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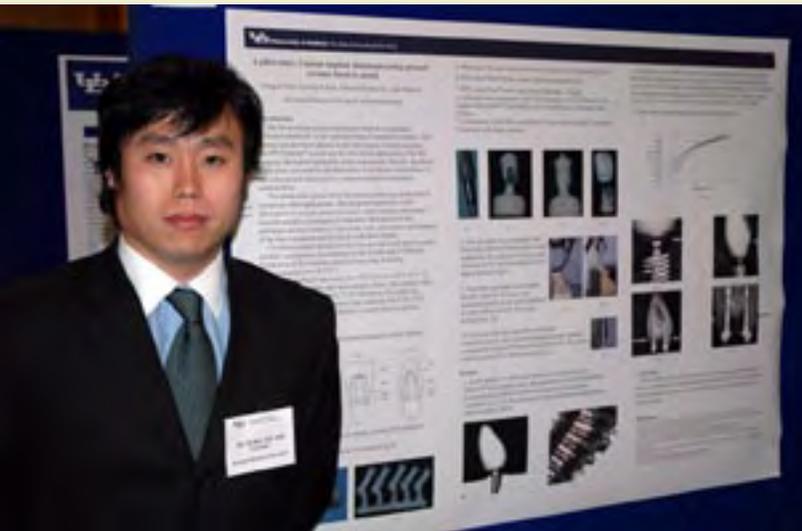


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues:

A major goal for your University at Buffalo Dental Alumni Association is to help the School of Dental Medicine maintain its margin of excellence as one of the top-tier dental schools in the country. This is something that all our alumni can endorse since it reflects well on our alma mater and the education we received. Through the foresight of more than a decade of Alumni Executive Council members, revenues from the annual Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting have accumulated and with interest now total more than \$500,000. This will allow a substantial, meaningful gift to the School of Dental Medicine on behalf of your Alumni Association. During the past year, discussions have been ongoing with Dean Buchanan as to how best to support the vision for the School of Dental Medicine. We hope to be able to report to you in the next issue of the Dental Report on the nature of this gift. Furthermore, it is the hope of your Alumni Association to continue and expand support to the school.



Elsewhere in the Dental Report, you will learn about the upcoming Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting scheduled for October 24-26, 2007. Committees involved in this event have been very active and hope to continue the annual success. I hope to see you at the meeting!

Sincerely,
 Russell Nisengard '66, Ph.D., Periodontics Certificate '70

2007 Dental Alumni Association Officers

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**American Association of Orthodontists
 Annual Session**

Hospitality Reception

**Sheraton Seattle Hotel
 Room: Capitol Hill**

**Saturday, May 19, 2007
 7:30 - 9:30 pm**

Greetings From Dean Buchanan

Last year I brought to your attention a very unique aspect of the Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting: it is the only event of its kind organized through the dedicated efforts of volunteers from a dental school's Alumni Association. Through a special collaboration between the Alumni Association and the School, aimed at achieving our shared commitment to high quality continuing education, the meeting has grown in significance to rank 17th among the nations regional dental conferences. Resources deriving from the meeting have enabled the Alumni Association to assist the dental school, particularly our students, in a variety of important ways for which we have long been grateful. Now, as the Dental Alumni Association President, Dr. Russell Nisengard, indicates in his letter on the previous page, the success of the Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting enables the Dental Alumni Association to consider supporting the School in an even more significant way by funding the first endowed faculty position in this School's history.



Establishing endowed professorships and academic department chairs has been among my own highest priorities for our school owing to the many associated benefits. Endowed positions have both symbolic and practical value. From the symbolic perspective, such positions enhance the school's reputation for academic excellence, leadership and quality and also facilitate the recruitment of high-quality faculty in a challenging workforce recruiting environment. From the practical perspective, endowed positions insulate the School from the destructive impact of declining state support during periods of adversity in the fiscal climate. While this is our first endowed position, we have to start somewhere. With 100 such positions we would not be dependent on the state budget. With the help of our Alumni, we have begun, and we have only 99 to go!!

For these reasons, I am delighted and thrilled by the prospect of this very generous gift and extend my personal thanks and thanks on behalf of the entire dental school family to the Alumni Association and its leadership for this extraordinary assistance in whatever form it ultimately assumes. This gift is made more special because it comes from our Alumni, indicating their confidence in the School's ability to recruit the kind of faculty who will sustain the long traditions of academic excellence that helped to prepare them in their turn for clinical practice. We look forward to cooperating with the Dental Alumni Association to confirm arrangements that will enable us to recruit a distinguished academic leader to fill our first endowed position.

Alumnotes

Ebrahim Etezadi (Ortho '49) first studied a four-year dentistry program in Tehran University and then traveled abroad to study Orthodontics at UB. He was the first orthodontic specialist in his country, where he served for 50 years. Ghazal Tabandeh dedicates the following to Dr. Etezaki: "I lost my grandfather this September. He always represented a figure of wisdom to me. Arranged with a cultured sense of art and beauty, in his house there were always new realms to wander in; new things to explore: a garden with all the plants and fountains, a library full of art and literature books, albums from trips to different sides of the world, music, or simply a new designed statuette on his desk. May his soul be graced with mercy."



Joseph A. LaNasa '57 and his wife, Geraldine, have been named as 2007 Erie Community College Chairman's Ball Award recipients. They were recognized March 3rd at the Adam's Mark Hotel, Buffalo, NY.

Lawrence B. DiBona '66 is the chairman of the Board of Registration in Dentistry for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and a NERB examiner.

Stuart L. Fischman (Oral Path '66) has been elected to the Board of Directors of Jewish Healthcare International (JHI). JHI's mission is to increase the access to and quality of healthcare services in underserved communities throughout the world, achieved by sending teams of healthcare professionals on a regular basis to provide medical and dental consultation and training. JHI has focused on the Former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Dr. Fischman serves as Director of the JHI program at the Birkur Holim Hospital in Riga, Latvia. He is also helping establish a program for oral health screening and referral to care for Ethiopian immigrants to Israel.



John Asaro '73 has been re-elected Secretary-Treasurer of the NY State Dental Association (NYSDA) and is in his 5th year in the position. Dr. Asaro has been an active participant in organized dentistry at the local, state and national levels. He has served on the association's Executive Committee and as chair of its Finance, Budget and Audit Committee. He is a former

delegate to the ADA and is a past president of the 8th District Dental Society. Dr. Asaro is currently in private practice in Tonawanda, NY and Clinical Assistant Professor, Dept of Periodontics & Endodontics, UB School of Dental Medicine.

Frank C. Barnashuk '80 has been named the Associate Director of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Program, UB School of Dental Medicine.



David R. Bonnevie '80 was formally installed as the 141st President of the 8th District Dental Society on Jan. 13, 2007. Dr. Bonnevie is a partner in Dental Care Associates in Niagara Falls, NY and has served in a number of capacities in organized dentistry. In addition to Dr. Bonnevie, the following were similarly installed at the President's Reception: President Elect, **Frank C. Barnashuk '80**; Vice-President, **Mary Beth Dunn '90**; Secretary, **Salvatore J. Manente '91**; and Treasurer, **Ronald H. Jarvis '63**.

Paula C. Flynn '82 invites you to discover a multitude of clinical applications at: Clinical Hypnosis Workshops, Sponsored by the American Society of Clinical Hypnosis. www.asch.net (630) 980-4740

The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Niagara Falls, NY
May 31 - June 3, 2007 (20 hours of CE credit)

Join your fellow health care professionals. It will be a richly rewarding experience.

Orchard Park dentist, **Nicholas Rodo '85**, earned the Academy of General Dentistry's Mastership Award in recognition of his completion of 1,100 hours of continuing dental education including 400 hours dedicated to hands-on skills and techniques. The award was presented to him during a special ceremony at the academy's recent annual meeting in Denver. The academy, with 35,000 members, is dedicated to continuing education in general practice.

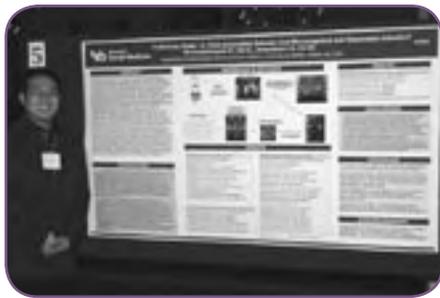
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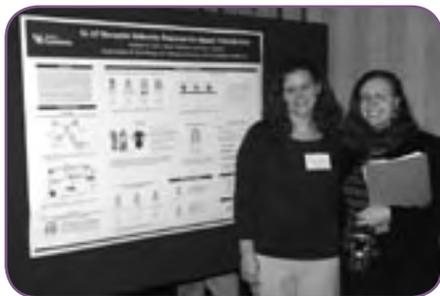
Edward E. Teltsch '36
Arthur C. Jermyn '42
Ebrahim Etezadi (Ortho '49)
Louis F. Monin '57
Charles H. Kring '59

Student Research Day

Millennium Hotel
March 8, 2007



Kanitsak Boonantasarn (Oral Biology)



Heather Conti (Oral Biology) & Dr. Sarah Gaffen

Graduate Student Award Recipients

SDM Award: Janishi Singh

Dept. of Oral Biology Award: Jill Kramer

James English Advanced Ed / MS Award: Sasi Kumar Sunkara (Oral Sciences) & Namrata Nayyar (Oral Sciences)

James English PhD Award: Rob Garrish & Jeffrey Yu

Robert Genco Research Award: Jeffrey Yu

Dental Student Award Recipients

ADA/Dentsply Student Clinician: Alexander Campagna '09

ADA Conference on Research: Renee Roland '08

Hinman Student Research Symposium: Zohair Qureshi '09

James English Predoctoral Award: Seren Li & Alexander Campagna '09

Maryanne Mather Clinical Research Award: Zohair Qureshi '09

Proctor & Gamble Crest Travel Fellowship: Seung Lim '09

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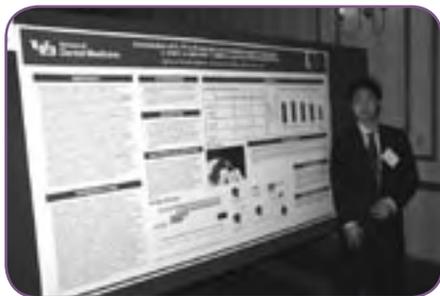
Jason Berk '09



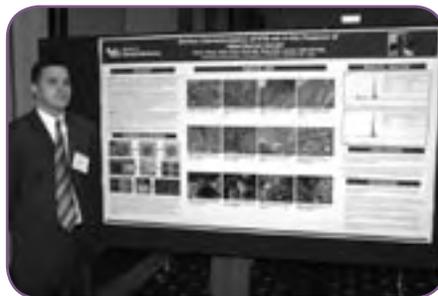
Kari Stein (Pediatric Dentistry)



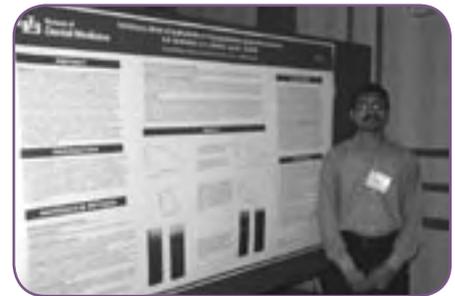
John Vorrasi '08



Ji Won Jung '09



Mark Tingey (Endodontics)



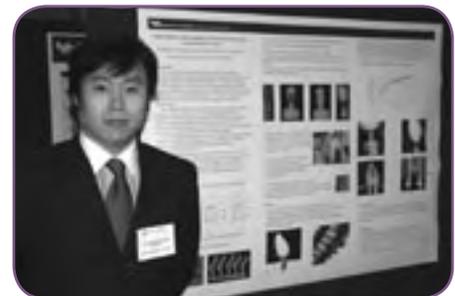
Sasikumar Sunkara (Oral Sciences)



Seokmo Heo (Oral Biology)



Namrata Nayyar (Oral Sciences)



Dung Tae Kim (Prosthodontics)

2007 Reunion Classes

Make plans to celebrate in Buffalo during the Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting!

Reunion Class Chairs for 2007

1947 Harry A. Sultz
Robert C. Gartler

1952 Vincent Jagodzinski
John Canney
Julius J. Juron

1957 Joseph LaNasa
Edward Kucio
Michael Marfino
Richard Stiegler

1962 James P. Foley

1972 Michael Hess
Peter Mascari

1977 Alan M. Patrignani
Bruce D. Parker

1982 Frances L. Deplato
Michael N. Hatton
Mark Mahaney
Joseph S. Modica
Peter Purcell
Gretta Tomb

1987 Robert J. Buhite, II
Steven M. Chichetti
David P. Croglia

1992 John Tibbetts

1997 Julie M. Sheehan Jones

2002 Timothy J. Abbamonte
Rachael A. Rossitto
Joseph L. Rumfola

Reunion Dinner Dance

Hyatt Regency Ballroom
Friday, October 26, 2007
Cocktails 6:30 pm Dinner 7:30 pm

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

Honor Award

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

Humanitarian

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

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

If you know of an alumnus who is deserving of either honor, please submit a letter or email of recommendation to the Alumni Office at 337 Squire Hall, Buffalo, NY 14214-8006
800-756-0328 Ext. 2 or 716-829-2061; FAX 716-829-3609; EMAIL msulzbac@buffalo.edu.

13th Annual
Lower Lakes Dental Meeting

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

To Head Off Disease Start at the Top...

Incorporating what we know about oral-systemic connections into clinical practice with special considerations in managing the diabetic patient.

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

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

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

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



For more information or to register call the 8th District Dental Society at (716) 995-6300.

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Patrick L. Anders '86, GPR '87 & '88 received his Master of Public Health degree in December 2006 at the Albany School of Public Health. Dr. Anders is currently Clinical Associate Professor, Dept of Oral Diagnostic Sciences, UB School of Dental Medicine.

The Western New York Dental Group recently merged with the dental practice of **Fred Leydecker III '86** to form its 12th location at 3990 McKinley Parkway, Suite 2, in Blasdell. Leydecker, who has maintained a private general dentistry practice at the location for 18 years, is a graduate of the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine. Also, the dental group appointed **Joshua Hutter '05** an associate in the practice. A graduate of the UB School of Dental Medicine, Hutter also maintains a practice at the dental group's Hamburg office at 5907 South Park Ave.

Richard Ohrbach (MS '89 & TMD '89) was awarded a Visiting Scholar Fellowship by Malmo University. He will travel to Malmo, Sweden for two weeks during the Spring semester in order to give lectures and work with their faculty on collaborative research. Dr. Ohrbach is currently Associate Professor, Dept of Oral Diagnostic Sciences, UB School of Dental Medicine.

David Dugan '95, MD opened a new oral & maxillofacial surgery practice in Oneonta, NY. He lives in Morris, NY.

Deborah Petronio '99 is in private practice in East Aurora, NY, where she lives with her husband, Doug Braun, and her 14-year old son, Jamie.

Scott Simonetti '01 and his wife welcomed a baby girl, Ellie Grace, on Nov. 19, 2006. Dr. Simonetti is currently in private practice in East Islip, NY.

Maureen L. St. Clair '04 has purchased a practice in Granbury, TX, which is just southwest of Fort Worth. She reports it is a challenge, but very rewarding.

Western New York Dental Group named **Kevin Apolito '05** an associate with the dental group practice. Dr. Apolito completed his residency and was a clinical assistant instructor at Erie County Medical Center.

Gentle Dentistry named **William Plumb '06** an associate in its East Aurora dental practice. Dr. Plumb is a graduate of the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine.

Send your Alumnotes to msulzbac@buffalo.edu for inclusion in the next issue of the Dental Report.

Give Kids a Smile Day



Paul Creighton '84 & a student from school #72

On Feb. 2, 2007, eight hundred children and their parents filled dental clinics in the School of Dental Medicine and at the Women's and Children's Hospital of Buffalo to take part in the fifth annual Give Kids a Smile Day. More than 200 volunteers, including UB dental school faculty, staff and students; Women's and Children's Hospital dentists and staff; private dentists and their staff; and students and faculty from UB's Equal Opportunity Center's Dental Assisting Program and Erie Community College's Hygiene Program kept the day running smoothly. Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo, Ivoclar Vivadent, Inc, Patterson Dental, Axis Dental and the Eighth District Dental Society were local co-sponsors.



First year dental students with students from School #66 as they wait for dental treatment



Teddy Bear Clinic for Head Start children

Photos courtesy of Rebecca Baty, UB Smile Team; Jason Chwirut, Media Center; & Michael Phillips '95.



Ryan Comfort '09, Dudley the Dinosaur, Romina Pinto '09, & Lauren Cox '09



Denise Halter, pediatric resident, with her patient



Frank Sindoni '92, GPR '93 & Oral Surgery '97 and a student from School #45



Jill Zurek, pediatric resident, & a Head Start child



Tyler Mead '06 with a child from School #45



Dean Buchanan, Joe Bernat '73, Marti Peterson '01, & Suke Patel (Pedo) '05



The 30th Annual

Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting

Sponsored by the U.B. Dental Alumni Association



Char Sweeney, CDPMA



Jack T. Krauser, DMD



Barbara Steinberg, DDS

Wednesday, October 24

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

Thursday, October 25

8:30am - 11:30am Ten latest trends in practice management; ** Char Sweeney, CDPMA Supported, in part, by educational grants from CareCredit & Patterson Dental

8:30am - 11:30am Tin roofs, tofflemires and ten thousand smiles: Volunteer dentistry; ** Jude Fabiano, DDS '77 *Alumni Speaker Series*

8:30am - 11:30am Retirement investment strategies & self-employed retirement plans; ** Edward Deicke & Joseph E. DiSanza Supported by an educational grant from North Shore Wealth Management.

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

8:45am - 4:30pm Women's health: Medical & dental considerations; Barbara Steinberg, DDS & Linda Blackiston, RDH
Supported by an educational grant from Philips/Sonocare.

8:45am - 11:45am Lasers; Scott Benjamin, DDS '78 *Alumni Speaker Series*

8:45am - 11:45am Forensics; Konstantin (Dean) Cherpelis, DDS '88
Alumni Speaker Series

8:45am - 11:45am Orthodontics; Doug Wright, DDS

9:00am - 4:15pm **Michael A. Meenaghan Symposium on Implant Dentistry**
The future is now; Jack T. Krauser, DMD
Supported by an educational grant from Nobel Biocare.

9:00am - noon So... what's new in infection control? Harold Edelman, DDS

1:15pm - 4:15pm Teamwork strategies: From sabotage to support; ** Char Sweeney, CDPMA Supported, in part, by educational grants from CareCredit & Patterson Dental

1:15pm - 4:15pm Endodontics on the cutting edge; Stephen P. Niemczyk, DMD
Supported by an educational grant from Tulsa Dental.

1:15pm - 4:15pm Dental office regulatory management issues; Al Frost, DDS '83
Alumni Speaker Series

1:30pm - 3:30pm Stress Management: Forever; ** David Farrugia, EdD

1:30pm - 4:30pm Children deserve the best; Kaneta Lott, DDS

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

1:45pm - 4:45pm Oral Cancer; Scott Benjamin, DDS '78
Alumni Speaker Series

*Meenaghan
Symposium*

Upstate New York's Premier Dental Event

October 24-26, 2007
Buffalo Convention Center



Save the Dates!



JoAnn Gurenlian, RDH



Harold Edelman, DDS



Larry Sweeting, DDS

*Drinnan
Symposium*

Friday, October 26

8:30am - 4:30pm Dentures for the baby boomers: The next generation denture patient demands; Joseph Massad, DDS
Supported by an educational grant from Dentsply Caulk.

8:30am - 11:30am **3rd Annual Alan J. Drinnan Memorial Symposium**
AIDS in the 21st century - Our responsibility as professionals;
Stuart Fischman, DMD

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

8:45am - 11:45am Diabetes Mellitus: Strategies for providing comprehensive care;
JoAnn Gurenlian, RDH, PhD
Supported, in part, by an educational grant from Colgate.

8:45am - 4:30pm Direct adhesive restorative dentistry; Gerard Kugel, DMD, MS, PhD
Supported, in part, by educational grants from Kerr & Orasoptic.

8:45am - noon Exceeding patient expectations beyond their beautiful smiles;
Bradley S. Portenoy, DDS '85 *Alumni Speaker Series*

9:00am - noon Medical emergencies in the dental office for office staff;
Richard E. Hall, DDS '78 *Alumni Speaker Series*

9:00 am - noon Effective front office strategies: Important concepts to connect the clinical & administrative execution of your practice; Kristie Nation, CPBA Supported by an educational grant from Sullivan Schein.

1:00pm - 5:00pm Risk Management

1:30pm - 4:30pm So... what's new in infection control? Harold Edelman, DDS

1:30pm - 4:30pm Oral Medicine: Linking systemic diseases with oral health care;
JoAnn Gurenlian, RDH, PhD
Supported, in part, by an educational grant from Colgate.

1:30pm - 4:30pm Contemporary periodontal management; Larry Sweeting, DDS
Supported by an educational grant from Orapharma.

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

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

Register Early: Pre-registration closes Thursday, Oct. 11, 2007 and prices go up!

Cancellation Policy:

- Written requests for a refund must be received by Oct. 11.
- Cancellation fee of \$25 will apply to all cancellations.
- No refunds issued after Oct. 11.

For more information call: (800) 756-0328 ext. 2 or (716) 829-2061 or visit our website at www.ubdentalalumni.org.

Research Corner

U.B. School of Dental Medicine

Dental Studies Test No-Needle Anesthesia, No-Drilling Cavity Care

Two studies which may significantly effect dental care of the future are underway to UB's Center for Dental Studies.

In one study, funded by a \$100,000 grant by Apollonia, LLC, researchers in the school's Center for Dental Studies are testing a nasal spray that numbs the upper teeth. "If this study is successful," said Sebastian Ciancio, DDS '61, principal investigator on the study, "it may mean the end of dental injections when dentists are performing procedures on the upper arch."

The second study, set to begin in the coming months, will test the use of ozone to kill bacteria in a decayed tooth and its potential to eliminate the need for the dreaded drill, at least to repair simple cavities. Researchers at UB and two other U.S. dental schools will conduct the research, which is funded by a \$400,000 grant from Curozone, Inc., and Kavo Dental Manufacturing Co. Area dentists who have patients with early caries are welcome to refer their patients to the Center if they would like them included in this study. Appointments can be made by calling 829-3850 at the School of Dental Medicine.

Ciancio, who also is the UB principal investigator on this study, said the ozone delivery device currently is being used in Europe. "If the U.S. studies are successful, it should be available in this country in about two years," he said.

The nasal spray study is testing the effectiveness in dental procedures of a topical anesthetic normally used by ear, nose and throat physicians when they operate on the nose. Patients who received this anesthetic for that purpose reported it also numbed their upper teeth, sparking interest in using it for dental procedures. "We currently are testing to determine what the optimal dose is for this spray when used as an anesthetic agent for the maxillary (upper) teeth," said Ciancio. "The current study includes 85 patients and should be completed by the end of January and will be followed by a second study in March. Once we know the results, we'll then test it in a broader population." Co-investigators, all from the UB Dental School, are Eugene Pantera, DDS (Endo '86 & MS '87), Sandra Shostad, DDS (Endo '89 & MS '90) and Joseph Bonavilla, DDS.

The ozone study will evaluate the effectiveness of the ozone delivery device, which fits over a tooth and forms an airtight seal, in arresting tooth decay. "Following application of the ozone, patients use a remineralizing solution, which strengthens the weakened tooth structure and, in many cases, eliminates the need for any dental drilling," said Ciancio. Additional investigators on this investigation are Othman Shibly, DDS '99 & MS '95, Jude Fabiano, DDS '77, Benita Sobieraj, DDS '97 & GPR '98, Maureen Donley, DDS '80, and Nina Kim, DDS '02, MS '05 & PhD '05, all from the UB dental school faculty.

A third study will begin in May and will be funded by Wyeth & Del Laboratories. The objective of this study is to evaluate medications to provide temporary relief of toothache associated pain. Dentists interested in having their patients with toothache participate in this study should also contact the Center for Dental Studies at 829-3850. In some cases it will be possible to have the study done in the dentist's office by a staff person from the Center for Dental Studies. Investigators in this study include those listed in the studies described above.

ASDA Charity Auction

With all the pressures and responsibilities that dentists currently face, it is easy to overlook providing patients with an oral cancer screening. Dentists have the unique position as guardians of the oral cavity, and it is very important to remember that a quick and thorough exam can prevent a devastating disease. The Oral Cancer Foundation (OCF) is a non-for-profit agency designed to implement disease prevention initiatives, fund research, and formulate educational tools in the continuing effort to both cure and prevent cases of oral cancer.

This year, the University of Buffalo Dental School's chapter of the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) is committed to raising funds to help support the OCF. Our annual Charity Auction will be held on April 13, 2007 in Harriman Hall on UB's South Campus. Along with a catered dinner, a silent and live auction will take place, with items and trips donated by faculty and staff, students, and local businesses. Everyone is invited to attend this event; doors open at 5:00 PM with tickets only \$5.00. If you would like to make a contribution to the silent auction or to this worthy charity, please email me at KKNAUSS@BUFFALO.EDU.

Kirsten Knauss '08

School News

The School of Dental Medicine welcomes the following new residents:

AEGD

Reem Ajaj (King Abdulaziz Univ., Saudi Arabia '04)
 Faisal Al Qassar (Cairo Univ. '04)
 Jamil Aref (King Abdulaziz Univ., Saudi Arabia '05)
 Doa Dada (King Saud Univ., Saudi Arabia '03)
 Ilana Gould (McGill Univ. '07)
 Nicole M. Lane (McGill Univ. '07)
 Jeffrey B. Levy (Univ. at Buffalo '07)
 Maria Perez (Central Univ. of Venezuela '06)
 Pavneet Sachdev (NY Univ. '07)
 Alisha Wali (McGill Univ. '07)

Dept. of Endodontics

Tariq Abuhaimad (King Abdulaziz Univ, Saudi Arabia '01)
 Tareq Al Rashoud (Univ. MO/Kansas City '04)
 Branimir Lackovic (Univ. of Toronto '05)
 Benjamin Webber (VA Commonwealth Univ. '04)

Dept. of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Justin J. Au (Tufts Univ. '07)
 Matthew J. Callan (Creighton Univ. '06)

Dept. of Oral Pathology

Jean-Charles Germain (Haiti Dental School '99)

Dept. of Orthodontics

Robert M. Aszkler (Univ. at Buffalo '07)
 Jared H. Condie (Univ. of Louisville '06)
 Wael Elias (King Abdulaziz Univ., Saudi Arabia '98)
 Jeremy Molon (Univ. at Buffalo '06)
 Michelle Stanislawsky (Univ. of Connecticut '07)
 Athari Alameeri (International Scholar, Kuwait)

Dept. of Pediatric and Community Dentistry

Courtney Antonio (Univ. of Michigan '06)
 Ryan Basler (Marquette Univ. '06)
 Drew Carlin (Temple Univ. '07)
 Kellie Greenwich (Univ. at Buffalo '07)
 Brigid McCann (Univ. at Buffalo '05)

Dept. of Periodontics

Bandar Almaghrabi (King Saud Univ., Saudi Arabia '04)
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John Castanaro '07 and his wife, Carla



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On January 19th, the UB School of Dental Medicine held its 11th Annual Talent Show. Performers included students, faculty, alumni & staff. The development of this annual event began in the Spring of 1997, when Dr. Alan Gross '52 and Dr. Elaine Davis, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, worked together to produce the first show.

That event featured 10 acts held in pre-renovation Harriman Hall. From this modest beginning, the show has grown to include an average of 14 outstanding acts with professional production value due to its venue, the Center for the Arts Drama Theater. The show features a professional stage crew, technical support staff and house staff, who make sure the show goes off without a hitch.

Acts have included Dr. Elias Kaufman and his banjo serenade ("So Long, It's Been Good to Know You") to graduating students, students whose talents have ranged from juggling to playing classical piano and other musical talents to stand-up comedy schtick and (this had to be seen to be appreciated) laundry basket twirling. To recoup some of the cost of production, a modest entrance fee of \$5 is charged to attendees. An annual tradition of a post-show desserts & soft drinks celebration has continued immediately after each year's event.

The Talent Show has become a recognized tradition in the dental school with many attendees making it an evening by doing 'dinner and the show' or by going out after the show. Keep this Friday evening event in mind for next January and consider attending or participating. It is a fun night for all.

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Peter Moses '08



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Gary Wieczkowski '69, Gerri Volk, & Kenny Gerace '08
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Orthodontic Reunion

A group of orthodontic alumni from the 1960's met for an informal reunion February 9-11, 2007 in Longboat Key, FL. This event, coordinated by Dr. Gary Schuller '56 & Ortho '64 and Development Director Carol Vanini, brought together graduates from Montreal, Houston and places in between. We were especially delighted to be joined by former department chair Dr. John Cunat and his wife, Helen, and our current chair Dr. Brian Preston.

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Alex Dell, Fred Cushing, Gary Schuller, Peter Hatala (all Ortho '64) & John Cunat '52, former Chair, Orthodontics Dept.



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ADA News

“More Than Just a Day” Give Kids A Smile Poised for Expansion

Give Kids A Smile, which celebrated its fifth anniversary on Feb. 2, 2007, has reached its tipping point, say officials from the newly appointed Give Kids A Smile National Advisory Board. The board met for the first time Jan. 16 at ADA Headquarters, setting in motion a range of activities designed to demonstrate that dentistry’s commitment to access to care for children is far more than one day a year.

“As the national children’s dental access day, Give Kids A Smile shows dentistry making a bold effort that is visible and successful, albeit for one day,” said Steve Kess, chair of the advisory board. “However, there are also those whose programs are year-round who see the event as the tip of the iceberg. We have reached a point where we are able to take the program to the next level, which requires putting in place the resources to support a year-round effort, and this meeting is the first step in accomplishing that.”

ADA President Kathleen Roth, a member of the advisory board, said that expansion will yield positive returns for dentistry. “As we look to develop this great program into something more significant and effective for children in need, we will be using many creative ideas from an expanded oversight board with many partners in the dental profession,” said Dr. Roth. “It will be dynamic growth for a program that has been extremely successful in highlighting the needs of children throughout this country who, for many reasons, have difficulties receiving care.”

Mr. Kess, vice president of Professional Relations for Henry Schein Inc.—one of the founding corporate sponsors of Give Kids A Smile—said Give Kids A Smile is representative of the goodwill of community-based access programs and the need for increased visibility for what the community is doing year round. “We believe that through a carefully developed program around access to oral health for children that we can begin to change public opinion through awareness and interest in the issue, so over time we will begin to see policy changes at the local, state and national levels,” he said. “Collectively, we can make a difference.”

The advisory board consists of two ADA trustees, two ADA Foundation trustees, a representative of the ADA Council on Communications and other representatives from industry, politics, the media, practicing dentists, the children’s health advocacy community, related associations, the nonprofit or foundation community and public health agencies. The board also engages three committees comprised of volunteers:

Best Practices Symposium—plans are under way for an Aug. 27 Best Practices Symposium, cosponsored by the ADA and Dental Trade Alliance Foundation, to identify and promulgate community-based program best practices that support Give Kids A Smile. The symposium will be held at ADA headquarters and will be free and open to the first 100 registrants. Coordinators of GKAS programs nationwide will be invited.

Fundraising—This committee will execute and oversee solicitation of funds from corporations and foundations and a direct-to-patient program through dental offices. Monies raised will be held in a new Give Kids A Smile Fund within the ADA Foundation that will identify ways to financially support exist-

ing and new GKAS programs and address access issues through grants. At the Jan. 16 meeting, CareCredit—an ADA Member Advantage partner and the nation’s largest provider of dental financing for patients—became the founding donor of the new GKAS Fund with a \$100,000 donation.

Program expansion—This committee will identify and support existing and new access-to-care programs that build credibility for Give Kids A Smile and its advocacy for access to oral health care. “Through the contributions of these committees, not only will we continue to expand our advocacy position but also become the mechanism through which nontraditional partners will come in with financial or other support for community based programs that run year round,” said Mr. Kess.

Many organizations on a local level have great commitment and leadership but might lack the resources to effectively communicate to the community in which they operate,” he continued. “There is strength in numbers, and we hope that by working with these programs, they will become co-branded as Give Kids A Smile.”

A timeline of events for the expanded Give Kids A Smile program includes the First Annual Best Practices Symposium and solicitation of requests for proposals (Aug. 27, 2007); Best Practices Guide published (Oct. 2007); awards gala announcing winners of the first round of grants and launch of in-office fundraising campaign (Feb. 2008).

Since its introduction in 2002, Give Kids A Smile has grown exponentially in participation and contributions from volunteer dentists, dental teams and dental industry. More than 14,186 dentists signed up to participate in 2007 events (up from 10,700 in 2005 and 12,246 in 2006). An estimated 745,016 children were set to receive care this year (up from 485,700 in 2005).

“Dentists and members of dental teams are very generous and caring,” said Dr. Roth. “By expanding Give Kids A Smile, we look forward to highlighting those charitable efforts on a more frequent basis throughout the U.S., and challenge legislators to accept their responsibility in opening doors for children in need through appropriately funding the necessary programs to improve oral health for these populations.”

While the advisory board will enable the Association to seek additional opportunities to promote charitable activities associated with Give Kids A Smile, Dr. Roth said “by no means do we intend to create a model of dental care that is based on the generosity of our member dentists and the dental team.

“We will highlight successful care programs and as always, ask that our constituents, dental schools and communities do what they feel is effective and important for the community in which they live,” she said.

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