Classnotes

Autumn 2007

1930s
Henry H. Haines, MD '33, celebrated his 100th birthday on May 4, 2007, surrounded by family and friends. Follow-
ing graduation from UB medical school, Haines served an intern-
ship at the then-Buffalo City Hospital. From 1934 to 1938, he worked for the city and in private practice, after which he worked at Rochester State Hospital for four years. From 1943 to 1946, he served as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy and was stationed at Parris Island, South Carolina.

After World War II, Haines returned to West-
ern New York, where he worked as supervising psychiatrist at the Buffalo VA Hospital. Haines' daughter, Christina H. Eshet, is this year's recipient of the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences' John P. Naughton Award for Professional Service (see story on page 32).

1960s
J. Brian Sheedy, MD '67, writes from Tallahassee, FL: “I’m still senior partner of a five-physician hematology-oncology group in Florida’s capital city . . . Looking forward to slowing down! We missed the 40th reunion, as our son-in-law was deploying to Iraq and we were helping our daughter and their three children. I look forward to next spring perhaps.” Email address is heshe@comcast.net.

1970s
Larry McCleary, MD '79, served as chief of neurosurgery at Denver Children’s Hospital until he retired abruptly in March 1996 following emergency open-heart surgery necessitated by a coronary dissection suffered during the place-
ment of a stent.

Over the last decade, McCleary conducted research of medical liti-
erature that led to his co-
 founding Advanced Metabolic Research Group and to formulating various patented (and patent-
pending) supplement combinations. His three initial products have each proved effective in double-blind placebo controlled clinical trials.

McCleary has also written a book, titled The Brain Trust Pro-
gram: A Scientifically Based Three-Part Plan to Improve Memory, Elevate Mood, Enhance Atten-

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In Memoriam

Howard R. Barnett, MD '44, died on May 13, 2007 at his home in Williamsville, NY. He was 87. Barnett had a flourishing OB/GYN practice in Buffalo for over 50 years. Born in Lockport, NY, Barnett graduated from Lockport High School and completed his undergraduate studies at Houghton College, after which he completed medical school and residency training at UB. He then served as a physician in the air force during World War II. Barnett is survived by his wife, Jean Nabil Keenan; three sons, Dr. Paul H. (Carolyn) Barnett, Robert M. (Diane) Barnett, Michael J. (Elaine) Barnett and one daughter, Linda M. (Barnett) Albert V. Cutter, MD. He is also survived by four stepsons; William L. Keenan, Michael C. (Cynthia) Keenan, David E. (Sarah) Keenan, John C. (Jackie) Keenan and three step-daughters; Bonnie J. (Mark) Siezega, Keenan, John C. (Jackie) Keenan and three step-daughters; Bonnie J. (Mark) Siezega, Catherine A. (Joseph) D'Andrea and Mary A. (Carmen) Terranova. He was formerly married to the late Mary Jo Van Patchin.

Theodore Jewett Jr., MD '45, longtime chief of pediatric surgery at Children’s Hospital of Buffalo, died May 12, 2006, after a long illness. He was 85. A Buffalo native, Jewett was captain in the Army Medical Corps during World War II before earning his medical degree at UB. Following residency training at Children’s Hospital in Buffalo, he returned to Buffalo to serve as chief of pediatric surgery at Children’s, a position he held for more than 30 years. Jewett published more than 400 papers and taught at UB’s medical school for more than 25 years. As a member of the school’s Admissions Committee, he was an advocate for those who showed a humane interest in medicine. His dedication to teaching led to the creation of the Jewett Chair of Pediatric Surgery at UB in 1982.

In addition to his work at Children’s and UB, Jewett served on the boards of Child and Family Services and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and as president of the Blind Association of Western New York. He was also on the Burn Care Task Force and a member of the United Way House of Delegates.

Jewett is survived by his wife, Margaret, and three step-children; Theodore C., III, of Lancaster, NY, Carlton R. II of Helena, MT, and Adrian S. of Cherry Hill, NJ.

Frederic D. Regan, MD '45, of Grammere, MA, and Boca Raton, FL, died July 7, 2006, in New York Hospital, Manhattan. He was 84. A native of Newburyport, MA, Regan was a cardiologist who practiced on Staten Island for 50 years. He attended Syracuse University on a football scholarship, after which he attended medical school at UB. Regan began his medical career on Staten Island, where he served as an intern at the former U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, which later became Bayley Seton Hospital. Before he could put down roots, he spent six months as the chief medical officer aboard the USS Northwind, the flagship of the Naval Nanook Arctic Expedition Task Force. Upon returning in 1948, he was stationed on Ellis Island for a year; at a time when the island was still an active entryway for immigrants.

Regan returned to the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in 1949 to serve as a resident in internal medicine and cardiology in Lexington, MA. After returning from private practice in 1959, he was appointed with Prudential Life Co., serving as vice president and medical director in its Boston office. Treat is survived by his wife, Margaret, moved to Boca Raton, FL. Surviving in addition to his wife, are his daughter, Denise Regan Pickering, his son, Michael. He was pre-deceased by a son, Frederic Regan III, who died in 2001.

C. Vincent Treat, MD '48, died April 15, 2007, in Yarmouth Port, MA. Treat practiced internal medicine and cardiology in Lexington, MA. After retiring from private practice in 1978, he continued his work with Prudential Life Co., serving as vice president and medical director in its Boston office. Treat is survived by his wife, Jean; three adult sons; two daughters; and six grandchildren.

Clay Burchell, MD '54, died August 8, 2007 at his home in Albuquerque, NM, surrounded by his four daughters and wife, Sally. A native of Chicago, IL, Burchell attended the Health Science He resigned his commission in 1952, receiving a citation from then-President Truman. That same year he opened his private practice on Staten Island. He also was an attending physician in cardiology and internal medicine at the former State Island and Richmond Memorial hospitals and New York Hospital. He twice served as president of the hospital staff at Richmond Memorial and was chief of medicine there. He was instrumental in developing the first intensive care unit and established the borough’s first cardiovascular center.

A co-founder of the Staten Island Volunteer Ambulance Corps, he also founded the Volunteer Heart Association of Staten Island. After the merger of Staten Island and Richmond Memorial hospitals, he became director of medicine at Staten Island University Hospital and associate-director of medicine for the combined facility. He also co-founded the first outpatient hemodialysis facility on the island.

Regan retired in 1995, at which time he and his wife, Margaret, moved to Boca Raton, FL. Surviving in addition to his wife, are his daughter, Denise Regan Picker, his son, Michael. He was pre-deceased by a son, Frederic Regan III, who died in 2001.

Throughout his career, Burchell searched proposais he expounded in the book.

Jacob (Jack) Lemann Jr, MD '54, died July 30, 2007 in New Orleans, his hometown, after a brief hospitalization. He was 77. Lemann devoted his professional life to understanding and treating diseases of the kidney. He was honored with the UB Medical Alumni Achievement Award at its 50th reunion in 2004, the Buxh H. Scribner Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Society of Nephrology in 2003, and the Distinguished Service Award from the Medical College of Wisconsin in 1991.

Lemann earned his undergraduate degree in biochemistry from the University of California at Berkeley in 1950 and his medical degree from UB in 1954. He completed residency training at Tufts New England Medical Center and fellowship training in kidney and metabolic diseases with Arnold S. Relman, M.D., in the Evans Memorial Department of Clinical Research at Boston University School of Medicine.

In 1963 he was appointed to the faculty of the department of medicine at Marquette University School of Medicine. In the late 1980s he left to practice medicine and to be a member of the General Clinical Research Center and the chief of the Nephrology Division from 1990 to 1994. Lemann’s research primarily focused on acid–base balance in humans, among both healthy subjects and patients with kidney disease. Some of his most widely cited papers concerned the role of dietary calcium and phosphorus on 1,25-dihydroxy vitamin D metabolism in healthy adults, in patients with kidney stones and in hyperparathyroidism. He also performed important studies on how potassium balance affects calcium metabolism, and on the use of urinary protein to creatinine ratios in assessing renal function in diabetics. Over the course of his career, he authored over 150 journal articles and book chapters.

After his retirement from full-time work, Lemann returned home to New Orleans, where he held a part-time clinical appointment at Tulane University School of Medicine and saw patients at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in New Orleans.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary McDonald Lemann; three children: Catherine, Jacob III, and Andrew; and five grandchildren: Mac, Alex, Madeleine, Eriek, and Max. His sister, Mary Lemann Goldman; and his sons, Jonathan, Benjamin and Adam.

Albertus W. Rappole, MD '37, born on December 19, 1919, died on July 1, 2007.


Frances R. Abel, MD '49, born on September 30, 1922, died on January 14, 2007.

On August 20, 2007, the school was notified of the death of Merrill C. Johnson, MD '56.

Joseph A. Cimino, MD '62, born on January 1, 1934, died on July 1, 2007.


Jack C. Lee, PhD '72, died on June 18, 1941, died on March 2, 2007.
Residents Honored

2007 Student Clinicians Ceremony

Six University at Buffalo residents were presented with the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award at the sixth annual Student Clinicians Ceremony held on July 8, 2007 at Roswell Park Cancer Institute’s Hohn Lecture Hall.

The ceremony, sponsored by the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences’ Professional Conduct Committee, was designed by the Gold Foundation to provide guidance, information and support to medical students as they transition to their clerkship years. Invited faculty speakers share insights, address collective fears and expectations and encourage the students to reflect upon their experiences in medicine to date. They also call upon the students to resist the oath they took during the White Coat Ceremony as a means to underscore the challenges and imperatives they will encounter in providing care to patients that is both highly skilled and humanistic.

This year’s keynote address was delivered by Charles Schaeffer, MD ’89, assistant professor of clinical medicine at UB and recipient of the 2006-07 Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award. Additional remarks were made by Michael E. Cain, MD, dean of the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Nancy Nilson, MD ’78, PhD, senior associate dean for medical education, and Charles Sennett, MD ’97, PhD, interim associate dean for medical education.

This year’s Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Awards were presented by Cindi K. Thayil, Class of 2008. Recipients were chosen from among 23 residents who were nominated by third-year students based upon their having exhibited strong teaching skills and for having served as role models for compassionate, relationship-centered care. Final selection was made by members of the Professional Conduct Committee.

Opposite is a list of the award recipients, along with excerpts made by members of the Professional Conduct Committee.

--S. A. Unger

**Derek Bell, MD**
Surgery
Derek Bell received his medical degree from Upstate Medical University at Syracuse in 2003 and completed his general surgical training at UB, where he served as chief resident. He is currently completing a plastic and reconstructive surgery fellowship at the University of Maryland. Bell also received the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award in 2005.

**STUDENT COMMENTS**
“Dr. Bell’s enthusiasm for the operating room is inspiring. He keeps core educational values in mind even when working under busy and stressful circumstances. He continually takes time out from the routines of the day to ensure that the medical students around him understand the management and procedures in which they are taking part. He is extremely thoughtful, and his careful effort to make medical students feel as though they are part of the team is very much appreciated.”

**Joseph Kyle Betz, MD**
Family Medicine
Joseph Kyle Betz received his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in 2002, after which he completed a general surgery residency at St. Louis University Hospital and an internship in family medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. He is currently completing his family medicine residency at UB.

**STUDENT COMMENTS**
“Dr. Betz is warm, generous and conscientious. He is supremely respectful of his patients while calmly managing their concerns in a congenial fashion. His gentle manner affords the patient a feeling of safety and strong advocacy. He is unconcerned with hierarchy, takes note of his students’ interests and humanity address their fears.”

**Sergio Hernandez, MD**
Psychiatry
Sergio Hernandez graduated from the University of Rochester in 2002. He is currently completing the second year of his surgical training at UB.

**STUDENT COMMENTS**
“Dr. Betz is a sincere desire to teach, the ability to both motivate and encourage students on an individual basis, and the clinical skills and compassion necessary to serve by example. He has a very thorough knowledge base and, along with his calm nature, this makes him a very effective teacher.”

**Anthony DeVincentis, MD**
Ophthalmology
Anthony DeVincentis received his medical degree at Upstate Medical University in Syracuse in 2003, after which he completed his ophthalmology training at UB. He is currently completing a one-year glaucoma fellowship at the University of Wisconsin.

**STUDENT COMMENTS**
“Dr. DeVincentis was really dynamic and receptive to questions and never hesitated to answer them. He also encouraged me to be hands-on in ophthalmology, letting me use the equipment, perform exams and then share my findings with him.”

**Melanie Ongchin, MD**
Surgery
Melanie Ongchin graduated from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New Jersey Medical School, in 2006. She is currently completing the second year of her surgical training at UB.

**STUDENT COMMENTS**
“Dr. Ongchin was always there and willing to help us if we had questions, even if they had nothing to do with surgery. She enjoyed teaching us and took time out of her day to help us learn. At one point, there was a patient who we knew was not going to make it through the week and Melanie was very kind and compassionate in supporting the family and the patient. She also made sure the medical students were okay and let us know that she was there if we needed to talk.”

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Everett was paralyzed from the shoulders down after attempting to tackle a Denver Broncos player during a game on September 9. He was attended to on the field by Cappuccino, who led the resuscitation effort, and John Macri, MD, medical director for the Bills and member of the UB Sports Medicine Institute. In the ambulance on route to Millard Fillmore Gates Hospital, Cappuccino induced moderate hypothermia in Everett by infusing him with a cold saline solution to lower his core body temperature. (Just a week earlier, Cappuccino had conducted a drill with the medical staff on how to treat such an injury should it occur.)

At the hospital, Cappuccino performed a closed reduction of the dislocation and operated for four hours to repair damage to Everett’s spinal cord, which had been compressed at the C-3 and C-4 vertebrae. Everett had immediate, but modest, improvement to his motor function.

Two days after the surgery, Cappuccino spoke to the media, explaining that Everett—against steep odds—was able to move his arms and legs and might therefore have a better recovery than was initially expected. Within three days he was off the ventilator.

Barth Green, MD, chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Miami, who consulted on the case, summed up Cappuccino’s decision to lower Everett’s temperature to 92 degrees immediately after the injury may have protected his brain and spinal cord, ultimately making a difference in his recovery.

As the issue of Buffalo Physician went to press in October, Everett’s physicians were increasingly optimistic that he would walk again, but they also expressed caution, emphasizing the severity of his injuries.

In August I accepted a position as a staff pediatrician at Children’s Community Pediatrics until the time of Claire’s birth. Shawn is currently assistant professor of anesthesiology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He directs the department’s internship and serves as the clinical coordinator for the medical student anesthesiology rotation at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center’s Montefiore University Hospital.

Claire Justine Beaman

Antoinette Alonzo Beaman, MD ’02, and her husband, Shawn T. Beaman, MD ’02, welcomed their first child, Claire Justine, on April 7, 2007. After completing her residency in pediatrics at Pittsburgh Mercy Hospital in June 2005, Antoinette worked as a staff pediatrician at Children’s Community Pediatrics in Pittsburgh and works full-time in private practice at the Hamburg Health Medical Group in Hamburg, Elmview Avenue. She is board certified in family medicine and serves as the clinical coordinator for the medical student anesthesiology rotation at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center’s Montefiore University Hospital.

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