What’s Up Doc?

In Memoriam

M. Luther Musselman, MD ’37, born on April 10, 1913, died on February 7, 2007.

Maurice W. Schachtel, MD ’37, born on May 24, 1913, died on January 23, 2007.

David H. Weinstein, MD ’37, born on November 11, 1911, died on March 2, 2007.

Jack Milowsky, MD ’39, born on November 23, 1914, died on February 8, 2007.

Theodore C. Jewett Jr., MD ’45, born on July 29, 1920, died on May 12, 2008.


William E. Austin, MD ’51, born on March 8, 1921, died on March 29, 2006.

Jack S. Waxler, MD ’57, born on March 27, 1924, died on October 8, 2005.

Carl T. Hanks, DDS ’65, PhD ’70, born on August 10, 1939, died on September 14, 2006.

Where did you earn your undergraduate degree, and what did you major in?
I majored in chemistry and minored in mathematics at Canisius College in Buffalo.

Why did you choose UB Medical School?
Besides liking the curriculum and the availability of early patient contact, I chose UB because Buffalo is my home. This is where I plan on practicing medicine.

How did your scholarship make a difference?
The scholarship helped to reduce the stress of paying bills and other living expenses so that I could concentrate on schoolwork.

What are your career goals?
I like working with kids, and as a result, I plan on specializing in either pediatrics or family practice. Also, I think both specialties are great because they offer many opportunities to see continuity of care in action.

When did you decide to become a physician? Did you have a mentor?
When I was in fifth grade, my teacher, Mrs. Newton, suggested that I would make a good doctor someday, and I thought about it a lot. When I was an undergraduate, I had shadowed a physician, Dr. Kowalski, who taught me about doctor-patient relationships and medical ethics. Finally, my foremost mentor is my dad. Throughout all the struggles of applying to and attending medical school, he has been there, supporting me all the way.

What would you tell others who are interested in UB Medical School?
UB Medical School is a great place to learn! The integrated organ-based curriculum is designed to help students gain the abilities they will need during their rotations and beyond medical school. Also, there are many opportunities to gain experience outside of the classroom through student-run clinics such as Lighthouse. These are invaluable resources that not many medical schools have.

Help UB Medicine reach its goal and enroll the best and brightest students with your gift to the Practice Giving campaign.

To make a gift simply complete and return the giving envelope included in this issue, or make your gift online by visiting www.practicegiving.org. Learn more about how to include UB in your will and the benefits of deferred gifts for the Medical Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund by contacting the Office of Advancement at the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at 716-829-2773 or Toll Free 1-877-826-3246. Or visit www.giving.buffalo.edu.

UB Physician Summer 2007

1990s
Howard S. Podolsky, MD ’91, BJ ’93, ECLM, writes from Bremerton, WA: “My family and I have fallen in love with the Pacific Northwest! I have been recruited to the position of vice president of quality and chief medical officer for Harrison Medical Center. This is the largest acute-care health-care organization on the Kitsap and Olympic Peninsulas. This role has afforded me the opportunity to use my clinical and legal (health law) skills every day in facing the many challenges currently affecting community health-care organizations. I am tasked with developing integrated organ-based patient care centers. After earning my medical degree from UB, Nylander completed her residency in OB-GYN at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center/Parkland Hospital. From 2002 to 2004, she served as a UB clinical instructor in OB-GYN.

Ben Koenig, MD ’91, has been named director of the new Chest Pain Center at Buffalo General Hospital (BGH) that opened in March 29, 2006. Formerly the BGH cardiology division’s director of cardiovascular medicine, Koenig completed his emergency medicine training at the William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, MI, in 2000 and joined BGH as an emergency physician in 2001.

2000s
Michael Duff, MD ’01, writes: “I graduated from the University of Minnesota medical school in radiation oncology. I got married in June of 2006 to Jennifer, who is from Minnesota. We recently moved back to Buffalo. I joined Western New York Radiation Oncology and I specialize in prostate cancer and breast cancer. E-mail address is michaelduff7@yahoo.com.”

Practicing Physicians can be submitted either by e-mailing them to bp-notes@buffalo.edu or by visiting Buffalo Physician’s web site at http://www.smbs.buffalo.edu/bp/ and clicking on Classnotes Submissions.

Pedolski family

Michael Duff, MD ’01, and Jennifer Duff, MD ’01

Incoming Virtual Tour

UB Physician

Vol. 47 No. 4

44