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I’m honored to address you for the first time as the William M. Feagans Chair at the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine. I’m doubly honored to be the first holder of the first faculty chair created at the school—thanks to you.

Faculty chairs are established by the gift of an endowment, sometimes in the name of the donor or, as in this case, in the name of someone the donors wish to honor.

The endowment of the William M. Feagans Chair came from the UB Dental Alumni Association—so from all of you—and from the Class of 1961, a special group among you. William Feagans, for those of you who attended the school too long after his tenure to know his influence directly, was SDM dean from 1970-92.

Because a faculty chair is endowed, both the position and the fund that supports it exist in perpetuity. When I vacate the chair, someone will take my place. So you have given the school something of great and enduring value.

I’d like to think this is the beginning of the next era of philanthropy at the SDM. I won’t say a new era because the school has always enjoyed support from alumni and friends, but recently we’ve received gifts at a level we haven’t known before.

We are in the final stages of preparation for a major school-wide renovation project that will include completely new preclinical facilities, an all-new welcome center for our patients and new operatories for the clinics.

Financing the work will be a challenge. The university is investing $6 million, demonstrating that the administration recognizes our needs and that we have their trust. But we need to raise much more.

So I have a proposition for all of you. Most of us aren’t in a position to endow a faculty chair, but most of us are capable of giving a dental operatory for the new clinic. If you can’t give one alone, maybe you and a few friends from your class could. You will be hearing more about how to support new operatories in the coming months.

Some evening a few years from now, I’d like to fill our clinics with all the people who’ve made the renovations possible and have the biggest party in the history of the SDM. Can I count on you to be there?

Michael Glick, William M. Feagans Chair and Dean
UB dental clinic in county health mall offers students valuable experience

Residents of an East Side Buffalo neighborhood who have been without a local source for primary or dental care since 2009 now have both, thanks to services being provided in the new Erie County Health Mall (ECHM). The mall’s dental clinic, which is being run by the UB School of Dental Medicine, not only offers dental students the opportunity to gain hands-on clinical experience, but also has provided students with valuable experience in learning how to set up a dental practice.

The mall, located at 1500 Broadway, officially opened on May 2nd with a ribbon-cutting attended by UB dental school dean Michael Glick. He spoke about the importance of having a dental home within a medical facility that also offered primary care and mental health services—for the patients being served and for the UB dental students who would get first-hand knowledge and experience about opening a dental practice in a community facility. “We are proud of our collaboration in the ECHM,” said Glick. “It also gave us an opportunity to have our dental students participate in creating and executing a business plan for the dental office.”

Joseph Kerr, associate dean for administration in the dental school, explained how UB became involved in the ECHM and how students were engaged in the project. Kerr said the county approached the dental school about becoming part of the health mall. Once the school decided to make the investment, Kerr had the idea of taking the Junior Achievement model he participated in during high school to get dental students involved in the ECHM and how students were engaged in the project.

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He asked second-year students if they would be interested in developing a dental practice—creating a business plan and a marketing plan, working with building plans and collaborating with the other professionals who also would be occupying the ECHM. Forty-three students competed in an election for six who would act as key participants/representatives and be the contacts for decisions made regarding the dental clinic in the health mall.

Members of the second-year class elected Robert Atwell, Justine Hoda Hai, Joshua McPhee, Joanna Pufnock, Kara Tress and Richard Ross to be on the project team; Tress was elected project manager.

Students learned about finance, accounting, and project management, and developed project and marketing plans, a business plan, certificate of need, a budget, policies and a list of clinic services to be offered with the assistance of dental school faculty and staff.

The result—after many months of hard work by the students in addition to their course loads and clinical obligations—was a state-of-the-art dental clinic with six operatories, an x-ray/radiology room, a lab, a conference room, a receptionist’s area and a waiting room.

Hoang Cam Nguyen, DDS, was appointed dental director; Karen Spates was named the dental assistant; and Karen Miles the business office manager. Project team member Ross said dental students will play an integral role in facilitating patient care in the clinic. “Participation in this venture will allow for students to become well-rounded prior to graduation,” he said. “Our early involvement in the planning process has taught us about the business side of opening a dental practice. Our clinical experience with the patients will help us to provide optimal treatment that focuses on oral care in a community dental facility. These experiences combined will add breadth, depth and value to our education,” he said.

—SARA SALDI
New grants & contracts
Over $10.4 million in new grants and contracts were awarded in FY2014 to dental school researchers. This adds to the many continuing active grants from federal, state, industry, and foundation/association agency sponsors, resulting in an annual research budget of over $7.6 million. Congratulations and thank you for your efforts!!

Supported by Federal Funds
Baier, R., Pi: “I-CORPS Team: New product for ‘dry mouth’ relief”; NSF.
Edgerton, M., Pi, Cullen, P., Co-I: “Regulation of Candida albicans pathogenesis by the signaling mucin Mab2”; NIDCR.
Li, C., Pi: “Protein-protein covalent bonding and Treponema motility”; West Virginia University (NIH).
Li, C., Pi: “Exploring new virulence factors of the oral spirochete Treponema denticola”; NIDCR.
McCall, A., Pi: “Pre-doctoral Fellowship – Vascular remodeling and the role of PECAM-1 in the progression of Sjögren’s syndrome”; NIDCR.
Ruhl, S., Pi: “Microbial recognition of sialic acid diversity in the salivary proteome”-admin supplement; NIDCR.
Scannapieco, F., Pi, Edgerton, M., Sharma, A., Co-I: “Advanced training in oral biology”; NIDCR.
Scannapieco, F., Pi, Vickerman, M., Co-I: “Amylase binding and gene expression in S. gordonii”-admin supplement; NIDCR.
Sharma, A., Pi: “T. forsythia TLR2 ligands and surface glycans coordinate periodontal inflammation”; NIDCR.
Sharma, A., Pi: “Novel mechanisms of peptidoglycan synthesis in Tannerella forsythia”; NIDCR.
Vickerman, M., Pi: “Streptococcus gordonii Rgg regulators: gene expression, signaling, oral biofilms”; NIDCR.
Wactawski-Wende, J., Pi, Genco, R., Co-I: “Oral microbiome and periodontal disease: A prospective study in postmenopausal women”; NIDCR.
Yang, S., Pi: “Regulation of skeletal development and homeostasis by IFT protein”; NIDCR.
Yang, S., Pi: “Role of RGS12, a regulator of G protein signaling, in bone remodeling”; NIAMS.

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Play ball
UB Provost Charles Zukoski gets ready to throw out the first pitch at the Buffalo Bisons game in Coca-Cola Field downtown at this year’s “Night at the Ballpark,” a fun evening for the senior dental students and administration, sponsored by Dean Michael Glick.

Faculty and staff transitions
Since February 2014, the school has welcomed a number of new faculty and staff:

Restorative Dentistry – Joshua Hutter, ’05, Mara Mariani, ’02, and Peter Mascari, ’72 as part-time clinical instructors, with John Balikowski as a full-time dental technician and Karen Trenz as a part-time dental hygienist.

Hoang Cam Nguyen, DMD, was recruited to serve as the full-time director of the new Erie County Health Mall dental clinic. She received her DMD from New Jersey Dental School in 1993, and was recently employed as an assistant professor at Roseman University-College of Dental Medicine and a staff dentist for the Family Dental Plan of the Utah Department of Health. She was previously at UB in 2010-2011 as a part-time clinical assistant professor in Restorative Dentistry.

Oral Biology – Rose-Anne Romano, PhD in Biochemistry, is an assistant professor who studies transcriptional control of epithelial cells development and differentiation. She comes from the UB Department of Biochemistry where she was a research scientist since 2007. Romano has over 26 publications and is funded by the National Institutes of Health.

Ding Xu, PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences, who was hired as an assistant professor, was recently employed as an assistant project scientist in the Department of Cellular and Molecular Medicine, University of California, San Diego, since 2007. His research, currently focused on vascular biology and inflammation, has resulted in over 20 publications and is funded by the American Heart Association.

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– Tammy Park as a full-time instructional support assistant.

Leaving SDM are:
Norman Bartz, Jr., ’78, retired in March after 33 years of service as part-time clinical assistant professor in the Department of Periodontics and Endodontics. The majority of his career was spent at the VA Medical Center in Buffalo where he progressed from staff dentist to director of the General Practice Residency Program and, finally, chief of the Department of Dentistry of the VAWNY Healthcare System which encompasses the Buffalo, Batavia, and Rochester sites.

Alice Crittenden retired from her position as keyboard specialist in Clinical Dentistry after 26 years, and Lee Heinikel, also in Clinical Dentistry as stores clerk, retired after 11 years with the school.

We at the SDM have all benefited from their long and loyal service and they will be missed.

Promoted is:

Kim received his DDS in 1987 from Yonsei University, and worked as a dentist in Pocheon, Korea until 1998 when he began UB’s Prosthodontics Certificate/Masters in Oral Sciences programs. He has been a faculty member in Restorative Dentistry since 2002. He is currently the director of the Advanced Education Program in Prosthodontics. Kim received the Alan J. Gross Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2010 and 2012. His most recent research has focused on dental implants and dental materials. Check your Fall 2013 issue of UB Dentist for more highlights. Congratulations!
Guest speakers highlight 2014 Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting

The 37th Annual Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting (BNDM), November 5-7, 2014, will feature more than 20 speakers offering valuable insight on a variety of topics relevant to dentists, office staff, assistants, and hygienists. The speakers consist of UB Dental alumni as well as leaders in continuing education as voted on by their peers. Here are some of the guest speakers who will be presenting at this year’s BNDM.

Michael DiTolla, DDS, FAGD who practices in the largest dental lab in the U.S., has access to tens of thousands of doctor’s preps and impressions on a monthly basis. As a result, he has an intimate knowledge of the common habits of the dentists getting the best restorative results. His mission is to share these techniques with dentists to help them improve their preps, impressions and restorations. When dentists perform better restorative dentistry they are happier, more profitable, and most importantly, the patient receives excellent restorative dentistry. Referred to as one of dentistry’s most entertaining speakers, DiTolla’s blend of humor and entertainment is engaging as he uses live clinical video to reinforce the learning and increase retention of the techniques.

Howard Farran, DDS, MBA is a noted international lecturer on faster, easier, more efficient dentistry. He has captivated audiences around the world with his innovative, informational and entertaining style. Farran’s seminar focuses on the business of running a dental office—the things that every business needs to do during this great economic contraction. You’ll learn how to make your products and services more efficient, what can realistically be managed and what functions your business should have.

Frank R. Lauciello, DDS, ’69, knows denture care is typically a hate/love relationship in many practices. The challenges of edentulous impressions, unstable denture bases, guessing where to put the teeth, processing errors, unpredictable results...what’s not to hate? Overcome these fears and uncertainties. Learn to involve your office staff, to communicate with your dental lab, and how to make the experience enjoyable and profitable. Lauciello will share his incredible experiences to show why so many have made the transition and now have a “love affair” providing denture care for their patients.

Judy Kay Mausolf is a dental practice management coach, speaker and author. She coaches dentists and managers who want to be better leaders, improve teamwork and ultimately grow their practice. Her R.I.S.E. philosophy is a concept of best practices that helps develop leadership, broaden mindsets, elevate attitude, strengthen communication and develop skills to build happy, healthy and high-performing doctor/team/patient relationships.

For more information about the speakers above and the programs they are presenting, and all of the BNDM programs, visit ubdentalalumni.org.

In addition to the amazing speakers and topics on the BNDM schedule, new this year is a “Night Out for the Office” on Wednesday, November 5, at 5:30 P.M., sponsored by Patterson Dental. This event will feature a magician and the comedian Dr. Dan, a winner on TV’s America’s Funniest People and a finalist in Colgate’s Search for America’s Funniest Dentist. It is a great way to kick off the meeting and share some laughs with your staff.

REGISTER EARLY FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AN IPAD MINI!
Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the AAP and its early president, John Oppie McCall, 1904 UB Dental graduate and faculty member

The American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) celebrates 100 years of science, education, leadership and advocacy at its annual meeting to be held later this year in San Francisco. The AAP was founded in 1914 by two women dentists, Gillette Hayden and Grace Roger Spalding. The first annual meeting was held in Washington, D.C. in 1914 with 17 members present. Today the academy’s 8000+ members span over 75 countries.

UB Dental School has the honor of having had two faculty members serve as president of the academy—John Oppie McCall, Sr. a charter founding member in 1917, and Sebastian Ciancio in 1992. Most readers of this publication know of the accomplishments of Ciancio, current department chair of Periodontics and Endodontics, but one may be surprised to know the impact McCall, 1904 graduate and faculty member from 1910 to 1919, had on both periodontics as well as this university.

EARLY YEARS

John Oppie McCall was born in Geneva, N.Y. on October 4, 1879, the son of Rev. John Oppie and Carrie Isabel McCall. John’s father died when he was an infant, after which time his mother took him to New Jersey to live and supported him by giving piano lessons. After she died when John was nine, her cousin, Charles W. McCall, a dentist practicing in Binghamton, N.Y., adopted him; upon adoption, he took the McCall name, but kept Oppie as his middle name.

At one time he considered becoming a pianist by profession—a thought on which his father had frowned—but changed to dentistry, in part due to the influence from his adopted lineage. His father, Charles W. McCall graduated from the New York Dental College in 1876, and went into partnership with his father, Simeon H. McCall, an important figure in early dentistry in Binghampton. Known as the “Father of the Sixth District Dental Society,” he formed the society June 2, 1868 and served as its first president. Both Simeon and Charles remained active in the dental society, with Charles serving as president in its 25th year.

John Oppie McCall attended Yale, graduating with science honors in 1901. He entered the dental college of the University of Buffalo in the fall of that year, and obtained his DDS in 1904. Following graduation he opened a general practice in Binghamton and eventually was able to limit his practice to pyorrhea treatment.

Known today as one of the pioneers in periodontology, he, along with Paul R. Stillman, founded and developed the modern science of periodontia. Proposing the name for the specialty, McCall coined the word “periodontoclasia” to replace “pyorrhea alveolaris.” Stillman’s Cleft and McCall’s Festoons are terms still used today to describe specific gingival conditions in the mouth.
INTRO TO PERIODONTIA

At one of the larger dental meetings held in Binghamton, McCall saw a commercial exhibit for a set of scalers for tartar removal. The designer and inventor, C. M. Carr, went on to explain the instrument advantages. In addition, McCall had just met a colleague at the same meeting, who had been treated with success by Carr for his periodontal condition. Following the meeting, McCall invited Carr to his office to provide a postgraduate course on proper use of his instruments, the only way such instruction was available at the time.

Carr’s course also included instruction on treatment of pyorrhea. Upon completion of this course, McCall hoped to provide a better and more complete dental service for his patients. He knew, however, that this was not the complete answer to the periodontal problem. Having heard of D.D. Smith and the oral prophylaxis treatment he had developed and the claims he had made for it, McCall began to search for a dentist who had taken that course. Fortunately, Carr was able to guide him to Grace Rogers of Detroit; McCall invited her to give a demonstration at the next meeting of the New York State Dental Society.

Following the meeting, McCall arranged to receive instruction on the method and spent a week at Rogers’ office in Detroit. The Smith method added something of value to the Carr method and, after seeing the success of the combination of these methods on his patients, McCall now believed that he could finally limit his practice to the field. He began to look for a city of a size that seemed likely to provide adequate opportunity for such specialization.

AN OFFER TO TEACH AT BUFFALO

As luck would have it, the post of professor of chemistry at the College of Dentistry in Buffalo suddenly became vacant. Current faculty, knowing of McCall’s training in that subject at Yale, felt he would be able to fill the position. After accepting the position, he commuted two days a week between Binghamton and Buffalo, all the while maintaining his practice at home the remainder of the week.

At the same time, McCall had the opportunity to start a practice in the treatment of pyorrhea in Buffalo, as an associate of Daniel H. Squire, who at that time was professor of operative dentistry at the school. McCall made the permanent move to Buffalo in 1910. This afforded him the opportunity to further develop his private practice as well as to teach the students something of pyorrhea and the methods of successful treatment he had developed.

He went on to design a student’s set of periodontal instruments, actually modifying the design on the set of hoes, sickles and chisels first designed by Carr in the early 1900s. Still in use today, these instruments are known as McCall’s scalers.

ORGANIZATION OF A SPECIALTY SOCIETY

As proof of growing interest in periodontia, a group of dentists in Buffalo expressed a desire to have Carr give them a course on instrumentation. McCall was able to secure the dental school Infirmary, and the course was presented in the summer, with McCall assisting in the instruction. This may very well have been the first such postgraduate course in periodontia given in any dental school in the country.

Over time, McCall became somewhat in demand for postgraduate teachings and went on to provide such courses in his practice for many years. The dentists who had taken Carr’s course decided that they would form a study club devoted to further investigation into the subject. Other such C. M. Carr Study Clubs had been formed in cities in which dentists had also taken the instrumentation course. Due to the ineffective communication between such clubs, McCall suggested that a national society be established bringing all dentists together who were interested in the subject.

After consulting with Drs. Spalding and Hayden, McCall took the initiative in calling a meeting of leading dentists who had limited their practice to the treatment of pyorrhea for the purpose of forming an organization. Accordingly, a group of seven, including McCall, met in Cleveland in 1914. At this meeting, an organization was established and Austin James of Chicago was elected president. It was agreed that at the outset, membership should be limited to dentists who limit their practice to the specialty. However, it was planned to later add associate memberships to other interested dentists.

THE PROBLEM OF TERMINOLOGY

One of the first problems that confronted the group was that of terminology and a name for the organization. Up to this time, disease of the gums had been known as pyorrhea alveolaris, but the group realized that this term had its shortcomings.

McCall came up with a practical solution, coming up with the word “periodontoclasis,” meaning a breakdown of tissues around the teeth. With this as a generic term, it was a simple matter to create other words to designate those specializing in treating the disease as periodontists, and other terms as needed.

The science dealing with this disease was called periodontology. Thus the name adopted for the organization was the American Academy of Periodontology and Oral Prophylaxis (the term Oral Prophylaxis was later dropped). Having now an official name for the organization, the first annual meeting was held in Washington D.C. in November 1914. It is interesting to note that the American Dental Association did not recognize periodontics as a dental specialty until 1947.
INVolvEMENt IN MEDIcAl EDUcAtIoN

Around 1912, medical education was undergoing a bit of soul searching in light of the recent report of Abraham Flexnor on the subject published in 1910. Among the steps recommended by Flexnor for strengthening medical education was the requirement of at least one year of academic college work for entrance to medical school. In time, this was to be made a requirement of dental schools as well.

At this point, the Buffalo College of Medicine was faced with a serious problem. The University of Buffalo (in name only at that time) had no academic or liberal arts department, being formed of four professional schools only. The creation of a college of arts and sciences had been planned but financial difficulties had held back its development.

Fearing that future medical school applicants would apply elsewhere, it was decided that a collegiate department should be organized immediately. The medical school reached out to the dental school faculty for assistance. McCall, with his diverse educational background, seemed well suited for such an undertaking and was given the title of secretary of the school of arts and sciences.

It was his task to organize a curriculum and recruit faculty, arrange for classrooms and laboratories and enroll an entering class. This one-year program was later expanded to a full four-year degree-bearing program. These first classes formed the basis of what eventually would constitute the University at Buffalo’s College of Arts and Sciences. UB’s College of Arts and Sciences celebrates 100 years of excellence in 2014, owing in part to a dentist who started it all.

OTHER coNtRIBUtIoNs

In his early days in private practice, McCall began to see patterns of the prevalence of dental caries in children, often of very considerable extent and occurring at an early age. Around the same time, a specific technique for cleaning teeth was developed by D.D. Smith. Oral prophylaxis treatment and the oral hygiene movement began to take hold as a measure to help prevent caries as well as an aid in the treatment of pyorrhea. In 1907 he proposed to the Dental Society of the State of New York the organization of a dental hygiene council and served as its first chairman.

In 1924, McCall moved his family to New York City to obtain the comfort of a “milder climate.” This proved beneficial to his professional career as well. He went on to establish a full-scale department of periodontology at New York University, was named its first chairman and full professor of periodontology. He was director of the Guggenheim Dental Clinic of New York for 16 years and as such organized a school for dental hygienists as part of the activities of the clinic. Later he organized a course in dental hygiene at the New York State Technical and Agricultural Institute.

McCall served as lieutenant commander in the Dental Corps of the United States Naval Reserve in World War I. A prolific writer who published numerous articles throughout his career, he was author or co-author of ten textbooks, among them the Textbook in Clinical Periodontology, first published in 1922, and Principles of Periodontics, published in 1964. He served as editor of the New York Journal of Dentistry for a period of 10 years; he also organized the publication known as Dental Concepts. He was the recipient of numerous honors and awards in the field of periodontology.

EPIloGUE

On November 4, 1964 in the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, McCall received one more accolade. It was on this day that the AAP celebrated its 50th anniversary. With other founders of the academy now deceased, the golden anniversary became virtually a personal celebration. John Oppie McCall, Sr., the last surviving charter founding member of the AAP and developer of the first curriculum which formed the basis of the UB College of Arts and Sciences, died in Oregon on January 13, 1978 at the age of 98. His passing brought to a close a long and distinguished contribution to education and dentistry, especially periodontics.

—Compiled by Robin Comeau

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A REVELATORY STUDENT RESEARCH DAY

ON MARCH 6TH, the annual Student Research Day was held with 37 presenters discussing their research from the past year. Posters were exhibited by 18 dental students and 19 graduate/postgraduate students and postdoctoral associates. Those selected for awards are shown on this page.

Ivoclar Vivadent continued as a corporate sponsor for the event. Fifteen of the student posters were also presented at the 2014 AADR meeting in Charlotte, NC. later in March. The student summer research program is led by faculty members Mira Edgerton, Rem. Pros Cert ’81, Ms Oral Sci. ’83, PhD Oral Biol. ’94, and Stefan Ruhl.

Students really appreciate the mentoring by faculty members. As the Dental Student Research Group President Sapna Thakkar, ’15, notes, “My mentor, Dr. Olga Baker, and her lab was an important aspect of my education at UB, because I truly value research in advancing the field of dentistry. Learning to critically think about problems and how to practically approach them using basic science has helped me to use reasoning skills, logical thinking and problem solving skills...I will always carry the skill set I learned while doing research with me and into clinical practice, but I also hope to do more clinical research in the future.”

Peter Davidow, ’14, offered comments on his mentor, Dr. Edgerton. “Over the course of three years, her guidance and support enabled me to travel to three research conferences, to present numerous times at venues here at UB, and to write and defend a thesis honors...I have also grown to have a new appreciation for how important it is that we connect what happens inside the laboratory to what ultimately becomes tomorrow’s methods of treating diseases of the oral cavity.”

Just what we are hoping students can learn through our research programs! More about research mentoring in the next issue of UB Dentist.

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Ciancio, S., Pi: “The determination of the safety and effectiveness of electrotherapy on plaque and gingivitis – a pilot study”; Bioelectrics LLC.

Haraszthy, V., Pi: A study to evaluate the effects of toothbrushing with commercial dentifrices on oral hygiene and inflammation”; Colgate Palmolive Company.


Haraszthy, V., Pi: A clinical study to evaluate the effects of toothbrushing and rinsing with a CPC mouthwash on plaque bacteria”; Colgate Palmolive Company.


Haraszthy, V., Pi: “Relationship between gingival status and polymorphonuclear leukocytes”; Colgate Palmolive Company.

Haraszthy, V., Pi: “The effects of hygiene with dentifrices on oral malodor”; Colgate Palmolive Company.

Haraszthy, V., Pi: “A clinical study to compare the effects of rinsing with a CPC mouthrinse on oral bacteria”; Colgate Palmolive Company.

Haraszthy, V., Pi: “The effects of hygiene with commercial dentifrices including one with herbal ingredients on levels of oral polymorphonuclear leukocytes”; Colgate Palmolive Company.

Kim, H-I, Pi: Monaco, E., Andreana, S., Co-I: “Implant overdenture retained by two implants using ball attachments with immediate loading in the lower jaw: a clinical short term study in human subjects”; Dentium Co. Ltd.


Munoz-Viveros, C., Pi: “A proof of principle bite force study of novel powder denture adhesives”; GlaxoSmithKline.


Sabatini, C., Pi: “Comparative evaluation of the bond degradation of adhesive interfaces with different test methods”; Ultradent Products Incorporated.

Sabatini, C., Pi: “Evaluation of the depth of cure and surface micro-hardness of a new bulk fill composite system” -supplement; Ivoclar Vivadent Incorporated.


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Guan, G., Pi: “Odontogenesis-specific Bmp4 promoter regions from Fugu genome”; American Association of Orthodontists.

Hall, R., Pi, Mang, T., Co-I: “OMSF Student research training program”; Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation.

Jones, P., Pi: “Mobile dental unit for Chautauqua and Erie Counties”; Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

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DENTAL STUDENT AWARDS:

ADA Annual Dental Students Conference on Research
Stephanie Wu (mentor: Stefan Ruhl)

ADA/Dentsply Student Clinician Competition–ADA Scientific Session
Michelle Zoccolillo (Thomas Mang)

Hinman Student Research Symposium
Sarah Kaplan (Richard Ohrbach)

Undergraduate Maryanne Mather Clinical Research
Kevin Kurtzner (Rosemary Dziak)

James English Research Award for Pre-Doctoral Students
Peter Davidow (Mira Edgerton)

UB School of Dental Medicine, Department of Oral Biology
Jared Reardon (Frank Scannapieco)

Dental Student Research Group Recognition for Excellence In Post-Doctoral Research Award
Joseph Park (Barry Boyd)

GRADUATE AND CLINICAL POSTGRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS:

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The dental students of the Class of 2014 selected Latifa Bairam, Rem. Pros. Cert. ’81, MS Oral Sci. ’84, clinical assistant professor of Restorative Dentistry, as Educator of the Year. Describing at commencement her complete devotion to teaching, Class President Ashley Mears thanked Bairam for “her patience which knows no end, her discipline, her persistence, dedication and her smile.”

The graduating students presented the William M. Feagans Award to Brendan Dowd, ’86, clinical instructor of Restorative Dentistry, in recognition of his concern for them that encompasses the finest aspects of academic dentistry, tempered with an appreciation of the demands of “real life” dentistry and the challenges of student life.

Camila Sabatini, ’10, received the Society for the Advancement of Research Award. Sabatini is clinical assistant professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry and a mentor in the student research program.

The Dental Student Association Staff Appreciation Award was presented to Maryalice Schroeder, senior dental assistant, for her dedication and sincere interest in the education and welfare of dental students.

Lisa Durand, a long-time dental assistant, received the Florence Kronson Award for her outstanding dedication to the clinical education of students and her significant contributions to their well-being.

The students as well as the faculty chose Peter Bradford, associate professor, Pharmacology and Toxicology, as the recipient of the 2013 Richard A. Powell Award, recognizing his outstanding commitment to teaching. Eugene Pantera, Endo. Cert. ’86, MS Oral Sci. ’87, clinical associate professor of Periodontics and Endodontics, received the Deans Award for his impact on the profession and leadership of endodontics education. And Rosemary Dziak, professor in Oral Biology, received the Lipani Award in recognition of her excellent service and contributions to the school.
Steven A. Guttenberg, ‘69, once took his children to see where he grew up in Passaic, New Jersey. “They were afraid to get out of the car,” Guttenberg recalled. “I wanted to show them what you get from hard work, and not being handed a silver spoon.”

Guttenberg knows all about hard work. As a young boy, he watched his dental technician father at work in a laboratory. “He taught me how to basically mix plaster and stone and pour models and wax crowns,” Guttenberg said. “And I just knew I was going to become a dentist; I never really had a second choice.”

Guttenberg had graduate school in mind when he enrolled at the University at Buffalo as an undergraduate, earning a psychology degree. “I came to Buffalo because I had heard about the reputation of the dental school, even back then in the early 1960s, and I figured I’d improve my chances of getting into the dental school by going undergraduate here. And hey, it worked.”

A successful oral and maxillofacial surgeon in Washington, DC, since 1971, Guttenberg now wants to improve the chances of future dental students at UB. That was one of the reasons he and his wife, Diana Winters Guttenberg, recently increased their bequest commitment to the UB dental school from $1 million to $4 million, which, once paid, will make it the largest gift ever to the school.

The Guttenbergs have asked that half of their gift be used for an endowment to benefit the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Department. And they have designated the other half to establish a scholarship fund for students from underrepresented populations.

“I believe in everybody from limited means getting raised up higher. I grew up in a family with fairly limited income. So I would like this money for the most part to go to kids who have the ability, but don’t have the funds,” he said. “I want that money to be used for scholarships to attract them here and help fund their education so they can spring forward like I did.”

Guttenberg shared some of his experiences at UB as a speaker at commencement in May. “As I said in my commencement speech, the old model of the university was ‘let each become all he is capable of becoming’ and I just grasped onto that very early on,” Guttenberg said. “I remember thinking ‘Hey, I want to do as well as I can. I’m not the smartest guy in the class but I’ll be the hardest working.’ And I think that worked.”

And despite having what he described as “a very social undergraduate life,” Guttenberg managed to do well in his classes. “What people didn’t know is that after they went to sleep, I was studying. I always liked to do well and get good grades,” he said.

It was after he earned his graduate degree that Guttenberg confirmed what he had suspected all along as a student: he had received an excellent education. “The reason I decided to do it is because without UB, I don’t think I’d be where I am. I think that the experience I had here was instrumental in propelling me forward. It allowed me to do well in the army, it allowed me to get into a good residency and it has allowed me to blossom as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon,” he said.

Guttenberg added that Michael Glick, dean of the dental school, also has been an inspiration, particularly for his vision of dentists as physicians. “He’s trying to develop dental students who are thinkers. He and I also share the same vision that dentists are all physicians. There’s so much knowledge and evidence now of the interaction between oral health and one’s general health that it can’t be dismissed.”

The need for all alumni to give back to UB dental school also can’t be dismissed, according to Guttenberg. “We were incubated in the dental school and we’ve made very nice livings and had great careers through the dental school. I think it’s important to pay that forward and to give back to the school,” he said. “I think the amount of money that it costs to educate a dental student is currently about $130,000 per student per year. Tuition doesn’t cover it. The state only throws in about 17 percent. So there’s a large shortfall. So the university has to reach out to friends, to industry and then alumni for support. I think alumni should have a debt of gratitude and if they are fiscally able to, to make nice donations. If everyone throws in a few bucks, it will really go to the bottom line. It will help to not just maintain the status quo, it will help to enlarge what we need to do to maintain our first-tier status.”
A DECADE SERVING THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

A LOG OF THIS YEAR’S BOCA MISSION THAT MARKED A MILESTONE IN SERVICE

By JOSEPH RUMFOLA
WE ARRIVED IN PARADISE

the Friday before spring break, to stay at an oceanfront resort
on the Bahía de Maimón, just outside of Puerto Plata in the
Dominican Republic (DR). The
17 third-year dental students
and five faculty members from UB came from all walks of
life and were perhaps the most diverse group ever to serve
on a BOCA (Buffalo Outreach and Community Assistance)
mission, with individuals hailing from Sri Lanka, Singapore,
Guyana, India, South Korea, Columbia, Canada, Mexico,
Vietnam, Trinidad, Tobago and various locations in the U.S.

BOCA was still in its infancy ten years earlier, when a
guest speaker named Grace Gallagher spoke at the church
of Jude Fabiano, ’77, a dental school faculty member and
founding advisor of BOCA. She shared of her service to the
bishop of Puerto Plata and, with the influence of the then
chairman of the Department of Restorative Dentistry, Carlos
Muñoz, who grew up and attended dental school in the DR, a
plan was devised to expand the BOCA experience into the DR
with Grace serving as its local contact.

While the faculty faces have changed over the years, for
this trip all but two had been here before. An oral surgeon,
a pediatric dentist, an AEGD resident, a speech pathologist
(whose duty would consist primarily of instrument
sterilization), and myself, a general dentist, all looked on at
the unfamiliar faces of the students whose motivation was as
of yet unclear. Were they here for a break from the routine, to
escape the 12-degree weather we’d just left in Buffalo, or to
have a good time? As faculty my hope was that they’d have an
educational experience that they’d never forget.

“Being able to improve oral health care in
underdeveloped countries and to share my
time with the students that have participated
in international BOCA missions is one of my
passions and has touched my heart in ways
that I will never forget.”

—CARLOS MUÑOZ

SEVENTEEN THIRD-YEAR DENTAL STUDENTS AND FIVE FACULTY MEMBERS COMPRISED
PERHAPS THE MOST DIVERSE GROUP EVER TO SERVE ON A BOCA MISSION THIS YEAR.
ROUGH ROAD TO SAN MARCOS

We left the resort for the worksite and within minutes noted, through the windshield ahead, a heavy mist in the palm trees settling over the road and rising to the mountains in the distance. As we entered into it, an acrid scent made breathing difficult. The burning garbage heap serves as a home and workplace for some 200 Dominican families who keep its size in check through periodic incineration. The refuse pile, near a beach resort, is just one of many examples of the stark contrast between life for most in the DR and most Americans.

Our bus passed dozens of motorcycles, almost all with at least two riders but some carrying families of four or even five, before turning off the main road to enter the barrio of San Marcos, one of the poorest neighborhoods in Puerto Plata. The driver attempted to dodge the potholes as he avoided the motorcycles, parked cars, oncoming traffic in his lane, bicycles, animals and the uniformed students being led by their parents to our worksite, the Fe y Alegría School. The crowd parted as the armed guards from the Dominican Air Force opened the gate to allow our entry.

Muñoz introduced us to the site. He manned the first room, along with the local physician, José (J.B) Gomez, and two nurses who would screen patients for dental and medical disorders. The second room, for oral surgery and sterilization, featured a “homemade” high volume evacuation device for surgical suction designed by the dental school’s Kevin Lizak and assembled locally by Muñoz with PVC pipe and duct tape. Its use for the first time at the Puerto Plata site by Etern Park, Oral Surg. Cert. ‘11, oral and maxillofacial surgeon, and the students virtually eliminated the use of almost 4,000 pieces of 2x2 gauze used on previous missions.

Muñoz opened the “restorative” room, and I went inside to get things ready for another day of non-stop dentistry. Five portable dental units needed water refills, handpieces had to be oiled and curing lights charged. Tables of donated materials, piles of instruments and a combination of portable dental chairs and folding camp chairs had to be arranged. I also had to check the next room to make sure the dental units and ultrasonic scalers were ready for another hygiene workout.

Dian ChinKit-Wells, ’94, worked with students taking care of special needs children and almost all of the children at the school in the final room assigned to BOCA. Students cringed when Wells would describe how many students were needed to assist before the mission acquired its new papoose board.

UNPLANNED ENDO

On day two, Ashley Nozik, a student from Rochester, asked me if we could do a root canal for her 17-year-old patient, a pretty Dominican girl whose alternative treatment would have meant removal of her upper right front tooth with no feasible replacement option. No one really planned to do endo, but we dug through the supplies, borrowed some bleach from the cleaning staff, and established working length by working without anesthesia and measuring bleeding on a paper point. The methodology we employed in the DR was yet another contrast to the ultrasonics, apex locators, rotary instrumentation and surgical microscopes used at the SDM.
Hygiene was the least popular rotation, and it was even threatened as punishment for misbehavior on trip. Muñoz suggested that any offending student would spend an entire day in the room armed with only a dull hand scaler.

Despite its reputation, the students were eager to jump in and help classmates with the seemingly endless line by pulling patients into other rooms or any available chairs at the end of the day, and as proof to this, 452 prophies were done.

Connie Lopez was called on to translate, and Lindsey Mitchell was picked on for trying. Jarred Smithers had a sore back from having to bend over so far during oral surgery. Phoebe Nguyen didn’t want to cause patients any “dolor,” and for Dan Miller’s patients, they were out of the chair before he could say “adiós.” Veena Ananthasayanam kept a personal procedure log with pen ink on her arm, and Chris Nowak didn’t want to hold anyone up at the end of the day.

THE BOCA BOND

Many of the students didn’t know each other well prior to the trip, but I’ve seen firsthand how what has been referred to as the “BOCA bond” changed that for them. The real “Breakfast Club” moment for me was seeing Naressa Singh willing to help out her DR team by emptying the collection container on a portable dental unit. It’s pretty gross.

Michelle Lee described how she grew up in a Dominican neighborhood in New York City and felt a special connection to the locals, especially after several of them working at and living around the schools allowed us to tour their houses. A small sign that read “Gracias Jehovah” hung on the outside of one of the tiny shacks, another reminder of the contrast between poverty in the DR and wealth at home.

There are other students who I have failed to mention, but it’s due to lack of space, not my lack of knowledge about them or their contributions. The many questions and conversations and the sharing of my experiences with those eager to learn are what motivate me to teach at UB and engage in the BOCA experience. And, if I kept going, I’d probably bring up pulp exposures, and that might lead to salmon slips, and I’m not going to be the bad guy.

I looked at the faces as we waited for the bus to take us back to the resort after the three-and-a-half long, hot days on this 10th anniversary trip to the DR. Everyone was tired, a little disheveled and smelled of DEET and sweat, but they were proud of what they’d accomplished: 675 patient encounters, likely more than the students would experience in a semester of dental school.

“Serving the good people of the DR is a humbling experience, as is witnessing the profound ‘awakening’ that comes over each student who provides care for these good people under very difficult conditions. I am fortunate to have been a part of it,” relates Fabiano.

“Being able to improve oral health care in underdeveloped countries and to share my time with the students that have participated in international BOCA missions is one of my passions and has touched my heart in ways that I will never forget,” adds Muñoz.

BOCA has seen some 14,000 patients in the DR since its inception there. It has been an experience filled with contrast, but brought to light by countless teeth and countless smiles.
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CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY
The SDM partnered with the Eighth District Dental Society for the second annual Spring Conference, held this year at the Marriott in Amherst. Lou Graham, guest speaker from Chicago, presented “Updates in Direct and Indirect Restorative Dentistry: Mastering Today’s Materials.”

Over 130 practitioners from the community attended and gave excellent reviews. With life expectancies now approaching 80–95 years of age, it becomes the responsibility of oral health care providers to approach patients with the most conservative restorations to maximize tooth structure. Graham reviewed how to create long-lasting restorations and the essential steps that must be incorporated into the process.

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**August 1**
Excursion to Verona for walking tour, lunch and some leisure time in the afternoon before returning to Sirmione

**August 2**
CDE lecture. Depart for lunch at an atmospheric “mill” on a river south of the lake where they are famous for their tiny little tortellinis. Afterwards, visit to a winery as we are in the heart of several good wine districts - Valpolicella, Amarone, Bardolino, Soave. Return to Sirmione for evening at leisure.

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Depart for the mountains to stay 2 nights in the charming town of Bressanone/Brixen. Group dinner.

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Days Of Future
SDM ALUMNI RECALL THEIR DENTAL SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

They remember vividly. The camaraderie and high spirits of fellow classmates. Special teachers of lasting influence. Stories of sporting competitors and campus cut-ups. The challenges of working on procedures with patients ranging from their mother to the dean himself. The self-discoveries made along the way. Their first step forward toward a successful career. These are the recollections of school alumni (reunion chairs for this coming year) over the past 60 years, experiences still resonating with them as if it were yesterday, with a helping of advice proffered to today’s students, gleaned from their own coming-of-age. Feel the warm glow of their fond memories…

’54 CONSTANTINE F. PHILIPS
Retired after 54 years of private practice in Akron, N.Y.

It was much more strict than it is now from what I hear from recent graduates. I spent three years downtown (school was located on High St., Buffalo) and one year at the new school (the former Capen Hall on the South Campus, now the Cary-Farber-Sherman complex), a transitional period. The downtown location was extremely primitive. The first year and a half we were with the medical students, learning primarily medicine and very little dentistry at that time. I think it’s a little different now.

I felt I had a very good education at the school. After four years, we were a very close bunch. After graduation, I volunteered to go into the Navy for two years. Then worked in an office at High and Carlton for nine months before going into private practice for 54 years. Today’s students know what they have to do. When I graduated, I felt I had a lot of learning to do yet.

’59 JOSEPH B. PANTERA
Retired after 50 years in private practice in Lackawanna, N.Y.

We had a wonderful class, we all sort of meshed together. It was an absolutely awesome staff of instructors: S. Howard Payne, ’37, Harold R. Ortman, ’41, (assistant dean) Richard A. Powell, ’49—they were all very, very helpful. If you did something wrong, Powell would let you know. If you needed help, he’d be right there to help you, like a parent.

I graduated right between the Korean and Vietnam wars. They were actually drafting positions in dentistry. At the time, the University of Buffalo each year was offering two teaching fellowships to the graduating class that paid $2,400 a year, five-and-a-half days a week. They offered me a fellowship. It was a wonderful experience because now I go from being a student to teaching students. They asked me to stay on, but then I entered the Air Force.

People coming out of school today are coming into a world where dental health is quite good, not like when we were practicing without the benefit of fluoridation of water. I would say to today’s students that while you’re graduating as a dentist, you’re out there to help people. The care and relationships developed in your practice are important.
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‘59 PAUL A. KENDALL

Retired from 40 years of private practice in Lancaster, N.Y.

I think our class was the first that went through all four years in the new dental school on Bailey Avenue.

We were sitting in one of our labs one day and it turned out that Elizabeth Taylor and Mike Todd were visiting the school. As we saw them coming across the way for a tour of the medical school, we rushed to the window and said, “Elizabeth Taylor is coming to visit us!”

There were a lot of sports competitions between the two fraternities. I was on the track team with another one of our classmates. It was the first year there was ever an undefeated track team at UB.

My cousin and best friend, Jack Lipinski, also studying to become a dentist, was a starting center on the UB football team. He suffered a bleeding injury in his brain that they were unable to treat, and he eventually passed away in his junior year. He was 22. Jack and I were going to open a practice together.

‘64 RONALD F. ZIELIN

Retired after private practice for 40 years in West Seneca, N.Y. Now teaching at the SDM in various disciplines and accompanying students on BOCA mission trips to Vietnam and the Dominican Republic over the past 10 years.

We had a lot of military personnel at the time. We almost had to stand and salute every morning as if they wanted to play reveille for us.

One time I was doing a crown on my mom and Dr. Powell said, “Since this is your mother, this crown isn’t good enough for her.” He made me do it over and my mom burst out crying. He was a disciplinarian and I thank him a lot for giving me some of the precepts that I have now.

Another influencing faculty member was Dr. Mirdza E. Neiders, Perio. Cert.’74. She is still on the faculty, but back then she was a new faculty member. She was instrumental in our education.

My advice for current students is that you’ll probably never know how much you really don’t know. You will continue to learn the rest of your life.

‘64 JAMES T. STRYCHALSKI


Although Dr. Richard Powell was viewed by us as an imposing, intimidating and authoritative figure, we all felt he was a person we could consult with and be treated with respect, understanding and compassion. Drs. Howard Payne and Harold Orman were especially impressive with their personal charisma and knowledgeable prosthetic presentations.

The main principle I learned from dental school was to always be conscientious and to strive to do one’s best.

After dental school I served approximately six years in the US Army Dental Corps resigning with the rank of major. I then entered post graduate training in the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery at the University of Rochester/Strong Memorial Hospital.

My advice to students today would be to keep in mind the short span of their academic time and strive to give 100 percent and not get discouraged.
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Secondly, take a sales management course. It’s unfortunate we don’t want to sell, but you’re selling yourself, your product, your skills. We’re selling good health.

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I can honestly tell you that our education was tremendous, probably a whole lot better than one gets in most dental schools today. It was really a complete experience; we were very well prepared.

Gary Wieczkowski was a tremendous influence over the career path that I chose. He was a quality person and he always looked at doing the right thing, and the rest will fall into line.

I think we were a progressive class and maybe forged some changes that needed to happen within the school. B28 was a room that I know still to this day every dental student would have a connection with. It was where you spent a lot of time learning.

Finding great mentors early on is key. Get yourself in front of positive people who can teach you life skills, communications skills, as well as the dentistry, and that will make you a success.

—Jim Bisco
The pendulum had begun to swing. Some recent SDM graduates, now alumni, were ready to play with the “old guys.” This would make a difference. The alumni/faculty team was in desperate need of a youth infusion. This was to be their night. The students realized their dilemma had but one option: take down the opposition leader.

The game is normally a friendly battle, but desperate times lead to desperate measures. A mere five minutes into the event, a wayward puck caught Ray Miller, ’85, in the left upper lip, leaving a laceration requiring 16 stitches. An assassination attempt of sorts! Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) Resident Mike Nagai, ’10, was available and on the ice but really wanted to finish the game so he sent Miller to the capable care of the OMFS residents Ben Farr, ’13, and Dhaval Patel, ’09, to tend to his needs at the ECMC ER.

With Miller, a 30-year veteran of the Hanau Cup Series, sidelined, and despite their valiant efforts, the faculty/alumni were defeated by a mere two-goal advantage. The student strategy was successful. One thing they failed to realize, however, had they let Miller play, their margin of victory would have been greater.

A hard-fought game is best topped off with camaraderie, friendship and Buffalo chicken wings at the Steer Restaurant. Students and alumni swapped war stories of the event with embellishment and exaggeration. Each repetition of the games’ events grew with increasing heroism, skill and unbelievable feats of agility. The game and post-game party were sponsored in part by Peter Atkinson of Dental Dynamics, a local handpiece repair company, and the UB Dental Alumni Association.


Student ‘strategy’ nets Hanau Cup victory
BUFFALO ON BROADWAY
IS “PIPPIN”

On March 25th, 51 UB alumni gathered to enjoy food and beverages before going to the fifth “Buffalo on Broadway” event—the Tony-winning musical, “Pippin.” Attendees were greeted by the show’s producer Murray Rosenthal, ’63, and founder of the series. Rosenthal gave the group background information on the show and then introduced cast member and UB alumna Bethany Moore. She graciously greeted the group and told of her journey with the production from its inception in Cambridge, MA.

ALUMNI RECEPTION IN NEW ORLEANS

The Department of Orthodontics hosted an alumni reception on April 26 during the annual AAO Meeting in New Orleans. Over 40 alumni and current residents attended and enjoyed catching up with friends. Assistant professor Sawsan Tabbaa, MS Oral Sci, ’97, Ortho. Cert. ’04, greeted everyone and thanked them for attending. A wonderful time was had by all!
SDM Inaugurates First Endowed Chair

The UB School of Dental Medicine proudly announces its first endowed chair, The William M. Feagans Chair, sponsored by the UB Dental Alumni Association (UBDAA) and the Class of 1961.

In 2008, the UBDAA and Class of 1961 started the William M. Feagans Endowed Professorship at the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine. These two groups of alumni donated a combined total of $1 million to make this possible. In February, the UBDAA made another gift to the fund to move the professorship up to the highest named faculty position—an endowed chair. The William M. Feagans Chair fund is now up to $1.5 million.

This fund will be used for the betterment of the SDM through recruitment of outstanding faculty, adding to the already brilliant group that has helped the SDM become one of the leading schools in educating and training future oral health professionals. Currently, Dean Michael Glick holds the William M. Feagans Chair title.

Both the UBDAA and Class of 1961 are responsible for creating one of the most important gifts to higher education, a vital tool to ensure faculty excellence. UBDAA president Chester J. Gary, DDS ’78, JD ’91, said, “This has been a goal for our organization for a long time. To accomplish this in conjunction with one of our outstanding reunion classes (’61) is very gratifying. Now we can focus on our next goal, a second endowed chair.”

Orofacial Pain: Prospective Evaluation and Risk Assessment (OPPERA) was initially funded by the NIH in 2005 to the four study sites of the University at Buffalo, University of Florida, University of Maryland, and University of North Carolina and to Battelle, Inc. as the data center, in order to evaluate risk factors for the development of the first lifetime episode of TMD pain as well as to fully characterize chronic TMD pain. Over 3,000 individuals initially without TMD were enrolled, and then followed every three months for the possible development of symptoms; in addition, 1,000 individuals with chronic TMD were enrolled. Factors studied included genetic, clinical, neurosensory, autonomic and cardiovascular, health-related, psychosocial, and behavioral. These findings were reported in special issues of the Journal of Pain in 2011 and 2013.

Starting in 2012, OPPERA-II was funded in order to now evaluate risk factors that lead to the transition from acute pain to chronic pain. The same array of factors as risk factors is being studied, as well as the role of proteins and other pain conditions. In OPPERA-II, individuals who have recently developed a first acute episode of TMD pain are being enrolled. The assistance of local dental practices in identifying individuals with recent onset facial pain for possible referral to the research study would greatly help this complex research project reach maximum success.

Volunteers Needed With Facial Pain for a Pain Research Study

The University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine is seeking eligible volunteers to participate in a pain research study.

To be eligible you must be:
- 18-54 years old
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Or email: OPPERAII@buffalo.edu

This study is being conducted by Dr. Richard Ohrbach, UB, Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences.
Brian J. Jackson, ’89, spoke at the Southern Illinois Dental Society Annual Meeting in Marion, Illinois in February. The society is comprised of dentists from the greater St. Louis, southern Illinois, and western Kentucky region. Jackson’s presentation was titled, "Comprehensive Implant Treatment Strategies for the Edentulous Maxilla and Mandible," and addressed the synergy between conventional and small diameter implants.

Jackson is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry and an honored fellow of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry. He is part in the dental practice of Slavin, Jackson, Burns and Herbowy in Utica, N.Y.

John J. Maggio, ’89, clinical assistant professor, Department of Restorative Dentistry, presented "Hello! There’s More to Hygiene than Perio! Chairside Caries Management" to a captivated audience of 135 hygienists at UB’s Annual Dental Hygiene Symposium in April. Maggio provided a review of scientific studies as a framework for rethinking the approach to caries as a disease. He outlined specific guidelines for prevention and minimal intervention, illustrated by a number of clinical cases. He will also present at the upcoming Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting.

Jonathan N. Hayashi, ’00, graduated in June from a two-year pediatric dental residency program at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia. He says that after 12 years of general dentistry, he grew tired of making dentures that didn’t fit and trying to place composites on second molars, so he decided to trade that in for screaming kids. He will become a minority partner in a large pediatric practice in the Greater Philadelphia area where he has lived since SDM graduation with his wife of 14 years, 12-year old son, and 6-year old daughter.

John P. Asaro, ’73, Perio. Cert. ’77, NYSDA Secretary-Treasurer from 2003-2007, has been chosen to receive the NYSDA’s 2014 Distinguished Service Award for outstanding service and commitment to NYSDA. The periodontist, who lives in Williamsville, N.Y., is being recognized for his many years of service as a member and chair of the Council on Insurance; member of the risk management presenting team; NYSDA Governor and ADA Delegate; and as chair of the Board Committee on Finance, Budget and Audit. While serving as secretary-treasurer, Asaro was instrumental in bringing the association’s leadership structure into compliance with new federal mandates.

Jill M. Kramer, ’06, PhD Oral Biol. ’07, assistant professor, Department of Oral Biology, was recently awarded the Dr. Edward J. Downes Research Fellowship, a competitive award given annually to a faculty member working at one of New York State’s dental schools who is engaged in research that may benefit the citizens of the state.

Tansy M. Schoonmaker, ’09 and Cosmina O. Nolan, ’06 opened a practice together in DeWitt, N.Y., called Little Jaws Big Smiles, where they specialize in pediatric dental care. Their practice stresses the importance of preventative care with a goal of seeing all children by the age of one and to educate parents on how to prevent cavities and keep their kids’ teeth healthy. They are also tailoring their practice to focus on special-needs patients.

In Memoriam

Albert J. Bliss, ’66, born on a U.S. Naval base in Shanghai, China, where his father was stationed with his mother, died September 22, 2013. He was 73. After graduating from the SDM, he then earned a postgraduate degree in oral surgery in New York City. From 1970 until 1972, he served in the Navy until he was honorably discharged with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. In 1972 Bliss started his own oral surgery practice in Pittsfield, MA, which was later moved to Great Barrington. He retired in 2006. A world traveler and avid fisherman, Bliss greatly appreciated music, history and art, and was a renowned collector of antique dental instruments.

Robert L. Conforto, ’56, of Buffalo, died on April 26, 2014. He was 81.

Jeffrey B. Geller, ’69, born in Philadelphia, PA, died August 1, 2012. He was 67. He operated his practice, J.B. Geller Orthodontics in Pueblo, CO from 1971 until November 2010. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, ranching, horseback riding, hay production, skiing, reading and Nebraska Huskers’ football. He was a member of the American Dental Association and Kiwanis Club.

Thomas Earl Hebert, Jr., ’71, of Clinton, N.Y., died on March 1, 2014. He was 68. After earning his degree at the SDM, he served as a commissioned officer at Dover Air Force Base from 1971 to 1973, where he practiced general dentistry. Shortly thereafter, Hebert opened a dental practice in Pittsburgh, PA, before attending post-graduate training in endodontics at Tufts University.
in 1977. He took great pride in his professional practice and was an avid teacher and lifelong learner in his field. Of particular interest were his adventures in tigerodontics when he successfully performed two root canal procedures on Syrian tigers at the Utica Zoo in the mid 1980s.

Joseph A. Justino, ’53, of Sun City Center, F.L., died on December 15, 2013. He was 88.

Walter J. Kmen, ’52, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., died on March 23, 2014. He was 90. As a first lieutenant for the 15th AAF, he flew 50 missions during World War II while stationed in Italy, earning the Air Medal for completed combat missions and the Distinguished Flying Cross for landing his B-24 four-engine bomber on only two engines. After completing his degree from the dental school, Kmen spent 27 years working at the VA Hospital in Albany, while at the same time spending 27 years in the Army Reserves 364th General Hospital based in Albany. He had 40 years of military time and earned the rank of full colonel.

Louis Kramer, ’46, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., died March 11, 2014. He was 89. During World War II, he served in the European Theater as a Captain in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Following his military service and graduation from the dental school, he established his private practice in Niagara Falls and practiced until his retirement in the mid-1990s. Kramer was a former president of the New York State and Niagara County Dental societies and a member of the University of Buffalo Dental School Alumni Association.

David G. Langlois, ’66, of Oswego, N.Y. died on August 28, 2012 in Evergreen, AL. After he graduated from the SDM, he entered the oral surgery residency program at Millard Fillmore Hospital in Buffalo, working part-time as an instructor in the UB Department of Oral Surgery. Afterward, he was commissioned a lieutenant commander and assigned the position of chief of oral surgery, U.S. Navy Dental Clinic, Charleston, S.C. In 1971 he was appointed to the staff of Oswego Hospital and opened his private practice in Oswego and later in Fulton, N.Y. where he remained until 1996. He was a founding fellow of both the American Society of Dental Anesthesiologists and the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial surgeons.

George E. Laporte, ’60, born in Providence, R.I., died on February 14, 2014. He was 84. After serving his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1947-1954, he attended the SDM. Upon graduation, he operated a dental practice in North Kingstown, R.I., for more than 30 years, before settling in Parkland, ME. He was a graduate of the Pankey Institute, and a member of the American Dental Association, the Rhode Island Dental Association, and the Maine Dental Association. Laporte was an avid fisherman and lover of the outdoors. He had constructed three pairs of snowshoes in the Eskimo way, from cutting down the tree, bending the framework, to lacing the shoe itself. He lived in harmony with the earth as it taught him to respect the animals, and the spirit and power of nature.

Charles Liebow of Amherst, N.Y., died on June 22, 2013. He was a professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery from 1984-2005. He held a DMD from Harvard University and a PhD in Physiology from the University of California at San Francisco. He was very active in mentoring students in research, acquiring an NIH Training Grant to support dental students and mentoring many graduate students. As director of research for the department, he focused his interests in photodynamic therapy for cancer, laser surgery and tyrosine phosphatase growth control. These efforts resulted in over 60 publications and an international reputation in the field, culminating with election to the International Academy of Biochemist and Medicine, election as a fellow in the International Oncology Society and selection as editor of Advances in Dental Research and research editor for the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Elaine M. McLain, ’76, of Johnson City, N.Y., died on Feb. 6, 2014, in Orlando, FL. She was 63. After receiving her degree from the SDM, she worked with the U.S. Public Health Service as a dentist on the Navajo reservation in Shiprock, N.M. In 1978, McLain moved to Shaftsbury, VT, where she was a founder of Shaftsbury Dental Associates. Several years later, she established a dental practice with Loren Peck, ’89 in Bennington, VT, where she was practicing at the time of her death. She was a former member of the North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners, and was also a member of the American Dental Association.

H. Joseph Mummery III, ’72, of Marilla, N.Y., died on March 24, 2014. He was 69. After his graduation from the SDM, he established his dental practice in Elma, N.Y. in 1972 and continued to practice until his death.

Louis J. Pacella, ’55, of Lewiston, N.Y., died on April 17, 2014. He was 88. Born and raised in Niagara Falls, N.Y., he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After graduating from the dental school and completing his oral surgery internship at Meyer Memorial Hospital, Buffalo (now ECMC), he went on to practice dentistry and oral surgery at his office in Niagara Falls for 44 years until his retirement in 1999. He was a member and served as president of the Eighth District Dental Society, as well as a member of the American Dental Association and the Niagara County Dental Society.

Robert E. Parker, ’80, of Pittsford, N.Y., died on March 1, 2014. He served as President of both the Monroe County and Seventh District Dental Societies, with the committees and offices that precede and accompany high office. He was honored with fellowships in the International College of Dentists, American College of Dentists, Pierre Fauchard Academy, Paul Harris Fellow and the George D. Greenwood Award. Parker served 24 years as a volunteer dentist for Mercy Outreach Center and 19 years as a Special Olympics volunteer.

Robert H. Solomon, ’67, of Atlanta, GA, died on May 13, 2014. He was 74. After graduating from the SDM, the native of Oneida, N.Y., enrolled in the Navy as a captain and was stationed at Parris Island, S.C. where he practiced dentistry on the newly drafted Marines heading off to Vietnam. Upon completion of his active duty, Bob continued his military service in the Army Reserves and, after 35 years, retired at the rank of colonel. In 1970, he moved to Atlanta where he practiced dentistry at the VA Hospital for the next 40 years.

William J. Swirsky, ’64, of Larchmont, N.Y., died on August 11, 2013. He was 74.
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