



(Left) After a long day at school, three elementary school students indulge in some ice cream. Junior **Alex Tallarico**, who has been going to Pitt Street Pharmacy since he was 3 years old, said the place “has a nostalgic feeling. When I think about childhood, I think about the Pitt Street Pharmacy. Riding my bike or skateboard down to the pharmacy with friends. You all meet there and have lunch.” *photo// Ted Fairchild*



Owner and head pharmacist **Kim Richardson** emphasizes the personalization that compounding can provide in dosage. (Bottom left) People sticking their gum under the counter is a decades-long tradition. “It’s called ‘Rainbow Row,’ just like in old Charleston,” **Tallarico** said. “If you think about it, it’s kind of gross, but it adds character and tells a story.” *photos// Ted Fairchild and Graham McAlister*



(Above) The Pitt Street Pharmacy, founded in 1937, serves as a place for kids to come to relax after school, along with an in-house, compounding pharmacy. Richardson said that 95 percent of the pharmacy’s medicines are made on site. To see more about the pharmacy and its traditions, see the [tribaltribune.org](http://tribaltribune.org). *photo// Graham McAlister*

## ‘A place like this’

Pitt Street Pharmacy is a Mount Pleasant institution. Located on 111 Pitt St. in the Old Village, the business has served as a watering hole and compounding pharmacy for 82 years. Now owned by Kim Richardson, it is one of the few places left that still maintains its old-town charm.



Many locals have made eating at the pharmacy part of their routine, some of them even paying by tab. The place gives kids and adults alike a flashback into the past. “Every time I’d be in there, the owner of the place would come up to you and strike up conversations with you,” **Tallarico** said. “The people who work there, you know them, they know you. They know everyone that comes in there personally.” *photo// Graham McAlister*



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