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President's Message



Dear Alumni,

Winter has been accompanied by a number of exciting and trying events.

First, I would like to join alumni in wishing Bobbie di Sabatino a speedy recovery and discharge from University Hospital. Our thoughts and wishes are sure to aide in her recovery.

Bobbie retired as of January 1, marking the end of a 30-year career (see cover story, page 7) in which she has supported numerous educators and clinicians who have passed through the

doors of the physical therapy office. We appreciate all that Bobbie has done and we wish her the very best.

The Alumni Association's fall crab feast, in September at The Barn in Carney, was all it was cracked up to be. Keep your calendars open for next year's extravaganza. Kim Vickers is happy to hear new ideas for next year's event.

On this page we congratulate Kathy Davis '91 for being honored as the 1997 Alumna of the Year. The selection committee could not have picked a more deserving recipient.

Kudos to the Class of 1998 for capturing the overall title at this year's PT Olympics (see story, page 6). This marks the second consecutive year that the graduating class has taken the trophy. Be prepared to sign up for the Alumni Association's team next year to help break the streak.

Thanks to Peggy Schmitt '69 for telling us about Tonis Kalil '85 and Linda French '85, co-founders of the Mid-Atlantic Burn Camp (see story, page 12). It is great to see fellow alums foster recognition for their peers. We are always looking for interesting features, so if you know of an alumna/us who is doing something great—let us know!

During the past year, as president, I have witnessed some remarkable feats—far too many to mention in the limited space that remains. I thank the executive board for making my term an exciting and pleasurable experience. Good luck to Jody Schmidt '92 as he takes the helm for the upcoming term.

Have a safe and happy 1998!

Vincent M. Conroy '90
President
UM PT Alumni Association

The 1997 Alumna of the Year



Kathy Davis '91 was selected as the 1997 Alumna of the Year.

This year's recipient of the Alumni Association's Alumna of the Year Award, Kathy Davis '91, was formally recognized during the PT Olympics for her contributions to the University of Maryland, the Department of Physical Therapy and the Alumni Association, as well as the profession of physical therapy. Kathy was presented the award by the 1996 Alumna of the Year Fay Wilson '84 and Assistant Director of Alumni Programs Meg Feroli.

Kathy Davis' commitment to our program began when she graduated in 1991. Since then, she has served the department, Alumni

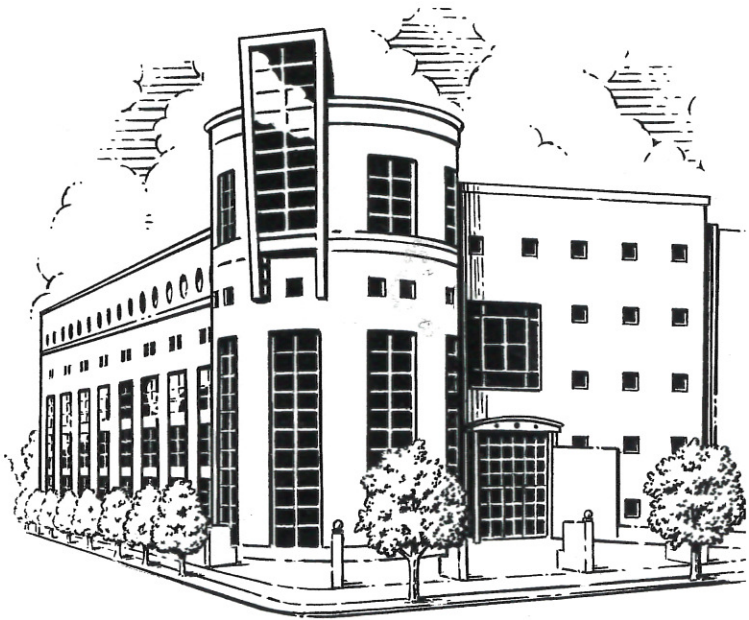
Association, APTA, community and the profession in many ways.

Kathy was hired as an instructor for the University of Maryland's Department of PT in 1993. In addition to teaching, she is the department's ACCE, handling the clinical aspect of the curriculum. Kathy also serves on numerous departmental and university committees.

Kathy is a staunch supporter of our alumni association. She volunteers during phonathon and is first in line to help with any and all alumni events. In fact, Kathy donated her time to teach the association's "Humor in Health Care" class this summer, which was quite a success.

A member of the APTA, Kathy has assisted the national and Maryland chapters as a guest lecturer at conferences. Kathy volunteers her time as a physical therapist at the VA hospital every year and serves as a volunteer at the Senior Olympics, among other worthy causes.

We are proud of Kathy's accomplishments and unending support to the department, its students and alumni. Thanks, Kathy, and congratulations from the Alumni Association.



New University Library to Open in April

On April 3, the Health Sciences and Human Services Library opens its doors. The new state-of-the-art facility will house library and computing services for the Baltimore campus. The building is designed to support a high-tech environment with all the amenities and comfort of the corner bookstore, including a cafe and comfortable lounge seating. The building is triple the size of the old library with 900 seats. The library will house three microcomputer classrooms, a distance education center and a 35-seat workstation information common area with access to databases and the World Wide Web.

Members of the Alumni Association will continue to have privileges in the new library. We hope to see you at the opening on April 3.

If you would like to have library privileges and are not a member of the Alumni Association, please see the membership renewal application on page 19.

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Orioles vs. Yankees

This year's Alumni Night Out with the Orioles is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, Orioles vs. Yankees. Because of changes instituted by the Orioles regarding group tickets, this year's ticket price is \$13; however, we will sit in lower (rather than upper) reserve seats.

This event is for lifetime or 1998 Alumni Association members. If your membership has expired or you have never been a member, use the membership form on page 19 to join. Invitations will be sent to members in April. Please call the alumni office for more information at (410) 706-1816.

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On June 10, 1997, the Class of 2000 enjoyed a pizza party given by the Alumni Association to commemorate the completion of their first anatomy exam. Alumni were in attendance at Camden Pub to welcome the first-year students and to share their tactics for handling the infamous "eau-de-cadavour."



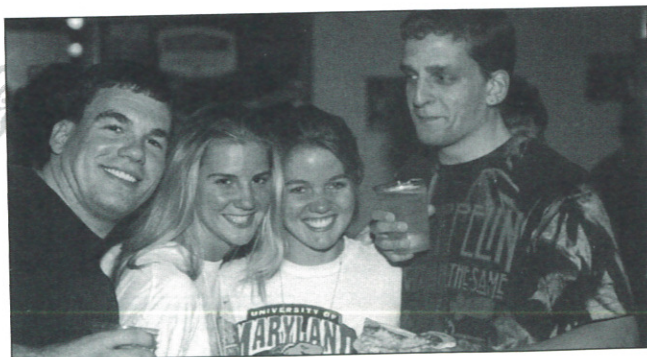
First-year students crowd around their teaching assistant Neeta Kalappa '99. Enjoying the party are (left to right) Jennifer Brock, Paul Reid, Kalappa, Pamela Doerr, Elizabeth Pearl and Susan Guardado.



Alumna and faculty member Sandy McCombe Waller '85 (center) visits with Sue Pisani '98 (left) and first-year student Pamela Cole (right).



First-year students Olukemi Fadayomi (left) and Tomika Powell celebrate after their exam.



Second-year student Jason McElroy (far right) joins in the fun with Class of 2000 students (left to right) Antonio Pomponi, Nicole Childress and Teresa Clark.



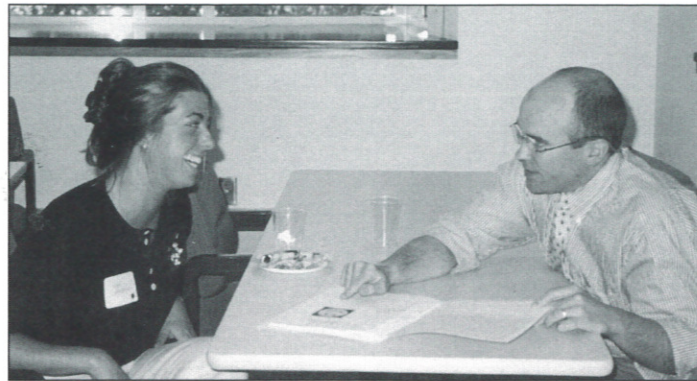
Alumni Association President Vinny Conroy '90 (left) bestows his words of wisdom on new students Jennifer Brock, Susan Guardado and Elizabeth Pearl.

Summer Course is a Laughing Matter

The University's Physical Therapy Alumni Association, in cooperation with the schools of Nursing and Social Work, sponsored the "Humor in Health Care" course held on Saturday, June 28, 1997. The course was quite a success, with 45 participants, including 25 PTs (of which 14 were alumni), eight PTAs, 10 social workers and two humorists.

Assisting Kathy Davis '91 in teaching the course were Dr. Anne Belcher, Elizabeth Roessler and "Apple John" the clown. Participants learned about the physiological and psychological effects of humor, assessed their own senses of humor, and discovered how to utilize humor in the workplace with patients and co-workers.

The Alumni Association plans to continue its special topic summer courses with a three-evening anatomy series starting in June (see page 19).



(Left) Dr. Anne Belcher from the School of Nursing shares wit and wisdom from her box of tricks.

Vinny Conroy, Alumni Association president, shares a laugh with student Amy Apicella '98 during a break in the course.



(Right) Jane Edings '95 clowns around.

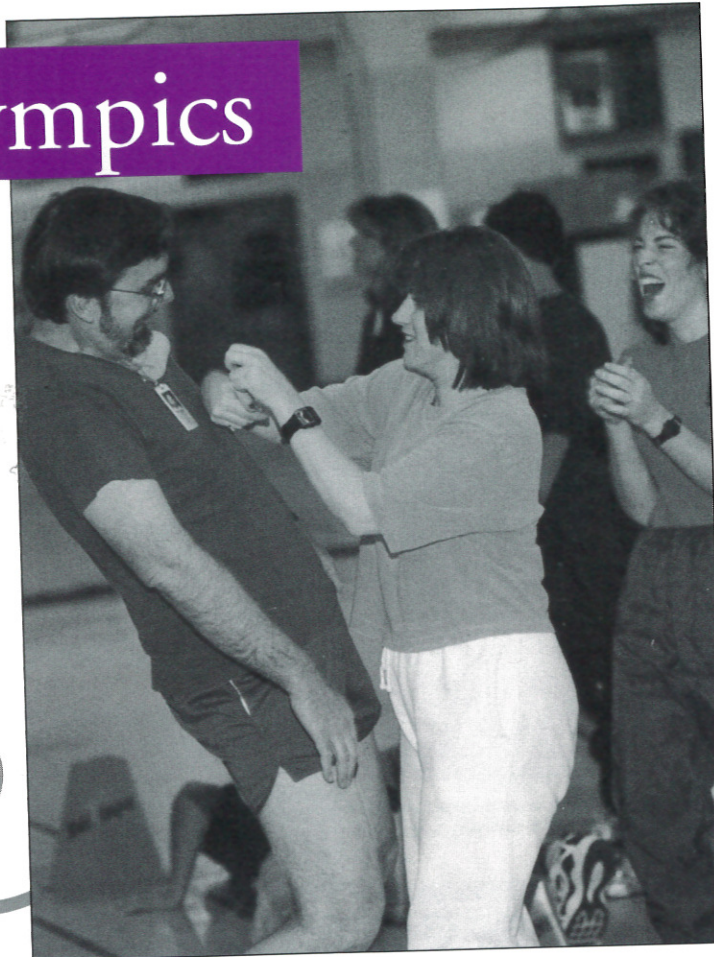


Back row (left to right): Michelle (Block) Gordon '78, Vinny Conroy '90, Martha (Kirkpatrick) Bremer '73, Jane Edings '95, Frances Harris '66, Alan Zeman '83, Ellen Gutow '58, Jeff Gonce '88, Kathy Davis '91. Front row (left to right): Judy (Marshall) Bowden '70, Linda Kfoury-House '86, Mindy Nadel '78, Cindy (Wright) West '78, Marianna (Davis) Mardeusz '81, Amy (Mason) Stein '88, Ethel (Decoursey) Elliott '71.

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PT Olympics

Fun was the name of the game when alumni, students and faculty participated in UniversityCenter's fourth annual PT Olympics on Oct. 24, 1997.



Stacey (Stimmel) Devine '88 laughs while Roy Bechtel '79 prepares to go chin-to-chin with Angela Pope on the clinic team during the "Cervical A-traction" event.



Alumni team members (left to right) John Nietubicz '85, Beverly Coker '89 and Jeff Gonca '88 contemplate their next event. (Team members not pictured were Vincent Conroy '90 and Mary Martin '94.)



John Nietubicz '85 shows Alumni Association President Vincent Conroy '90 the proper way to wear a posey vest when accompanied by a gait belt and diaper in the Developmental Derby event.



The Class of 1998 won the day with team members (clockwise from bottom) Michael Williams, Jennifer Healy, Danielle Lasky, Arianna DeSanti and Angela Wakefield.



Randy Keyser (left) and Paul Anderson are all tied up on the faculty team.



Celebrating a Milestone

by Michele Wojciechowski

Editor's Note: On Oct. 23, 1997 Bobbie di Sabatino was rushed to the hospital with an acute heart condition. At the time, she was not expected to live through the weekend. Although Bobbie remains hospitalized, she is in good spirits. Unfortunately, due to her condition, Bobbie was forced to make a difficult decision. As of Jan. 1, Bobbie is officially retired from the department where she worked for 30 years.

On Aug. 14, 1997, Bobbie di Sabatino celebrated her 30th year of working in the University of Maryland's physical therapy department. The people with whom she's worked have become her second family.

All she wanted was a new washer and dryer; she hadn't bargained on also finding a lifetime career. When Bobbie di Sabatino came to work in the physical therapy department in 1967, she planned to work for one year, just long enough to purchase a new washer and dryer and to have a little bit of money left over. Once she began working here, however, she was hooked. Thirty years (and many appliances) later, Bobbie remembers exactly what made her want to stay.

"The department was just like a big family. The faculty, the department chairs, the secretaries with whom I've worked have been absolutely marvelous," says Bobbie. "You spend more waking time with your co-workers than you do with your own family. The people I work with have become my second family."

Over the years, Bobbie has seen more than 1,300 students graduate, has worked in a number of buildings, and has seen two department chairs come and go. For the past 12 years, she has worked as the executive administrative assistant to department Chairman Dr. Clarence Hardiman, who describes her as a "jack of all trades." He explains that Bobbie has done a little bit of everything from assist-

ing faculty and working on accreditation reports to helping with administration. And somehow, he says, she always meets even the most impossible deadlines.

"The thing about Bobbie is that you tell her what you want done, and somehow she does it!" says Dr. Hardiman.

Terry Heron, secretary for the Admissions Committee, has known Bobbie since Terry came to work for the department fresh out of high school 27 years ago. She and Bobbie are close friends and not only carpool together, but also go to lunch, dinner, alumni nights at the ball-park, and even family functions together.

"[Bobbie's] the type of person who sets the tone of the office. She just has such a comfortable way with herself that you know that she genuinely wants to help. It makes you feel at ease," Terry says. "It's good to have someone that is a friend and not just someone that you're putting your time in with."

Bobbie has been described as the "walking, talking, alumni directory." She and Terry often work the phonathon, and with their knowledge of alumni, they assist students with the pronunciation of alumni names, recall past students' nicknames, and reminisce about funny stories and good times. Bobbie's knowledge of the alumni also helped a great deal when she and Dr. Donald Hobart started the Alumni Association about 10 years ago.



Photos by Kevin Weber

"It started with just a handful of us doing everything," says Bobbie. "For so many years, I kept hearing students say, 'Why don't we have an alumni association?' So Dr. Hobart and I put our heads together the best we could, [and] it took wings."

Steve Tepper '79 has kept in touch with Bobbie through the years. From 1980 to 1992, he taught in the physical therapy department, and he and Bobbie became close friends. Although he now teaches at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va., Steve, Bobbie, and Terry still frequently get together. He believes that Bobbie is an irreplaceable part of the department as well as a good friend.

"[Bobbie is] the heart and soul of the physical therapy program. She is, in a lot of ways, one of the major forces that keeps the department going in a good direction," says Steve. "She is in touch with what the students and faculty are doing; she captures the history of the place along with everything that's good about it."

"I can't imagine the department without her," adds Judy Schank '73. Judy

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Dr. Donald E. Wilson, dean of the School of Medicine, is holding a reception in honor of Dr. Clarence W. Hardiman on Tuesday, April 28. The event will be held from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the MSTF Atrium. All alumni are invited to attend. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Kim Vickers in the Alumni Office at (410) 706-1816 for more information.

works as a part-time home care therapist and is raising her children, but from 1983 to 1993, she taught in the department. She says that Bobbie is very supportive, and often helped her when she returned to teaching after her daughter was born.

"She's always willing to go the extra mile for the department, pitch in and do what needs to be done. And sometimes that meant an awful lot of her own time and energy," recalls Judy. "You can have someone who does their job and is good at it, but she does more than that. She goes that extra little bit to make somebody feel comfortable. Many days she held my hand and told me not to worry about things."

Bobbie says that one of the reasons that she's stayed at the university for so long is that she's a consistent person. "I was born in University Hospital. Little did I know I'd be back here working," she says.

Raised in East Baltimore, Bobbie attended Seton High School. She was married in 1960 and lived in Washington, D.C. for six months. Bobbie returned to Baltimore and bought a house in Rosedale, where she's lived for 35 years. Divorced in 1976, Bobbie has never re-married.

Bobbie enjoys spending her free time with daughters Ann and Carman and her three grandchildren. She likes camping, gardening, walking and making crafts. While raising her own daughters, Bobbie also

helped to raise a friend of her daughters' who is now married with two children. Bobbie is close to her own mother and they often spend Sundays together, going to church, having dinner, and shopping.

After 30 years in the same department, there is one thing that Bobbie says makes her feel old. Three children of former graduates are now students in the program. "That's when you know you've been here a loooooonnggg time," she laughs. "We just say we're not getting older, we're getting better."

Though Bobbie intended to leave after one year, the department is glad she stayed.

As this issue went to press, we received news that Bobbie underwent heart transplant surgery on Feb. 13; she is currently in recovery and expected to go home soon. We will include a follow-up story in our next newsletter. Cards and letters can be mailed to:

Ms. Bobbie di Sabatino
4850 Hazelwood Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21206

Please keep Bobbie in your thoughts and prayers—she means so much to all of us!

Michele Wojciechowski is a freelance writer living in Baltimore.



Photo by Kevin Weber

Thank You

Dr. Clarence W. Hardiman retired as chair of the physical therapy department effective Dec. 31, 1997. Dr. Mary M. Rodgers, associate professor, accepted the position of acting chair of the department effective January 15.

We thank Dr. Hardiman for his many years of service to the department and the alumni association and wish Dr. Rodgers the best of luck in her new position.



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Report of Gifts

The Honor Roll 1996-97

The honor roll lists graduates, friends, faculty and staff on whom we rely each year to provide the resources that keep the Department of Physical Therapy, its students and faculty strong. We gratefully acknowledge our donors and their generous gifts to the 1996-97 Annual Fund.

Now more than ever, annual fund dollars are making a difference for our students and the department. During the 1996-97 academic year alone, more than \$10,000 in interest-free emergency student loans were granted to University PT students and 40 percent of these loans went to assist minority students. We also increased student scholarships from one annual award to six annual awards, totaling more than \$5,000.

This report of gifts to the Physical Therapy Annual Fund covers the period from July 1996 through June 1997. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy. Please notify the development office of any errors or omissions, and accept our apologies for them. For further information on the Physical Therapy Annual Fund, please contact Kim Vickers at (410) 706-1816.

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Burn Camp lets Kids **be Kids**

by Michele Wojciechowski

Linda (Cyphers) French '85 and E. Tonas Kalil '85 are co-founders of a camp for children who are burn survivors.

When Linda and Tonas worked at the Baltimore Regional Burn Center, they sometimes felt that they weren't doing enough for the children they treated. Though they physically rehabilitated young burn survivors, Linda and Tonas believed that the children needed more.

"It's fine to provide excellent medical care and to save someone's life, but what did we offer them afterward?" asked Linda and Tonas. It didn't take long for them to find their answer.

In 1987, Linda attended the American Burn Association's conference and learned about the Denver Children's Hospital's burn camp. Linda was so impressed that she shared her enthusiasm with Tonas and Peggy Schmitt '69, their supervisor at the Burn Center. Linda suggested that the three of them start a camp. All agreed.

The following summer, Linda traveled with two children they had treated at the Burn Center to the camp in Denver to investigate how to start a camp near Baltimore. Upon their return, the planning began.

In 1989, Linda and Tonas held their first burn camp under the auspices of the Baltimore Regional Burn Center at a site on the Eastern Shore. For the next two years, they held the camp in Southern



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Pennsylvania. In 1992, they decided to branch out.

With three years of experience under their belts, Linda and Tonas decided to incorporate the camp program and apply for non-profit status. The Mid-Atlantic Burn Camp was born. According to Tonas, "we wanted to have more control over the quality of the program and its future growth." They also wanted to open the camp to many different children through many different hospitals.

Each year, the Mid-Atlantic Burn Camp holds its program during the third week of August at Camp Horizons in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. The camp is staffed entirely by volunteers; even Linda and Tonas who work throughout the year, receive no compensation.

The activities at camp are age-appropriate and fall into two categories. There are traditional activities for younger children including swimming, horseback riding, arts and crafts, games, and nature programs. For older campers, adventure activities are available including rock climbing, caving, and river trips. Because the camp is for burn survivors, activities are geared toward addressing their specific needs.

"Linda and I firmly believe that simply getting a group of children together who are burn-injured does not a burn camp make," says Tonas. "We want to take this opportunity to allow them to open up about things that are important to them and expose them to new concepts, new possibilities in their lives that will help them adjust to their burn injuries."

Often, an adult burn survivor is a role model to the children and will lead discussion groups at camp. Burn injuries are isolating, and, as Linda says, children are often cruel to burn survivors. Burn Camp gives the children a chance to talk and



Linda (Cyphers) French '85 and classmate Tonas Kalil '85, co-founders of the Mid-Atlantic Burn Camp, pose with one of their young burn survivors.

interact with others who understand how they feel.

The summer of 1998 marks the tenth year that Linda and Tonas have run a burn camp. Now, several young adults who were once campers are returning as counselors. In addition to physical therapists, counselors include occupational therapists, nurses, fire fighters, law enforcement officers, businessmen and women, and government employees.

Sue Pisani '98 was a counselor for the first time this past summer. "The camp is an ideal setting in which to work with kids. I had never done that before," she says. Sue was amazed at how the campers of all ages, races, religions and cultures all got along. The kids were just kids, she says.

"It is definitely one of the best experiences that I've had," states Sue. "That's why I have to return." Next year, her

husband is coming too.

Peggy Schmitt will return as well. When Linda and Tonas first operated the camp through the Burn Center, Peggy was unable to be a counselor due to job restrictions. In a different position as rehabilitation coordinator for The Lorien Frankford Rehabilitation Center, Peggy will be returning for a fifth summer as camp counselor.

"It's fun. It's a lot of hard work [but it's] a glorious fun time," says Peggy. "We have children climbing mountains who we thought would never be off ventilators."

The cost for sending a child to camp is about \$650, but campers pay nothing. Funding is provided by organizations, corporations, and individuals who sponsor children. The Burn Foundation, The Metropolitan Fire Fighters Burn Center Fund, the Aluminum Cans for Burned



The kids at camp learn hands-on about fire safety and prevention from local firefighters.

Children, and an alliance of fire fighters who work with fire prevention programs send children from Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and Tidewater, Virginia, respectively. Even the bus service for camp is donated by Gray Lines The Gold Line bus company. During

the year, administrative matters for the camp are operated from Linda's home—with an answering service donated by Focus Telecommunications.

Aside from Burn Camp responsibilities, Tonas works at Laurel Regional

Hospital as a physical therapist and teaches a continuing education class in burn rehabilitation. He and Linda work as consultants for the International Association of Fire Fighters and teach the Burn Rehabilitation Course at the University of Maryland's PT department. Linda also works as the weekend supervisor at Holy Cross Hospital and on an as-needed basis for Holy Cross and Johns Hopkins Home Care.

Do they sleep?

"It's optional," laughs Tonas.

Why do they keep doing it?

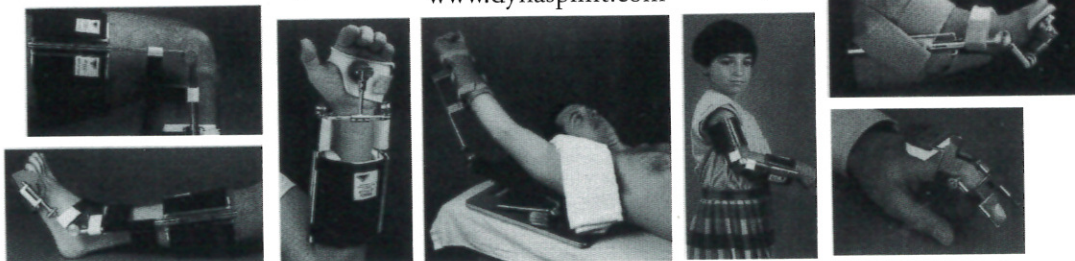
"It makes a difference," says Linda.

"I can make a difference in somebody's life, and I can change my little corner of the world."

Michele Wojciechowski is a freelance writer living in Baltimore.

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Make your plans now to rendezvous with fellow alumni at this year's APTA national conference in Orlando, Fla. The Physical Therapy Alumni Association will sponsor its annual dinner on Sunday, June 7, at 7 p.m. Please check the notice board at the conference for the exact location. For more information please call the alumni office.

On Oct. 15, 1997 my whole world changed with the birth of my first child, Wilson Vickers Lewis. Pregnancy and child-birth emphasized the importance of family and the priority it takes in my life.



I know that many alumni, students, faculty and staff feel that the physical therapy department is an extension of their family (see cover story on Bobbie di Sabatino). Many friendships were fostered here and some alumni even met their spouses while students.

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60s

Patricia (Waler) McFarland '64 enjoys her two grandchildren, ages 3 years and 6 months. **Florence Whiteley-Binkewicz '68** is the rehab supervisor for Neponset Valley Nursing Association Home Care Agency, which serves 22 towns.

70s

Sandy (Boston) Davis '70 was promoted to senior director of operations of Shands Home Care at the University of Florida. Her daughter, Noel, was recently married. Sandy hopes to see some of her classmates at the American Physical Therapy Association national conference in Orlando in June. **Leslie (Brass) Glickman '70** is working on her Ph.D. in health services and became a grandmother in January. **Mary Beaman '73** lives in Lewes, Del. with her two sons, Jason, 23 and Eric, 18. Jason is in the University of Delaware's PT program. Mary left the home health field to work at the Stockely Center with patients who have developmental disabilities. **Paul Brager '73** and his PT practice partner, Harvey Litofsky, celebrated their 25-year affiliation by participating in a walking marathon to raise money for the Leukemia Society of America. The choice of the charity had special meaning because Harvey is a leukemia survivor. St. Michaels, Md. is still home to **Marti (Kirkpatrick) Bremer '73** and her husband, Bill. Her



Ginger (Cooper) Clark '96 had her bundle of joy, Reece (6 months), all wrapped up for Christmas.

two sons are in college, and Marti works for Tidewater Physical Therapy in the home health field through Shore Home Care. **Jim and Mary Spinks '73** enjoy the benefits of their PT education by working in New York for eight months and volunteering their skills on St. Kitts in the British West Indies the other four months. **Pamela Wiesman '73** still lives on a farm in Pennsylvania. She is the director of PT for Manor Care Health Services-York South, and operates a therapeutic riding program called "Saddle Up." Her two daughters, Rachel and Emily, are still in school, and her son, Jarrod, graduated from MIT this past year. **Bonnie (Scalon) O'Lenic '74** is the proud (and tired) parent of two children, Peter (5) and Anna (2 1/2). Bonnie and her husband, Ed, adopted the two children as infants from the former Soviet Union. In addition to her busy life as a parent, Bonnie has devoted 20 years as a PT with the Fairfax

County Public Schools. Regards to all from **Barbara Oremland '74**. She was invited to speak at the 1998 CSM Neurology Section. She will speak about Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders and principles of treatment. **Robert Hoyt '75** recently sold his private practice to Novacare. Bob still runs a busy outpatient clinic. He and his wife, Luann, have two boys, Nathan, 15 and Nicholas, 13. If you need help feeling your age, **Mary Jane (Knabb) Pudhorodsky '75** tells us that

her son, Corey, born just after she and husband Greg graduated from PT school, recently graduated from Virginia Tech. Mary Jane works part-time in schools and loves working with children. **Barbara Rainier '75** has two children attending the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. One is studying engineering, the other would like to attend PT school.

Karen (Fesq) Dobbs '76 took a six-week leave from her job as director of AHCA Anne Arundel Rehabilitation Center in Annapolis to accompany her daughter, Kimberly (14) to Chicago, where Kimberly played the part of Clara in the Radio City Music Hall's 1997 Christmas Spectacular. The other musical talent in the family is 16-year-old Brian, who is a drum-

mer for a five-piece Annapolis band. **Lynn Nancy Rudman '76** is the director of physical therapy at the New Children's Hospital, and is vice president of the American Physical Therapy Association of Maryland. **Judy Fried '78** is president of Ski Haus, Inc. She and her husband, Jerry, look forward to retirement. Their daughter, Robyn, who volunteered in anatomy and physiology classes when she was 8 years old, is now a veterinarian in Florida, and their son, Tobin, is a paramedic. **Wendy (Walters) O'Brien '78** is an evaluating



The September 1997 wedding of Kathy Smith '95 and Dennis Holder, in Pinehurst, N.C., was attended by (left to right) Don Siegel '95, Debbie Taylor-Siegel '95, Maria D'Angelo '95, Kathy, Michelle Parra '95, Linda Harvey '91, and Theresa Strum '95.

therapist for a pilot program for dialysis in Virginia Beach. **Jill Strickler-Page '79** works as a rehab technology supplier of custom rehab equipment. She recently moved to a house on a lake in Hopkinton, Mass. with her husband and two children.

KEEP IN TOUCH

We enjoy hearing from alumni and hope you enjoy getting the scoop on the activities of your classmates and friends.

We had a wonderful response from our alumni and had more news than space.

We will make every effort to put the news we couldn't print this time in the upcoming fall edition.



Europe survived a visit from Maria Guerrero-Martin (left) and Robyn Greenberg both '97.

80s

Robert Grossman '81 was recently board-certified in orthopedic PT. **Stella (Fink) Prevost '81** is a PT at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville. She recently moved there from Boston with her husband, Steve, and two sons, Alex, 5 and Adam, 3. **Julie (Scheydt) Johnson '82** has a new position as director of outpatient services at Health South Chesapeake Rehabilitation Hospital in Salisbury, Md. She has one daughter, 7-year-old Rachel. **Terry King '83** is a home health PT who also coaches soccer, baseball and softball and dances with the Bayshore Cloggers. **Anna (Daily) Lawrence '85** spent the past six years working in the National Children's Center Early Intervention program. Her daugh-

ters, Christina, 3 and Danielle, 6 months, are an inspiration to her. When she's not cheering for the Orioles, **Heide Morgan '85** works at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center-Neurology/Neurosurgery Focus in Acute Hospital and sings with a women's choir. **Valerie Shemenski '85** will be married to Ken Queensberry on May 30. **Susan Phillips Varga '86** works as a PT clinical specialist at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro, N.C. She completed her first Ironman Triathlon on Oct. 5, 1997. **Bonnie Terry Warsaw '86** home-schools her three children, Jesse, 8, Hannah 4, and toddler Amy. Their family was blessed with a fourth child in March 1997. Grace Irene was born with trisomy 18, and died just two weeks later. Though saddened by their loss, they are thankful to have had her. Time is flying for **Lee Ann (Carinci) Elwell '87**, who has worked for 10 years at the Kennedy Kreiger Institute. She and her husband, Bob, and 2-year-old son, Tyler, live in Crofton, Md. **Toba (Shapiro) Robinson '87** is the clinical manager for Concentra-Occupational Medical Center, Metro Clinic in Phoenix, Ariz. She says Phoenix is a beautiful place to raise her 4-year-old daughter, Mara Bess. **Cindy Wright '87** is an adjunct faculty member in the University of Cincinnati's PT/PTA program. She is engaged to be married to David Spurgeon in October. **Karen Abraham '89** is PT lecturer at the East Carolina University School of Medicine-Department of Family Medicine.



Kathleen (Welsh) Adams '96 married Mark Adams on May 17, 1997 in Bucks County, Penn. In the wedding party were Kristine Bombaro '96 (far right) and Michelle Weitzel '97 (far left). Also attending from the Class of '96 were (seated, from center to right) Renee (Babiak) Gelles and Kristin Walenta; (standing, from left to right) Beth (Barrell) Briesch, Courtney (Unger) Mackin and Allison Title.

She is in her third year of a Ph.D. program in anatomy and cell biology. She is engaged to Paul Justice. University of Maryland PT is a family affair for **Beverly Coker '89**. Her husband, Jim, is a first-year PT student. Beverly is the rehab program director for Mediplex of Montgomery Village in Gaithersburg, Md. They have a 6-year-old daughter, Caitlin.

90s

Todd Clem '90 and his wife, Ellen (Class of '90 UM School of Nursing), live in Madison, Ala. with their daughter, Kylie Megan, and another baby on the way. Todd works for Rehab Access in Decatur. **Vincent Conroy '90** married Susan Simon on March 22, 1997 in Weathersfield, Vt. The couple honeymooned in Banff, Alberta. **Mark Dintino '91** teaches part-time in the Carroll Community College PTA

Program. **Sandy Tomasura '91** just became NDT-certified for adults. She was expecting her first baby in February. **Douglas Dillon '92** lives in Margate, Fla. with his wife, Karen. He is employed by the North Broward Medical Center in Pompano Beach. He has used his PT skills on several mission trips to Puerto Rico and Israel in recent years. **Kelly (Knight) Fulp '92** has returned to Aberdeen, Md. after a year and a half in Ohio. She is employed by Novacare outpatient clinic in Forest Hill, Md. She and her husband, Jeff, bought a home and are settling in. **Steven Strunk '93** took time off from his job at the Adventist Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine Center in Rockville, Md. to visit friends in both Zimbabwe and Hawaii. **Asha Damdar '95** currently works in the school system and occasionally does home health

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work. Charleston, S.C. is now home to **John Mann '95**. He accepted a position there after leaving a post as a PT department director. **Eleasa (Smith) Cundiff '96** was married in November 1996 and was expecting her first child in December 1997. She is employed by Johns Hopkins Bayview Geriatric Center. **James Michaels '96** and his wife, Pam, are expecting their first child. Jim is currently a therapist for Sundance in Deerbrook, Ill. **Anne Shybunko-Gould '96** competed in a marathon in Dublin, Ireland for the Maryland Arthritis Foundation in October. The race team's name was "Joints in Motion."

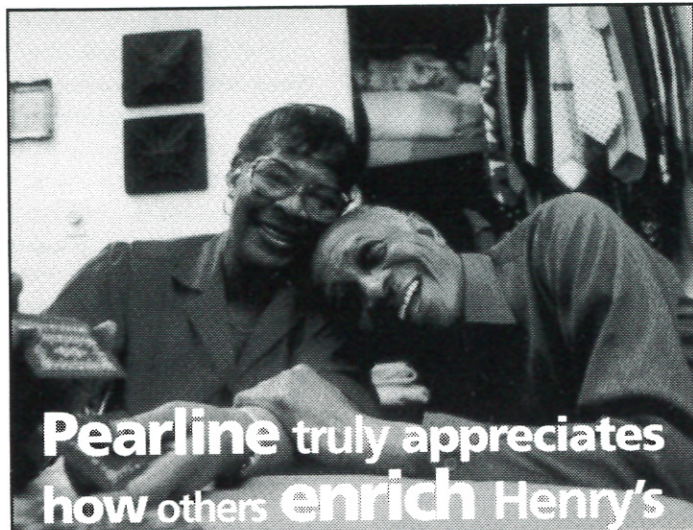
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Margaret (Klein) Bowers '78
Chesapeake, Va.
May 1996

We are sorry to report the loss of Margaret (Klein) Bowers '78 to cancer. In addition to being an alumna, Margaret was the mother of **Adrienne Klein '95**. Our deepest sympathy to the Klein/Bowers family.

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Madeline Ann born May 30, 1997 to **Lois (Impagliazzo) Greaser '79**.
Gregory Matthew born June 19, 1997 to **Diane Yancey-Morgan '83** and her husband, Vince.
Danielle Marie born March 15, 1997 to **Anna (Daily) Lawrence '85**.
Austin Scott born March 28, 1997 to **Sharon Muff '85**.
Robert Paul born July 23, 1997 to **Michele Parent '85** and her husband, Bob Rose.
Tomas Jesse (T.J.) born Oct. 6, 1997 to **Linda Kfoury House '86** and her husband, Barry.
Hadar Yael born March 19, 1997 to **Sharon Pohl '87**.
Connor born July 15, 1997 to **Karen (Barber) Brazinski '88**.
Amanda Jean born Sept. 10, 1997 to **Ricky and Nancy (Totaro) Placide '89**.
Julianna Christine born May 22, 1997 to **Lucy (D'Amario) Burnett '90**.
Emily Arabella born March 28, 1997 to **Lisa (Myers) McGarrigle '90**.
Tyler Ryan born Feb. 26, 1997 to **Michele Henne-Koch '91**.
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Celebration Expands at UniversityCenter



Renee Roth '99 (right) explains the use of a goniometer with patient Aimee Kurzmilller '99 to open house visitors.

During October, National Physical Therapy Month was celebrated at UniversityCenter with a variety of mind- and body-bending activities.

The month began with approximately 70 runners and more than 20 volunteers from the hospital, clinics and the PT program participating in Baltimore's "Race for the Cure."

The PT department's Physical Therapy Associates sponsored an open house at which guests were treated to lunch and had the opportunity to visit the clinic and speak with therapists. At University Hospital/Shock Trauma's open house, attendees visited various educational stations dealing with body

mechanics, women's health, modalities, chest PT, amputee/prosthetics, and pediatrics, and were treated to a game of PT "Jeopardy." The department's open house was attended by approximately 240 prospective students, their families and friends, who had the opportunity to experience a few of the many courses students take during the three-year MPT program. The final open house was organized by the physical therapy department at the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center, which featured a hands-on stereoagnostic anatomy lesson and a skeleton "quiz show."

Physical Therapy Month concluded with the fourth annual PT Olympics (see photos on page 6). Seven

teams representing alumni, clinicians, faculty and students competed against each other in a series of wild and wacky events such as the Cervical A-traction, Splint Sprint and the ADL Derby. The final event pitted the Class of 1999 and the Class of 1998 against one another for the "Gold Medal." For the second consecutive year, the graduating class was victorious.

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