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**Allied Health
Sciences**



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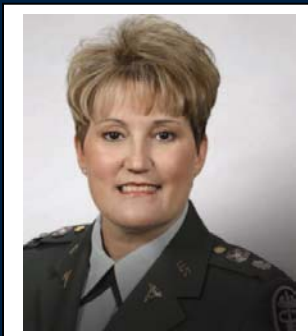
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Letter from the Dean

Congratulations

**SAHS Distinguished
Alumnus**



Col. Robinette Amaker has been selected the 2007-08 School of Allied Health Sciences Distinguished Alumnus. Col. Amaker is a '84 and '91 OT graduate. The SAHS plans to honor Col. Amaker at our Homecoming Banquet on April 26.

40th Anniversary and Homecoming Events are now being planned as we embark on our 40th Anniversary celebration in April 2008.

*40th Anniversary
1968 - 2008*

Publications:

SAHS Magazine
(contact: Shelley Mishoe)

SAHS 40th Anniversary Brochure
(contact: Kent Guion/Ramona Aune)

2008 MCG Homecoming Brochure
(contact: Gia Johnson)

2008 SAHS Homecoming Postcard
(contact: Gia Johnson)

Homecoming Events

April 24th

▶ **OT** - "Physical Agent Modalities: Applications & Practice within an OT Framework" (8am-4:30pm, EC-2214)

▶ **RT** - "Critical Care and Diagnostics" (8am-5pm, EC3329)

▶ **RT** - Vendor Fair (10am-2pm, EC4361 and EC4362)

▶ **OT** - Reception/Open House/ Awards (Reception 5-6pm, HSB, 1st Floor Lobby; Awards 6-8:30pm, EC1222)

▶ **RT** - Social (7pm, Cotton Patch)

April 25th

▶ **DH** - "Assessing Anesthetic Options for Non-surgical Periodontal Therapy" and "Dental Caries: Advances in Detection and Disease Management" (8am-12:30pm, MCG Alumni Center)

▶ **OT** - "Seating and Mobility to Enhance Occupational Performance" (8am-4:30pm, EC1204)

▶ **OT** - "Physical Agent Modalities: Applications & Practice within an OT Framework" (8am-5pm, EC2214)

▶ **RT** - 2nd Annual Art Hardy Memorial Golf Tournament (8:30am, Forest Hills Golf Course)

▶ **PA** - CE Topics include: Diabetes, Anemia, Probiotics, Prostate Cancer, Drugs and Back Surgery (8:30am-4:30pm, EC3329)

▶ **DHI** - Luncheon/Research Poster Presentation (12-2pm, AI)

April 26th

▶ **PT** - Cookout (11am-4pm, Mistletoe State Park)

▶ **SAHS** - Banquet/Distinguished Alumnus Presentation (6pm, Marriott Hotel and Suites)

April 27th

▶ **BRT** - Class Reunion (10-11:30am, HSB, 1st Floor Lobby)



Announcements:

♥♥ **Team MCG** will kickoff its annual campaign on February 7th. This is a campaign enabling employees of MCG and PPG to make financial contributions to MCG in support of our mission.

Each department is encouraged to set a goal of 100% participation. Further details will follow.

♥♥ **Office 2007 Rollout for SAHS**

As of January 1st, SAHS began using Office 2007; individuals are highly encouraged to use Office 2007 as soon as they complete training, which is provided through scheduled classes or via Tegrity.

♥♥ **Use External Hard Drives to Backup Data**

External hard drives have become so inexpensive and are now the most economical way to backup valuable data. If individuals need assistance in purchasing external hard drives please contact Mr. John Meyer at 1-1104.

Remember ... if you don't back it up, you WILL eventually lose it.

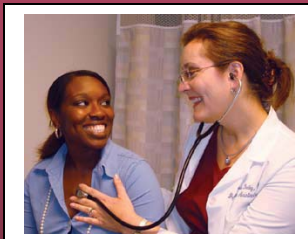


MCG schools collaborate to give kids a smile on Feb. 1

Dental hygiene and dental students from the School of Allied Health Sciences and School of Dentistry will provide free treatment to elementary and middle school students on Feb. 1 in conjunction with Give Kids a Smile Day. Students from Terrace Manor Elementary School in Richmond County will be bused to the MCG School of Dentistry where dental hygiene

students will provide preventive dental care such as cleanings, oral health education, fluoride treatment and dental sealants. Dental students will travel to Bel Air Elementary School and Riverside Middle School, both in Columbia County, to provide dental screenings.

Dental screenings and oral health education will be provided for MCG Children's Medical Center patients. Several dental students also will provide care to pediatric patients at the Toombs County Department of Health in Vidalia, Ga., in conjunction with the Georgia Dental Association. "Give Kids a Smile Day is a wonderful service learning opportunity for dental and dental hygiene students to impact the dental knowledge and comfort level of children who may not have received dental care before," said Dr. Steven Adair, chair of the MCG School of Dentistry Department of Pediatric Dentistry.



Providers Network on Treating Sickle Cell Patients

The Sickle Cell Adult Provider Network (SCAPN) would have not existed a generation ago for one reason Few children with the disease survived to adulthood. Lisa Daitch, PA, who works in our adult sickle center in Augusta said that she finds the network, "so important" because of the "large sickle cell population" in the state – which she estimated to be 2,000 people. As a member of the center's steering committee, Daitch helps recruit PA, NPs, and nurses to the network. The committee's 18 members include 12 physicians, but SCAPN is not meant to be physician-run, she said. "They've tried to be inclusive, which is important."

Welcome New Faculty and Staff

- ▶ **Michael Campbell**, Assistant Professor (temporary), Department of Health Informatics (1/1/08)
- ▶ **Amanda Mason**, Assistant Professor (temporary), Department of Health Informatics (1/1/08)
- ▶ **Samuel Painter**, Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical & Radiological Technologies (1/1/08)
- ▶ **Jose Rafols**, Assistant Professor (temporary), Department of Occupational Therapy, 1/1/08

Report from the Registrar

Final class rosters should be submitted no later than February 1. Due to the implementation of GeorgiaOnMyLine web site (<http://www.georgiaonmyline.org>), the Registrar's Office must have all courses for Summer AND Fall 2008 updated in Banner by March. More information will follow. Applications for graduation have been received for the May 2008 graduation. If there are any students who may not meet the May graduation date, please submit an email to registrar@mcg.edu with a copy to dflice@mcg.edu so the expected graduation date can be adjusted.

Announcements Cont.

Medical Illustration Exhibits

Several pieces of framed artwork from the Department of Medical Illustration have been on exhibit at the Board of Regents' boardroom this month. Once returned, the pieces will be placed on campus.



The following new officers have been elected to the AHSPGI Board of Directors:

Ms. Donna Domyslawski

President

Dr. Elizabeth Leibach

Vice-President

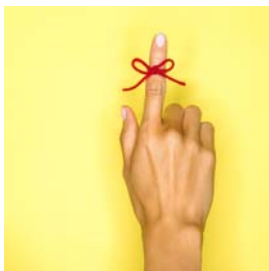
Ms. Sue Ward

Treasurer

Mr. John Meyer

Secretary

Mr. Rick Hall and Dr. Lester Pretlow joined the Board this fall as Directors.



Remember... submit information for the March/April newsletter to Ramona Aune at raune@mcg.edu no later than March 20th.

Dear Faculty, Staff, Students, Alumni and Friends,

When I walked to my car to go home earlier this evening on January 17th, I found myself looking up at the night sky with a smile on my face as snow fell silently on my face, hair and coat. After a bite to eat, I settled down to my computer in my home office to write a message from the dean for this newsletter. It is snowing in Augusta! It is truly a beautiful sight and it reminds me of the simple pleasures in life. When I lived in New York, the snow was often a real menace, having to dig your car out of drifts, go through the slush, and avoid potholes in the road. Finding the snow so beautiful in its softness and quietness reminds me too of the relativity of things.

How could something that I once dreaded now be met with such welcome and wonder? And, has it really been that long since I have gone skiing or sleigh-riding? I believe these thoughts illustrate how we react to novelty and uniqueness. Snow in Augusta is a novel treat, not a regular part of the winters here. I am able to appreciate a pretty snow and a quite winter night because it is not something to deal with all season! And, I know that it will not result in damage to my car from the salt trucks or frequent travel delays due to the conditions. You may notice that the major themes in this message are focused on reflection, relativity and novelty. Why these themes? I think they capture not only my own life circumstances, but also on the life and activities of our college.

As the School of Allied Health Sciences (SAHS) is beginning its 40th year of existence, we are planning a lot of activities and celebrations. It is a time of reflection on the faculty and staff who have come before us such as the founding dean, Dr. Ray Bard and his successor, Dr. Biagio Vericella, as well as the founding department chairs. We are perusing old photographs, MCG yearbooks (Aesculapian), and files while also jogging the memories of our emeritus dean and faculty! How do we preserve this history and what items should be scanned and digitized? The plaques in the dean's office show the names of each of our outstanding faculty, clinical faculty and researchers through the years, and I find myself thinking about them more these days. Fortunately, some of the faculty whose names appear on these plaques continue to work among us. Others are retired or relocated. Some are deceased. New faculty and staff are continually joining the School. Life moves ahead...

In the reception area we have Mayor Deke Copenhaver's proclamation of Allied Health Week in Augusta this past November. In the back offices, we have stacks of former proclamations, awards and honors bestowed upon our School and its faculty, staff and students. What jewels might we discover as we dig through relics from the School's past that best demonstrate our history? What is relevant and important to me may not have the same significance to someone else. How do we involve key players to capture and preserve the truly important, significant and precious memories? How do we do justice to the richness of the SAHS history and the wonderful disciplines represented—past, present and future? Please label and submit any photographs, artifacts or ideas, titled 40th anniversary that you may have to the dean's office. These are some of the thoughts, illustrating the current efforts and activities of the dean's office in addition to the daily and regular workflow.

At the same time that we are looking back, we are also looking ahead. The School is in the midst of strategic planning, having updated our vision and mission. We have invited the faculty council to review MCG values and those proposed by the associate deans and department chairs to help us adopt and define our SAHS values. We are assessing our School's aspirational goals, as the foundation to the strategic objective we will adopt. Celebrating anniversaries and conducting strategic planning are not things a School does every year or often. Therefore, this is a critical year in the life of the School. As we look ahead and engage in strategic planning, another pressing question is "How does our college, the School of Allied Health Sciences, wish to be known, in Georgia, nationally and internationally?" This question again points to novelty and uniqueness. What do we do better than anyone else as a collective group within the SAHS? And, what do we wish to do better than any other health professions' college? These are the questions that will set us on the course that will influence the next forty years of the SAHS.

I cannot express the gratitude I feel when each of you respond to our requests to preserve our history, celebrate our past and set course for the future direction for the SAHS. I ask each and every one of you to PLEASE plan to attend our school's 40th Anniversary Celebration Banquet on April 26, 2008 at 6pm, at the Marriott Hotel and Suites in Augusta. Please look at the MCG Homecoming Brochure for other details on some exciting events from April 24-27, 2008. Advance registration is requested by April 4th. And, I ask you to please take a moment to reflect on who you know that should be invited personally by YOU to this important celebration. Then, pick up the phone or go make a visit to invite that special someone to plan to join you...maybe a former professor, a fellow staff member, a special student, a former patient, a supportive vendor/business person, an interested friend or a favorite alumnus. Then, we will join together as a school, past and present, to have a fun celebration of our past as we prepare for a wonderful future.

Warmest regards,

Shelley C. Mishoe
Dean

