



CLASSNOTES

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1960s

* **Lance Fogan, MD '65, MPH**, retired from active neurology practice with the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program in Southern California in 1997, but he continues to teach and to lead brain-cutting sessions as clinical professor of neurology at UCLA. He has created a website, LanceFogan.com, in order to market a novel he hopes to publish, titled *Conner's Little 'Ding' Spells: A Child's Experience with Epilepsy*. It concerns a third-grader with learning difficulties due to unrecognized complex partial seizures that are missed by his parents, teachers, psychologists and pediatrician. His website contains excerpts from the novel. The site also details Fogan's career, publications and his research into Shakespeare's connection with neurology. Fogan funded the Edward Fogan Annual Neurology Prize since 1986, honoring his father who died in 1953. It is awarded to a deserving neurology resident in UB's program. His e-mail is lfogan@sbcglobal.net.

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1970s

* **Elliott Brender, MD '70, FACS** was the guest speaker at the Cambodian Surgical Society in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, from November 11-13th, 2009. His topic was "Hernia in the 21st Century and What Is Realistic for Cambodia." He brought enough donations of suture, mesh and antibiotics to repair 250 hernias. He also taught his techniques to the Cambodian surgeons.

Timothy Block, PhD '79, has been elected a fellow of American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in honor of his discovery of molecular mechanisms of viral persistence and therapeutic strategies for hepatitis B virus and herpes simplex virus.

In 1991 Block cofounded the Hepatitis B Foundation, which today is the only national nonprofit organization solely dedicated to finding a cure for this disease. He has been involved in chronic viral hepatitis research for more than 20 years and is internationally recognized for his outstanding scholarship and scientific contributions.



Block is a professor of microbiology and immunology, Drexel University College of Medicine, and director of the Drexel Institute for Biotechnology and Virology Research. He also is chair of the Gastroenterology Extramural Collaborative Groups of the cancer prevention section of the National Cancer Institute. He serves on NIH study sections and is an elected fellow of the International Union

Against Cancer and the Glycobiology Institute of The University of Oxford. He lives in Doylestown, PA, with his wife, Joan, and their two children, Peter (age 20) and Suzanne (age 18), both of whom are currently in college.

Bruce D. Rodgers, MD '79, has been promoted to professor of obstetrics and gynecology at UB and has been appointed director of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Sisters of Charity Hospital, Buffalo. His email is brodger@buffalo.edu.

IN MEMORIAM

George Melvin Ellis Jr., MD '45

As this issue of *Buffalo Physician* was going to press, we learned of the death of George M. Ellis Jr., MD '45, who died in Connersville, IN, on July 21, 2010, at the age of 87.

A native of Toledo, OH, Ellis was a longtime supporter of the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. He was awarded early admission to the UB medicine school in 1942, at the height of World War II. After the war, and upon completing his military service, he relocated to Connersville to begin private practice.

More about Ellis and his contributions to the school will appear in upcoming issues of *Buffalo Physician*.

HealthyWorld Foundation

ARTHUR GOSHIN, MD '70, REACHES OUT TO THE WORLD'S POOREST

BY BETSY SAWYER



***Arthur Goshin, MD '70**, embarked upon a new vocation in 2006 when he established the HealthyWorld Foundation, which seeks to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world lead healthier lives.

The foundation, of which Goshin is president and CEO, represents the capstone of his career-long pursuit of improved health and health-care delivery for patients.

Previously, Goshin served for 27 years as founder, president and CEO of Univera Health-care following a seven-year stint in public health. Additionally, he has served as board member and chair of Freedom from Hunger, which seeks to eradicate world poverty and hunger by providing loans for local, sustainable self-help programs.

It was through his work as a trustee of Freedom from Hunger that Goshin realized his own experience and interests could be brought to bear in finding solutions to seemingly intractable health problems worldwide.

"I was able to witness how the most modest organizations could create sustainable change in the poorest, most remote communities. I could then see how it would be possible to organize and develop sustainable health interventions," he says.

Using an approach modeled after the private enterprise system, HealthyWorld Foundation forms partnerships through which local communities develop programs to help themselves. The foundation funds projects that will

enhance clinical care, prevent illness, improve health literacy and increase access to basic health-care services for very poor people.

The value of a given project is measured not by its size, but by its potential for improving the well-being of the people of the community. The foundation provides grants for up to a three-year period; to receive funding, grantees must show that their project is sustainable and replicable and that it addresses a meaningful gap in available services.

"The potential for significant, collective impact on health problems lies in the common identification of their causes and solutions," Goshin says. "Prevention and early intervention are critical to eliminating the adverse effects of the problems."

The foundation currently sponsors projects in Uganda and India. Except for a Ugandan project director, the foundation has no full-time staff. Goshin visits project sites once or twice a year to assess progress and build partner relationships, but conducts much of the foundation's business via email.

On a number of projects, Goshin has involved students and faculty from the UB

School of Public Health and Health Professions, where he chairs the Dean's Advisory Council. He also has collaborated with faculty at Roswell Park Cancer Institute who have assisted him with the development of an innovative cervical cancer screening project near Calcutta.

Years of experience with not-for-profit organizations have honed his ability to choose reliable partners and delegate tasks. "I've been surprised at how quickly I was able to establish effective programs in many of the poorest rural village areas in these two countries," he says.

The foundation is truly a labor of love for Goshin. Because he doesn't wish to spend his time and energy raising money, he finances the projects from his personal savings.

"Creation of the foundation offered the promise of adding new and special meaning to my life," he says. "My mindset is that all public health problems—even in the most challenging settings—are solvable by a constant and unrelenting search for solutions."

To learn more about the HealthyWorld Foundation, visit its website at www.healthyworldfoundation.org. **BP**

1980s

***Mark Borer, MD '80**, writes: "I am in the practice of child and adolescent and general psychiatry in Dover, Delaware. I have been Delaware's Delegate to the Assembly of the AACAP and have developed for our local Delaware chapter a Pro-Pack Toolkit for consultation by psychiatrists to primary care physicians. The concept of primary care consultation to extend psychiatric education and clinical services to more patients through their primary care physicians is not new; however, the use of this toolkit allows a cost- and time-effective means of sharing clinical information while keeping primary care professionals' time to a minimum. I have a PowerPoint summary of the toolkit, have recently

given a large multidisciplinary conference on this in Dover, and Delaware's Blue Cross is preparing to cover this as a billable service. Our national organization is considering it for their website on best practices." E-mail address: bugglinborer@comcast.net.

Gaetano Scuderi, MD '87, writes: "I have recently been asked to join the staff at Stanford University as a clinical assistant professor. I have been collaborating with the university since 2004, looking at patho-physiologic mechanisms for spinal and joint pain. Additionally, I recently returned from Haiti, where I helped out with the relief effort with a fantastic team of 25 volunteers with AHVED, a



What's Up Doc?

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nonprofit group. We cared for many people with traumatic orthopedic injuries during our six-day stay, and did surgery night and day at an obstetric facility, which we turned into a trauma hospital with two operating rooms! My wife home-schools Yasmeeen, 11, and Giuliana, 8, as we travel back and forth to Palo Alto! His e-mail is scudirimd@me.com.

Stuart R. Varon, MD '89, was listed as a "top doctor" in child and adolescent psychiatry by *Baltimore Magazine* for 2009. Varon is in private practice in Lutherville, MD, and is assistant professor in the

Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and assistant clinical professor in psychiatry at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

1990s

Ann (Nancy) Cotter, MD '90, is the medical director of the Division of Atlantic Medicine at Health in New Jersey, one of the nation's oldest hospital-based integrative medicine programs. She oversees the integration of acupuncture, massage, energy therapies and other modalities into mainstream care, and also

promotes initiatives to help physicians understand and utilize integrative therapies. Cotter teaches acupuncture for Helms Medical Institute/Stanford University School of Medicine's Division of Continuing Education. She is a faculty member in the Department of Physical Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Cotter has authored many academic publications on the use of complementary medicine and is involved in research in integrative medicine.



Kathryn T. Starkey, MD '86,

writes: "I am now working in Invercargill, New Zealand, and have met three other UB alumni: Neil Waldman, MD '92 (bigbalddoc@hotmail.com), and his wife, Nory Garcia, DDS '93. They have their home base in Colorado but have now worked in New Zealand, Nepal, Alaska, Mexico and soon Bhutan. Neil is working currently in emergency medicine. Recently, Camille Hemlock, MD '86, (camillehemlock@yahoo.com), visited. She is working in internal medicine at Timaru, New Zealand, her first locums overseas adventure. Small world!" Email: kiwi2go@yahoo.com.



Kathryn Starkey, MD '86, left, with Neil Waldman, MD '92, and his wife, Nory Garcia, DDS '93.



Kathryn Starkey, MD '86, left, with Camille Hemlock, MD '86.



She lectures widely on integrative medicine in the conventional health-care setting. She is board certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation and integrative/holistic medicine. "I have many fond memories of my UB classmates and would love to be in touch!" she says. Her e-mail address is mingmen@pol.net

2000s

Terry Thompson, MD '01, writes: "I just joined Medical Associates of Central Virginia as a hospitalist. Melissa and kids are well. Melissa is opening Elite Athletics, a gymnastics and fitness facility. Daniel is 16! Makayla 10, Madison, 7." E-mail address: skiingdoc1@gmail.com.

Janell E Lundgren, MD '02, writes: "I'm back at Summit Behavioral Health-care in Cincinnati, OH, a forensic/civil psychiatric hospital, after completing a fellowship at the University of Rochester in forensic psychiatry. I'm also working at a community mental health center doing outpatient work with severely mentally ill patients. When those two jobs allow some free time, I also work PRN at the University Hospital and the VA Hospital in Cincinnati. I'm looking forward to expanding my forensics career after all of the dust settles.

"My son, Joshua, 24, is completing his bachelor's degree in English Literature with a minor in classics and language while working full time.

Nirmal Kaur, MD '04, recently married Neil Bilolikar, MD. They met in residency at the University of Michigan (UM). Nirmal finished her GI fellowship at UM this spring and has accepted a position at Henry Ford Medical Group, where she will be the director of inflammatory bowel disease starting in the fall of 2010. Neil is a cardiology fellow at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, MI. The couple recently returned from their honeymoon in St. Lucia and are planning a biking trip through Italy sometime soon. Nirmal would love to hear from other UB alums, and can be reached at nirmalk@umich.edu. **BP**

Michael Geiss III, MD '90, co-medical director for the Syracuse-based Central New York Eye and Tissue Bank (CNYETB), recently oversaw its transition to a tissue bank and merger with Upstate New York Transplant Services, Inc. (UNYTS). Together, CNYETB and UNYTS serve the Buffalo health-care community and the SUNY Upstate Medical University, as well as 17 counties throughout New York State. They are authorized by the federal government to accept tissues, eyes and organs for transplantation and research. CNYETB links donor families and hospitals to medically trained professionals who coordinate the donation process. James Reidy MD, associate professor of ophthalmology and director of the cornea service at UB, serves as CNYETB co-medical director with Geiss.

Geiss practices with his wife, Tina Taggart, MD, also an ophthalmologist, and his father, Michael J. Geiss Jr., MD, at Eyes Associates of CNY. The couple lives with their children in Syracuse.

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Alumni and faculty from the UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences were well represented at the 60th Annual Postgraduate Review Course for Ophthalmology at Upstate Medical University in Syracuse this past winter. **James Reidy, MD**, associate professor of ophthalmology, LEFT, and **D. Jackson Coleman, MD '60**, John Milton McLean Professor of Ophthalmology at Weill Cornell Medical College, CENTER, served as speakers. They are pictured here with host **Michael Geiss III, MD '90**, RIGHT, co-medical director of the Central New York Eye and Tissue Bank.

Fifth Annual Scholarship Gala

UB'S FIFTH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GALA WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010, IN ALUMNI ARENA ON UB'S NORTH CAMPUS.

Andrew Cappuccino, MD '88, and Helen Cappuccino, MD '88, longtime supporters and alumni of the UB Medical School, have been named co-chairs of the event.

The gala provides a unique opportunity to meet UB students. The UB marching band and performing arts students, including Zodiaque Dance Company, perform during the event, and student athletes serve as volunteers.

Scholarships help guarantee that top students choose UB. More than half of UB's undergraduate students have financial need. Nearly two thirds of students who graduate with a bachelor's degree from UB have loans averaging \$29,000.

Tickets are \$200 per person, with sponsorships ranging from \$2,500 to \$25,000. For sponsorship opportunities or to reserve a table, call 716-881-1416 or e-mail ems36@buffalo.edu. For more information, visit www.giving.buffalo.edu/ubgala.



IN MEMORIAM

CORRECTION: The autumn 09/Winter 10 issue of *Buffalo Physician* incorrectly reported that Kevin J. Stanley, MD '00, had died. He is alive and well and practicing in Indianapolis, IN.

- * JOHN C. NINFO, MD '43, born in 1916, died on December 31, 2009.
- CLYDE LITTON, MD '47, DDS '44, born on March 13, 1920, died on January 26, 2009.
- FRANK H. LONG JR., MD '44, born on November 19, 1921, died on October 21, 2009.
- EDWARD A. FIAL, MD '46, born in 1919, died on February 14, 2010.
- ALFRED J. SHAPIRO, MD '48, born in 1922, died on December 11, 2009.
- DONALD B. THOMAS, MD '50, born on December 28, 1926, died on November 15, 2009.
- DANIEL A. PHILLIPS, MD '51, born on December 11, 1922, died on March 26, 2010.
- LAWRENCE J. COMFORT, MD '52, DDS '49, born on July 20, 1928, died on November 12, 2009.
- DONALD H. SPRECKER, MD '52, born in 1924, died on December 23, 2009.
- ROBERT S. SOBOCINSKI, MD '53, born on April 6, 1928, died on August 4, 2009.
- JOHN D. VOLTSMANN, MD '53, born on January 12, 1928, died on November 29, 2009.
- DONALD J. MURRAY, MD '54, born on December 1926, died on June 15, 2009.
- HARRY T. OLIVER, MD '54, born on April 6, 1923, died on September 6, 2009.
- IRVING B. JOFFE, MD '55, born on April 18, 1920, died on December 15, 2009.
- GERARD F. SMITH, MD '55, born on January 5, 1923, died on November 28, 2008.
- THOMAS G. CUMMISKEY, MD '58, born on August 7, 1931, died on September 4, 2009.
- LEO A. KANE, MD '58, born on March 5, 1932, died on August 2, 2009.
- SAUL N. KUNITZ, MD '67, born on September 27, 1941, died on September 12, 2009.
- * PAUL H. WIERZBIENIEC, MD '74, born on July 21, 1947, died on November 3, 2009.
- ROBERT A. JAKUBOWSKI, MD '81, born on September 5, 1953, died on January 2, 2010.
- PETER M. BUERGER, MD '88, born on August 10, 1962, died on October 7, 2008.
- CAROLE A. FENTON, MD '95, born on November 2, 1957, died on July 30, 2009.

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IN MEMORIAM

Richard N. Terry, MD '38

Richard N. Terry, MD '38, former chair of the Buffalo General Hospital Department of Anesthesiology for 30 years, died December 14, 2009, in Williamsville, NY. Terry, who is believed to be the last living member of the Class of 1938, was 95.



A native of Buffalo, Terry attended the University of Michigan prior to entering the UB School of Medicine. His postgraduate training included an internship and residencies in internal medicine and anesthesiology at Buffalo General Hospital, beginning in 1939.

He served in the Army during World War II, rising to the rank of captain, attached to the 174th Infantry. During his military career, he trained at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco in a special accelerated program that the Army developed to train anesthesiologists during the war. He later went on to serve as chief of anesthesiology at Dibble Army Hospital in Palo Alto, CA.

Terry was named chairman of the anesthesiology department at Buffalo General Hospital in 1951 and held that post for 30 years. He also served as chairman of the anesthesiology department at Children's Hospital of Buffalo from 1952 to 1956 and was clinical professor of anesthesiology at UB's School of Medicine.

Terry, who served as president of the Society of Anesthesiologists for both Western New York and New York State, trained or instructed many residents and medical students during his career, wrote and published numerous papers on clinical research in anesthesia and was a member of the Roswell Park Medical Club.

He retired in 1985.

His wife of 55 years, Kirsten Andersen, died in 1998.

Survivors include his second wife, Ilise Forstner; and his children: B. Annie Terry, MD '71, Janis Terry Hadley, and Richard N. Terry Jr., MD '77.

Joseph P. Concannon, MD '44

Joseph P. Concannon, MD '44, former director of the Division of Radiation Oncology at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA, died on September 29, 2009, in Falmouth, MA. He was 92.

While in Pittsburgh, Concannon also served as a clinical professor of radiation therapy at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. After retiring from Allegheny General Hospital in 1982, he founded and was president of Triangle Radiation Oncology, which provided the sole radiation oncology service to a number of hospitals in western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, until he retired from medicine in 1989.

Concannon was the founding force behind a cancer research center established at the Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh. He worked on a committee for radiation therapy studies at the National Cancer Institute and published over 85 papers on oncology.

In addition, he served as a guest examiner for the American Board of Radiology, was a founding member and a fellow of the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology, and a founding member of the American Club of Radiotherapy and the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group.

Concannon met his wife of 56 years, the late Dr. Bernice G. Concannon (also a radiation oncologist), while he held a fellowship at the Christie Hospital & Holt Radium Institute in Manchester, England. He is survived by his four children and their spouses—David (Susan) Concannon of Alexandria, VA; Mary (John) Oldak of Bronx, NY; Paul (Susan) Concannon of Atlanta, GA; and Peter (Tricia) Concannon of Gainesville, FL—and five grandchildren.

*J. Bradley Aust, MD '49

J. Bradley Aust, MD '49, died on March 17, 2010 in San Antonio, TX.



Aust was born in Buffalo, NY, in 1926, and grew up in Niagara Falls, NY. After graduating from LaSalle High School in 1943, he served in the Navy's V-12 program while completing premed requirements at Union Col-

lege. The Navy then sent him to the UB Medical School, where he graduated in 1949.

Following graduation, Aust and his wife, Connie, moved to Minneapolis, MN, where he completed his internship and began his residency at the University of Minnesota (UM). His training was interrupted by the Korean War when he was called to serve for two years in the Navy, first at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital and then on a mobile surgical team in Korea. When he returned to UM, he earned a master's degree in physiology and a doctorate in surgery, after which he joined the faculty there.

In 1965, Aust was recruited to be the first chairman of the Department of Surgery at the fledgling University of Texas Medical School in San Antonio. By the time he retired in 1996 after 30 years as head of the department, it had trained hundreds of surgeons, many of them practicing in the San Antonio area.

Aust was president of the Texas Surgical Association, the Western Surgical Association, the Southern Surgical Society, and he served on many academic committees at the state and national levels.

Aust is survived by his wife and their six children—Jay Aust and wife Christi Carletti, Barbara Hodge, Mary Lou Gallion and husband John, Tracey Norment and husband Mike, Dr. Bonnie Aust and husband Dr. Peter Rotwein, and Linda Aust—12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are his brother, Dr. John Aust, and wife Bethany.

