Stay connected, get involved.

Dear alumni and friends,

There is excitement on campus, as we prepare to welcome Robert E. Johnson, Ph.D., who will join us in July as Becker’s 10th president (see story, page 2). After a national search, Dr. Johnson was chosen from among more than 40 candidates. An outstanding leader and educator, he will bring to our campus a wealth of experience and demonstrated leadership in areas such as strategic enrollment management, satellite campuses, strategic marketing, Web services, student services and community partnerships.

We are also thrilled with Becker’s ranking by The Princeton Review as home to the #1 game design program in New England (see story, page 3). Our dedicated faculty, personalized learning environment and dynamic career-networking opportunities, all helped propel Becker to the top of this list. Did you know that the creative economy in Massachusetts alone is credited for employing 109,000 people and generating $4.2 billion annually? No doubt, we are proud to be among the nation’s leading institutions in setting the educational standard in this burgeoning industry.

As the new director of alumni relations and The Becker Fund, I look forward to meeting alumni who attribute their success to Becker College. Recently, I was privileged to meet Laura Andrassy ’69, who was in town to accept an honorary doctorate for her achievements as an entrepreneur and a philanthropist at this year’s commencement. I was deeply moved by her selfless efforts in supporting children with cancer and helping women in developing countries — Laura’s work on behalf of these children and women is testimony to the important contributions made by Becker’s alumni.

As director, my goal is to stay connected with you. With this in mind, one of my first projects is the development of a new Web site, expected to launch in fall 2010. The site will be designed to make it easier to correspond with fellow alums, stay informed about latest alumni news and events, take advantage of alumni benefits, and make a gift to the College. While I am excited about the new Web site, there is still no substitute for attending a Becker event, scheduling a personal visit or stopping by campus to say, “hello.” We welcome your feedback and suggestions on how we can serve you better. Feel free to send along interesting news, photos and story ideas for us to consider for this magazine or the Web site. We want to hear from you!

The generosity demonstrated by many of you is inspiring. Your support enables us to sustain our mission of providing exceptional career-oriented learning opportunities to our students. Thank you for your continued commitment to Becker College. Together, I look forward to celebrating our history, as we shape a bright future.

With gratitude,

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Welcoming a new president

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The way forward

Becker celebrates its 222nd commencement.

Legacy of love

Alumnus Len Gengel honors his daughter’s memory in Haiti.

Swimming with turtles

Two veterinary students spend winter break in Mexico to help re-establish the local turtle population.
Welcoming a new president

Robert E. Johnson named 10th president of Becker College

To the Becker community,

I am delighted to announce that in conclusion of a nationwide search, the Board of Trustees has selected as the College’s 10th president, Robert E. Johnson, Ph.D., senior vice president of Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio. He will begin his appointment as president on July 1, 2010.

After a very thorough process that included dozens of candidates and a tremendous effort by our search committee, the Board selected Dr. Johnson based on his passion for the unique educational mission of Becker College, his experience in program development and his outstanding record of leadership.

Described by associates as an outstanding leader and educator, Dr. Johnson has nearly 25 years of experience in higher education. At Sinclair, he worked collaboratively with faculty, staff and students to develop and deliver in-demand, educational programming that helped drive economic growth in southwest Ohio. Given the challenges in higher education today and Becker’s mission to deliver career-oriented educational programs to first-generation students, Dr. Johnson’s skills and experience are a great fit with our strategic direction.

Dr. Johnson’s values are consistent with those of our community. Like many of our alumni, he was a first-generation college student. As a professional, he is known as an extremely hard worker, who inspires commitment and respects the contributions of others. He is committed to the community in which he lives and the betterment of life for its citizens.

Dr. Johnson holds a degree in economics from Morehouse College, a master’s degree in education administration from the University of Cincinnati and a Ph.D. in higher education administration from TUI University. His career in higher education began as executive director for admissions, marketing and enrollment management at Central State University in Ohio. He progressed to vice provost at Oakland University in Michigan, then vice president for enrollment management at the University of Dayton.

Dr. Johnson’s appointment is the culmination of a seven-month process that included contributions from the faculty, staff, alumni, trustees and students who comprised the Presidential Search Committee. I would like to express, on behalf of the entire college community, our sincerest gratitude for their commitment of time and energy to ensure a successful outcome and recognize the leadership of the committee chair, Fran Polito ’68, who devoted countless hours in leading this effort.

Dr. Johnson and his wife Michelle will relocate to Worcester in June, along with their two children, Jasmine and Alex. Our community eagerly awaits their arrival. Please join me in extending a warm Becker welcome to them.

Regards,

Jay DiGeronimo
Chair, Board of Trustees
Becker College tops “best” list

The Princeton Review names Becker’s Game Design Program #1 in New England and #4 in the United States.

After evaluating 500 schools, The Princeton Review ranked Becker College the number one school for computer game design in New England. Known for its annual college “best” lists, The Princeton Review selected Becker ahead of better-known colleges and universities in New England, including Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which ranked seventh and eighth on the list, respectively.

Serving as America’s standard for college preparation and admissions advice, since 1981 The Princeton Review has been ranking colleges by programs, features and financial aid packages, as well as publishing guidebooks to college admissions. This year, in partnership with GamePro magazine, it surveyed 50 different game design programs in the United States and Canada, pinpointing “the best of the best” for a degree in video games. The full list was published in the April issue of GamePro.

Other northeastern schools making the Top 50 include Dartmouth College, Amherst College, and Hampshire College. The top-three ranked programs nationally were University of Southern California in Los Angeles; DigiPen Institute of Technology in Redmond, Wash.; and Drexel University in Philadelphia.

“Our core mission is providing parents and students with good admission advice,” says David Soto, director of content development at Drexel University in Philadelphia. “Looking at that list, we feel like a David among Goliaths,” says chair of design programs, Paul Cotnoir.

“Unlike the other large, research or technical colleges, Becker College is a much smaller school with a diverse, broad-based curriculum. Princeton Review affirms Massachusetts’ role as an emerging hub for the industry and also validates game design as a bonafide college major and career choice.”

“What distinguishes Becker from other schools is the emphasis on combining psychology, philosophy and ethics along with technical skills,” says design instructor, Terrasa Ulm, lauding the unique features of Becker’s program which attract a talented pool of students to this major. Since its inception in 2005, enrollment in the bachelor degree programs in computer game design and computer game development has grown to more than 100 students.

“From the first day, our game design students step into an amazing social and academic community within the program. Even the students working on their senior projects have created an informal independent company, living and working in the same residence hall. This camaraderie is truly motivational and does wonders for productivity,” explains Ulm.

Becker’s game design program was recently featured in the winter 2010 issue of Becker Bridges. This past March, Becker College showcased its computer game development degree programs, as well as student and faculty work, at the Penny Arcade Expo (or PAX East), the three-day game festival for tabletop, video game and PC gamers, at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston. For two years in a row, Becker College has beat out dozens of teams from colleges such as WPI, MIT and Hampshire Technical Institute to garner first place in 38 Studios’ Massachusetts Game Challenge, a contest expressly for student-developed games. 38 Studios is a media and entertainment company founded in 2006 by former Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling. Graduates of the Becker game program have found employment with such companies as Demiurge, Blue Fang, Harmonix, Nukefile, Blizzard, and Seven45 Studios.

“Our mission is to become the pre-eminent, modern, multimedia design program in the country, and we are on our way,” asserts Cotnoir. “For budding game developers, their adventure starts at Becker College.”

By Tammy Griffin-Kumpey
As Neal addressed the Class of 2010, he recalled memories of his immigrant grandparents and how they astutely recognized the important link between education and economic security. "Education in their eyes was the way forward," he said.

Although his own parents did not live to see him walk through any graduation line, as a first generation college student with plenty of ambition and a keen sense of accepting a challenge, Neal says he knew that opportunity beckoned and he began his own steep climb.

"Life and learning do not stop with a college degree," he told graduates. "As tumultuous as the times in which we live now, I want to tell you with all certainty, the educated and the self-disciplined will be the foundation of the new world order and those who are positioned because of an education will do better than ever."

Neal reminded the Class of 2010 that America was born of optimism, while charging part of today's dilemmas on technology and the speed at which news travels. He spoke of earlier days when the House would schedule a press conference on a Monday, and the issue or initiative of the day wouldn't be presented to the American people until the end of the week when they leisurely unfolded the pages of the Sunday newspaper. Sundays' papers would be full of pages covering various opinions and opposing views. Back then, he said, the American people would take time "to learn about the issues and form their own judgments and discernments."

"Today, all of that happens every 24 hours because of technology. Yes, technology assures more information; and yes, technology provides us with more misinformation as well."

Neal urged graduates to "reject the closing of the American mind." He encouraged them to be wary, keep an open mind and to remember that our first amendment remains the cornerstone of our constitutional system and guarantees a second opinion. "Trust your Becker education, trust your own family, and trust your instincts more than you trust the machine."

Neal mentioned some hard times in America's past — the Civil War, World War I, World War II and the Great Depression. Recalling the challenges that our forefathers faced during these times, he reminded graduates that "there is great opportunity to be found in our tough moments."

"These are now part of your DNA. Samuel May, an avid abolitionist when slavery in this country flourished, never wavered in his convictions. Instead he engaged the process," said Neal.

As a representative of Leicester, Mass., Neal has supported Becker College's efforts to bring national attention to historical resident, Reverend Samuel May, and his significant activity in the early abolitionist movement. The congressman has been a strong proponent for the designation of the Reverend Samuel May House as an official visitor center on the National Park Service National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.

"We are and will remain resilient, but the institution requires an informed citizen," Neal continued. "Henry Ford II noted that what's great about America is, although we always have problems, we..."
also have great capacity, we have great intellect, and great resources to do something about them. That has not changed."

First elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1988, Neal represents the second district of Massachusetts, which includes Becker’s Leicester campus, and cities and towns in western and central Massachusetts. A member of the Ways and Means Committee and a co-chairman of the New England Congressional Caucus, he continues to advocate for the unique regional interests of the New England states.

He has sponsored legislation that would increase the national savings rate and has worked to make health-care and tuition expenses tax deductible for middle-class people. In recognition of his distinguished record of public service, the College bestowed upon Neal a Doctorate of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.

Other honorary degree recipients were: Laura Andrassy ’69, founder and director of the Andrassy Family Foundation; Mary DeFeudis, philanthropist, volunteer and director of the Hanover Theatre; and Barbara Wilson and Edward Wilson, co-founders of Wilson Language Training, in Oxford, Mass. All of the honorary degree recipients were recognized for service to their communities and support of Becker College’s mission to offer a diverse student population access to a first-class, student-centered, private college education and to prepare students to be tomorrow’s leaders and responsible citizens in a global economy.

Honors Convocation was held on Friday, May 7, on the Leicester campus. Approximately 400 guests gathered as Becker recognized students graduating with honors and lauded several with awards for academic excellence.

Michael Camara (bachelor’s degree) and Kelly Anne Lavorati (associate’s degree) each received the Dean’s Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a student by Becker College. The Dean’s Award is given to the student with the highest cumulative grade point average who completed the majority of his or her course work, leading to a degree, at Becker College. Carol MacKenzie received the College’s Samuel May Award and the President’s Award was bestowed upon Brittany Marie De Wolf.
Legacy of love

By Faith Mayer
Photos courtesy of The Gengel Family

Becker alumni Len Gengel ’84 continues his daughter’s mission to help orphaned children in Haiti.

When Len Gengel was hanging out on the Becker Junior College campus in the early 1980s, his plans for the future did not include building an orphanage in Haiti. The tragic loss of his 19-year-old daughter Britney changed all that. Britney died on Jan. 12, 2010, during the devastating 7.0 earthquake in Haiti, while there working with the “poorest of the poor” on a college mission trip. She was a sophomore at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla., and the trip was a component of a course called “Journey of Hope to Haiti.”

Britney embarked on the trip with 12 of her classmates and two Lynn University faculty members to support humanitarian efforts in the small Third World country through feeding the poor and aiding and comforting the sick and the hurting. Sadly, both faculty members and three of Britney’s classmates also lost their lives, victims of the earthquake, while selflessly devoting themselves to helping others.

“When Britney left, she was at a crossroads,” says her mother Cheryllann Gengel. “She wanted to change her major to sociology from journalism. We asked her to wait until she returned from Haiti to make such a change. After spending less than a day there, she knew what she wanted to do with the rest of her life.”

Her heart in Haiti

The couple believes that Britney would have returned home from Haiti briefly, but ultimately would have returned. According to her parents, Haiti was where her heart was, and it was clear in her voice during their last conversation — less than an hour before the earthquake shook Haiti into heaps of rubble — that helping the Haitian people was what she wanted to do with her life.

The Gengels have created the Be Like Brit Foundation as a way to carry on their daughter’s legacy by continuing the work that she barely had a chance to start, let alone finish, and as a lasting memorial to her compassion for those less fortunate.

“We started Be Like Brit because we saw the texts from Britney when she was in Haiti saying how much she wanted to help by building an orphanage. I heard her voice, and I knew she had found her calling,” Cheryllann says. “Brit loved these kids. They got under her skin. I’m almost afraid to go there, as I don’t know if I’ll ever come home. She was a typical teenager and they affected her to this level; I can only imagine how we’ll feel when we meet them.”

Len traveled to Haiti last January to see firsthand where his daughter took her last breath. He will never forget the sights and smells, and notes that it would be easy to get caught up in trying to save the country; something he does not feel is possible today.

Reconnecting to Becker

Back at home, Len is most touched by the love and compassion of those who he has not seen in years.

“Since January, I have heard from easily two dozen of my friends from Becker. People I haven’t seen in 26, 27 years are turning up. Having lunch with them and reconnecting has meant so very much. Becker was like an extended family, and to have these people back in my life — it’s been wonderful. The outpouring of love and support has really been amazing,” Len says, noting that Becker was a safe place for him to grow up intellectually, emotionally and spiritually.

“It prepared me to go on to Central Connecticut State University. Becker really gave me the foundation for my future success,” he says.

The Gengels continue to maintain a very strong faith and want the community to know how very much they appreciate the support from so many friends, neighbors and even strangers.

Labor of love

Len says creating the Be Like Brit Foundation is a labor of love that will encompass the rest of his life. “We have an obligation to honor our daughter and continue her legacy.”

“People have been great about donating to Brit’s legacy and Be Like Brit allows us to continue our daughter’s memory. Our vision statement is to bring joy, opportunity and voice to families in need. As you know, I feel Haiti is hell on earth. I will never forget what I saw, or more than that, smelled, in Port-Au-Prince — my heart goes out to the people of Haiti. Britney found her calling there. We want to continue her compassion,” he says.

“We want to give these children the tools that any human deserves to make something of their lives by the time they are 18 years old. We want them to have their basic needs met and to be able to go forward and do something. If we only touch one out of every 1,000, then it’s still worth it,” asserts Cheryllann.

“We plan to go to Haiti as a family this summer to begin the groundwork. We want people to know that our faith is unwavering. What is killing me, us, is the extraction of Britney from our lives. We know Brit is in heaven, and we will see her again someday, but the hardest part is her extraction from our lives today,” Len explains.

Len and Cheryllann will begin with building one orphanage on the outskirts of Port-Au-Prince, but that is not to say that they will not continue Brit’s work for a very long time there.

“I see wonderful things in our future — I wish we could be feeling wonderful. But we are going to do great things for Brit, because she was fabulous,” says Len.

For more information about the Be Like Brit Foundation, visit www.belikebrit.org
when a market for sea turtle meat and eggs boomed. Because so many turtles migrated there to lay eggs, by the 1970s, Mazunte was the center of sea turtle hunting in Mexico. It didn’t take long before the turtles were over-hunted to near extinction. Concern over the declining number of sea turtles eventually led to a ban on turtle meat and eggs in Mexico. Today the beaches are patrolled by military guards carrying M-16’s to protect the turtles and their eggs from poachers — of both the two-legged and four-legged variety.

Stray dogs pose threat

Although the moratorium on sea turtles has led to an increase in nest numbers as the turtles continue to arrive en masse to lay their eggs in the Mazunte area, they have been experiencing severe threats from the stray dog population that eats turtle eggs and hatchlings, explain Coppola and Weidele.

The Mazunte Turtle Project works to counteract this danger by providing spay and neuter surgery for the pets of the local townspeople. Both concur that veterinary care in Mexico is practically nonexistent, primarily because people do not have the income to spend on caring for a pet. In addition, there are very few veterinarians in Mexico, even in the cities. “There is such an overpopulation of stray
dogs. Spaying and neutering helps keep the population down,” says Weidele.

The trip provided them the opportunity to enhance their veterinary technician skills, witness the value of animal welfare, and experience different animal and human cultures. This past January, Coppola and Weidele assisted three surgical teams of vets and technicians that performed close to 300 spays and neuters in just five days. The number of surgeries was unprecedented.

“It’s really fast-paced,” they both explain. They didn’t have the luxury of gas anesthesia or preliminary blood tests, which are typically used by American vets before a surgery to assure the pet can safely undergo the procedure. Instead they used an injectable anesthesia and kept a close eye on the patient to make sure it didn’t start to wake up during surgery. The majority of the dogs they neutered suffered from Ehrlichia, a tick-born disease that reduces blood clotting, which is rarely seen in dogs in the United States because they receive better care. When they performed the surgeries on these infected dogs, there was a lot of blood, which would be a huge concern to a vet in America. According to the students, despite this risk, their teams didn’t lose one patient.

“The people that we go with are amazing,” says Weidele. “It’s all about teamwork.”

A healthier outlook

Their efforts also contribute to the safety of tourists in this popular area. Turtles are an attraction for the tourists in the towns that they work in. In addition to spaying and neutering, the teams also provided general veterinary care in the form of immunizations and antibiotics. Tick-born diseases and parasites can be passed on to humans, and rabies outbreaks are always a concern, they explain.

This year marked the 10th anniversary of the Mazunte Turtle Project. The impact the project has made since its inception is measured by an evident decrease in the number of stray dogs in the area and an increase in healthier dogs, says Coppola.

“Dogs that we performed surgeries on last year are looking great, they’re gaining weight, not as many ticks on them,” she says. “There’s this stray dog that we named Melvin, and he always sits in front of a local breakfast place. Last year he was skinny and covered in ticks. Just from us being down there and providing veterinary care and performing surgery — you see the improvement. This year, Melvin looks so much better. So we’re seeing these dogs that we treated the year before and noticing a real difference.”

Rewarding work

Moreover, having the experience to work with exotic animals was a highlight of this trip for these two students, who also volunteered with the local turtle museum. Part of the museum’s work focuses on the rescue and release of baby turtles. It also houses recovery areas to assist adult injured turtles that can hopefully be released back into the wild once they’ve recovered.

“The first year I was down there we would go to the beach at night, because that’s when the turtles would come out. We spent five hours on four-wheelers with the Navy people going up and down the beach. It was incredible to watch them come ashore to lay their eggs,” says Coppola. “One year we even got to release Leatherbacks, which are highly endangered. They get to be 2,000 pounds and it’s rare to see one. Hopefully they will come back and lay their eggs, too.”

Last year, they had the opportunity to release older turtles — about 6 months old. They were able to release these turtles during the day because they were bigger and the risk of birds eating them wasn’t a concern. The best part of the experience for both, they agree, is getting to hold and release the little baby turtles.

“You’re pulling them right from the sand — on the day they were hatching we pulled them from the sand and put them in a bowl, and then we released them on the beach. It was awesome,” says Coppola.

“Nothing is more fascinating and rewarding than having the chance to release baby sea turtles and watch as they make their way down the beach, leaving a trail and crashing into the water,” recalls Weidele.

Except, perhaps, swimming with adult sea turtles in the ocean.
Award-winning documentarian kicks off Loew Lectures

How did a centuries-old indigenous society, isolated from the outside world until 1970, successfully and peacefully keep a big oil company and the Ecuadorian government from forcing their way in and taking the oil beneath their two-million-acre homeland?

Documentarian Larry Lansburgh put it simply in his lecture, “David & Goliath in the Amazon,” the first installment in the spring 2010 Franklin M. Loew Lecture Series. The Achuar people, the main characters in his latest film, “Dream People of the Amazon,” used three tactics: alliances, a positive stand and fostering competence in their children. “These tactics had to work or those people would have been obliterated,” Lansburgh said from the stage in Daniels Hall on Becker’s Leicester campus.

The Franklin M. Loew Lecture Series is a public forum that invites scholars and professionals to present topics of interest and importance to the Becker College community.

The Emmy Award-winning, Academy Award-nominated filmmaker illustrated his passionate storytelling with powerful scenes from his film — lush, green rain forest; a peaceful Amazon river; the wide, painted faces of Achuar people around a morning fire before dawn and at a meeting table at the United Nations conference on climate change — shot over seven trips in about 18 months. According to Lansburgh, the alliances that the Achuar people formed have helped give voice and power to other indigenous societies and to Nature itself. These previously unheard voices have had such an impact, Lansburgh told, that in 2008, Ecuador passed the first ever “green constitution,” recognizing the right of Nature to “exist, persist, maintain and regenerate its vital cycles, structure, functions and its processes in evolution.”

The Achuar are called, “dream people,” Lansburgh explained, because of their belief that dreams are as real to them as our waking reality. They begin each day by sharing and analyzing their dreams. After witnessing the stunning effects of oil extraction in neighboring regions, elders began having similar dreams. Their interpretation of these dreams, Lansburgh said, made it clear that to survive and preserve their pristine rain forest, they must take the unprecedented step of reaching out and allying with the outside world.

Lansburgh first learned of the Achuar at a lecture given in San Francisco by their elected public representative. Inspired to tell their amazing story in a documentary, Lansburgh made his first trip to this remote part of southeastern Ecuador to make his plea before the Achuar congress. He made a lasting impression on these people, who usually refuse to be photographed, by learning “30 seconds of the Achuar language.”

“My view of the world changed when I realized that the Achuar — and many indigenous people all over the world — know something that we in the developed world do not,” said Lansburgh. “They know how to exist sustainably on the planet that we all call home.” This is the key to their positive stand, he said. They are not against anything; they are “for preservation of the ancient rain forest for all of humanity.”

Haiti earthquake prompts Student Emergency Fund

The recent catastrophic earthquake in Haiti has drawn Becker’s attention to the unpredictable needs of its students. Thanks to the combined efforts of the bookstore and Development Office, along with the generosity of administration, faculty and staff, the College has established an emergency fund for students.

Recommendations will be made to determine eligible students, who will be referred to a committee made up of one faculty member, one student services staff member, and one member of general college staff. Approved funds will typically be used for textbooks, which will be disbursed directly by the bookstore. The committee will also have the option of approving additional expenses for students in extreme circumstances. The Student Emergency Fund is not restricted only to times of national and international emergency or catastrophic disasters, but may also be used to help those students facing difficult situations each semester. The earthquake in Haiti, however, prompted Becker to develop a broader, more permanent solution for its students in crises.

The Student Emergency Fund will be maintained through voluntary contributions. Those who would like to support this effort, please contact the Development Office at 508-373-9531 or giving@becker.edu. For more information on qualifying for these funds, please e-mail betsy.fuller@becker.edu.

Becker draws record number of applicants

Becker’s admissions staff is hard at work in recruiting the class of 2014. With the help of the higher-education consulting group Noel-Levitz, the College continues to make progress in attracting students from around the country.

“The recent Princeton Review ranking of Becker’s Computer Game Design program, which ranked number one in New England and fourth in the country, has brought many

The Franklin M. Loew Lecture Series is a public forum that invites scholars and professionals to present topics of interest and importance to the Becker College community. Spring 2010 ushered in a fresh roster of experts and personalities to share their knowledge, including U.S. Congressman James P. McGovern, Massachusetts Third District, who addressed the complex issues surrounding global hunger and presented a comprehensive roadmap for solving those issues in his talk, “The Global Hunger Crisis: Roadmap to a Solution.” His lecture was paired with a nonperishable food drive to benefit the Worcester County Food Bank.

Additionally, author Harriet Reisen and film director and producer Nancy Porter commented on their book and PBS film, respectively, about the fascinating life of American novelist Louisa May Alcott, best known for her novel “Little Women.” In his lecture “Creative Industry: Video Games and Massachusetts,” Jason Schubach of the Massachusetts Office of Business Development, discussed the rapid growth of the video game industry and its importance to the state’s economy. Andrew Rowan, president and CEO of Humane Society International and chief international and chief scientific officer of the Humane Society of the United States, delivered the series’ final lecture, “Beastly Politics: Animals and Public Policy,” where he discussed some of the fundamental issues at the intersection of animal advocacy and science.
new prospective students to campus, while the health science, business and humanities majors continue to perform solidly," says Michael Perron, director of admissions.

According to Perron, as of April, the Admissions Office has processed more than 2,300 applications — a record number at this point in the spring. Various events and programs throughout the winter and spring have kept the campus busy, he notes. Accepted Students Day in April attracted more than 200 students to campus; these students attended with parents and friends bringing the total number of visitors to more than 600.

“This year’s Accepted Students Day was one of the most successful admission events in recent memory,” Perron says. The college community is gearing up for orientation events throughout the month of June, as Becker expects to enroll about 500 new students for fall 2010.

**Former English professor publishes second novel**


“In the Lion’s Mouth” (Highland Press) is set in Ireland, England and the colony of Rhode Island in the late 1660s. Against the background of the New World and its promises of freedom, self-reliance and opportunity, countered with the historical realities of European encroachment on the lands of others, pettiness and greed, and the long arm of English rule, Harrington continues the love story of Grace and Owen O’Donnell. The plight of these two lovers, now married, grows out of the English exploitation of the Irish and particularly the English usurpation of Irish ancestral lands through the haughty and villainous Lord Rushmount, the local landholder in Grace’s and Owen’s corner of Ireland.

Rushmount is driven to possess the beautiful and fiery Grace, who wants nothing to do with him. Throughout their journey, Grace and Owen must escape Rushmount's mixture of lust, wrath and vengeance. As the couple travels from home to Galway, Cork City, and Dublin in an effort to book passage across the Atlantic, Grace and Owen are regularly threatened by Rushmount. Finally, the lovers reach their desired destination—the combined colonies of Rhode Island and Providence Plantation.

“In blending research, imagination and a nuanced yet highly accessible style, Jean Harrington has fashioned a compelling, earthy and exciting romance that never flags. ‘In the Lion’s Mouth’ brings us vigorous, passionate characters leading their lives against the perfectly realized backdrop of a changing world,” writes a reviewer in the September 2009 issue of Fort Myers Magazine.

Harrington lives in Florida with her husband, John. Her e-mail address is jeanharrington01@comcast.net and she would love to hear from former students and new readers.

**Becker student wins art prize**

Ilir Mborja’s mixed media piece, “Decaying Book,” took second prize in the sixth-annual Colleges of Worcester Consortium Art Show. The cover of “Decaying Book” is metal, the pages include hard stock paper, photographs, even a spoon, and it was all left out in the rain, which allowed the cover to rust and the pages to take on a rough, weathered look. Mborja also submitted work that was exhibited in last year’s consortium show.

**Mary Maloney ’97 pursues major gifts; Raffi Der Simonian directs alumni relations**

A Worcester native, Maloney graduated from Becker College with an associate’s degree in 1991 and a bachelor’s degree in business in 1997. She went on to earn a master’s degree in public administration from Clark University in 2003.

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations at Becker College selected Mary Elizabeth Maloney ’97 to take on the role of major gifts officer, a newly created position at the College. Maloney has served Becker alumni since 2006 as director of alumni relations and The Becker Fund.

Maloney has nearly 30 years of experience in the admissions and alumni relations fields at both the secondary and collegiate levels. She has been active in many community organizations, including Girls’ Inc., and Children’s Friend, and she was recognized in 2008 with the Notre Dame Academy Knollwood Alumna Award.

To fill the position of director of alumni relations and The Becker Fund, the College recently lured Raffi Der Simonian away from self-employment in his native Waterville, Maine.

Der Simonian’s expertise runs the gamut of public relations, marketing and communications. He has served as e-commerce marketing executive for Orient Express Hotels, Trains & Cruises; marketing projects coordinator for the Providence Performing Arts Center; and completed an internship in the marketing department of the Royal Festival Hall in London.

As principal of Der Simonian Communications, LLC, his clients included the Maine International Film Festival, the YMCA of Greater Providence and the Associated General Contractors of Maine as well as a range of nonprofits throughout the state of Maine. Der Simonian’s prior experience also includes orchestrating internships and working closely with students from Brown University, Colby College, Drexel University, Champlain College and University of New England.

Der Simonian holds master’s and bachelor’s degrees in communications from Clark University. While an undergrad at Clark, he founded the Armenian Students’ Association.
Keeping it clean

RN to BSN student Liz Rekowski received the Colleges of Worcester Consortium Community Engagement Award for her "Wash Our Hands" campaign with the Boys & Girls Club of Webster-Dudley. Community Engagement Awards are presented to students of consortium member institutions, who provided exemplary service to their communities within the last year.

After touring the Boys & Girls Club of Webster-Dudley, Rekowski decided to implement a hand hygiene education campaign to demonstrate the importance of hand washing and its role in promoting good health and preventing disease. Although something as routine as hand washing might seem inconsequential, Rekowski says educating youngsters about the nuances of effective hand washing is vital to this population, especially during flu season.

To initiate the program, Rekowski was successful in garnering corporate donations of foam and supplies needed to properly sustain hand hygiene. She involved the children in activities to promote hand washing, such as making educational posters reminding them to "foam in and foam out" and to wash their hands during certain times or locations at the club, and to reinforce the lessons they had learned, like how germs spread and what they could do to stay healthy.

Rekowski also held question and answer sessions and drew more than 225 children and staff to an event to cap the campaign and review what had been learned. She is currently working on a grant to continue her work and expand the program she created.

Answering Becker’s call

The 2010 Annual Becker Phonathon has come to a close. Throughout the fall and spring semesters, 15 dedicated students reached out to alumni, campaigning for support of The Becker Fund, which provides resources for scholarships, financial aid and new programs. Together, alumni pledged $35,781. Thank you to everyone who got involved and made a contribution to continue the growth of the College.

The phonathon team would also like to congratulate Lynn (Blake) O’Riley ’69, who won the campaign raffle for two Southwest Airlines tickets to anywhere in the continental United States. Ardent golf fans, the couple plans to use their tickets to travel to Arizona.

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Student-athletes face many challenges while balancing hectic class schedules, research papers and homework assignments with practice or games six days a week. It’s no small feat, even for the student-athlete who juggles the competitive schedule of just one sport. Shannon Tibbetts ’10, however, makes it look easy. And she played three.

Tibbetts wasted little time jump-starting her college athletic career, joining the women’s basketball and softball teams in her freshman year. During her first season as a Hawk, Tibbetts was a role player in basketball, coming off the bench in 13 games and scoring 24 points. Despite the fact that basketball season runs into the beginning of softball season, Tibbetts made a flawless transition, batting .358 in her first season.

In her sophomore year, Tibbetts guided the women’s basketball team to the College’s first NCAA tournament appearance. She scored 190 points in 29 games, setting school records going nine for nine from three-point range and shooting 50 percent from the field. On the diamond, Tibbetts boasted the second-highest batting average with a .346.

As if Tibbetts hadn’t found her competitive niche in basketball and softball, she added soccer to the roster in her junior year. She hadn’t played soccer since high school, but it didn’t take this goalkeeper long to shed any rust, posting three shutouts on her way to the team’s Most Improved Player award and a New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) selection to the 2008 All-Academic Team.

From the soccer pitch onto the basketball court, Tibbetts’ success never waned — she posted similar numbers in the 2007-2008 season. On the diamond that spring, Tibbetts garnered the team’s annual Coaches Award, finishing the season with a .297 batting average and another selection to the NECC All-Academic Team in her glove.

More impressive, Tibbetts’ grades remained top notch. When asked how she maintained such high academic standards, while committing to the pressure of playing three collegiate sports, she almost shrugs it off.

“It honestly was not too bad,” she says. “Since I was young, my parents stressed that education comes first. If I didn’t get good grades, I wouldn’t be allowed to play sports, and I loved sports.”

Tibbetts says her parents’ advice instilled in her a strong work ethic early on, which she carried through high school and college. Time management was also key, she notes, finding a good balance between work and play.

She says playing sports at Becker actually helped her with the academics. She knew that she had a lot of commitments to manage and that kept her focused on what she needed to accomplish. “I didn’t have time to waste procrastinating on schoolwork,” she explains.

“Shannon is a very strong athlete,” confirms Aimee Giza, head softball coach and adjunct professor of humanities. “She gave 100 percent in every game that she played for me. She was also an amazing academic asset to Becker College, always holding herself to a higher standard in the classroom as well as the athletic field.”

Minding the net for the women’s soccer team in her final season, Tibbetts posted seven shutouts — 10 for her career, putting her second all time at Becker. Moreover, she was named to the All-Tournament team after the Hawks were eliminated in the NECC semifinals. Postseason, Tibbetts was selected to the NECC Honorable Mention Team and, for the third time, the All-Academic Team.

This year, this Sportsmanship Award winner produced the best season of her career in basketball, scoring 249 points and winning 123 rebounds. In softball, she topped 100 career hits, becoming the all-time leader in at bats (324) and games played (113). She won her second Coaches Award and was named to the NECC All-Academic Team for the fourth time.

On Sunday, May 2, Tibbetts played her 452nd and final game at Becker College. Capping her career, she was named 2010 Becker College Female Athlete of the Year, presented to a graduating senior who made a major contribution to a sport through excellence of performance. Tibbetts graduated this spring with a 3.92 GPA and a degree in sports management.

“Sports will continue to be a part of my life, I miss playing for Becker already,” says Tibbetts, who hopes to coach professionally at the high school and college levels.
from near, and as far away as Hawaii, California and Virginia, gathered on the Leicester campus to celebrate their college days and reconnect with former classmates. The fun-filled reunion weekend featured a variety of events where LJC alumni could socialize, catch up with old friends — and make some new ones, too — while sharing special memories of their days at LJC, as well as photos of children and grandchildren.

On Saturday, alumni headed out on campus tours. A favorite stop included a presentation by Paul Cotnoir about Becker’s design programs, which featured students’ work. The busy morning sparked appetites just in time for the Alumni Barbeque. Saturday evening, friends gathered for a social hour, which kicked off the All-Class Dinner. Classes representing 1954 to 1978 had special seating together and the buffet boasted chicken Florentine and stuffed sole. Special recognition was given to the class of 1960 who celebrated their 50th reunion.

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Photos by Edd Cote

On the weekend of May 21-23, Leicester Junior College alumni featured “Who Shot Rock & Roll,” photographic work that explores and interprets rock and roll music, striving to share its creative energy. The medieval flare of the Higgins Armory was a draw for the heavy-metal history buffs, while nature enthusiasts witnessed the budding of spring at the Tower Hill Botanic Gardens in Boylston, Mass.

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–Nick Abbott ’70LJC
TUCSON, ARIZ., RECEPTION
Becker’s Alumni Association held a Tucson Regional Alumni cocktail reception at the Arizona Inn on Jan. 19, 2010.
Dudley Woodard and Karen (Conant) Woodward ‘61

WORCESTER, MASS., RECEPTION
The Alumni Association held a Worcester Regional Alumni cocktail reception at Worcester Fitness on Feb. 11, 2010.
Caitlin Visscher ’08, Helen (Cooney) Cawley ‘38 and Beth Potvin ‘81

PALM BEACH, FLA., RECEPTION
On March 15, 2010, the Alumni Association held a Palm Beach Regional Alumni luncheon at The Breakers.
Event host Noel (Alverson) Settle ’53, Bruce Bennett and former trustee Norma Sandison

NAPLES, FLA., RECEPTION
The Alumni Association held a Naples Regional Alumni dinner at Quail West on March 16, 2010.
Event host Gil Boutin ’39, Ann (Hadfield) Kendrick ‘58 and Douglas Kendrick
ON THE ROAD

ST. PETE BEACH, FLA., RECEPTION
On March 18, 2010, the Alumni Association held a St. Pete Beach Regional Alumni luncheon at The Don Cesar.

MANCHESTER, N.H., RECESSION
On April 22, 2010, the Alumni Association held a Manchester Regional Alumni cocktail reception at Fratello’s Ristorante Italiano.

LEICESTER, MASS., GRAD FINALE
On May 7, 2010, the Alumni Association held a reception at the Leicester campus for all 2010 graduates and their families.

Some of the guests who attended the event

Becker Alumni Day at Fenway Park
Red Sox vs. Blue Jays
Saturday, September 18, 2010 (Game time – 7:10 p.m.)
$70 per person includes:
• Ticket to the game in the Outfield Grandstands (Sections 7 and 8)
• Private reception in the Players Club, Fenway Park at 5 p.m.
Transportation (for the first 37 guests) will depart Becker (Worcester) at 3:30 p.m.
Tickets are limited, so don’t hesitate! (Limit four tickets per alumnus.)

Alumni Association Cookout with Family, Friends, Current and Prospective Students
Cheer on Becker Athletics and show your Hawk Pride!
Live music, outdoor fun, and more.
Saturday, September 25, 2010 • 12:30-3 p.m.
Becker College – Leicester Quad – 964 Main Street

To RSVP for these events, contact Caitlin Visscher, assistant director of alumni relations, at 508-373-9527 or caitlin.visscher@becker.edu
Families First, a non-profit organization that offers medical, dental and family counseling.

Morton Israel ’48 was a member of the first veteran’s class after WWII.

Nicholas Onorato ’49 has six children and 12 grandchildren. After receiving an associate’s degree in business, he earned a bachelor’s degree in public relations from Boston University and a Ph.D. at Clark University. After teaching business administration at Becker for two years, he went on to become a professor emeritus in economics at WPI.

Elizabeth (LeClaire) Fiddler ’50 made a 2010 phonathon pledge to Becker College because she met her husband while at Becker and is proud of the many exciting developments on campus.

Mary (Brockway) Keith ’52 would like to hear from members of the class of 1952. Drop her a note at 438 Woodstock Road, Woodstock, VT 05091.

Noel (Alverson) Settle ’53, a retired model, owns three homes. Noel’s main home is in Morristown, N.J., summer home is in Newport, R.I. and winter home is in Palm Beach, Fla. Her husband is a retired lawyer. They have two children and six grandchildren. Noel says they live a good life and consider themselves very lucky.

James Generelli ’53 owns a condo in Clearwater, Fla., where he and his wife spend their winters. He enjoys playing golf with the Greendale Men’s Club.

Raymond Mann ’54 is a library aide at Broward County Libraries in Margate, Fla. After Becker, he attended Gordon College, Miami Dade Community College, and most recently, Trinity International University, where he received a master’s degree in art and religion.

Dorothy (Brown) Sheehan ’55 is a hospice volunteer at a community hospital in her hometown of New Port Richey, Fla., and serves as treasurer of her condo association. Dorothy enjoys golf and bowling.

Milly (de Bruderer) Mombiela ’56 has fond memories of Becker and regrets not being able to attend Becker’s Golden Years Luncheon in 2009. She hopes to visit campus someday – all the way from Guatemala City. Three of her daughters also attended Becker. Milly sends her best to all of her friends and classmates.

Nadine Carey ’57 is enjoying retirement and family time.

Alfia (Marino) Zimmitti ’59 recently retired but misses working full time. She has two sons, two daughters and four grandchildren. Alfia remembers the many wonderful people and teachers she met during her time at Becker.

Frank Gooley ’62 works at Coastline Realty Inc. in Lake Worth, Fla.

Douglas Smith ’64 LC is the director of graduate programs and a senior professor at Shepherd University. He has authored more than 50 books and articles and frequently travels to other countries as a visiting professor. His most recent sojourn was in Turkey, where he lectured at many universities about American foreign policy. He is currently collecting material for a book that addresses the history of educational philosophy from the early Christian era to present, with a focus on Mustafa Ataturk, the founding father of modern-day secular Turkey (1927 – 1938).

Robert "Bob" Vercauteren ’64 retired in February 2010 after 50 years in the food and hospitality industry. He is enjoying the relaxing pace of retirement.

Gloria (Turner) Nilsson ’65 has been traveling, gardening and enjoying life with her family and friends.

Phyllis (Decker) Roosa ’67 says hello to her old dorm mates of Colton House.

Holly (Higgins) Girard ’69 is happily retired in Lenox, Mass.

1970s

Marcia (Begin) Nock ’70 lives in Connecticut, where she also works as a practice administrator at Ridgefield Pediatrics.

Susan (O’Leary) Groag ’72 is busy running her own business, The Stone Store, in Mashpee, Mass.

Debbie Wemys ’73 relocated to South Florida after the winter of 1978. She has two daughters, ages 18 and 20. After spending several years in the hospitality business, she transitioned to marketing and public relations for several nonprofit organizations in Palm Beach County, including the Palm Beach Zoo and Ballet FL. She now works as a fundraiser for a local chapter of the world’s largest nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting breast cancer and finding a cure.

Rosanne Martino ’74 just completed her bachelor’s work in holistic nutrition, for which she earned straight A’s. She hopes to become involved in the natural medicine environment, as a consultant for a wellness center.

Estalee (Bloomfield) Marchessault ’79 has a 16-year-old daughter, who received a multiple-organ transplant 10 years ago. Estalee speaks at fundraisers and other events, sharing her family’s ordeal and miracles, in an effort to promote organ-donor awareness. She also trains service dogs for the blind and physically impaired.

1980s

Mary (Lyons) Matthews ’83 lives in Lake Worth, Fla., with her husband Cedric and 18-year-old daughter, Kelly, who will be graduating from high school this year. As a vet tech, Mary finds every day to be a new adventure with her many pets – Rex the boxer, Tank the Labrador retriever, Bella the Bluetick Coonhound and two cats. Thanks to Becker’s Vet Tech program, Mary loves what she does, working for a great veterinarian, who truly cares about her patients, at Floresta Animal Hospital. Mary invites her classmates and friends to find her on
Facebook. She also sends her prayers to Lenny Gengel and his family.

Judy (Bellegarde) Daniels ’84 is a certified home modification specialist and helps people to age in place. She is also opening a swim school in Palm Beach, Fla., for people with special needs.

Deborah (Fierley) Thiebault ’85 was recently promoted to MDS (Minimal Data Set) coordinator at Woonsocket Heath Center.

Lisa (Miller) Wytas ’85 is a stay-at-home mom with three children ages 17, 14 and 3. She met her husband Mark at Becker and celebrated 20 years of marriage in June 2009.

Robin (Hitchcock) Lamothe ’87 married Blake Lamothe. The couple lives in Palmer, Mass., with their two daughters, Scarlet, 14 years old, and Linea, 8 years old. Robin has traveled around the globe coordinating international conferences for World Convention Service to Central & Eastern Europe. Inspired by the 14th-century buildings adapted to rail and restaurant space that she saw during her travels, she and her husband restored the 1884 railroad station in Palmer into a railroad-themed restaurant, “Steaming Tender,” which opened in 2004. They have been featured on Good Morning America, Phan-tasia, and America’s Most Haunted, and plans to work her way up the management chain. She is enjoying the Florida sun.

Jonathan “Seth” McCall ’90 is a senior regional district manager for ISS Facility Services. He lives in Barrington, N.H., with his fiancée, Sheri Foley. They are planning a June 2010 wedding, at which time they and their four boys will come together as a family. Seth is looking forward to connecting with more Leicester campus alumni while getting involved in alumni activities.

2000s

Ingrid (Gipson) Adade ’05 was recently certified as a financial literacy educator.

Beverly Harris ’06 graduated from Becker with a degree in business administration with a concentration in management. She is pursuing a Master in Special Education at Bay Path College and expects to graduate in 2012.

Sarah Tourtellotte ’08 began her career in hospitality at Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club in Tampa, Fla., and plans to work her way up the management chain. She is enjoying the Florida sun.

IN MEMORIAM

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Anne Koski Oja ’35
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James D. Johnson ’77
Lisa Reimann Simpson ’79
Thomas P. Sutkaitis ’79
Jane E. Kenyon ’87
Susan Kursyka Richards ’96
William H. Preston, Jr. ’04
Lisa Lauring Kennedy ’05

UNKNOWN CLASS YEAR

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When Adam Pietruskiewicz ’40 is gone, he wants to be sure, first and foremost, that he has provided for those who he cares for the most — his beloved wife tops that list, of course, among other dear family members. In his trust, certainly he thought about them first. But he didn’t forget about his favorite charities. Nor did he forget about Becker College.

“Becker provided me with a foundation in accounting that has served me well over the years. I wanted to show my appreciation,” he says, explaining that his Becker education saw him through some turbulent times. After earning a business diploma from Becker, Uncle Sam grabbed him for a four-year tour in the U.S. Army, and although the Great Depression had waned, when he was discharged, jobs were still tight. His Becker diploma was a step toward furthering his education at Oklahoma City and Washington universities and ultimately a successful 20-year career as an auditor for the U.S. government’s Health and Life Insurance Program.

— Adam Pietruskiewicz ’40 pictured with his wife, Paula

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