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Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends,

It was just fifteen short years ago that I first wrote to you as Alumni President. Much has happened to all of us, and the world during that time. I've lost some weight, and a lot of hair, but gained a daughter-in-law and a grand-dog! We've all seen changes and improvements in dentistry, and how we practice, and yet a lot of us "old timers" wish that at least some of "the good old days" were still around. Fortunately for all of us, our Alma Mater is still around and stronger and more respected than ever. Also, your Alumni Association continues to be a very important link between graduates, the faculty, staff and administration, students, the community, and organized dentistry.



Unfortunately, a lot of alumni have a very limited knowledge of how the Alumni Association is structured, and functions. To try and correct that, a large portion of my columns this year will be devoted to OUR Alumni Association. We have a very committed group of 20 or so Executive Council members, who meet 5-6 times per year. Our remaining meeting dates for '06 are Tuesday, April 11; Tuesday, June 6; Tuesday, Sept. 19; and Tuesday, Nov. 14. Please feel free to attend, or contact us with an item you would like to see on the agenda.

We have also grown to a very dedicated, devoted staff of four. One of our organizations biggest assets is our Executive Secretary, Marilyn Sulzbach, who for 15 years has done anything and everything asked of her. She is truly the glue that holds us together, and supervises our Alumni Office in a model of efficiency. Marilyn and her husband Dennis reside in Cheektowaga, and proudly boast two children and seven grandchildren; make sure you ask about them when you call her. Carol McCourt has been with us since 1998, and serves as an important link between our office, the Dean, and the Development group. Since 2001, Sherry Szarowski has rounded out our secretarial staff, and the mix of these three working together is never more evident than when you see their cooperative efforts at the annual Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting. Our most recent staff member, Lisa Jerebko, while new to her position of Meeting Coordinator, has over ten years of development and meeting experience in both public and charitable organizations. Collectively this wonderful group is fully committed to excellence, and allows the Alumni Association to continue to grow and expand and improve our services to all of you.

So, there you have it, a bit about who helps run the show. As promised my next installment will deliver more information about your Alumni Association. We always can use a few more dedicated Executive Council members -- give it a thought. Thank you for once again giving me the opportunity to be of service. Please help me help you.

Fraternally yours in dentistry,
 Stanley L. Zak, Jr. DDS '76

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Greetings From Dean Buchanan

With spring soon to arrive in Western New York, our thoughts focus on graduation. For most of our alumni, this elicits memories of their own D.D.S. degree and attainment of a sufficient body of knowledge and ethics to become a dental practitioner. For others, it is the time when they receive their advanced education clinical certificates, masters, or doctoral degrees.

While the D.D.S. theme is the usual message from the Dean at this time of year and one in which I take great pride, for this issue I will focus on our Advanced Education clinical and graduate programs which are a largely unrecognized important activity of the School of Dental Medicine. These hospital and school-based programs with approximately 105 students/residents are a large component of our research and clinical activities. Of this number, 77 are enrolled in the AEGD, Endodontics, General GPR, Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, and Prosthodontics advanced education programs. Some of these same students/residents are also concurrently enrolled in our Ph.D. program in Oral Biology, the M.S. program in Oral Sciences, or the M.S. program in Biomaterials. Including those in combined clinical and graduates programs, a total of 14 students/residents are enrolled in the Ph.D. program in Oral Biology, 41 in the M.S. program in Oral Sciences, and 8 in the M.S. program in Biomaterials.



The School of Dental Medicine has two important initiatives supportive of our advanced programs, an NIH Training Grant and the International Advanced Education Program. The NIH Training Grant with Dr. Frank Scannapieco as principal investigator, provides support for clinical research training for oral health scientists including post-D.D.S. in combination with M.S. or Ph.D. programs, post-doctoral research, and short term training for dental students and mid-career dental faculty. The International Advanced Education Scholar Program promotes and improves the level of dentistry at other dental institutions. Through this program, current and future faculty members supported by their institutions (dental schools, hospitals, and government institutions) receive advanced education training leading to specialty certificates along with M.S. and/or Ph.D. degrees. To accommodate this program, additional positions have been created in addition to those available through traditional admissions.

As a result of their national and international reputations, all of our advance education programs play a vital part in the School of Dental Medicine.

With this last issue of the spring semester, I want to wish you all an enjoyable summer and hope to see many of you at the fall Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting.

Alumnotes

James H. Steere '37 writes that he is probably one of the few remaining members of the class of 1937. His activities have been pretty much limited to summers at his residence on Seneca Lake. He is hoping that his classmates will see this and write to him -- he will answer pronto. His address is 921 W. First St, Elmira, NY 14905.

George Dever Selfridge '47 began his Navy career as a Dental Intern at the Navy Dental School, Bethesda, MD and U.S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans, NY, followed by an Oral Surgery residency at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, FL.

Senior leadership positions and a variety of commands highlighted Dr. Selfridge's career when he served as Senior Dental Officer for the Submarine Force Atlantic Fleet; Associate Dean, National Naval Dental Center, Bethesda, MD; and Deputy Director, Regional Dental Center, Norfolk, VA where he was selected for Rear Admiral in 1973.

Rear Admiral Selfridge completed his distinguished Navy career as the Commanding Officer and Dean of the National Naval Dental Center, Bethesda, MD and retired in 1976. He then became the Dean of the School of Dental Medicine, Washington University, St. Louis, MO in 1976 and remained in that position until 1986.

At the request of the American Board of Orthodontics, he became their Executive Director in 1986. During that time, Dr. Selfridge was instrumental in developing the CE conference held by the USA Section Foundation each summer, including hosting the first and 20th in St. Louis. He was also the first Secretary/Treasurer of the USA Section Foundation when it was formed in 1986.

He was President of the International College of Dentists in 1980, Deputy Secretary General of the ICD in 1989 and the Deputy Registrar of the USA Section in 1990 and continues in both Deputy positions today. In 1984, the College honored him with Master Fellowship. Dr. Selfridge is married to the former Ruth M. Motisher of Pitman, NJ. They have 3 daughters, Pamela, Kimberly and Cheryl.

Joseph J. Massaro '58 has been elected for a two-year term as president of the Military Officers Club of Long Island, a 245 member organization of retired military officers of the seven uniformed federal military services. Dr. Massaro had a total of 24 years combined active and reserve duty with the U.S. Army.

Harvey Sprowl '60 was recognized by the 8th District Dental Society for his 40-year commitment to organized dentistry. The Harvey D. Sprowl Leadership Award was established to recognize the long-term contributions of Society members to the profession and Dr. Sprowl was the first recipient.

Dr. Sprowl successfully combined a private practice with an academic career teaching at UB School of Dental Medicine. He was widely regarded as a mentor to both students and new dentists, particularly encouraging dentists to participate actively at all levels of organized dentistry.

Sebastian G. Ciancio '61, Distinguished Service Professor at the UB School of Dental Medicine and Chair of the Dept of Periodontics and Endodontics has been selected to present a keynote address at the annual meeting of the American Association for Dental Research in Orlando, Florida on March 10, 2006. The topic of his presentation is "Dental Chemotherapy: The 21st Century."

Alfonso J. Perna '65 has been elected President of the NY State Dental Association (NYSDA). Dr. Perna, a general dentist, is currently executive director and a past president of the Sixth District Dental Society. He has been an active participant in organized dentistry serving on the NYSDA Executive Committee and as a Delegate to the ADA. He is former chair and fellow of the Western NY Section of the American College of Dentists. He is a member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the International College of Dentists. Dr. Perna currently practices in Binghamton with his son, **Michael '93**.



Jane & Stuart Fischman (Oral Path '66) traveled to Prague and Budapest, Hungary in Fall 2005. They toured the Jewish Communities in both cities with fellow members of the Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo Mission. Dr. Fischman also traveled to Riga, Latvia in February as a volunteer for Jewish Health Care International. As project director for Latvia, he led a team assisting Bikor Holim Hospital in improving their oral health care program.

Steven T. Braunstein '75 & GPR '76, a member of the Western NY Dental Group, was elected to a one-year term as international president of the the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity

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In Memoriam

George O. Evans '44
Wilfred A. Springer '46
Robert E. Chauvin '49
William C. Brewer '52
George B. Sidford '52
Richard H. Schwarz '57
Gary W. Andrews '63
Joseph D. Matteliano '72
Tallat Kaddis '72

Joe Natiella Retires and is Honored



After 37 years of dedicated teaching and service, Dr. Joseph R. Natiella has retired from the School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Natiella received his dental degree from Georgetown University in 1961 and entered private practice in Utica, NY with his father, Gerald A. Natiella, '24. In 1966, he enrolled in the UB Oral Pathology post-graduate program and earned his Certificate in 1968 and became a member of the faculty.

Dr. Natiella has established himself as a highly reputable oral pathologist and taught at UB for over 35 years. He was clinical associate professor in the Department of Otolaryngology and professor in the

Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences, where his research involved tumor classification with image analysis.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Dr. Natiella was an integral part of the Head and Neck Clinic at Sister's Hospital and was an indispensable pathologist for Quest Diagnostic Laboratory Inc. and Beutner Laboratories. His door was always open for students to observe his work in these 'real world' settings.

His presence in the clinic was always appreciated by students seeking oral pathology consultations. Dr. Natiella had a particular knack for putting patients and students 'at ease,' and yet he challenged his students to evaluate situations intelligently.

In recognition of his unparalleled service and dedication to the students and patients of the School of Dental Medicine, Dr. Natiella was named Educator of the Year by the gradu-

ating classes of 1979, 1989, 1995 and 1999. He was awarded the Dental Student Association Excellence in Teaching Award in 1984, the Dental Student Association William M. Feagans Award in 1994, the SUNY Chancellor Award for Excellence in 1996, the Dental Alumni Association Honor Award in 1999, and on April 28, 2006 he will be presented with UB's Dr. Richard T. Sarkin Award for Excellence in Teaching. (If anyone would like to purchase tickets for the April 28th Alumni Association Achievement Awards, contact Michelle Rudnicki or Louise Dochstrader at 716-645-3312.)

Dr. Natiella taught generations of students the value of strong intellect paired with compassionate treatment. He taught students more than the fundamentals of Oral Pathology – he guided them to a patient-based philosophy that provides each individual with excellent treatment in a caring environment. Dr. Natiella taught dentistry and humanity, all with a marvelous sense of humor that eased the student experience.

Dr. Natiella is truly loved by colleagues, students, patients and friends and it is with pleasure and profound admiration that we recognize Joseph R. Natiella's many accomplishments and wish him and his wife, Roberta, a wonderful retirement.



Country singer Tricia Yearwood and Dave Rice

David R. Rice '94 and Mark S. Wendling '98 started their third campaign of 'Smiles for Life' on March 1st. The annual program runs from March through June and participants donate 100% of the money raised from tooth whitening to charity -- 50% stays locally for kids charities and 50% goes to Garth Brooks' Teammates for Kids.

On Feb. 7th, Dave Rice was invited to the dedication ceremony for Teammates for Kids' 'The Zone' at Mt. Sinai Hospital in NYC. 'The Zone' is a state-of-the-art therapeutic play and educational center for children and their families. It helps kids and their families by providing relaxation areas away from the medical units, interactive games, performances, celebrity visits, education resources, and much needed support and opportunities to interact with other children and families.

Smiles for Life Campaign Benefits Kids



(l to r) Harold Reynolds, ESPN analyst; Eli Manning, quarterback of NY Giants; Dave Rice; Jason Giambi, NY Yankees; Omar Minaya, GM of the NY Mets

SDM Department News -- Pediatric and Community Dentistry

Charles L. Boyers Fellowship - was created in memory of Dr. Charles L. Boyers in 1997 by **James H. Ely '62** to support predoctoral students interested in pediatric dentistry at the School of Dental Medicine. 2006 Recipients are: Joanne Tran '08 – mentors: Drs. Hiran Perinpanayagam and **Margaret Certo '89 & Pedro '91**; and Alexi Damascus '09 – mentor: **Dr. Dian Wells '94 & Pedro '00**.

New residents who will begin the pediatric program July 1, 2006: Heather Gregg-Lilly – Ohio State University; Theron Main SDM '06, Jason Smith – University of Pittsburgh; Renn Veater – University of Kentucky; Denise Russell – Case Western Reserve University.

As part of the School of Dental Medicine's fifth annual "Give Kids a Smile" day, more than 500 children ages 1-18 who do not have access to dental care received a free dental exam, fluoride treatments, X-rays, sealants, oral hygiene instruction and other consultations or treatments as needed in the school's clinics on Feb. 3. The treatments were provided by volunteer dental faculty, alumni, and students. There also was a "Teddy Bear Clinic" designed to help children ages 1-5 become at ease with exam procedures and medical professionals. On Feb. 15, Smile Education Day, the dental school's more than 400 students visited more than 30,000 third- and fifth-graders in schools throughout Western NY to promote good oral health. Both events were held in conjunction with the observance of February as Children's Dental Health Month.



Neil Scott '86 and Laura Holena



Jill Zurek '05 and Malla Sandberg



Dinesh Patel '09 and Dian Wells '94



Christopher Stansbury '06



Ian Walker '00



Loan Mao '06



James C. Matteliano '80



Dian Wells '94 at School #76

Photos courtesy of Frank Barnashuk '80 & Michael Phillips '95

Student Research Day

Millennium Hotel

March 2, 2006

Graduate Student Award Winners:

Jill Kramer - SDM Presentation Award

Shinsuke Onishi - Dept of Oral Biology Presentation Award

Jeffrey Yu - Robert Genco Award

DDS Award Winners:

#1 - Alexander Campagna '09

#2 - Renee Soroka '08

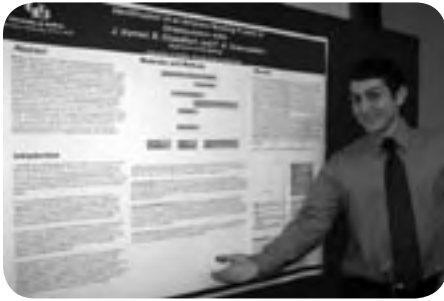
#3 - Sasi Sunkara (Oral Sciences)

#4 - Michael Markiewicz '07

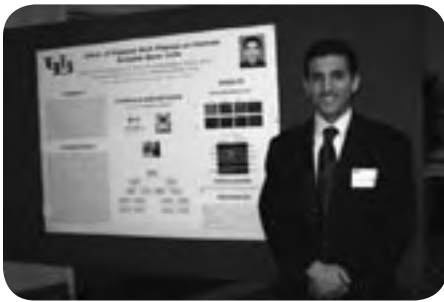
Maryann Mather Award for Clinical Research

Graduate - Giuseppe Intini (Periodontics)

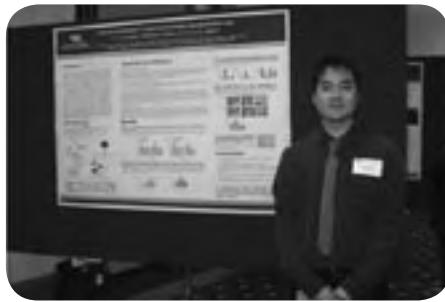
DDS - Lisa DeLucia '08



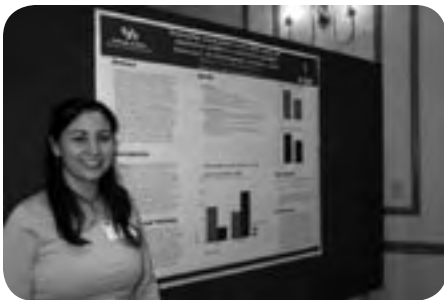
John Vorrasi '08



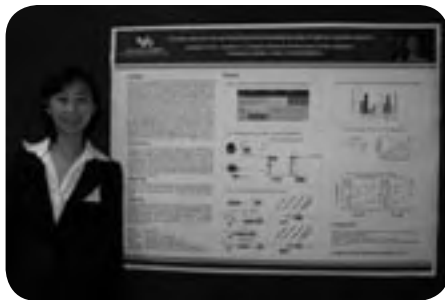
Badar Al-Shammari (Endodontics)



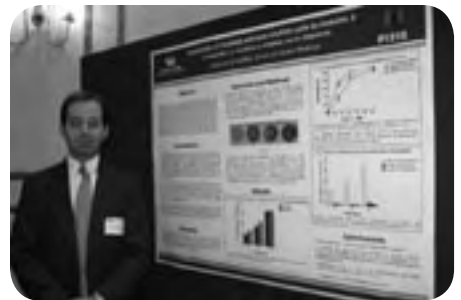
Jeffrey Yu (Oral Biology)



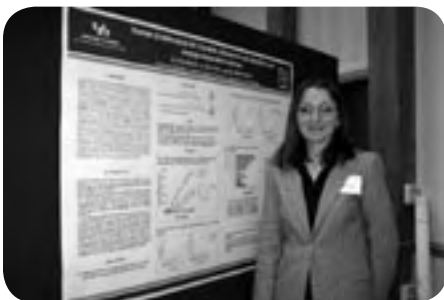
Jessica Levy '08



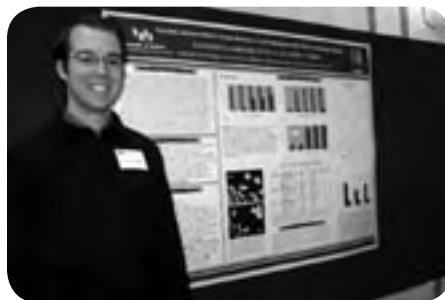
Jianing Sun (Oral Biology)



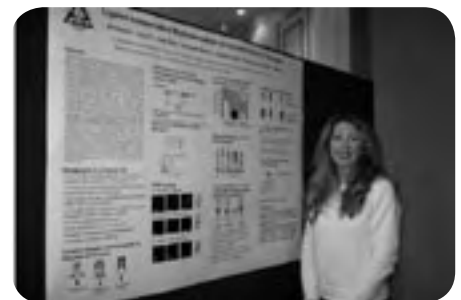
Christopher Pusateri (Prosthodontics)



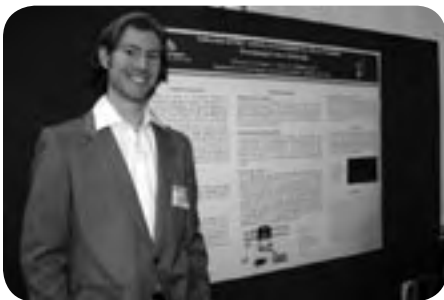
Slavena Vylkova (Oral Sciences)



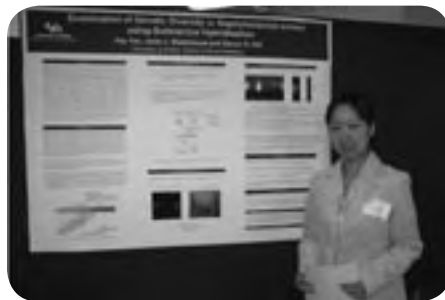
Alexander Campagna '09



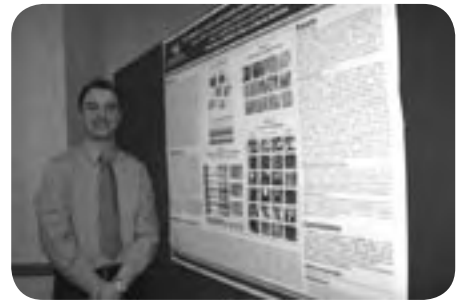
Jill Kramer '06



James Gleason '06



Hao Fan (Oral Biology)



Giuseppe Intini (Oral Biology)

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School of Dental Medicine Talent Show

January 27, 2006



MC Gene
Pantera



Sarah Gaffen and her
husband, Chris Mullin



Jill Wierchowski '06 &
her cousin, Katie Ryan



Peter Skuben '08



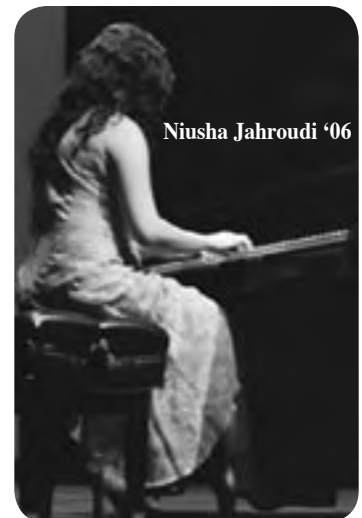
David Calos '06



Eli Kaufman



Emily Herbison '07 & her father,
Dr. Richard Herbison



Niusha Jahroudi '06

Photos courtesy of Jen Bauer, Academic Affairs.



The 29th Annual

Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting

Sponsored by the U.B. Dental Alumni Association

Wednesday, October 25

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Preview Night
Supported by Ivoclar Vivadent Inc.



Sebastian G. Ciancio, DDS '61

Thursday, October 26

8:30 am - 4:15 pm Periochemotherapeutics: The 21st century; Sebastian G. Ciancio DDS '61 *Alumni Speaker Series*
Supported by educational grants from Colgate & Oral-B.

8:30 am - 4:30 pm The \$1,000,000 staff; Joe Steven Jr DDS & Mark Troilo DDS

8:30 am - 11:30 am **Fitness made fun; Amy Beume
Supported by an educational grant from Gold's Gym.

8:30 am - noon CPR; MP Emergency Response Training

8:45 am - 4:15 pm Comprehensive laser dentistry from A to Z; Ron Kaminer DDS '90 *Alumni Speaker Series*
Supported by an educational grant from Biolase.

8:45 am - 11:45 am Oral bioterrorism and weapons of mass destruction; Debra Seidel-Bittke RDH Supported by educational grants from Orapharma & Oral-B.

9:00 am - 4:45 pm A blueprint for esthetics; Jeff Blank DMD
Supported by an educational grant from Dentsply Caulk.

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Are you prepared to treat medically and developmentally compromised patients? Debra Seidel-Bittke RDH
Supported by educational grants from Orapharma & Oral-B

1:15 pm - 4:15 pm Infection control; Terrence J. Thines DDS '75, MS

1:30 pm - 5:00 pm CPR; MP Emergency Response Training

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Successful transition strategies; Sarah Lynch
Supported by an educational grant from Jim Kasper Assoc. LLC



Joe Steven, Jr., DDS



Mark Troilo, DDS

Register Early: Pre-registration closes Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006 and prices go up!

Cancellation Policy:

- Written requests for a refund must be received by Oct. 12.
- Cancellation fee of \$25 will apply to all cancellations.
- No refunds issued after Oct. 12.

For more information call: (800) 756-0328 ext. 2 or (716) 829-2061 or visit our website at www.sdm.buffalo.edu/alumni/.

Upstate New York's Premier Dental Event

October 25-27, 2006
Buffalo Convention Center



Save the Dates!

Friday, October 27

- 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Creating a successful cosmetic practice; Dick Barnes DDS
- 8:30 am - 11:30 am Infections and their consequences
A tooth-related near-death experience; Norman D. Mohl '56 & Tuberculosis: An ancient disease -- a significant modern problem, John Wright MD
- 8:30 am - 11:30 am **Retirement & business succession planning; Lawrence Passaretti; Supported by an educational grant from AXA Advisors.
- 8:30 am - noon CPR; MP Emergency Response Training
- 8:45 am - 4:30 pm Oral pathology for dental professionals; Olga Ibsen RDH Supported, in part, by an educational grant from Procter & Gamble.
- 8:45 am - 4:30 pm Endodontics; A. Utku Ozan, DDS, MS Supported, in part, by an educational grant from Medidenta.
- 8:45 am - 11:45 am Infection control; Terrence Thines '75
- 9:00 am - 4:15 pm Predictable restorative outcomes using one-stage implant system; Mark Hutten DDS MS Supported by an educational grant from Straumann USA.
- 9:00 am - noon Insurance payment, coding & patient communication CDT-2005-2007 codes; Carol Tekavec RDH
- 9:00 am - noon Collections; Dan Vecchio Jr Supported by an educational grant from American Credit Control Corp.
- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Risk Management VI; John Asaro DDS '73 & Kevin Ricotta JD
- 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm Record keeping basics; Carol Tekavec RDH
- 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm Dentist technician team communication for esthetics & function; Ken Jones CDT & Fred McIntyre DDS '72 & MS Supported by an educational grant from New Creation Dental Studio.
- 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm CPR; MP Emergency Response Training

Drinnan Symposium



Dick Barnes, DDS

Meenaghan Symposium



Mark Hutten, DDS, MS



Debra Seidel-Bittke, RDH

**May not meet requirements for mandatory NYS continuing dental education credits.

Reunion Dinner Dance

Hyatt Regency Ballroom
Friday, October 27, 2006
Cocktails 6:30 pm Dinner 7:00 pm

Non-reunion and non-alumni guests are welcome.

BOCA



Buffalo Outreach and Community Assistance (BOCA) is again sending dental students abroad to provide oral health care for disadvantaged populations. Students will be participating in dental outreach programs in:

- Ghana, West Africa, March 2-13, 2006, 4 students;
- Guatemala, Central America, March 4-11, 2006, 6 students;
- Tampico, Mexico, March 4-11, 2006, 25 students;
- Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, June 3-10, 2006, 22 students; and
- Damascus, Syria, June 8-22, 2006, 3 students.

We are again asking for your generous support regarding the donation of dental instruments and materials for use on these missions. Below a list of items that will be needed on these missions. Whatever you are able to donate will be most appreciated. As always, BOCA thanks you for your generosity and concern.

- Restorative materials (amalgam, composite resins, glass ionomers, esp. Fuji IX)
- Guns/carriers for restorative materials
- Dental sealants • Bonding agents
- Dycal, IRM, other base/temporary materials
- Polishing pastes, discs, strips
- Matrix bands (metal and Mylar) and holders
- Wedges • Articulating paper
- Rubber dams, clamps and handles • Topical anesthetics
- Local anesthetics - lidocaine 2% with epi. - mepivacaine 3% - bupivacaine
- Surgical blades (#15) and handles • Resorbable sutures
- Operative, oral hygiene (scalers) and surgical instruments
- Anesthetic syringes / needles • Preformed temporary crowns
- Stainless steel crowns • Cold cure denture resin
- Prophy angles, cups and paste
- Tongue blades and mouth props
- Topical fluoride rinse • Instrument disinfectant powder
- Gloves and masks; facemasks
- Paper products (patient napkins, cotton rolls and swabs, etc.)
- Toothbrushes, floss and toothpaste

Donated Materials Must Be Current and
Not Be Past the Expiration Date.

Contact Jude Fabiano at (716) 829-2862, if you have items to donate.

The Dental Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the following awards.

Honor Award

This award is given to those whose enthusiastic and untiring endeavors have helped to promote the continued growth, development and success of the UB School of Dental Medicine

Humanitarian Award

This award is given to the alumnus who best exhibits the following characteristics:

- Unselfishness
- Concern for Others
- Commitment to Dentistry
- Commitment to, and Involvement in Their Community
- Is of High Moral Character
- Someone Who Through Their Actions has Distinguished Themselves as a Leader in Their Community

If you know of an alumnus who is deserving of either honor, please contact the Alumni Office at 800-756-0328 ext. 2 or 716-829-2061; FAX 716-829-3609; EMAIL msulzbac@buffalo.edu

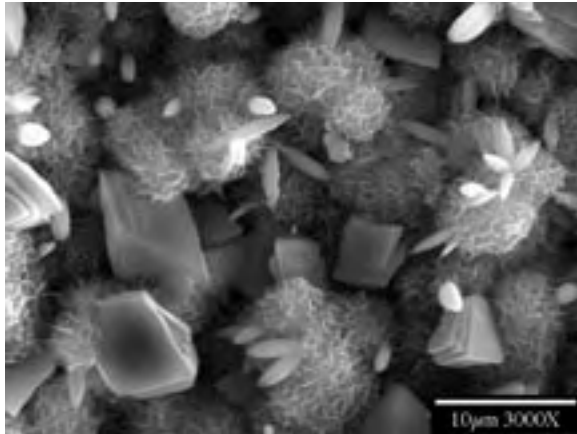
Hanau Cup Hockey

The Hanau Cup, the longest running sporting event in the history of the School of Dental Medicine, will be played on March 31, 2006 at the Buffalo State College Sports Arena. The game continues to be a great competition involving students, faculty and alumni. If you are interested in competing in this grueling test of courage and stamina, or you simply want to gorge yourself on chicken wings at the post game party, contact the Alumni Association @ 716-829-2061, or 1-800-756-0328 ext. 2 to be placed on our mailing list for the game. Make sure you do not miss out and plan on coming back to Buffalo for a fun filled evening. This promises to be another competitive game, one in a long line of memorable contests.



Research Corner

U.B. School of Dental Medicine



Crystal structures in Pro-Root Mineral Trioxide Aggregate (MTA).

MTA is a new dental material used in apexification, endodontic perforation repair, root end fillings and pulp capping procedures. The material is actually modified Portland cement and it is capable of setting in a wet field. This study investigated the effect of different fluids on the crystal structure. The fluids used were EDTA, saline and serum.

Study Authors:

Ming Shih Levine '71, Tammy Bonstein (Biomaterials '03), and Peter Bush

Problem gums are nothing to smile about.

A historic joint ADA/AMA press briefing on the oral-systemic relationship was held in New York City Feb 23, 2006. Sponsored by Colgate, this half-day session brought together oral health and medical clinicians and researchers to present state-of-the-art science on the association between oral health and overall health. The session was moderated by JADA Editor Michael Glick. Speakers included Drs. **Robert Genco '63**, Louis Rose, Elizabeth Kay, Moise Desavarieux and Steven Offenbacher.

Chronic gum disease may affect other health conditions for several reasons, the experts said. Oral bacteria can make their way into the bloodstream, causing inflammation of other body tissues. Oral infections may also trigger inflammatory immune responses, adversely affecting the rest of the body. Doctors reporting on recent research emphasized that scientists haven't yet found definitive proof that gum disease ups risks for more serious illness. But the evidence is mounting.

Researchers are also beginning to study how periodontal disease interacts with other illnesses. Does periodontal disease initiate other illnesses, or does it exacerbate them. Among the most provocative research at the conference was the finding that poor oral health is associated with premature delivery.

Dr. Robert Genco, distinguished professor of oral biology at the UB School of Dental Medicine has researched the origins of oral disease for more than 30 years. He reported, "The evidence is increasingly strong and deserves the attention of both the medical and dental professions." It is important, said Genco, that physicians recognize gum disease as a potentially potent contributor to poor health generally. To that end, he's one of a group of health professionals working with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to develop a simple questionnaire that doctors can hand out to patients to identify those with periodontal disease.



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at their recent annual convention in Florida. He joined the fraternity while in dental school and has been an active local chapter and international member ever since. Dr. Braunstein has provided dentistry for children with disabilities and has donated his time and skills to the Cerebral Palsy Association and the Grotto Program of Buffalo.

Gerald Benjamin '77 & GPR '78

has just completed the 16th Master Level Course with Dr. Frank Spear at the Seattle Institute for Advanced Dental Education. He has taken more hours of study with Dr. Spear, who is regarded as one of the top 5 restorative dentists in the world, than any dentist from NY State. This course takes his continuing education hours to 2000 hours including a Certificate of Proficiency in Esthetic Dentistry. In 1999, he was one of 5 dentists in the world to win the prestigious American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry Smile Contest. Dr. Benjamin maintains a full time dental practice in Cropseyville, NY and is adjunct faculty in the Dept of Restorative Dentistry, UB School of Dental Medicine.



William R. Calnon '78 has joined the Eastman Dental Center Foundation, Inc. Board. Dr. Calnon has served as president of the Monroe County Dental Society, the 7th District Dental Society, and the NYS Dental Association. He has also served on countless committees and councils including the Council on Dental Practice of the ADA. He is currently trustee-elect representing NY State to the Board of Trustees of the ADA. Dr. Calnon is currently in private practice with **Thomas A. Cilano '85** in Chili, NY.



Albert Cantos '81 joined the UB Dept of Oral Diagnostic Sciences as a part-time Clinical Assistant Professor. He is also in private practice in Buffalo, NY.

Robert P. Marier '81 was elected President of the Delaware Board of Dental Examiners in Sept. 2005. He was named to the Board in 2001 by Delaware's Governor and has served ever since. He was awarded FAGD in 1995. Dr. Marier is currently in private practice in Milford, DE after serving 4 years at Dentsply Caulk as a Clinical Research Dentist.

Mark J. Schwitz (Ortho '81) is currently practicing in Marlboro and Howell, NJ. Married for 26 years to his wife, Lynne, they have 2 boys. Scott is at Middlebury College and Corey is at Bucknell University. Dr. Schwitz states, "My education at U.B. was excellent thanks to the strong leadership of Dr. John J. Cunat."

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12th Annual Lower Lakes Dental Meeting

May 5, 2006

Buffalo Niagara Marriott

Principles for Tooth Preparation and Gingival Tissue Management

This presentation will focus upon the scientific principles and clinical procedures that optimize success when preparing teeth for single and fixed partial dentures. These concepts and others will be scientifically scrutinized to help identify mechanical, esthetic and biologic success. Scientific evidence and clinical procedures will be used in support of the identified principles.

Many times failures in restorative dentistry are not due to poor color selection but to poor handling of the gingival tissue during the preparation of the tooth, impression procedure, provisional material and/or cementation. We will discuss the effect of margin placement of a crown in relation to the gingival health, gingival management during tooth preparation, impression techniques and procedures, and the effect of provisional restorations, cements, overcountoured restorations, pontic design and postoperative hygiene on the gingival health.

Benefits of Attending:

This lecture will help the current practitioner understand the basic principles of tissue management during restorative procedures, better understand the effect of a well prepared tooth on the final restoration and the basic scientific principles that are needed to obtain those results. The clinician will benefit by understanding the potential problems associated with poor handling of the gingival tissue during tooth preparation, impression, cementation and post-operative care.

Carlos Muñoz, DDS, MSD, Professor and Chair, Dept of Restorative Dentistry, UB School of Dental Medicine. Member of the American College of Prosthodontics, International Association of Dental Research, Hispanic Dental Association, Academy of Dental Materials and several others; Fellow of the American College of Dentists. He has presented lectures in Central and South America, the U. S., Asia and Europe. He has authored over 50 scientific articles, contributed to clinical dental texts, served as journal reviewer and is very active in adhesives, composite and ceramic research.

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Kenneth A. Cohen '84 and Ann S. Jamieson '83 have moved their practice to the Cypress Lakes Professional Center, Oldsmar, FL. The husband-and-wife dental team has practiced in the area since 1985 and provides all phases of general and cosmetic dentistry.



Brian J. Jackson '89 was recently published in the Dec. issue of the *J. of Oral Implantology*. The article was titled, "The Use of Laser-Welded Titanium Framework Technology: A Case Report for the Totally Edentulous Patient." He will present his paper at the American Academy of Implant Dentistry's Northeast District Meeting in May. Dr. Jackson is a Diplomate in the American Board of Oral Implantology / Implant

Dentistry and an Associate Fellow in the American Academy of Implant Dentistry. He is a partner in the dental practice of Slavin, Jackson & Burns DDS PLLC located at 2534 Genesee St, Utica, NY.

Congratulations to **Cindy Pong '94**, and her husband, John Gemrich, on the birth of their second daughter, Caroline, on November 4, 2005.



Kedar Lele '98, GPR '99 & Pedro '01 and Angela Wolfman Pedro '04 were engaged in December 2005. They are currently in the process of opening a practice in Tuscon, AZ.

Samer Safadi (TMJ '00 & MS Oral Sciences '00) has established and opened Valley TMD and Orofacial Pain Center, P.C. in Phoenix, AZ. The center is a state-of-the-art facility caring for patients with TMD and Orofacial Pain disorders.

Ryan B. Goldstein '01 and Mary Ellen Nowicki announced their engagement. A June 2006 wedding is planned. Dr. Goldstein is currently in private practice with his father, **David Goldstein '70**, in Cheektowaga, NY.

Greg M. Busch '02 is the proud owner of a new practice in Old Greenwich CT.

Laura Van Varick '03 moved to Naples, FL (aka Paradise!!) after completing a residency program at the University of Florida in Jacksonville. She is currently working in a group practice in Ft. Myers. Life is good and she is starting to make plans to open her own practice with a partner in Naples, FL.

What have you been up to? Please forward your Alumnote to 337 Squire Hall, Buffalo, NY 14214-8006 or email to msulzbac@buffalo.edu.

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Development News

We are thrilled to acknowledge a generous bequest from Dr. Hyman Weiss, '52. Below is a letter from his spouse, Charlotte Weiss MD '52, who has made a legacy gift to the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.



"My husband, Hy Weiss, had always felt very much indebted to UB for the very superior education in dentistry that he experienced.

Also, our very happy marriage was and is very much a UB Story. We met as first year students in 1948 at the old medical school building on High Street. At the time the Dental School and the Medical School had the same curriculum for the first three tri-mesters. And so we were classmates, Hy in Dentistry, and me, in Medicine.

Before last October, when Hy died, he often reflected on his very rewarding life, and always placed UB as a major player. Without UB our lives together never would have happened!"

Dr. Weiss was a strong supporter of the Class of 1952 scholarship fund. This bequest will support the fund and other important initiatives of the School. Our sincere thanks go out to Dr. Hyman Weiss and Dr. Charlotte Weiss for their heartfelt support of the University at Buffalo and the School of Dental Medicine.

We would like to thank our new and renewed Dean's Associates and other donors who supported the School of Dental Medicine between December 1, 2005 and March 1, 2006.

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Dental Van in Service for Ten Years

Since its inception 10 years ago, the School of Dental Medicine's mobile dental van has treated 25,000 children. The mobile dental van is the brainchild of Louis J. Goldberg, dean of the UB dental school from 1993-2000 and now a professor of oral diagnostic sciences, and Paul Creighton '84, clinical associate professor and assistant dean in the Department of Community Dentistry. They wanted to expand public service for the dental school and chose Chautauqua County -- south of Buffalo -- for the van's focus, because it has the largest number of medically undeserved persons in rural Western New York. Census data from 2000 shows a median family income of \$33,000 -- \$10,000 less than the median for the state. Nearly 10 percent of families live below the poverty line and one quarter of those have children less than 5 years of age.

The Gebbie Foundation of Jamestown provided a \$160,000 grant in 1995 to purchase the van and clinic dentists treated their first patients in October 1996. James Wakeman, elementary principal at Ripley Central School for 16 years, says the clinic provides a vital service, but he would like to see more of his students take advantage of it. Creighton notes that despite their efforts and despite providing dental care free-of-charge in the neediest of cases, the clinic reaches only 33 percent of eligible children. Parental resistance is one barrier. Another is the size of the clinic itself, he says. "We can deliver care to about 3,000 children a year by virtue of the van's capacity. In the future, we hope to replace the current van with a larger one with four dental chairs. We are also thinking that we might not need to be in so many schools. Maybe if we could set up in a few central locations, we might be able to serve more people."

Obituary

Paul Crombach '71 died on December 29, at 60, after being diagnosed with leukemia in November. Krista Crombach said her father cared for the mouths and teeth of thousands of patients through the years and many of his patients viewed him as a friend. He received more than 300 cards from concerned patients during his stay at Strong Memorial Hospital for aggressive chemotherapy treatments.

"He was a great communicator," recalled Phil Gilson, DDS and a partner for 10 years to longtime Ontario, NY-based dentist Dr. Crombach. "He had the best bedside manner of any person I ever knew," Gilson added. "I always tried to emulate that."

But it was Dr. Crombach as a person, not just what he did for a living, that has endeared him to family, co-workers, and patients alike. He enjoyed spending time with his family, golfing, vacationing, and catching up with friends, particularly his dental school friends with whom he remained close.

Dr. Crombach completed his undergraduate work at the State University of NY at Buffalo, where he majored in math and graduated in 1969. He then went on to the UB School of Dental Medicine, where he graduated in 1971. After earning his DDS degree, Dr. Crombach and his former wife, Susan, moved to Albuquerque, NM, for two years, where he served as a dentist in the U.S. Air Force from 1971 to 1973. After his tour, the couple returned to Webster, NY, where they raised their two daughters, Katie and

Krista. Dr. Crombach was involved in many organizations, including having a membership at Oak Hill Country Club. He was a Fellow of the American Dental Academy, had an active membership in the Wayne County Dental Association and was a member of the UB Alumni Association.

He is survived by his two daughters, Katie (Jason) Jenkins of Carlisle, MA and Krista Crombach of Irondequoit; former wife, Susan Crombach; and fiancée, Mary Riccelli. He is also survived by his parents, George and Lillian Crombach; brother, G. Thomas Crombach; and sister, Claudia (Larry) Allen.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the UB Foundation, UB School of Dental Medicine Office of Development, 332 Squire Hall, Buffalo, 14214-8006.



8th District Annual Meeting

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On Dec. 6, 2005, the 8th District Dental Society held its Annual Meeting.

Mark Barone '85 (President), David Bonnevie '80 (President-Elect), Frank Barnashuk '80 (Vice President), Mary Beth Dunn '90 (Secretary), and Ronald Jarvis '63 (Treasurer) were installed as 2006 officers.



Master of Ceremonies
John Asaro '73

At the Jan. 28 President's Reception, Drs. Emilio Cappellucci '67, Charles Clough '65, Robert Chick '67, Don Corter '67, Robert DeFranco '65, Peder Hancher '67, Joel Levin '62, John Maressa '66, Gerald Peppy '65, Joseph Rait '48, and James Strychalski '64 were recognized for attaining life membership in the Society.



Peder Hancher receiving his Life Membership certificate from President Barone.



John Maressa receiving his Life Membership certificate from President Barone.

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