In Memoriam

Roy Slaunwhite, PhD

W. Slaunwhite, PhD, retired professor of biochemistry who was active in United University Professions (UUP), died February 8, 2006, in his home in Scottsdale, Arizona. He was 86.

A native of Waltham, Massachusetts, Slaunwhite earned degrees in biophysics and chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He helped design the radar system that ended the U-boat threat in the Atlantic Ocean during World War II.

Slaunwhite moved to Buffalo in 1953 to work at Roswell Park Cancer Institute (RPCI). He was a principal cancer research scientist at RPCI in 1967 when he became research director of the Medical Foundation of Buffalo, now known as Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute.

Slaunwhite joined the UB faculty in 1969 as professor of biochemistry and also served as director of the endocrine laboratories at what is now Women and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo.

He retired from the university in 1987.

A specialist in steroids, Slaunwhite authored more than 100 scholarly articles, contributed chapters in 15 books and wrote a textbook on biochemical endocrinology. One of his significant contributions was the delineation of the androgenic pathway to testosterone at what is now Women and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo.

Slaunwhite also served as president of UUP’s Health Sciences Chapter from 1981–1986, and was an active member of the board from 1979–1997, when he served as president of the statewide UUP.

Steven H. Noyes, MD

Steven H. Noyes, MD, an attending physician in the Department of Medicine at Erie County Medical Center (ECMC), died on February 11, 2006, following a brief illness. He was 58.

An accomplished clinician-educator who taught both medical students and residents, Noyes served as the coordinator of the third- and fourth-year medicine clerkships at ECMC. He was recognized for his dedication to medical student education in internal medicine and was the recipient of the Siegel Teaching Award in 1985 and 2002. His students have evaluated their sessions with him as “some of their best learning experiences.”

Noyes earned a bachelor of arts degree in zoology at Syracuse University in 1969 and completed his medical school training at Upstate Medical Center in 1973.

Three years later, he completed his residency in internal medicine and a medical oncology fellowship at the E. J. Meyer Memorial Hospital. He then joined the UB Department of Medicine at ECMC as a medical oncologist.

At UB, he served on several university committees including the Admissions Committee, the Curriculum Committee, and the Faculty Council.

To family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors, Noyes was noted for his generous and remarkably kindhearted. He dedicated his life to helping people.

He is survived by his mother, Helen Pharos Noyes, who is 91, and five siblings.

Correction

In the spring issue of Buffalo Physician, an obituary of Dennis Higgins, PhD, professor of pharmacology and toxicology, incorrectly listed his survivors. Dr. Higgins is survived by his wife, Cheryl, his daughter, Kerry, and her husband, Jake; his son, Devor; his granddaughter, Kayle; and his sister, Maureen Gonsalves.
Reunions 2006

Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6

A time for old friends and classmates to reunite and reminisce about their medical school years . . .

LEFT TO RIGHT,

- Morton A. Stencheyver, MD ‘56, Mercer Island, WA
- Frederick Goldstein-Gretan, MD ‘56, Thousand Oaks, CA, and
- M. David Ben-Asher, MD ‘56, Tucson, AZ

LEFT TO RIGHT,

- Jordan S. Popper, MD ‘56, Honolulu, HI
- Mrs. Ann Popper, Mrs. Constance Gicewicz, and
- Edmond J. Gicewicz, MD ‘56, class chair, Amherst, NY

LEFT TO RIGHT,

- Maxine E. Szumigala, MD ‘96, class chair, Buffalo, NY
- John J. Bodkin, II, MD ‘76, class chair, Amherst, NY
- Martin C. Mahoney, MD ‘95 PhD ‘98, Clarence, NY, and
- Colleen A. Mattimore, MD ‘91, class chair, Hamburg, NY

LEFT TO RIGHT,

- Martin N. Mango, MD ‘71, class chair, Williamsville, NY
- Jeffrey Dee Fleigel, MD ‘71, Ocala, FL
- Sanford H. Levy, MD ‘86, Amherst, NY, and
- Janice J. Pegels, MD ‘86, Binghamton, NY

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Thank you to the alumni who joined the Medical Alumni Association this year! Your membership supports programs and services for all medical alumni and students. This year, the programs and activities sponsored by the Medical Alumni Association included:

- Orientation Week dinner dance
- Purchase of white coats for the white coat ceremony
- Community physician luncheon
- Match day
- Polity Golf Tournament
- Purchase of Maxwell Reference Books for the student clinician ceremony
- Selection of the distinguished alumni
- Reunion weekend
- Spring clinical day cocktail party

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Spring Clinical Day

Harrington Lecture

The Spring Clinical Day/Harrington Lecture took place on Saturday, May 6, 2006, at the Adam’s Mark Hotel in downtown Buffalo. Dr. Edward Q. Wilson, two-time Pulitzer Prize winning author spoke about “The Future of Life” in which he made a passionate and eloquent plea for a new approach to the management and protection of our ecosystem.

Wilson, Pellegrino University Research Professor Emeritus, Harvard University, Charles Paganelli, Pictured, for all medical alumni and students. This year, the programs and activities sponsored by the Medical Alumni Association included:

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Olmsted Ross Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

National Conference for Community and Justice

Elizabeth Olmsted Ross, MD ’39, a nationally recognized ophthalmologist, received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Conference for Community and Justice at the Annual Citation with Banquet on March 29.

Olmsted Ross also is a leading philanthropist, who endowed the Ross Chair in Ophthalmic Pathology at UB and helped establish the Ira G. Ross Eye Institute for Research and Patient Care.

Classnotes

1940s

1970s

Charles Jahn, PhD ’88, MD ’89, professor and chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, has been appointed by U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt to the national advisory council of the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). His term of service extends through November 2008. The council advises Secretary Leavitt and the AHRQ director, Dr. Carolyn Clancy, on matters related to actions of the AHRQ to (1) reduce the costs of health-care services and (2) improve access to health-care services through scientific research and promotion of improvements in clinical practice and the organization, financing and delivery of health services. The council consists of 21 representatives who are leaders in health-care research, health-care quality, primary care medicine, and health-care economics.

“We are redesigning the ways services are delivered in practices throughout our country,” Jahn says. “I am excited to be a part of that effort through this national advisory committee.”

1990s

Laurie Carter, DDS, PhD ’93, is professor and director of oral and maxillofacial radiology and director of advanced dental education at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry. She writes: “In November 2005, I was elected to a four-year term on the American Dental Association’s Council on Scientific Affairs and president elect of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology. Thank you to [Drs. Peter] Nickerson, and [John] Wright and all the other dedicated and spirited faculty in the Experimental Pathology PhD Program!” E-mail is: lccarter@vcu.edu

Oren Fix, MD ’93, writes: “I will finish my training in transplant hepatology at the University of California at San Francisco and will be joining the faculty at the University of Washington in Seattle in the fall. E-mail: orenfix@hotmail.com.”

2000s

Dave Fintak, MD ’03, writes: I recently finished my emergency medicine residency at Drexel University College of Medicine and am working as assistant director of the Emergency Department at Hahnemann University Hospital and as clinical instructor at Drexel. Dave Fintak, MD ’03, is entering his final year in ophthalmology and hopes to continue in a retina surgery fellowship.

Classnotes