of stroke, heart and kidney disease. Allen W. Cowley, Jr., PhD, Chairman and Harry & Gertrude Hack Term Professor in Physiology, is principal investigator. He is Director of the NIH’s Specialized Center for Hypertension Research at the Medical College, where a search for the genes responsible for high blood pressure is being conducted.

The overall goal is to achieve an understanding of the long-term regulation of arterial pressure and the consequences of high blood pressure. Dr. Cowley’s team believes the kidney controls long-term arterial pressure, and that salt intake can importantly influence kidney function in genetically predisposed persons. This can impact the structure and function of the circulatory system.
NIH renews funding of Medical College’s national EPR Center

The National Biomedical Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR) Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin has received a five-year, $5.66 million renewal grant from the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering. The EPR Center, in the Department of Biophysics, was established in 1976 and is classified as a Biomedical Technology Resource Center (BTRC). It is one of eight major federally-designated research centers at the College. The renewal represents years 32 to 36 of the center’s BTRC funding.

James S. Hyde, PhD, Professor of Biophysics and Director of the center, is principal investigator for the grant.

In what is regarded as one of the strongest EPR groups in the world, Dr. Hyde leads a group of distinguished electrical engineers in technology research and development of novel analytical instrumentation for EPR spectroscopy, an essential tool for biophysics researchers worldwide.

Alumni Association awards seven medical student scholarships

Seven medical students received scholarships this year from the Medical College of Wisconsin/Marquette Medical Alumni Association. M1s Jennifer Yacub and Michael Truong, M2s Abigail Schneider and Elizabeth Burnes, and M3s Jackson Lever and Owen Sweis received Bob Herzog Alumni Scholarships, awarded from the proceeds of the Bob Herzog Alumni Scholarship Golf Classic. M2 Alexis Vosooney received a Symposium for Senior Physicians Scholarship. Pictured, L-R, are College President and CEO T. Michael Bolger, JD; Vosooney; Yacub; Burnes; Schneider; Lever; and Robert H. Herzog, Jr., son of Bob Herzog, former Alumni Relations director. Not pictured are Truong and Sweis.

Commencement celebrates student, alumni, faculty accomplishments

The Medical College awarded 270 degrees at its 95th commencement ceremonies on May 16, 2008. Catherine D. DeAngelis, MD, MPH, editor-in-chief of the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) delivered the keynote address and received an honorary Doctor of Science degree.

Top faculty honors

At commencement, four faculty members received Distinguished Service Awards, the College’s highest honor. They are: Michael J. Dunn, MD ’62, Dean Emeritus, Distinguished Professor of Medicine and Physiology, and Director of the Translational Research Resources Office of the Clinical and Translational Science Institute; Michael J. Chusid, MD, Professor and Associate Chair of Pediatrics and Chief of Pediatric Infectious Diseases; James S. Hyde, PhD, Professor of Biophysics and Director of the College’s National Biomedical Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR) Center; and Sally Twining, PhD, Professor of Biochemistry and of Ophthalmology.

Teaching awards

Three alumni received teaching awards at commencement. Surgeon Christopher J. Fox, MD ’98, GME ’04, received the Milwaukee Academy of Medicine Award for Excellence in Teaching, which is presented each year to a physician in private practice for exemplary teaching. This talent runs in the family as Dr. Fox’s father, Paul S. Fox, MD ’68, GME ’73, has won this same award twice before, in 1998 and in 2005.

Jill M. Bader, MD ’04, and Patrick C. Hettinger, MD ’06, both received the MCAWH Housestaff Award for Excellence in Teaching, which is presented annually to residents and fellows who make outstanding contributions to medical education. Dr. Bader is a resident in OB/GYN. Dr. Hettinger is a resident in Plastic Surgery.
The intestinal parasite that Jonathan I. Ravdin, MD, has studied for nearly three decades is responsible for 100 million cases of amebiasis and 100,000 deaths annually. His scientific contributions to understanding the mechanisms by which *Entamoeba histolytica* invades its host and the resulting human immune response are considered seminal, but one of his last accomplishments before leaving the University of Minnesota may be among his most profound.
Dr. Ravdin’s research team developed a vaccine for amebiasis, and recent data indicates the vaccine will work against the infectious disease that remains endemic in much of the world. Clinical trials will hopefully provide confirmation.

“I’ve been working on it for 29 years in various ways. To actually be at that point – since no vaccine is available for any parasitic disease in mankind – that we could do human studies is incredibly rewarding,” Dr. Ravdin said. “To see a project come together that represents the entire goal of our research up to this time, this journey of making a difference, it doesn’t get much better.”

May 5, Dr. Ravdin began the next leg in his journey of making a difference on his first official day as Dean and Executive Vice President of the Medical College of Wisconsin. Accompanying him are an international reputation in world health, a wealth of clinical, research and administrative experience, and the steady, pragmatic approach that brought success to his amebiasis program. These qualities were striking to the Medical College search committee that recommended his hire to President and CEO, T. Michael Bolger, JD, who appointed him as dean.

“The caliber of candidates we attracted for this position was exceptionally high, but Dr. Ravdin soon became my clear choice among them,” said Bolger, who in his 18 years as president has worked with three deans and hired two. “He is outstanding in his own field, and he joins the College with fresh ideas and a forward-thinking approach that bodes well for our future. He also shares my vision of continuing our development as a premier U.S. medical school.”

**Striking a match**

The future, or specifically the Medical College’s potential for further growth and success, was significant in capturing the attention of Dr. Ravdin, who had not been actively job seeking. What he did find when curiosity led him across Minnesota’s eastern border was an opportunity he refused to bypass.

“The Medical College of Wisconsin just ended up being a wonderful fit and wonderful timing,” said Dr. Ravdin, who at Minnesota was the Nesbitt Professor and Chairman of Medicine. “After 12 years as a chairman, I decided it was probably time to function at a different level, and that I had gained experience and wisdom that I could contribute at the level of dean.”

Dr. Ravdin’s conclusion that the Medical College was the right place for him to make those contributions is rooted in several key strengths that make the College fertile ground for continued progress. Among them are the school’s vigorous basic science programs. The presence of an excellent faculty with a great culture provided added incentive.

The College also has superb clinical partners in Froedtert Hospital, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin and the Zablocki VA Medical Center that are congruous of mission and commitment to the academic enterprise, he said. The organization has been incredibly well managed by President Bolger and Dr. Ravdin’s predecessor, Michael J. Dunn, MD ’62, as well as other leaders. Additionally, the College has the academic foundation in place for pioneering advances in medical education.

“I see a real opportunity to develop a new educational model for the medical school, hopefully, that will fundamentally differentiate it from others in the U.S. and attract top students and trainees,” Dr. Ravdin said.

If implemented as conceived, the change would be palatable, with the College developing different educational pathways for students with different talents and goals. In turn, medical school could be made shorter and less expensive. Costs could also be reduced through partnerships.

For example, the College could leverage its public and community health programs to create a pathway for students interested in community and international health, with an opportunity to earn a master’s degree in epidemiology, for instance, while training. A physician-scientist pathway distinct from the Medical Scientist Training Program (dual MD-PhD program) could also be valuable for someone interested in a clinical or translational research career.

**Plan for progress**

Infusing the educational archetype with innovation is just one facet of a detailed vision Dr. Ravdin holds for the Medical College.

“The overriding goal is to set priorities and focus on what can and should be done to become a premier medical school that’s nationally recognized,” he said. “This is an excellent school that has made tremendous progress under Dr. Dunn, but what else do we need to do to be a premier medical school?”

A fundamental aspect of his plan is to prioritize the development of interdisciplinary research programs that span College and clinical partners. From this, the College must cultivate truly translational research programs capable of benefiting the community and thus leading to the distinction of clinical partners in the marketplace.

The Medical College must strive to be recognized as a leader in community health. Its Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin endowment, which is now valued at $409 million, provides the rare opportunity to make a vast difference in the health of the public and must be maximized. Income from 35 percent of the endowment is designated specifically for community health projects through its Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program.

Dr. Ravdin’s vision also includes the College becoming a destination of choice in the Midwest for a very diverse and talented student and resident body. Binding the vision is a commitment to collaboration, particularly between clinical and academic entities.
“We have to work together with all hospital partners to optimally manage the Medical College, its departments and all groups to marshal resources in a prioritized and effective way to make the enterprise grow, so all ships rise,” he said. “We can’t do it ad hoc. The whole College has to be engaged. If you’re going to have a large academic mission, you have to have a large clinical mission, and you have to handle it effectively and transparently.”

Relationships are the essence of Dr. Ravdin’s leadership style. He retains a detailed vision but believes thorough consultation of faculty, staff and other stakeholders is prerequisite to execution, allowing for adaptation of the vision as he receives input and ideas. As dean, he, along with the president, take responsibility for providing a unifying vision but also for articulating the vision to many audiences and the crucial but most delicate job of implementation.

“If I have a gift in academic leadership, it is that I see solutions to complex problems in administration and organizations, but just knowing that doesn’t get it done,” Dr. Ravdin said. “It helps, but you need more. It’s important to put together a process and build consensus, but also to follow through and get it done.”

Dr. Ravdin’s commitment to progress through innovation is a natural complement to the efforts by College leadership to build an institution that has experienced great growth but is also replete with new potential.

“The health care industry and the biomedical research climate are only getting more competitive,” Bolger said. “Strategic thinking that draws on the expertise and creativity of our top minds will best position the College for success in this era and the next.”

Scene shift

Change inherently accompanies new leadership to any organization, and in Dr. Ravdin’s case, greets him at the door as well. Some of his most rewarding career experiences have been interacting with students and mentoring residents. He was equally adept at taking care of complex patient cases in the inpatient service. As dean, these moments will be replaced by others, but the new experiences will have a “magnification effect” as his decisions have the ability to shape the futures of all students and faculty, rather than one individual. That, he said, is the great reason to be in academic medicine.

The change is also experienced by his family. A Brooklyn native, Dr. Ravdin is accustomed to relocation typical to an academician. His wife, Marcie Christensen Ravdin, grew up in the Twin Cities, where the couple has been deeply embedded in the community. They have four children – two who have begun their careers, two who are in college and graduate school.

Some interests, the Ravdins are sure to continue. On a personal level, they are passionate about art and enjoy walking and travel. Dr. Ravdin is an experienced cook, with culinary influences obtained during his many years conducting research overseas in places like India and Egypt. He enjoys preparing meals for family and entertaining friends.

Professionally, dependent upon attracting new funding, Dr. Ravdin is planning to have his laboratory re-established at the Medical College. His colleague of many years, Mohamed Abd-Alla, MD, PhD, would join him at the College to continue their amebiasis research at this exciting and critical juncture.

Dr. Ravdin’s arrival signals a new era at the Medical College of Wisconsin. This chapter of history has yet to be inked to the page, but it holds the promise of new ideas and dynamic growth. It bears the commitment of a man who sees its opportunities as unique and challenging and utterly worthwhile.

“I view this as my last job,” Dr. Ravdin said. “It is very exciting and liberating to know the rest of my career will be dedicated to making a difference and having the greatest degree of success for the Medical College of Wisconsin. There’s no sense of personal recognition – it’s how well the school and its partners do. That’s a good feeling for me.”
Active Alumni Association is goal for newest President

If you can’t find Paul S. Fox, MD ’68, GME ’73, in the office or operating room, you may find him fly casting in the rivers of Montana or Mexico, looking to land an elusive fish.

“Of course, as a surgeon, I tie my own flies,” said Dr. Fox, who also has been known to construct his own fly fishing rods. He said he enjoys the act of crafting the rods, but the benefit lies in being able to design exactly what you need to catch a certain kind of fish. It is a skill that may translate to his new role as President of the Medical College of Wisconsin/Marquette Medical Alumni Association as he works to motivate more alumni to become active with their alma mater.

In particular, Dr. Fox believes the Medical College has an opportunity to generate a more active base of younger alumni, whose perspective and input the College and Alumni Association value.

“If there is any way I can have influence on it, I would like to get younger alumni more involved in the Alumni Association,” he said. “I think it strengthens the school to have an active Alumni Association and provides support for the school. I believe the more active alumni are, the more likely they are to contribute and become involved in different aspects of the school.”

Dr. Fox’s own example of involvement is enduring, especially in a teaching capacity. He has directly participated in the education of medical students for his entire career in practice.

After finishing his surgical residency in 1973, Dr. Fox became Assistant Director of the Transplant Program on the faculty of the Medical College. In 1974, he began a two-year service commitment to the U.S. Air Force at Andrews Air Force Base. After the military, he decided to join William B. Davies, MD, GME ’71, in practice at Waukesha General & Vascular Surgery. The two still work together in the group, which is now called Waukesha Surgical Specialists.

Since returning to the Milwaukee area, Dr. Fox has been on the volunteer clinical faculty of the Medical College, and he has also staffed for the surgical residents at the Zablocki VA Medical Center. Recently, his office has been a clinical rotation site for students and residents as well.

“I’ve always enjoyed teaching and always felt it was an obligation for all of us to give back to students and residents,” he said.

Dr. Fox’s primary clinical interests are in gastrointestinal surgery, endocrine surgery and vascular surgery. His early attraction to transplant surgery put him on the path to being a vascular surgeon since, as he describes, a major aspect of any transplant is connecting the blood vessels.

Now, Dr. Fox hopes his efforts will connect alumni to one another and to the Medical College through the Alumni Association, which he has served as a member since 2003. His family already represents an impressive network of alumni. Dr. Fox’s son Paul F. Fox, II, MD ’94, is in interventional radiologist in Waukesha. The latter’s wife, Mary C. Fox, MD ’95, GME ’00, is an otolaryngologist in Waukesha. Another son, Christopher J. Fox, MD ’98, GME ’04, recently joined his father’s surgical practice group. Dr. Fox and his wife, Susan, have one other son and three daughters.

“I really felt a great indebtedness to the medical school for allowing me to go to school there, and I have two sons who graduated from the Medical College, so I’ve had quite a bond with the school,” Dr. Fox said. “I have appreciated it all along while on the full-time faculty for a short time and the clinical faculty for a long time, and it was natural for me to go on to the alumni board. I was happy when I was asked if I would do it.”

For the future, Dr. Fox hopes to renew vigor in the Alumni Association’s clinical conference, which features CME classes, social events and recreational activities. He might also like to combine an academic conference with an activity that younger alumni are apt to enjoy, such as skiing. These are only ideas, but Dr. Fox has made it clear that ideas are welcome.

“I think the Alumni Association is open for trying new things and providing whatever the alumni need,” he said. “We don’t get much in the way of requests, so it would be nice if there is something alumni need or wish the Alumni Association would do, they would let people know.”
Throughout her career, Mary M. Horowitz, MD '80, MS '91, GME '84, Fel '89, has harnessed the power in numbers to improve outcomes for blood and marrow transplant patients. This force lives and grows within the Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research (CIBMTR), at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Horowitz is Chief Scientific Director of the center, which comprises a network of more than 400 transplant centers in 47 countries that share outcomes data and a statistical center with a clinical database of more than 200,000 transplant recipients.

Accumulated, these individual cases provide knowledge that could not be gleaned in isolation. Physicians across cities, states and nations can mine the CIBMTR for successful precedent to establish treatment plans for their own patients. “This is the power of a registry,” she said, “the ability to combine data on many patients to better address important clinical and biological questions.”

Through Dr. Horowitz’s investigative, administrative and clinical leadership, the scope of the registry has expanded with new collaborations and contracts that will have a significant and enduring impact in the field of bone marrow transplant (BMT). For her vision and enormous devotion to her work, she is the Alumni Association’s 2008 Alumna of the Year.

Professional home sweet home

From her M1 year to her current role as the Robert A. Uihlein Professor in Hematologic Research and Professor of Medicine (Neoplastic Diseases), Dr. Horowitz has been a member of the Medical College of Wisconsin family. Supportive mentors, colleagues and administration have kept her here throughout. It was here as a junior faculty member that she met the late Mortimer Bortin, MD ’45, the founding director of the CIBMTR’s predecessor, the International Bone Marrow Transplant Registry (IBMTR), and a man she considers her professional father. She also developed a relationship with former Biostatistics Chief Al Rimm, PhD, who suggested she work on IBMTR data for her master’s thesis. From these roots grew a forest of opportunity, through her hematology/oncology fellowship, her joining of the IBMTR in 1986 and her appointment as director in 1991.

Academic medicine was a destination from the start, as she finds excitement in the climate of scientific inquiry, but BMT quickly revealed itself as a perfect match.

“Clinically, one cares for very ill patients, something I always liked, with the potential for cure, Dr. Horowitz said. “And one tends to have a long-term relationship with them – the appealing part to me of primary care. And it is a field where there has been incredible change and progress over the years.”

Such change, often catalyzed by Dr. Horowitz, has been evident at the Medical College, though probably never more so than in 2004 when she led the IBMTR into an affiliation with the National Marrow Donor Program to create the CIBMTR. As she describes, both entities were important forces in the landscape of BMT-related clinical research with overlapping and complementary areas of expertise.

“Together, we have been able to greatly expand our research programs – beyond the simple sum of the two organizations’ efforts – particularly in the areas of immunobiology research and prospective clinical trials,” she said.

The collaboration also allowed the CIBMTR to compete successfully in
2006 to be the U.S. Stem Cell Therapeutic Outcomes Database, mandated by Congress to collect data on all allogeneic BMT outcomes in the United States. Dr. Horowitz is Research and Project Director of the database, which is a component of the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program.

These institutional and systemic advances are really just means to an ends, namely the research of authorities worldwide, Dr. Horowitz among them, endeavoring to improve transplant success rates. Dr. Horowitz has published more than 200 articles in the biomedical literature related to blood and marrow transplantation, including a seminal text on graft-versus-leukemia effect in the journal *Blood*. The paper, for which she was lead author, examined the clinical evidence for a role of the (allogeneic) graft in curing leukemia in more than 2,000 patients and showed the important, anti-leukemia effect of donor cells in a definitive way.

James T. Casper, MD ’70, GME ’72, Fel ’74, Professor and Chief of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology has worked side by side with Dr. Horowitz in collaboration on research and clinical efforts.

“I have had the privilege of working with Mary for more than 20 years,” said Dr. Casper, who is Director of the Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Program at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin and was Alumnus of the Year in 2005. “I’ve never been associated with a more dynamic, energetic, and dedicated physician and colleague. Not only does Mary have the energy of 10 people, she has ability to focus her efforts and be incredibly productive.”

Reaching ever forward

After spending much of her career doing observational research, Dr. Horowitz is particularly excited about a new effort underway in the CIBMTR – the development of the U.S. Blood and Marrow Transplant Clinical Trials Network, which is conducting large prospective clinical trials in BMT. More than 60 U.S. transplant centers have participated in these trials, which have now enrolled more than 2,200 patients, and recruitment is beginning to expand abroad. She considers the international aspect of her work a highlight.

Dr. Horowitz is also currently involved in the development of a new system for sharing clinical data electronically between research centers and networks. The system, called AGNIS (A Growable Network Information System) will allow the direct transfer of data from local databases to the CIBMTR and others on the grid, decreasing the burden of data management at the transplant centers.

If research has been the heart of Dr. Horowitz’s career, patient care has been the soul. Despite enormous leadership and investigative responsibilities, she has continued to see bone marrow transplant patients at Froedtert Hospital. Her role in her patients’ lives has taken on heightening meaning for her since she was diagnosed with and treated for breast cancer. She underwent surgery and chemotherapy in 2004.

“Getting state-of-the-art care is critical but getting it in a caring and empathetic way is also very important,” Dr. Horowitz said. “I have always tried to do that, but I learned some things from my own illness – the importance of listening, of taking enough time to allow information to sink in, of being available, of understanding that all of the tests we take for granted as we write our orders often involve discomfort or indignity.”

These are lessons she has worked to impart on the next generation of hematology/oncology physicians with whom she works as a teacher and mentor. Knowing firsthand the difference that individual health care givers can make in how a person feels about his or her situation is incentive for excellence in clinical care, a standard to which Dr. Horowitz holds herself.

“I went to medical school to be a doctor, and taking care of people is still one of the most rewarding things I do,” she said. “I always tell my fellows that they should consider it a privilege to share in such a critical time of our patients’ lives, and I really feel that.”

**BEHIND THE CV**

*Dr. Mary Horowitz – select accolades & activities*

■ DKMS (German Marrow Donor Center) Mechtild Harf Award, 34th Annual Congress of the European Group for Blood and Marrow Transplantation, 2008

■ Delivered Shirley Nolan Memorial Lecture, 2008 International Donor Registry Conference

■ Delivered Mortimer M. Bortin Lecture, 2007 BMT Tandem Meetings

■ Alfredo Pavlovsky Award, XXXI World Congress of the International Society of Hematology, 2007

■ Distinguished Service Award, Medical College of Wisconsin, 2006

■ Honorary Fellowship, The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, 2005

■ Past President, World Marrow Donor Association

■ Editorial boards of *Blood, Bone Marrow Transplantation, Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation*

■ Service on Board of Directors of the National Marrow Donor Program; the National Cancer Institute’s Cancer Clinical Investigation Review Committee; the Data Safety and Monitoring Board of the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute’s Cord Blood Transplant Study; the Scientific Tumor Advisory Committee of the United Network for Organ Sharing; the Advisory Committee for the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases Immune Tolerance Network; and the 2005 Institute of Medicine Panel for Cord Blood Transplantation.
Not once. Not Twice. Three times, Thomas J. Russell, MD ’62, has been asked to provide interim leadership to the Medical College Dermatology faculty, and he has shouldered the responsibility each time. For this characteristic dedication to the College and his commitment to alumni, Dr. Russell received the 2008 alumni Distinguished Service Award.

“I was surprised, and it was really a terrific honor to join the previous awardees who have been such a credit to the Medical College of Wisconsin, in view of community service, patient care and medical education,” he said.

Since the November 2006 departure of Dr. Kim Yancey, Dr. Russell has been Interim Chairman of Dermatology while the College actively searches for a full-time successor. Although this is his third time in the role (the first being a two-year period in the early 1970s), he said the wonderful colleagues in the department make the work worthwhile. His job, as he describes it, is to be at the rudder of a speed boat, participating in a collegial application of everyone’s talents in a team effort.

The second time Dr. Russell steered this ship, a five-year span, Dermatology was not yet a department at the Medical College. His efforts were considered instrumental in creating a Department of Dermatology independent of the Department of Medicine in 1988. He understood that to become recognized nationally or internationally, Dermatology needed the flexibility and sense of self responsibility that came with being a department to attract world class scholarly leadership.

“To achieve success in recruitment, department status was an option that had to be offered – anything less than that would not have been satisfactory,” he said. “It was obvious at that time, programs that were most successful were independent departments.”

The Division of Dermatology had built a solid reputation within the school due to the success of its training program and institutional service. With the support of many of the school’s leaders, Dr. Russell was able to present the value and necessity of an independent department. The achievement allowed the new department to recruit Luis Diaz, MD, from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. An international authority in immunobullous disease, Dr. Diaz served as Chairman for 11 years.

Dr. Russell’s commitment to service to the College coincides with the earliest years of his career. While a private practitioner who maintains a growing practice today, he volunteered as a clinical instructor in 1968.

“I participated on the volunteer faculty out of a sense of loyalty, even obligation, to contribute in any way I could to our current students and residents and maintain the tradition of previous faculty and residents who put so much effort into this first-rate department,” said Dr. Russell, who finds great enjoyment in his mentorship of students and trainees.

He believes leading by example in patient care, style and professional ethics provides the greatest value to students and residents. The experience is mutually constructive, as Dr. Russell emphasizes that he has received an invaluable education from his residents and students over four decades as a teacher. They remind him of the pleasure of learning.

Dr. Russell has been a solid alumni citizen as well, having recently completed his second three-year term on the Alumni Association Board. He has also been very active in reunions. It’s all part of instilling pride in the College family.

“My view is a good institution becomes great with an institutional memory,” said Dr. Russell, whose own family includes three generations of graduates from the Medical College. His father, Joseph Russell, MD ’29, was an alum, as are two of his four children, Mary C. Russell, MD ’96, a neuroradiologist; and James P. Russell, MD ’01, a dermatologist and part-time Medical College faculty member.

With more than 40 years experience in dermatology, Dr. Russell takes satisfaction in seeing the field advance. He finds fresh enthusiasm in new developments that stand to improve patient care.

“What’s most exciting now, not only in dermatology but in medicine in general, is the application of the exploding area of genetics in diagnosis, prognosis and therapy,” he said. “My only regret is not being able to participate in these exciting times for the next 50 years. It will be a great time for medical science.”
Sadly, in the last two years, Carol A. Ritter, MD '83, lost both her mother and father. While sifting through mementos among her parents’ effects, Dr. Ritter found the personal statement she had written for her application to the Medical College of Wisconsin. In it, she had declared her desire to help the underserved through medicine.

Seeing those words sparked a realization that nearly 25 years after her medical school graduation, she was living out those aspirations of her youth. Through her efforts to provide care to those without means, Dr. Ritter has earned the 2008 alumni Humanitarian Award. Despite her many trips abroad on medical missions in recent years and her stateside advocacy for tort reform, she was surprised to be chosen.

"I know since I’ve been doing this work how many doctors are involved with humanitarian efforts, and it warms my soul to see because it is a humanitarian profession we’re in," she said. “So many of us have humanitarian awards in us. It’s a real honor but humbling because it’s just a drop in the bucket compared with what many other doctors do.”

The seventh of 10 children, Dr. Ritter was given a strong sense of giving by her family but said her focus was sharpened by her training in women’s health care as she studied to be an OB/GYN. Recognizing the disparity in health care, especially for women and children, around the world has led her to distant locales to change things for the better.

In 2004 and 2005, Dr. Ritter traveled to Honduras. She staffed a small-town clinic, delivering babies for women who had no prenatal care while providing gynecological care for many others. Following the devastating tsunami of 2005, she spent two weeks in Sri Lanka multi-tasking in primary care, dermatology, gynecology and others. Her work took her to orphanages, where she saw the catastrophic toll of the disaster that took parents from children.

Last year included a medical and surgical expedition to Haiti. Dr. Ritter, a Major in the Maryland Defense Force, has also staffed medical missions to Bosnia and Herzegovina with the Air National Guard. Geography divides the places she has gone to help, but their plight binds them.

“There is a thread of similarity,” she said, “and that is that poverty keeps people helpless, and lack of education in health care, nutrition and prevention perpetuates that poverty.”

That thread also ties to struggling Americans in places like New Orleans, where Dr. Ritter traveled in 2006 and 2007 to staff a temporary clinic in the Ninth Ward, where the wreckage of Hurricane Katrina persists. Incidentally, these were also the only times in recent history that Dr. Ritter practiced obstetrics in the United States. She resigned her OB practice after her malpractice premiums rose 69 percent in one year.

“The whole situation was very confusing for me,” she said. “I felt betrayed. I thought, ‘how could it happen to me?’ But then I looked around and said, and if this is happening to me, it must be happening to other doctors as well.”

Indeed it was. From 2003-2004, her state of Maryland saw the largest rise in premiums nationally with a 132 percent increase. These experiences felt personally and by her peers nudged Dr. Ritter into the role of advocate for tort reform and thrust her into the foreign landscape of politics. She has met individually with lawmakers, given testimony before the Maryland Judicial Procedure Committee as well as in Washington, D.C., and has presented at hospitals, women’s groups and political rallies. The centerpiece of her efforts was the filming of a documentary about Maryland’s medical liability insurance crisis, *If the Bough Breaks*.

The film underscores how rising premiums are driving doctors from certain specialties, like obstetrics, and discouraging medical students from pursuing careers in those fields. Showing how this situation will lead to reduced access to care for patients may help reduce the frivolous lawsuits exacerbating the problem, Dr. Ritter said.

After the documentary aired, Maryland lawmakers put a $650,000 cap on liability and created a subsidy to pay for premium increases. The subsidy expired this year, but lawsuits are down, something for which Dr. Ritter can take some credit. In her mind, however, advocates have only exposed the tip of an iceberg capable of sinking U.S. health care.

“I worry about my kids’ future health care,” she said. “That’s why I’m working so hard. I think it’s important that politicians recognize that doctors have a humanitarian foundation, and many of our present laws prevent that initiative.”
The Medical College of Wisconsin’s 2008 Alumni Weekend brought alumni from all over the country to Milwaukee May 2-3 for a celebration of old friendships and new accomplishments. The classes of 1953, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1993 and 1998 all celebrated reunions that included private dinners on Saturday night following tours, CME opportunities and seminars. The annual Medical College of Wisconsin/Marquette Medical Alumni Association awards banquet was held Friday evening. Mary Horowitz, MD ’80, GME ’84, Fel ’89, MS ’91, was named Alumna of the Year (see page 10). Thomas J. Russell, MD ’62, received the Distinguished Service Award (see page 12), and Carol A. Ritter, MD ’83, earned the Humanitarian Award (see page 13). The Alumni Association also gave special recognition to Michael J. Dunn, MD ’62, for his outstanding leadership as Dean of his alma mater from 1995-2008 and his efforts on behalf of all students from the Marquette University School of Medicine and the Medical College of Wisconsin. Longtime faculty member James E. Youker, MD, was named an Honorary Alumnus (see below), and new Alumni Association officers were installed (see page 9).

Radiology Chairman named Honorary Alumnus

James E. Youker, MD, has been named an Honorary Alumnus of the Medical College of Wisconsin for his tremendous service to the College and its alumni during his 40 years of leadership as Chairman of the Department of Radiology.

Dr. Youker is a Fellow of the American College of Radiology and has served the organization in numerous ways, including vice president from 1983-84. He has been president of the Society of Chairmen of Academic Radiology Departments. As a trustee of the American Board of Radiology from 1993-2003, he was responsible for its Breast Category.

Dr. Youker has served on the Board of Trustees for the Radiological Society of North America’s (RSNA) Research and Education Foundation from 1991-96. He has been chair of the Residency Review Committee for Radiology and was president of the American Board of Medical Specialties from 2000-2002.

For his service and commitment to the specialty of radiology, Dr. Youker has been honored with the Gold Medal of the Association of University Radiologists in 1997, the RSNA in 2000, the American Roentgen Ray Society in 2002 and the American College of Radiology in 2003.

Honorary Alumnus James E. Youker, MD, with T. Michael Bolger, JD, College President and CEO.
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These and other photos from the 2008 Medical College of Wisconsin Alumni Weekend are also available for viewing on the Medical College’s Web site at www.mcw.edu/alumni.

Additional copies of ALUMNI NEWS and of reunion Memory Books are also available upon request.

Seated, L-R: Lloyd Maasch, James Algiers, Robert Pribek, Robert Olson.
Standing, L-R: Thor Thorgersen, Robert Madden, William Mateicka, Alex Molchan.

Seated, L-R: Lawrence Larson, Lawrence Foster, Edward Buerger, Walter Gager, Thomas Belson.
Standing, L-R: Thomas Kowalski, Michael Bachhuber, H. Robert Birschbach, Kenneth Roth, Gordon Datka.


Front row, L-R: Richard Paulsen, Michael Wenzel, Divyang Joshi, Brian Green, Patrick Keller, Stephen Handrich, David Litzau, Jeffrey Krawcek, Scott Koss, Jaideep Joshi. Middle row seated, L-R: Elias Bonaros, Christopher Fox, Antonio de Villa Salud II (99), Caroline Joshi, Cassandra Howard, Carey Cameron, Deborah Costakos, Deanna Benish, Karina Peterson, James Park, Christina Englebert, Joycelyn Russo, Jean Watson. Back row standing, L-R: Faith Willley, Stephen Pecsenyick, James Waltenberger, Karie Mantey, Peter Stanko, Heather Stanko, Samuel Spears, Nancy Havas (99), Peter Hoepfner, Jeffrey Bahr, Jenifer Schwarz, Janet Han, Janine Kruger, David Andrus, Peter Balingit, Kathryn Hasley (Hoch), Rajesh Santharam, Timothy Devraj.
Members of the Class of 1958 were welcomed into the Medical College of Wisconsin's Golden Circle this spring as part of their celebration of 50 years in medicine. An enormous contingent from the class participated in the College’s May 16 commencement ceremony, for which the alumni wore formal regalia and joined the processional. They were awarded new Medical College diplomas and had a chance to renew friendships at various reunion activities throughout the weekend.
Alan A. Wartenberg, MD ‘72, GME ‘80, remembers how the Medical College of Wisconsin stuck by him during difficult times as a student. With those days past and decades of successful practice under his belt, Dr. Wartenberg is now sticking by the Medical College. He and his wife, Carol, have established a bequest that will benefit College programs.

“I’ve always felt a tremendous sense of gratitude,” he said. “I always did very well in medical school. I believe that the type of things schools often look for are not always the things that make a good physician.”

Dr. Wartenberg believed the College “took a chance” by accepting him, so when the faculty and administration further supported him after he developed a chemical dependency while a medical student, he was even more appreciative. He used the opportunity afforded him through recovery to realize a fruitful career in addiction medicine, though he was originally determined to specifically not enter that field of practice.

At that time in the 1970s, addiction medicine was in its early stages, and for doctors who went through treatment themselves, it was often the only field in which they could get hired, Dr. Wartenberg said. There was also a mentality among patients that doctors couldn’t truly empathize unless they had gone through similar trials, a thought that persists today, though Dr. Wartenberg does not subscribe to it.

“Some patients say ‘unless you’ve been there, you can’t understand me,’ which I don’t necessarily believe,” he said. “The idea that the only people who can treat addiction are people who walked in their shoes is unproven, and I don’t believe it. I treat people on the basis of training and experience, not dogma.”

A general internist, Dr. Wartenberg found he had the ability and desire to mitigate stigma and improve programs for people with drug and alcohol addiction, including physicians. He served on the Medical College of Wisconsin faculty early in his career, splitting time between internal medicine and addiction medicine. A member of the Society of General Internal Medicine, Dr. Wartenberg has also served on impaired physician committees in Wisconsin and Massachusetts.

Now semi-retired, Dr. Wartenberg is the former medical director of the Addiction Recovery Program at Faulkner Hospital in Boston, Mass. He maintains a part-time private practice at Meadows Edge Recovery Center in Rhode Island. He is Corporate Medical Director of Discovery House, a group of 17 methadone treatment programs in six states. He is also Associate Medical Director of an opiate treatment program at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Providence, R.I. He said he has Carol and his daughters, Eve and Ruth, to especially thank for his success.

Dr. Wartenberg’s bequest to the College is unrestricted, but he is considering either designating it or adding funds for the further development of addiction medicine programming within the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine. Although there have been enormous changes at the College since he was there, he is impressed by its growth.

“The change in some ways makes me wistful, but in other ways makes me very proud of what they’ve done in research and in maintaining quality clinical care,” he said.

Dr. Wartenberg’s retirement plan additionally consists of two projects of personal interest. He attends writing workshops and aspires to write a great American novel. He also plans to work with Brown University to establish a medical school-based free clinic for the underserved with an emphasis on treating those with substance abuse. His goal is to volunteer as a mentor to students, teaching them how to behave toward such patients with respect, a key element to successful treatment.

“There are lots of people we treat who are challenging – schizophrenics, for example – but we treat those people like patients,” he said. “We treat people with addictions like perpetrators. If you treat them right, the outcomes are better.”

Dr. Wartenberg is also a prostate cancer survivor, 10 years in remission. He urges all of his male colleagues to observe routine health maintenance, including prostate exams and PSA tests.

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When Jean Fourcroy, MD, PhD, MPH ‘99, was appointed to the Board of Directors of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, Marion Jones had not been stripped of a single Olympic medal, Floyd Landis had yet to be charged with doping, and Roger Clemens had never been the subject of a Congressional inquiry. Times have quickly changed, and Dr. Fourcroy has had no small role in the climate shift surrounding performance-enhancing drugs in athletics.

Hers in recent years has been a battle for the integrity of sports and for the health of athletes since joining the USADA in 2000. She acknowledges being stunned at the pervasiveness of doping in amateur sports despite the strict rules and stringent testing for Olympic competitors.

“Remember that over 95 percent of our athletes are clean and play fair, so we represent them, and we use our science to protect them,” Dr. Fourcroy said. This is done at the USADA through testing, education and research. For example, the test that revealed American cyclist Tyler Hamilton was doping in 2004 was developed by USADA research.

Use of steroids, human growth hormone and other performance-enhancers has undergone increasing scrutiny in professional sports as well, especially since the publication of the Mitchell report for Major League Baseball. Dr. Fourcroy said even before her organization uncovered the illegal steroid development and distribution of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, they could tell many athletes were doping. The difficulty is proof, especially when unscrupulous scientists are constantly seeking ways to beat the testing systems. That is why research and education remain so important.

“You have to keep one step ahead, and I think it can be done,” she said. “I’m a positive person.”

Of course, Dr. Fourcroy has been contributing to this field before anyone had heard of BALCO. She retired as a Medical Officer with the Food and Drug Administration in 2001 after 19 years of service there. In the agency’s Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, she was highly involved in the regulatory process, including the development of new drugs.

A urologist with an endocrinology focus, Dr. Fourcroy attracted the attention of the Justice Department and the Drug Enforcement Agency. They began bringing cases to her to examine — among them, scientific investigation into the use of androstenedione in sports. As her experience grew, so did Dr. Fourcroy’s reputation as the FDA’s expert on anabolic steroids and androgens.

“Fortunately for me, science was relished there, and if you had a scientific background, you had plenty of science sent to you, and your desk was a lab,” said Dr. Fourcroy, whose later work in the FDA’s Center for Devices and Radiological Health included in vitro fertilization devices and diagnostics.

Her position with the FDA also allowed her to treat patients at Walter Reed Army Hospital. The retired Navy captain still has an appointment there, mostly working with residents and teaching ethics, and she is Assistant Professor of Surgery at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences.

Dr. Fourcroy earned her MD from the Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1974 and her PhD in Anatomy from the University of California-San Francisco in 1977. In 1981, she became only the fifth woman board certified in urology. She considers this a function of gender ratios in medicine at the time and a system that stonewalled women. She observed one woman for every 60 men enrolled in medical school at UCSF when she first considered applying. Nationally, it is now nearly 50-50. Even after school, it was especially difficult for a woman urologist to make a living in practice, she said.

“Most money was made in prostate surgery, right or wrong, and much was wrong then,” she said. “You got most of those patients by referral, and if there weren’t women referring to you, you weren’t going to get them, and you couldn’t make it.”

Beating those odds was the beginning of a varied and successful career for Dr. Fourcroy. Her recent paper on the history of designer steroids and the book she just finished editing on doping are further evidence of her leadership in a relevant field.
Alumni author taps into murky history of drinking water

Though never explicitly referenced, the parallels between Robert D. Morris, MD '91, PhD, MS '88, and the Victorian-era protagonist of his 2007 book, *The Blue Death*, reveal kindred spirits. Since both are physicians devoted to the safety of drinking water, they have an obvious link, but they also share the tribulation of bearing a message that many seem unwilling to hear.

The more people read Dr. Morris’s book, however, the more minds may change about the current quality of drinking water and the microscopic pathogens that threaten its consumers. In fact, *The Blue Death* utilizes creative nonfiction infused with historical narrative and buttressed by research to make a somewhat scientific and serious subject palatable to a broad readership. An epidemiologist who, for more than a decade, saw numerous research studies raise serious concerns about the safety of the world’s water supply only to watch the discussion stall before reaching the public, Dr. Morris was determined to widen the audience.

“Everybody who drinks water should understand the story behind it, but I knew getting people to read a book about dirty water and diarrhea was going to be a challenge,” he said. “To do that, I felt the book had to be a compelling read. As it turns out, the story of drinking water is packed with tales of genius, tragedy and political intrigue.”

Dr. Morris uses his book to profile key figures who fought convention to unravel the medical mysteries behind waterborne illnesses over the past 200 years. The first third of the book follows the work of physician John Snow who worked throughout his life to prove that cholera was caused by an unseen organism spread through contaminated water, even though the medical establishment of 19th Century England dismissed his theories. Dr. Snow was an obscure character in history, despite his influence on modern understanding of infectious diseases, and recreating him was the author’s greatest challenge.

“The most remarkable and enigmatic figure in the history of drinking water is epidemiologist John Snow,” said Dr. Morris, himself an international authority on drinking water. “He never married, had no children, died young and was not sufficiently famous at the time of his death for his personal letters and effects to be saved. I went to great lengths to track down records from the people around Snow in an effort to bring him to life.”

Though he chronicles the process of bringing filtered and disinfected water to American taps and the engineering projects behind those efforts, Dr. Morris returns often to the recurring conflict between epidemiologists and government and industry representatives who are skeptical of the evidence and reluctant to make costly changes to drinking water regulations. Like Dr. Snow in the 1800s, Dr. Morris found there were many people willing to trivialize his research when he published a report on the relationship between drinking water chlorination and cancer. He was a student at the Medical College of Wisconsin at the time, doing a two-month research rotation at the Harvard University School of Public Health. Dr. Morris has since held teaching positions at Harvard, Tufts University School of Medicine, and the Medical College of Wisconsin. He has also served as an advisor to the Environmental Protection Agency, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health.

History repeats itself throughout *The Blue Death* as the fragility of drinking water safeguards is demonstrated through modern times. These lessons include the cryptosporidium outbreak that sickened 400,000 people in Milwaukee, which many Medical College alumni from the 1990s likely remember.

Dr. Morris advocates for and outlines specific changes in the drinking water system here and abroad that he believes will help avert the public health disasters that riddle the past. He said reaction to the book has been extremely positive.

“Perhaps most gratifying has been the response from the medical and public health communities,” he said. “The book has been adopted as required reading in environmental health courses at schools from Montana to Boston. Even researchers immersed in the science of drinking water and epidemiology tell me the book is filled with new and fascinating stories. Interestingly, I have heard almost nothing from the government and public works leadership in the United States despite the fact that I wrote the book to help highlight the challenges they face in improving infrastructure.”

Living in Seattle, Dr. Morris is currently working on his next book, a novel.

Oral history book includes musings of several Medical College of Wisconsin alumni

Several Medical College alumni are featured or mentioned in a book by veteran medical journalist Stephen J. Busalacchi. *White Coat Wisdom* is an oral history in which nearly 40 physicians share their experiences in medicine.

Among the doctors featured are alumni Anderson Bauer, MD '07, who discusses his medical school experience and his goals as a physician; LuAnn Moraski, DO, GME '99, who discusses lessons learned from her medical training; Robert Jaeger, MD, GME '76, who shares his thoughts on delivering babies for a living; George Schneider, MD '70, who discusses the free clinic he operates in the Milwaukee area and his prognosis for the U.S. health care system.

Additionally, Marvin Wagner, MD '44, MS '51, is mentioned prominently in one of the chapters.
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1970s

Claire L. Scheele, MD '73, resumed her private general surgery practice in Martinsville, Ind., after five years with the Indian Health Service, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' health program for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Beth Blodgett, MD '78, GME '81, is a sister at a Protestant monastery and a volunteer at a local public health clinic one day a week in Limón, Colón, Honduras.

Joseph D. Zuckerman, MD '78, was named the First Vice President of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons during the organization’s 75th Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Dr. Zuckerman is chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at New York University Hospital for Joint Diseases, the Walter A.L. Thompson Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at NYU School of Medicine, and has been an active participant in the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons for more than 25 years. He specializes in shoulder surgery and hip and knee replacements.

1980s

Karen Marcdante, MD '80, GME '83, has been chosen to receive the 2008 Faculty Vitality Award from the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Marcdante is Professor of Pediatrics at the College and will use the award to develop a Center for Educational Excellence and Innovation in her department.

Lynn Moscinski, MD '81, has been named Chair of the new Department of Oncologic Sciences at University of Southern Florida Health, which provides the academic home for faculty physicians and scientists who work at Moffitt Cancer Center. Dr. Moscinski will work with faculty and students to strengthen educational partnerships between Moffitt and the university, including fellowships, residency and graduate education programs.

Carlos J. Garcia, MD '82, is married with two children in college. He has a solo practice in interventional pain at Premier Pain Care and practices at Baylor Surgicare and Presbyterian Hospital in Denton, Texas. His hobbies include fly fishing and glider piloting.

John J. Raschbacher, MD '83, practices occupational medicine at OccMed Colorado, LLC, with offices in the metropolitan Denver area. Dr. Raschbacher also volunteers with Children’s International Summer Villages. He is married with a son.

Timothy W. Behrens, MD, GME '85, Fel '89, reported the discovery of new genes labeled BLK and ITGAM in the online edition of the New England Journal of Medicine in January. The genes are linked to lupus and raise hopes of earlier diagnosis and better targeted treatment of the disease. Dr. Behrens is a scientist for Genentech, Inc.

Tom P. Aufderheide, MD, GME '86, has been elected a Fellow of the American Heart Association (AHA) by the AHA Council on Cardiopulmonary, Perioperative, and Critical Care. His research on the physiology of CPR has resulted in substantial changes in clinical practice (AHA Guidelines) and significant national and international improvements in neurologically intact survival from cardiac arrest. Dr. Aufderheide also received the 2008 Faculty Vitality Award from the Medical College of Wisconsin. He will use the award to focus on his research in epidemiology and public health. Dr. Aufderheide is Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Medical College.

Jeff M. Michalski, MD '86, has been named Interim Head of the Department of Radiation Oncology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Dr. Michalski specializes in genitourinary and pediatric oncology. He also conducts clinical research on the use of radiation therapy for the treatment of prostate and other cancers. Dr. Michalski currently serves as Vice Chair of the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group, leads its Advanced Technology Integration committee, and is a member of the Nonmelanoma Skin Cancer Panel of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network and the Siteman Cancer Center.
Thomas J. Stormont, MD ’87, was honored as the “Top Doctor” in urology in the 2008 Top Doctors list in Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine for January 2008. He has practiced at Lakeview Hospital for the past 15 years and recently joined the Stillwater Medical Group full time. Dr. Stormont has introduced several new procedures to the St. Croix Valley, including laser prostate surgery, cryoaulation (freezing of a prostate tumor), radioactive seed implants for prostate cancer, and the “No Needle No Scalpel” vasectomy. He was also voted as an “Outstanding Physician” by his peers in the Twin Cities Consumers’ Checkbook, Spring/Summer 2007.

1990s

Hara Levy, MD ’91, GME ’96, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in pulmonary and sleep medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin and to the medical staff of Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. Her current research involves the interface of molecular biology and population genetics, with the goals of ultimately defining disease-modifying genes and identifying genetic correlations in patients with cystic fibrosis. Dr. Levy was previously an instructor in pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, practicing at Children’s Hospital in Boston.

John Markley, MD ’92, GME ’99, has been appointed Interim Chief in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the University of Missouri Hospitals and Clinics. He has been serving as the Surgical Director of the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital intensive care unit since returning home from Iraq in 2004 from active duty with the U.S. Army.

John Imig, PhD, Fel ’93, has been appointed Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Imig comes from the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, where he was Professor of Vascular Biology. He has been awarded two patents for drugs used to reduce damage from strokes and to treat cardiovascular diseases and is project leader of two NIH Program Project Grants to investigate kidney dysfunction in salt-sensitive high blood pressure and microvascular kidney functions.

Kirk Ludwig, MD, GME ’94, has been appointed Associate Professor of Surgery and Associate Professor of Medicine (Gastroenterology and Hepatology) at the Medical College of Wisconsin and to the medical staff of Froedtert Hospital. Dr. Ludwig comes from Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C., where he was Chief of Gastrointestinal Surgery. His research interests include gastrointestinal motility, multidisciplinary approaches for the treatment of rectal cancer, fecal incontinence and the mechanisms and treatment of postoperative intestinal dysfunction.

Suzanne Martens, MD ’95, GME ’99, MPH ’07, has been named Interim Medical Director of the Wisconsin Emergency Medicine Services (EMS) Section of the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. Dr. Martins is a member of the St. Nicholas Hospital team of emergency physicians and is the EMS and trauma program director.

Matthew Theado, MD ’95, has joined Bellin Family Medical Center in De Pere, Wis. A pediatrician, Dr. Theado is interested in safety, sports medicine, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, asthma and allergies. He completed his pediatric residency at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and has practiced general pediatrics in Door County for 10 years.

Cliff Bleustein, MD ’96, completed his MBA at New York University Stern School of Business and has accepted a position at PricewaterhouseCoopers in their Health Industries Advisory. He has just started his consulting career and lives in New York, N.Y.

Jill M. (Pagels) DeVries, MD ’96, and her husband Mark J. DeVries, MD, announce the birth of their fourth child, Evan James, on March 7, 2008. Jill and Mark continue to share one, full-time position in family medicine at the Family Care Center in Taylorsville, N.C.

Diana Kerwin, MD ’96, received the “Friend of the Hispanic Community” award at the United Community Center’s 38th Anniversary Celebration. Dr. Kerwin has helped to develop culturally sensitive dementia-screening services, outreach materials and programs for elderly Latinos and their families. Dr. Kerwin is Assistant Professor of Geriatric Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Judy E. Kim, MD, GME ’96, was selected to be a member of the Vision and Hearing Loss Expert Group for the national Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries and Risk Factors Study conducted by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation. Dr. Kim will review the ongoing work produced by the expert group and be available to offer advice on elements of the study. Dr. Kim is Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Douglas J. Reding, MD, MPH ‘97, was re-elected as Vice President of Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, Wis. Dr. Reding, an oncologist/hematologist, joined the Clinic in July 1986. He has served on the Clinic’s Executive Committee from 1997-2001, and 2003-present, and has also served as corporate secretary and treasurer. He chaired the Board of Trustees and the Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation and has held numerous positions with the American Cancer Society.

MaryBeth Anderson, MD ’99, joined ProHealth Care’s women’s staff at Lake Country Women’s Care, Waukesha, and at ProHealth Care Medical Centers in Oconomowoc and Watertown, Wis.

Jason Duelge, MD ’99, GME ’04, was recognized on the WALB News (Albany, Ga.) feature America’s Bravest. The show salutes American troops in Iraq. Dr. Duelge went on active duty in the U.S. Navy in July 2004 following a five-year residency in radiation oncology. He finished 17th in the Albany Marathon this March.

Greg Orshansky, MD ’99, is currently an Attending Physician with the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System and an Assistant Program Director for the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center-West Los Angeles VA Internal Medicine Residency Training Program. He married in 2006 and became a father to Johah Phillip Orshansky on Oct 30, 2007.

2000s

Ty Carroll, MD ’02, GME ’05, received an Outstanding Abstract Travel Fellowship Award from Merck and Company, Inc. to attend the Endocrine Society’s annual meeting June 15-19 in San Francisco. Dr. Carroll received the award based on the strength and quality of his research abstract titled, Nocturnal
Salivary Cortisol for the Diagnosis of Cushing's Syndrome: A Meta-Analysis. Dr. Carroll is a postdoctoral fellow in endocrinology at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Jason Jarzembowski, MD ’02, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Pediatric Pathology at the Medical College of Wisconsin and to the medical staff of Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. Dr. Jarzembowski comes from Washington University in St. Louis where he recently completed a fellowship in pediatric pathology. He is a member of the editorial boards for the Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and Clinical Medicine: Pathology, and is a fellow of both the College of American Pathologists and the American Society for Clinical Pathology. He is currently supervising a research program at the Medical College studying molecular abnormalities of the pediatric tumor neuroblastoma.

Andre Krainik, MD ’02, and his wife, Aimee, announce the birth of their first child, Liam John, born Jan. 25, 2008. Dr. Krainik has been practicing as a pediatrician for ThedaCare Physicians in Appleton, Wis., since August 2005.

Kambiz Kevin Rezaie, MD ’02, GME ’05, is in the process of a Neonatology Fellowship at the University of Southern California – Los Angeles Medical Center. He is expected to finish in 2010.

Jennifer M. Rubatt, MD ’02, will be entering fellowship training in gynecologic oncology at Magee Women’s Hospital in Pittsburgh this July. Dr. Rubatt is currently a Clinical Instructor at Duke University.

Thomas Kotsonis, MD ’03, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Medical College of Wisconsin and to the medical staff of the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee. Dr. Kotsonis comes to the Medical College from the Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital in Chicago where he recently completed a physical medicine and rehabilitation residency. He served a transitional medicine internship at St. Joseph’s Hospital – Milwaukee in 2004 and was named Chief Resident in 2006.

Stephen M. Rohan, MD ’03, was awarded a fellowship as part of the College of American Pathologists Foundation’s 2008-09 Scholars Research Fellowship Program.

Dr. Rohan is currently completing his Surgical Pathology Fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, N.Y. His research project relates to the classification and treatment of renal tumors.

Ann A. Tobin, PhD ’05, received a Minority Travel Fellowship Award from the American Physiological Society (APS) to attend the Experimental Biology Conference in April 2008 in San Diego, Calif. She received the award based on the strength of her curriculum vitae and the quality of her research study titled, Pharmacogenomic evaluation of a pediatric dextromethorphan fatality following cold medication therapy: the roles of cytochrome P450 2D6 polymorphisms. Dr. Tobin is a postdoctoral fellow in pathology at the Medical College of Wisconsin. She is doing her fellowship in laboratory medicine – clinical chemistry and toxicology.
Gerhard D. Straus, MD '37, of Palm Beach, Fla., died Jan. 22, 2008. He was 94 years old. Dr. Straus served in the U.S. Army from 1942-46 and then returned to Milwaukee where he practiced medicine until 1975. He specialized in ear, nose and throat (ENT) surgery with a subspecialization in corrective surgery for deafness. He was Clinical Professor of Surgery at Marquette University School of Medicine and, during the 1950s, served as Chief of the ENT Surgery Service at Marquette. In 1975, Dr. Straus moved to Palm Beach and continued practicing ENT at the VA Clinic there, receiving a commendation in 1984 for outstanding service. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois. His survivors include two sons and five grandchildren.

Robert E. Flood, MD '46 (March), of Mequon, died April 15, 2008. He was 85 years old. Dr. Flood, a Milwaukee physician and surgeon, was a founder of the Glendale Clinic. Over the years, Dr. Flood delivered thousands of children. He was a member of the staff at St. Mary’s Hospital Milwaukee for almost 50 years. Toward the end of his career, he was affiliated with the Daughters of Charity, an international community of more than 27,000 Catholic women ministering all over the world. Dr. Flood was a veteran of World War II stationed in Trieste, Italy. An honorary member of Ozaukee Country Club, he enjoyed photography, golf and making pizza. His survivors include his wife, Mary; five children; and 14 grandchildren.

Thomas O. Affeldt, MD '53, of Sun City, Ariz., died on Jan. 3, 2008. He was 83 years old. Dr. Affeldt had a private practice in child and adolescent psychiatry prior to his retirement. He was affiliated with Loyola Medical School and the University of Illinois Medical School in Chicago for 40 years. His survivors include his wife, Alice; two sons; and two daughters.

James F. Guhl, MD '54, of Elm Grove, Wis., died Jan. 23, 2008. He was 80 years old. Dr. Guhl completed orthopaedic surgical residencies at the VA Medical Center in Milwaukee, Loyola University, Hines Veterans Hospital in Chicago and the James Lawrence Kernan Hospital for Crippled Children in Baltimore. He served as a medical officer at the DeWitt Army Hospital in Aberdeen, Md., and was discharged with the rank of captain. He began practice as an orthopaedic surgeon at St. Luke’s and St. Francis Hospitals but was intrigued by fiber optics and its use in an arthroscope. By the early 1970s, he devoted his practice full time to this approach to surgery and became one of the first in the country to practice operative arthroscopy. He earned worldwide recognition for arthroscopic surgery in foot and ankle problems, holding a patent for his invention of the ankle distractor, a device that allows surgeons to open the ankle joint for better viewing and surgical intervention. He was a founding member of the International Arthroscopy Association and the Arthroscopy Association of North America (AANA). As president of the AANA, he initiated the medical journal Arthroscopy and was visionary in establishing the Learning Center of the AANA, which draws surgeons worldwide for seminars on arthroscopic surgery. Dr. Guhl was Chief of Orthopaedics at St. Francis Hospital from 1983-84. His survivors include his wife, Jane; six children; and 17 grandchildren.

John R. Flanary, MD '55, GME '60, of Burnt Store Marina, Fla., died March 25, 2008. He was 82 years old. Dr. Flanary served for three-and-a-half years with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific before receiving his medical degree. An OB/GYN, he worked at Olmstead Clinic in Minnesota, St. Joseph’s Hospital in Milwaukee, and Community Memorial Hospital in Menomonie Falls. Dr. Flanary enjoyed sailing on both the Great Lakes and the Atlantic.

Donald B. Lindorfer, MD '56, of Waukesha, Wis., died March 17, 2008. He was 80 years old. Dr. Lindorfer was Associate Director at St. Michael Hospital Family Care Center for 12 years, in family practice in Milwaukee for 19 years, and Assistant Clinical Professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin for 19 years. His survivors include his wife, Ladine; three children; and five grandchildren.

William J. Dunn, MD '57, of Santa Rosa, Calif., died Dec. 24, 2007. Dr. Dunn served an internship at the University of Iowa Hospital, a year of OB/GYN residency in Chicago, and finished his residency within two years at the Catholic Hospital of San Francisco. He also served in the U.S. Army. Dr. Dunn settled in Santa Rosa in 1963 and practiced for 37 years. Dr. Dunn was a residency program coordinator for many years. He was honored in 1994 for his Outstanding Contributions to Sonoma County Medicine. His survivors include his wife of 51 years, Helen; four daughters; and eight grandchildren.

Walter E. Powers, MD '57, of Des Plaines, Ill., died Dec. 18, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine; three children; and seven grandchildren.

H. Mowat “Moe” Waldren, Jr., MD '57, GME '61, of Wauwatosa, Wis., died March 17, 2008. He was 80 years old. Dr. Waldren was a leading OB/GYN in the greater Milwaukee community, practicing for more than 30 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Suzanne. His survivors include three sons and five grandchildren.

M. Rosalie Hogan, MD '59, GME '64, Fel '68, of Elm Grove, Wis., died Feb. 6, 2008. She was 75 years old. Dr. Hogan completed her internal medicine training and allergy fellowship at Milwaukee County Hospital. She entered the private practice of allergy but later interrupted her career to raise her family. Dr. Rosalie returned to practice internal medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin for the following 13 years. She retired as an Associate Professor of Medicine because of health problems in 2001. Dr. Hogan was a staff member of Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, a member of the Academy of Allergy, the Milwaukee Academy of Medicine and the Walter Zeit Fellowship of the Medical College. Her survivors include her husband, Walter Hogan, MD '58, Fel '64; four children; and three grandchildren.

David Joseph Farrell, MD '79, of Porterville, Calif., died April 29, 2008. He was 53 years old. David was a general surgeon in the Milwaukee area for many years and held leadership roles at both St. Luke’s Medical Center and West Allis Memorial Hospital, where he was the President of the Medical Staff for several years. David loved cooking, gardening, exercising and crafting home improvement projects. His survivors include four children.
Continuing Medical Education events

22nd Annual Door County Summer Institute Psychiatry & Behavioral Medicine July 21-August 8, 2008 Egg Harbor, Wis. Contact: Brenda Albanese (414) 955-7250


28th Annual Breast Imaging Conference Sept. 3-6, 2008 Nashville, Tenn. Contact: Terri Ryan (847) 647-7500

Update Course in Surgical Pathology Midwestern Conference Sept. 12-14, 2008 Milwaukee, Wis. Contact: Marie Hardy (414) 805-6966

Extra-Esophageal Reflux Disease-The Future: Diagnosis and Treatment Sept. 18-20, 2008 Milwaukee, Wis. Contact: Diann Schactner (414) 805-5609

The Wisconsin Board Review Course in Geriatric Medicine Sept. 24-27, 2008 Fontana, Wis. Contact: Penny Romasko (414) 456-7069

21st Annual Update in Primary Care Medicine Oct. 9-11, 2008 Egg Harbor, Wis. Contact: Ken Savage (414) 456-6868

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Alumni events

Specialty receptions

Fall Symposium for Senior Physicians TBD

2009 Reunions

ALUMNI WEEKEND
May 1-2
Events will include the Alumni Banquet at the Pfister Hotel, presentation of awards, tours, CME and special class dinners.

50-YEAR REUNION
May 15-16
Class of 1959 reunion will be held in conjunction with the Medical College’s 2009 Commencement weekend.

Herzog Golf Classic
Monday, Aug. 18, 2008
The 14th annual Medical College of Wisconsin Bob Herzog Alumni Scholarship Golf Classic will take place this fall at Meadowbrook Country Club in Racine.
Proceeds from this event fund medical student scholarships at the College.
During its first 13 years, the golf classic has raised $200,000 for more than 100 student scholarships.
The late Bob Herzog directed the College’s Alumni Association for 30 years and was a golf enthusiast.
Call: (414) 456-4781 for more information

Clinical Conference ’09
Feb. 9 - 13, 2009
The Alumni Association is sponsoring a 2009 Clinical Conference at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club in Naples, Fla.
Educational sessions for CME credit are scheduled, and a variety of activities including golf, tennis, swimming and recreation are available. Social receptions are also planned.
For registration information
Call: (414) 456-4781
E-mail: alumni@mcw.edu

Alumni needed

The Medical College’s Office of Development seeks alumni to help student callers for an upcoming phone-a-thon. Volunteers will be called during the event and will help motivate students by role-playing phone conversations.
Call Katie at (414) 456-4707 to volunteer.

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