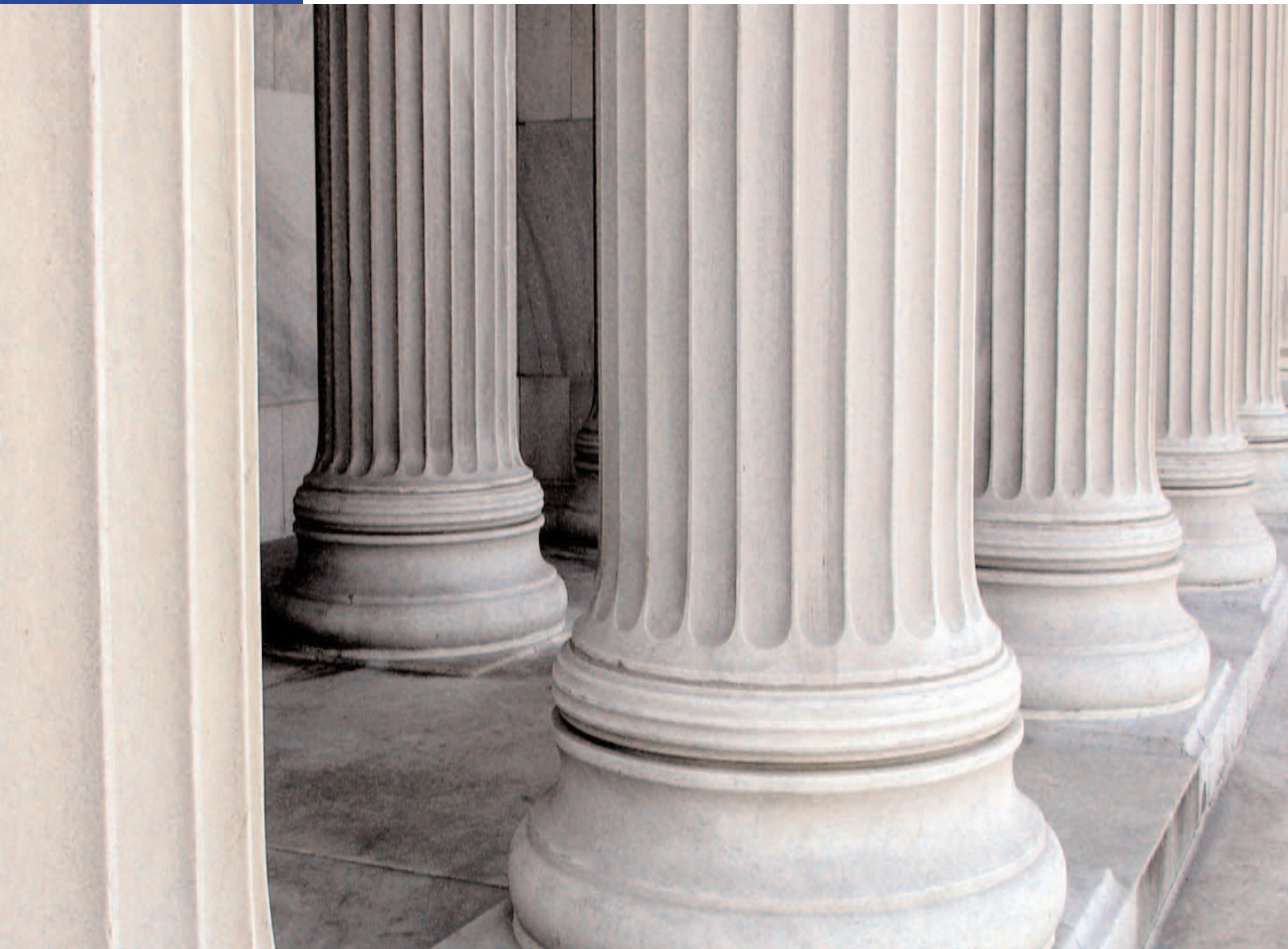




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A large, semi-transparent yellow seal of the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine is positioned behind the title. The seal features a central emblem with a building and a sun, surrounded by the text 'STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO' and 'SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE'.

**Yankee Dental Meeting Hospitality Reception**

Friday, January 28, 2005 / 6:30 - 8:30 pm / Westin Hotel / St George C&D rooms



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## 2005 Dental Alumni Association Officers

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 Secretary: Russell J. Nisengard '66  
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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Alumni:

Another year has come and gone, and due to the diligent efforts of your Executive Council, the recent Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting will be remembered as one of the best! In looking back on the meeting and what your Alumni Association has accomplished over the past twelve months, I'm reminded of the old adage, "The more things change, the more things stay the same." Is this true of this organization? In many ways, no! With respect to the amount of support that this organization now offers to the students, we have made great strides. Over the last twenty years, I have witnessed the student's awareness of the Alumni Association contributions to their dental education grow exponentially. What about the impact this organization has had on its alumni? We are proud to have offered over sixty continuing education courses over the past fifteen years outside of Western New York, totally funded by this organization. The growth in the size and scope of the Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting, coupled with its ability to bring alumni back to the school and faculty that trained them so well, demonstrates how far this organization has grown.



Finally, this organization has worked hard to foster a strong relationship with the dental school. During these times of budgetary restraint, we have continued to work closely with the Departments of Development and Continuing Education, the faculty, and the Dean's Office to allow the school to continue to thrive. What has not changed? For the most part, the members of the Executive Council! It needs change to continue to move forward in a positive direction. We need more new graduates as well as older alumni. Past Presidents and previous members of the council are needed....we would all benefit from your experience and expertise. I urge you to all get involved with your Alumni Association! We have much more to do, and I look forward to serving you in the coming year. As proud alumni of our dental school, let each of us seek some way to contribute. Your energy, ideas and input would all be welcome!

Sincerely,  
 Richard J. Lynch '83  
 President

## Greetings From Dean Buchanan

At the advent of the 2004 New Year, a major transition in campus leadership began at the University at Buffalo. The Presidency, occupied by William B. Greiner for the previous 13 years, was assumed effective January 1 by John B. Simpson, whose formal inauguration followed on October 15. In the intervening seven-month period, John Simpson completed the recruitment and appointment of a new Provost, Satish Tripathi, and a new Chief of Staff and Interim Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations, James A. Willis. President Simpson has quickly and clearly established that our new leadership team will guide future academic development of the University through a comprehensive strategic planning and management initiative called the UB 2020 Strategic Planning Process. The introduction of more systematic approaches to planning and management, aimed at building on UB's strong traditions of excellence to enhance its position as a leading public research University, is most timely and welcome. I thought you, as friends and supporters of the School of Dental Medicine, might be interested in learning more about UB 2020, a process that promises to have significant future impact on our institution.



UB 2020 will proceed in four phases: Environmental Assessment -- entailing an evaluation of internal strengths and weaknesses and external opportunities and threats; Formulation -- during which strategies will be developed; Implementation -- during which action plans and associated resource allocation decisions will be made to support realization of strategies; and Reevaluation -- during which progress and effectiveness in achieving strategies will be measured. Planning activities are guided by the UB 2020 Executive Committee and pursued by two principal committees, the Academic Planning Committee and the Academic Support Planning Committee.

The Academic Planning Committee has created four subcommittees to facilitate review of both current and emerging institutional strengths. The Academic Support Planning Committee has also established four subcommittees to examine the current academic support infrastructure, including operations, processes and systems and to develop recommendations for improvement of the quality and efficiency of support services by determining costs associated with services, benchmarking, and defining sources and uses of revenue. UB 2020 is also informed by the work of the Committee Engagement Task Force and the Bioinformatics Business Planning Task Force. To date, the eight subcommittees have solicited information and feedback from wide cross sections of the faculty, staff, and student communities. For instance, subcommittees have examined over 120 submissions from faculty and staff concerning departmental strategic strengths and foci of emerging excellence and more than 700 have participated in focus group interviews conducted by workshop teams. Many others have contributed through online surveys, and the entire University community is able to track the progress of planning through the UB 2020 web site. Both principal committees are scheduled to report to the Executive Committee in December.

The School of Dental Medicine is represented on the Executive Committee and on the Academic Planning and Academic Support Planning committees. In addition, our faculty and staff have been engaged in the survey and focus group processes and in contributing directly to the work of the various subcommittees. I would like to thank all of those from the School who have taken advantage of the opportunity to contribute to these highly participative and collaborative efforts. UB 2020 will ultimately produce a comprehensive academic plan and an associated campus master plan which together will shape our collective future. The School of Dental Medicine's own Strategic Planning Process will be confluent with UB 2020, ensuring that our outstanding academic programs and new strategic initiatives will continue to contribute to the University's Mission in education, research, and service. I will keep you informed of progress.

## 2004 Honor Award

Dr. Mirdza (Mitzie) Neiders retired on January 1, 2004 after having spent 42 years as a full-time member of the UB School of Dental Medicine faculty. Mitzie earned her DDS degree from the University of Michigan and joined our faculty soon after completing her graduate study in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at the University of Chicago. She became a Diplomate of the Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology in 1964, achieved tenure at UB in 1965 and was promoted to full professor in 1970. In 2002 she was promoted to the prestigious rank of SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor.

During her academic career, Mitzie Neiders was very active as a teacher, mentor and researcher. She directed and presented many important didactic and clinical courses in the dental school's predoctoral curriculum as well as in our advanced clinical specialty and graduate programs. In addition, Mitzie personally tutored and advised many dental students, students in advanced clinical specialty programs, graduate MS and PhD candidates, and college students contemplating careers in the health sciences. She also devoted considerable time and effort to the recruitment and tutoring of college students from under-represented minorities, several of whom subsequently became dental students and practicing dentists. As a result of her commitment to teaching, the 2002 graduating class selected her as their Outstanding Professor – "in recognition of her dedication, contribution and professionalism towards quality education." Subsequent to this, she was selected for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Mitzie Neiders has also had a stellar research career and developed particular expertise in the areas of oral pathology, periodontal disease, immunology, and immunofluorescence. She published many articles in scientific and professional journals, served on 'Study Section' of NIDR and, for several years, did intra-mural research in the National Institutes of Health. In addition to her very successful career as a teacher, mentor and researcher, Mitzie served on many important dental school and university-wide committees, including the President's Review Board for Promotion and Tenure (PRB), which she chaired.

Mitzie Neiders is a highly valued member of our faculty and she will continue to teach on a part-time basis.



*Thank you for this great honor for my small contribution to the alumni of UB School of Dental Medicine. This occasion gives me an opportunity to thank you, the Buffalo alumni, for the great contribution you made to my life while you were dental students.*

*I came to Buffalo in 1962. I had been in the U.S. for 12 years. The only thing I had done in these 12 years is to go to school and have a number of menial jobs. I finished high school in Iowa and learned how to candle eggs and be a house cleaner. Then I went to Ohio State for predent and learned how to pick tomatoes in the Ohio fields. I went to U. Michigan for dental school and had an overnight laundry service for uniforms of my classmates. My next move was to U. Chicago for residency in general dentistry and oral pathology.*

*And then I came to Buffalo to be educated by you. You as dental students of the 60s were instrumental in my learning the English language. You also taught me how to look professional.... The major contribution to my education in the 70s and 80s was the advice I got from the dental students of how to be a good mother.... In the 90s, you as students worked very hard to improve me as a human being. I was taught to be humble, compassionate and tolerant.... In this new century the students are giving me advice how to have an adventurous old age....*

*You have made my life great, interesting and satisfying, thank you so much!*

*Remarks by Mirdza E. Neiders, DDS*

# 2004 Humanitarian Award

*I would like to thank the UB Alumni Association for this award. To say I am honored is an understatement. More than that, I am humbled - humbled because I find it hard to believe that an individual can receive an award for doing what he really enjoys...*

*Years ago, leaders of our profession put us on a proper path for success and the leaders today are staying the course, protecting our patients' rights and our profession. Many of these past and present leaders are graduates of our school. The future of dentistry looks bright.... We had 2 junior dental students from UB address the Board of Directors of the 7th District Dental Society. They were there to ask us for money - money to enable qualified dental students to attend leadership seminars and meetings of organized dentistry. What made their request a slam dunk was when they informed us that the Buffalo Chapter of the ASDA had recently been recognized as the number one chapter in the U.B. Class of 2005, you and your fellow students should be very proud of your accomplishment. We are very proud of you.*

*...get involved - with families, communities, worthwhile causes, and with charitable organizations... Support organized dentistry... The rewards are great. When you become more financially successful, give back to our profession, charitable organizations, worthwhile causes, and your dental school.*

*Recent graduates and the class of 2005, I am certain that like all of us, your parents told you to mind your "P's" and "Q's". I am going to tell you that in dentistry we have a "P" and an "E" that are extremely important. The "P" does not stand for profits - it stands for professionalism. Always set your core values high. The "E" does not stand for egos. An ego can be very destructive. The "E" stands for ethics, the basis of professionalism. If you are professional and set a high standard of ethics, your future will be bright. You will make a positive mark on your family, community, and profession.*

*Remarks by Richard F. Andolina DDS '80*



Richard F. Andolina received his DDS degree with thesis honors from UB in 1980. During dental school he was a class officer all 4 years and served as the President of the Dental Student Association during his senior year. He also served as the representative from UB to the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) and the American Association of Dental Schools Council of Students during his last 2 years of dental school. Upon graduation he completed a GPR at Millard Fillmore Hospital in Buffalo and moved back to the Southern Tier area of NY State to establish a general dental practice in Hornell.

Dr. Andolina's involvement in community activities began shortly after he arrived in Hornell. A member of the medical staff at St. James Mercy Hospital since 1982, he became heavily involved in a capital campaign for an expansion project within 3 years of his arrival. In the 1990's he served for 8 years as a member on their Board of Directors and sat on numerous committees. In 1993 he aided the hospital in establishing a dental clinic to serve the indigent population of the area.

He has served on the board of directors of organizations such as the Hornell Area Humane Society, and YMCA. Heavily involved in youth activities, he has coached baseball and basketball for many years. He has served for over 10 years on the board of the Arkport, NY little league, serving as president for 7 years. He is a member of numerous local fraternal and service organizations and sits on numerous committees in those organizations. He is also on the Board of Directors of a community bank.

While enjoying community involvement, Rick's passion is his profession. Four years after establishing his practice, he became president of the Steuben County Dental Society. Four years later he was invited to become a member of the 7th District Dental Society Board of Directors where he is still a member. He has served on almost every committee and in every capacity at the District level, becoming president in 1999. Having served as treasurer in the early 1990's, he again became treasurer in 2001. In addition, he serves as treasurer of the 7th District Dental Administrators, a for-profit subsidiary of the 7th District Dental Society, that he helped establish in 1999. He was a member of the NYSDA Council on Dental Practice from 1990-2000 serving as the Council Chair for 4 years. He has been a member of the Board of Governors of NYSDA since 2001, is on the nominating committee and chairs the credentials, rules and order committee. He is also a member of the ADA House of Delegates, serving in that capacity since 2001. He has served as the NYS Caucus Chair for Practice, Benefit, and Hospital Dentistry every year since becoming an ADA Delegate.

Dr. Andolina has been awarded fellowships in the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, the Academy of Dentistry International and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He is also a member of the UB School of Dental Medicine Dean's Associates.

Dr. Andolina lives in Arkport with his wife, Molly and their four children, Rick Jr., Nicholas, Jillian, and Mitchell.



# Alumnotes

**George I. Miller '41** and his wife Shirley, holding their two hour old great-grandson, Tanner White Schafer.



Rosemary and **John Laura '47** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with members of the wedding party and family at the Corinthian Club in Syracuse, NY, on September 11, 2004. Dr. Laura read a poem he wrote thanking everyone for attending.



Four members of the Class of 1947 meet every year on February 22, the anniversary of their graduation. From left: **Stew Thompson, John Laura, Al Falcone and Verdi Carsten.**

**Mark Morchower '64** retired from private practice in 2002 and now works as a part-time dentist for DentServe Inc, which supplies dentists to nursing homes. Dr. Morchower lives in Syracuse, NY, and spends part of each winter in Florida.

**Lawrence B. DiBona '66** has been a member of the Massachusetts Dental Society for 35 years and has held many volunteer positions with Yankee Dental Congress and the Metropolitan District Dental Society. A Vietnam War veteran, Dr. DiBona rose to the rank of captain in the US Navy Reserve before retiring in 1994. He maintains a private practice in Wellesley Hills and was appointed to BARID in 1999 by former Governor Paul Cellucci.



**Russell J. Nisengard '66 & P-G '70** was installed as a trustee of the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) at their annual meeting in Orlando, FL in November. In addition to his work with the Academy, he is a member of the ADA, International College of Dentists, and past-president of Periodontal Research Group for the International Association for Dental Research as well as the Western NY Periodontal Study Club. Dr. Nisengard

also serves on the Editorial Board for the *Journal of Periodontology* and *Periodontal Insights*. He is currently distinguished teaching professor of microbiology and periodontology and Executive Associate Dean, UB School of Dental Medicine.

**Stuart Fischman, P-G Oral Path '66**, spent April-May 2004 in Jerusalem visiting with friends and colleagues at the Hebrew U. – Hadassah School of Dental Medicine. He presented several seminars to faculty members and to the staff and director of Dental Health for the Israeli Ministry of Health. He also consulted with faculty colleagues on ongoing research projects, publications, and teaching activities. While in Jerusalem, Stuart and Jane took a side trip to Riga, Latvia. As a volunteer for Dental Health Care International, he consulted with the Bikur Holim Hospital staff on measures to enhance their oral health care program.



Dr. Fischman was also inducted into the Bennett Alumni Honor Roll, Bennett High School, Buffalo, NY.

Western New York Dental Group dentists **Robert Gianadda '70 and Peter Starkey '83** are volunteers in the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry's Give Back a Smile program. The program provides free consultation and dental treatment to domestic violence survivors who have sustained dental injuries from abuse.

**Gregory E. Hudecki '72** was appointed to St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute's Board of Directors for a 3-year term. He was inducted into the Sigmum Fidei Society of the school's Alumni Association in 1995 and into the Institute's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998. He received the school's Athletic Leadership Award the same year. Dr. Hudecki is currently in private practice in Buffalo, NY.

**Gerald C. Benjamin '77** has attained Master Level status at Frank Spear's Seattle Institute of Advanced Dental Education and has taken more hours at the Institute than any dentist from NY State. He also completed a Master Level course with Newton Fahl in Chicago on Complex Direct Resin Bonding in the Anterior Region. Dr. Fahl's comment on his completed work was "Exceptional." Dr. Benjamin was selected for "Guide to America's Top Dentists" and "Who's Who of American Professionals." Dr. Benjamin currently is in private practice in Cropseyville, NY and has joined the faculty



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## In Memoriam

**Max W. Burstein '41**

**Bert Awner '53**

**Gerard T. Grassi '61**

**Michael C. Smith '75**

**The 27th Annual Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting** was held November 3-4-5, 2004 at the Buffalo Convention Center. Over 2,500 dental professionals attended 25 outstanding lecture presentations and shopped for goods, services and products displayed on the exhibit floor.







## Reunion Dinner Dance

Hyatt Regency Buffalo  
November 5, 2004



Andy '80 & Sue Vorrasi and Krista & Raul Rodriguez '80

**T**wo thousand and four was a fantastic year for class reunions. Most of our five-year classes had successful reunions indicated by strong class turnouts. The Class of '54, our Golden Anniversary Class, had an exceptional response and was honored as guests of the Alumni Association. The Class of 2005 was also present as guests of the Association and their youth was inspirational creating a celebratory atmosphere.

Those attending were honored by the presence of Dr. George Rosenthal '34, who was celebrating his 70th reunion. He was escorted by his sons, Murray '63 and Dean '76. Dr. Rosenthal shared some thoughts with the assembly about his life, career and advice for future dentists. (Dr. Rosenthal's remarks are printed on page 11.)



Class of 1954 - Bob Tague, Leo Crawley, Stan Philips & Marv Wolff



Class of 1954 - Vincent and Eleanor Sementilli & Janet and Alfonse Acciani



Gene (P-G Endo '86 & MS '87) and Carole '88 Pantera, Jennifer Kuracina '92, Tony Kritkauskys '92, & Donna and Charlie Matlach '76



Class of 1980 - Raul Rodriguez, Dean Buchanan, Rick Andolina, Andy Vorrasi, & Frank Barnashuk



**Class of 1964 - Michael Richards, James Olson, & James Strychalski**



**Beth Reilly '84, Irving '39 and Arlene Vogel**



**George Rosenthal '34 with Rosenthal Scholarship recipients Kellie Greenwich '07, Anthony Lister '06, & Josh Haremza '05**



**Adam Chalom '05, Kelly O'Coynne, and Jason Reaves '05**



**Allyson Stewart '06, Ray Miller '85, & Thomas Cingel '05**



**The Andolina family - Nick, Rick Sr., Molly, and Rick Jr.**



**T**hanks and congratulations to the reunion classes and their chairs!

1944 - Dr. Henry Bembenista  
 1954 - Dr. Constantine Philips  
 1959 - Drs. Ronald Grazen, Paul Kendall, David Maiman, & Joseph Pantera  
 1964 - Drs. Peter Doyle, Charles Smith, James Strychalski, & Ronald Zielin  
 1969 - Dr. Peter Procopio  
 1974 - Drs. Russell Buffomante, William Cihak, Timothy Glor, & Walter Zimdahl  
 1979 - Drs. Paul DiBenedetto & Charles Marchetta  
 1984 - Drs. John Lucchese & Beth Reilly  
 1989 - Dr. Anthony MacDonald  
 1994 - Drs. Kurt O'Donnell, Salvatore Ortolano, & David Rice  
 1999 - Dr. Michelle Gifford



Class of 1944



Class of 1954



Class of 1964



Class of 1969



Class of 1979



Class of 1984

2004  
REUNION  
CLASSES



Murray '63, George '34, and Dean '76 Rosenthal

*I*t is a great pleasure for me to look out at this audience of dentists and students from UB Dental School. Congratulations to you all. I spent all my college years at UB. First I became a pharmacist, then a dentist graduating 70 years ago. After graduation, I was offered a position as a junior in medical school but turned it down. I wanted only to be a dentist – a decision I have never regretted. During the last 70 years, I practiced dentistry in Rochester for 53 years, married my hygienist, and had two sons, who chose dental careers – Murray and Dean. Both of my sons did as I did; they went to college and dental school at UB. UB has given all of us the education needed to be a good dentist. I am very proud of my sons as they are both terrific practitioners. In fact, they are much better dentists than I was! I hope all of you will join me and my sons in supporting this excellent school. It is one of the best dental schools in the country and I am proud to have graduated from here. Thank you.

*Remarks by George Rosenthal '34*



Class of 1989



Class of 1994



Class of 1999



Class of 2005

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at the Master Level Esthetic Program at the Esthetic Dentistry Education Center with Fred McIntyre '72.

**Peter Monaghan '79** (Ph.D. '96, Northwestern University) and **Lien Le** (D.D.S. '03, The Ohio State University) are partners, practicing general dentistry in Evanston, IL. Dr. Monaghan also works in biological materials research and is a member of the editorial review board for "The Angle Orthodontist". Dr. Le finished her general dental practice residency at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, OH just prior to moving to Evanston. Their practice includes intravenous sedation methods to reduce anxiety in concerned patients.

**Lynne G. Halik '80 & P-G Pedro '82** is serving as president, NY Seventh District Dental Society and NY State Chair, Pierre Fauchard Academy. She is currently in the private practice of pediatric dentistry with her associate, **Tyger Foster '02 & P-G Pedro '04** in Pittsford, NY.

**John H. Campbell '81** joined the UB School of Dental Medicine faculty as an Associate Professor in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and as Director of the Advanced Education Program. He came to Buffalo from Indiana University School of Dentistry, Dept. of Oral Surgery and Hospital Dentistry, where he directed the Division of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and the Residency Program.



**Terrence McLean '83 and Maureen Sullivan '87** gave a presentation entitled, Oral Cancer & Maxillofacial Prosthetics Update, to the general membership meeting of the 8th District Dental Society. Dr. Sullivan is currently

Assistant Professor, School of Dental Medicine and Chief, Dept. of Dentistry / Maxillofacial Prosthetics, Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Dr. McLean is Clinical Associate Professor, School of Dental Medicine and Director, Pre-Clinical Lab Program in Complete Denture Prosthodontics.

**Frank Scannapieco (P-G Perio '89 & PhD '91)** assumed the Chair of the UB School of Dental Medicine Dept. of Oral Biology on Sept. 1, 2004. Frank first joined our faculty in 1987 as a Clinical Instructor and has been a Professor of Oral Biology since 2002.

**Mary Beth Dunn '90** has been listed as a 2004 Woman Who Means Business. She has been involved with organized dentistry on national, state and local levels. She received the ADA Golden Apple Award in 1998, given to one young dentist in the United States each year. She was inducted into the Dental Honor Society and the American & International Colleges of Dentists, which is bestowed to only 3 percent of all dentists. Mary Beth is a Business First 40 Under Forty award winner and is involved with her high school and college



alumni associations. Her volunteer activities include working at soup kitchens, Special Olympics, St. Gregory the Great parish and the Leukemia Society. Mary Beth is currently in private practice - pediatric dentist, clinical pediatric dental instructor at UB Dental School and a pediatric attending dentist in the operating room at Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo.

**Heidi Crow (MS '91 & P-G TMD '91)** joined the UB School of Dental Medicine faculty as an Associate Professor in the Dept. of Oral Diagnostic Sciences, directing the Advanced Education Program in TMD and Orofacial Pain and as Assistant Dean for Postdoctoral General Dentistry Programs. She came to Buffalo from Indiana University School of Dentistry, Dept. of Oral Surgery and Hospital Dentistry, where she was Director of the GPR Program and the Orofacial Pain Clinic.



**Patricia and Robert Doht '94** joyfully announce the birth of their son, Michael Robert, born May 20, 2004. Michael weighed 8 lbs, 4 ozs. Proud sisters are Caitlin and Ashley.

**Lorraine Lewis '94** and her husband, Dan Slasar, reside in Cape Cod, MA, with their 3 children. Dr. Lewis is in the private practice of pediatric dentistry and is attending doctor at Cape Cod Hospital since 1999.



**Othman Shibly, MS '95**, a UB dental school faculty member, is attempting to counter prejudice by actively working to promote dialogue between Eastern and Western cultures. As an Arab-American born in Syria, he always had faced some prejudice. But with the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, that prejudice intensified, with many Americans expressing a bristling, sometimes uncomfortable dislike of anyone Muslim. He says he loves being an American and feels a moral responsibility to promote understanding of Muslims. A calm and humble, yet feverish peacemaker through soft dialogue, Dr. Shibly is sought after as a lecturer, both locally and internationally.

**Todd F. Sherwood '96** has started a new orthodontic practice in Hartsdale, NY. This is his first solo practice, having spent the last 5 years working for other orthodontists. He recently renewed friendships with fellow Westchester alumnae **Abbe H. Kellner-Kutno '94 & GPR '95** and **Jeffrey A. Katz '95**.

**Nancy A. Cavotta-Morton '97 and Colin Morton '97** are expecting their first child in December 2004.

**Joseph J. Fantuzzo '98 & Oral Surgery '04** is a department fellow in the Division of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, U. of Rochester Medical Center, Eastman Dental Center.

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*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 Award

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

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

If you know of an alumnus who is deserving of either honor, please contact the Alumni Office at 800-756-0328 ext. 2 or 716-829-2061; FAX 716-829-3609; EMAIL msulzbac@buffalo.edu

## Hanau Cup Hockey

Skates are being sharpened, sticks are being taped, and the ibuprofen is being stockpiled. Hanau Cup Hockey returns to Western New York on Saturday, March 5, 2005 at 7:00 pm. The pick-up ice hockey game involving students, faculty, staff, and alumni will carry on the great tradition of years past. The storied rivalry between faculty and students has been lost, but the tradition of hockey and post-game party in true Buffalo style continues.

Interested players should call the Alumni Office at 829-2061 or (800) 756-0328 ext. 2. A detailed mailing will go out in early 2005 to all who reply.

Raymond G. Miller '85



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**Heather VanWinkle '98 and Walter Homayoon, P-G '99** welcomed their first born daughter, Emily Marie Homayoon, on Sept 3, 2004. She weighed 6 lbs 4 oz.



**Michael Greenbaum '99** and his wife, Kristy, are proud to announce the birth of their 1st son, Dillon Ryan Greenbaum. He was born on July 16, 2004 and weighed 8 lbs 4 oz.

**Lauren Kramer '01** was married on Aug 15, 2004 to Dr. Yuri Goldvasser, a pedodontist. Lauren has been working at a group practice in Manhattan since 2001. The couple lives in NJ.

**Andrew M. Arcuri '02** married Gina Baccaro on July 5, 2003. He graduated from Temple U. on Oct. 1, 2004 with a Certificate in Orthodontics and an MS in Oral Biology. Dr. Arcuri currently practices with Pediatric Dentistry & Interceptive Orthodontics, PC, in Fayetteville, NY.

**Jody L. Ball '03** and John M. Wright were married on September 11, 2004.

**Joshua L. DeMichele '03** completed his GPR at the VA Hospital, Buffalo, NY, in June 2004. In August, he started his career in private practice as an associate with **Leslie Ann Glassbrenner (Associate Member)** at Gentle Dentistry, East Aurora, NY. He currently resides in Buffalo and in his free time, enjoys playing guitar, skiing, snowboarding, hiking, and brewing his own beer. DeMichele wishes his former classmates the best of luck as they begin their career endeavors.

**Amie M. McCarthy '03 & GPR '04** is an instructor working in the Division of Community Dentistry and Oral Disease Prevention, U. of Rochester Medical Center, Eastman Dental Center.

### Extracted Teeth Needed!

Permanent & deciduous (with or without roots) for the Dental & Oral Anatomy course (RDN 802).

Our present tooth bank is getting old and brittle. Needed are teeth in reasonable condition (small restorations and small lesions ok). Deciduous anteriors, maxillary second premolars, and second molars (both arches) are in especially short supply. We already have too many third molars.

Please sterilize (dryclave) teeth free of soft tissue and bone. Forward to: George W. Ferry, DDS, UB School of Dental Medicine, 235 Squire Hall, Buffalo, NY 14214-8006.

Thank you!

## Editorials

### Consumer Driven Health Plans: The Cure to “Mismanaged” Care; Chester J. Gary, DDS, JD

Ask any doctor, patient or administrator whether managed care has reduced health care costs while making quality services accessible to all. Except for insurance company CEOs, with seven figure incomes, the participants will confirm that “mismanaged” care is a lose-lose-lose for the system, doctors and, most of all, patients. “Mismanaged” care organizations (MCOs) have failed because they are based upon the false premise that people can’t be trusted.

This mistrust drives a wedge between doctor and patient, creating three unworkable situations. First, it violates patients’ individual rights. Second, it interferes with doctors’ abilities to practice what they learn. Finally, it erodes any incentives for doctors to improve quality and efficiency or for patients to become better health care consumers.

Consumer driven health plans promise to succeed precisely because they support a strong doctor-patient relationship, the key to efficient health care administration.

Consumer driven plans and forms of direct reimbursement for self-insured companies allow employees and their employers to make pre-tax contributions to a pool of money to spend as the employee/patient chooses for health care. Some of these plans are increasing in popularity, since Congress recently authorized health savings accounts, which operate similar to 401K plans. If not depleted, the money can be saved and invested, retained after a job change, or carried over from year to year for post-retirement care, or even willed tax-free to a surviving spouse. Upcoming Department of Treasury rules will further define the tax treatment of these accounts.

MCOs assume patients are too ignorant and weak to make competent decisions with their health care benefits. As a result, they interfere in the doctor-patient relationship and make decisions for patients that deny them their legal right to self-determination. However, the law of informed consent is based upon this right. The NY Court of Appeals has stated that all adults of sound mind have a right to determine what shall be done with their own bodies. No one can legally substitute their judgment for that of the patient.

Yet, MCOs violate this doctrine each time they arbitrarily refuse to cover treatment patients need and want. Such loss of autonomy removes all incentive for patients to become better consumers of health care. Furthermore, since participants cannot save or carry over benefits, it reduces motivation for them to make lifestyle changes to improve their health status, such as practicing home oral care and quitting smoking.

MCOs further suspect that doctors will overtreat and provide medically unnecessary treatment to unsuspecting patients. Their solution has been to weaken doctors’ authority through an onerous maze of rules and coverage limitations. Although all doctors may never make ideal treatment decisions at all times, it is counterproductive to mistrust and micromanage our most highly trained health care specialists. Furthermore, any system that imposes cost containment over doctors’ training and expertise and over patients’ right to self-determination will only succeed in breaking the spirit of everyone involved.

Consumer driven plans not only trust their participants, they invest in them. What a concept! Allow medical experts to determine medical necessity. Allow individuals to determine what they will do with their own bodies. As health care professionals, we have a duty to educate patients and their employers regarding any plan that protects their autonomy and makes quality health care more available.

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### “It’s Awesome, Baby”; Matthew J. Messina, DDS

This month, I’m sitting down to the computer recovering after playing in the 8th grade kids vs. coaches and parents basketball game. As is usual for me with sports, I have learned many lessons. The first is that if I ever “had game,” it’s all gone now. I at least met my goal of completing the game with my hamstrings and Achilles tendons still attached. I can still type, so I assume that my fingers also survived.

Another lesson of the game is that it is often easier to coach than to do. Describing the proper method of breaking a press or zone defense seems so simple. The execution in game situations is a challenge. Watching the NCAA basketball tournament games with my family this weekend, I marvel at the great coaches who appear to have their teams “ready to play” for each game.

As coaches in the dental office, we need to discuss how we want our team to “play” the day, but the difficult part is having the actions match our design. As in basketball, drawing up the play is important, so that we know what each person’s job is. Then we practice, so that we know how it feels, and “see” the way each player moves. Life, sadly, moves at a higher speed than practice and requires split-second changes in the plays.

Coaching is a balance between giving enough information and structure to meet the challenges of life, while supporting our team so they feel confident in making the on-court decisions needed to respond to what the opposition does. Have I given my dental team enough instruction so they know the plays? Do they know what I want them to do in a certain situation? Do they each know their role on the team? We can’t be a one-person team and succeed. Do they understand the goals, and how we score? I need to give them enough plays to be able to succeed in the day’s events.

Also, I have given them sufficient practice so they are comfortable in the game plan. They need to trust each other. A top dental team doesn’t need to be best friends, but they must respect each person for their talents and how they fit on the team. (This is why staff turnover is such a problem.) Finally, have I given my team members enough support, so that they have the self confidence to take the risks necessary to respond to the changing nature of a day in the dental office?

I have been known to use motivational quotes both for my office staff and for teams I am coaching. The young kids at first think this is weird, but gradually I think they begin to like it. I keep telling the basketball team that “you always miss 100 percent of the shots you don’t take.” This lesson is equally important in the office. As the coach, we provide parameters for our team. (“These are the good shots” or “These would be bad shots for you on our offense.”)

Once I establish the good shots, then each player knows that I will be supportive of any such shots taken, whether they go in or not. Each team member is empowered to take all the shots they have been given in their area, and any basketball player will tell you that confidence is a big factor in making shots. Are we too quick to criticize a missed shot? We all win or lose together. We need to pick each other up from day to day. Not everyone will be “on” every day. A great team has the balance to allow someone to have an “off” day, and the other team members will pick them up.

The final lesson for me today was simply the value of playing. There comes a time to stop talking and go out and play. I’m certainly way past my prime. (Did I ever have a prime?) I didn’t have to play today, but I’m really glad that I did. A bit of public embarrassment in front of full bleachers at the school gym is good for the soul. It’s great to get out there and play. I didn’t make a shot today, but I tried a few. I even listened to my own advice to my daughter Caitlin, the two-guard: if your shot is off, just play good defense and help your team in other ways. I couldn’t make a shot to save myself, but a couple of assists sure feel good.

As Dick Vitale has been shouting on ESPN, it was “AWESOME, BABY!”

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## Reunion Classes Reception

Squire Hall

November 4, 2004

Reunion class members and friends enjoyed each other's company at the Reunion Reception in the third floor lobby of Squire Hall on Thursday, November 4th. The highlight of the evening was the unveiling of a plaque in honor of Alan Drinnan '64 by Norman Mohl '56, Chairman Emeritus of the Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences. Terry Thines '75 also presented some remarks about Dr. Drinnan. Dean Richard Buchanan welcomed the graduates and tours were offered by several current students. As you can see, a good time was had by all!



Rita Drinnan, Julia & Tom Doran



Marlene & Ross Elkin '59



Stan '54 & Connie Philips and  
Dean Buchanan



Class of 1984



Norm Mohl '56, Sam Shatkin '54, Marvin Wolff '54, Roger  
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## Student Accomplishments



Twelve dental students attended the 34th ASDA Annual Session: Sept 1-5, 2004. At this meeting, our Buffalo ASDA chapter won the highest award in the nation: IDEAL ASDA. This was an incredible honor that received a standing ovation at the convention. This award reflects the incredible dedication that our student body has put forth this past year. The UB School of Dental Medicine is now the national standard for how an ASDA chapter should be run.



Brigid Fitch, a current senior, received the honor of ASDA 'Delegate of the Year'. This award is given to one representative in our caucus

Tuhina Sen, class of 2004, was awarded 'National ASDA article of the year'.

**Congratulations to our outstanding student representatives!**

# ADA Hospitality Reception

October 1, 2004  
Orlando, Florida



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Dean Rick Buchanan, Kevin Hanley '78, Kathryn DeCarlo, Danielle Hanley, Maria Miller, and Phyllis Zak



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We strive to be as complete and accurate as possible. Please notify the Development Office of any errors or omissions. Thank you. Look for a complete listing of all donors from 2004 early in the New Year.

### **Reunion Activities Support School Initiatives**

As highlighted throughout this issue, the Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting, Reunion Dinner Dance, Alumni Reception and other events were a great opportunity to catch up with classmates, meet new friends, and enjoy our famous Buffalo hospitality. Led by many members of the class of 1954 and inspired by Dr. George Rosenthal '34, dentists from around the country converged on Squire Hall, the Convention Center, and gathering places across Western New York.

As part of their reunion activities, alumni showed their support of their alma mater by generously giving back. All told, reunion giving exceeded \$35,000, and we haven't seen the end yet! Our sincere thanks go out to all of the donors. Your support makes it possible for our students to continue the fine tradition of outstanding dental training you received. Whether you gave to a scholarship fund, to a program or department, or to the general fund, thank you for giving your school the extra edge we need to attract and educate the next generation of dentists.



## *Pantera Honored by Association of Mexican Endodontists*

Gene Pantera (P-G Endo '86 & MS '87), Carole Pantera '88, Charles Matlach '76 and Donna Matlach CDA recently attended the meeting for the Association of Mexican Endodontists in Acapulco. Dr. Gene Pantera received a Distinguished Service Award for his continuous support of lectures for the past 3 years at the annual event.



Gene Pantera receiving his award from Dr. Elsa Cruz, Director of the Association of Mexican Endodontists



(seated l-r) Gene Pantera, Carole Pantera, Jorge Soloza, Dr. Elsa Cruz. (standing l-r) Charles Matlach, Cecelia (neice of Dr. Bolado), Dr. Enrique Bolado, Donna Matlach, Dr. Elena Chavez, Dr. Alexandra Vergara, Dr. Ricardo Vergara.

## *Oral Diagnostic Sciences is 10-Years Old*

The Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences (ODS) recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of its founding. In doing so, it also honored Norman D. Mohl '56, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, who chaired the department since its inception in 1994. The Department of ODS was initially organized by merging the Departments of Oral Medicine, Stomatology and Interdisciplinary Science as well as portions of Behavioral Sciences, Biomaterials, and Oral Health Services and Informatics.

The 10th anniversary celebration included a series of well-attended scientific lectures that reflected the activities and interests of the department. The lectures were entitled, Buffalo's Contribution to Understanding Temporomandibular Disorders (by Dr. Charles Greene of the University of Illinois at Chicago), What You Can Do To Prevent Stroke (by Dr. Laurie Carter '83 & P-G Oral Pathology '86 of Virginia Commonwealth University), The Changing Face of AIDS (by Dr. Stuart Fischman, P-G Oral Pathology '66 of UB), Dental Practice and Emerging Concepts in Oral Pathology (by Dr. Joseph Natiella, P-G Oral Pathology '68 of UB), and Biomaterials: Differential Diagnosis of Foreign Body Reactions (by Dr. Robert Baier of UB).

The evening portion of the celebration consisted of a reception, a dinner and comments about the department and Norm Mohl by Scott McCall, Interim Chair, former Deans Bill Feagans, Lou Goldberg, Russ Nisengard, and current Dean Richard Buchanan. Norm Mohl presented a 'mini- seminar', entitled The Pros and Cons of Department Mergers. A good time was had by all.

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