

**BAGGING PAPER:** Dartmouth Medical School was tapped by the Association of American Medical Colleges to take part in a pilot project to computerize the process by which medical students apply for electives at other schools—thus reducing paperwork.



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**An unexplained cluster of ALS cases around scenic Mascoma Lake generated a flurry of press coverage this summer.**

medications used to treat ALS. So far, Caller, Stommel, and their collaborators have not found BMAA in any of the algae they've tested from New Hampshire lakes, including Mascoma. But that doesn't mean BMAA is never present. "It seems like most species that we test can make the toxin," says Caller, "but they don't always. We don't know if there is something that has to trigger it."

**Paper:** A scientific paper detailing what the researchers have found—or not found—is due to be published this fall, but there's still a lot more work to be done before a link between blue-green algae and the ALS clusters can be confirmed.

Based on what's known now, Stommel told the local paper, the *Valley News*, "I don't think there's any cause for alarm."

JENNIFER DURGIN

## THEN & NOW

**A reminder of the pace of change, and of timeless truths, from the Spring 1994 *Dartmouth Medicine*:**

DMS's Dr. C. Everett Koop said of the Clinton administration's health-care reform proposal: "I think the plan is up for grabs. There are 925 lobbies that will make themselves really felt. . . . This is the time for democracy to go into play. If the public gets mad enough . . . to bring pressure on Congress, you're going to see some changes made. I am disappointed in people who say there is no health-care crisis. There is a health-care crisis."



**75 million**

Number of U.S. adults aged 19-64 who were under or uninsured in 2007

**19th**

Rank of the U.S. in health outcomes among 19 leading nations, according to a 2008 Commonwealth Foundation study

## Worthy of note: Honors, awards, appointments, etc.

**Zbigniew Szczepiorkowski, M.D., Ph.D.**, an associate professor of pathology, was elected president of the American Society for Apheresis.

**Robert Zwolak, M.D., Ph.D.**, a professor of surgery and director of the Non-Invasive Vascular Laboratory at DHMC, was named president-elect of the Society for Vascular Surgery.

**Michael Sateia, M.D.**, a professor of psychiatry, was presented with the Nathaniel Kleitman Distinguished Service Award from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

**William Green, Ph.D.**, the dean of DMS and a professor of microbiology and immunology, was named the inaugural Elmer R. Pfefferkorn, Ph.D., Professor of Microbiology and Immunology.



The appointment recognizes Green's longtime contributions to DMS, both scientifically and administratively; before being named to the deanship, he was chair of microbiology and immunology and head of the Norris Cotton Cancer Center's Immunology and Cancer Immunotherapy Program. Pfefferkorn, whom the professorship honors, is a professor emeritus of microbiology and immunology and an internationally recognized parasitologist.

**Jose Conejo-Garcia, M.D., Ph.D.**, an assistant professor of microbiology and immunology, received the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Liz Tilberis Scholar Award.

**David Goodman, M.D.**, a professor of pediatrics, was appointed to the Institute of Medicine Committee on the Future of Nursing.

**Joseph Henderson, M.D.**, a professor of community and family



medicine and the director of DMS's Interactive Media Laboratory, received the International Association of Forensic Nurses' Patron Award for an educational program he created titled "Sexual Assault: Forensic and Clinical Management—A Virtual Practicum."

**Ardis Olson, M.D.**, a professor of pediatrics, served as a member of the National Academy of Science's Committee on Depression, Parenting Practices, and the Health Development of Children.



The committee reported on a family-focused model of depression care.

**Frank McDougall**, vice president for government relations at DHMC, recently received the American Hospital Association's Grassroots Champion Award, in recognition of his "creative approach to bringing the legislative and health-care worlds closer together."



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## Worthy of note

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**Juliette Madan, M.D.**, an assistant professor of pediatrics, was awarded the Hitchcock Foundation's 2009 Joshua B. Burnett Clinical Research Fellowship.

**Robert Santulli, M.D.**, an associate professor of psychiatry, and two residents—**Daniel Wiener, M.D.**, surgery, and **Jamie Bessich, M.D.**, internal medicine—were the recipients of DHMC's 2008-09 Alma Hass Milham Award, for those who "best exemplify humane and ethical values in the practice of medicine."

**Eugene Lariviere, M.D.**, an adjunct assistant professor of pediatrics, received the New Hampshire Pediatric Society's Franklin Norwood Rogers Award, honoring the Retired Pediatrician of the Year.

**Gregory Prazar, M.D.**, an adjunct associate professor of pediatrics, was named Pediatrician of the Year by the New Hampshire Pediatric Society. He's also vice president of the Society and serves on the American Academy of Pediatrics' Task Force on Mental Health.

**Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center** was included among the nation's top hospitals by *U.S. News & World Report*. The magazine evaluated 4,861 hospitals, and only 174 (just over 3.5% of the total) made the top 50 in one or more of 16 specialties. DHMC was included in four specialties—cancer; gynecology; orthopaedics; and ear, nose, and throat medicine. This is the eighth year in a row that DHMC's Norris Cotton Cancer Center has been in the *U.S. News* ranking.

**Errata:** In the feature on health-care reform in *DARTMOUTH MEDICINE*'s Summer 2009 issue ("The Road to Reform"—see [dartmed.dartmouth.edu/su09/f02](http://dartmed.dartmouth.edu/su09/f02)), Dr. Sarah Goodlin, a geriatrician, was described as practicing at Latter Day Saints Hospital in Salt Lake City; its correct name is actually LDS Hospital. Goodlin delivers Medicare-reimbursed home care and hospital-based care. And in the feature on aging ("Hardy Stock"—see [dartmed.dartmouth.edu/su09/f01](http://dartmed.dartmouth.edu/su09/f01)), Dr. Radford Tanzer was incorrectly described as "a legendary ear, nose, and throat doctor at Dartmouth." He was indeed legendary, for performing the first total reconstruction of an external ear, but he was a plastic surgeon. We regret the errors. Do we need our ears boxed? ■



## PARTNERS FOR LIFE

### *Adele and Hugh*

Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis at age 21, Hugh Edgerton lived with the progressive disease for more than 60 years. Nonetheless, he and Adele, his wife of almost as many years, lived their life together to the fullest. "Hugh was one of those optimistic people who was confident that a cure will be found," says Adele.

It is that hope that inspired Hugh and Adele to establish a charitable gift annuity with DHMC, designating that their gift advance neurological

research. Funded with stock that had grown in value over many years, their gift provided Adele with a charitable income tax deduction and a fixed, guaranteed income for the rest of her life. "It seems like the perfect solution," says Adele.

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