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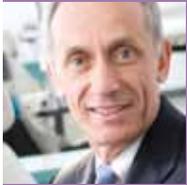
THESE DENTISTS ARE  
ALL ABOUT SPORTS

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For those of us in the academic world, teachers and students alike, fall is the season of renewal and beginnings. Our newest predoctoral class has just arrived, full of excitement and anxiety and determination—a state I’m sure any of our alumni can remember from their own first days here.

# FROM THE

Our returning students already know us, and we’re glad to see them. They come back to school confident and eager to continue; we look forward to increasing and deepening their already excellent clinical experience. Our students are the reason we exist. When they fill the building each fall, the school comes alive.



# DEAN

This fall is full of ferment at the school. By the time you read this message, we will have entertained the site-visit delegation from the Council on Dental Accreditation. This marks the end of a period of intense preparation and the beginning of the next chapter in the school’s life. I will report the visitors’

observations in the next issue of UB Dentist.

We also are busy starting or pursuing a number of initiatives—now more than 30 in all—intended to improve what we do and to extend the school’s reach, both into the local community and internationally. Here are some of the new things we’re doing this fall. I will describe others during the year as they develop:

- ▶ We are updating our infection-control monitoring and training. Our accreditation self-study identified this area as needing attention.
- ▶ Our school website is undergoing a complete renovation to bring our online presence up to date.
- ▶ The entire school—faculty, staff and students—is engaged in developing a strategic plan to guide our decisions in the near future.
- ▶ We are instituting an expanded international dentistry program to complete the training of dentists educated outside the U.S.
- ▶ The school is exploring ways to secure additional classroom space.
- ▶ We have hired a chief marketing officer who soon will be starting several marketing initiatives for the school.
- ▶ We are resuming publication of *Communique*, the school’s in-house newsletter, to enhance internal communication.
- ▶ We started weekly “town hall” meetings for the entire school community to discuss pertinent topics, which anyone can raise.
- ▶ We are collaborating with UB’s Educational Opportunity Center to bring its dental-assisting program into the school.

We plant seeds in the fall, when everything in our world feels new and fresh. You will see our initiatives grow as the new year unfolds.

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Michael Glick, DMD

**ON THE COVER:**

David Croglia, '87, team dentist for the Buffalo Sabres.

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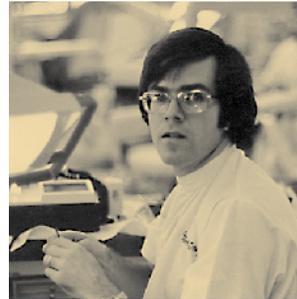
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# NewsBriefs



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## Meet the lucky '14s

If you take the first 10 members of the incoming class of 2014 by the random chance of alphabetical order (Alexander to Burch)—you remember that system—you get a pretty good sample of the class as a whole:

Anthony Alexander, East Aurora, N.Y., majored in biology at Kenyon College. Karina Bairamyan, Brooklyn, N.Y., majored in biochemistry at Queens College (CUNY). Gabrielle Balderman, Kenmore, N.Y., majored in biology at UB. Stephen Bench, Orlando, Fla., majored in molecular biology at the University of Central Florida. Sanjay Bhatt, Hartford, N.Y., majored in English at UB. Justin Birdsall, Apalachin, N.Y., majored in biology at LeMoyne College. Jordan Blair, Orchard Park, N.Y., majored in biology at Geneseo. Ebbie Boutehsaz, Great Neck, N.Y., majored in history at Stony Brook. Jacques-

line Boyczuk, Orchard Park, N.Y., majored in biology at West Virginia University. And Kelly Burch, Friendship, N.Y., majored in biomedical sciences at UB.

Six are male, four female; most majored in the biological sciences, but the 10 include an English major and a history major. Nine of the 10 are from New York; and half graduated from SUNY colleges and universities.

In the full class of 90 students, 47 are male, 43 female; 45 graduated from SUNY schools. Seventy-three of the 90 are New York residents.

The class of 2014 includes eight who had already been admitted either through early assurance or the dual BS-DDS program; the remaining 82 were drawn from a total of 2,010 applicants. Applications for the class of 2015 are already flowing in.

## 2 Alum named to second-highest post in NIH

Lawrence A. Tabak, PhD '81, Endodontic Cert '85, has been named principal deputy director of the National Institutes of Health. This is the No. 2 position in the nation's primary federal agency for conducting and supporting basic, clinical and translational medical research.

Tabak has served as the director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research since September 2000; he was acting NIH deputy director in 2009 and most recently the acting director of the Division of Program Coordination, Planning and Strategic Initiatives.

He came to NIH from the School of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of

Rochester, where he had most recently been the senior associate dean for research, director of the Center for Oral Biology, professor of dentistry, and professor of biochemistry and biophysics.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Tabak received his dental degree from Columbia University before coming to UB for his postgraduate and doctoral studies.



TABAK

Tabak's major research focus has been on the biosynthesis and function of mucin-glycoproteins. These are molecules that are heavily decorated with sugars and help form the coating that protects the delicate inner soft (mucosal) tissues of the body.

## 3 Accreditation, the final step

By the time this issue of UB Dentist arrives, the school will have hosted the formal site visit from the ADA's Commission on Dental Accreditation, from Sept. 14 to 16. Twenty-three visitors will review eight advanced education programs and the predoctoral dentistry program; beforehand, they will have studied the approximately 10,000 pages of material the school prepared for the accreditation process (opposite). In the final stages of preparation, the school hosted consultants for mock site-visits and, of course, polished and shined to show Squire Hall at its best.





DAVID BROWN, FLANKED BY DONALD TRUMP, PRESIDENT AND CEO, ROSWELL PARK CANCER INSTITUTE (RIGHT) AND MITCH FLYNN, RIDE FOR ROSWELL ORGANIZER AND FOURTH HIGHEST FUNDRAISER (LEFT).

## New graduate students and residents

### AEGD

Dalia Bafarat  
Helen Dusel  
Zahra Idriss  
Yao Liu  
Kimanh Nguyen  
Matthew Turbush  
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### Oral Pathology

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Amarpreet Sabharwal

### Oral Sciences

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Dalia Bafarat  
Zahra Idriss

### Biomaterials

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Michael LaMastra  
Sakthi Thirignanam

### Orthodontics

Mohamad Al-Sheiby  
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Taylor Lamb  
Douglas Olson  
James Schmidt  
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### Pediatric

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Jay Albanese  
Michael Nagai  
Dhaval Patel

## 4 True team effort

David Brown, '83, assistant professor of restorative dentistry and director of admissions, first paid attention to the Ride for Roswell, an annual early summer fundraising event, in 2004 when he was recovering from neck dissection surgery and a seven-week course of radiation for oral cancer. He had lost 45 pounds and was much too sick to ride.

Brown was an otherwise healthy 30-year-old at no apparent risk when he was first diagnosed with oral cancer in 1986. In 2001 he came to Roswell Park Cancer Institute to consult head and neck specialist Thom Loree at the urging of Maureen Sullivan, '87, who is chief of Roswell's Department of Dentistry and Maxillofacial Prosthetics.

A year later he participated in the ride for the first time, raising a little less than \$2,000 for Roswell. And he's been there every year since, increasing the amount he raises to around \$14,000 in each of the past

two years. In the 2010 Ride for Roswell, Brown brought in the fifth largest individual total. Contributions to other members of Team Brown, consisting of his wife, Beth Reilly, '84, their sons Connor and Sean, Burton Rankie, '10, Melissa Perrino, '10, and four friends, brought the Brown total to \$15,400.

He credits the tremendous support of faculty and staff at the School of Dental Medicine, in addition to the friends and classmates he contacts each year when he starts his Ride for Roswell fundraising. This year, Brown raised his contributions from 130 different donors.

## 5 Major grant to oral biology

Stefan Ruhl, assistant professor in the Department of Oral Biology, was awarded a five-year, \$1.9 million research grant from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research to fund his studies of how glycoproteins in saliva determine the remarkable tropism of *viridans streptococci* to the human oral cavity.

## 6 Teeth needed

There is a chronic shortage of extracted teeth for dental students to work on. Extracted teeth can be safely stored and transported by autoclaving for 20 minutes and storing in a 50-percent mouthwash solution—do not let the teeth dry out. Mail teeth in a sealed container. The school will accept delivery.

The school can arrange pickup from your office for dentists with offices in the Buffalo area, or you can drop specimens at the dental school. Please contact or address deliveries to Eugene A. Pantera Jr., Division of Endodontics, 240 Squire Hall, Buffalo, NY 14214. Phone 716-829-3847 or 800-756-0328; e-mail epantera@buffalo.edu.



# OVERHEARD

## AT THE REUNION

What's the same about dental school from one decade to the next? What's different? Here is a sample of what you might hear at the reunion this year.



'45

### Irving Plutzer

When we were in dental school it was still on High Street. We had to walk up five floors to get to different parts of the school—it wasn't easy! Our teachers were really hard on us, really tough. I guess they felt that we were very fortunate that we hadn't been called right into the military, so they saw to it that we got a very thorough training. We had a very good education at UB, no question about it. We had some of the top surgeons teaching us oral surgery, some of the top prosthetic instructors.

...Every once in a while we'd have a little dice game at one of the fraternity houses. We used to go out to bars, like everybody else did, and have a drink or two together. ...The camaraderie in our small class of 44 was unbelievable. Even now, when I call the 14 or so of us who are left for the reunions, they are glad to

hear from me. There aren't as many of us left now, so our friendships are that much more important.

...We were students during World War II. It was a very trying time. Nearly all of us were in the Army, or in the Navy V-12 programs. I was in the Navy, but most of our class was in the Army. We graduated on May 29 and we reported for duty on June 1. I was based in Samson, N.Y., for my first tour of duty. Later, because the Army was very short of dentists, the Navy transferred 1,500 dental officers—including me—to the Army. So I was sent to a training base in Bowling Green, Va., the only Navy man there in uniform.

### Salvator LaMastra

Our class spent two years in the "old school"—the building on High Street. It was already 100 years old: I remember the centennial celebration. What really comes to mind is the "Iron Room." It was a seven-row lecture hall with the lecturer at the bottom: you came in on row five and you could either go up or down. The seats were cast-iron—wooden boards with cast-iron seat and back attached to the board. It looked like a bunch of toilet seats! And so uncomfortable—trust me—you weren't likely to fall asleep during those lectures.

...We moved to the new clinic in Farber Hall on

Bailey Avenue in '53—it was state-of-the-art. I particularly remember Dr. Ed Jauch in operative dentistry. Jauch was a big, jolly man who never scowled. He'd look at your work, then put the mirror down on the tray and say, "Nice" every time. Everyone in my class will swear to that. ... Now, Howard Payne—who was head of prosthetics—he'd look at your stuff and say, "That's fine. But you can and will do better." You knew where he stood, and it made you work harder.

... Another memorable faculty member was James Ailinger. One lecture, I'm sitting in the first row wearing a charcoal flannel suit, pink shirt, a pink and black striped tie. When I crossed my legs, Ailinger could see I had pink socks on. He took me out of my seat and up to the lectern, and says to everyone, "Take a look at this... this guy's going to go far!" After that, he called me "Beau Brummel."

'55

...In our senior year, five of us enlisted in the Air Force: me, Sam (Salvadore) Sansone, Ed Gannon, Anthony Manente and Nicholas DeSocio. I liked it so much I stayed in for 30 years—mostly reserve time. We graduated in May, but we didn't have to report for active duty until the end of July. So, I did what I'd done for the previous eight years in college and dental school: I drove a taxicab for my father's taxi business. I was probably the only cab driver in Buffalo with a BA in biology and a DDS! When I was in dental school, I'd drive downtown four or five nights a week and between trips read my textbooks at a cab stand

lit by the marquee of the New Great Lakes Theatre. I had more than one professor come out of the movies and spot me!

### Ronald Peterson



We held a field day in the spring of my third year. Our class played the seniors in fast-pitch softball, and it got competitive. So many of those older guys were really good, especially their pitcher. I remember some faculty came out to umpire. I played second base. The excitement that year was that the favored upperclassmen lost to us third-years in a big upset. I recall their pitcher handled the loss well. ...Also during our third year, the dental wives put on an original musical called "Dr. Wonderful," enacting stories from the clinics that our wives and girlfriends heard about when we got home.

...Our class had many good people, but we didn't all hang out as one group. Many of us were married, some with children, and so we lived off campus in apartments. There were no women in our class. Other guys were more like bachelors—they lived in the dorms and after class they'd hang out at the local watering holes on Bailey Avenue. I remember one poor guy who worked full time—and a night shift, too. I think he had two kids. Sometimes he had to be prodded awake in class.

...Bridge was a big thing, since it let us relax a little. We'd sneak in games during lunch, or at least a hand or two. If you had to leave for class, there was usually someone who'd jump in and play.

...Larry Giangreco and I belonged to Delta Sigma Delta, one of the two dental fraternities. Their events were one of the main ways we



married guys got together. We didn't have any money, so for one Halloween party, my wife made both of us bunny costumes out of long underwear (we were newly married, so the costume had a double meaning). On the way to the party, we stopped at a traffic light and the people in the car next to us did quite a double take! Once we arrived, we were forced to demonstrate the "Bunny Hop," where you put your hands on your hips and hop around. The next year, my wife dyed the long underwear red and we went as devils.

### Jeff Kuntz, Ted Jenkins, Joe Breloff and Lawrence Volland



Dental students scored higher in gross anatomy than the med students. Dental students beat med students in touch football. I think Gary May broke the nose of the same med student two years in a row.

... In our second year of dental school, our class protested to the administration about having letter grades (A, B, C, D and F) and caused a change in the grading system to Honors, Pass, and Fail.

...Beginning in our junior year, our classmates participated in the UB intramural hockey league and went undefeated. Members of the team included Dick Bullock, Mike Onstad, Ted Jenkins, Joe Breloff, John Mainwaring, Gary May, Gary Kaufman, Greg Subtelny, Gary Swistak, Mike Mercado, Greg Johnston, Mark Twichell and our goaltender, Frankie "Necrosis" Rizzo. Frank had never played goalie before but he had a first baseman's glove and was told to stay in the goal. We went undefeated in the intramural league. In our senior year, we challenged the faculty in the "First Hanau Cup." We painted a lab's hanau torch a silver color and the winner would display the prize in the clinic. Youth prevailed (score irrelevant) and the Hanau Cup became legend for future classes.

...We partied at the "Harlem Road Study Club." This is where the famous band "Tofflemiere and the Electric Matrix Band" made their debut. Band members included Karl (Gatewood) Heuer (drums), Mike Botty (base), Mike Stevener (lead singer), Tony Mastroianni (saxophone and back-up singer) and Pat Esmond (guitar).

...I certainly remember the draft during Viet-



nam. They drew birthdates and numbers: my number was 64 (low numbers were really bad). I downed some alcohol around that time, I can tell you! As long as we were dental students, we were exempt from the draft, but after I graduated, I spent three years in the Air Force. It was a significant time, a significant and deeply disturbing experience to live through. Some of my classmates died in their 20s.

...Bill Knauf was one of the best clinicians in our class. I remember him finishing the Northeast Regional Board Examination clinical portion earlier than anyone else. He also became chairman of the annual field day for the Eighth District Dental Society for many years and organized all kinds of sport activities at the Brierwood Country Club. Bill passed suddenly and too early. The annual golf tournament is named in his honor.

### Frank Barnashuk and David Bonnevie



The Blizzard of '77 occurred during our first year of dental school. That's a story everyone in our class remembers, especially all the guys we had told it never snows in Buffalo. There were maybe 10 or 15 of us who were local and everyone else was from out of town. It was the start of the second semester, so we were under a lot of academic pressure and I remember coming in—there was a driving ban in Buffalo, but I worked my way around to the VA and came in that way—to study in the neuroanatomy lab. There were five or six of us studying there.



...The Mount St. Helens disaster is also memorable for me. It was the end of our fourth year. I was taking the boards. In our day, we didn't have assigned seats, so I came to school to claim the chair I wanted very early in the morning—5 or 6 a.m.—and then went across the street to the Your Host restaurant and got the Buffalo Courier-Express and sat down to read the account of the Mount St. Helens explosion, which had happened the day before, May 18, 1980. As I was reading the story, a dozen gold-jacketed NERB examiners walked into the Your Host. That fixed Mount St. Helens to one of the milestones of my dental education. That was May 19, 1980.

... In our class, a bunch of people hurried up and got married, either right before they started school or right after the first year. I got married after my first year. My wife worked, and that made life easier. She didn't have a great job, but she had a job and that meant I only had to work on weekends. After my first year, I worked two full nightshifts, on Friday and Saturday nights, as a security guard every weekend for three years. And I'd go straight to our hockey game on Saturday morning. During summers I worked five jobs. Back then it was difficult to get a loan—to get even an extra \$500 or \$1,000.

...One of the big pastimes during the first two years of school was foosball in the medical student lounge. Dave Foti was a big foosball player and Mike Hartney. Whenever we had a break, we'd go down to the medical student lounge and there'd be 20-25 guys watching a heated foosball match. That was the daytime entertainment.



### Ray Miller

We were the last class to graduate from Farber Hall before the new school building opened. I may not remember all the details of the educational process, but dental school wasn't easy by any stretch. We learned

a lot, and we also had to do a lot of stuff for the first time. Think about taking a tooth out—you might not be expressing your fears to the people you're working on, but it's very real. You can say whatever you want about "painless, modern dentistry," but when you remove a tooth, it's you against another human. We had to learn techniques and finesse, yes, but it's really as simple as knowing how much force to apply. And that's hard to teach. Our professors had done those

procedures hundreds, thousands of times, but it must have been hard to translate that feeling, that physical knowledge, to us.

...Our class had a very good social life, and as class president our senior year, I helped organize parties on a regular basis. TGIFs were parties sponsored by the dental student association and held at local bars, like Gables on Hertel Avenue. Back in the day, we'd also go across the street from the school to a club in what is now University Plaza. This was the late disco era, when Michael Jackson was big. These parties would be a 100 people or so—really big, fun events that included the whole school. Faculty and staff would come. But they cost money and we didn't charge, so it would have to come out of our dental association budgets, and we were always worrying how to pay for the next party.

...We had a bowling league, and would go after clinic on Monday afternoons to bowl at Sheridan Lanes, usually with some of the faculty and staff. When there were just 20 or 30 students, we could bowl together and blow off some steam.



### Brad Ecker and Jeffrey Day

The biggest bonding experience we had was probably in dental technique lab our sophomore year.

We'd be up all hours—being up till 2 or 3 a.m. wasn't uncommon. You'd spend so much time with the same people, day after day and then into the night, you'd get that bonded feeling. We'd bring food in and play music. It was right when Guns 'n' Roses first came out,



and I'll never forget one, "Appetite for Destruction," in that lab. We used to get punchy from lack of sleep... I think that may have prepared me for fatherhood!

...It was the same cramming for exams freshman year when we had all that book work. I was studying at a friend's house and the later it got that night, more and more people came over. It became this big-time study session and ended up as an unplanned all-nighter. We went right from that house over to campus to take the exam the next morning. ...At the end of our senior year, we rented a bus and went on a booze cruise. We also loved music and going to concerts, but it was mostly just a lot of time spent studying and in classes together.



...We relaxed with happy hours at the Steer and at a place that's closed now, called Patios on Bailey Avenue. We also had golf tournaments that were a lot of fun. Sometimes we'd just go to the driving range and hit

balls, and then go to happy hour. Happy hours may have a negative connotation today—there was drinking, of course, and sometimes drinking to excess—but it was a time when we'd get together as a community. A good percentage of our class would go to the same place at the same time. We shared our camaraderie during working hours and after working hours.

...After final exams and before graduation, a bunch of us met at the Steer. We were all students, so none of us had any money. For some reason—it couldn't have been from the few beers I had—I put my Visa card on the bar and proclaimed, "I'll pay for everybody! We're done, we made it! It's all on me!" I nearly fainted when I got the bill for what was an open bar for about 60 people—like my dental school debt wasn't enough. It took me nearly a year to pay off! Now when I go back to reunions, the big joke is always "Hey, Brad, you gonna put it all on your Visa?"



## Joshua Hutter

One classmate of ours had a reputation for accidentally starting trash can fires in clinic. She apparently never completely extinguished the matches from our denture work before she chucked them!

... A few classmates of mine had some interesting side projects—kind of like hobbies—that many of us got a kick out of. In our second year, one guy made a video spoof of the TV show "Elimidate," which he called "Elimident." It got a lot of attention—and not all of it good—because he had girls in it wearing suggestive clothes. That never saw the light of day, but it did get sent around through e-mail. Another classmate, Adam Pristera, produced bumper stickers that said "Floss or Die." That was a favorite line of one of our professors, Dr. Whiz (Gerry Wiczowski). We adopted it during our first year and even into our second.

... We called the pedo rotation at Children's the "contraception rotation" because by the time we were done dealing with all those



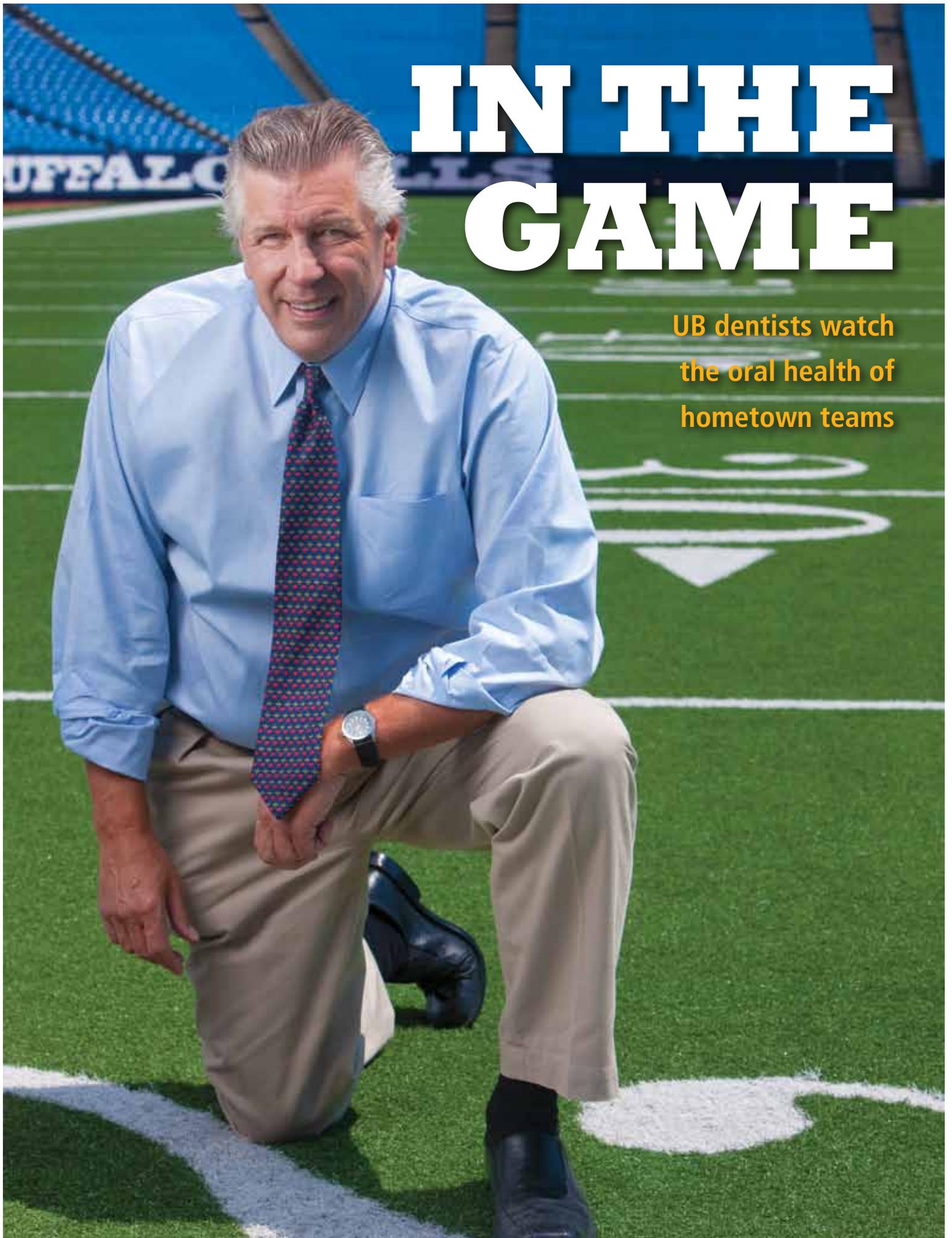
kids, we swore we'd never have any of our own! Also, whenever we got out early from the hospital, we'd head straight for Sweet Tooth on Elmwood. Chowing down on a hot fudge sundae might not have promoted good dental care, but it sure tasted good!

...Dr. Schifferle started every perio lecture with a magic trick. Even though most of the tricks were really easy and amateur, he'd get very excited and we'd all laugh along with him. It really eased us into each class and was just one of those things that I remember that made dental school fun. *[Editor's note: Some things don't change. See Page 5, summer issue of UB Dentist.]*



# IN THE GAME

UB dentists watch  
the oral health of  
hometown teams





*Gregory Hudecki, '72, has followed the Buffalo Bills since their 1960 American Football League debut. He remembers spending game day at War Memorial Stadium, sitting up in the 40th row with a hot dog in hand and eyes on the field. David Croglia, '87, is equally fond of the Buffalo Sabres. He has shared season tickets with friends for the past 15 or 20 years. His memories of the ice hockey franchise stretch back into his childhood, when he became one of the team's first fans following its 1970 inception.*

As boys, the two men lived Buffalo sports as many children do: They gossiped about favorite players, dreamed of the day Buffalo would bring a championship home and felt crushed when their teams came close to winning it all but never did.

Years later, as adults, Croglia and Hudecki's occupation has put them in touch with hometown athletics in a special way. Croglia is team dentist for the Sabres. Hudecki holds the same job for the Bills. On game day, you'll find him on the sideline at Ralph Wilson Stadium. To the north, at HSBC Arena, you might be able to make out Croglia sitting a few rows above the bench, ready to make his way to the locker room when something goes wrong.

## Gregory Hudecki

For Hudecki, the Bills are all about tradition. As a boy, he was among fans who flooded the Rockpile for the Bills' first game. From the beginning, he had an intimate connection with the franchise. His father, Stephen, was the Bills' first official dentist. And even as a child, Hudecki worked for the team: On game day at the old stadium, he would sometimes "help out" by snapping polaroids from the boxes to provide the defense with a birds-eye view of visitors' offensive line-ups.

So it made sense when, in the late 1980s—after graduating from the School of Dental Medicine, serving two years in the Army and running a private practice—that Hudecki agreed to take over the job his dad was leaving. Hudecki already

had spent time as the team's associate dentist.

Through his decades with the Bills, Hudecki has observed sports dentistry evolve in the National Football League. In his father's time, dentists traveled with their team. But their ability to perform their duties was limited.

(As Hudecki explains, "You don't have an office, you're not licensed in that state, you don't have an operating room.") Since then, Hudecki and other NFL colleagues have formed an informal association, agreeing to take care of visitors' dental problems in addition to the home team's.

Another change: Better protective gear has prevented facial injuries that used to be more common. Years ago, Hudecki remembers treating a player with a fractured lower jaw, wiring the athlete's mouth in a fixed position to allow the bone to heal. Modern helmets, face masks and mouth guards have greatly reduced the risk of such damage, Hudecki says.

As a result, much of Hudecki's job centers on prevention. One of his duties: taking impressions of rookies' upper jaws during mini camp so he can craft mouth guards for them in time for training camp. These custom-fitted pieces—most in the Bills' basic blue—are crucial because non-customized models can make athletes gag or tear the tongue or cheek tissues.

Some new Bills join the team with

bulky, pre-made mouth guards that Hudecki says resemble pacifiers. Football players can be creatures of habit and superstitious, and some hesitate to give up their old gear: "It's like an old shoe. They feel comfortable with it," Hudecki explains. In these cases, he sees it as his

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responsibility to educate athletes about the benefits of proper, personalized protection.

Another challenge: convincing players to give up their grills. The metal tooth coverings, sometimes inlaid with gems, can trap food and bacteria. When Hudecki first began seeing such work in the 1980s, he had some success persuading athletes to remove their grills—mostly with the support of girlfriends or wives, "somebody that had a little juice," Hudecki says. But grills have grown in popularity over the past decade, and many men are firmly attached to their oral jewelry.

Hudecki emphasizes that he has no problem with oral adornments that aren't harmful. One of the most bizarre requests he has ever fulfilled was from a player

who wanted a gold star cast and cemented to a fake, front tooth.

Though bad oral injuries are rare these days, he is on call on Sundays on the sidelines in Orchard Park. Between games, he takes care of players, their wives and other team affiliates at his private practice in Amherst, performing cleanings, restorations and root canals, removing wisdom teeth and prescribing antibiotics for infections.

“We’ve had a close relationship with the Bills ever since their inception,” Hudecki explains. “I was very young when Buffalo started their franchise. I was a fan in high school and college. We used to go to the games at the old War Memorial Stadium, so I kind of grew up with them.

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## David Croglio

The nightmare scenario for an ice hockey team dentist goes something like this, Croglio says: A stick to the face or flying puck slams into a player’s mouth, leaving behind a blood-soaked mess of tooth fragments and lacerations. The force of the impact rips out multiple teeth, leaving half a dozen grisly gaps.

Such an accident sounds incredible. But in the National Hockey League, these bad-luck episodes are real—and, apparently, uncomfortably common. Just this May, Chicago Blackhawks defenseman Duncan Keith reportedly lost seven teeth to a soaring puck in what a Chicago Tribune writer called a “toothsplosion.” The month before that, Washington Capitals forward Eric Belanger lost several of his own after taking a stick to the mouth.

Croglio, who joined the Sabres in 2009, has been fortunate in his first season: So far, the only oral injuries he has seen have been minor, including chipped teeth and cuts. But Croglio knows he needs to be ready for the worst. To illustrate why, he points to another story. Last fall, in a match-up between the Sabres

and Philadelphia Flyers, a slap shot struck Flyers winger Ian Laperrière in the face, costing him seven of his pearly whites. The game was in Philadelphia; had it happened in Buffalo, Croglio, who takes care of both the home and visiting teams at HSBC Arena, would have been the one rushing to treat the wounds.

For Croglio, who runs a general practice on Kensington Avenue in Amherst, his time with the Sabres has been eye-opening. He came to the franchise with plenty of experience: He has been the dentist for UB Athletics for well over a decade and teaches a year-long elective in sports dentistry as a clinical assistant professor at the School of Dental Medicine. So when Steve Jenson, the Sabres’ long-time oral surgeon, called Croglio in summer of 2009 to gauge his interest in working with the team, “There wasn’t a whole lot of hesitation on my part,” Croglio says.

But even with his background and years of watching hockey as a fan, Croglio says his minutes in the locker room have given him a new appreciation for the sport’s intensity—the level of training it requires, the devotion of its players. In a game last fall in Buffalo between the Sabres’ minor league affiliate, the Portland Pirates, and the Rochester Americans, Croglio found himself stitching up a player’s split lip while an orthopaedic surgeon worked simultaneously to close a head wound—all in time for the athlete to return the next period. The injuries resulted from a fight.

The game-day grit teammates display borders on unbelievable, Croglio says. He notes, for instance, that the Flyer’s Laperrière continued playing in the match against Buffalo even after the blow that knocked out seven teeth. Years ago, few hockey players wore mouth



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guards, despite the dangers. As Croglio explains, “It’s something about the teeth in hockey—you’re looked at as tougher without the mouth guard.”

Now, however, that culture is changing.

“Players are recognizing that taking some precautions, like wearing a mouth guard, isn’t necessarily a sign of weakness, but rather displaying some common sense. There are other ways to show your toughness on the ice besides losing teeth,” says Croglio, who sees educating athletes about oral health and the seriousness of injuries as part of his professional responsibilities.

Discovering what goes on behind the scenes in professional hockey has been fascinating. Last year, with the flu striking some players, he got to learn about the factors physicians had to consider in keeping athletes healthy.

And, of course, for a long-time fan, meeting the players is still thrilling. Five Sabres, having come across Croglio through his official duties, have signed on as regular patients. For his two teenage sons, Dad’s job is a dream come true. And while Croglio is no longer a child himself, working at HSBC Arena still inspires a sense of wonder.

# A CONVERSATION WITH

Marilyn Sulzbach, Sherry Szarowski  
and Carol McCourt

Administrative Staff, UB Dental Alumni Association

When you call the UB Dental Alumni Association, you reach Marilyn Sulzbach, Sherry Szarowski or Carol McCourt. When you get a letter from the alumni association, one of them mailed it. When this magazine arrives, it came to you because they keep your address updated. UB Dentist asked them about what else they do.

## What is the alumni association office responsible for?

Essentially everything the association or its executive council does comes through our office one way or another—everything from arranging events to buying the pens the association gives to graduating students.

The single largest responsibility we have is to organize and coordinate both our Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting (BNDM) and the Spring Dental Meeting, which we sponsor jointly with the school's Office of Continuing Dental Education and



the Eighth District Dental Society. Approximately 13 five-year reunion events occur in conjunction with the BNDM each year, which we manage by recruiting reunion chairs, providing them with materials and support for their events, and handling the business of the reunion dinner dance.

Another major job is coordinating

communication to the school's alums. We currently connect with more than 4,800 alumni from both the DDS program and the graduate and advanced certificate programs. Related to that, we probably do a dozen or more mailings to alumni each year—we just mailed a postcard inviting alumni to the school's reception at the ADA annual meeting. We also supply school departments and programs with alumni contact information so that they can reach their discipline-specific alumni with tailored messages.

## Marilyn, you recently changed your role in the office. How?

In May, I reduced my commitment to three days a week. Sherry Szarowski, who has been the principal support staff person for the past nine years, is now transitioning into many of my former responsibilities as executive secretary of the association and manager of the office. Carol McCourt and I remain to support general office activities, particularly related to the BNDM.

## How has the work changed since you started 1992?

The responsibilities of the job haven't changed much, but

the scale is much larger now. When I started, the total attendance at the BNDM was 1,100; now it's 2,700, and one of the largest of its kind in the country. There were 40 or 50 exhibitors then; we have 150 exhibit spaces now. There were 6 to 10 lectures; now there are 30 or more. Lisa Jerebko, the BNDM coordinator, was hired in 2005 to assist in the support efforts. Also, there was no spring meeting when I started. It's been great to see more collaboration between other local dental organizations and the school.

Another change is the amount and types of data we now manage in our alumni database. Our stand-alone database tracks multiple addresses for any alumnus, spouse's name, multiple telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and web pages. We also have notes fields for anything that comes to us about any alumnus, very helpful for intra-office efficiency in serving alums. The database also holds contact information for non-alumni who attend the dental meetings and CE courses.

## What are some of the other jobs the alumni office handles?

Very importantly, we facilitate day-to-day communication for alumni. We answer calls and e-mails from alumni, of course, most often to connect alumni who are looking for classmates, but sometimes for alumni looking for dentists to refer vacationing or relocating patients to. We maintain the association's website and DDSCConnect, our database of free job postings and practices for sale. We also are one of the first stops for alumni visiting the school and looking to connect with former faculty or classmates, or a tour of the school.

We work with the dean's office to send out the 1-, 5- and 10-year academic surveys to alumni to collect data for outcomes assessment; to support special events like commencement, the senior awards banquet and the NERB examinations; to alert the dean to alumni in the areas he may be visiting; and to maintain the photographs in the alumni gallery in Squire Hall.

## A question for Sherry: Anything surprise you about your new role?

I had no idea how many meetings Marilyn had to go to! We not only attend School of Dental Medicine and Dental Alumni Association meetings, but also general UB alumni meetings, serving to inform both groups about the other's activities and commenting on how changes might impact us. It's important to have the broad view of the school.



**GERALDINE VOLK** started as a dental assistant in clinical dentistry at the school in 1978 after eight years in private practice. She was promoted to senior dental assistant in 1988 with significant supervisory and leadership responsibilities. She retired in July after 32 years of service in clinical dentistry. Volk, who worked with second-, third-, and fourth-year student dentists, says she always enjoyed watching them develop their skills. She says she will always remember being asked by a graduating student who was in the Army to join his mother in pinning on his lieutenant's bars. "The assistants in my group were also asked to attend. We were all touched that he considered us to be part of an important step in his life."

# Good-bye to good friends

**T**HIS YEAR HAS SEEN THE DEPARTURE of several School of Dental Medicine staff members. Some have known more than 30 classes of dental students—nearly 2,500 alumni. Who did you know?

**YVONNE BRADY** graduated from Niagara County Community College with a certificate in dental assisting in 1985. She started at the school as a part-time dental assistant in clinical dentistry the same year, increasing her commitment to full-time in 1993. Most recently, she has been assisting graduate students in orthodontics. She retired in June after 24 years of service.

**ELIZABETH KOCIENCKI**, who was born in Salzburg, Austria, earned a certificate in dental assisting from UB's Educational Opportunity Center in 1979. She started with the School of Dental Medicine Department of Oral Medicine at Buffalo General Hospital the same year, later moving to Squire Hall where her primary focus was on assisting during periodontal surgery. She retired in March after 30 years of service in clinical dentistry.

**EDWARD SAND** retired in January from his position as a dental technician in the Department of Restorative Dentistry after 36 years of service. Sand received the Florence Kronson Award in 1999 and in 2001. An item about his career at the dental school appeared in the Winter 2010 issue of *UB Dentist*.

**DIANE RICHARDS** retired in July as secretary to the chair of the Department of Orthodontics after 40 years in the department, which she had joined as a typist/stenographer after graduating from high school. Because the department is relatively small, she has known every resident to pass through the postgraduate program in orthodontics since 1969. She says that what she liked most about the job was working with faculty, residents and staff from all over the world. "I learned many things about different customs and cultures from my international residents and faculty," she says. "I will always remember all my residents, wherever they go."

**LINDA READ** joined the dental school in 1985, as a radiologic technologist in the Department of Radiology/Stomatology. In 1995, she received the Florence Kronson Award for outstanding service and significant contributions to the welfare of students. An undergraduate anthropology major, she participated in several research projects. "She made the complex simple and she was always kind with the patients," says Maureen Donley, DDS '80, director of radiology in the Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences. Read had a special knack for teaching student dentists how to acquire their images. She also had a special way to cope with stress when the suite was overloaded with patients: she'd sing. "Linda knew a lot of songs," Donley says.

**JEREEN MICHALSKI** started as a part-time clerk in the Department of Periodontology in 1987 and retired in March, at the age of 77, because of back problems. "I came in to help out with the phones and I ended up with a wonderful job," she says. Her primary work was departmental and faculty-practice administration; both the department and the hundreds of patients she scheduled were the beneficiaries of her excellent memory. She says the thing she valued most about her job was the people she worked with—faculty, students, hygienists and fellow staff.



**KATHLEEN PODEMSKI** started work at UB in University Residence Halls in 1990. She joined the dental school in 2002 as a stores clerk working in the dispensaries on the second floor in Squire, where she handled the needs of students and the faculty practices for four years. She moved downstairs to the first floor dispensary for the next four years, primarily handling the needs of Orthodontics, Endodontics and Oral Surgery. She says the dispensary gets busier every year because the clinic is busier: "I give the kids credit, they're running." She says the first two things she plans to do now that she is retiring are "the garage and the attic."

## George Ferry to retire

George Ferry, '78, joined the faculty of the School of Dental Medicine in 1979 as a part-time clinical instructor in the dental team practice program in general clinical dentistry. Two years later, he took a full-time faculty position as assistant professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry (Operative). He was promoted to the rank of clinical associate professor in 1991. His teaching focused on dental auxiliary utilization, operative dentistry, preclinical technique courses and simulation.

Ferry received numerous awards from students, including: Excellence in Teaching awards from the classes of 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 2004, 2007 and 2010; Educator of the Year with yearbook dedication by the classes of 1984, 1988 and 1992; the William M. Feagans Award in 1983 and 1993; and the Charles Lipani award for outstanding service in 1992. He will retire on Oct. 4, 2010, and in his words, will sign off with "10-4 on 10/4."

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For information about tuition assistance, go to [www.buffaloce.org](http://www.buffaloce.org) or call 716-829-2320 or 800-756-0328.

### **OCT. 13**

#### **Soft tissue lasers for everyday practice** *Dr. Sebastiano Andreana*

This presentation will review the scientific basis of lasers in dentistry, focusing primarily on soft tissues lasers. Biological principles and clinical cases will be presented. Participants will learn the biological rationale for using soft tissues lasers, as well as limitations of the technology and applications in everyday clinical dentistry, and become familiar with different techniques, settings of diode lasers and the clinical applications of diode lasers.

### **OCT. 20**

#### **Chair-side screening for medical conditions as an integral component of dental practice** *Dr. Michael Glick*

Given the existence of simple, safe, effective and relatively inexpensive screening methods, the availability of effective means of identifying patients at risk, and the documented benefit of primary prevention, chair-side screening for medical conditions should be an integral component of dental practice.

The rise in cardiovascular disease and diabetes is a global issue for which successful disease-prevention strategies require an integrated approach incorporating health care providers across disciplines.

### **NOV. 10**

#### **Conservative and controversial operative dentistry** *Dr. John Maggio*

New materials and years of research data are leading dentists to treat caries as a disease process and not just a series of individual lesions. Risk assessment and prevention, early recalcification treatment, cautious and conservative caries removal and refurbishing of existing restorations will be discussed.

The presentation will provide a literature review as a framework for reworking our approach to caries as a disease. Specific guidelines will be developed for prevention and for treatment of small carious lesions, very deep lesions and recurrent caries. Clinical cases will be presented to apply this information directly to the dentist's daily routine.

### **NOV. 17**

#### **Perio considerations in anterior teeth** *Dr. Othman Shibly*

Poor anterior esthetics that are the result of soft-tissue gingival form can be significantly improved by periodontal surgical techniques that enable the practitioner to alter and enhance the gingival architecture.

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#### **Emerging risk factors of oropharyngeal cancer: chronic inflammation and HPV infection** *Dr. Mine Tezal*

The overwhelming majority of oropharyngeal cancers can be attributed to tobacco. However, despite the significant decline in all types of tobacco use since 1965, the incidence of oropharyngeal cancers has been increasing steadily since 1973 and the age at diagnosis is becoming younger in the U.S. Similar trends are observed in many parts of the world. This presentation will discuss the evidence supporting the roles of chronic inflammation and HPV infection on oropharyngeal cancers, as well as their interactions with smoking.

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**Make plans to celebrate during the Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting, Nov. 3-5, 2010. This year’s reunion dinner dance will be at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom on Friday, Nov. 5. Join us for cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. Plan to join your classmates for a great night out!**

### Reunion chairs

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## IN THE NEWS

**A recent UB study of young children undergoing treatment for cavities in their baby teeth found that nearly 28 percent were overweight or obese.**

The study, led by Kathleen Bethin, MD, UB associate professor of pediatrics, involved 65 children ages 2-5 who were treated for dental problems at Women and Children’s Hospital in Buffalo.

“The main point of our findings is that poor nutrition may link obesity to tooth decay,” according to Bethin. “Thus, the dental office, or ‘dental home,’ may be an ideal place to educate families about nutrition and the risks of obesity and dental decay.”

Charity Vogel of The Buffalo News reported on the research in an article published on July 13 and turned to Michael J. Foley, ’98, for the perspective of a pediatric dentist:

At Winning Smiles Pediatric Dentistry in Amherst, Dr. Michael J. Foley said parents should make sure their children

receive dental care at their first birthdays, then build a relationship with a pediatric dentistry office so that tooth and mouth issues during childhood and the teen years can be handled smoothly.

“We’re the pediatricians of the mouth,” said Foley, a 1998 graduate of UB’s dental school who owns and heads the Sheridan Drive practice. “If we can provide families with that message early on, we’re ahead of the game.”

Some pediatric dentistry offices go out of their way to make their facilities places children hate to leave, rather than hate to visit.

At Winning Smiles, a video-gaming room adjacent to the waiting room offers young patients Xbox and PlayStation games; a coffee bar nearby allows parents to brew them-

selves gourmet blends and read magazines while they wait. In another corner, a darkened “movie theater” alcove lets youngsters watch movies from tiered seating. Smaller children can play with a kitchen set or train play table.

Patient-care rooms are decorated with oversized wall decals—in themes ranging from Hannah Montana and Disney princesses to the Buffalo Bills—and television sets near each patient chair show children’s films.

“We wanted to make this look like a fun place,” said Foley, an Orchard Park resident and father of three boys. “We wanted to try to get away from what a typical dentist’s office looks like. It’s got a lot of creature comforts from home.”

It seems to be working. Foley said the practice, which he bought as an established office, has grown to a staff of five pediatric dentists, with a sixth expected to be added in the fall.

**Joseph J. Massaro, '58**, has been appointed commander of the 11th New York Regiment of the U.S. Volunteers-America, which performs final military honors for deceased veterans. He holds the rank of colonel, U.S. Army Reserve (Ret.). He lives in Floral Park, N.Y.

**Robert Genco, '63**, and **Robert Schifferle, '81 and PhD '93**, were granted \$240,642 by the Rhode Island Dental Insurance Company for an 18-month study, "Screening of Patients in a Dental Setting for Diabetes Mellitus." Genco also received a one-year NIH pilot stimulus grant of \$79,230 for a genome-wide association study for periodontal disease.

**Richard Bullock, '75**, was recently recertified by the American Board of Prosthodontics. In August, he attended the World Implant Congress in Brazil with his Brazilian wife, Jacqueline, also a dentist. The Bullocks live in La Quinta, Calif.

**Gerald Benjamin, '77**, has been promoted to the rank of clinical associate professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry. He gave a full-day lecture, "The Direct Resin Mockup as the First Step in Excellence in Esthetic Dentistry and the Layering Technique for Excellence in Anterior Direct Bonded Restoration," to members of the senior class. Benjamin published "An Indirect Matrix Technique for Fabrication of Fiber-Reinforced Direct Bonded Anterior Bridges" in the *Compendium of Continuing Education in Dentistry*, Jan. 2010, Vol. 31, No. 1. He also lectured in February at the Root Canal Experts Education Center.

**Richard Andolina, '80**, of Hornell, N.Y., has been re-elected trea-

surer of the New York State Dental Association. The association is one of the largest state constituents of the American Dental Association and represents more than 13,000 of the state's dentists.

**Frank Barnashuk, '80**, was appointed by ADA president Ron Tankersley to the ADA Reference Committee on Education, Science and Related Matters, which will be present for House of Delegates meetings at the ADA's annual session in Orlando (Oct. 9-12, 2010). He served in a similar capacity this past June during the New York State Dental Association's first-ever House of Delegates meeting in Chicago.

**Jonathan R. Gellert, '80**, has been appointed chairman of New York State Dental Association Council on Dental Benefits. He lives in Lowville, N.Y.

**Raymond G. Miller, '85**, was presented the National Disaster Medical System Outstanding Achievement Award: 2009 Region 2, Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT), Distinguished Employee of the Year. The award was presented at the 2010 Integrated Training Summit in Las Vegas on June 2. Miller joined DMORT in early 2001 and has been deployed for the World Trade Center terrorist attack and Hurricane Katrina, and served as dental section chief for the crash of Flight 3407 in Clarence, N.Y., only miles from his home. He is the



forensic dental consultant to the medical examiner's office in Erie County, N.Y.; clinical associate professor of oral diagnostic sciences at the School of Dental Medicine; and a fellow in the Odontology Section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. In addition to his deployment history, Miller has served as a team trainer during various exercises based on his extensive field experience.



**BHALLA AND FAMILY WITH SENATOR CONSIGLIO DI NINO**

**Gagan Bhalla, '86**, was presented with the Humanitarian of the Year Award at the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards and Gala Night held in Toronto on June 12.

Bhalla, who was born in Madhya Pradesh, India, earned a degree in dentistry from Indore University and served at the All India Institute of Medical Science in New Delhi. He moved to the U.S. in 1983 and earned his DDS from UB and certification in orthodontics from St. Louis University. After certification by the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, he has practiced as an orthodontist in the metro Toronto community for 15 years.

**Mine Tezal, MS Oral Sciences '98, Periodontics Cert. '04**, developed a new dental school course, "Evidence Based Den-

tistry," scheduled to start in September 2010. Tezal joined the Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences in 2007 with the rank of assistant professor; she is also the department's epidemiologist. Her work involves collaborations with colleagues at UB's New York State Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences and Roswell Park Cancer Institute (RPCI), as well in the UB School of

Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. At RPCI, she is a member of the Tumor Board. She is currently researching the effect of chronic inflammation on head and neck cancers and oral HPV infec-

tion. Tezal, who came to the U.S. in 1993, earned a DDS from Istanbul University in Turkey and a PhD in epidemiology from UB. She holds volunteer appointments in the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine in the School of Public Health and Health Professions and the Department of Oral Biology in the dental school.

**Jill Rowland, '03**, is running on the Republican and Conservative party tickets in the November election against 12-term incumbent Louise Slaughter to represent New York's 28th Congressional District, which stretches from Buffalo to Rochester. She lives in Buffalo with her husband **Timothy Votta, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Cert. '08**.

## InMemoriam

**Milton David Grodner, '44**, died June 30, 2010. He was 98 and lived in Albuquerque, N.M. After serving during World War II as the chief dental officer at a station hospital in India, he practiced in Mt. Vernon, N.Y., until retiring in 1979.

**Samuel C. Hannah, '64**, died July 10, 2010. He was 72 and lived in Bradenton, Fla. After earning his DDS, he trained in otolaryngology and head and neck surgery at Albany Medical College and completed additional training in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery in 1972. He practiced medicine in Bradenton, where he was a founder of Ear, Nose and Throat Associates of Manatee.

**Daniel Mikkonen, '66**, died June 11, 2010. He lived in Norwich, N.Y., where he had practiced.

## Champion of fluoridation

Henry Spiller, '35, died on June 19, 2010. He had an exceptionally long and productive personal and professional life. After training as an orthodontist at Columbia University, Spiller served as a captain in the U.S. Army Dental Corps during World War II. From 1942 to 1945, he directed an Army dental clinic in London, England, that served U.S. military personnel. In the 1960s and early 70s, while maintaining an orthodontics practice in Buffalo, Spiller served on the Erie County Board of Health and was an active participant in the J. Sutton Regan Cleft Palate Clinic at Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo.

One of Spiller's major contributions to dentistry was his untiring advocacy for fluoridation of the Buffalo area's water supply. He appeared in numerous public forums to extol the benefits of fluoridation and refute the claims of opponents who predicted that fluoridation was everything from a communist plot to a substance that would cause heart or kidney disease, osteoporosis and cancer. His was a voice of calm authority amid those of fringe political and religious groups. It is through his efforts that the Buffalo water supply was fluoridated in the mid-1950s.

—Norman D. Mohl, '56, and Harry Sultz, '47

## DESTINATION VERMONT



JEFFREY BERKOWITZ '94, AND STEVEN FISCHER, '82

Timberlane Dental Group, a multispecialty practice with four locations in and around Burlington, Vt., now boasts three UB alumni among its 15 dentists. And if the three can persuade other UB alumni to visit, there may be more someday.

**Steven Fischer '82**, responded to the call of the Green Mountain State before he even graduated from UB when he was accepted into the residency program at the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont in Burlington in 1983. In addition to his practice, Fischer volunteers with Fellowship of

the Wheel (a mountain bike group), Friends of the Missisquoi Bay, the dental hygiene program at Vermont State Technical College and with Trout Unlimited.

**Jeffrey H. Berkowitz, '94**, and his wife Kristin Wright, who earned a JD at the UB Law School, also in 1994, live in Charlotte, Vt., with their three children, William, Gerald and Emma. Berkowitz is the vice president of the Vermont State Dental Society.

**Theron Main, '06**, a Lockport, N.Y., native, is the newest addition to the UB alumni chapter at Timberlane. He received his Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry from the Women's and Children's Hospital of Buffalo in 2008 and became a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry this past fall.

All three UB dentists encourage anyone interested in learning more about living and practicing in Vermont, to get in touch through their practice website at [www.timberlanedental.com](http://www.timberlanedental.com).

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