

## Dear Fellow Alumni,

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hank you to all of you who have responded to the Medical Alumni Association membership appeal. If you have not joined yet, a membership envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Our goal this year is to increase the Medical Alumni Association membership by ten percent or greater. This will enable us to continue our involvement and presence at the medical school and to help provide the kind of programs that we alumni have traditionally made possible for students. Please join.

Your membership has already been put to great use. In August, the Class of 2008 officially started their medical training, and the Medical Alumni Association sponsored a number of events during orientation week. My favorite event was the traditional White Coat Ceremony (see page 25). Students and their families joined the medical school faculty in Slee Hall on the north campus to receive their white lab coats, and it was a wonderful event. Before the students received their coats, Dean Paroski welcomed them and Dr. Alan Lesse delivered the keynote speech. Our students were then called to the stage and, one by one, "coated" by members of the Medical Alumni Association. Martin Brecher, MD '72, Charles Niles, MD '83 and John Bodkin II, MD '76 joined me to coat our students and to welcome them to the start of their medical studies, and we felt honored to be there. Dr. Bodkin, past president of the Medical Alumni Association, had the special privilege of coating his son Ryan Bodkin. After the coating, we listened to the students as they stood to recite the Hippocratic Oath.

Earlier that same week, Dr. Sandy Levy introduced the mentoring program to the students. This is the first year we have offered a mentoring directory, listing physicians by their specialty and contact information to allow the students to choose their mentor for guidance in their medical careers.

The Distinguished Alumnus dinner was held at the Buffalo Club on September 10, 2004, to honor Ronald F. Garvey, MD '53. We congratulate Dr. Garvey on the receipt of his award and invite you to read more in the winter issue of *Buffalo Physician*. Also, look for our Save the Date postcard for Reunions 2005 and Spring Clinical Day weekend that will be held Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16. We are busy finalizing plans and coordinating our reunion chairs. The class reunion dinners will be held again as one terrific event at the Pierce-Arrow Car Museum in downtown Buffalo. Reunion 2004 at this venue was a smashing success by all accounts, so we hope those of you celebrating a reunion in the coming year will check out this event and join in the fun.

The board and I welcome your input and ideas. We are here to help you remain connected to the University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences and, especially, to facilitate efforts by alumni who want to help support UB's medical students. Join us!

Sincerely,



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# Classnotes

**Laurence Beahan, MD '55,** has published a new book, *North Country*, a collection of stories about northern New York, its Adirondack Mountains and its people. Beahan also is the author of *My Grampa's Woods, the Adirondacks*.

In writing his books, Beahan draws from his family's history in the area. Five generations of the Beahan family have

lived in the Adirondacks. In 1902, three Beahan brothers, Tom, John and Barty, Tom's wife, Minnie, and John's wife, Liva, began the epic with a logging job near Star Lake on the Little River. Their children, who lived in the camp, worked some in the woods and returned there to hunt and fish. Their grandchildren came to hike, canoe, take pictures and explore.

## 1970s

**Stephen A. Nash, MD '73,** earned a MPH degree in epidemiology from Emory University. He works as a freelance medical-science writer, specializing in public health and medical issues, and has traveled extensively in the U.S. and abroad. E-mail address: snashmd@earthlink.net.

## 1990s

**Garin M. Tomaszewski, MD '98,** has been appointed to the Department of Radiology at Roswell Park Cancer Institute (RPCI). He comes to RPCI from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver, CO, where he completed

residency training and a fellowship in the Division of Interventional Radiology. Tomaszewski's research interests are hepatic chemoembolization and portal vein embolization. He is a member of the American College of Radiology, Radiologic Society of North America and the Society of Interventional Radiology. **BP**



## Ronald F. Garvey, MD '53

Ronald F. Garvey, MD '53, added another award to his list of achievements on June 30, 2004, when he was officially presented a letter from The University of Texas System's board of regents naming him president emeritus of The University of Texas Health Center (UTHCT) at Tyler.

Garvey was appointed interim health center director in January 1998, and in December of that year was named the institution's first president, a position he held until November 1, 2002.

Before joining UTHCT, Garvey served as president and chief executive officer of Zale Lipshy University Hospital in Dallas from 1987 to 1991. From 1960 to 1993, he served on the staff of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, where he was a professor of surgery.

From 1962 to 1972 Garvey also served as staff physician for the Dallas Cowboys and still keeps close contact with Cowboys from that era.

In 1949, after graduating from Harvard University (where he lettered in football), Garvey attended medical school at UB. His postgraduate clinical training included an internship and residency at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas in 1960. He received a master's of business administration degree in health care administration from the University of Dallas in 1986.

## What's Up Doc?

### New online submission form

YOUR CLASSMATES WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

HERE'S HOW TO UPDATE THEM IN  
THREE EASY STEPS...

- Visit the UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences' website at: [www.smb.sbu.edu](http://www.smb.sbu.edu)
- click on Alumni
- click on What's Up Doc?

THINGS YOUR FELLOW ALUMNI TELL US  
THEY WOULD LIKE TO READ ABOUT:

- Family updates
- Interesting "trips and trails"
- Happy occasions, humorous interludes
- Moves/Promotions
- Retirement
- Honors and awards
- Publications
- Public service/Election to office
- Research endeavors
- Musings on life as a doc...



# In Memoriam

## **John F. Fairbairn II, MD '45**

John F. Fairbairn II, died June 29 in Rochester, MN, after a brief illness. He was 81.

A resident of Hayward, WI, and Marco Island, FL, Fairbairn graduated from UB's medical school in 1945. He then served in the Army Air Forces for one year in Alaska before continuing his medical training.

Fairbairn joined the Mayo Foundation in

Rochester, MN, on a fellowship from the National Heart Institute as a trainee in peripheral vascular disease. He then returned to Buffalo and practiced privately until 1956, when he rejoined the Mayo Clinic.

Fairbairn became recognized in the United States and internationally as an expert and pioneer in diverse vascular diseases and edited the well-known textbook, titled *Peripheral Vascular*

*Disease*. He headed the clinic's peripheral vascular department until he retired in 1987.

Fairbairn's first wife, Phyllis Germoney Fairbairn, died in 1952. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, the former Meryl Gilman; a daughter, Karen F. Nath of Rochester, MN; two sisters, Eleanor F. Heckman of Buffalo and Catherine F. Parratt of Syracuse, NY; and two grandchildren.



# Save the Date

## 2005 SPRING CLINICAL DAY AND REUNION WEEKEND

*The 2005 Spring Clinical Day and Reunion Weekend will be held Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16, at the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Roswell Park Cancer Institute and the Buffalo Transportation Pierce-Arrow Car Museum.*

*Events include a cocktail party hosted by the Medical Alumni Association at the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. All reunion classes will return to the Buffalo Transportation Pierce-Arrow Car Museum for the second year. For more information, call the school's Office of Advancement at (716) 829-2773; or e-mail Kim Venti at [kventi@buffalo.edu](mailto:kventi@buffalo.edu) for details about Spring Clinical Day, or Jennifer Lobaugh at [jlobaugh@buffalo.edu](mailto:jlobaugh@buffalo.edu) for details about Reunions 2005.*



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