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**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Fellow Alumni;

As my year as your alumni president comes to a close, I am so thankful for the tireless efforts of the many dedicated individuals who have helped make the past year a productive and enjoyable one.



First and foremost, I would like to thank all of the committee chairs, and members of the Executive Council. These hard working individuals are a very focused group. Their main goal is to improve your dental school. They have worked tirelessly on our behalf and should be commended for all their efforts.

I would also like to thank the Administration and the Office of Development. It has been a pleasure working so closely with those who share the same vision for our Alumni Association. Additionally, I couldn't possibly forget to thank the wonderful staff at the Alumni office that, together with our new meeting planner, have made this years meeting one of our most successful ever.

Lastly, I would like to thank you, my fellow alumni, for your support and input. It has been my honor and a privilege to represent you and serve as your president over the past year. Thank you for the opportunity!

Best wishes to all of you for health and happiness throughout the holidays and coming year.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Lynch 83'  
 President

## Greetings From Dean Buchanan

At the Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting this past October, I was fortunate to learn much about some intriguing elements of the meeting's history. Many of our alumni are well aware of the origins of, and trends associated with, the meeting. However, I thought that other alumni and friends, including colleagues at the University and at the nation's other dental schools who also receive the Dental Report, might be interested in learning more about some of the unique aspects which account for the increasing quality and impact of this outstanding professional meeting.

Did you know that the meeting first started in 1903 as a means of bringing together clinicians, educators and scientists from Buffalo and the surrounding region? Since that time the School of Dental Medicine, the Alumni Association, the profession and the BNDM have grown significantly. In 1978, the meeting was renamed as the First Annual Greater Niagara Frontier Dental Meeting and its theme was "Wide World of Dentistry." Dr. Roger Triftshauer '61, then president of the Alumni Association, emphasized the mission of improving the everyday practice of dentistry. Gordon Christensen was among the featured speakers, and a young Congressman Jack Kemp gave a luncheon address.



Since 1978, the meeting has consistently attracted presenters of the highest quality, contributing to continuing growth in attendance which reached over 2,600 dental professionals this past year. A special feature, the Alumni Speaker Series, provides a wonderful way to showcase our graduates. This year our alumni presenters included Scott Benjamin '78, Chet Gary '78, JD, Steve Guttenberg '69 and Ray Miller '85. Dr. Miller's standing-room-only course in forensic dentistry inaugurated the Alan J. Drinnan Memorial Symposium, which will continue in future years to honor a very special member of our faculty who is remembered with the greatest affection and respect by all here at the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine. The quality of Dr. Miller's presentation and his wry humor were a tribute to his former mentor, Dr. Drinnan, illustrating the rewards of the generation to generation connections and lifelong continuity within our academic family.

In addition to the excellent professional experiences provided through its scientific and clinical programs, the meeting also has important social dimensions. It is the focus of a variety of informal and formal social events through which the alumni renew and nurture friendships, many of which began at their enrollment. These include the five-year Class Reunion Dinners and the Reunion Dinner Dance which culminates the meeting. The latter, to which our fourth year class is invited as guests of the Alumni Association, creates special sense of community among our current and future alumni.

The Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting is to my knowledge the only event of its kind organized through the dedicated, volunteer efforts of a dental school Alumni Association. In a most successful collaborative effort, the School joins with the Alumni Association in addressing our shared mission of enhancing patient care through continuing education. The meeting is currently ranked 13th among regional meetings across the country – a testament to its strength and significance.

I would like to congratulate the Alumni Association, the meeting organizers, and everyone who made the 28th Annual Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting such a wonderful success. I hope to see you there next year!



## 2005 Honor Award

Dr. Gerard Wieczkowski, Jr. was born in Buffalo, NY, and graduated from Canisius College, where he was inducted into the DiGamma Honor Society. He graduated from the UB School of Dentistry in 1969 and in his senior year was Class President, Editor-in-Chief of the *MeDentian*, the medical and dental schools' yearbook, and was the student representative to the search committee that selected Dr. William Feagans as the dental school's then next dean.

Upon graduation, Dr. Wieczkowski joined the Dept of Operative Dentistry as a Teaching Fellow, and was given departmental responsibility for the teaching of a 'new' restorative material, composite resin. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1976, and was appointed Chair of the Dept of Operative Dentistry in 1985, serving until 1994, when Operative was merged into the Restorative Department.

While chair, Dr. Wieczkowski and his Operative colleagues were the first to publish results using nano-leakage evaluation techniques to study the tooth-restorative material interface. These techniques are now the gold standard for studying marginal integrity and leakage patterns of dental restorative materials. Dr. Wieczkowski has authored over 30 papers in peer-reviewed journals on resins and bonding techniques, and has lectured nationally and internationally. He has made many presentations at scientific dental meetings, including the IADR and the Academy of Operative Dentistry. Dr. Wieczkowski is especially proud of the fact that during his tenure as chair, 28 dental students graduated with Thesis Honors in Operative Dentistry. Two were finalists in the ADA/Dentsply Student Research Table Clinic competition.

But Dr. Wieczkowski's true love is teaching. "Dr. Whiz", as he is known to his students, has had the Dental School Yearbook dedicated to him, has been awarded the Charles S. Lipani Award for Exceptional Service to the Dental School, the Dental Students' Association Teaching Award, the Alpha Omega Fraternity Teacher of the Year Award, and is the only faculty member ever to have been named "Rookie of the Year" by the dental student yearbook, in 1970. When he received the Richard A. Powell Award for Excellence in Teaching in May of 2005, one of his former students wrote: "... this award, in memory of one of the great men in UB dental education, could not be bestowed on a better person. I don't think there is anyone who has helped influence students more than you. Dr. Whiz, you are the unsung hero of the dental school, and there are many of us who have greatly benefited from our brief time spent with you. I have many fond and cherished memories of lessons I learned from you on the ethics of dentistry, as well as achieving levels of technical excellence."

Dr. Wieczkowski was elected into membership of the International College of Dentists, OKU, and is currently also a member of our Alumni Association and the Academy of Operative Dentistry.

In 1975 Dr. Wieczkowski organized the first Hanau Cup ice hockey game, then an annual competition between faculty and students. Having no use for his own Hanau torch because Dr. Robert DeFranco, his prosthetics instructor, made him promise never to make another denture, Dr. Wieczkowski painted his Hanau torch silver and donated it as the Hanau Cup. Dr. Wieczkowski was the faculty team's goalkeeper.

Dr. Wieczkowski and his wife Kathleen have been married for 40 years, and are the proud parents of three children. Jeffrey is an attorney, Neil has a Master's Degree in Fine Arts, and Julie has a PhD in anthropology.



*Thank you so much for this wonderful honor. You have made this evening especially memorable for my family and me. And congratulations to Dr. Viscardo and to the 5-year reunion classes.*

*It is so nice to see so many of my former students here tonight, but it is especially nice to see members of the class of 1970, the first class that I taught at UB.*

*When I was informed of this award I was very humbled, because there are so very many talented Alumni who are deserving of this award. I am also humbled when I look at the list of previous Honor Award winners.*

*Lou Gehrig, when he retired from baseball, claimed to be the luckiest man alive. I think that I could give him a run for that title. You see, I had wonderful parents, I have a loving and persevering wife, Kathleen, and, three great children, Jeffrey, Neil and Julie. And then I'm the luckiest guy because of my teaching career. I would not change it for any other in the world. I don't have a job; I have a love second only to my family. And the reason why I love so much what I do is because of you, my students. I am so thankful that you have opened your eyes and ears and minds and hearts to me, and that you give me the opportunity to share my time with you.*

*In closing, I would like to leave something for the members of the class of 2006: I learned a lot from my parents, and one thing I learned was really pointed out to me by one of my friends. It was back in 7th or 8th grade and a couple of friends and I were deciding at whose house we would play. One of my friends said he wanted to come to my house, because my parents always treated him like real company. So that is my admonition to you: treat your patients like real company, like guests; do what is best for them, not what is best for your profits. Have your patients as the center of your practice, and you will be a success.*

*Thank you again.*

*Remarks by Gerard Wieczkowski, DDS*

## 2004 Humanitarian Award

*Excerpts from acceptance speech by William M. Viscardo DDS '60*

- *Forty-five years -- time flies when you are enjoying your profession.*
- *Every dental graduate should consider a dental residency program. It develops confidence, skills, judgment, and patient rapport.*
- *Mentoring dental students, dental residents, dental hygienists, and dental assistants has been a gratifying part of my profession.*
- *Be good to your dental profession and it will be good to you.*



Dr. William M. Viscardo grew up in Monroe, NY, the eleventh of fourteen children of John and Mamie Viscardo. After graduating from Monroe High School, Bill attended Canisius College. During the summers he worked with an engineering firm that helped build the NYS Thruway from Suffern to Newburg. Upon graduating from Canisius, Bill spent two years in the Army where he was a member of the 101st Airborne Infantry. After his tour of duty, Bill returned to Buffalo where he worked as a chemical engineer for Allied Chemical. Bill's interest in science never waned and after submitting his application to UB Dental School, he was accepted. Once again during the summers Bill helped build the NYS Thruway here in Buffalo where he worked as a NY State Inspector.

After graduating from UB Dental School, Dr. Viscardo became a resident in the Dept. of Dentistry at the old EJ Meyer Memorial Hospital. It was during these years that he was influenced and mentored by Dr. Joseph Amico and Dr. Robert Wolfshon. Upon completing his residency, he remained at EJ Meyer as an attending dentist and thus his long career as a mentor to dental residents, students and his commitment to patients was initiated. He has been instrumental in developing and maintaining dentistry for the Hemophilia Center of WNY and has also been instrumental in recruiting residents and developing the Dept. of Dentistry at ECMC from one resident to five or more. The department has grown into one of the

busiest outpatient clinics in the hospital. In May 2005, Dr. Viscardo was honored by the Erie County Medical Center Corporation for his outstanding and dedicated service

Dr. Viscardo is a member of the ADA, NYS Dental Association, the Eighth District Dental Society and the Erie County Dental Society.

Dr. Viscardo has always been interested in serving the community. He has coached Little League soccer and baseball and served as president of the Amherst Central Middle / High School PTA, where he was awarded the PTA NY State Life Membership Award. He also served on the Amherst Central School Board of Education for nine years and served as vice president for two years. He was co-founder of the community organization, Eggertsville-Snyder Quality Life Council. Dr. Viscardo is a member of St. Benedict's Holy Name Society, George Lamm Veterans Post and has served on the Scientific Squad for the Buffalo Police Department.

Dr. Viscardo and his wife, Trudy, have three children and six grandchildren. Dr. William M. Viscardo, Jr. is an internist in private practice in Saranac Lake, NY. He and his wife, Kirsten, have three children. Christine Devenney Agro graduated from SUNY Buffalo and went on to receive an MBA from SUNY Binghamton. She and her husband, Chuck, have a son. Gregory graduated from SUNY Buffalo and is a science instructor for Clark County, Las Vegas, NV. He and his wife, Mary Jo, have two children.

Dr. Viscardo is currently an Associate Clinical Professor in the Dept. of Oral Diagnostic Sciences at the UB School of Dental Medicine and is very grateful for all those who have influenced his career including, but not limited to, Drs. Joseph Amico, Robert Wolfsohn, and Richard Powell.

# Alumnotes

**Floyd H. Zablotny '59** retired as an Associate Professor, Dept. of Periodontics, Howard University, Washington, DC on January 31, 2005 and moved to Florida. He is also a retired Colonel with the U.S. Army.

**Martin A. Brown '66** went to the Islands of Samoa on a Rotary International Grant to provide dental care to the underserved needs of the people of Savaii along with 3 other doctors. He spent 10 days overseas and saw about 700 patients.



**Joseph Natiella (Oral Path '68)** has been selected by the Class of 2006 as recipient of the Alan J. Gross Award for Excellence in Teaching. This award is given on the basis of enthusiasm for the subject matter, ability to convey information clearly, and a genuine concern for students. Dr. Natiella is currently Professor, Dept. of Oral Diagnostic Sciences, UB School of Dental Medicine.

Utica native **William J. Siemiaszko '70** has been named director of clinical services for Aspen Dental Management, Inc. Siemiaszko, a dentist for 36 years, will serve as a liaison between Aspen Dental Management's affiliated dentists and the company's corporate headquarters in North Syracuse, NY in a variety of areas, including patient education, treatment planning and insurance issues.

**Joseph Sowinski '72**, professor and department head of dental hygiene at Erie Community College North Campus, has been awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award, given in recognition of outstanding performance, extraordinary professional achievement and personal dedication to institutional quality. William Mariani, ECC president, presented Sowinski with a medallion and certificate on behalf of SUNY.

**Terrence Thines '75 & GPR '76** has accepted a position as Professor at the Upstate Medical University and Chief of Service at the Upstate University Hospital. Dr. Thines left the UB School of Dental Medicine on Oct. 31, 2005 after 30 years of service.

**Paul Churder '81** has been elected chairman of the Niagara County Community College Foundation for 2005-6. He was also recently elected to the NCCC Athletic Wall of Fame. Dr. Churder is currently in private practice in Getzville, NY.

**Michael A. Gaglio (GPR '86)** has been promoted by Ivoclar Vivadent Inc. to Vice President of Marketing. He will be responsible for Technical, Clinical and High Technology marketing functions and personnel for the company's North American division. Dr. Gaglio has also been active in organized dentistry including Children's Dental Health Month activities and serving most recently as Chair of the 8th District Dental Society's Governmental Affairs Council.



**LTC David K. Fiaschetti '88** is an Army trained Oral Surgeon serving with the 10th Combat Surgical Hospital (CSH) from Fort Carson, CO. He is presently deployed in

Baghdad, Iraq. Oral Surgeons in a combat zone, especially with a CSH, spend much of their time performing general surgery, as opposed to purely oral surgery procedures. LTC Fiaschetti is pictured here with LTC Dianne Pannes '94 (see write-up on page 12). His stateside assignment is at West Point, NY.

**Heidi Crow (MS '91 & TMJ '91)** has been appointed on the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Dental Accreditation. She is one of thirty members on the Board and represents postdoctoral general dentistry education programs. This was a joint appointment by the American Dental Education Association and the American Association of Hospital Dentists. Dr. Crow is currently Associate Professor, Dept of Oral Diagnostic Sciences and Assistant Dean for Postdoctoral General Dentistry, UB School of Dental Medicine.

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## In Memoriam

**Robert E. Hager '40**  
**Ralph S. Citron '42**  
**Dudley H. Wilcox '42**  
**Guilford O. McClure '43**  
**Eugene I. Singer '49**  
**Francis J. Filipowicz '58**  
**Robert P. Ciaccio '61**  
**Donald R. Cowan '62**  
**Paul R. Crombach '71**  
**Thomas M. Smith '88**

**The 28th Annual Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting** was held October 26-27-28, 2005 at the Buffalo Convention Center. Over 2,600 dental professionals attended 20 outstanding lecture presentations and shopped for goods, services and products displayed on the exhibit floor.



Chris Kowalski of Treasure Rewards of America



Mark Soper of Progeny Inc. and Dr. Robert VanEenwyk '77



Pierre Lamoure, V-P for Clinical Sales at Ivoclar Vivadent, congratulates Ray Niceforo '83, winner of Niagara Fallsview Casino weekend, during Preview Night. Dick Lynch '83, Alumni President is pictured at right.



Brian O'Neil & Thomas Pousson of Coltene Whaledent





Bill Berger from Rochester Technical Group (RTG)



Dick Lynch '83, Alumni President; Chuck Marchetta '79, BNDM Co-Chair; Andy Jakson of Dental Tech Lab; Stan Zak '76, Exhibits Chair; Lisa Jerebko, BNDM Coordinator; and Paul DiBenedetto '79, BNDM Co-Chair selecting winner of the Evening in Buffalo Package sponsored by Dental Tech Lab.



Anthony Mirarchi & Joseph Ingrevalle of Genexa Medical Inc.



Kelli Brady '06, Allyson Stewart '06 & Sharla Seunarine '06 manning the coat check table.



Jen Stutz of Pro-Dentec and Shannon Vaccaro, RDH

## Reunion Classes Reception

Squire Hall

October 27, 2005

**S**eventy members of the classes ending in five and zero attended the reunion reception at Squire Hall on Thursday October 27th. Current students gave tours, and the returning graduates had a chance to meet with Dean Buchanan, members of the faculty, and officers of the Dental Alumni Association. Several graduates saw classmates that they had not seen since graduation, and everyone enjoyed getting together with old friends. Many who attended viewed their class pictures on the third floor and the comment heard the most was "You haven't changed a bit!" It was great to see you. Thanks to all who came back to the school for a visit!



Paul Schimmenti '75, Stan Scott '75 and Mary Ann Schimmenti



Sy '45 & Jackie Hoffman and Irving Plutzer '45



Krista Rodriguez, Debbie Barnashuk and Sue Vorrasi



Amy Suhr '07 welcoming visitors to Squire Hall.

Photos compliments of Sue Ertel, Development Office



## Reunion Dinner Dance Hyatt Regency Buffalo, October 28, 2005

**T**wo thousand and five was a tremendous year for School of Dental Medicine reunion activities. Classes from 1940 through 2000 were represented and celebrated with their classmates during the Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting, October 26-28. The events were highlighted by the Reunion Dinner Dance at the Hyatt Regency in Downtown Buffalo. All reunion classes and their chairmen were recognized during the evening's program.

Dr. Frederick Gray from the Class of 1940 celebrated his 65th reunion and was an honored guest of the Alumni Association. The Golden Anniversary Class of 1955 was out in full force with 15 class representatives at the Dinner Dance. Each 55'er was recognized individually and presented with a 50 year pin and a gift from the Alumni Association. A great class with a fantastic turnout. Members of the Class of 2006 were the guests the Dental Alumni Association and welcomed as its newest members.

Emotions were high as the Classes of 1980 and 1990 announced the formation of memorial scholarships in honor of classmates that they lost much too early. Dr. Frank Barnashuk introduced the Dr. David Foti Scholarship initiated by the Class of 1980. Dr. Foti from Jamestown, NY, died in 1999 due to complications from a 10-year fight with multiple sclerosis. The audience was hushed by a moving slideshow presentation of Dr. Foti's life and battle with his illness. Dr. Foti's wife, four daughters, and brother (pictured above right) were in attendance and Mrs. Foti was presented with a plaque commemorating the scholarship's formation. Dr. Brad Ecker from the Class of '90 also honored a beloved classmate and close personal friend Dr. Tom Easterly. In a heartfelt presentation Dr. Ecker chronicled his classmate's life that ended with his untimely passing from leukemia. The Class of '90 also introduced a scholarship fund that will honor Dr. Easterly.



**The Foti family (front row) Leslie, Robin, Christina, Mary Jo, Lisa and David's brother. Class of 1980 Co-Chairs (back row) David Bonnevie, Michael Cassese & Frank Barnashuk**



**Dorris & Richard Loomis '55**



**Peter Carrillo '55 and Norma & Salvadore Sansone '55**



**Jerome & Betty Scholl '60 and Trudy & William Viscardo '60**



**Paul & Pat Bennett '45 and Kathleen Bennett '83**



**Class of 1955 - James Donahue, Jack Mimmack, Robert Parker, Robert Roback and Richard Loomis**

The celebrations combined with the moments of solemn remembrance were a powerful testament to the family of friends that each class develops during Dental school and the years that follow. The Dental Alumni Association looks forward to next years reunion events.



*T*hanks and congratulations to the reunion classes and their chairs!

- 1940 - Irwin D. Arbesman
- 1945 - William Ploss & Irving Plutzer
- 1955 - Salvatore LaMastra
- 1965 - Charles Clough, Howard Noonan & William O'Connor
- 1970 - Robert Gianadda
- 1975 - Jay Rowland & Lawrence Volland
- 1980 - Frank Barnashuk, David Bonnevie, Michael Cassese & Greg George
- 1985 - Michael Ehlers, Stewart Fenigstein, Catherine Gogan, Raymond Miller
- 1990 - Jeffrey Day & Mary Beth Dunn
- 1995 - Yvonne Carney & Diane Pudlewski
- 2000 - Ian Walker



Class of 1945



Class of 1955



Class of 1960



Class of 1970

## 2005 Reunion Classes



Class of 1975



Class of 1980



Class of 1985



Class of 1995



Class of 2000



Class of 2006

## Alumnotes (Continued from page 5)

When he was younger, **Dana Jones '91** liked working with his hands and the idea of changing people's smiles. Now, at 40, the happily married father of three is a Ridgefield-based dentist specializing in "Extreme Makeover" oral surgery and cosmetic services. Dr. Jones has participated in numerous courses and seminars on a variety of advanced dentistry topics. He is also a graduate of the Seattle Institute for Advanced Dental Education and the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies. He's taken several continuing education courses for cosmetic dentistry and he was a clinical teacher at New York University's dental school for seven years. He worked temporarily in Danbury and had a private practice in Manhattan before he opened the doors to his Ridgefield office nearly a decade ago. All of Jones' patients enjoy a complimentary day of beauty at Adam Broderick's Salon in Ridgefield afterwards.

**Ewaryst Piatkowski '91** is head of the new Bassett Healthcare Dental Office in Delhi, NY. The office is located on the first floor of O'Connor Hospital and is a collaborative effort between the hospital and Bassett Healthcare Delhi. The hospital constructed the dental suite as part of recent renovations. The new facility includes three exam rooms outfitted with state-of-the-art equipment and a new dental lab. Bassett Healthcare manages the practice and provides the full-time staff of four, including a dentist, two dental hygienists and a patient service associate. The office offers general dentistry services to both children and adults and will make these services more available to rural upstate NY residents.



**LTC Dianne Pannes '94**, and **MAJ Bob Cronyn '82**, are presently on a 12 month deployment to the Republic of Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom.

LTC Pannes is the commander of the 502nd Dental Company, part of the 61st Multifunctional Medical Battalion out of Ft. Hood, TX. She took command of the 502nd this past July and is leading the Dental Company on its second deployment to Iraq. Since graduation from the School of Dental Medicine, LTC Pannes completed a 1 year GPR in Utica, NY and a 2 year AEGD at Ft. Bragg, NC. Assignments have taken her to Ft. Bragg, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD, and Ft. Hood, TX. She is married to another soldier, SGM David Vreeland, 1st Medical Brigade, currently deployed to Kuwait.

MAJ Cronyn is assigned to the US Army DENTAC, Ft. Stewart, Georgia and, for this deployment, has been attached to the 502nd. Prior to returning to active duty with the US Army, MAJ Cronyn spent many years in the private practice of dentistry and law in Western New York. He spends most of his

time performing oral surgery on young troops and is a forensic odontologist and member of the mass-disaster and identification team at Ft. Stewart.

The 502nd Dental Company is a "Super" Dental Company with responsibility for providing dental services throughout all of Iraq. There are 28 dentists of various dental specialities assigned to the 502nd and they are deployed to 14 Forward Operating Bases (FOB's) in Iraq. As commander, LTC Pannes has to frequently travel to each of the 502nd's sites in Iraq. MAJ Cronyn is assigned to FOB Sykes located in Northern Iraq near Tal Afar.

**Randy G. Raetz '94** recently opened up his own dental practice in Rochester, NY and it has been quite successful!! He also adopted his second son, Cooper, from Guatemala. Dr. Raetz completed his term as Monroe County Dental Society President, and has been Monroe County Dental Society Board Chairman for 2005.



**Yvonne Carney '95** has been named a partner in the Western New York Dental Group. Dr. Carney, with the group since 2002, practices at the 1020 Youngs Road office in Williamsville, NY. She completed her general practice dental residency at Buffalo General Hospital.

**Vincent '96, Marie and Nicholas Fiscella** are proud to announce the arrival of Joseph Gary on August 22, 2005. Joseph was 19.5 inches long and weighed 6 lbs 11 ozs.

**Joseph P. Girardi '96** and his partner, Paul D. Anderson, recently bought the log cabin dental practice of **Claud J. Lawler '62**, who retired after 35 years. In addition to this new practice in Carthage, NY, Dr. Girardi has a second office in Watertown, NY.

**Amy Schmitt-Kingston '96** and her husband Rich would like to announce the birth of their third child, Bradley Richard, on April 22, 2005. Their daughter Eleanor is 5 years old and their other son Noah is 3.

The American Academy of Periodontology Foundation recently named **Keith Kirkwood** as 2005 recipient of the Bud and Linda Tarrson Fellowship. The \$30,000 fellowship is a career development award for outstanding academic periodontists.

Dr. Kirkwood is an assistant professor in the Dept. of Periodontics/Prevention/Geriatrics at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.



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# ADEA OPEN Wider

AMERICAN DENTAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION  
ANNOUNCES "OPEN . . . WIDER" CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, DC, Nov. 1, 2005—The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) announced today that it will move to a new system of membership on Jan. 1, 2006. In its new "Open...Wider" campaign ADEA will offer free membership to every faculty and staff member and every student at an ADEA member institution.

This move covers all U.S. and Canadian dental schools, all of which are member institutions of ADEA, and which includes UB. Also, nearly two hundred advanced dental education programs, hospital dental education programs, allied dental education programs, and corporate members are included in the "Open . . . Wider" promotion.

"ADEA has long been committed to true representation of the entire dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education community as it promotes its mission and strategic directions," said ADEA executive director Dr. Richard W. Valachovic. "We are now able to open our doors even wider to our community and offer deeper, broader, and richer resources to more members."

Richard N. Buchanan, dean of the UB School of Dental Medicine, said, "This exceptional opportunity makes our institutional membership in ADEA even more valuable. It is a superior way for us to provide more personal and professional development opportunities to our faculty, staff, and students."

Beginning Jan. 1, those interested in joining ADEA may activate their memberships online at [www.adea.org](http://www.adea.org).

The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) is the leading national organization for dental education. Its members include all U.S. and Canadian dental schools, advanced dental education programs, allied dental education programs, corporations, faculty, and students. The mission of ADEA is to lead individuals and institutions of the dental education community to address contemporary issues influencing education, research, and the delivery of oral health care for the health of the public. ADEA's activities encompass a wide range of research, advocacy, faculty development, meetings, and communications, as well as the dental school admissions services, AADSAS and PASS, and the Journal of Dental Education.

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## Mission to Mexico



Kenmore Dental Associates, LLP, (left to right), John Dobos '79, Peter D'Arrigo '71 and Scott Burke '02 are pictured with a young patient they treated at the dental clinic in Zaragoza in southern Mexico. They were part of an August 2005 mission with six members of the Randall Memorial Baptist Church in Williamsville, NY. Two hundred forty patients were seen and 82 teeth were extracted. All treatment was performed without benefit of plumbing, suction or x-rays.

Future missions are anticipated to the community, which has little access to dental care, with the hope of expanding treatment to restorative work. Donations were provided by several local and national suppliers. Dentists interested in participating may contact Kenmore Dental Associates at (716) 877-7074.



### Extracted Teeth Needed!

Permanent & deciduous (with or without roots) for the Dental & Oral Anatomy course (RDN 802).

Our present tooth bank is getting old and brittle. Needed are teeth in reasonable condition (small restorations and small lesions ok). Deciduous anteriors, maxillary second premolars, and second molars (both arches) are in especially short supply. We already have too many third molars.

Please sterilize (dryclave) teeth free of soft tissue and bone. Forward to: George W. Ferry, DDS, UB School of Dental Medicine, 235 Squire Hall, Buffalo, NY 14214-8006.

Thank you!

## Dental Alumni Respond To Hurricane Katrina

Three alumni from the School of Dental Medicine answered their nation's call in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina's devastation in Southern Mississippi. Drs. Kenneth Cohn '77, Raymond Miller '85 and Stuart Segelnick '92 are members of a Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT) through the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS). NDMS is under the jurisdiction of the United State's Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The three were activated from their home teams in Florida (Dr. Cohn) and New York (Dr's Miller and Segelnick) and served in a deployed portable morgue unit (DPMU) in the weeks following the hurricane.

The DPMU was housed in a damaged hangar on the grounds of the Gulfport, Mississippi International Airport. The housing quarters for the doctors during the first week was a tractor trailer followed by tents with sleeping bags and cots. The main duty of the forensic dentists was the identification of the victims of the disaster. The doctors worked under adverse conditions since a majority of the local infrastructure had been damaged by the hurricane. The majority of damage and subsequent loss of life by drowning was caused by the storm surge from the Gulf of Mexico. The majority of victims were from the cities and counties in proximity to the Gulfport and Biloxi areas of Mississippi. Their operation was designated DMORT-East to distinguish it from DMORT-West in Saint Gabriel, Louisiana. DMORT-West dealt with the victims of the disaster from the areas surrounding New Orleans.

The work was complicated by the difficulty in acquiring adequate ante-mortem (before death) dental records. Many records were destroyed in the hurricane and flooding. If records were available they were difficult to access because those that could provide them had evacuated the areas. As people returned the records slowly trickled in and the process of identification could commence. Early work was primarily involved in the post-mortem examination and documentation of the victims. Dr. Cohn served as the Team Leader for the post-mortem section. The dental section of the morgue operation used digital radiography and a computer charting and matching system (Win-ID). The technology streamlined the process and was a paperless operation.

Teamwork is a trademark of DMORT. The added familiarity and connection of the U.B. Dental School Alumni gave the team additional unity. The work can be difficult but the bonds that are created during the operation become lifelong memories and friendships.



Stuart Segelnick, Kenneth Cohn & Raymond Miller

### *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**

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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](mailto:msulzbac@buffalo.edu)

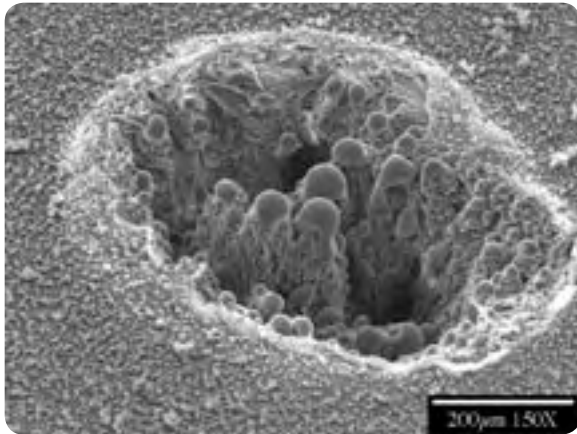
## Hanau Cup Hockey

The Hanau Cup, the longest running sporting event in the history of the School of Dental Medicine, is being planned and will be played in March or April in 2006. 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. Most previous participants will be notified when a date is finalized. 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



SEM picture of laser crater in TPH3 (Dentsply) restorative resin, showing the effect after exposure to CO2 laser for 300ms. The glass filler in the resin has melted while the resin has evaporated.

### Use of lasers in Dentistry.

This research project examines the use of hard and soft tissue lasers in removal of various restorative resins. The resins were exposed to different power settings of a hard tissue (Er/Yag) laser and soft tissue laser (CO2). The soft tissue laser has a more dramatic melting and charring effect on resins, and is not recommended for this purpose. The increased presence of lasers in dental offices means greater likelihood of use in situations other than those intended. This research addresses the structural and chemical alteration of resins exposed to lasers.

Study Authors: Mary A. Bush, DDS '99, Restorative Dentistry; Tom Mang, PhD, Oral Surgery; and Peter Bush, Director, South Campus Instrument Center.

## Ahmed Ali Uthman died December 14, 2005 after a long illness.

Services for Ahmed A. Uthman were held December 17, 2005 in his Williamsville home. Burial was in Clarence Fillmore Cemetery.

Dr. Ahmed Uthman, Professor in the Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences, retired from UB in December 1999. Dr. Uthman was born in Sulaymaniyah, northeast of Baghdad in the Kurdish part of Iraq sometime in the early 1930's. He received his primary and secondary education there and was awarded a scholarship to study in England in 1950. He studied English and Dentistry at Leeds University, graduating from that Institution in 1957 with the degree of B.Ch.D (the equivalent of an American DDS). During his stay in Leeds, he met Barbara, married her, and took her back to Iraq when he graduated. On his return to Iraq, Dr. Uthman entered private practice and was appointed to the faculty at the University of Baghdad School of Dentistry. Three years later he was awarded another scholarship for postgraduate study at the Royal College of Surgeons in London. He graduated as a Fellow of the College in 1963 and then spent one year on the faculty of Leeds University in the Department of Oral Surgery. Dr. Uthman returned to a teaching position at the University of Baghdad in 1964 and maintained his private practice, during which time he treated many of the political "elite" in Baghdad, including the former President of Iraq, Saddam Hussein. During his academic tenure in Baghdad, he was promoted to the position of Professor and then Associate Dean and finally Dean in 1971.

In 1971, Dr. Uthman was awarded a Visiting Professorship in Oral Medicine at the University at Buffalo. Just before he was to return to Iraq in 1973, there was a profound political upheaval there and he learned that it would not be advisable for him to return. Thus, Dr. Uthman extended his stay in Buffalo as a Visiting Professor and, in 1980, became a U.S. citizen. Soon thereafter he was appointed a full Professor at UB. Dr. Uthman was known as a very experienced diagnostician whose clinical acumen in the area of oral medicine and orofacial pain were well recognized. Over the years he was also active as a member of the Kurdish National Congress in the U.S., having held high office in that group. He appeared frequently as guest commentator about Kurdish affairs on local radio stations and on National Public Radio. And, on one occasion he was one of three Kurdish National Congress Officers who held a nationally televised conference at the Washington Press Club.

Dr. Uthman and his wife Barbara had one son, three daughters, one granddaughter and three grandsons. He had many friends at the Dental School and will always be remembered as a knowledgeable professional and good teacher with a dry wit and an enviable reputation.





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## Alumnotes (Continued from page 12)

Dr. Kirkwood received his DDS from West Virginia University and both his PhD in Oral Biology (1997) and Certificate in Periodontics (1995) from UB. He then continued his training with a postdoctoral fellowship in Pharmacology and Toxicology funded by the NIH. He has been the recipient of numerous grants and awards and has published nearly 50 peer-reviewed papers, abstracts and book chapters.

The Bud and Linda Tarrson Fellowship was created to encourage gifted periodontal clinicians who have a demonstrated facility for teaching, to pursue an academic career.

**Nathan Weires '99** and **Jean DiFlorio-Weires '01** are proud to announce the birth of their son, Mason DiFlorio Weires, on July 10, 2005. Mason joins big brother Lucas. The family resides in Syracuse, NY.

**Mark Tomiuk '01** and his wife,Carolynn, would like to announce the birth of their second child, Preston. He was born on November 18, 2005 at a healthy 6 lbs 11 ozs.

**Rachael A. Rossitto '02** married Joseph M. Lyons on Oct. 15, 2005. After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple will make their home in Town of Tonawanda, NY.



Spinelli Dental Group, located in Gates, NY, announces the addition of **Peter Grace '04** to the practice. Following his education at UB, Dr. Grace completed a general practice residency at the University of Utah Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. As an associate, Dr. Grace will be responsible for all phases of dental services and oral surgery. Dr. Grace currently resides in Penfield, NY.

**Glen Spinelli '90**, and **Michael J. Spinelli '64** own and operate the established general & cosmetic dentistry practice that has been serving the Rochester community since 1966.

**Adam Pristera '05** will be specializing in endodontics at Columbia University starting July 2006.

What have you been up to? Please forward your Alumnote to 337 Squire Hall, Buffalo, NY 14214-8006 or email at [msulzbac@buffalo.edu](mailto:msulzbac@buffalo.edu).

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Marie Benjamin, Cheryl & Jon Gellert '80, and Andy Vorrasi '80

Photos compliments of Frank Barnashuk '80

## Development News

In the last issue of the Dental Report we discussed the importance of annual giving and how it is the foundation of every fundraising effort – the gift base on which all other gifts take root. Annual gifts are essential to the health of the school because they allow the school to seize opportunities as they emerge during the academic year; for example, opportunities that did not exist during the budget process.

At the other end of the spectrum is an endowed fund – a gift or gifts that are held by the School which earn interest that can be spent every year. An endowed fund is truly the gift that keeps on giving, as it makes possible on-going activities of the school on a continual basis. As a result of initiatives by two reunion classes this year we are in the process of endowing two new scholarships. The first scholarship has been funded by \$20,000 in gifts from the class of 1980 and additional gifts from friends and family in memory of their classmate Dr. David Foti, who passed away in 1999. The second scholarship has received over \$10,000 in donations from members of the class of 1990 who are honoring their classmate Dr. Thomas Easterly, who passed away in 2001. These two endowments will support scholarships which will be given annually. We would like to thank all of the classmates, family and friends who are honoring Dr. Foti and Dr. Easterly and who are supporting our students through these endowments.

Whether you donate to the annual fund or to an endowment, we thank each and every donor to the School of Dental Medicine. Every gift makes a difference and is important to the school and to the generations of dentists and researchers who will follow in your footsteps. If you don't support them, who will?

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

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## Out of the Past....

### Women Are Urged To Become Dentists

By H. Katherine Smith

Evelyn L. Jung DDS, professor of radiology-radiotronics, was the only woman in the U.B. Dental School class of 1930. She has been a member of that school's faculty since 1931, and a full-time professor since 1950. She is glad to see an increase of women students of dentistry, but believes more girls ought to prepare for the field.

Twenty-six years of practice have convinced her that children are less fearful of a woman dentist. She points out that a married woman with small children could continue her practice of dentistry at least part time.

"There is a great demand for dentistry in evening hours when day workers are free for treatment," she said.

Dr. Jung is one of the most popular members of the local dental school faculty. Proof positive of this is the dedication to her of the 1972 dental school section of the "Medentian," joint yearbook of that school and the medical school. In that book, she is commended for "teaching skills and interest in students," her "parables" anecdotes concerning her former practice and experience with students – and her weekly quizzes, noted as especially valuable to students.

Dr. Jung grew up among dentists. Her grandfather, Daniel Jung, her father, Emil and his brother, Elmer; Evelyn's brothers Emil and Paul and her first cousins, Elmer Jr. and Ronald, all practiced dentistry. In her family, when one reached the right age, one entered dental school. To this program Evelyn Jung was no exception.

After graduation from Hutchinson Central High School, she entered U.B. and went on through dental school. Although her classmates were 12 men, she did not marry one of them. Her husband, Howard H. Smith is president of the Smith Safe Pharmacy of Buffalo.

For several years, Dr. Evelyn Jung practiced in her father's offices. After his retirement, she continued in association with her two brothers. During the World War II period, she often worked until 11 p.m.

"In the 1930s, it was helpful for a woman to begin her practice with male dentists," she recalled. "Today, confidence in professional women has increased so greatly, that a qualified woman can begin to practice on her own."

A Dentist, whether male or female, she maintains, must be manually accurate and must truly like people even when they are unnecessarily fearful.

The seminars for seniors conducted by Dr. Jung are well attended. Dr. Jung never is too busy to discuss any problem with a student. On the subject of the current trend to long hair among men, she said, laughing, "I don't recommend it for a dentist. I saw one dental student's long locks caught in a drill."

Dr. Jung spent a part of several summers hiking in the West with her husband. Glacier Park, with 1,000 miles of trails and only 80 miles of paved roads, is one of their favorite resorts.

Proficient at handwork, this dentist for years made her dresses, knit her sweaters, and crocheted ornamental pieces for her home in Eggertsville. Needlepoint is another of her hobbies.

In addition to keeping up with the latest developments in her profession, her wide reading includes philosophy and the history of the world's leading religions, including eastern cults. In research, she specializes in demineralization of embedment of bones.

Dr. Jung is co-author of professional papers published in the Bulletin of the Eighth District Dental Society of this state, the Dental Digest and the Triple Journal.

After a day's work, she enjoys playing the organ in her home.

Keenly interested in diet as a preventive of tooth decay, she has persuaded a number of parents to provide carrots, celery and fruit instead of cookies for their children's after-school snacks.

The dentist-professor's affiliations include the Erie County and Eighth District Dental Societies, the American Dental Association and the Academy of Oral Radiology.

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