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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues:

With the start of the New Year, I am writing this letter as your new dental alumni president. Our School of Dental Medicine Alumni Association recently wrapped up another highly successful Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting. This was a result of great efforts by the Alumni Association and its staff, the School of Dental Medicine and its staff, and alumni speakers. Having just celebrated my own 40th class reunion, I can promise you that when you attend your next 5-year class reunion, you will have



a very gratifying and pleasurable experience. My classmates reaffirmed an enduring enthusiasm for dentistry, enjoyed seeing old school friends, reminisced about school, and caught up on the intervening years. With the perspective of time, we barely considered the rigors of our education, student evaluations by faculty or faculty who had minimal interest in teaching. Instead, we all praised the outstanding education we received which enabled us to have highly successful dental careers. Having interacted with graduates from other dental schools, we were convinced none received a better education than UB provided.

In looking forward to the coming year, your Alumni Association plans to expand our partnership with our School of Dental Medicine. It is nationally recognized that all dental schools are under attack primarily from a financial and manpower standpoint. Costs are spiraling for modernization of aging facilities and the need to provide experiences in new, innovative technologies. Qualified faculty availability is increasingly scarce with an estimated 30% retiring within the next 5 years and fewer dentists pursuing an academic career.

Your Alumni Association's goal is to help maintain the margin of excellence of the University of Buffalo School of Dental Medicine in order to sustain its national reputation. We hope to become leaders in this effort by increasing our support to the school in such efforts as facilities renewal and establishment of an Endowed Chair. In coming issues, we hope to provide more concrete plans.

Sincerely,

Russell Nisengard, DDS '66, PhD & Periodontics Certificate '70

Greetings From Dean Buchanan

In previous issues of the Dental Report I have indicated that the School has recently made significant progress in recruiting new members of our faculty to replace those departing and to achieve a net addition to our faculty strength. Since 2001, our total faculty strength has increased by 4, which have been allocated respectively to the following departments: Restorative Dentistry, Pediatric Dentistry, Oral Biology and Periodontics & Endodontics. These additions were made possible primarily through internal reallocation and leveraging of our own resources. Beginning last year, resource allocations associated with the University's UB2020 Strategic Planning Process resulted in the funding of 3.5 new faculty FTE, for which the School is very grateful. With these new resources, supplemented by our own continuing internal resource reallocations, the School has developed a fully funded recruitment plan that results in the net addition of 10 faculty over the course of the next three years. These new faculty positions will amount to a 20% increase in our total FTE and will be distributed among all our departments. The opportunity to restore faculty strength, which had diminished as a result of adverse fiscal conditions that persisted from 1990 - 2000, is most welcome, because it provides bright prospects for future enhancement of our programs across the full spectrum of our academic mission.



This ambitious recruitment plan is being pursued in a very challenging ambient national workforce climate that has adversely affected practicing clinicians, government services, and academic institutions alike. The number of recent graduates who express interest in a career in dental education remains extremely low as graduates face the problem of escalating student debt. The number of vacant faculty positions in US Dental Schools has remained at record levels as the difference in remuneration between faculty and practitioners increases from a factor of two to a factor of four. Despite these challenges, we remain optimistic about our ability to recruit new faculty because our high-quality, comprehensive programs offer an opportunity for a nicely balanced academic career with practice and research incentives that give faculty some control over earning potential. This period of rebuilding is a very exciting time for our School. Many of our alumni will be asked to serve on or to advise the search committees that will identify the new members of our faculty. I will provide periodic updates on the progress of this important faculty renewal initiative; and, in the meantime, extend best wishes to you and your families for a very happy New Year from the faculty, students and staff of the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine.

Yankee Dental Congress *Hospitality Reception* Friday, January 26, 2007

Westin Copley
5:30 - 7:30 pm

Supported by your Dental Alumni Association.

Congratulations to Stuart Fischman --- Our 2006 Honor Award Recipient!



Dr. Stuart Fischman was born in Buffalo and graduated from Bennett High School. He attended Cornell University and graduated, cum laude, from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine in 1960. Following graduation, he remained in Boston as a Rotating Dental Intern at the Veteran's Administration Hospital. In 1961, he returned to Buffalo to join his father, Dr. Ben C. Fischman (UB class of 1933) in general practice. While at the VA in Boston, Dr. Irving Glickman encouraged him to contact Dr. James English for a part-time teaching position in Buffalo. For the next few years, Stuart taught operative dentistry under Dr. Richard Powell and maintained a modest general practice.

He developed an interest in oral pathology and in 1963 became a full-time faculty member, with a Research Associate position at the Buffalo VA Hospital. Dr. George Greene became one of his mentors and Dr. Mitzi Neiders guided his pathology training through Fellowship and Boards in Oral Pathology. Stuart "progressed through the ranks", becoming a Full Professor in 1972 and retired as Professor Emeritus of Oral Diagnostic Sciences in 1998. From 1974 through 1998 he also served as Director of Dentistry at the Meyer Memorial Hospital-Erie County Medical Center. When the AIDS epidemic was recognized, he helped establish the clinic as a resource for oral health care for HIV+ persons. At the ECMC, he also expanded his activities in forensic dentistry, in conjunction with the Erie County Medical Examiner.

In 1965, Stuart spent several months in Paraguay, conducting a bi-national nutritional survey. This activity led to volunteer teaching at the dental school in Asunción and consulting for the Pan American Health Organization in Peru, Bolivia, Venezuela and Argentina. His first sabbatical leave was as a Consultant in Oral Medicine at the School of Dentistry in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Israel became the focus of his international academic activity in 1981. In that year he was awarded a Lady Davis Fellowship at the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine in Jerusalem. A Forcheimer Fellowship followed in 1989 and a Visiting Faculty appointment in 1996. The Fischmans have spent the spring of 5 of the past 6 years volunteering in Jerusalem. Stuart teaches at the Faculty of Dental Medicine and Jane spends time at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial institution.

In 2004, Dr. Fischman began to volunteer for Jewish Healthcare International (JHI), an agency providing medical and dental support to Jewish communities in the Former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. His activities have been in Riga, Latvia and he currently serves JHI as country co-coordinator for Latvia.

Dr. Fischman's research career has been eclectic. He has published over 100 articles in refereed journals and has contributed chapters to several textbooks. His interests have ranged from the epidemiology of oral diseases to oral pathology and oral medicine to clinical trials of agents to mitigate oral ulcers, periodontal diseases and caries. In retirement, he continues to consult in the design, analysis and evaluation of clinical trials.

Stuart received numerous honors during his professional career. In 1976, the Universidad Nacional de Asunción named

him an "Honorary Professor". In 1988, the Harvard School of Dental Medicine recognized him as a "Distinguished Alumnus" and cited him "distinguished oral pathologist, you have given of your knowledge throughout the hemisphere". In that same year, he received the "Clinical Excellence Award" from the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute. The Organization of Teachers of Oral Diagnosis presented the "Distinguished Faculty Award" in 2000.

Dr. Fischman has been a member of numerous boards, including the Hemophilia Center of Buffalo, the Kadimah School of Buffalo, the Bureau of Jewish Education, Temple Beth El and the American Jewish Committee. He has held office in several of these organizations. These activities were recognized by the Maimonides Award from the Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity and as Distinguished Alumnus in Dentistry and in Education by Bennett High School. In 2001, he went to NY to volunteer with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to identify victims of the World Trade Center terrorist attack. The New York State Senate presented the Liberty Award Medal to him in recognition.

Stuart and his wife, Jane, have shared several community awards. These include the Volunteer Service Award of Temple Beth El, the Community Service Award of the American Jewish Committee, the National Conference for Community and Justice Brotherhood and Sisterhood Award, and the Carl Hoffman Community Service Award from Temple Beth El.

Stuart has been married to his wife, Jane, for 46 years. Jane has both her Masters' and Ph.D. degree from UB. Their daughter, Lisa, has her Ph.D. in Art History and American Studies from the University of Minnesota and is Chief Curator of the University of Arizona's Museum of Art.

2006 Humanitarian Award Recipient

Donald L. Hayes '51



Dr. Donald L. Hayes was born in Buffalo, NY on December 1st, 1927. He attended Buffalo Public School #72 and South Park High School. Upon graduation, he did undergraduate work at the University at Buffalo from 1945 to 1947 and received his dental degree there in 1951. In 1954, Don married the former Theresa Pantera who is the daughter of the late Matthew J. Pantera, DDS '22 and sister to the late Matthew J. Pantera, Jr., DDS '47. They are blessed with children Kathleen, Therese, Donald, Christopher, Mary, Elizabeth and Christina.

Dr. Hayes achieved the rank of Lieutenant JG in US Naval Reserve Dental Corps, was stationed at the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot at Parris Island, SC from 1951 to 1952 and served aboard the USS Oriskany in Korea in 1952 and 1953.

Our honoree began his solo practice of dentistry in East Aurora, NY in 1954. He was on the Dental Staff of South Buffalo's Mercy Hospital and served the needy through the Apollonian Guild Clinics at Mercy and Sisters Hospitals. He provided dental care for Catholic priests and seminarians at Saint John Vianney / Christ the King Seminary from 1962 to 1995. He retired from active dental practice in 1995 but has been engaged in dental mission work in Patzun, Guatemala since 1993.

Dr. Hayes was a member of the East Aurora School Board from 1972 until 1984. He also was a member of the Erie II BOCES Board from 1984 through 1989. Don has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Christ the King Seminary since 1994 and has also served on the Board of Directors of Baker Victory Services in Lackawanna since 2004.

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

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.

Alumnotes

Joseph LaNasa '57 and his wife, Geraldine, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an Inland Waterway curise to Florida and a renewal Mass at St. Leo the Great Church in Amherst, NY. The couple has 4 children and 7 grandchildren.



Richard B. Myers '63 & Ortho '65 was appointed to the position of Clinical Professor of Dentistry (from Clinical Associate Professor of Dentistry) at the Eastman Dental Center, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. Dr. Myers has been on part-time staff in the Dept of Orthodontics there since 1978, and has been a visiting lecturer at the UB Dept of Orthodontics, School of Dental Medicine for many years.

Jon K. Magendanz '65 is the new assistant conductor of the Anna Maria Island Community Orchestra and Chorus in Bradenton, FL. Music has played an increasingly greater role in his life since 1986 when he retired from dental practice and began studying for his teacher's certificate. Dr. Magendanz also performs as a violinist with the Venice Symphony and with several orchestras in NY, where he returns each April.

Roger T. Czarnecki's '69 son, Charlie, has had a hectic summer. He was musical director for "Anything Goes," the 34th production of Clarkstown Summer Theatre Festival in West Nyack, NY. He's musical director for the Helen Hayes Youth Theater Summer Stock program now in residence at Rockland Community College. He's also one of three substitute music directors of "Jersey Boys" and is on the team of Jersey Boys International, the company that is preparing the American tour of the "Four Seasons" musical and, perhaps, productions in London and Las Vegas.

Martin P. Zone (GPR '77) recently received the prestigious AGD Mastership Award. He is currently in private practice in Wayland, NY.

Maureen P. Donley '80 was awarded the inaugural Faye Samuel Award for Courageous Service by Part-Time Academic and Professional Faculty for her efforts to improve dental care of the indigent. She is currently Clinical Associate Professor at the UB School of Dental Medicine.

Lillian A. Nawrocki '84 was awarded Diplomate status by the American Board of Forensic Odontology in February 2006. Dr. Nawrocki maintains a private practice in Mt. Sinai, NY and is a Forensic Dental Consultant for the Suffolk County Medical Examiners Office in Hauppauge, NY.



Edward H. Segal '90 was elected as vice speaker to the Illinois State Dental Society House of Delegates. An active member of organized dentistry, Dr. Segal is the past president of the Illinois Society of Periodontists, a member of the Independent Dental Organization of Chicago Dental Society, has served on committees for both organizations and has been a delegate for the Illinois State Dental Society House of Delegates. Dr. Segal is currently a clinical assistant professor in the Dept. of Periodontics at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry. He resides with his wife, Michelle, and two sons in Buffalo Grove.

Lynn Solomon (DDS '95; Oral Pathology '00; MS '05) has accepted a full-time position in the Dept of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. She will also receive an appointment in the Tufts New England Medical Center and an academic appointment in the Tufts University School of Medicine.

Dr. Solomon is a board certified oral pathologist and will practice in the Tufts Oral Pathology Services (TOPS) oral pathology service. In addition, her responsibilities include teaching and research. The position is effective January 2, 2007. Dr. Solomon is originally from Pittsburgh and began her career as a dental professional in the Western New York area in 1978, as a hygienist. While she will miss many wonderful friends from Western New York, she and her family are looking forward to exploring Boston.



In Memoriam

John M. Knighton '35
Emanuel (Manny) Fliegel '41
Russell J. Cassata '58
Bernard Wilkie '60
Raymond D. Hoffman '61
John J. Burczynski '77

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Reunion Classes Reception

October 26, 2006



Class of 1956 - Frank Koren, Tom Alessi, John Lucchese, & Gary Schuller



Tina & Rocco DiPaola '01 and Bill '01 & Angela Hawkins



Class of 1951 - Joseph Martin, William Rathke, William Braun, Ralph Davis, & Warren Shaddock



Louis Kramer '46, Joseph Kramer '36 and Daniel Kramer, MD



Gary Schuller '56, Don Gilden '56 and Fran DeRose



Pictures courtesy of Frank Barnashuk '80 & Paul Morgan

Alumnotes (Continued from page 5)

Todd A Pizzi '99 completed the Ironman USA Triathlon in Lake Placid, NY on July 23, 2006. The Triathlon is a 2.4 mile swim, followed by a 112 mile bike race and then a 26.2 mile run. Dr. Pizzi has a solo dental practice in Shrewsbury, MA where he lives with his wife, Irene, and daughters, Isabella (age 3) and Sophia (age 1).

Chirstine Roalofs (Pedo '99) is currently in private practice in Anchorage, Alaska. Each year, she travels by boat and plane in fair, foul and downright frigid weather for eight separate weeks to deliver much-needed dental care to children who live in the remote southeast villages of Angoon and Haines; and Brevig Mission and Gambell, near Nome. Dr. Roalofs spends much of her free time training her canine mushing team, something she finds soothing, if not spiritual—much like Alaska and all its wild surprises.

Amy White Soule '99 and Scott Soule '99 were proud to welcome their son, James Stuart Soule, to the family on April 17, 2006. He was 7 pounds, 10 ounces and 21 inches long. Big sister, Charlotte is 2-1/2 and very helpful! Scott is quite busy at their office as Amy has taken an unreasonably long maternity leave. Her name remains on the sign out front, however, as Scott is optimistic that she will eventually return.

Lauren Kramer '01 and husband, Yuri Goldvasser, announce the birth of their son, Owen Harrison Goldvasser. He was born on Sept. 6, 2006. Lauren and Yuri are in Palm Beach Gardens, FL in private practice.



Avi Israeli '02 obtained his specialty certificate in aesthetic dentistry and opened Sage Dental in Manasquan, NJ.

Genene Crofut '03 represented the Eighth District Dental Society at the annual ADA Membership Recruitment & Retention Conference in Chicago, IL. She joined the other NYS Dental Association representatives in receiving the ADA's award for outstanding performance in membership recruitment and retention.

Amanda Cryan '04 has been named to the Pediatric Services staff of Barzman, Kasimov and Vieth. She recently completed her residency at the Woman and Children's Hospital of Buffalo. Dr. Cryan was the founder and co-president of Buffalo Outreach to Central America (BOCA), where she offered care to underserved populations in the U.S. and Central America.

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UB Continuing Dental Education *on the Mediterranean* Cruise the Western Mediterranean Aboard Royal Caribbean 'Voyager of the Seas' July 7 ~ 14, 2007

Procedures in Tooth Lightening...

Guest Traveling Lecturer Ron Lemon, DMD

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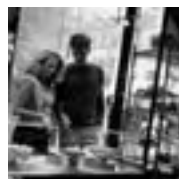
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2006 Reunion Classes



Joseph Kramer '36

Five Year Class Reunions highlighted the Alumni Dinner Dance at the Hyatt Regency in Downtown Buffalo during the Buffalo-Niagara Dental Meeting. Classes from 1936 through 2001 were represented. The evening centered around the Golden Anniversary Class of 1956 that was well represented with twenty two classmates returning for their 50th reunion. One of the strongest reunion classes of all time, the Class of '61, entered the Ballroom in their usual celebratory style, escorted by a Dixieland Band. Challenged by the great spirit of the Class of '61, the Class of '86 initiated their own tradition of revelry by making a dramatic entrance lead by a Scottish Bagpiper. The spirit of both classes was evident and created a showdown for 2011 when the classes celebrate their 50th and 25th reunions.

The reunion classes welcomed and celebrated the 70th reunion of Joseph Kramer '36. We were also honored to have an alumnus return from one of the furthest distances. Dr. Xaver Nemerkenyi '76 traveled from Budapest, Hungary to visit his alma mater. Members of the Class of 2007 were also present and welcomed as the newest members to our long alumni history.

Reunion classes received class photos compliments of the Alumni Association as a token of remembrance of the evening. The photos were distributed that evening to all classmates in attendance. Classes truly look forward to the opportunity to reunite and the Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting and Alumni Dinner Dance provide the perfect venue. The Alumni Association is looking forward to next year's events and welcomes the chance to provide an evening of elegance and entertainment. Make it a point to join your classmates in 2007!



Class of 1951 - Chairs: William Braun & William Rathke



Class of 1956 - Chair: John Lucchese



Class of 1961 - Chairs: Seb Ciancio, Girard Gugino, John Kroubalkian, John Twist, Roger Triftshauser, Philip Vullo & Richard Wilson



Class of 1966 - Chair: Joseph Rowbottom



Class of 1976 - Chair: Ray Kirsch



Class of 1981 - Chairs: Gerald Carlo, Kevin & Beth D'Angelo, and David & Mindy Weinman



Class of 1986 - Chair: Sam Carocci



Class of 1991 - Chairs: David Ball, Rosanne Modica & Michael Rosenberg



Class of 1996 - Chairs: Jeff Dolgos & Laura Littman



Class of 2001 - Chair: Bill Hawkins



Class of 2007

2006 Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting

The 29th Annual Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting was held October 25-27, 2006 at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center. Over 2,600 dental professionals attended 29 outstanding lecture presentations and shopped for products, goods, and services displayed on the exhibit floor.



Frank Baldassaro (FB Dental Enterprises), Peter Pellittieri '58, & Doreen Pellittieri



Veronica Harris DA, Nancy Carriero RDH, Gloria Interdonato RDH, Barbara Hall RDH, Rochelle Marshall RDH, Mirely Rivera RDH & Mary Jo Toscano RDH



Bill Kiraly, Christina Morganti, Howard Silver '97 & Tony Bondi

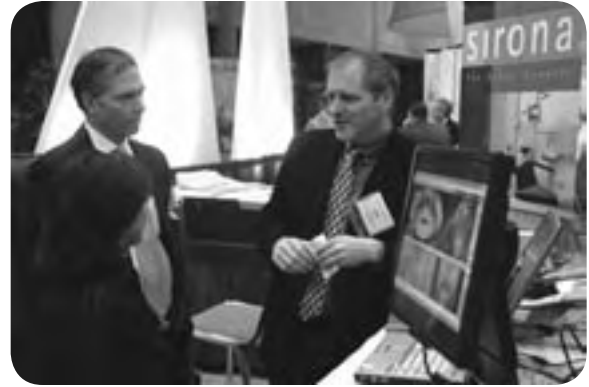


Kathleen McMahon-Wahler '90, Amy Trautman & Yvonne Flores



Anthony DiPaola (Williams Dental Lab) & Tansy Gobeyn '09

Christy Paich, Kelly Tsimidis '97, Yaser Al-Asowski, & Ken Jakiel (Designs for Vision)



Marc Rossow '95 & Hossin Zarrin (Blue & Green Inc.)

Allison Zuccala '94, Evan Lewis, & Pat Hess (Sirona Dental Systems)



Greg Herbst, Joyce Persch, Robert Lane & Pam Larkin (Blue Cross Blue Shield of WNY)

Gary McBride '88, Norman Bartz '78, & Jeff Brody '78

Reunion Dinner Dance

Oct. 27, 2006



Stuart Fischman, Honor Award Recipient



Donald Hayes '51, Humanitarian Award Recipient

Class of 1986 Parade



Class of 1976



Tom ('56) & Anita Alessi



Joyce & Robert Mass '56



Joseph DeLuca, President, Class of 2007



Pam O'Malley & Frank Koren '56

Class of 1961 Parade



ADA Hospitality Reception

October 17, 2006

Las Vegas



Jan Marchetta, Kevin Flanigan '96, Judy Purcell '79, & Chuck Marchetta '79



Suzanne & Tim Hession '80, Jon Gellert '80, Cheryl Gellert & Dave Bonnevie '80



Class of 1990



Al Perna '65, Dean Rick Buchanan, Andy Vorrasi '80 & Susan Vorrasi



Kevin Hanley '78, Scott Benjamin '78 & Marie Benjamin



Greg Maurer '73, Ray Miller '85 & Russell Czerw '87

Photos compliments of Frank Barnashuk '80

ADA News

Give returning veterans priority treatment time

The 2006 ADA House of Delegates urged the nation's dentists to offer "priority treatment time" to combat veterans returning from active duty. The ADA House at annual session adopted Resolution 70H-2006, "Resolved that the American Dental Association urges its members through ADA publications to give priority treatment time for veterans returning from deployment in a combat zone."

The House discussed the matter as new business in response to Department of Veterans Affairs appeals for private practice help in meeting service-related dental needs of combat veterans. Dr. Robert T. Frame, assistant undersecretary for health for dentistry for the VA and a decorated veteran of combat service in Afghanistan and Iraq, addressed the House of Delegates October 16. "I am incredibly proud of our profession and of you, my peers, who represent the values of our great nation," he said. "I bring you two messages, one of appreciation and the other a call to service, a call for partnership. I want to thank the ADA, particularly the leaders of this august body, those who serve on the Council on Government Affairs, and every dental professional represented here who provides outstanding care to our service men and women both during and after their active duty.

"The VA refers many of these great Americans to many of you and we genuinely appreciate the superb care you and your staffs have provided our veterans," Dr. Frame told the ADA House. He said the VA aims to provide care in a timely manner but cited delays in some geographic locations of 60-90 days, "sometimes more," for patients seeking dental appointments. "I am requesting your assistance, not only on behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs leadership but on behalf of the brave men and women who so nobly defend our country, to give priority to returning service members when scheduling appointments as they transition back into their communities."

Dr. Frame, ambushed in both theaters of war ("I don't learn too easily," he quipped in a telephone interview) and wounded in Iraq, said his reception by the ADA House "gave me the chills. We had two standing ovations." For his military service, he received a Bronze Star Medal with "V" (for valor) device for combat heroism and a Purple Heart. Dr. Frame is an ADA House delegate. "I was shocked when Bob told me there was a problem and I urged him to address the House," said Dr. Murray D. Sykes, 4th District trustee. The House resolution adopted the day after Dr. Frame's speech, Priority Treatment for Combat Veterans, was offered by the 3rd Trustee District.

In a letter October 9 to Dr. Robert Brandjord, ADA president at the time, another top VA official said the VA is falling behind on dental care for returning veterans. "Unfortunately, it may take months for new patients to receive dental appointments," said Gordon Mansfield, deputy secretary of veterans affairs. "I believe that with assistance from the ADA we can provide dental care more expeditiously to veterans through VA's fee basis program. "I am confident that members of the ADA are willing to assist us in meeting the

needs of veterans, especially now with our returning Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom service members. I am asking that you publicize this opportunity for dental professionals to care for these veterans by providing priority scheduling to them. Please consider an announcement at the ADA annual meeting in October...In so doing, you will be assisting these men and women in their dental rehabilitation and also providing private sector dentists an opportunity to serve our nation's veterans."

The VA is asking that private practice dentists treat eligible veterans when VA dentists are unable to do so in a timely manner.

Source: www.ADA.org, *Today's News*, November 10, 2006

Past ADA president urges support for dental education

Dentistry's educational system, the backbone of the profession, could soon be in crisis unless dentists themselves pitch in to help. That call to action was at the heart of Dr. Richard Haught's remarks to the ADA House of Delegates October 20, 2006. A past president of the ADA (2004-05), Dr. Haught is co-chair of "Dental Education: Our Legacy—Our Future," a nationwide initiative to boost awareness of the challenges facing the profession's educational system.

Faculty shortages, rising costs, outdated facilities and equipment, and limited resources to embrace diversity are chief among the "serious and complex challenges" confronting dental schools, Dr. Haught told the delegates. "If we don't address these issues, we'll encounter a crisis in the next 10 years that will jeopardize the future of our profession and adversely impact the health of our communities," he added.

Dr. Haught's co-chair in the initiative is Dr. Cecile Feldman, dean, University of Medicine and Dentistry New Jersey, New Jersey Dental School. The honorary chair is Dr. Arthur A. Dugoni, president of the ADA Foundation, which is spearheading the initiative. The effort currently involves 71 partner organizations—and counting—including dental schools, specialty groups and others. The long-term objective: partners collectively raising more than \$1 billion by the year 2029. "Our goal moving forward is that every dentist in America, as well as organizations that understand the importance of oral health, will join in this effort," said Dr. Haught, urging the delegates to support the initiative and to encourage others to do the same. "The time has come for us to financially support dental education, because it is our legacy and it must be our future," he said. "It is time for us to give back to the profession that has served us so very well."

To learn more about this collaborative project or to make a donation to one or more of the partners involved, visit www.ourlegacyourfuture.org or call 1-312-587-4716.

Source: www.ADA.org, *Today's News*, November 8, 2006

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Buffalo Outreach and Community Assistance

B.O.C.A.

As the 8th District Dental Society representative for both the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) and Buffalo Outreach and Community Assistance (BOCA) it is my pleasure to extend a hearty thank you to the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine Alumni for their continued support of our organizations. The contributions that many of you have made to us are very much appreciated and have become instrumental to the success for our student-run groups. With that, I'd like to update all of you on the growing efforts of BOCA, our dental outreach and missions program.

BOCA has carried on with its mission to provide free dental services to those around the globe as well as here in the US. Many local dentists have supported us at our annual "Caribbean Night" fundraising dinner, located at the Buffalo Launch Club on Grand Island. We would like to extend a special thanks to Drs. Jim Hoddick, Jude Fabiano, Frank Barnashuk, and Kevin D'Angelo. Without their continued support we would not have been able to reach the thousands of patients we have treated over the past few years. Just last year alone we were able to bring dental care to patients in the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Guatemala, Mexico and Syria, as well as here in the US in Tennessee and Virginia. We have already produced almost \$1 million in free dental care! As the group has grown to nearly 60 members we are seeking more support both through financial donations and used equipment that can still be serviceable in our travels. We are continually collecting used equipment and would appreciate ANY items you are no longer using that may be of use to us. Most importantly, we would like to cordially invite University at Buffalo SDM alumni to attend our fundraising event Saturday March 3, 2007 at the Buffalo Launch Club on Grand Island. There will be live Caribbean music, food, drinks and a silent auction with thousands of dollars worth of prizes. It is through your help and the help of your peers that we have been able to bring healing to thousands of patients who have little or no access to care. Thanks again for your support and we look forward to seeing you in the upcoming weeks!

Needed Items List: Spoon Excavators, Straight Elevators, Cavitron units, Amalgamators, Composite resin curing lights, Restorative materials (amalgam, composite resins, glass ionomers, etc.), Topical anesthetics, Local anesthetics, Oral Surgery instruments (forceps, etc.) and resorbable sutures, Operative and oral hygiene (scalers) instruments, Anesthetic syringes and needles, Cold cure denture resin, Prophy angles, cups and paste, Tongue blades and mouth props, Topical fluoride rinse, Instrument disinfectants, Gloves and masks, Paper products (patient napkins, cotton rolls and swabs, etc.), Toothbrushes, floss and toothpaste, Unexpired Medications (antibiotics, analgesics, topical ointments).

Ryan Colosi '07

BOCA Receives Henry Schein Cares Award

Buffalo Outreach and Community Assistance (BOCA), the School of Dental Medicine's (SDM) student-run outreach organization, has been granted a Henry Schein Cares Award as a result of its "outstanding efforts to help bring healthcare access to underserved groups". BOCA will receive donated dental products and other resources to support its national and international outreach projects over a two-year period.

Henry Schein Cares is the global corporate citizenship program of Henry Schein, Inc. (NASDAQ: HSIC), the largest distributor of healthcare products and services to office-based practitioners in the combined North American and European markets. The mission of Henry Schein Cares is to assist in narrowing the disparity in the delivery of healthcare services and information to underserved communities, both in the United States and abroad, by providing resources to support the programs of community-based health professionals and their organizations. Henry Schein Cares currently supports nearly 100 nonprofit organizations across the United States and abroad by providing resources, which include cash donations, in-kind services and product donations, to support the programs of community-based health professionals and their organizations. It is part of Henry Schein's ongoing commitment to corporate social responsibility, and its belief in the theory of enlightened self-interest: doing well by doing good.

To date, BOCA has provided over \$1,000,000 in donated dental services to underserved sites in the United States, Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, the Middle East and Africa. Outreach projects for 2007 include Ghana, Mexico, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic and will involve over 60 students, residents and faculty of the SDM.



**13th Annual
Lower Lakes Dental Meeting**

Friday, May 4, 2007
Millennium Airport Hotel, Walden Ave, Buffalo, NY

**To Head Off Disease Start at the Top... Incorporating what we know
about oral-systemic connections into clinical practice with special considerations in managing the diabetic patient.**

With the release of the first ever U.S. Surgeon General's report dedicated to Oral Health, the era of Periodontal Medicine has been introduced to both the medical and dental communities as well as the general population. The links between oral health and systemic health will be discussed in the morning session. This presentation will summarize the evidence relating periodontal disease to several systemic diseases including diabetes mellitus, atherosclerotic heart disease, stroke, respiratory infections and adverse pregnancy outcomes. The complex relationships between osteopenia, osteoporosis, rheumatoid arthritis and periodontitis will be addressed.

For the afternoon session, special emphasis will be placed on the management of the diabetic patient. Nearly 20 million people in the United States are diabetic. Diabetic individuals must receive adequate oral care. Diabetes mellitus is a risk factor for, and has been associated with, unusually aggressive periodontitis. The implications for untreated periodontal disease in diabetic patients as far as the severity of their diabetic status and difficulty with metabolic control will be discussed. Accordingly, the mechanisms mediating systemic/local interactions leading to periodontitis, the "sixth complication" of diabetes mellitus, and pharmacologic approaches to better manage diabetic patients will be presented. The relationship of periodontitis to other long-term complications of diabetes mellitus such as cardiovascular, kidney, and eye disease as well as delayed wound healing will be addressed. Treatment strategies will be suggested that may positively impact not only the periodontal status but the glycemic control of diabetic patients leading to possible preventive effects on other long-term complications of this disease.

Dr. Maria Emanuel Ryan, a 1989 Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine graduate, is a Professor in the Dept of Oral Biology and Pathology at the School of Dental Medicine at SUNY Stony Brook and a member of the Medical Staff at University Hospital. She also serves as Director of Clinical Research.

Dr. Ryan received her specialty training in periodontics at the University of Connecticut Health Center, and her Ph.D in Oral Biology at Stony Brook. Dr. Ryan is actively involved in teaching, practice and research at the School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Ryan serves on several scientific, dental and medical advisory boards. She lectures frequently and has appeared on CNN, Americas Health Network, NBC, ABC and NPR to discuss newly emerging therapeutics and the need for early detection of periodontal disease and oral cancer.



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The Dental Alumni Association is attempting to complete a yearbook library from the turn of the century to the present. We would like to obtain at least two copies for each year.

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Development News

We are delighted to welcome Marilyn J. Koren as Associate Director of Development. Marilyn will be working with Carol Vanini to increase private support to the School of Dental Medicine from alumni, friends, corporations and foundations. Marilyn was most recently in the Development Office at UB's Graduate School of Education. She may be reached at (716) 829-2052 or at mjkkoren@buffalo.edu.

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Kathryn J Ehmann '04 and her husband, Brad Harris, would like to announce the birth of their first daughter, Lyla Constance Harris, who was born on Sept. 7, 2006.

Jason M. Grinter '04 is Dental Director for a non-profit dental facility in Northern Illinois, which provide comprehensive care for individuals with developmental disabilities. The job proves challenging but extremely fulfilling. Dr. Grinter lives in Chicago and recently bought a home there. He tries to visit Buffalo as often as he can.



Christina Smith '04 recently graduated from the pediatric dental residency at Women's and Children's Hospital in Buffalo, NY. After graduating in July, she traveled to Brisbane, Australia to present her research at the IADR meeting. Dr. Smith is currently relocating to NYC where she has accepted an attending/assistant professor position in the pediatric dental department at Montefiore Medical Center.

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