Jesse J. Harris Steps Down as Dean of School of Social Work
School Rose in Prominence During His 14-Year Tenure

Jesse J. Harris, PhD, who led the University of Maryland School of Social Work into a position of national prominence while serving as dean during the past 14 years, announced last month that he will step down from the post. Harris will remain in the position during the search for a new dean.

Harris spearheaded a overhaul of curriculum and technology at the School, which is now ranked 19th in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. The School is also ranked seventh by the Journal of Social Work Education for its scholarly publication rate.

During Harris’ tenure, more than 5,000 students have been awarded master’s and doctoral degrees in social work.

“Jesse Harris has been an outstanding dean and committed humanitarian who has provided great leadership to the School of Social Work,” says David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

“We will be forever grateful for his service and contributions.”

Harris became dean only a year after joining the School’s faculty as a professor in 1990. His affiliation with the School of Social Work goes back to the 1970s, when he earned his master’s and doctoral degrees there.

As dean, Harris led implementation of the School’s Social Work Community Outreach Service (SWCOS). For more than 10 years, SWCOS has helped organize and revitalize social service groups in Baltimore, while also helping individuals provide social services to thousands of people.

“These past 15 years have been full of wonderful experiences for me,” says Harris. “I have truly enjoyed my work. We have a superb and productive faculty, and I believe that together we have made tremendous progress during my tenure.”

Ramsay has asked Janet D. A llen, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN, dean and professor at the School of Nursing, to lead the search for Harris’ successor. Following a search, Harris plans to return to the School of Social Work as a faculty member.

Along with his work at the School, Harris contributes many hours to community and professional organizations. He is currently a board member at The Family Tree and One-to-One/ Maryland Mentoring Partnership, and he has served as a board member at Associated Catholic Charities and the Council on Social Work Education.

In January, Harris—a guest lecturer at social work schools across the United States—presented the keynote address at the International Conference on World Peace and Social Work Education at the Rajaji College of Social Sciences in Kerala, India. He has served on the editorial boards of Social Work, the journal of the National Association of Social Workers; the Journal of Social Work Education; and the Social Worker’s Desk Reference.

Harris has also published social sciences studies on child victims of war and military families. Last year, Harris received the Benedenenti Medal, a papal honor, for his service to the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Angela Brodie Wins Kettering Prize
Professor Recognized for Research on Breast Cancer Treatment

KAREN WARMMESSEL

Internationaly recognized cancer researcher Angela Brodie, PhD, won the prestigious 2005 Charles F. Kettering Prize for her pioneering work in discovering and developing aromatase inhibitors, a new class of drugs widely used today to treat breast cancer. A professor of pharmacology and experimental therapeutics at the School of Medicine and a University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center researcher, Brodie is the first woman scientist to receive the award.

The Kettering Prize is consid- ered by many scientists to be the “Nobel Prize” of cancer research due to its importance and its impact. Brodie received the award at a gala in Washington, D.C., on June 15. She and the winners of the General Motors Cancer Research Foundation’s two other annual $250,000 research awards—Drs. Roger Kornberg of the Stanford School of Medicine (Sloan Prize) and Gerald Wogan of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Mott Prize)—were honored at the research foundation’s annual scientific conference at the National Institutes of Health in June.

Aromatase inhibitors help prevent recurrence of breast cancer in postmenopausal women by reducing the level of the hormone estrogen, thereby cutting off the fuel that promotes the growth of cancer cells. Unlike other breast cancer drugs—such as tamoxifen—that block the effect of estrogen, aromatase inhibitors limit the production of aromatase, an enzyme that plays a key role in producing estrogen. The drugs also are used to treat postmenopausal women whose breast cancer has spread to other parts of the body.

“To be selected for the Kettering Prize is a tremendous honor, and I am very grateful to receive this kind of recognition,” Brodie says. “I am very happy that the work we did turned out to be so beneficial for treating breast cancer patients.”

Brodie began developing this novel approach of targeting aromatase in the early 1970s, initially working with her husband Dr. Harry Brodie, a chemist who synthesized the early inhibitors. Brodie and her research team went on to create the first selective aromatase inhibitor to treat breast cancer patients. The drug, Fornestane (4-hydroxy-androstenedione), was approved for worldwide use in 1994, marking the first time in a decade that a new compound specifically designed for breast cancer treat- ment became available.

Brodie’s work paved the way for development of other aromatase inhibitors—the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved six drugs for treatment of breast cancer. Recent studies are proving these inhibitors to be significantly more effective than the standard breast cancer drug, tamoxifen, which stops working after five years.

“This new class of compounds has significantly improved the treatment of postmenopausal patients with estrogen- or progesterone-dependent carcinoma of the breast,” says Dr. Samuel Wells Jr., president of the General Motors Cancer Research Foundation. Wells says Brodie was chosen to receive the Kettering Prize after a “very rigorous selection process” by top scientists from around the world.

“This is one of the most presti- gious awards in the world of sci- ence,” says Donald E. Wilson, MD, MACP, vice president for medical affairs for the University and dean of the School of Medicine.

“Dr. Brodie epitomizes the scholar scientist whose work not only addresses fundamental biological issues but also translates into improving the lives of patients with cancer,” Wilson says. “We are proud to have Dr. Brodie on our faculty, and we salute her groundbreaking efforts in the fight against cancer.”

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Urban League Honors President Ramsay

RONALD HUBER

President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, received a Whitney M. Young Jr. Award from the Greater Baltimore Urban League for the University’s contributions to redevelop- ment of Baltimore’s west side.

The award, which honors the advancement of equal opportu- nity, was given to Ramsay to recognize development of the UMBC BioPark and the University’s donation of the Hippodrome Theatre for renovation. Named after a 1960s civil rights advocate and former National Urban League president, the award was presented during the Greater Baltimore Urban League’s annual Equal Opportunity Day Gala at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront hotel May 13.

“The University is proud to be part of Baltimore’s west side redevelopment, and I am honored to receive this award which recognizes our efforts,” Ramsay said.

Other recipients of the Whitney M. Young Jr. Award this year were Patricia Jessamy, Baltimore state’s attorney; Dr. Edward E. Cornwell III, chief of the Adult Trauma Center at The Johns Hopkins Hospital; and the Rev. Vernon Dohson, a Baltimore civil rights leader and pastor of Union Baptist Church.

The Greater Baltimore Urban League is an advocacy organization for minorities and the poor.

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IHV Creates Nigerian HIV/AIDS Program

The Institute of Human Virology (IHV) has established an HIV/AIDS program in Nigeria that will treat an estimated 15,000 HIV-positive people there during the next year, train health care workers in the African country, and generate study results of HIV and related illnesses for use around the world.

Officials say that what is learned from the program will benefit people in places such as Baltimore, where the metropolitan area had the fifth-highest rate of AIDS in the U.S. in 2003, according to the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The program, funded by a $22.2 million grant from the CDC, under the Bush administration’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, operates at six sites in Nigeria.

Among those at a public announcement of the program in April were Robert Gallo, MD, IHV director, and the program’s principal investigators: William Blattner, MD, director of IHV’s epidemiology and prevention division, and Nigerian-born virologist Alaha Abimiku, MSc, PhD.

School of Medicine faculty are heavily involved in the project, said Bruce Jarrell, MD, vice dean for academic affairs, School of Medicine.

“Working together, the University of Maryland and School of Medicine and the Institute of Human Virology are making great strides in accomplishing their missions of education, research, patient care, and service to the community,” Jarrell said. “The establishment of HIV-Nigeria is one more example of what can be accomplished when we all work together.”

Dean Stohler Announces New Dental School Initiatives at State of the School Address

On June 16, Dean Christian S. Stohler, DMD, DMDent, outlined his plan to put the Dental School on a course to maximize its resources and allow a more enriched experience for faculty and students. Addressing members of the faculty, University leadership, and invited guests, Stohler pointed to key areas of education, research, revenue streams, and curriculum change.

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The University, sponsored “Maryland Flag Crab,” is part of the Crabtown Project, a public art project benefiting city schools, is one of dozens of crab sculptures installed recently throughout the city. Money raised through sponsorships, and sale or auction of the crabs, will be used to make improvements to Baltimore public school buildings. The University chose Harbor City High School as its beneficiary.

Artist Keith Manuel, who used high-performance graphic film to transform the 6-foot-tall fiberglass structure provided by the project into the colorful “Maryland Flag Crab,” said the work was a challenge. “For some reason, I was expecting [the crab] to be smooth,” he said. “It was anything but smooth.”

The sculpture, at Lombard and Greene streets, has generated interest on campus, with many people stopping to admire the crab and take a photo.

The University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute has also sponsored a crab sculpture at its 701 E. Pratt St. location.
Class of 2005 Celebrates Commencement

Ravens Coach Brian Billick Among Speakers

“Applaud your family and friends,” University President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPHil, told the graduates at the start of this year’s commencement, setting the tone for a ceremony that stressed two themes: appreciation of supporters, and giving back to the University and the community.

Hundreds of graduates from the schools of medicine, law, nursing, social work, and pharmacy, the dental and graduate schools, and programs in dental hygiene, medical and research technology, physical therapy, and genetic counseling packed the floor of the 1st Mariner Arena in downtown Baltimore on May 20, as faculty, family, and friends cheered them on.

“Just look around this arena and see the people who helped bring you to this day,” Ramsay said as the students prepared to receive their degrees.

Keynote speaker Brian Billick, head coach of the Baltimore Ravens, urged the graduates to give back to their families, to the University, and to the community.

“Recognize that there is no way to pay back what they have done for you, and so now it’s your turn to become that mentor, that friend, and provide the same services,” Billick said.

Student speaker Janet D. Allan, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN, said she was proud to be a part of a university that gives so much to the local community,” he said. Shepard, president of the University Student Government Association and the recipient of a juris doctor degree from the School of Law, encouraged the graduates to continue community involvement after leaving UMB. “Don’t just give at the office,” he added.

Along with approximately 1,500 spring graduates, about 500 students who received degrees earlier in the year were invited to participate in the commencement ceremony. The event capped off two days of precommencement activities—convocations, hooding ceremonies, and a graduate colloquium—held by the schools.

The May/June issue of the Daily Record featured retired judge John Fader II, JD, senior fellow at the School of Law, in an interview about the so-called “conscience clause” in Maryland. Fader, also a licensed pharmacist, spoke about whether pharmacists, under Maryland law, could be forced to fill prescriptions they feel are morally objectionable. Fader says that a “conscience clause” is an issue of great concern throughout the country, and it’s truly a matter of time before it erupts in Maryland.

The Chicago Tribune carried a story on June 12 about chronic daily headache, a condition affecting an estimated 4 percent of the general population and occurring twice as often in women as in men. According to research by Diane Hoffmann, JD, associate dean at the School of Law, and Anita Tarzian, PhD, RN, research associate in the Law and Health Care Program at the School, women’s complaints aren’t taken as seriously as men’s, and the treatment given to women tends to be less aggressive than with male patients.

According to a May 31 story in the Naples (Fla.) Daily News, getting inoculated against diseases may someday be as easy as munching on tomatoes and lettuce or swallowing capsules studded with genetically altered vegetables. “This is exciting research because the vaccine survived in the digestive tract, and the body was able to pluck out the protein that stimulated an immune response,” says Carol Tacket, MD, a professor at the School of Medicine who has studied plant-derived vaccines.

One Graduate’s Story: A Nurse Practitioner Obtains a Doctorate in Physiology

Genell Hilton in a Thailand refugee camp for tsunami victims.

Despite the financial hurdles, Hilton’s husband managed to save enough money for a surprise trip to London for the couple after graduation. Then the Indian Ocean tsunami hit in December.

“We were watching TV and saw the devastation. I wished aloud that I could do something to help,” says Hilton. “Instead we used that money for me to go to Bang Muang, Thailand, near Phuket, where I worked in a refugee camp helping tsunami victims for 10 days.” Hilton relied on her experience as a nurse practitioner, treating patients who had a range of ailments from cuts and bruises to gastroenteritis and diarrhea.

“When you’re doing relief work like that, you’re there on your own tab,” she says, but she has no regrets about not going to London.

Hilton is now performing lab research during the week at the School of Medicine’s Department of Physiology and working as a nurse practitioner in a surgical step-down unit at the University of Maryland Medical Center on weekends. Soon, she will leave the School of Medicine to perform pediatric brain research at Georgetown University.

“Although still very busy, her schedule is less demanding than when she was a student, and it now allows more time for her family. Ironically, her husband, who is in the U.S. Army Reserve, was recently called up for duty and deployed to southern Virginia. “We hope to see each other on weekends when he’s off,” Hilton says.
Employees Honored for Performance and Longevity

RONALD HUBE AND ROSALIA SCALIA

During ceremonies this spring, UMB police officers and other University employees were honored for exemplary service.

On May 17, two University police officers were promoted and 10 received commendations during the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Police Force Recognition Ceremony at Davidge Hall. Three retiring officers were also recognized for their decades of service, and four security force employees received meritorious awards. More than a dozen new police officers were sworn in as well, and 11 newly appointed security officers were recognized.

“These are the men and women who were responsible for a 48 to 50 percent reduction of crime on campus over the past few months,” Col. Cleveland Barnes said of his fellow law enforcement officers. “We have an outstanding group of officers in our department.”

During the ceremony, the University police force received a certificate of accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. The force is one of only two university police departments in the state and 36 in the country to have the accreditation.

Among the officers commended were Predest Davis, Vernon Brown, Rodney Ready, Adrienne Smith, and Glenn Rook for their decisive action when a University of Maryland Medical Center employee was assaulted on Pine Street on April 20. Also honored during the ceremony were three security officers—Joseph Vacek, Deborah Baker-Ruley, and Ronald Ruffin—who helped University police apprehend the suspect.

Others commended during the ceremony included officers Joseph Blackwell, James Brown, Gregory Dennis, and Bruce Mealy for their role in minimizing a recent potentially harmful situation.

On April 27, during the annual Campus Recognition and Community Service Awards presentation at the Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards hotel, 93 employees who have served 20 years or more were honored, as were employees of the month from the previous year. Thomas Fahey, facilities manager at the School of Nursing, was announced as Employee of the Year, and Community Service Awards were presented to William Cooper, MBA, associate dean of administration and finance at the School of Pharmacy, and Genell Hilton, an RN in the School of Medicine’s Department of Physiology. (See story on page 3.)

“One of the highlights of being the president of the University is having the opportunity to recognize and celebrate the good works and contributions of our staff,” said David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil. “We are very proud to honor each of you here today, and I want to personally thank you for your accomplishments.”

Ramsay, who presented a plaque and $1,000 to Fahey, said Fahey received “an extraordinary set of recommendations” to win the award. “I don’t think I’ve ever seen so many,” Ramsay said, adding that Fahey was lauded as an employee who goes “the extra mile.”

Regarding nine employees who have been with the University for 35 years, Lani Barovick, associate vice president of Human Resource Services, noted that when those employees were hired, Richard Nixon was president, the Woodstock music festival was news, and the minimum wage was only $1. “To make it 35 years is really incredible,” she said.
Recent Employees of the Month Recognized

JOANN FAGAN

Kusumam Pavanal

An accountant in the Office of External Affairs, Kusumam Pavanal was in equal parts surprised and elated to have won May’s Employee of the Month Award. “I was totally surprised when President Ramsay walked into my office that Monday morning to tell me I had won the award,” Pavanal says.

“Kusumam is more than capable of handling the exceptional workload required of her position,” says Vaughan Hastings, director of finance, University of Maryland Baltimore Foundation Inc. Hastings nominated Pavanal, with whom he has worked since 2003.

“As her supervisor, I have instituted various changes in the processes relating to her job over the past year, including a totally revamped accounting software package, significant changes in credit card processing, and several redesigned accounting procedures. She has done a phenomenal job adapting to these changes and keeping up with her work.”

“Kusumam is an ideal choice for employee of the month,” Hastings goes on to say, “because she is extremely conscientious in her work.”

June Green

June Green was named June Employee of the Month for her administration of the 36-student graduate program in molecular microbiology and immunology.

“Ms. Green’s performance as the program coordinator has been rated as outstanding every year,” says Jan Cerny, MD, PhD, graduate program professor and chairperson.

Green was almost overcome with emotion when President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, surprised her with the award.

Key to Green’s outstanding performance is her commitment to students, Cerny says. “Through the years, Ms. Green has become the students’ confidant,” Cerny says. “She advises them on academic and personal matters, and often solves minor problems without the need for my intervention.” Cerny adds that Green has “championed the recruitment of underrepresented minority students and has managed to obtain additional financial support” for minority students.

“Graduate education and training is the lifeblood of basic sciences at our University,” Cerny says. “In that light, June Green has made a major impact on the scientific life at UMB.”
Spanish Course Offered for Health Care Professionals

The School of Nursing will offer an introductory Spanish course for health care professionals during the fall semester, on Mondays from 1-3:50 p.m. Course information is NURS 418, 2 credits, CRN number 93236. This 3-credit undergraduate course cannot be taken for graduate credit.

SWCOS Holds Annual Forum, Makes Consultant Network Available

During the fourth annual forum presented by the School of Social Work Community Outreach Service (SWCOS) on April 7, keynote speaker Dr. David Maurruse discussed the new partnerships between institutions of higher learning and local governments that benefit their surrounding communities.

Maurruse is the author of Beyond the Campus: How Colleges and Universities Form Partnerships With Their Communities. An assistant professor at Columbia University, he is also president and CEO of Marga Inc., a consulting firm that advises partnerships between public universities, nonprofit organizations, governments, and philanthropic organizations.

At Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School in southeast Washington, DC, the Center for Innovation in Social Responsibility, which promotes research and dialogue toward more effective partnerships between major institutions, industries, and communities.

“There is a transformative aspect of this work partnerships,” said Maurruse, citing the example of a gospel choir from a church close to Columbia University that performed on campus. “Only six blocks from the university, but it could have been 600 blocks because the two worlds would not have connected if someone from the university didn’t make the effort to interface the community and interact with the residents.”

SWCOS works with underserved communities to develop models of social work education and services. Before the forum, the School of Social Work faculty, alumni, and students toured SWCOS field sites in Baltimore. In another development this spring, SWCOS representatives announced the launch of an online database that contains the network of consultants available through SWCOS’ Resource Mentoring Project. Providers of funding development, strategic planning, board development, and other functions of community and faith-based organizations are available at www.sw.umaryland.edu/rimp. Use of the database is free, although the consultants charge fees for their services.

Used Book Drive for Elementary School Undergraduates

UMB is sponsoring its 10th annual book drive to support the library at Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School in Baltimore. The school, located near UMB, is reforming its curricula to improve academic performance. In 2001, a CRN from low-income families, and some are wards of the state.

Book donations can be made in the lobby of 1110, the building that houses University Student Financial Aid, Suite 104, at the same address. For more information, contact Carolyn Blackwell at cblackwell@umbc.edu, or Peggy Buehner at 6-2152, nbuehner@maryland.edu.

eUMB Accounts Payable Software Performs Well in Testing

Initial testing of the PeopleSoft software for the financials and grants portion of the campus-wide eUMB project is under way and meeting expectations, according to Walter Malecki, accounts payable manager in the Department of Financial Services. The testing will lead to automation of invoice and check request processing, which will eliminate more than 100,000 manual transactions each year. Malecki says his staff is pleased with how easily the software is used. “As anticipated during testing, we discovered aspects that needed changing and modifications are underway,” Malecki says, adding that the accounts payable part of eUMB is on schedule for December implementation.

The eUMB project is a multi-year undertaking to replace UMB’s core administrative applications for human resources, payroll, finance, procurement, and grants management with a Web-based, integrated software system. The design is designed to ease access to information and reduce disruptions in work time.

UMB Conference SaysChristopher Columbus Sought Refuge

Clinicians and historians at the 10th annual historical Clinicalopathological Conference (CPC) at Davidge Hall on May 5 concluded that Christopher Columbus succumbed to rheumatic fever, not gout as diagnosed by physicians of the day.

Deciphering 600-year-old records with 21st-century medical diagnostics, doctors investigated both genetics and recorded symptoms to arrive at their conclusion. The conference, sponsored by the School of Medicine and the Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System, was part of the 130th annual reunion of the School of Medicine’s Medical Alumni Association. Previous CPCs studied the histories of notable figures such as Edgar Allan Poe and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Nursing Week Celebrated; Nursing School Addresses Teacher Shortage, Financial Aid

The School of Nursing honored both nurses and students during Nurses Week. May 6-12, by hosting a national evidence-based practice conference, lauding the Class of 1955 during the annual Alumni Heritage Celebration and Reunion, celebrating graduates at the School’s convocation, and holding a reception for alumni of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing (WRAIN) program.

More than 200 people attended the practice conference, held at the School on May 6. Later that evening, about 50 nursing school alumni and friends attended an all-class reunion at the newly renovated B&O Railroad Museum to kick off the annual Alumni Heritage Celebration and Reunion. On May 7, two dozen members of the class of 1955 were inducted into the Heritage Class of 1955.

The week ended with convocation and commencement ceremonies. Maj. Gen. Gale S. Pollock, MBA, MHA, MS, CB-P, FACHE, and a 1976 WRAIN graduate, delivered the School’s convocation address and received an honorary degree. School of Nursing representatives were also active recently in federal funding and legislative issues.

In her role as Maryland grass-roots liaison for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), Dr. Anne A. Malecki, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN, dean of the School of Nursing, held meetings with Sen. Barbara Mikulski and Reps. Ben Cardin and Dutch Ruppersberger to discuss Title VIII funding to combat the nursing faculty shortage.

Louise Jenkins, PhD, RN, associate professor, Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health (OSAH) and co-director of UMB’s Institute for Nurse Educators, and Carol O’Neal, PhD, RN, assistant professor, Department of Behavioral and Community Health and co-director of OSAH, testified in support of proposed congressional financial aid reform.

Clinical Law Program Receives $500,000 Grant

The School of Law’s Clinical Law Program has been awarded a $500,000 grant from the Charles Crane Family Foundation to support a variety of community justice initiatives aimed at reducing violence in Baltimore.

“This grant can help us be more comprehensive in evaluating and supporting a number of initiatives we’ve involved in to help end violence,” says Karen H. Rothenberg, JD, MPA, dean of the School of Law.

The School of Law plans to develop a community justice center, and a major conference on the Clinical Law Program’s results is scheduled for fall 2006.

Tutoring Program Awarded $10,000

The Rite Aid Foundation recently donated $10,000 to help promote and support pharmacist involvement in the UMB tutoring program A Bridge to Academic Excellence (ABAE).

Established five years ago by a School of Pharmacy student, ABAE is a community service project for UMB students and faculty who tutor middle and high school students in subjects such as algebra, trigonometry, calculus, anatomy, physiology, and verbal skills. The mission of ABAE is to provide academic support to the future generation of health, law, and social work professionals.

The program has grown dramatically since its inception—from five students tutored at one school to more than 120 students at 32 schools. This year’s annual awards ceremony for students was May 7.

Along with the Rite Aid Foundation, ABAE has received support from businesses and organizations including Giant Food, the Maryland Pharmaceutical Society, Pfizer Inc., and Procter & Gamble.

Patent License Negotiated by UMB, UMBC, UMBI, Becton Dickinson

The University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute; the University of Maryland, Baltimore County; and the medical technology company Becton, Dickinson and Company (BD) have collaborated with UMB to negotiate a license for the patent family called engineered proteins for analyte sensing.

The license gives BD valuable market exclusivity in developing technologies for clinical diagnostics and research tools.

The patent family consists of a broad, highly valuable U.S. patent issued in 2001, an Australia-issued patent, and applications pending in Europe, the United Kingdom, and Canada. The patent covers sensor proteins that have a characteristic detectable with standard methods and that bind an analyte, resulting in a change in that characteristic. The immediate clinical application is the use of proteins to measure levels of important analytes in human blood, including glucose.

UMB, UMBC, and UMBC, each of which contributed to the invention, created a memorandum of understanding that allowed UMB to take the lead in licensing the technology.

Library to Lengthen Hours in August

The Health Sciences and Human Services Library will switch from its summer schedule of shorter hours to its regular schedule Aug. 22. The new hours will be 8 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday. Reference desk hours will be 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

The library is closed on Sundays during the summer.
CALENDAR

July 18-22: “Introduction to Clinical Research at UMB,” a course for residents and fellows, presented by the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine and the General Clinical Research Center. For more information or to register, call 6-8492 or visit medschool.umd.edu/gen/trainingopportunities.html.

July 20: “Fat, Fiber, and Fitness: Food Choices for Feeling Your Best,” part of the Get Fit Maryland Seminar Series 6 p.m., Canton Merritt Athletic Club, 3401 Boston St. For more information, call 410-563-0225 or visit www.getfitmaryland.org.


Sept. 7-Oct. 5: “Introduction to Clinical Research,” a course for residents and fellows, presented by the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine and fellows, presented by the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine and the General Clinical Research Center.

Sept. 26-27: Third International Nanomedicine and Drug Delivery Symposium, focusing on advances in nanomedicine and delivery of bioactive agents for therapeutic and diagnostic purposes using polymeric biomaterials. UMB. For more information, send an e-mail to nanomedicine@rx.maryland.edu or visit unmc.edu/pharmacy/nanomedicine.

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Brodie Wins Kettering Prize

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"Many thousands of women worldwide now benefit from the outstanding work of Dr. Brodie and her team at the University of Maryland," says Kevin Cullen, MD, director of the University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center. "All of us at the Cancer Center are tremendously proud of Dr. Brodie. We congratulate her on winning this most deserved award."

Brodie developed a strong interest in the role of estrogens in breast cancer during her early years in research at the Christie Hospital in Manchester, England. She began investigating compounds to inhibit aromatase while at the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology in Shrewsbury, Mass., and continued her work after joining the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1979.

The Kettering Prize is named in honor of Charles F. Kettering, an inventor, former General Motors director, and pioneer of the General Motors Research Laboratories. Kettering, a supporter of basic research in medicine, and Alfred P. Sloan Jr., a philanthropist and General Motors president, established the Sloan-Kettering Institute, a well-known cancer research facility in New York, in the 1940s.

The University sponsored the West Orange High School marching band in the 2005 Westside Preakness Parade, which went past the campus along Eutaw Street on May 14. The group was one of seven marching bands in the parade, which also included floats, balloons, color guards, drill teams, cheerleaders, and Giddy Up, the Preakness mascot. About 40,000 spectators lined the street.

The parade is part of a series of events to celebrate Baltimore’s hosting of the second jewel in horse racing’s Triple Crown. This was the 130th year for the Preakness Stakes.

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Founders Week 2005

The University’s annual Founders Week—which marks the establishment of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, nearly 200 years ago—will be celebrated during the week of Oct. 17. This year’s theme is "Gifts of Time—Volunteers Shaping the Future." The 2005 staff luncheon and student cookout is Oct. 18, followed by a research lecture and luncheon on Oct. 19, and the Founders Week Gala on Oct. 20.