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## We Meet Again



Class of '61 highlights big weekend at  
34th annual BNDM/Reunion Dinner Dance



As the incoming president of the University at Buffalo Dental Alumni Association, it is my privilege to serve and represent the thousands of alumni of the great institution that we graduated from. I'm not only speaking of "the dental school," but rather the University at Buffalo as a whole. Too often, I hear my colleagues and myself make this distinction, and I feel we lose some of the pride of the university—the largest public university in New York State.

In this regard, it is an exciting time for the alumni association of the dental school. Membership in the UB Dental Alumni Association also includes membership in the University at Buffalo's Alumni Association. This will be a great way to mirror our pride for the dental school with our pride for the university.

Very soon, Squire Hall will be even busier than the normal hustle and bustle of dental students, faculty, administrators and staff. I am very excited to report that the university has promised a multi-million dollar loan for renovations to the dental school. It is obvious that this is much needed to update the school, especially the preclinical and clinical areas. Given the dental school's sterling reputation both nationally and internationally, it is imperative to match the tangible—physical building—with the intangible—an excellent reputation.

# FROM THE PRESIDENT



Likewise, the UB Dental Alumni Association is working at full speed to reach out and form regional chapters across the

country. It's easy to forget that graduates and colleagues practice outside Western New York. The association, rightfully so, believes that it is important to identify these regional areas and establish functional chapters. It will be an invaluable way to foster camaraderie, spirit and pride, while providing the opportunity to host continuing education classes and social events. Assistance from alumni is critical for this initiative to be a success.

Dean Michael Glick is an active participant and supporter of the alumni association; he unites the school with its alumni. He works tirelessly to operate a functional and successful dental school. At this time, a figurative noose has been placed around the neck of the school due to the financial crisis of the state; yet, under his leadership, it still thrives.

The school needs its alumni now more than ever. Your time, voices, expertise and finances are critical.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joshua Hutter" followed by "'05" in smaller letters.

*Joshua Hutter, '05, president, UB Dental Alumni Association*

**ON THE COVER:**

Downtown Buffalo hosted 2,600 attendees of the annual Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting in October. Insets: John LeFevre, Roger Triftshauser and John Marasco, all '61.

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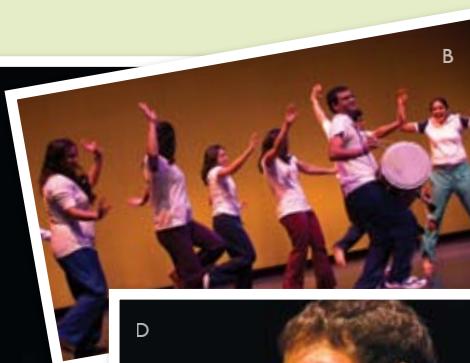
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## Talent show highlights

Dental students and faculty tend to be a well-rounded bunch whose talents extend far beyond the realm of dentistry. That was evident at the 16th annual SDM Talent Show held Jan. 20 in the Center for the Arts Drama Theatre, North Campus.

The show featured SDM students, faculty and staff performing musical and comedy routines, among others, in front of their peers. Performances included an alto sax medley by staff member Karen Henry; an El Asatok dance routine; a freestyle soccer demonstration from Josh McPhee, '15; a pipa solo by Yiching Wu,

'14; and "Mission Impossible 5: No Kash Accepted," by the Class of 2013.

Joe Rumfola, '02, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry, served as master of ceremonies.

The show is made possible by financial support from the Alan J. Gross Student Resource Fund. Gross was instrumental in starting the talent show, along with Elaine Davis, in 1997. "Alan was really instrumental in getting the show off the ground, and I only wish he were still around to see what a marvelous event it has become," Davis says.

## AIMBE honors Meyer

The American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) has selected Anne Meyer, research associate professor in SDM's Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences, as the 2012 recipient of the Fellow Advocate Award.

The Fellow Advocate Award was created to recognize a Fellow who has made outstanding contributions to advancing federal policies assisting the field of medical and biological engineering.

In announcing this year's award, AIMBE said Meyer has made an indelible mark on the organization over the

course of her 15 years as an AIMBE Fellow, culminating in more than five years of service on its board of directors.



Now AIMBE's treasurer, Meyer also has served as chair of the Council of Societies and the Bylaws Committee, and actively participates in the Women in Medical and Biological Engineering (WIMBE) Committee. Additionally, her work with the Advocacy Committee has greatly advanced AIMBE's mission.

Perhaps Meyer's greatest contribution to AIMBE's public policy efforts was her semi-

A. YICHING WU, '14, PERFORMS "DANCE OF THE YI PEOPLE" ON THE PIPA.

B. MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2013 PERFORM "MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 5: NO KASH ACCEPTED."

C. VOCALIST YVONNE SCHMIDT AND FACULTY MEMBER CHET GARY PERFORM WITH A BAND THAT ALSO INCLUDED FACULTY MEMBERS MICHAEL HATTON, JOHN NASCA, JOE MODICA AND FRANK WOODS.

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E. CLASS OF '13 STUDENTS PERFORM EL ASATOK DANCE. FROM LEFT: JENN BALON, BINAL PATEL, BARBARA HNIZDA, CAITLIN DEITZ, HARGUN SINGH, SANDRA NAIROOZ AND JILLIAN ROZANSKI.

nal role in founding AIMBE's Federal Symposium in 2005. The Federal Symposium has become a hallmark of AIMBE's advocacy efforts, forming lasting relationships with lawmakers and demonstrating one of the clearest and most tangible means of advocacy for AIMBE Fellows.

For the past four decades, Meyer has had a substantial impact through her extensive research on biosurfaces, biomaterials and biomedical implants. Her work has been published extensively. In addition to her research, Meyer's teaching ensures continued advancement in the field.

Meyer received the award in February during an AIMBE event in Washington, D.C.

## 3 CARES marks 10th anniversary

SDM's groundbreaking social work program CARES—Counseling, Advocacy, Referral, Education and Service—is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Created in 2001 as an innovative solution to address access to oral health care issues faced by a diverse population in Western New York, CARES allows SDM students to directly benefit from increased patient retention rates, which translate to more clinical experiences.

In addition, dental students work in partnership with area social workers to gain firsthand experience in addressing the complex psychosocial needs of a diverse patient population.

The program was conceived in May 2000 when the deans from the schools of Dental Medicine (Louis Goldberg) and Social Work (Lawrence Shulman) discussed the opportunity for collaboration to better understand and serve patients.

In addition to serving patients, the CARES program has contributed to the education of dental students and social work students by providing a multidisciplinary environment. Through interactions with the social workers and social work interns, dental students learn how psychosocial issues can impact their patients' ability to receive dental care. Dental students also are exposed to the

different services and interventions offered by the social workers, which they can recreate while working in their practices.

Over the past decade, the program has forged the development of an entirely new field of social work in dentistry.

## AAID honors Buhite

Robert Buhite Sr., a clinical associate professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry, received the American Academy of Implant Dentistry's top award this past fall.

Buhite received the academy's 2011 Aaron Gershkoff Memorial Award, presented Oct. 22 during the organization's 60th annual meeting in Las Vegas.

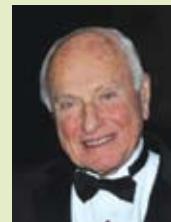
Buhite began teaching implant

procedures both at UB and the Eastman Dental Center, in Rochester, in the 1960s and 1970s. After

serving on the faculty of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine from 1986 to 1993, Buhite was invited to start up the implant program at UB's School of Dental Medicine in 1993.

Buhite has received several prestigious awards throughout his career.

He practices with his son, Robert II, an SDM alumnus and also a clinical associate professor in Restorative Dentistry, three days a week in Irondequoit, N.Y.



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## TAILGATE TIME

MORE THAN 120 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE ANNUAL AMERICAN STUDENT DENTAL ASSOCIATION TAILGATE PARTY FOR THE BUFFALO BILLS' 2011 HOME OPENER ON SEPT. 18 AGAINST THE OAKLAND RAIDERS. ATTENDEES HAD FUN AT THE TAILGATE PARTY AND IN THE STANDS, AS THEY WATCHED THE BILLS WIN A THRILLER, 38-35.

## 5 Helping those less fortunate

UB's annual Adopt-a-Family drive had a dental school connection as Eileen Collins, business operations manager for the UB dental clinics, spearheaded a group of SDM employees who made the holidays a little brighter for a family in need. Collins' group adopted the family of Sally Bethea. Expecting to pick up one gift, Bethea was beside herself when she learned that an entire table full of gifts was for her family—thanks to the SDM employees' generosity.

"I just can't believe it," Bethea, the single mother of a 17-year-old daughter, said over and over during a holiday celebration in Allen Hall a few days before Christmas. "It's just a wonderful thing."

Years ago, Collins was herself a single mother struggling to make the holidays special for her son. "His elementary school came through for us, so I wanted to do this for someone else," said Collins, participating in her second Adopt-a-Family.

This was the third year UB employees helped needy families. The Office of Community Rela-



**SALLY BETHEA IS OVERWHELMED WHEN EILEEN COLLINS, SDM'S MANAGER OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS, TELLS HER THE ENTIRE TABLE OF GIFTS IS FOR HER FAMILY. PHOTO CREDIT: NANCY J. PARISI**

tions started the program to help struggling families, mostly single moms, make the holidays brighter. Local faith-based and human services organizations recommend families for the program.

"We try to provide UB with single mothers because they're the ones who need the most help, especially during the holidays," said Jerome Wright, director of Back to Basics Outreach Ministries.

## 6 Buffalo hosts ASDA regional meeting

The photo below was taken at the 2011 American Student Dental Association Eastern Regional Meeting in September. SDM students pictured are, front row, from left: Catherine Adamson, '12; Ariana Weissend, '14; Mallory Grossman, '14; Ashley Mears, '14; Lauren Vitkus, '14; Elizabeth Lozier, '13; and Caitlin Deitz, '13. Back row, from left: Michael Weinstein, '14; Zachary Teach, '14; Zachary Logozio, '14; Carl Embury, '13; Eric Murawski, '14; Rick Andolina, '13; Timothy Calnon, '13; Matthew Valerio,

'14; and Phong Chung, '14.

UB School of Dental Medicine students welcomed nearly 100 of their peers from across the East Coast for the ASDA Eastern Regional meeting held in the Buffalo Hyatt Regency hotel Sept. 23-25, 2011.

During the meeting, the SDM ASDA chapter received a Recognition Award for outstanding contributions to the national organization.

SDM Dean Michael Glick welcomed the attendees. William Calnon, '78, who became American Dental Association president in October, offered remarks on the importance of organized dentistry. Calnon's son, Tim, '13, is an ASDA District 2 trustee and helped plan the regional meeting.

Another SDM alumnus, Roger Triftshauser, '61, motivated the attendees by explain-

ing how to become a leader through the qualities of caring, listening and involvement.

The three-day event featured numerous sessions ranging from Hot Topics in Dentistry to individual district caucuses. ASDA President Adam Shisler, '12, of Texas-Houston, delivered the State of the Association address.

The meeting wasn't all business, however. Outside the sessions, SDM students showed their out-of-town guests a good time with planned evening activities around Buffalo.

There were even a few surprises, such as when, on the evening of the leadership reception on Saturday, the New England Patriots arrived in the hotel in advance of their game the following day against the Buffalo Bills.

For 2012, the separate regional meetings are being replaced with one national leadership conference scheduled to take place Nov. 2-4 in Chicago.

## 7 SDM welcomes new additions

In the Department of Restorative Dentistry, new part-time faculty include James Blake, '85; Edward Dwyer, '93; John Nasca, '87; Nancy Mufalli-Miller, '97; Jessica Blakely; Ronald Boyd, '78; and Eiad Elathamna, MS, Prosthodontics Certificate '11.

Returning to teach following retirement are Gerard Wieczkowski, '69, and Michael Skrip, '77. Lisa DeLucia, '08, joined the faculty in the Department of Pediatric and Community Dentistry following the retirement of Robert Alexander.

Kumar Neppalli joined Periodontics and Endodontics as a part-time faculty member. In Oral Biology, Libuse Bobek also is returning to teach part-time after her recent retirement.

Clinical Dentistry has three new staff in the instrument management/sterilization unit: Lisa Chudzik, Matthew Kopnak and Robert Whiteside. Joseph Worth



**SANTA'S HELPERS**

SDM WAS WELL REPRESENTED DEC. 17 AT THE CITY OF BUFFALO'S INAUGURAL SANTA CONVENTION IN NIAGARA SQUARE TO BENEFIT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB. PICTURED, FROM LEFT, ON THE STEPS OF CITY HALL ARE SANTA'S "REINDEER": NICOLE HINCHY, '12; KIM NGUYEN, '10; SARAH EVANS, '12; CATHERINE ADAMSON, '12; AND MELISSA BALK, '12. THE TWO SANTAS ARE SEAN KENNELLY, '12, AND DAVID JETTE, '12.



and Debra Constantino joined the dental lab staff in Restorative Dentistry. Research staff include Paula Villoria in Restorative Dentistry and Mohammed Shibly and Rosaria Jennings in Periodontics and Endodontics. Assisting with teaching in Oral Diagnostic Sciences are Khaled Shaikh and Sonia Agrawal.

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**Ruhl promoted**

Stefan Ruhl has been promoted to associate professor with continuing appointment within the Department of Oral Biology. In his pursuit for excellence, Ruhl has received several awards based upon his contributions to professional literature, teaching and mentoring, including three RU-409 grants for his work studying the mechanisms by which bacteria colonize the oral cavity.



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**The Rivo family's remarkable journey**

The recent donation of a circa 1930s dental instrument cabinet to the George W. Ferry Dental Museum uncovered the remarkable journey of the Rivo family and its connections to UB.

The year was 1910, Russia was in the midst of a revolution and in a few short years the world would be at war. Abraham (Edward) Rivo and his oldest son, Yale (Jacob), boarded a ship headed for the United States. They arrived at Ellis Island, then made their way to Buffalo. A few years later, after securing enough money teaching Hebrew, Edward sent for his wife, Sarah, and the rest of their children, including son Max.

A short time ago, I sat down with Suzie Rivo Solender, daughter of the late Max Rivo, '27, who shared her family's story:

"My late father, Dr. Max Rivo, graduated from UB in 1927. I was and am very proud of him. He passed suddenly in 1965, way too early while enjoying a successful dental career. In fact, I was so proud of him that I studied and became a registered dental hygienist. I have the dental cabinet that he and my late mother had saved for when he first opened his practice. Dad was always proud of the success he and his brothers enjoyed."

"Dad's brother, Dr. David Rivo, graduated from the medical school. His brothers, Samuel Rivo and Charles Rivo, graduated from the School of Pharmacy. My cousin, Dr. Morton Rivo, graduated from UB dental school and was practicing as a periodontist in California. His twin brother, Dr. Elliot Rivo, graduated from both the School of Pharmacy as well as the School of Medicine. He retired from practice in Boston, Mass. Many of the other brothers and cousins all graduated from UB. My late brother was also a UB graduate."

"It was amazing that Grandmother Rivo (Sarah) made certain that all her boys were educated properly, something unusual since they all emigrated from Russia between 1910 and 1914. It makes my entire family happy to share something like this from the past."

*—Robin L. Comeau*

**THE RIVO FAMILY'S UB CONNECTIONS:**

Max Rivo  
*Dentistry 1927*

David L. Rivo  
*Medicine*

Charles B. Rivo  
*Pharmacy*

Samuel Rivo  
*Pharmacy*

Julius Rivo  
*Business*

Morton G. Rivo  
*Dentistry 1957*

Elliot Rivo  
*Pharmacy & Medicine 1958*

Bernard Rivo  
*Medicine*

Harvey Rivo  
*Law*

Julian Rivo  
*Management*

Edgar C. Rivo  
*Business Administration*

Edward C. Rivo  
*Law*

SUZIE RIVO SOLENDER, DAUGHTER OF THE LATE MAX RIVO, '27, IS PICTURED WITH HER FATHER'S DENTAL SCHOOL PORTRAIT AND THE DENTAL CABINET THAT HE SAVED FOR WHEN HE FIRST OPENED HIS PRACTICE.

# THE WAIT IS OVER

Students reflect on past while reveling in great news about future at match day

By DAVID J. HILL

For Ari Cohen, '12, dental school was a much different academic experience than the liberal arts-centered coursework he took as an undergraduate art major with little science background.

"I didn't even know if I'd make it through my first year, so today makes all of that worth it," the Bethel, N.Y., native says with a bright smile. "Today" is Monday, Jan. 30, 2012, also known as Student Match Day. It's the day fourth-year dental students find out to which general dentistry or other advanced dentistry program they've been accepted.



ARI COHEN, '12, WAS ACCEPTED TO NEW YORK-PRESBYTERIAN/COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER IN NEW YORK CITY.

About five years ago, New York State began requiring that dental school graduates enroll in a postdoctoral program before entering the profession full time. That can be done through advanced education in general

dentistry and general practice residency programs, or through programs in oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, endodontics, oral pathology, oral radiology, prosthodontics or periodontics.

The Postdoctoral Dental Matching Program assists students in obtaining the position of their choice and helps programs select applicants. Students use a nationwide clearing house to rank their preferred programs of study. Each program then submits a rank-order list of applicants to whom it is prepared to offer a position, along with the number of positions available. Applicants are placed in their most preferred program that has not already filled all of its available positions.

Student Match Day is the culmination of months of hard work for the

students—in addition to their dental studies—that involves figuring out which type of program they want to apply to and where. Then there are applications to fill out, which are followed by as many as a dozen interviews, depending on the number of hospital or school-based programs the student has applied to.

Those occur in the fall. Students then wait...and wait...and wait, until the end of January when notifications are sent via email and the students find out which program has accepted them.

For some, they're happy just to be accepted into a program. For others, there's the jubilation and relief of being admitted into one of their top choices, if not their No. 1 pick. Either way, it's a proud moment for the school and its students.

Cohen learned he's been accepted into the one-year general practice residency program at his No. 1 choice, New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center in New York City. Cohen declined a previous offer in the hope that he would be accepted to Columbia.

"I'm a little shocked to be honest," says Cohen, who plans to work in restorative dentistry. "I was kind of hoping things would work out. I didn't know if they would. I turned down another offer a few weeks ago and was a little nervous, but [SDM Director of Student Services]

Karen [Miller] told me to go for the gold and I got it."

For many of the students, sleeping Sunday night was nearly impossible. "I couldn't sleep, that's for sure. I was just anxious to know. I've been waiting since dental school started to know where my next step was," says Cohen.

Rochester, N.Y., native Donald Pitcher was accepted into one of his top choices, the oral and maxillofacial surgery program at Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C., a level one trauma center.

"I was pumped," Pitcher says. "I was sitting in a lecture and kept refreshing my phone to get that email confirmation. My mom sent me a text message at like 7 o'clock saying that she was praying for me. It was a nice message from my mom, but I was a little disappointed that it wasn't the email everyone was waiting for."

Once he got the email, Pitcher called his fiancée to share the good news. "It's an absolutely incredible program," he says. "It has extremely diverse training. It's a really well-rounded program and the faculty members are impressive."



DONALD PITCHER, '12, WAS ACCEPTED TO WASHINGTON HOSPITAL CENTER IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



SDM DEAN MICHAEL GLICK CHATS WITH STUDENTS.



PHOTOS BY JASON CHWIRUT

Pitcher felt good about his chances, but it was still a nerve-racking wait. “Buffalo has a great reputation. A lot of programs know what type of dentist is coming out of UB, but it was still tough to wait.”

In addition to getting accepted to a strong program, Pitcher is happy to be back in the D.C. area. He received his undergraduate degree from Loyola College in Baltimore and his fiancée has family in the area.

Pitcher begins his new chapter July 1. “There’s not a whole lot of time (after graduation), but I’m going to make sure I do a lot of fishing before then,” he says.

While most applicants began applying in the fall, Melissa Balk’s application process actually was completed by August, and then the interviews began. The Williamsville, N.Y., resident applied to programs across the country and has been accepted to the pediatric dentistry program at Children’s Hospital in Pittsburgh.

“The whole process is overwhelming. It takes forever, but it’s really rewarding in the end,” says Balk, who developed an interest in pediatric dentistry after participating in outreach events as a dental student, particularly with Buffalo Outreach and Community Assistance (BOCA).

For Balk, the great news she received on match day gave her time to pause and reflect on her dental school career. “I look



MELISSA BALK, '12, OF WILLIAMSVILLE, WAS ADMITTED TO THE PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY PROGRAM AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN PITTSBURGH.

back to when I got into dental school. It made me think of that day I was accepted. I feel like it’s the same type of thing over again. You’re accepted to the next level of your education. I’m happy to be moving on to the next step, in the direction I was hoping.”

Long Island native Paul Canallatos is happy to be staying in Buffalo. He was admitted to the GPR program at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Roswell doesn’t participate in the match program, so Canallatos received his good news on Dec. 16.

“They sent me an email at 4:35 p.m. and I remember the time. It was just as I was finishing up with my last patient before Christmas break,” he says.

Although the Sunday before match day wasn’t stressful for him, Canallatos says he sympathized with his SDM peers. “I was nervous for everyone,” he says.

Canallatos says he’s “beyond thrilled” to be going to Roswell, citing the facility and staff. But he was concerned, initially, about the prospect of working in a cancer hospital. “When I first applied

there, I told them one of the things I was most nervous about was that I didn’t know if I was emotionally strong enough to go there because you see a lot of tough things and I wear my heart on my sleeve,” he says. “Once I saw how they deal with it and that they see compassion as a good thing and they want you to be emotionally involved, that’s when I knew it was a good place for me.”

Canallatos feels he’s ready to go into professional dentistry, but he appreciates the opportunity to further hone his skills at Roswell. “I think it gives you the opportunity to build up being more proficient and efficient,” he says of the New York State policy. “Roswell would expose me to so much more and that’s what I like.”

Like many of his peers, Canallatos views the news about the next step in his dental career as an opportunity to reflect on four years at SDM.

“I always tell all the new people that the days are long, but the years are short,” he says. “That’s just how it feels. It really did fly by.”



PAUL CANALLATOS, '12, IS STAYING LOCAL. HE WAS ACCEPTED TO ROSWELL PARK CANCER INSTITUTE'S GENERAL PRACTICE RESIDENCY PROGRAM.

# OHRBACH LEADS MAJOR JAW PAIN STUDY

By ELLEN GOLDBAUM



illions of Americans are affected by painful jaw problems known as TMD—temporomandibular disorders—but predicting who is at risk has been extremely difficult.

This past fall, researchers in the UB School of Dental Medicine published, for the first time, a comprehensive set of clinical characteristics that they say will lead to the ability to identify individuals at risk for developing the painful conditions.

Their new clinical assessments will help researchers and clinicians better understand TMD and other pain conditions in order to find ways to better manage and treat them.

Published in the November issue of the *Journal of Pain*, the UB research results are part of the Orofacial Pain Prospective Evaluation and Risk Assessment (OPPERA) study, which followed 3,200 initially pain-free individuals for three to five years.

It is the largest clinical study ever conducted of pain conditions and how they develop.

The UB researchers, led by Richard Ohrbach, DDS, PhD, associate professor of oral diagnostic sciences in the School of Dental Medicine, have been studying pain and TMD for several decades. Ohrbach is the lead author on the paper.

"The UB role in the project was to develop well-designed examination procedures to help dentists and other health care providers identify risk factors for TMD," says Ohrbach.

Ohrbach and his co-authors studied 71 different clinical variables in 1,633 controls—individuals who never had TMD—and in 185 people with chronic painful TMD.

They assessed the individuals through lengthy questionnaires about health histories and current symptoms, and through clinical exams. Participants were from Western New York, Maryland, North Carolina and Florida.

**"The UB role in the project was to develop well-designed examination procedures to help dentists and other health care providers identify risk factors for TMD."**

The UB researchers found that a very high rate of the variables they assessed, 59 out of 71, were significantly associated with painful TMD.

"Our results indicate that individuals with TMD differ substantially from the controls across almost all of the variables we assessed," says Ohrbach.

TMD sufferers tended to have significantly higher levels of the following variables: trauma to the jaw, non-pain symptoms in the facial area, jaw locking and noises, and pain during such jaw movements as chewing, smiling or talking. Ohrbach notes that while the last two findings were clearly expected, very little has been known about the first two findings.

In particular, the UB researchers found that TMD sufferers reported a much higher rate of neural and sensory medical conditions, such as earaches, tinnitus or hearing loss, fainting and dizziness, as well as seizures due to epilepsy and other conditions.

Ohrbach says the study also confirmed many findings that long have been associated with TMD but which have not, until now, been proven in a comprehensive, large-scale study.

Among these is the finding that any pain disorder, such as headache, backache and abdominal pain, is more likely to occur in TMD patients than in people who do not have TMD.

"Why are other pain disorders more common in people with TMD?" asks Ohrbach. "Is it because

those pain conditions predispose them to develop TMD or do they develop TMD first and does TMD lead them to then develop other pain disorders?"

To answer these and other related questions, Ohrbach says he and his colleagues will next look at comorbidity.

"We'll be tracking these multiple pain disorders over time with particular variables," he says.

Ultimately, the findings will be geared toward a better understanding of pain conditions in general.

"How do we understand the pain? How do we establish a reliable and clinically useful marker of pain so that significant pain can be more readily diagnosed?" asks Ohrbach.

The OPPERA study was funded by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.



RICHARD OHRBACH WAS LEAD AUTHOR ON THE LARGEST CLINICAL STUDY OF PAIN CONDITIONS AND HOW THEY DEVELOP. THE RESEARCH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE NOVEMBER 2011 ISSUE OF THE JOURNAL OF PAIN.

# SDM RESEARCH UPDATE

School of Dental Medicine researchers are off to a good start in 2012. Anne Meyer, SDM's associate dean for research, reports that the total of FY12 funding through mid-January is approximately \$4.6 million (total costs for project starts in FY12).

Since the beginning of FY12 in July 2011, SDM proposals have been submitted with a total value of \$20 million. The "Year 1" total value for the same proposals is \$5.3 million. The subset of FY12 proposals funded to date has a total value of \$2.4 million, a Year 1 value of \$800,000.

In FY11, SDM proposals with a total value of \$33 million were sent out. The Year 1 total value for the same proposals was \$9.9 million. The subset of FY11 proposals funded to date has a total value of \$6.9 million, a Year 1 value of \$2.8 million.

At right is a listing of the 19 new projects recorded so far this year. Six are supported by federal funds, three by foundations or institutes and 10 by industry.

In addition, many other externally funded projects are continuing under the leadership of investigators, including Sebastiano Andreana, Restorative Dentistry; Robert Baier, Oral Diagnostic Sciences; Olga Baker, Oral Biology; Sebastian Ciancio, Periodontics and Endodontics; Cynthia DuPont; Mira Edgerton, Oral Biology; Robert Genco, Oral Biology; Michael Glick, dean; Yoly Gonzalez-Stucker, Oral Diagnostic Sciences; Violet Haraszthy, Restorative Dentistry; Chunhao Li, Oral Biology; Maciej Lis, Oral Biology; Carlos Munoz-Viveros, Restorative Dentistry; Richard Ohrbach, Oral Diagnostic Sciences; Carole Pantera, Periodontics and Endodontics; Eugene Pantera, Periodontics and Endodontics; Stefan Ruhl, Oral Biology; Alan Ruttenberg, Oral Diagnostic Sciences; Camila Sabatini, Restorative Dentistry; Frank Scannapieco, Oral Biology; Robert Schifferle, Periodontics and Endodontics; Ashu Sharma, Oral Biology; Othman Shibly, Periodontics and Endodontics; Jenny Sy-Munoz, Restorative Dentistry; and Joseph Zambon, Periodontics and Endodontics.

UB SDM faculty and students will be the presenting authors or co-authors on 29 presentations during the 2012 AADR conference in Tampa, Fla., scheduled for March 21-24.

A total of 52 SDM faculty, staff and students are co-authors on the research selected by AADR for presentation in Tampa. Nearly half of SDM's presentations will be made by dental students (10) and graduate students (three). All four of the dental classes are sending presenters to the meeting, with three from SDM '12, two from SDM '13, four from SDM '14 and one from SDM '15.

Sanjay Bhatt, '14, also will be co-chairing an oral session on "Gene-environment Interactions and Epigenetics in Oral Disease."

Two additional oral sessions will be co-chaired by faculty from the Department of Oral Biology (Stefan Ruhl and Olga Baker). The program for the IADR conference, which is being held separately from the AADR meeting this year (Iguacu Falls, Brazil, June 20-23), is not yet final.

## NEW GRANTS & CONTRACTS

### SUPPORTED BY FEDERAL FUNDS

"An Ontology for Pain-Centered Disability, Mental Health and Quality of Life," Ceusters, principal investigator; Ohrbach, co-investigator; funded by NIH

"School-Based Mobile Dental Van for Chautauqua and Erie Counties," Bernat, PI; Jones, Harris, Colombo; HRSA

"Oral Streptococci-Enterococci Peptide-Mediated Intercellular Communication," Vickerman, PI; NIH

"Joules, Genes, and Behaviors: A Multifactorial Assessment of TMD Risk Indicators," Gonzalez-Stucker, PI; McCall, Ohrbach; NIH via University of Missouri-Kansas City

"Amylase Binding Streptococci, Dental Plaque, and Caries," Scannapieco, PI; Haase; NIH

"TMJ Intra-Articular Disorders: Impact on Pain, Functioning, and Disability," Ohrbach, PI; Gonzalez-Stucker; NIH via University of Minnesota

### SUPPORTED BY FOUNDATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS OR INSTITUTES

"2011 Michael Matloff Memorial Teaching Fellowship: Pursue the Excellence of Orthodontics Teaching and Research," Guan, PI; American Association of Orthodontics

"School-Based Mobile Dental Van in Chautauqua County," Jones, PI; Harris, Bernat, Colombo; Ralph P. Sheldon Foundation

"Low Level Laser Therapy... Trigeminal Neuralgia," Mang, PI; Jacobs Neurological Institute

### SUPPORTED BY INDUSTRY

"Contact Angle Analysis of Coatings," Meyer, PI; Semprus Biosciences

"The Effect of Immediate vs. Early Loading (six weeks) of Nobel Active Implants on the Esthetical Outcome," Shibly, PI; Nobel Biocare

"Fellowship Educational Grant," Ciancio, PI; Johnson and Johnson

"UB CAT: Testing of Proprietary Products in Support of Medical R&D Efforts," Bush, PI; Greatbatch Medical

"Tissue Friction Tests with Pharmaceutical Products," Meyer, PI; DSM Pharmaceutical Products Inc.

"Clinical Evaluation of an In-Office Desensitizing Paste for the Relief of Dentin Hypersensitivity," Antonson, PI; Colgate-Palmolive Co.

"The Clinical Efficacy after Brushing with a Fluoride Toothpaste on Oral Bacteria," Haraszthy, PI; Colgate-Palmolive Co.

"UB CAT: Saliva Spectral Analysis for New Fertility Diagnostic," Ruhl, PI; Oratel Diagnostics LLC

"A Study of Cream Denture Adhesive for Preventing Food Particles from Becoming Trapped Under Full Upper and Lower Dentures," Munoz, PI; GlaxoSmithKline

"Effects of a Mouthwash Containing Chlorine Dioxide on Gingivitis," Genco, PI; Schifferle; BASF Venture Capital of America Inc.

# DEAN GLICK RECEIVES EDITORIAL AWARD

For the second consecutive year, Michael Glick, DMD, professor and dean of the School of Dental Medicine, has been awarded the American Dental Education Association's William J. Gies Foundation First Place Editorial Award. He received the award at the association's annual meeting in October in Las Vegas.

Glick received the award for his editorial in the March 2010 Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA) "Education and Training: Two Different Proficiencies Necessary to Provide Oral Health Care." Glick won the same award in 2010 for his JADA editorial "Expanding the Dentist's Role in Health Care Delivery. Is it time to discard the Procrustean Bed?"

The award, presented annually by the Gies Foundation of the ADEA, is named for William J. Gies, a Columbia University biochemistry professor who, in 1926, published a landmark report on dental education in the U.S. and Canada.

Each year, dental editors from across the country submit their best editorials to be considered for the award. The editorials are reviewed by the William J. Gies Foundation Editorial Award Judging Committee, which makes the selection.

Glick, who became dean in December 2009, is editor of JADA, the premier, peer-reviewed journal in dentistry. Glick is known for his innovative, medicine-oriented approach to dental care; he is an advocate for having dental students think of themselves as health care professionals first and dentists second.

This is the third year in a row that an SDM faculty member has won the award. In addition to Glick's award last year, Chester J. Gary, DDS, JD, clinical assistant professor of restorative dentistry, was the recipient in 2009.

Glick has published more than 200 articles, book chapters and monographs on topics related to oral medicine. He also has led the way in the area of clinical dental care for medically complex patients, including those with HIV.

He is a proponent of dentists becoming involved in the overall health and well-being of their patients, which may include chair-side screening of patients for cardiovascular disease and other chronic illnesses.

—Sara Saldi

**“**We need to teach our dental students not only what we know today but what they will need to know to be oral health care professionals 10, 15, even 20 years from now. We need to teach them how to use techniques that do not exist, to use materials and equipment that have yet to be invented, to provide services that have yet to be defined, and to oversee the provision of oral health care services by aides whose knowledge and scope of practice are limited.”

—DEAN MICHAEL GLICK,  
JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION  
(MARCH 2010)



PHOTO BY DOUGLAS LEVERE

In 2008, Blasdell, N.Y., resident Loretta Pietras came to the dental clinic for the first time. She's been back several times in the four years since, because of the complexity of her case. Pietras had 10 of her upper teeth crowned before coming to UB but began to experience complications. After multiple procedures at the clinic, Pietras underwent her final surgery, on her bottom teeth, in February, giving her the smile she has long sought.



### Why did you choose UB?

I knew that something was seriously wrong. I had been in constant, moderate-to-severe pain for a very long time. After many dental consultations and totally rejecting their answers, I became very sad and confused. I needed help. I desperately wanted help and someone to lead me in that direction. So I came to UB looking for help, guidance and an expert level of care.

### How was your first meeting?

I had many questions and concerns about implants and related surgery, as well as the financial burden this would put on my family. I spoke with Dr. Monaco to see if I was a candidate, and I was! Those words were so overwhelming that I cried the whole ride home. This meant relief—no more constant daily pain and infections.

### What have you had done at the UB clinic?

Each cap had to come off and they had to look underneath. They determined the teeth weren't going to be salvageable. I had surgery and temporary implants. The big thing is, they're palateless. The surgery was wonderful. I can't say it was painless, but for the most part, it was.

### How would you rate your experience at the clinic over these four years?

It was a really great experience for me. And it was a great experience for the dental students. Thank God for UB, because with visiting all the other dentists and what this would cost, it was all out of pocket for me. I was receiving estimates of almost \$60,000. I'm very pleased with what's transpired at UB. I know it takes a little longer, but it's a collaborative effort. It's a great thing.

### What about the students who've handled your case?

Dr. Kamolphob Phasuk is overseeing my whole file. He's going to be a great dentist. He has a great personality. You can see how he really loves what he's doing. You get an opportunity to grasp what really goes on at UB, it's really amazing.

### How would you rate the level of care you received?

UB has high standards. It's at the same level of other professional dental groups. They're using up-to-date equipment and procedures. These students are using what you would see at any regular dentist. They're at that level. You're not getting an archaic level of care. They're really good. I've recommended a lot of people to go there.

### What stands out about your experience?

It all worked out great, and it's not only huge for me, but for the dental students, too. They're doing this [work] as postgraduates. What a great experience for them to have before they go out into the real world. And I was a big project, it's not like I was just getting a cavity filled!

# BARRETT'S LEGACY LIVES ON

*William Cary Barrett*, the dental school's first dean, served from 1892 until his death in 1903. But even in death, he continues to serve through the scholarships and prize that bear his name.

The son of a clergyman, Barrett was born May 13, 1834, in Monroe County, N.Y. His early education was obtained at Kingsville Academy in Ohio and at the Carey Seminary and Yates Academy in New York State. In his youth, he did newspaper work and taught in different literary institutions in the state. This early training in the art of writing proved to be of great use in later years.

He began studying medicine in 1863, but changed to dentistry a year later and received a Master of Dental Surgery degree in 1869 from the Dental Society of New York State. Settling in Warsaw, N.Y., he practiced dentistry there until 1876, when he came to Buffalo.

In 1877, he began to study medicine at the UB medical school, receiving his MD in 1881. At the same time, he attended lectures at the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery in Philadelphia and graduated from that institution with a DDS in 1880. In 1881, he became a member of the Erie County Medical Society.

Having much experience in the field of journalism, Barrett became interested in 1882 in the *Independent Practitioner*, a periodical devoted to dental medicine and surgery. He served as editor until 1888.

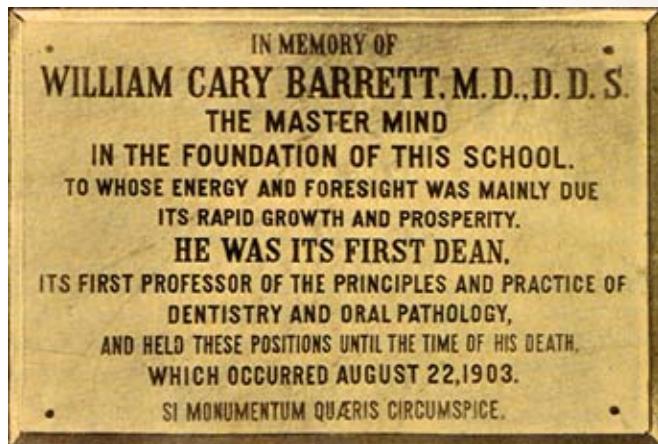
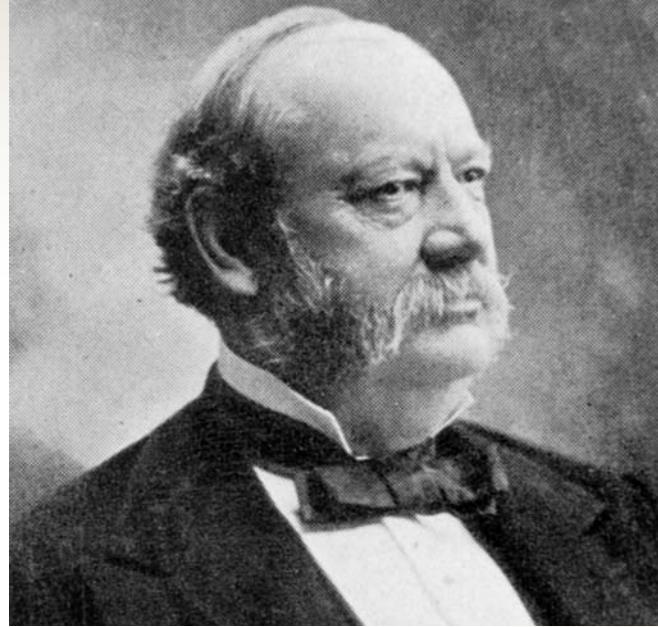
In 1889, he was elected professor of dental anatomy and pathology at the Chicago College of Dental Surgery. He maintained his Buffalo residence, visiting Chicago whenever necessary.

For a number of years he was consulting oral surgeon to the Buffalo General Hospital.

Barrett was appointed lecturer of oral pathology at the UB medical school and in 1890 was promoted to full professor.

In 1892, he was called upon to organize the dental department of the University of Buffalo. He was appointed professor of principles and practice of dentistry and of oral pathology, and was elected the department's first dean. He was the only member of the original faculty who had experience in dental education. The equipment of the department, planning of the curriculum, selection of teachers and much detail was left principally to him. Under his expert guidance, the fine standards that remain to this day were set down.

Barrett maintained an extensive library of books on professional, scientific and general subjects. Additionally, he had a



THIS PLAQUE PAYS HOMAGE TO WILLIAM CARY BARRETT, SDM'S FIRST DEAN. IT WAS ATTACHED TO THE OLD DENTAL SCHOOL BUILDING, NEXT TO THE ENTRANCE.

fine collection of the small implements of war, including many guns of ancient and modern type, bayonets, swords, lances and a number of cruder weapons.

## CONTINUING SERVICE

Barrett made provisions in his will to ensure that his good works would carry on far into the future. His will, dated June 13, 1903, included the following provisions:

*"After death of wife, residuary estate to Council of the University in trust for investment: 1) \$100.00 of the income or interest to be used for the Barrett Prize to be awarded annually and 2) any further income to scholarships of \$100.00 each for needy dental students; such scholarships shall be called the Barrett Foundation Scholarships"*

These monies had a historical value of \$26,944 and a current market value of \$288,744. In 2011, more than \$17,000 was awarded in scholarships. The Barrett Prize is awarded to the student who has the highest scholastic average over the four years of dental school. The recipient of this prize also receives the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity Academic Achievement Award and becomes a member of Alpha Omega fraternity.

Sources: *Dementia* 2:8 May 1934  
—Compiled by Robin L. Comeau

# George W. Ferry Dental Museum

George W. Ferry, '78, took great pride in curating the dental school's museum collection, which he helped establish in 1992. For his efforts, the museum now will bear his name.

Ferry served on the School of Dental Medicine's centennial committee, organized by then-SDM Dean William Feagans, in 1992. One of the goals of the committee was to establish a permanent museum in the dental school's main lobby. The museum houses a collection of dental artifacts, including antique dentures, donated by Harold Ortman, '41. The Ortman denture collection includes a 17th-century set of carved ivory dentures.

Ferry volunteered to participate in the centennial planning committee soon after its creation. Feagans created and endowed the position of curator upon the exhibit's completion. Ferry served as its only curator until he retired in October 2010. He even created the circa 1900 dental operatory, displayed in Squire Hall (and pictured on this page).

A ceremony marking the collection's new name—the George W. Ferry Dental Museum—will be held soon. In the meantime, the school is accepting various donations to further grow the exhibit.

Donations to the museum's "wish list" are greatly appreciated. Items include photographs depicting dental school student life prior to 1986; composite class photographs for graduating years 1907-1914; newspaper articles pertaining to the dental school; pre-1900 dental equipment and tools in excellent condition; advertising literature or posters featuring dental products, pre-1940.

A fund has been established for the museum and any monetary donations will be directed toward the purchase of archival display and storage materials.

Digitizing of current artifacts, including images and documents regarding the school's history, eventually will lead to the launch of a digital dental museum and archives.

The school is no longer accepting the following items, according to curator Robin L. Comeau: 20th-century dental units, cabinets, chairs, lights, engines, articulators, amalgamators, X-ray units or steel-handle instruments.

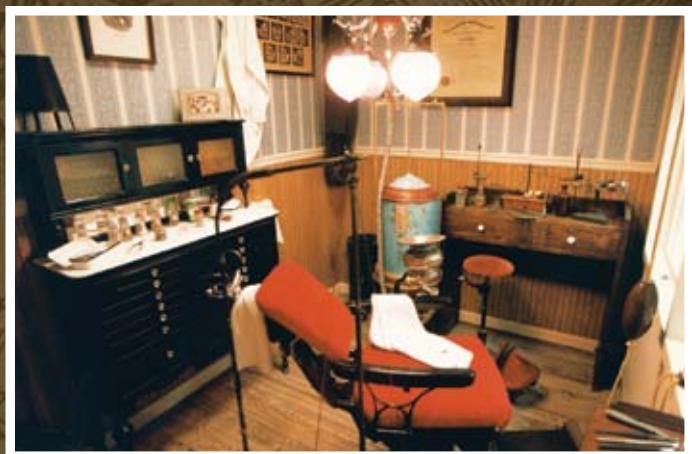
The list also includes professional periodicals, graduation gowns, diplomas, dental licenses, plaques, trophies, awards, patient records and related images, dental business records and any other item in poor condition or that contains mold.

## Thank You!

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# DR. WHIZ STEPS DOWN

By JIM BISCO

Gerard (Gary) Wieczkowski Jr. broke the mold when he became the only faculty member in the dental school to be named Rookie of the Year by students in 1970 at the beginning of his academic career and Educator of the Year and yearbook dedicatee by the graduating class of 2011 toward the end of his full-time service.

Within those bookended career honors, the associate professor emeritus, affectionately known as "Dr. Whiz" by his students, has influenced several generations in the classroom and clinic over a 42-year career. He officially stepped down from full-time teaching on New Year's Day.

Wieczkowski entered the dental school as a student in 1964. In

his senior year, he was class president and student representative on the search committee for the new dean—William Feagans—to replace the retiring James English.

Immediately after his graduation from the school in 1969, Wieczkowski became a clinical instructor in what was then known as the Department of Operative Dentistry on a teaching fellowship granted to him by Associate Dean Richard Powell.

"People—that's the name of the game here in the dental school. Absolutely wonderful people back then, starting at the top," says Wieczkowski. "Jim English really put [the dental school] on the map. It was kind of a provincial school before he came. Bill Feagans had a heart of gold and was an absolutely wonderful dean. And Dick Powell, who was the epitome of integrity—those three men were my idols, my mentors."

He moved through the ranks to associate professor, was tenured in 1976, and became chair of Operative Dentistry in 1983, serving until it was merged with

four other departments into the Department of Restorative Dentistry in 1994. He served on many committees, including 15 years of service on the Judicial Council, 12 as faculty co-chair.

As a young teacher, Wieczkowski was put in charge of lecturing on a new restorative material at the time—composite resins. Those early materials were the beginning of what developed into the dental bonding movement of today.

During Wieczkowski's tenure as department chair, the department developed a national and international reputation for its research. "The research was primarily focused on different aspects of the bonding technique and whether these composite resins strengthen teeth and whether these bonding agents really do bond to tooth structure," he recalls. "In fact, we were the first group to do what's called back-scattered electron microscopy to study microleakage of the various materials. But credit must go to the operative department's research 'team' that included Drs.

## GOODBYE, HELLO: POST-RETIREMENT TEACHING

By JIM BISCO

Like Gary Wieczkowski, a number of dental school faculty members have chosen to return part time after they retired from full-time duties. While their circumstances may vary, their continued passion for teaching is the primary attraction.

In a career that began here in 1961, Stuart Fischman retired in August 1997 as a tenured professor in oral diagnostic sciences, but he never left. He has maintained an active office at the school as a volunteer with professor emeritus status ever since.

"I took early retirement because at the same time I was working as director of dentistry at ECMC [Erie County Medical Center] and it became increasingly challenging, so I decided to take early retirement and do what I wanted to do," he recalls. "One of

the things I wanted to do was to stay and teach at UB."

Fischman continued to teach oral pathology and oral medicine, giving about a dozen lectures a year. Now, he teaches at UB during summers and the occasional fall, and the rest of the time he and his wife spend in Israel. "I used to go on sabbatical leaves there when I was a full-time faculty member," he says. "After I retired, we were going there more often to see our friends and give support to the dental school there. About four years ago, we took out dual citizenship. I am a visiting professor at the School of Dental Medicine in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem teaching oral pathology as a volunteer. I also help conduct some clinical studies and also serve as chair of the Board of Jewish Healthcare International, which

does volunteer work mainly in former Soviet Union countries. I've been busy."

As for his part-time UB experience, Fischman describes it as a win-win situation. "It's great working with Scott McCall in the department and Michael Glick, who has been a friend of mine for over 20 years. It's a very positive experience—except when it's a hard time finding a place to park."

After a 27-year career as a faculty member in orthodontics, Eugene Lewis retired in August 1996 as associate professor. Thirteen years later, he returned as a clinical associate professor working one day a week.

"I was 60 when I retired and that following year I went into private practice with one of our former residents—just part time because I was missing clinical exposure. So I worked

Robert Joynt, Elaine Davis, Xinyi Yu and Mr. Peter Bush."

Wieczkowski stressed that the operative department was committed to excellent clinical teaching. "Probably what I'm most proud of during my tenure as chair is that we had 28 students do laboratory clinical research and most of them graduated with thesis honors. I still get Christmas cards and calls from these and other former students."

## "I would not trade my career for anything. It's been a dream. If you asked me what would I rather do, I'd say let me do all this again."

Wieczkowski has published more than 30 scientific articles and has lectured around the world. Known as kind, compassionate and supportive to students, he calls teaching dental students the world's greatest profession. His commitment to teaching sound clinical techniques and beneficence toward patients never wavered. In fact, he saved a patient's life in 2004 when she collapsed inside the Squire Hall entrance. His quick

action—first with manual CPR and then an automated external defibrillator—restarted her heart. "We have to do CPR training every two years, but I impress on students that you have to keep it fresh in your mind always. You don't have time to think."

An avid hockey fan, Wieczkowski initiated the Hanau Cup in 1975, an annual ice hockey game between dental school faculty and students. The trophy was

made from his dental torch of the same name, which he painted silver and printed the winners' names on it. "I was goalkeeper for our faculty and intramural teams in the '70s and '80s, and we won the UB intramural championship a few times, and definitely not because of great goalkeeping," he recalls with a smile.

Wieczkowski was born and raised on Buffalo's East Side. His family was in the baking business, operating the White Eagle Bakery

in the Broadway Market for three generations. "My younger brother and I worked there. Even when I was teaching, I would work at the bakery during the crazy busy times at Easter," he relates.

Married in 1965 to his high school sweetheart, Kathleen, when he was a dental student, the couple has three children: Jeffrey, an attorney; Neil, a writer; and Julie, an anthropology professor.

"I consider myself one of the

asked me what would I rather do, I'd say let me do all this again."

Dr. Whiz—who managed to secure the coolest UB email address, gwhiz@buffalo.edu—has stepped down but not out. He now works with juniors two days a week in the clinic. "One of my favorite things that has occurred is that I am now teaching children of my former students," he says. "What we teach these kids is different than what we taught their moms and dads. We try to teach them to be lifelong learners."

He is planning to follow this class into its senior year and then reassess his options. "I can't imagine not being here. These kids have opened their eyes and ears and hearts to me. It's just a great feeling. It's challenging, but I've had the best job in the world."

## ON THE WEB

Watch a video of Wieczkowski delivering the Educator of the Year speech during the SDM graduation ceremony in May 2011:

<http://tinyurl.com/drwhiz>



with her until I was 65, then I decided to retire from that," he says.

One of the main things that prompted his return to the dental school in February 2009 was the camaraderie with the orthodontic residents. "They're from all over the world and it's quite exhilarating," relates Lewis. "Each new resident stays here for three years and then graduates and goes into either practice or teaching, or sometimes both. That's what makes it so interesting."

He describes his part-time return experience as stimulating. "The residents make you think. Nothing is cut and dried. There's always two ways of doing something. And so I get motivated to go back to the literature and brush up."

Although he has a long drive from his home in Little Valley, he says it's worth it. "I don't

know if I can do this for much longer, but it could be another few years for all I know. I'm 75, so I'm still a young chicken."

After 41 years, Mirzda (Mitzi) Neiders retired Dec. 31, 2003, as a professor of oral diagnostic sciences. She says she was without a job for 24 hours before she was rehired.

"It was somewhat family pressure [to retire] because I was getting over [age] 70," she recalls. Neiders didn't agree. "My bargain was that I would come back for two days a week and do exactly what I like to do."

She has taught part time ever since: "I absolutely enjoy it. It's very rewarding because I can contribute to the education of the students," says Neiders. "I'm mostly involved in clinical with the undergraduates and mentoring the graduate students in

writing their papers and running seminars for them."

Neiders is working for two of her former students: Alfredo Aguirre in maxillofacial and oral pathology and Michael Hatton in oral medicine.

"The unusual thing for me is that I'm working for people who I mentored as students. It's lovely. It's absolutely rewarding to see that they sort of appreciated my mentoring in that they still want me around," she says.

As she approaches her 50th anniversary at UB in August, she notes that there have been changes at the school, but bigger changes in the profession—new materials, new approaches to treatment—and changes in the type of student. "Keeping up with the changes has been the fun part," she says.

## Alumni speakers, students highlight 34<sup>TH</sup> annual Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting



# Bigger & Better

By DAVID J. HILL



*Now in the middle of its third decade, the Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting continues to evolve, providing a unique and rewarding experience for the more than 2,600 dental professionals and students who attend the three-day event.*

The 34th annual meeting, held Nov. 2-4 in the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center, offered a mix of hands-on continuing education courses and seminars led by highly regarded presenters. The 2011 edition showcased the expertise of SDM alumni as part of the Alumni Speaker Series, which featured a dozen courses ranging from "Dental Ethics and Jurisprudence in New York State" to "Forensic Dentistry: Tales from the UB Case Files."

Approximately 2,600 people attended the three-day event, with many staying in downtown hotels and shopping and eating locally.

Among the SDM alumni speakers was Ronald Kaminer, '90, a noted lecturer who owns two practices on Long Island. Kaminer's expertise in laser, high-tech and minimally invasive dentistry has taken him around the world,

but he always enjoys returning to Buffalo whenever the opportunity arises.

"I love coming back to Buffalo. Speaking at this meeting fills that warm place in my heart," Kaminer says. "Even though I've lectured around the world at a lot of phenomenal places, it's always nice coming back to Buffalo. For whatever reason, and I've spoken on three different topics, every single time I've spoken my room has always been full like it is today, which is always nice."

In addition to continuing education courses, a meeting staple is the exhibitor floor, where more than 150 vendors and dental organizations provided information on products and services. Exhibitors ran the A-to-Z gamut, from Accutron Inc. to Zoll Dental. Several UB-affiliated organizations were on hand, including UB Continuing Dental Education, the UB Smile Team, Health Sciences Library and, of course, the UB

Dental Alumni Association.

Many of the meeting's presenters are experts in their field who are happy to share their knowledge. "My goal is to change their perspective on the way they look at dentistry. If they pick up one or two pearls over the course of the day, I think that I've succeeded," Kaminer says.

"I want to give them 'Monday morning' information they can go back and use in the office, not show them pretty dentistry that they can't perform or can't get paid to perform," he continues. "My goal is to be practical, informative and just give them some great pearls they can take away to provide a higher level of care for their patients."

Like many of the alumni speakers, Kaminer stayed after his lecture to field questions one on one from students and dental professionals.

In addition to Kaminer, alumni speakers this year included Scott Benjamin, '78; Joseph Breloff, '75; Robert

## AWARD RECIPIENTS



Majewski, '76; Michael Gelb, TMD Certificate, '84, MS Oral Sciences, '89; and UB faculty members Chester Gary, '78, clinical assistant professor, Restorative Dentistry; John Asaro, '73, clinical assistant professor, Periodontics and Endodontics; Michael Hatton, '82, clinical associate professor, Oral Diagnostic Sciences; David Croglio, '87, clinical assistant professor, Restorative Dentistry; Raymond Miller, '85, clinical associate professor, Oral Diagnostic Sciences; Mary Bush, '99, assistant professor, Restorative Dentistry; and Othman Shibly, '99, assistant professor, Periodontics and Endodontics.

### Students more involved than ever

The annual meeting provides another very important group—SDM students—with a valuable experience, whether it's listening in on one of the more than two-dozen seminars offered, raising money for Buffalo Outreach and Community Assistance (BOCA), or speaking with some of the vendors whose products they'll likely be buying for their own practice in a few short years.

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### HONOR AWARD

#### Kevin D'Angelo, '81

A volunteer adjunct professor, D'Angelo was honored for his many local and global contributions to charitable dentistry. A native of Orchard Park, N.Y., D'Angelo obtained his bachelor's degree from SUNY Geneseo and his DDS from UB in 1981. After graduating, D'Angelo and his wife Elizabeth, '81, purchased his father's practice in South Buffalo and later relocated it to Lackawanna. A licensed pilot, D'Angelo operates three different aircraft and has been active in the Civil Air Patrol; he recently joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary. D'Angelo participates in the Young Eagles program, which offers first flights to children ages 8 to 17. He volunteers with Angel Flight and Wings Flights of Hope, which transport patients to medical facilities across the Northeast for free. D'Angelo also is involved in several international relief efforts, including the Flying Dentists Association, of which he is chair of missions. Kids Escaping Drugs named him its Man of the Year (2004) for providing pro bono dental treatment to kids in the program. In 2008, the Erie County Dental Society presented D'Angelo with the Frank Stone Award. D'Angelo is vice president of the Eighth District Dental Foundation and president of the FDA Mission Foundation Board. Despite his many charitable commitments, D'Angelo says he is most devoted to his family. "My focus is family first, then my career," he says. D'Angelo practices with his wife. Their son will be joining the practice in 2012. D'Angelo's daughter is a third-year medical school student who plans on specializing in family practice medicine.



D'ANGELO

### HUMANITARIAN AWARD

#### Murray Rosenthal, '63

Rosenthal has enjoyed a most interesting life over the past half century. After graduating from the School of Dental Medicine in 1963, he opened a practice in Greece, N.Y. Within a year, he was drafted into the Army, spending a year in Colorado Springs, Colo., followed by 11 months in Vietnam.



Rosenthal witnessed the Tet Offensive in February 1968. He received a Bronze Star for establishing a dental clinic for the 17th Aviation Battalion in Nha Trang, Vietnam, where civilians of many nationalities were treated. After the military, Rosenthal relocated to New York City to begin his career in public health, working with community health centers. He served as dental director in three community health centers over a 20-year period. Also active in

ROSENTHAL the performing arts, Rosenthal for 13 years served as president of Opera Index, a nonprofit organization. In addition, he serves on the board of the Martina Arroyos Foundation, and has been a theater investor/producer in New York and London for the past 15 years. He received a Tony Award in 2010 as a co-producer for the play "Red." Rosenthal is also an avid supporter of the UB School of Dental Medicine, funding scholarships for three students each year. He also has made a major bequest to the dental school. Rosenthal is a member of the UB Foundation Board of Trustees and is an active member of its development committee.

**D**ental students were very involved with this meeting, even volunteering their time to help set up for the opening night celebration.

Students introduced speakers before their lectures, assisted in the registration area and operated the coat check, which served as a fundraiser for BOCA.

"They participated this year in more ways than ever before," says Sherry Szarowski, executive secretary of the UB Dental Alumni Association. "The students are required to attend courses at the meeting as part of their curriculum, but this year they went above and beyond what is expected of them."

By most accounts, it was well worth their time. Third-year student Barb Hnizda liked the variety of courses offered, including one in particular by Robert A. Lowe called "Clinical Treatment Planning and Problem Solving: When it Doesn't go by the Book."

"I thought this might be a helpful session to attend because oftentimes in dental school, treatment plans change depending on patient expectations, faculty advice and especially time and monetary limitations," Hnizda says. "I thought it might be interesting to see how it would differ in the 'real world,' and found out that it is basically the same! Dr. Lowe displayed many difficult, complete reconstruction cases and went through all the steps it took to get from start to finish. His work as a dentist is really quite impressive."

Hnizda also spent time perusing the exhibitors' floor, where she learned about a line of magnification loupes offered by Rose Micro Solutions.

Fellow third-year Jillian Rozanski also found the meeting to be worthwhile. "I think it's a great experience for students to attend if they utilize their time wisely. It can be a great opportunity to meet local dentists, network with UB alumni and ask questions about different dental products," she says. "We only use a specific product in clinic and we get used to that name brand. But at an event like this we learn that there are many different ways—and better ways—of doing things."

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Rozanski attended the digital radiography course offered by Robert Majewski, '76. "He focused on radiographic interproximal lesions and then showed what they looked like clinically when he opened them up," she said.

The professionals, however, weren't the only ones exchanging information and ideas. A group of a dozen SDM students presented their research poster projects to interested passers-by.

A few second-year students, like Samantha Smith, already were looking forward to attending the 2012 meeting.

Smith said she plans on attending a financial seminar next fall where she hopes to learn more about managing the finances of owning a dental practice.

"A lot of residents, while we were observing before we got into dental school, at least for me, said they were almost done with their residency ... and they want to open their own practice but they have no idea how to handle any of their money," she says. "So you have to give up your business to someone else and trust them, and that's a little scary."

Representatives from Practice Solutions, Bank of America's health care financing division, led a seminar at the November

meeting on "Avoiding the Pitfalls of Starting, Buying or Selling a Dental Practice." Among the topics covered were financing a practice startup or acquisition, and planning for the future, including retirement.

Meeting coordinator Lisa Jerebko calls the event a success. "The Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting would not be the success it is without the students, faculty and the alumni speakers from the UB School of Dental Medicine," she says.

The 2012 Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting will be held earlier this year. It is scheduled for Oct. 3-5.



SDM STUDENTS HAD A MUCH MORE HANDS-ON ROLE IN THE 2011 INSTALLMENT OF THE BUFFALO NIAGARA DENTAL MEETING.

# BUSINESS 101... for dentists

DENTAL, MANAGEMENT SCHOOLS TEAM UP TO OFFER UNIQUE PROGRAM

By DAVID J. HILL

**FOUR YEARS** of dental school is jam-packed with lab and clinical work. That keeps dental students quite busy, but it also leaves little, if any, time for teaching students about the business aspects of operating a dental practice.

That's why the UB School of Management and the dental school have teamed up to offer "DDS Business Strategies for Success," a two-day workshop aimed at providing dental care providers with training in human resources and basic accounting, among other important business-related topics.

In conjunction with the workshop, the School of Management is offering its Online Mini MBA certificate program, which consists of 17 modules that participants with access to a computer and the Internet can take at their own pace over the course of the year. The UB Online Mini MBA program focuses on the most important functions of business and management, helping dental practitioners build a foundation to make sound business decisions.

"Together, these programs provide an abundance of learning opportunities for dentists that are sure to have immediate impact and return on investment," says Elaine Renouf, the School of Management's marketing and business-development manager.

"The dental practice is a small business model, very entrepreneurial," she adds. "How do you select people to work with? How do you select the right accountant? You have to have the right information and you need to know what to look at for checks and balances."

This is the first year for the two-day business workshop, which both schools hope to offer annually if it's successful.

School of Management Dean Arjang A. Assad and School of Dental Medicine Dean Michael Glick are extremely supportive of the program, along with SOM Assistant Dean Courtney Walsh, SDM Associate Dean Joseph Kerr and Annamarie Phalen of the dental school's continuing education office.

This year's program will be held April 20 and 21 in the Alfireo Center, which adjoins Jacobs Management Center on UB's North Campus. It features eight sessions conducted by UB faculty members. Participants will receive training in human resources and accounting on Friday and can choose three of six sessions on Saturday that reinforce core business concepts.

Courses offered during the two-day workshop include:

**THE ENTREPRENEURIAL DENTAL PRACTICE:** In this session, Thomas Ulbrich, executive director of the School of Management's Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership and vice chair of the National Federation of Independent Business/NY, explores how dental practices can gain an edge by engaging entrepreneurial thinking as a competitive advantage.

**COMMUNICATION:** Mary Ann Rogers, visiting assistant professor, School of Management, provides an overview of essential design components for PowerPoint presentations, as well as tips on organizing information in a concise and contemporary way.

**ORGANIZATION HUMAN RESOURCES:** Nick Everest, adjunct assistant professor of organization and human resources, School of Management, examines the basic people processes—including hiring, developing, motivating and communicating—in a small

business and how they add value to the organization's stakeholders.

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR**

**DUMMIES:** Muriel Anderson, visiting assistant professor of accounting and organization and human resources, leads a session targeted toward a non-financial audience and relevant to anyone interested in learning about the basics of a company's financial statements and how to interpret them for everyday use.

#### **DENTAL PRACTICE BUSINESS STRATEGY METHODS:**

Harold Star, adjunct assistant professor of operations management and strategy, School of Management, will conduct this seminar on the principles of business models, followed by specific business models tailored to dental professionals.

In addition to the courses noted above, Chester J. Gary, clinical assistant professor, Department of Restorative Dentistry, will present seminars on the financial and legal challenges of private practice entrance and exit strategies, and regulatory compliance and risk management.

Gary says these courses are important because health care reforms may threaten private practice ownership. In addition, the rising use of practice websites, social networking, blogs and practice-rating websites create new ethical and legal vulnerabilities, Gary notes.

The Online Mini MBA program can be taken separately or along with the workshop.

To register for either program, call 716-645-3200, or visit [mgt.buffalo.edu/executive/noncredit/DDS](http://mgt.buffalo.edu/executive/noncredit/DDS). The workshop qualifies for 16 ADA/CERP credits and 10 CE credits for New York State.



School of Dental Medicine Office of Continuing Dental Education

# course calendar

## MARCH 29-30

### ANNUAL LOWER LAKES SPRING MEETING

Adam's Mark Hotel, Buffalo

### Boomers & Seniors...Living Longer & Healthier Lives: Is Your Practice Ready?

Carol Jahn, RDH

### Direct Resin Composite Restorations: A Useful Tool for the Multidisciplinary Treatment Plan

Dr. Simone Grandini

DENTIST: \$275; TEAM MEMBER: \$145

7 CE HRS

## MARCH 30

Adam's Mark Hotel, Buffalo

### UB Dental Hygiene Symposium, Taking Periodontal Care from Good to GREAT!

Carol Jahn, RDH

TUITION: \$135/RDH

7 CE HRS

## APRIL 18 (6 TO 9 P.M.)

### CE CAFÉ SPRING LECTURE SERIES

### Helping Smokers Quit: Your Role as an Effective Cessation Counselor

Room 200G, Baldy Hall, UB North Campus

Drs. J. Frustino, R. Rossitto, Roswell Park Cancer Institute

TUITION: \$65 (BUFFALO)

Distance learning surcharge applies

3 CE HRS

## APRIL 19-20

### BLS/ACLS CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

### UB Behling Simulation Center

DOCTOR AND TWO TEAM MEMBERS: \$575

DENTIST: \$375

TEAM MEMBER: \$125

15 CE HRS

## APRIL 20-21

### UB SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

### CORE Dentistry + UB Micro MBA = Business Strategies for Success!

TWO-DAY WORKSHOP: \$1,295

MICRO-MBA ONLINE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM: \$795

(Register for both and save \$200!)

ADA/CERP CE CREDIT

## APRIL 25 (6 TO 9 P.M.)

### CE CAFÉ SPRING LECTURE SERIES

### Endodontics: Improve Your Final Result

Baldy Hall Room 200G, UB North Campus

Dr. Hess Tagouri

TUITION: \$65 (BUFFALO)

Distance learning surcharge applies

3 CE HRS

## APRIL 27

### ACLS RE-CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

### UB Behling Simulation Center

DOCTOR/2 TEAM MEMBERS: \$375

DENTIST: \$195

TEAM MEMBER: \$95

7 CE HRS

## MAY 4

### Managing Adult Patients with Special Needs: Special Challenges and Special Rewards

Dr. Patrick Anders, UB & Deaconess Center Dental Clinic

UB ALUMNI MEMBER DENTIST: \$195

NON-MEMBER: \$225

TEAM MEMBER: \$95

6 CE HRS

## MAY 10-II REPEATED JUNE 20-21

### Individualized Endodontics Lecture and Workshop "...mano a mano"

TUITION: \$895

Limited to seven participants

15 CE HRS

## MAY 11 (9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.)

### Crisis Management During Medical Emergencies

Unique simulation workshop.

Limited enrollment!

UB Behling  
Simulation Center

Drs. Michael and Elizabeth Hatton

DOCTOR/2 TEAM MEMBERS: \$995

DENTIST: \$595

7 CE HRS

## MAY 16 (6 TO 9 P.M.)

### CE CAFÉ SPRING LECTURE SERIES

### Hypnosis in Dentistry

Baldy Hall Room 200G, UB North Campus

Dr. Alfred Frost III

TUITION: \$65 (BUFFALO)

Distance learning surcharge applies

3 CE HRS

## MAY 18

### Resolving Occlusion Confusion...Occlusion for Dummies!

Supported by Sanford B. Sugarman Educational Fund and AO

Holiday Inn Buffalo Airport

Dr. Donald N. Reid

UB ALUMNI OR AO MEMBER: \$175

NON-MEMBER: \$225

TEAM MEMBER: \$95

6 CE HRS

## MAY 23 (6 TO 9 P.M.)

### CE CAFÉ SPRING LECTURE SERIES

### Meeting the Needs of Patients with Developmental Disabilities

Baldy Hall Room 200G, UB North Campus

Guest faculty: Drs. David Frey, Avin Gupta, Anthony L. Jordan Health Center, Rochester, N.Y.

TUITION: \$65 (BUFFALO)

Distance learning surcharge applies

3 CE HRS

## MAY 30 (6 TO 9 P.M.)

### CE CAFÉ SPRING LECTURE SERIES

### Caries Infiltration for Treating Incipient Lesions

Baldy Hall Room 200G, UB North Campus

Guest faculty: Wayne Flavin, BS

TUITION: \$65 (BUFFALO)

Distance learning surcharge applies

3 CE HRS

## COURSE REGISTRATION

There are four registration options. A confirmation notice will be emailed upon receipt of your tuition payment.

**MAIL:** Send check payable to "UB Foundation," or print name, address, phone and complete credit card information and send to:

University at Buffalo  
Continuing Dental Education  
327 Squire Hall  
Buffalo, NY 14214-8006

**FAX:** Fax name, address, phone and complete credit card information to: 716-829-2484

**PHONE:**

Call 716-829-2320  
Toll Free 800-756-0328

**ONLINE:** To register online, visit the UB dental events course calendar at [www.ubdentalalumni.com](http://www.ubdentalalumni.com)

## MAY 31-JUNE 2

### Advanced Surgical Implant Dentistry

A hands-on participation workshop

Drs. Sebastiano Andreana and Michael Hatton

UB ALUMNI MEMBER: \$1,195

NON-MEMBER DENTIST: \$1,395

Limited enrollment, register early!

16 CE HRS

## JUNE 1

### Orthodontic Mechanics: Addition, Subtraction and The Full Monty

Supported by John J. Cunat Educational Fund

Salvatore's, Buffalo, N.Y.

Dr. Gerald Samson

UB ALUMNI MEMBER DENTIST: \$175

NON-MEMBER: \$225

TEAM MEMBER: \$95

6 CE HRS

## JUNE 6 (6 TO 9 P.M.)

### CE CAFÉ SPRING LECTURE SERIES

#### OSHA/Infection Control Update

Baldy Hall Room 200G, UB North Campus

Dr. Frank Barnashuk

TUITION: \$65 (BUFFALO)

Distant learning surcharge applies

3 CE HRS

## JUNE 7-8

### Oral Surgery in General Practice...plus optional hands-on participation workshop

Drs. Richard Hall, Barry Boyd, John Campbell

THURS./FRI. LECTURE

ALUMNI MEMBER: \$395

NONMEMBER DENTIST: \$425

7 CE HRS

FRI. HANDS-ON WORKSHOP: \$495

4 CE HRS

Register early; limited enrollment!

## JUNE 27-29

### 33RD ANNUAL CHAUTAUQUA DENTAL CONGRESS

Lectures convene at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the Hall of Christ, Chautauqua Institution

(Coffee and juice at 8 a.m.)

#### WEDNESDAY

#### Records, Regulations and Ethics for the Dentist, Hygienist, Assistant and Management Team

Dr. Chester Gary

#### THURSDAY

#### Update in Restorative Dentistry

Dr. Jane Brewer

#### Welcome Reception

5:30 p.m.

Athenaeum Hotel

#### FRIDAY

#### Our Aging Population: Periodontal Considerations

Dr. Sebastian Ciancio

DENTIST: \$225/THREE DAYS;  
\$95 PER DAY

DENTAL TEAM MEMBER:  
\$125/THREE DAYS; \$55 PER DAY

12 CE HRS AVAILABLE ADA/CERP

Accommodations sell out quickly!

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**Annamarie Phalen**

Associate Director,  
Continuing Dental Education

## TRAVEL COURSES

Travel opportunities with other universities. Call Cruise and Travel Partners at 800-856-8826. Tell them you heard it from UB!

## OCT. 5-18, 2012

### GLORIES OF CHINA

In partnership with University of the Pacific

Land package includes RT air, visas, all meals, fees, guides and escorts

### Minimally Invasive/Maximally Effective Dentistry: The Oral Systemic Relationship, Understanding CAMBA Treatment Planning and Options

Allen Wong, DDS, EdD

TUITION: \$435 PER PERSON

12 CE HRS

## JAN. 21-25, 2013

### WESTERN CARIBBEAN FIVE-NIGHT CRUISE, ABOARD CELEBRITY CONSTELLATION

In partnership with the NYS AGD

### Strategies in Healthcare Practice

Dr. Joseph DiDonato

TUITION: INCLUDED WITH CRUISE FARE BOOK WITH C&TP

6 CE HRS

## JUNE 29-JULY 6, 2013

### SEVEN-DAY HAWAII CRUISE ABOARD NORWEGIAN PRIDE OF AMERICA

In partnership with University of Alabama

### Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office: A Simple Approach

Dr. Steven J. Filler

TUITION: \$375

8 CE HRS

# 2011 REUNION AND DINNER DANCE *1s and 6s*

For reunion chair Ray Miller, '85, the night of Nov. 4, 2011, was 20 years in the making. He began chairing class reunions in 1991 with then-chair Stan Zak. When he was introduced to the Class of 1961, he knew then and there that their reunions would be special.

Five reunions later, for its 50th Class Reunion, the "only young once but immature forever" class did not disappoint. The heralded Class of '61 marched into the Hyatt ballroom with its typical fanfare, applauded by the more than 300 revelers. Any sign that 50 years of celebration had slowed these gentlemen was not evident. Their representation was strong and their class spirit second to none. The '61ers were honored by the Alumni Association on this momentous occasion and the celebration carried on late into the night.

It was a great evening of music, celebration and reminiscing. Alumni award winners were honored, as were individual five-year reunion classes. The school looks forward to reunions again in 2012. Class chairs are being contacted and individual classes are beginning to organize. We're looking for other classes to rise up to the level of '61 and '86.

An upside of the Class of '61's spirit is the positive influence it has had on the Class of '86. As reunions go, the Class of '86 is one of the strongest reunion classes in recent history, rivaled only by the Class of '83. The '81s also were well represented and marched into the ballroom to music from the evening's band, The Boys of Summer. The '81s appeared primed and ready to carry on the tradition and positive spirit so tremendously exhibited by the greatest reunion class in the School of Dental Medicine's history: the esteemed Class of 1961!

In hopes that the example of class camaraderie of '61 and '86 would influence the Class of 2012, also present that evening, Miller challenged the students to bring back 20 classmates in 2017 for their first reunion. It is a lofty goal from his experience. If they fall short he will pass the torch and relinquish his duty as reunion chair. The challenge has been issued and accepted.





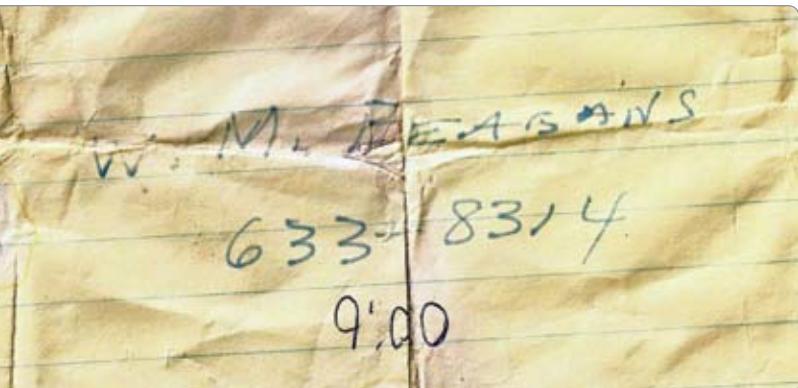
# AlumniNews

## Reflections on Dean Feagans

*In the process of moving to a new house this past fall, Stuart Segelnick, '92, came across a carefully stacked pile of memorabilia from his SDM days. It had been placed in the basement of the apartment Segelnick and his wife had moved into some 15 years prior to their recent relocation.*

*In that pile of stuff, Segelnick found something interesting. Here's his story, in his own words, of the old folded yellow piece of paper...*

I spotted an old folded yellow paper with Dean William Feagans' autograph. I can remember fondly now (not back then!), when I was a sophomore, worrying about finishing all of my lab work on time. The lab used to be open for students to work on Saturdays. However, because of my religious beliefs, I was always unable to utilize this extra time. One day, there was an endodontic assignment that I didn't believe I could finish in time and I didn't know what to do. So I mustered up some courage and decided to go to Dean Feagans' office. He always seemed to be such a down-to-earth guy.



He invited me in with a smile. I told him about the situation and asked if it would be possible to have the lab opened on Sundays, too. He told me it wasn't feasible, but said he would personally meet me that coming Sunday at the school and open the door for me so I could finish my work. I was shocked, though thankful when we agreed to meet at 9 a.m. He took a sheet of paper and wrote his name and phone number on it and told me that if I ever needed to come in, he would meet me on Sunday morning and open up the school for me.

I was so impressed with the dean that for the remainder of the week, I stayed up late nights in the lab and finished my assignment. I went back to his office and said I was fine and didn't need him to come in. He told me to call him any time if I ever needed his help.

Months went by before I found myself depressed that I would have to call the dean. I just didn't want to disturb him, but I absolutely needed to go into the lab. In his office, Feagans said that this

time I should call his house Sunday morning just to confirm, and he'd meet me at 9 a.m.

I remember shaking in my shoes when I called his house at 8:30 a.m. His wife answered. I recall her being very nice to me, and she put him right on the phone, even though they were eating breakfast. 'I'm sorry Dean Feagans, but I really need to come in. You know I wouldn't...' He cut me off and said it wasn't a problem. I think he talked about either breakfast or the Bills, and then said he'd be there.

So at 9 a.m. I parked in the parking lot adjacent to the school and went to the front door. The dean was already there, and he said we'd be using the side door. He walked me down the stairs and before we passed the student lounge, he said he needed to see something and I followed him into the lounge. At that point my heart almost pounded through my chest when I saw laying on the couch one of my classmates. He must have slept over since Saturday! With my face probably as white as a ghost, the dean turned to me and put his finger to his lips and said 'Shhh.'

He then unlocked the lab and when we went in there, two of my classmates were sitting down with their backs to us, working. They looked up and around and almost in unison jumped out of their seats with their faces as white as mine must have been. The dean just said, 'It's all right, you can go back to work.' He turned to me and said to make sure the door was closed when I left and that he would be around doing some work. Then he left.

My classmates, when they finally found their voices, came over to me scared out of their minds, thinking of the trouble they were probably in, and wanting to know why I was there. After telling them the story we decided not to say anything to anyone and see what happened, and I would have to let them know before I ever came in on a Sunday again!

Nothing ever happened to my three classmates. It was as if they were never there. For the next three years of dental school, I only called the dean one other time. In the following years I never saw the dean again, but I'll always remember his kindness and concern, and will warmly remember him as a real mensch!"

Regards,

**STUART SEGELNICK, DDS, MS**

*Diplomate, American Board of Periodontology*

*Diplomate, International Congress of Oral Implantologists  
Brooklyn, N.Y.*



SEGELNICK



### TRIFTSHAUSER, '61, EARNS ADVOCACY AWARD

Roger Triftshauser, '61, center, holds the 2011 Advocate Award he received from the American Student Dental Association at the annual meeting of the Western New York section of the American College of Dentists. Triftshauser received the award for his contributions to the Buffalo ASDA student body and to organized dentistry. Pictured with him are, from left, Michael Gengo, Carl Embury, Rick Andolina and Tim Calnon, all of the Class of 2013. Triftshauser was featured in the Winter 2011 edition of Mouth, the journal of the ASDA, as one of dentistry's "game changers." Andolina wrote the article.

### LUCK OF THE IRISH

From left, Norb Koller, Dave Brown, Mike Licata, Dick Lynch, Tim Seel, Ray Niceforo and Dave Stasiak of the Class of 1983 show off their colors at the Notre Dame-Pitt game at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh on Sept. 24, 2011. Notre Dame finally won, so the gang didn't have to console "Browny."



### VEIHDEFFER, '42, FEATURED IN PA DENTAL JOURNAL

The late Laurence "Larry" Veihdeffer, '42, was featured in an article in the September/October issue of the Pennsylvania Dental Journal. The story, titled "Three Continuous Generations in Dentistry," focused on Veihdeffer's multigeneration dental practice. It was written by Veihdeffer's son, Laurence W. "Bill" Veihdeffer II. After graduating from UB, Larry Veihdeffer relocated to Erie, Pa., to work at his older brother's practice. The three Veihdeffer brothers—Norbert, the oldest; Larry; and Walt, the youngest—practiced together for five years before Norbert retired to Florida. Larry then built a new office for himself and Walt. After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh dental school in 1981, Bill Veihdeffer joined his uncle Walt's practice on 11th Street in Erie. Larry died when Bill was an undergraduate student at the University of Dayton. Bill's daughter, Christy, a hygienist and West Virginia graduate, joined the practice in 2006.

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### THREE CONTINUOUS GENERATIONS IN DENTISTRY

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# ClassNotes

**John E. Koch, '66**, is retired from private practice. He is a member of the N/W Study Club and Peer Review Committee and Program Committee for the Ninth District Dental Society. An avid flyfisher, Koch makes his own rods and ties his own flies. He has fished in Montana, Alaska and New Zealand, and has a winter home in the Bahamas.

**Marshall D. Fagin, '70, and Heather A. Fagin, '99**, of Fagin & Associates Prosthodontists, received the Eagle Award from Mercer Advisors, a national practice-management company for dentistry. Their Amherst, N.Y., practice specializes in rehabilitative dentistry, cosmetic dentistry and implant dentistry.

**Ronald J. Boyd, '78**, is a part-time instructor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry, School of Dental Medicine, where he works with third-year students. Boyd resides in Newark, N.Y.

**Chester J. Gary, '78, JD**, editor of the Eighth District Dental Society Bulletin, was selected winner of the 2011 Bernard P. Tillis Award for excellence in dental writing. The NYS Dental Association Council on Membership and Communications selected Gary



GARY

for his editorial "Access to Care: What About Dentists' Access to Patients?" which appeared in the fall 2010 issue of the 8th District Bulletin. In the editorial, Gary explores the need to wage an aggressive campaign of oral health literacy to close the gap between patients in need of care and patients who seek care. Gary is clinical assistant professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry.

**Thomas J. Donahue, '79**, edited "Essays in Honor of Christopher Hogwood: The Maestro's Direction." He collected several essays from authors who have been motivated and inspired by the distinguished keyboard player, music editor, writer and conductor in honor of his 70th birthday in 2011. Donahue lives in Auburn, N.Y.

**Albert Cantos, '81**, was appointed by the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Dental Health to be a member of the Healthy Aging Planning Committee. Cantos is clinical assistant professor in the Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences.

**John V. Lucchese, Jr., '84**, joined with students from West Seneca East Elementary School to pro-

vide Halloween treats for American troops. The Student Council led an initiative to participate in a candy buy-back program sponsored by Lucchese. As an added incentive, Lucchese Family Dentistry paid \$1 for each pound of candy collected. Money raised will support East Elementary's Project H.O.P.E. (Help Our Playground Evolve).

**Guy T. DiTursi, '86**, has worked at the VA Hospital in Buffalo for the past 15 years in various positions, including staff dentist and director of the GPR program. He is chief of dental service and lead dentist for the VA's Upstate New York Network Healthcare System, which treats eligible veterans in the Western New York area. He was also recently appointed as Upstate New York VA lead dentist.

**Richard S. McCutcheon, '86**, has been a partner in private practice in Ithaca, N.Y., since 1989. He has been married for 25 years to Lisa San Fratello McCutcheon and they have three daughters: Caleigh, 20;

  
McCUTCHEON Coleen, 18; and Annie, 13. McCutcheon's hobbies include the High Noon Running Club of Ithaca—he ran in

the 2009 Boston Marathon—and the Over 30 Hockey Men's Club. He is also a volunteer lacrosse coach.

**Brian J. Jackson, '89**, was elected treasurer of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry's



JACKSON

Research Foundation (AAID-RF). Jackson is a partner with Slavin, Jackson and Burns dental practice located in Utica and Waterville, N.Y.

**Michael S. Rosenberg, '91**, is in private practice in Buffalo, with a focus on CEREC crowns. In his free time, he enjoys snow skiing, travel, food and wine.

**Yoly M. Gonzalez-Stucker, MS in Oral Sciences, '95, Certificate in TMD and Orofacial Pain, '96, Certificate in Periodontics, '02**,



GONZALEZ-STUCKER

was presented with the Colgate Palmolive/Hispanic Dental Association (HDA) Faculty Recognition Award in November. Gonzalez-Stucker has served as the faculty adviser for the Buffalo chapter of the HDA since founding it in 2005. She has served as a member of the Minority Faculty Development Program

**Robert Geckler, '61**, was smitten by the magic bug at an early age when his grandfather showed him his first magic trick. After seeing a performance by Harry Blackstone Sr., there was no turning back. Geckler, who performs across Western New York, has maintained his position as secretary of local Ring 12 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians for the past 10 years. He is a member of the Order of Merlin and a recipient of the Karl Norman Award, Ring 12's highest honor for service. He also is a participant in Ring 12's Stars of Illusion Magic Show, which recently appeared at Lockport's Palace Theater. When he is not busy collecting magic apparatus and reading magic books, you may find him practicing dentistry or teaching at SDM. Doc and his wife, Marcia, are parents of two sons and lifelong residents of Lockport. His community involvement includes St. John's Church and the Lockport Rotary Club.



## InMemoriam

and as an alternate member of the Health Sciences Institutional Review Board. She founded and chairs Boca Sana, Cuerpo Sana, an outreach program for the Hispanic community of Western New York.

**Mohanad Al-Sabbagh, MS in Oral Sciences and Certificate in Periodontics, '03,** was appointed division chief of the Division of Periodontics at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry,



AL-SABBAGH effective Feb. 1, 2012. He also will continue to serve as program director of the postgraduate program in periodontics.

**Robert Michael Aszkler, '07,** and Elizabeth Blair Keppler were married on July 2 in St. Michael's Church in Buffalo. The couple spent their honeymoon in Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks and now reside in Hamburg, N.Y.

**Brandon DeWitt, '07,** finished a year-long general practice residency at Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, in 2008 and immediately started graduate training in prosthodontics at the University of Minnesota. After successfully defending his thesis, he returned to Hennepin County Medical Center to treat patients and serve as the prosthodontics instructor to the GPR residents.



**Eric M. Vieth, '10,** and Ashley M. Miller were married on Oct. 14 in Sacred Heart Church in Charleston, S.C.

**Chester H. Huth, '44,** of St. Mary's, N.Y., died on May 28, 2011, in Elk Regional Health Center following a brief illness. He was 94. Huth practiced dentistry in Pittsburgh from 1947-61, and served as director of the 10th District Dental Association. He practiced dentistry in St. Mary's from 1962 through 1990 and retired from practice at the end of 1990. Huth served as director and was an officer of the Eighth District Dental Association.

**Stewart L. Thompson, '47,** died Sept. 16, 2011, at age 87. Thompson was active in and served as president of the Onondaga County Dental Society, the 5th District Dental Society and the North Eastern Society of Orthodontists, and was a member of the American Society of Orthodontics.

**Edmund Goldstone, '49,** of West Palm Beach, Fla., and formerly of Utica, N.Y., died Jan. 24, 2011, at age 92. Prior to his retirement, Goldstone operated a private practice for many years in Utica. He was a member of Temple Beth El and its Men's Club. Goldstone was appreciated greatly by all his friends and patients throughout the years.

**G. Donald Bissell, '52,** died Feb 1., 2012, at his home in Batesville, Ark. He was 87. Born in Jamestown, he was a graduate of Jamestown High School. He served stateside in the Army Air Forces during World War II. Dr. Bissell earned both his undergraduate and DDS degrees from UB. Bissell served for many years as a professor at UB before retiring and moving to Arkansas.

**Allen M. Fisher, '53,** died Jan. 11, 2012, in Brookfield, Wis. He was 89. After serving in World War II as a B-17 bomber pilot with the 8th Army Air Corps in England, Fisher became a dentist working with the Veterans Administration in Northampton, Mass.

**Erwin Goldstein, '53,** died Nov. 30, 2011, in Atlantis, Fla., at age 87. Goldstein practiced dentistry in Syracuse for more than 40 years until retiring to West Palm Beach in 1990. He was a member of Temple Adath Yeshurun, the Onondaga Dental Society and LaFayette Country Club.

**Richard J. Milholland, '53,** of Blasdell, N.Y., died Sept. 5, 2011. He was 88.

**James Francis Kelly, '55,** died Sept. 26, 2011, after a short illness. He began his dental practice in LeRoy, N.Y., and moved to Albion to practice in 1959. He served on the dental staffs at the state correctional facilities in Attica and Albion. He was a member and past president of the Eighth District Dental Society.

**Martin Rubin, '55,** of Albany, N.Y., died Sept. 6, 2011. Rubin practiced in Watertown, N.Y., for 24 years. A gifted musician, he was classically trained

as an oboe and bassoon player. Following his retirement from private practice, Rubin worked as director of education for the New York State Dental Association until 2002.

**Lawrence L. Albert, Certificate in Orthodontics, '56,** of Sleepy Hollow, N.Y., died Aug. 7, 2011. He was 87.

**Jerry J. Haritatos, '56,** died Aug. 15, 2011, in Rome, N.Y., at age 79. Haritatos was a resident of Rome at the time of his death. He graduated from Rome Free Academy, Class of 1949 and the University of Buffalo before entering dental school. He served as a dentist in the United States Air Force.

**Gary D. Schuller, '56,** of Williamsville, N.Y., died Nov. 15, 2011, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was 78. He practiced orthodontics in Williamsville for more than 40 years. He was a life member and former president of the Erie County Dental Society.

**Donald H. Butlien, '57,** of Woodbury, N.Y., died on Oct. 3, 2011. He was 81.

**Anthony Pellerite, '57,** of Amherst, died Sept. 23, 2011, at age 80. After serving as an Air Force captain, he returned to Western New York in 1959 to open a dental practice on Sheridan Drive in the Town of Tonawanda. In 1961, he moved his office to Pine Avenue in Niagara Falls. In 1997, he moved to Sawyer Road in the Falls, where he practiced with his daughter, Pamela M. Pellerite, until his death.

**Jerry I. Zussman, Certificate in Orthodontics, '57,** of Glendale, Wis., died May 15, 2011. He was 95. Zussman practiced dentistry in Appleton for three years before training in orthodontics. He and his wife moved to Milwaukee in 1952, where he practiced orthodontics until he retired in 1985.

**Robert M. Hobaica, '63,** of New Hartford, N.Y., died Jan. 11, 2012. He was 82. Hobaica served in private practice for 41 years. He was a member of the OKU National Dental Society and the local and New York State Dental Association Peer Review committees, and was past president of the Oneida County Dental Society.

**Lamon Arlie Stewart, Certificate in Orthodontics, '67, MS in Orthodontics, '68,** died Nov. 26, 2011, in Annapolis, Md. He was 71. Stewart served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force from 1967 to 1970. He was an avid boater, fisherman and scuba diver.

**Armando Arias, '72,** died June 12, 2011, at his son's home in Washington Township, N.J. He was 83. Born in Havana, Cuba, Arias lived in Miami, Fla., and Union City, N.J., before moving to Lake Worth, Fla. Arias practiced dentistry in Cuba and Union City.



GOV. ANDREW CUOMO AND CHANCELLOR NANCY ZIMPHER SIGN UB'S APPLICATION FOR THE NYSUNY 2020 CHALLENGE GRANT.

## UB 2020 advances

The UB 2020 plan for academic excellence moved forward with the approval of the university's NYSUNY 2020 Challenge Grant application by Gov. Andrew Cuomo and SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher.

In securing the \$35 million Challenge Grant—together with additional funding provided through the NYSUNY 2020 legislation approved by the state Legislature in June 2011—UB will move ahead with plans to hire new faculty across the university, expand its academic offerings and facilities for all students, and relocate the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences to the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus.

Cuomo and Zimpher joined President Satish K. Tripathi and members of the Western New York delegation at a ceremony on Dec. 13 in the Center for the Arts to sign UB's application for the grant.

"This funding will have an historic impact on our university—one that will transform the depth and scope of UB's academic and research enterprise while significantly

expanding our role in improving the quality of life in Western New York," Tripathi said.

## 2 Stenger named president of SUNY Binghamton

Harvey Stenger Jr. was named president of Binghamton University in November by the SUNY Board of Trustees. He assumed his new post on Jan. 1.

Stenger had previously served as UB's interim provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.

Bruce McCombe, SUNY Distinguished Professor in the Department of Physics and a former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, replaced Stenger as UB's interim provost and executive vice president.

President Satish K. Tripathi praised Stenger, calling his appointment as BU president "richly deserved recognition of his remarkable vision and the depth and breadth of his leadership and expertise."



STENGER  
hampton University in November by the SUNY Board of Trustees.

## 3 UB opens region's first Alzheimer's center

UB's Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Disorders Center, the first in the region, opened in fall 2011, servicing families throughout Western New York and southern Ontario.

The center, directed by Kinga Szigeti, is based in the Department of Neurology in the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the Jacobs Neurological Institute in Buffalo General Hospital.

The UB center offers a full range of clinical services for patients. It also conducts innovative, federally funded research designed to identify Alzheimer's disease biomarkers and better understand its genetic mechanisms in order to develop new treatments.

A board-certified neurologist with specialty training in genetics and cognitive diseases, Szigeti was recruited from Baylor College of Medicine to head the UB center.

Patients and families who come to the center will be evaluated by a team of physicians and health care providers, including neurologists, neuropsychologists, social workers and nurses.

## 4 Emory's Lewis named nursing dean

Marsha L. Lewis, associate professor and associate dean for education in the Neil Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing at Emory University in Atlanta, was named dean of the UB School of Nursing. Lewis began her post in February.

"Dr. Lewis is that rare individual who has the research, educational, clinical and administrative skills required to move the School of Nursing forward," says Michael E. Cain, vice president for health sciences and dean of the UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Lewis currently has a \$1.5 million research

grant under review by the National Institutes of Health to develop family caregiver skills for the promotion of calm behavior in persons with dementia.

## 5 UB again ranks high in international enrollment

UB once again is among the top 20 U.S. campuses with the largest enrollment of international students, according to data published by the Institute of International Education (IIE). UB is ranked 17th in the nation.

The list is based on international student enrollment in the 2010-11 academic year.

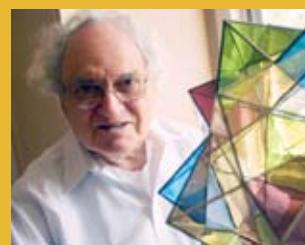
UB has 5,185 international students. Following national trends, UB has seen a large increase in the number of students from China. UB's Chinese enrollment increased by nearly 28 percent between fall 2009 and fall 2010, compared to a 22 percent increase nationally.

## 6 UB mourns loss of Hauptman, Greatbatch

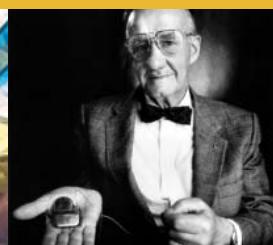
The university mourned the loss of two of its greatest scientists during the fall semester. Wilson Greatbatch, a UB alumnus, former engineering faculty member and inventor of the implantable cardiac pacemaker, died Sept. 27 at age 92. Herbert A. Hauptman—eminent mathematician, Nobel laureate and UB emeritus faculty member—died Oct. 23 at age 94.

Greatbatch achieved acclaim for inventing, in the 1950s, the implantable cardiac pacemaker, a life-saving device that uses electrical impulses to regulate a patient's heartbeat. Hauptman became Western New York's most important scientist after he and colleague Jerome Karle received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1985 for developing mathematical methods for deducing the molecular structure of chemical compounds.

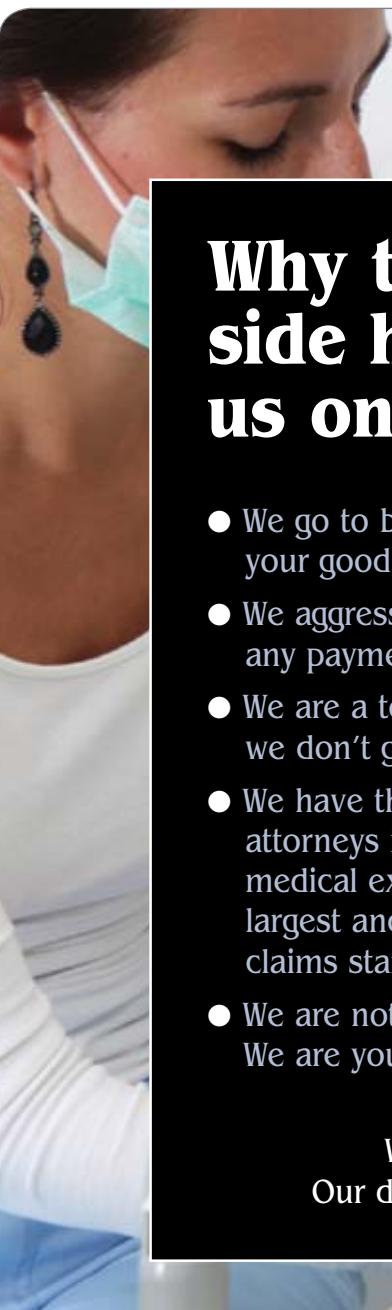
Both men helped lay the foundation for the region's medical industry.



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