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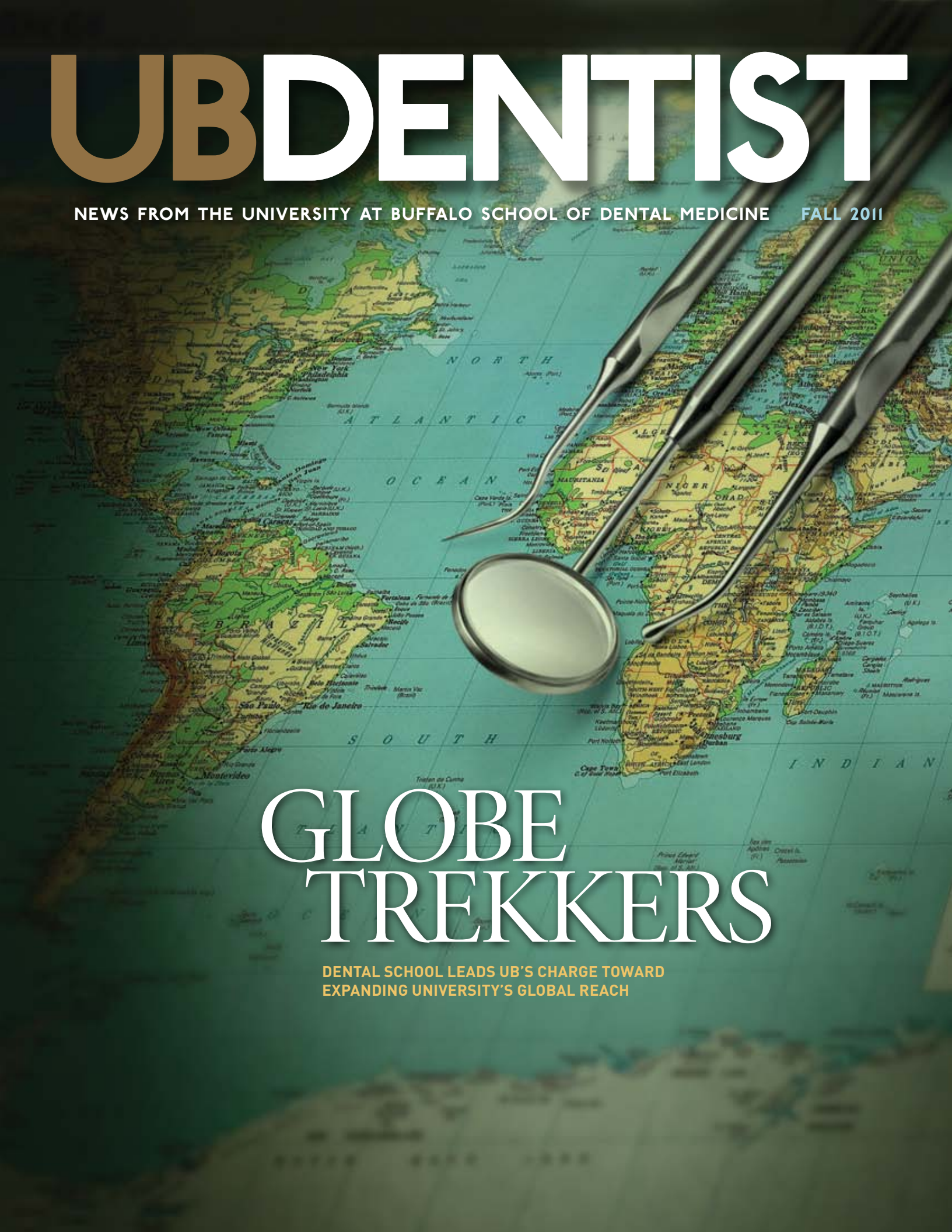

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DENTAL SCHOOL LEADS UB'S CHARGE TOWARD EXPANDING UNIVERSITY'S GLOBAL REACH

FROM THE DEAN

As you know—and as I will repeat whenever I can—our vision for the School of Dental Medicine is to be known for defining excellence in global health. That's a big challenge. It says we'll be the best, the example for others to follow, what we call "the Buffalo way." We don't have small dreams.

Our vision is short and simple and perfectly clear except, possibly, for one word. What exactly do we mean by "global?" And, by the way, why don't we mention dentistry—isn't that what we do?

So maybe I should say that our vision is deceptively simple, something that continues to demand thought after you understand it. We chose the word "global" to signify two broad concepts at once. Global health in one sense is the full measure of an individual's physical well-being; global health in the other sense is the well-being of all people, everywhere in the world.

We are health care professionals who are dentists. We are sentinels for our patients' global health status, and we are specialists in their oral health. This is a sea change in dentistry.

We have introduced this concept and the practice that supports it into our curriculum. Our graduates now join the profession well equipped for its expanded health care responsibilities. Their patients will benefit from improved quality of life as a result.

On the world stage, in the other sense of global, we have a long history of international engagement and a large portfolio of new and ongoing international projects. You will read about some of those in this issue of UB Dentist.

As the dean of this wonderful school, I am extremely gratified that we have been able to expand the international student presence in our clinics and classrooms. We may define excellence in global health, but we need to be heard for that to matter. Our international students—in our advanced certificate programs and in our expanded international dentist program—will carry the Buffalo way around the world.

I am, after all, something of a product of the globalization of dental education. I know firsthand how much we gain by seeing our work as global.

We have close relations with alumni who hold influential positions in dental education in various parts of the world, especially in the Middle East and parts of Asia. China beckons. A corollary of our vision is to see Buffalo as the global capital of dental education.

I'm counting on your continued support to help make that happen.

Michael Glick, DMD

ON THE COVER:

More than 200 UB School of Dental Medicine alumni are practicing or researching in foreign lands.

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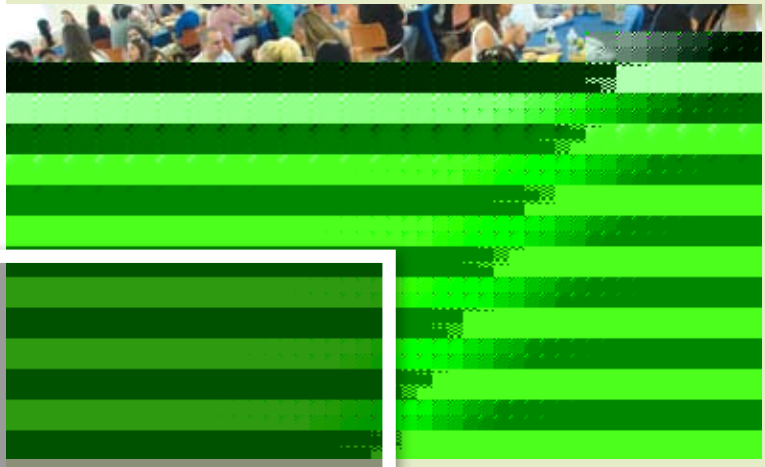

MEMBERS OF THE UB SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE CLASS OF 2015 MINGLE DURING AN ORIENTATION EVENT. THE CLASS COMPRISES 90 STUDENTS FROM AS NEAR AS UB AND AS FAR AS VIETNAM AND KOREA.

1 Class of 2015 arrives

The Class of 2015 is in the building!

The class comprises 90 dental students from 53 colleges and universities, including 19 from UB. While the majority, 43 students, enter dental school with a focus in biology, a variety of majors are represented, including art, music, business, history and biomedical sciences.

Although 73 percent hail from New York state, the class does include five Canadians and three students from Vietnam and Korea.

Three students are in the combined BS/DDS degree program and two are in the early assurance program.The remaining 85 students were selected from among 1,838 applicants.

A few statistics for the Class of 2015: It is 47 percent female, the average age is 25, and the mean GPA is 3.5.

The rigorous seven-day orientation included welcomes, tours, presentations on student services and medical terminology, computer laptop and software training, supply distributions, social events and even the start of a class.

It culminated in Family Day on Aug. 12, as students, joined by their families, faculty, staff and upper classmen, were welcomed into the dental profession at the White Coat Ceremony.

Good luck, '15s!

2 Three faculty earn promotions

SDM is proud to report that three faculty members have been promoted.

Donald Antonson achieved the rank of full professor with tenure; Chunhao (Chris) Li was promoted to associate professor, with continuing appointment, in the Department of Oral Biology; and Ashu Sharma was promoted to full professor in Oral Biology.

Associate dean for academic affairs, Antonson provides focused leadership within the departments of Restorative Dentistry and Academic Affairs. He is the recipient of the 2010 James English Research Mentor Award for Predoctoral Students.

ANTONSON

Li has made a significant impact on SDM's research enterprise. His research portfolio includes more than $2.4 million in grants from the NIH over the past four years.

LI

As assistant professor, Sharma secured and completed five R01 NIH grants. After becoming an associate professor with tenure, he received two more R01 grants, with a third grant pending. In 2005, Sharma received UB's Principal Investigator Award. (Photo on Page 15)

THE UB SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW RESIDENTS AND GRADUATE STUDENTS, LISTED BY PROGRAM:

AEGD
Soha Al Beirouti
Cyrus Chang
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Miyoung Yoon

BIOMATERIALS
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Myung Jin Nam

we could not use local anesthetics unless the patient requested it and paid an extra dollar. Furthermore, since OSHA regulations did not exist, we did not use masks, rubber gloves or eye protectors.

Like many of my classmates, I was prepared to enter one of the armed forces after graduation. And in order to ensure that that would happen, I enlisted in the U.S. Navy (as an ensign) while still in dental school. My subsequent two years of active duty were a very valuable experience since, like a civilian residency program, it added speed and confidence to the clinical skills I had learned in dental school. It certainly helped to prepare me when I entered private dental practice back in Buffalo.

I never perceived that I would end up being a full-time member of the dental school's faculty and was prepared to stay in private practice throughout my professional life. When the private UB joined the public SUNY [system] in 1962, Dean James A. English began to recruit a full-time dental faculty. As a result, my long-term interests changed from full-time clinical practice to academic dentistry. While it was a difficult decision at the time, I have enjoyed a very fulfilling career in dental education.

'66 BARRY WOOD,

DDS 1966, Orthodontics '68, practiced in Williamsville, N.Y., 1968-2000.

I entered dental school during a time of changing leadership. Dean Jim English had retired from the U.S. Navy and turned the school upside down. I had a great deal of respect for him. He brought in some of his Navy friends who were very good dentists and had high expectations for students. Dean English is the person, as much as anyone, who really made UB dental school one of the best in the country. We were in the top three in the nation. As the first class under Dean English's tenure, we wanted to work very hard to help him meet his goals for excellence.

The faculty was mainly male and part time. One female professor, Evelyn Jung, had a large influence on me. She was highly respected as head of the radiology department. Everyone knew she meant business.

I must mention my fellow classmate, Bill Carl, who emigrated from Germany after World War II. When he entered dental school, he had a family and worked a full nighttime shift at the Ford plant. He had been trained as a tool and die maker in Germany and won all the prizes at graduation for crown and bridge work. He used his expertise in his career at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in the maxillofacial department. He was our Renaissance man. He could write, was an expert photographer, went on many mission trips and climbed mountains on several continents. We lost him, too soon, on top of Mount Aconcagua, the tallest mountain in South America.

'66 MEREDITH C. MOCK,

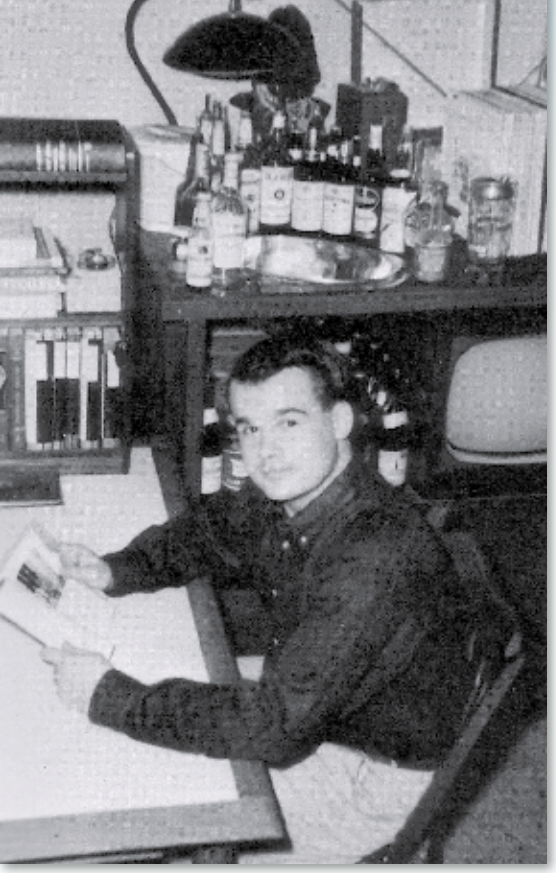
private practice in Fresno, Calif., for 40 years.

After graduating from UB dental school, I served for four years in the U.S. Army Dental Corps. When comparing the education that some of the other Army dentists had received, I thought we were well educated at UB.

I still keep in touch with my old roommate, Roger Mayott, from Springfield, Vt., and I have hooked up with fellow students Bob Hines and Dave Taylor in Plattsburg, N.Y.

I remember about 100 of us being in the lab wearing our white smocks or lab coats with all the Bunsen burners on when it was about 95 degrees outside. The heat and humidity in that lab prepared me for the base camp in Vietnam. None of the buildings in Hon Tre had air conditioning. My "office" was located in the back of the dispensary. Since there were only two medics and my dental assistant, I was the "acting physician." I quickly found

ABOVE: THE 1968 UB ORTHODONTICS GRADUATING CLASS IS PICTURED WITH PROFESSOR JOHN CUNAT. (*LEFT TO RIGHT*) ARMINDO RIQUELME OF PARAGUAY, BARRY WOOD (DDS '66), LEO CACCIOTTI (DDS '66), CUNAT, H.L. GEIGER AND CHARLES STOVER. **RIGHT:** BARRY WOOD, DDS '66, ORTHODONTICS '68, GIVES A HAIRCUT TO CLASSMATE JACK KOCH. AT THE TIME, WOOD JOKED THAT IF DENTISTRY DIDN'T WORK OUT, HE COULD BECOME A BARBER!



MEREDITH MOCK, '66, TAKES A STUDY BREAK. NOTE THE FINE COLLECTION OF SPIRITS IN THE BACKGROUND!

out that I was going to do more than dentistry and I quickly grew up. During the first two years in dental school, we took many of the same classes as the med students, and those classes helped prepare me for what I needed to do. In addition to dentistry, I would help with sick calls and, for the injured or wounded, I would debride the wounds, do minor suturing, apply tourniquets or splints, start IVs and give morphine and other meds.

I'm truly grateful for the education and experience at UB that prepared me for both military and private practice in dentistry.

'81 BETH SCHISA-D'ANGELO,

owns private practice in Lackawanna, N.Y., with husband, Kevin D'Angelo, '81, and UB alumni Fred Fielding, '87, and Maureen Callahan, '95.

You were really respectful of the professors and especially of the deans. Dean Powell told it like it was and commanded great respect. The professors were tough but fair. They gave us a great education.

I skipped a class once to assist a senior who was doing this really cool procedure. Harvey Sprowl dragged me out of the clinic and told me I wasn't supposed to skip class. He was right. I didn't get punished, but he scared the you-know-what out of me. After that, he always kind of looked out for me, and I appreciated that. Mirdza Neiders had it all together. Elias Kaufman was a mentor.

We were a close class. We worked hard all week, then on weekends we'd get together for some sort of party. Some of my closest friends today are from school—Jane Brewer, '78, Gary Alexander, '81, Jerry Carlo, '81, Al Cantos, '81. I met my husband in dental school. We were friends the first two years, started dating in our junior year and married in our senior year. He's my partner in everything!

I remember when Stan Zak, '76, came into our class to talk about joining the Guild of St. Apollonia to help the less fortunate. That little introduction started my interest in mission-type dentistry, which has become an important part of my life and career. My husband and I have been doing mission dentistry for the last 15 years.

Next July, our son Bill, '11, who is now in his general practice residency in Seattle, will join our practice. He and his fiancée, Elizabeth Hargrave, '11, graduated from the UB dental school this year, 30 years after we did, so we'll be going to reunions together someday.

'86 JEANNE (PINZEL) STRATHEARN,

private practice, West Hartford, Conn., dental examiner for NERB and chair, Connecticut State Dental Commission.

I think we had a tremendous dental education at UB. As a dental examiner, I evaluate work from dental students around the Northeast. I feel that we were well-prepared, not only for the exam, but also for our practices by both the clinical and the didactic portion of our education. It certainly prepared me well for my career.

My oral pathology teacher in dental hygiene school, Dr. Joseph Natiella, encouraged me to go to dental school as I was interested in oral pathology. We had many superbly gifted clinical instructors who were generous not only with their knowledge, but also with their time. Drs. Davis Garlapo, '68, Joe D'Ambrosio, '80, (who is now at the University of Connecticut) and Jane Brewer all stand out.

I recall taking the denture portion of the NERB exam while border molding with a new Bard Parker blade, I somehow slipped and cut my finger. Dr. Richard Hall, '78, stitched me up with six sutures and I still finished early in spite of this because we had plenty of practice in removable prosthetics.

I took an opportunity to spend a month during my senior year at Guy's Hospital in London with another classmate. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet other dental students from around the United States who were also doing the same externship and see another part of the world.

I believe we are most fortunate to be in dentistry at a most exciting time, particularly due to constantly changing technologies and evidence-based results.

— Jim Bisco

JEANNE STRATHEARN, '86, NOW CHAIRS THE CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION.

SDM's GLOBAL IMPACT

POINT YOUR FINGER to just about any country on the globe and there's a good chance it'll land on a place where a UB School of Dental Medicine alumnus is teaching, researching or practicing. Such is the vast reach of the dental school, thanks in large part to its status among the top programs in the U.S. and its vision toward improving global health.

By David J. Hill

Renowned outside the United States, UB's dental school each year attracts aspiring dental practitioners who come here to obtain a coveted American dental degree. Upon earning their DDS, some continue their dental education, while others set up practice in North America.

Some, like Michael Mandikos, a native of Australia, return to their home country and share the skills they've acquired with colleagues. Mandikos came to UB in the fall of 1995, when he entered the Advanced Education Program in Prosthodontics after obtaining a DDS with honors from the University of Queensland, Australia. Mandikos studied in Buffalo for three years, leaving with a certificate and a master's degree (in biomaterials)—and a fiancée.

"I had three of the best years of my life at UB," says Mandikos, who has been a prosthodontist for 13 years. He returned to Australia in 1998, where he began lecturing part time at the University of Queensland while establishing his private practice in Brisbane, the continent's third-largest city. In 2008, he moved his practice to the suburb of Graceville.

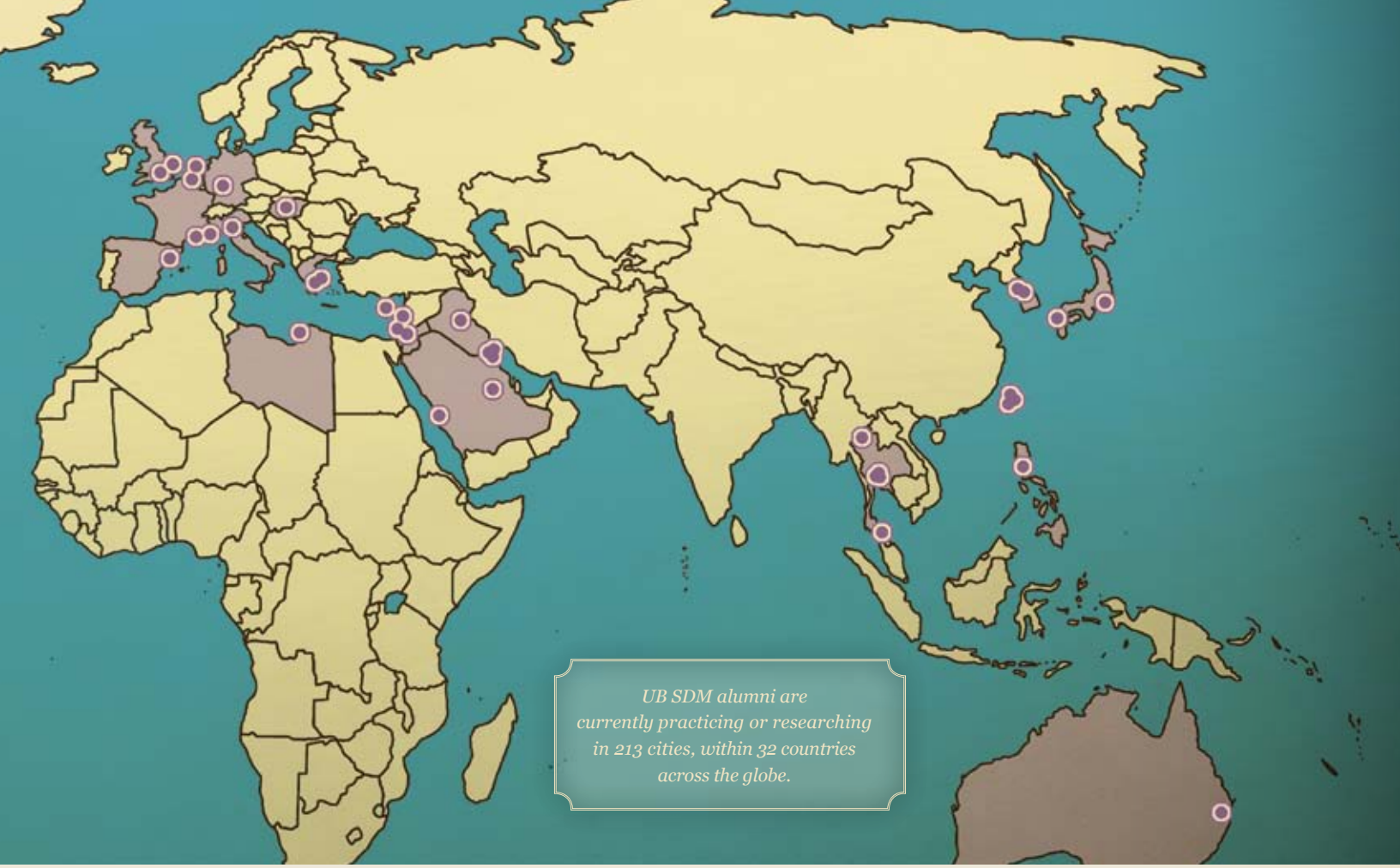
"Studying at UB, and in fact the whole collegiate experience of being at UB for those three years, really has shaped my entire practicing life," Mandikos says via email. "There are so many ways that UB has shaped the clinician that I became and, in fact, the person that I am now."

Mandikos is one of more than 200 SDM alumni working outside the U.S. The majority of those foreign alumni are in Canada; other countries include Korea, Thailand, Spain and Japan.

Fourteen alumni are practicing in Saudi Arabia, including Ahmed M. Al-Kahtani, who serves as president of the Saudi Dental Society.

MANDIKOS

Expanding the school's global



reach is a key component of SDM's mission statement, and it's a vision in which dental school Dean Michael Glick firmly believes. "It's a global society. Everyone is in contact with everyone else, everyone knows what goes on. To be siloed is detrimental—you can't do it any longer," Glick says.

"I think what's important here is to recognize that it is a two-way street; that we can provide something, but we also need to recognize what they can give us," he adds.

"The UB brand and the UB dental school brand are very highly regarded, and there's a lot of competition to come here."

Mandikos agrees wholeheartedly. When he began researching American dental schools to find out who had the best prosthodontics program, "It was quite clear UB was right in that top little group.

"What I learned clinically, I could not have learned anywhere else, certainly not outside of the USA," he adds. "We just did not have that type of advanced education program in Australia, and we certainly did not have the same number of staff or quality of facility.

"My time at UB also helped me to develop many great contacts and many wonderful friendships. If my professor at UB was not the world authority in a particular topic, then he or she knew the person that was, and I got introduced to that person at a major dental meeting," Mandikos says. "Those international contacts also helped me to establish my own credibility back in Australia and later, they helped me to create my own continuing education programs, which I present as part of my practice today."

Glick, who became dean in December 2009, embodies the school's international mantra. Born in Sweden, he received degrees in dental medicine at Hebrew University Hadassah School of Dental Medicine in Israel before coming to the U.S.

Upon becoming editor of the prestigious peer-reviewed Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA), Glick appointed JADA's first-ever

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international editorial board. Moreover, JADA now publishes several international editions, including ones in India, Spain, Mexico, Portugal, the Middle East and, soon, China.

That UB's dental school is highly regarded on a global scale is rewarding, but it comes with a need for constant improvement. "It's gratifying, but it's also challenging because you also need to keep it up," Glick says. "And we need to get better in the sense that we know that we are great, but everyone else is getting better as well. If we stand still, we're going to slip. So that's a challenge: How do we do it better? How do we increase this international collaboration? And again, it goes two ways."

Over the next few pages, we'll look at the many ways in which SDM is bolstering its international reputation while improving the education of dental students, whether they hail from Amherst or India.

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MICHAEL MANDIKOS, '98 CERTIFICATE IN PROSTHODONTICS, MASTER'S IN BIOMATERIALS

TEACHING STUDENTS FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE GLOBE

Every day, the walls of Squire Hall echo with the wealth of knowledge shared in classrooms and clinics by highly trained faculty. The dental school began welcoming foreign students in 1896 when a pair of Germans graduated from what was then known as Buffalo Dental College. Wilhelm E. Th. Muller and Paul B.H. Quedenfeldt were the dental school's first two international graduates, not counting Canadian residents, according to school records.

The following year, Anna M. Thrane of Vienna, Austria, became the first female international graduate. Thrane was an exceptional student who transferred from the New York School of Dentistry and graduated from Buffalo Dental College in just two years. She received a grade of 100 in electricity. After graduating, she was asked to join the faculty and taught operative dentistry.

Three years later, Joseph Vogl graduated. He, too, was from Vienna. And in 1902, Hildegard Schottky, a transfer from the University of Gottingen (Germany), obtained her DDS from UB.

For more than a century since, dental students and practitioners have continued to come to UB from all corners of the globe. Many leave their native countries and enroll as first-time dental students. But a unique program offers practicing dentists in foreign lands the opportunity to study American dentistry at UB through the school's International Dentist Program (IDP).

"It's an advanced standing program designed for people who have dental degrees from abroad who would like to practice dentistry in the U.S., and in order to do that, they have to earn a U.S. DDS because the curriculum can vary so greatly from country to country," explains Sandra Flash, SDM's executive director for academic and student affairs.

The program originated under Dean James A. English, who led the school during the 1960s. "Because of the political changes taking place worldwide, a number of dentists left and in some cases fled their countries to take residence in the United States," the SDM history book "Roots of Renown" notes. "With the restrictions imposed by state licensure laws, they were unable to practice their profession. Dean English realized their needs by establishing a new program."

The program has been revamped for the 2011-12 academic year. Traditionally, IDP accepted anywhere from one to 10 students. However, it has been expanded starting this year to accommodate a larger group.

For this year, more than 300 foreign dentists applied to IDP, 49 of who were interviewed. Sixteen were selected for the program—13 from India, two from Pakistan and one from Egypt. The school plans to enroll 24 students starting next year. In addition, it is now a two-year program instead of three.

STUDENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL DENTIST PROGRAM ARE PICTURED DURING THEIR WHITE COAT CEREMONY THIS SUMMER. EXPANDED FOR THE 2011-12 ACADEMIC YEAR, THE COMPETITIVE PROGRAM ACCEPTS FOREIGN PRACTICING DENTISTS, WHO COME TO UB TO EARN A COVETED AMERICAN DDS.

The dental school created the program out of "a moral responsibility to advance oral health worldwide by training dentists who will go back to their countries and practice what they learned here," says Othman Shibly, SDM clinical assistant professor and director of the International Dentist Program.

IDP has trained many dentists who now hold prestigious positions in dental organizations around the globe, Shibly notes. They include the dean of a dental school in Taiwan, as well as Ahmed Al-Kahtani, who, as noted earlier, heads the Saudi Dental Society.

IDP students began their eight-week summer session June 6 and finished Aug. 5, receiving instruction in operative dentistry, implants, fixed prosthodontics, pediatric dentistry and more. The session helped integrate the IDP class with the regular four-year DDS students. "The DDS students have been very welcoming and supportive, and the IDP students have been eager to assimilate into the program," Flash says.

As with many of the dental school's international programs, IDP is mutually beneficial to the school's four-year DDS students and the program's participants. IDP students obtain a coveted American DDS degree, while SDM's students are exposed to different cultures without having to leave Buffalo.

"There are so many benefits to it. The DDS program is so packed in terms of curricular content that it's hard for our students to go abroad," says Flash, noting that the school's Buffalo Outreach and Community Assistance (BOCA) program is one opportunity, "but otherwise, they don't have the opportunity. Being exposed to international dentists who have a wide variety of expertise is only going to enhance their education without having to go anywhere else."

Moreover, IDP helps the dental school's four-year students hone a critical professional skill: interpersonal communication. "Dentistry is a field that is very social. You need to interact with patients and communicate with people from different cultures and backgrounds," she explains. "The more practice and exposure you have to that, the more accepting and at ease you will be at gaining a rapport with people from different backgrounds."

ERINA HANAKI (RIGHT), A J-1 SCHOLAR FROM JAPAN, OBSERVES A SPECIMEN IN THE ORAL BIOLOGY LAB WITH ASHU SHARMA, PROFESSOR OF ORAL BIOLOGY. HANAKI IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO JAPAN IN MID-OCTOBER 2011 AFTER FINISHING HER POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES.

A LEGACY OF INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH

UB's School of Dental Medicine also has maintained a progressive approach toward embracing research collaborations abroad. The school's contributions to international research date back to 1920. That's when two UB alumni—Leuman M. Waugh (1900) and Waugh's roommate, Charles F. Bodecker (1900)—along with faculty member Victor H. Jackson were among two dozen professionals who gathered at the Columbia University Club to form the International Association for Dental Research (IADR).

Headquartered in Alexandria, Va., the IADR now boasts more than 12,000 members worldwide.

Bodecker served as IADR president during the 1940s. In fact, he was one of the first two elected members of the organization and presented its first report.

Bodecker's father, UB alumnus Carl F.W. Bodecker, also played a prominent role in international dental research, serving as chairman of the Dental Clinic in the International Medical Congress in Washington, D.C., in 1887. He also presided over the clinic of the International Dental Congress at Chicago during the World's Fair. The elder Bodecker belonged to several international dental organizations, including the American Dental Society of Europe.

After graduating from UB dental school in 1900, Charles Bodecker studied biological science at the University of Berlin. He returned to the U.S. to a teaching position within the School of Dentistry at Columbia, where he became an internationally renowned professor of histology.

Waugh achieved notoriety for his excursions to the Arctic, where he researched caries. Before he died in 1972 at age 95, Waugh was the last living founding member of the IADR.

A native of Arcade, N.Y., Jackson obtained his DDS from the University of Michigan. He joined the UB faculty in 1892. He also was director of the International Publishing Company.

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Many SDM faculty members continue to carry on the dental school's legacy of international research.

Robert Genco, '63, SUNY Distinguished Professor in the UB Department of Oral Biology, served as IADR president in 1985-86 and again in 1991-92.

Another SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, Sebastian Ciancio, who graduated from UB, has fostered several collaborations with researchers abroad, including Sultan Al Mubarak, with whom he collaborated on an important paper focusing on periodontal therapy in diabetic subjects. Their paper recently was published in the International Journal of Diabetes Mellitus.

Ciancio, who chairs the Department of Periodontics and Endodontics, is one of several SDM faculty "globetrotters." He traveled to Singapore in August to serve as featured lecturer at the Singapore Dental Society's annual convention, where he lectured to the dental society and to the National University of Singapore Faculty of Dentistry.

Last January, Ciancio was a featured speaker at a dental convention in Dubai, where he talked about the impact of dental problems both on oral health and bodily health. And in June, Ciancio received a recognition award from the International Academy of Periodontology during its biennial meeting in Lviv, Ukraine. Ciancio is the immediate past president of the organization.

UB dental school professors' expertise often is sought as a result of agreements the school has forged with universities around the world. The school now has roughly two dozen such agreements, with more in the works, allowing SDM faculty to share their knowledge abroad while foreign professionals bring their experiences to UB.

"The advantage is, it gives our students a global perspective in what is happening in the world of dentistry," Ciancio says.

Oftentimes, these research collaborations yield findings that can be applied in the U.S. Ciancio points to the diabetes research paper with Al-Mubarak as an example.

Diabetes is on the rise in the United States, but in Saudi Arabia, a far larger part of the population is affected by the disease. Researchers can apply the knowledge they gathered in the Middle East to diabetes research in America, Ciancio explains.

Moreover, he says, such international collaborations help UB students learn about different health care systems. "It gives us a very broad perspective, both in our research abilities and in our ability to understand worldwide problems and help find solutions to these problems," says Ciancio. "Sometimes, the solution you find to a problem abroad can be applied to one at home that you haven't found yet."

This year, the dental school signed another agreement with the Saudi Cultural Mission, which will send up to four practicing dentists to study American dentistry at UB. The agreement was forged through the dental school's previous relationship with Saudi dentists. Shibly, the International Dentist Program director, says the welcoming nature of both the UB School of Dental Medicine and the university itself make Buffalo an attractive option for international dentists.

"Many of our postgraduate trainees here have or are now in very high positions in Saudi Arabia," says Glick, the school's dean. "The president of the Saudi dental association is a graduate from here, some associate research deans are from here, and that gives us a tremendous opportunity to continue these types of international endeavors."

> "DENTISTRY IS A FIELD THAT IS VERY SOCIAL. YOU NEED TO INTERACT WITH PATIENTS AND COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES AND BACKGROUNDS. THE MORE PRACTICE AND EXPOSURE YOU HAVE TO THAT, THE MORE ACCEPTING AND AT EASE YOU WILL BE AT GAINING A RAPPORT WITH PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS."
>
> SANDRA FLASH, SDM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

"BENVENUTI" IN BUFFALO

UB's dental school also has been training practicing Italian dentists and dental hygienists through its highly regarded and nearly two-decade-old Italian Dentist Program, operated by Richard Hall, professor and chair of the Department of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery, and managed by the SDM Office of Continuing Dental Education.

This past summer, Buffalo welcomed approximately 20 dentists and 15 dental hygienists from Italy for the weeklong program, which features one day of lecture and four days of surgical anatomy clinic for the dentists; it's two days of lecture and three days in the clinic for dental hygienists, who split time between UB and Erie Community College.

This year's group included six Spanish dental professionals, a first for

the program, Hall said, adding that several Italians participated for a third straight year.

"They just love coming back," says Hall. "It's an experience that they just don't get in Italy; it's the camaraderie and the people who are involved in the lectures they get, besides the hands-on [aspect] of doing the surgery. The stuff that I do—the trauma, the pathology—they don't do that in dental school in Italy."

The certificate the dentists and dental hygienists receive upon completing the course at UB carries a great deal of prestige upon their return to Italy or Spain, Hall says. In addition, the Italian version of the American Dental Association devotes a session of its annual meeting to "Amici de Buffalo"—Friends of Buffalo—a seminar presented by the dental professionals who took part in the Buffalo course.

UB's dental school began its current Italian Dentist Program under the direction of Joseph Margarone Jr., '62, former chair of the UB Department of Oral and Maxillofacial

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DENTAL HYGIENIST CARLOTTA MICHELI, OF ITALY, WORKS ON STUDENT-PATIENT ALEXANDRA RIVETTI WHILE ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE INSTRUCTOR KATHRYN ALM LOOKS ON DURING A CLINICAL SESSION OF SDM'S CONTINUING EDUCATION SUMMER PROGRAM FOR ITALIAN AND SPANISH DENTISTS.

GLOBAL RESEARCH

UB dental school faculty members collaborate with researchers around the globe:

Sebastiano Andreana, associate professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry and director of implant dentistry, collaborates with researchers at the University Sts. Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Dentistry in Macedonia to investigate the anti-inflammatory effects of laser treatment when used as adjunctive periodontal treatment.

Sibel and **Donald Antonson** (Restorative Dentistry) work with colleagues at Hacettepe University (Turkey) comparing finishing/polishing systems on surface roughness and gloss of different resin composites.

Violet Haraszthy (Restorative Dentistry) and **Joseph Zambon** (Periodontics and Endodontics) studied the clinical health indices and microbiologic parameters, including plaque and bacterial species between natural teeth and dental implants, with faculty at the Hebrew University-Hadassah University School of Dental Medicine, Jerusalem.

Stefan Ruhl (Oral Biology) continues to collaborate with colleagues from his previous institution, the University of Regensburg in Germany, and a group at the University of Tübingen, most recently looking at the integrity of proteins in human saliva after sterilization by gamma irradiation, as well as the adsorption of salivary proteins and adhesion of bacteria to biomaterial surfaces.

Anne Meyer, associate dean for research, published a recent paper with investigators from the University of Birmingham (England) on barnacle settlement and the adhesion of protein and diatom microfouling to xerogel films with varying surface energy and water wettability. Xerogel films were developed by faculty in UB's Department of Chemistry.

Jose Luis Tapia and **Alfredo Aguirre** (Oral Diagnostic Sciences) teamed up with colleagues from the National Autonomous University of Mexico to describe the clinical relevance of gingival melanoacanthoma.

Richard Ohrbach, associate professor in the Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences, forged an exchange agreement with Malmo University, Sweden, and has teamed with investigators at the Academic Centre for Dentistry's Department of Oral Kinesiology (Amsterdam) to examine TMD patients' illness beliefs and self-efficacy related to bruxism. He's working with a colleague in India to produce the newest translations of the RDC/TMD into Malayalam and Hindi. With colleagues at the University of Aarhus (Denmark), Laval University (Quebec), Malmo University and ACTA, Ohrbach has led development of the second generation protocol for evaluating and diagnosing TMD.

In addition to these research collaborations, SDM faculty also train a number of foreign postdoctoral students each year. A sampling includes the following current postdocs/research scientists working in the Department of Oral Biology: Jiang Bian (China), Li lab; Sreedevi Chinthamani (India), Baker lab; Erina Hanaki (Japan), Sharma lab; Rohitashw Kumar (India), Edgerton lab; Tonjun Liu (China), Yang lab; Sumant Puri (India), Edgerton lab; Prasad Rajendra Settem (India), Sharma lab; and Kai Zhang (China), Li lab.

SDM STUDENTS MICHELE BONNEVIE (KNEELING IN FRONT) AND ARI COHEN (STANDING IN BACK) POSE WITH SOME OF THE PINT-SIZED PATIENTS WHO RECEIVED CARE DURING A MARCH 2011 BOCA TRIP TO PATZUN, GUATEMALA.

Surgery. Margarone formed a partnership with Ugo Covani, an Italian dental surgeon, and Covani has been bringing a group of dentists and dental hygienists to UB each year for the past 16 years.

The program is sponsored by Sweden & Martina, a dental implant company based in Italy.

Hall says the program's popularity among Italian dentists is due in large part to the success of UB's medical cadaver program, which supplies UB's health-related schools with a sizable number of unpreserved cadavers for students to work on.

The timing of the course happens to occur during freshmen orientation at the dental school. "This is always in the first week of August, so the freshmen get an eye-opener because when they go on the tour to see what the dental school is like, they come over to the gross anatomy lab," explains Hall. "Here you have 20 non-English speaking Italian dentists doing surgery, so they get to see what it's really like."

A TRADITION OF SERVICE

To be sure, not all faculty excursions abroad involve lecturing or conducting research. Each year, several faculty members generously donate their time and talents to join teams of SDM students on service trips organized by Buffalo Outreach and Community Assistance, an organization established by SDM students in 2003.

The group journeys to other countries to bring much-needed oral health care to people who can't afford such care. In some cases, SDM students are the first dentists these underserved populations have seen.

The mission of BOCA is simple: to care for those less fortunate. The service trips show dental students the importance of giving back to the profession. "BOCA is very helpful in terms of instilling a service mindset to our current students," says Flash, the school's executive director for academic and student affairs.

SDM'S GLOBE-TROTTERS

The UB School of Dental Medicine faculty includes many of the world's foremost authorities in professional and academic dentistry. Their expertise is frequently sought and these exceptional professionals travel abroad regularly to give lectures to an international audience.

Here's a sampling of recent faculty lectures:

SDM Dean Michael Glick has given a number of lectures, including continuing education courses in Singapore, Israel, New Zealand and at Sao Paulo University in Brazil. In addition, Glick served as chair of the science committee for the World Dental Federation and was a consultant for the World Workshop in Oral Medicine, London. He was keynote speaker for the International Oral and Oropharyngeal Cancer Conference in Mumbai, India.

Olga Baker, Department of Oral Biology, presented an invited paper on cytokine-mediated inflammatory responses in salivary glands at the Brazilian Saliva Symposium in Sao Paulo.

Richard Ohrbach lectured in Tokyo at the 23rd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of the Temporomandibular Joint and at Osaka Dental University on temporomandibular disorders. He also served as organizing committee member for an International Consensus Workshop on TMD.

Jose Luis Tapia and **Yoly Gonzalez-Stucker** presented several lectures on oral pathology and TMD to the Faculty of Odontology at

In addition to bolstering SDM's service initiatives, BOCA has become one of the key selling points for the school. "BOCA is one of the things prospective students inquire about during interviews," Flash says.

The program is so popular that approximately 40 percent of the school's graduating seniors will have participated in a BOCA trip, she says, adding, "We've really seen an absolutely overwhelming interest among the students. In a typical year, we're sending 40 to 50 students abroad."

Recently, seven SDM students were honored for their dental service in foreign countries.

Catherine Adamson, Melissa Balk, Ariel Cohen, Sara Evens, Amie Heim, Nichole V. Hinchy and Bridget Sweeney each received a Certificate for International Service by the ADA committee on international program and development. The certificate is awarded to dentists and dental students who spent at least 14 days performing dental services in a foreign country.

SDM's tradition of service isn't limited to providing oral health care to less fortunate people. The dental school also has made its mark through organizations committed to advancing various fields within dentistry.

One of those organizations, the American Academy of Periodontology, was founded by a UB alumnus. John Oppie McCall summoned a gathering of leading periodontists in 1914 to form a group that evolved into the AAP.

"THE ADVANTAGE IS, IT GIVES OUR STUDENTS A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE IN WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD OF DENTISTRY."

SEBASTIAN CIANCIO, SDM '61, SUNY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PROFESSOR; CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF PERIODONTICS AND ENDODONTICS

A native of Geneva, N.Y., McCall received his bachelor's degree from Yale and his DDS from UB in 1904. He taught chemistry and periodontia at UB from 1909 to 1919. McCall served as AAP president in 1917. Ciancio was its president in 1992.

As Shibly noted, the dental school feels it has a moral responsibility to advance oral health care as a result of SDM's standing as a highly regarded dental school within a top public university focused on research.

But there's another critical element, what Shibly calls "citizen-to-citizen diplomacy."

"We all go by perception and impressions," he explains. "By doing these exchange programs, we get to know each other and our mentality will change from 'us vs. the others' to a concept of 'my identity is your identity when you stand with me to promote oral health and help sick people.' "

He adds, "The 'other' is not the people in the Middle East or China or whoever we're competing with," Shibly adds. "The 'other' is poverty, it's sickness, it's diseases and oral cancers."

By learning to accept different cultures thanks to international programs, dental professionals from across the world can unite as one to face oral health problems head on.

Says Shibly, "We have a shared goal that brings us together."

the National Autonomous University of Mexico in Mexico City.

Sawsan Tabbaa (Department of Orthodontics) provided several days of lectures at the School Oral Health Program in Kuwait focused on interceptive orthodontics and recent advances in orthodontics.

Joseph Bernat, chair of the Department of Pediatric and Community Dentistry, presented lectures on child abuse at the Middle East Conference on Pediatric Dentistry in Kuwait City. He also participated as an external reviewer for the Faculty of Dentistry at Kuwait University for graduating dental students in recognizing child abuse.

Donald Antonson lectured in Slovenia on techniques for excellence using direct resin composite materials and in Montreal on the demise of the porcelain metal restoration.

Alan Ruttenberg, director of clinical and translational data exchange, was a member of the Organizing Committee, and Louis Goldberg served on the Program Committee, for the International Conference on Biomedical Ontology held at UB in July. The conference brought together more than 200 scientists representing biomedical informatics centers throughout the world.

Sebastiano Andreana was invited by the Kuwaiti minister of health to give a series of presentations to dentists on current trends in advanced general dentistry at dental administrative conferences sponsored by the Ministry of Health.

CE course calendar

School of Dental Medicine Office of Continuing Dental Education

OCT. 19
(6 TO 9 P.M.)

CE CAFÉ FALL LECTURE SERIES

Dental Practice Transitions

Dr. Chester Gary

TUITION: $65 (BUF)

Distance learning surcharge applies

CE HRS: 3

OCT. 22
(9 A.M. TO NOON)

Dental Patient HIV Screening Workshop

Rapid non-invasive test for HIV

Dr. Michael Hatton

TUITION: $225 PER PERSON

CE HRS: 3

Register early...limited enrollment!

OCT. 27-29
(THURSDAY P.M.-SATURDAY A.M.)

Implant Prosthodontics Workshop

Dr. Sebastiano Andreana and Department of Restorative Dentistry faculty

A hands-on participation workshop

DENTIST TUITION: $1,295

UB ALUMNI: $1,195

CE HRS: 16

SEMINARS IN ENDODONTICS

Series of half-day, graduate level, interactive seminars (8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.)

OCT. 28
Cleaning and Shaping

NOV. 11
Obturation

DEC. 9
Case Mismanagement

COMPLETE SERIES: $595
INDIVIDUAL SESSION: $225
CE HRS: 6 PER SESSION

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NOV. 11-12

MICP PART TWO

Advanced Ortho Facial Imaging/Semi and Permanent Derma Fillers

Drs. Robert Gordon and Brian Preston

Hands-on course, enrollment limited

TUITION: $3,495

CE HRS: 15

NOV. 16
(6 TO 9 P.M.)

CE CAFÉ FALL LECTURE SERIES

Treating Caries Like a Disease: The Latest in Evidence-Based Prevention and Intervention

Dr. John Maggio

TUITION: $65 (BUF)

Distance learning surcharge applies

CE HRS: 3

NOV. 18
(9 A.M. TO NOON)

Esthetic Management of Extraction

Dr. Sebastiano Andreana

Hands-on training

DENTIST: $395

CE HRS: 6

DEC. 3
(9 A.M. TO NOON)

Cardio Risk Screening Workshop

Risk assessment: heart disease

Dr. Michael Hatton

TUITION: $225 PER PERSON

CE HRS: 3

Register early...limited enrollment!

DEC. 9
(9 A.M. TO NOON)

Use of Diode Laser and Laser Safety

Dr. Scott Benjamin

DENTIST: $125
OPTIONAL HANDS-ON WORKSHOP
1 TO 4 P.M.
$225 PER PERSON

Register early... limited enrollment!

DEC. 9-10
(TAMPA, FLA.)

MICP PART THREE

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Dr. Robert Gordon and guest faculty

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CE HRS: 15

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'61s SAY, "DO WHAT WE DO!"

WHEN THE '61s GET TOGETHER for their five-year reunion, all the other '1s and '6s know they're here.

They're notorious for their rollicking entrance, marching into the reunion dinner-dance behind the Bar Room Buzzards, a Dixieland jazz band whose trumpet player marched next to Roger Triftshauser, '61, in the UB band in the '50s (it's a long story).

They talk about toning things down—but not for their 50th.

The class also has put its mark on the school. In the 1980s, members donated funds to create an emergency clinic in Squire Hall; it is now the pediatric dentistry clinic. In 2008, they combined their entire accumulated class fund—almost $400,000—with a large donation from the Dental Alumni Association to create the William M. Feagans Professorship, the school's first endowed faculty position.

And now that they've reached their golden reunion, they have a message for the classes who don't know them already: Support our school!

"We had a good experience at the school," John Twist, '61, says. "It's not like everyone was buddy-buddy, but we were cohesive."

The late Gerald Grassi, '61, and Triftshauser spearheaded a fundraising effort for their 15th reunion. Twist guesses that 90 percent of the class contributed. He says that as a class, members thought it was the right thing to do.

He encourages any class that wants to contribute to a fund for its reunion to do so early, so that the contribution to the school can grow.

The '61s have stuck together. Twist, who is a reunion co-chair this year, expects to see more than 30 members from the roster of 57; he says he thinks that only four or five from the class have never been to a reunion.

"It's something that started in our school days and has lasted for 50 years," Triftshauser says. He and a number of the classmates lived in Shoellkopf Hall during their first years in dental school. "We helped each other through anatomy and histology." He thinks of the class as a family.

Triftshauser, who in addition to his practice in Batavia, N.Y., has been a Genesee County legislator, an admiral in the naval reserve and chair of ADPAC, the ADA's political action committee, told the incoming first-years this summer that he hoped they'd follow the example of his class. "We want to see the whole dental school as a family," he says. Because a family takes care of itself.

According to Twist, he and his classmates knew their clinical instructors were making a financial sacrifice to teach them. He says that from the start of their careers, members of the Class of 1961 thought they owed something to the school.

Seb Ciancio, '61, who as chair of the Department of Periodontics and Endodontics sees the impact of private giving from inside the school, notes that while other top-flight dental schools have several endowed faculty positions, UB still only has the one that his class helped create. "We're hoping that donations from members of the Class of '61 will serve as examples of what others can do to assure that the school maintains leadership in dentistry, dental education and research," he says.

If Triftshauser could be persuaded to exchange his beloved Bar Room Buzzards for a megaphone that would carry his voice to all dental school classes, he would use it to say: "Do what we do! Support the school! Every way you can!"

AlumniNews

Immersion learning in UB's Behling Simulation Center

It's 3 p.m. on a Friday and a middle-aged man sporting a gray Buffalo Bills T-shirt sits in a dentist's chair. His appointment on this particular day is for a tooth that has been causing him considerable pain over the past several days.

The dental hygienist prepares him for a bite wing X-ray. Shortly after she places the device in his mouth, he begins choking, then swallows the X-ray. He passes out. Immediately, Ann, the dental hygienist, springs into action, calling for a doctor's assistance and for someone to dial 911. She begins administering CPR.

This very realistic situation unfolded not in an actual dentist's office, but instead in the Behling Simulation Center on UB's South Campus.

It was part of a new immersion learning program for dental professionals conducted on June 17 by SDM's Office of Continuing Dental Education. Designed for dental professionals and other health practitioners, the program simulated medical emergencies that could happen in their offices. Participants were critiqued on their ability to respond to these situations.

The workshop was led by Michael Hatton (DDS '82, MS in Oral Sciences '86, GPR '88, Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery '88), clinical associate professor of oral diagnostic sciences. "This is a whole different way of learning," Hatton says of the center, which is built to resemble a hospital wing. "I think it's going to revolutionize things we have difficulty measuring now."

That includes assessing how health care professionals react in an emergency situation, when every second counts and there are myriad external events affecting the outcome. The Behling Simulation Center is designed to help students and medical practitioners better manage these situations using immersion learning.

"It goes beyond learning-skills acquisition to skills employment in a realistic environment that mimics the real world in as vivid a way as I've ever experienced," says Hatton.

The center is the nation's first simulation center that focuses on inter-professional collaboration and education for health care providers.

SERVICE PINS AWARDED TO SDM FACULTY, STAFF

Six dental school faculty and staff members were honored recently with service-recognition pins during a ceremony hosted by President Satish K. Tripathi and Interim Provost Harvey Stenger Jr. A 40-year service pin was presented to Sheryl Harvey of Academic and Student Affairs. Thirty-year service pins were awarded to Norman Bartz, '78 (Periodontics and Endodontics); Joseph Capuana, '79 (Oral Diagnostic Sciences); Mira Edgerton, Certificate in Removable Prosthetics, '81, MS Oral Sciences '84, PhD Oral Biology, '94, (Oral Biology); Jude Fabiano, '77 (Restorative Dentistry); and Catherine Sutton (Clinical Dentistry).

LANE LOVERS

Kaiser Dukes, the killer keglers from the Class of 1983, swept both halves of the Buffalo City Dental Bowling League's season to clinch first place. Pictured from left: Dave Stasiak, Ray Niceforo, Joe Rutecki, Dick Lynch, Norb Koller, Dave Brown, Tim Seel and Al Giangreco.

ClassNotes

Conrad J. Kubiniec, '61, is retired and lives in St. Augustine, Fla., in the winter and Cazenovia, N.Y., in the summer. He is a master gardener who has taken more than 80 hours of horticultural courses at the Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences at the University of Florida, and at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University in New York. He volunteers to help train new master gardeners in pruning trees and shrubs. Kubiniec became a life master in duplicate bridge in 2005 and mentors new players at the St. Augustine Duplicate Bridge Club.

KUBINIEC

James N. Mitchell, '61, reports that he is retired from the VA Hospital in Syracuse after a 30-year career in geriatric dentistry. He enjoys spending his spare time at a cottage on Lake Ontario, playing the piano and gardening.

Allen Moss, '61, is retired from the practice of general dentistry and lives in White Plaines, N.Y. He still enjoys golf and is looking forward to his 50th class reunion in November.

MOSS

Richard R. Wilson, '61, is retired and lives in Naples, Fla., during the winter and Lockport, N.Y., in the summer. Wilson spends his free time fishing, woodworking, gardening, golfing, painting (oil and watercolors), and building and flying radio-controlled model aircraft.

WILSON

Lawrence Wolfgang, '61, retired after a 33-year teaching career in the UB SDM. A consultant to the ADA Committee on Dental Fee Codes, Wolfgang also enjoys golf and photography.

WOLFGANG

Robert J. Herzog, '69, received the 2011 Statewide Peer Assistance for Nurses Award from the New York State Nurses Association. He is the first non-nurse to receive the award. A certified interventionist, Herzog serves as peer assistance coordinator for the New York State Dental Association, a national leader in successful, non-punitive responses to addictive illness among professionals. He also participated in a White House conference call about the new federal prescription drug abuse plan hosted by Gil Kerlikowske, director of U.S. national drug control policy. Herzog is one of four members named to the ADA's wellness task force, and also has been named chairman of the Dental Section of the 2012 Utah School on Alcohol and Drug Dependency. The Utah School is an annual training program for health professionals focusing on addictive illness. Herzog is in private practice in Buffalo.

Angelo M. DelBalso, DDS '72, MD, FACR, received the Louis A. and Ruth Siegel Distinguished Teaching Award for Full-Time Teaching in the Clinical Sciences. The Siegel award is the foremost means for recognizing extraordinary teachers in the UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. DelBalso is professor and chair of the Department of Radiology in the UB medical school and director of radiology at the Buffalo VA Medical Center.

DELBALSO

Daniel Briskie, '85, was named to the Michigan Board of Dentistry, which regulates the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene, and authorizes dental assistants. Briskie, of Grand Blanc, is a pediatric dentist at Arnold Tracht and Daniel Briskie, DDS, PC. He also works as a pediatric dentist in the Department of Surgery at Detroit Children's Hospital and as an adjunct assistant

For the past several decades, Armenian Dental Volunteers has partnered with the Church of Armenia to provide dental treatment to orphaned and underprivileged children in the rural mountainous regions of Armenia. This past summer, **Josh DiMichele, '03,** and **Daniel Kuncio, '03,** joined these volunteers for a unique, eye-opening experience. Most of the several dozen kids (ages 10-16) DiMichele and Kuncio cared for had never seen a dentist before, and had no concept of proper oral hygiene. Some even said they were taught not to brush too often because it could destroy their enamel. Most kids were brave in the clinic and tolerated the treatments well, even though to DiMichele and Kuncio, the conditions and equipment were like nothing they'd ever seen. "At times it was frustrating because we'd be able to do much more with more time and under conditions we typically see in U.S., but we were reminded that we can still make a huge difference in these kids' lives," they said. Anyone wishing to volunteer or donate to the cause should contact Viken Garabedian at Armenian Dental Volunteers (www.armeniandentalvolunteers.com), who has headed the program since 1994.

DANIEL KUNCIO AND JOSH DIMICHELE POSE WITH CAMPERS THEY TREATED IN ARMENIA AS PART OF A SERVICE TRIP WITH ARMENIAN DENTAL VOLUNTEERS AND THE CHURCH OF ARMENIA.

professor of dentistry in the Department of Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Michigan.

Raymond G. Miller, '85, was an invited speaker at "The Bridge" summer lecture series presented by the UB Newman Center on July 13. His presentation, "Dentistry and the Law," covered victim identification, mass-fatality incident response, human bite marks and other areas where a legal dental opinion is required. Miller, clinical professor in SDM's Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences, and his UB research team have done significant work in the area of bite-mark research and expert dental testimony.

Brendan Dowd, '86, appointed **Stacy Piatkowski Hoffman, '09,** as an associate dentist in his private practice located at 6932 Williams Road, Suite 1900, Wheatfield, N.Y. Hoffman has completed the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency program at the Buffalo VA Medical Center.

James Lesinski, '88, along with **Douglas Saturnino, '89,** and **Glen Donnarumma, '86, GPR '90, Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, '90,** recently saw 76 patients at a free dental clinic at Lesinski's office in Amherst. The group provided care to patients who did not have health insurance and couldn't afford such procedures as cleanings, fillings and tooth extractions. The event was arranged by Dentistry from the Heart, a national, nonprofit organization that sponsors free dental care. While Lesinski and his colleagues could not perform all dental procedures and had to refer patients with more serious problems to another dentist, patients were grateful for the assistance they received.

Angela R. Kamer, MS Oral Sciences, '92, Certificate in TMJ, '92, Certificate in Periodontics, '01, has been promoted to associate professor of periodontology and implant dentistry, with tenure, at New York University College of Dentistry.

Mary Bush, DDS, '99, received a grant from the Midwest Forensics Resource Center for her proposal titled "Shape Measurement Tools in Impression Evidence: A Statistical Approach." The proposal won first place in the Forensic Sciences Foundation's (FSF) Emerging Technology in Forensic Science Contest and will be presented at a half-day workshop sponsored by the FSF at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences' annual meeting in Atlanta in February 2012. Part of the project also was the subject of a story on WIVB-TV Channel 4 in Buffalo that aired on Aug. 2. Bush is assistant professor in SDM's Department of Restorative Dentistry.

BUSH

Bradley M. Sundick, '08, married Lauren Rachel Stein on May 22, 2011. Lauren is a physician assistant at Schweiger Dermatology in Manhattan and Bradley is in his third year of residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center in the Bronx.

InMemoriam

Edward D. Evans, '46, of Hamburg, died July 16, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy (nee Templeman); children, Ned (Holly), Wendy (Thomas) Ryan and Ted (Tracy) Evans; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bruce D. Martenson, '56, died Aug. 21, 2011. After serving two years in the U.S. Air Force at Loring AFB in Maine, he returned to Jamestown, N.Y., in 1958 to begin practicing dentistry on Lakeview Avenue, where he practiced until 1995. After an initial retirement, he realized he missed the vocation and re-opened his practice on E. Fourth Street and continued practicing until February 2011.

Martenson was a member of the Jamestown Dental Society, Chautauqua County Dental Society, 8th District Dental Society, Sertoma, and the American Dental Association. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Alta; daughters, Susan Laurie (Angelo) Martenson-Farese, and Karin Marie; and a son, Bruce Gregory (Kristen).

Laurence C. Wright, Certificate in Orthodontics, '57, died on Aug. 1, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Joan (Finley) Wright; sons, David (Dana) Wright, DDS, James (Joanne) Wright, Douglas (Laurie) Wright, DDS, and Jonathan (Ann) Wright; 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Allan V. Payne, '61, died on June 24, 2011, at age 81. He was last known to be living in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Glenn M. Tucker, '61, died in May 2011.

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