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Elizabeth DeSantis
Bouhmadouche, recipient
of the Goldman Award
for Distinguished Service



distinguished service award presented

The first Henry M. Goldman Award for Distinguished Service, honoring a member of the school's staff who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the school and has had a significant impact on the BUSDM community, was awarded to Elizabeth DeSantis Bouhmadouche at the semiannual faculty and staff meeting on June 16. »

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goldman award for distinguished service

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"Beth has consistently provided the highest quality of service to our students, staff, faculty, and alumni," says Dean Frankl. "We are fortunate to have her as a member of our staff. The dedication, interest, and enthusiasm she brings to her work have distinguished her as an excellent administrator and as a respected colleague, mentor, and friend."

DeSantis Bouhmadouche joined the school in 1980 as

admissions clerk. She was promoted to postdoctoral admissions coordinator in 1984 and registrar in 1987.

"I am really happy to be working in an organization where my work is recognized and appreciated," says Elizabeth DeSantis Bouhmadouche. "But I don't work in a vacuum and so I have to thank the extraordinary group of people I work with."

BUSDM creates new PhD program in oral biology

A new PhD program at BUSDM in oral biology will allow students to focus intensively on basic science research relevant to oral diseases and oral biology. The program, to be administered through the department of oral biology and periodontology, will welcome its first students in fall 1998.

"We are extremely enthusiastic to add this program to our academic offerings," says Dean Spencer N. Frankl. "Oral diseases present unsolved scientific challenges and novel biological phenomena. We maintain our dedication to continue in the forefront of research and prevention, and this program will further this goal by educating a new generation of researchers."

Dr. Frank Oppenheim, chairman of the department, says the program will add a new dimension to the graduate programs at BUSDM. "It will train students whose goal is to pursue research in oral biology as their primary professional activity." The new PhD will require five years of study.

The co-author of the proposal to launch this new program, associate professor of oral biology Dr. Philip Trackman, believes the new program will enhance BUSDM's research activities as a whole. "The program will bring our research to a new level, which is important in keeping our academic environment fresh and on the cutting edge."



Dr. Jeffrey Hutter discusses management of traumatic injuries at the APEX and Externship Conference.

APEX/externship conference

On April 23, BUSDM held its APEX and Externship conference, an annual meeting where extramural faculty get a chance to meet with on-site faculty to review program developments and curriculum changes. Sixty people attended the all-day meeting at Boston University's School of Management. This year's meeting focused on competency-based education. Faculty and administration shared new policies and discussed educational philosophy with extramural mentors. One of the highlights of the conference was the morning session, in which Dr. Jeffrey Hutter, director of postdoctoral endodontics, presented a continuing education course on managing traumatic injuries.

molecular & cell biology department formed

In March, Dean Spencer N. Frankl announced the creation of a new department, the department of molecular and cell biology. This new department, which is located in CABR, will conduct research on the molecular and genetic bases of oral health disorders.

"We've been growing the research mission of the school for the last decade," says Dean Frankl. "The reason we've been able to get to this point is because we have such a solid group of fine scholars and researchers already on board and doing superb work. This was just a natural next step."

On July 1, Drs. Carlos Hirschberg, Phillips Robbins, Claudia Abeijon, Charles Specht, and Patricia Berninsone officially joined BUSDM as founding members of the department. Also, Dr. Maria Kukuruzinska's faculty appointment as associate professor has been changed from the department of oral biology and periodontology to the department of molecular and cell biology. Dr. Hirschberg is the new department's chairperson.

Geriatric residents (left to right)
Drs. David Blanco, Jeanne Chung, and
Ghassan Khoury at Morville House



geriatric fellows screen fenway elders at morville house

"How are your teeth? Do they give you any problems? Do you have any pain?" With these questions BUSDM geriatric fellow Dr. Jeanne Chung begins a dental screening of an elderly resident of the Fenway neighborhood of Boston. On May 12, she and Drs. David Blanco and Ghassan Khoury—who like Chung are BUSDM geriatric fellows—gave visual dental examinations to elderly residents of the Fenway. They were joined at Morville House—a housing facility on Norway Street in the Fenway serving elderly residents—by Dr. Paula Friedman, director of BUSDM's geriatric dentistry section, Dr. Aljernon Bolden, director of community health programs, and Elyse Holsberg, director of patient services.

"Fifteen people attended the dental screening," says Holsberg, who coordinated the event with staff from Fenway-Back Bay Community Health Network Alliance. This alliance—a coalition of Fenway community organizations, businesses, and residents—a year ago decided to focus on the health needs of elderly residents of the Fenway. The dental screening day was the alliance's pilot project.

After each screening, the geriatric fellows made recommendations as to whether follow-up care was needed. Residents left the screening with a bag of dental goodies including toothpaste, toothbrushes, and mouthwash, courtesy of BUSDM and Walgreen's Pharmacy on Boylston Street in the Back Bay.

Dr. Caswell Evans,
Keynote Speaker
at the Jong
Symposium



jong symposium

how to reach underserved populations.

On Saturday, April 25th, BUSDM hosted the Anthony Westwater Jong Symposium, entitled "Reaching Underserved Populations." This symposium, a biennial tribute to the legacy of Anthony Westwater Jong, DDS, MPH, DSC, was co-sponsored by BUSDM's Dental Public Health Division and the Massachusetts Public Health Association. Jong was associate dean and chairman of the department of dental care management at BUSDM until his death in 1992. An articulate voice for the underserved, Jong grappled with questions of ethics, responsibility, and humanity. He was tireless in trying to improve the quality of life of the people around him. This symposium honored his dedication to community service.

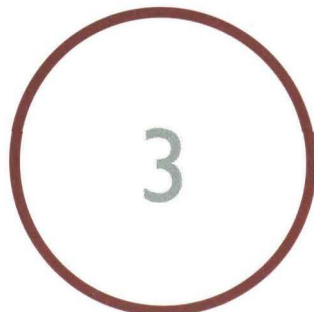
More than 100 people attended this daylong event, which was held in Hiebert Lounge. Caswell Evans Jr., DDS, MPH, project director and executive editor of the first U.S. Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health, was the keynote speaker. Although previous Surgeon General's reports have addressed this issue, this is the first report devoted entirely to oral health.

Dr. Evans noted the report will address disparities in oral health across various populations. Relationships among oral health and general health and well-being will also be examined. The National Institute of Dental Research, which was given lead responsibility for developing the report, hopes to produce a document that will be a resource for health professionals, social service professionals, educators, researchers, policymakers, and the public.

For more information and updates on the status of the report, visit the National Institute of Dental Research's website at: <http://www.nidr.nih.gov/sgr/sgr.htm>.

Also on the symposium's program were panels of speakers from the health care, legislative, and public health sectors. These speakers and the symposium attendees discussed how to work together to identify barriers to access to oral health care and to explore collectively ways to solve this pressing problem.

"The challenge is now to work together to implement the ideas generated by the symposium," says Michelle Henshaw, Associate Director of Community Health Programs, who coordinated the symposium. "This will help us eliminate disparities in oral health status across various populations."



annual service awards dinner

On April 29, 1998, Boston University held its annual service recognition dinner to honor faculty and staff who had completed ten or twenty-five years of service. The following BUSDM faculty and staff were honored:

twenty-five years

Dr. Frank Oppenheim, Professor and Chairman, Department of Periodontology and Oral Biology

Dr. John Richardson, Professor and Chairman, Division of Oral Pathology

Ms. Lynda Rose, Instructor, Department of Health Policy and Health Services Research

ten years

Ms. Lauren Chisholm, Oral Surgery Coordinator, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Ms. Judith Curry, Office Manager, Office of Advanced Education

Dr. Dana Graves, Professor, Department of Periodontology and Oral Biology

Dr. Maria Kukuruzinska, Associate Professor, Department of Molecular and Cell Biology

Dr. Mark Lamkin, Assistant Research Professor, Department of Periodontology and Oral Biology

Dr. Richard Smith, Clinical Instructor, Department of Restorative Sciences/Biomaterials

Dr. Herman Strating, Assistant Professor, Department of Restorative Sciences/Biomaterials

Dr. Tina Valades, Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Restorative Sciences/Biomaterials

a big hand for...

Dr. David Cottrell, assistant professor and director of resident research in the department of oral and maxillofacial surgery, has been appointed director of the oral and maxillofacial surgery residency program.

Dr. Steven Roberts, of Restorative Sciences/Biomaterials was named director of Saturday clinics.

Dr. Frank Oppenheim, chairperson of the oral biology and periodontology department, just concluded his term as president of the American Association of Oral Biology.

short takes

• *ASDA holds Eastern tri-regional meeting.*

In March 1998, Rob Malonso DMD 99, Taher Aminikharrazi DMD 01, and Michael Sanders DMD 01 attended the American Student Dental Association's Eastern Tri-Regional Meeting, held at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge. Dean Spencer N. Frankl greeted delegates to the meeting, who came from regions 1, 2, and 3 of the ASDA. One of the goals of the meeting was to help participants strengthen the ASDA chapter activities in their dental schools.

• *Greater Boston Dental Society gives award to BUSDM student.* In March 1998, Casey Cook DMD 98 received an award from GBDS. Dr. Sydell Shaw, past president of GBDS, made the presentation.

• *Check out http://www.physweekly.com/archive/98/05_18_98/itn3.html.* This URL from Physician's Weekly contains a blurb on the research of Dr. Raul Garcia, chairperson of the department of health policy and health services research, linking periodontal disease with heart disease.

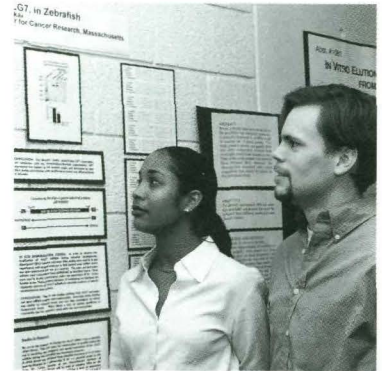
Faculty

Claudia Abeijon, Assistant Professor, Molecular and Cell Biology
Patricia Berninson, Instructor, Molecular and Cell Biology
Gijsbertus Brandse, Assistant Clinical Professor, Restorative Sciences/Biomaterials
Humberto de la Vega, Research Associate, Molecular and Cell Biology
Mark Ferriero, Assistant Clinical Professor, Restorative Science/Biomaterials
Eduardo Guillen, Research Associate, Molecular and Cell Biology
Carlos Hirschberg, Professor and Chair, Molecular and Cell Biology
Theoni Kazou, Clinical Instructor, Restorative Sciences/Biomaterials
Jerry Maliszewski, Clinical Instructor, Restorative Sciences/Biomaterials
Phillips Robbins, Professor, Molecular and Cell Biology
Sandra Semenic, Research Associate, Periodontology and Oral Biology
Susan Southard, Research Associate, Molecular and Cell Biology
Charles Specht, Assistant Professor, Molecular and Cell Biology

Staff

Dorothea Abbott, Financial Administrator, Molecular and Cell Biology
Beth Arena, Patient Care Coordinator, Patient Services
Janice Arruda, Hygienist, Patient Services
Rosa Barahona, Dental Assistant, Dental Health Plan
Neusa Barros, Dental Assistant, Dental Health Plan
Deborah Bell, Dental Assistant, Dental Health Plan
Sharon Cawley, Research Technician, Periodontology and Oral Biology
Felicia Davis, Dental Assistant, Endodontics
Sharon Dias, Administrative Secretary, Periodontology and Oral Biology
Laurence Dix, Mass. Health Coordinator, Financial Office
John Dufresne, Sterilization Technician, Dental Health Plan
John Farhart, Research Coordinator, Health Policy and Health Services Research
Jesús García, Research Technician, Molecular and Cell Biology
Carole Green, Senior Administrative Secretary, Restorative Sciences/Biomaterials
Brenda Hughes, Administrative Assistant, Community Health Programs
Marianne Lewis, Dental Assistant, Orthodontics
Maureen Kam, Hygienist, Patient Services
Gregory Kaplan, Clinic Coordinator, Endodontics
John Manning, Assistant to the Manager, Financial Office
Tyra Martin, Laboratory Coordinator, Clinic Financial Office
Ivy Nagahiro, Development Officer, Office of External Affairs
Eileen O'Brien, Administrative Manager, Molecular and Cell Biology
Ana Serrenho, Hygienist, Patient Services
Susan Slater, Senior Secretary, Restorative Sciences/Biomaterials
Janice Walker, Patient Supervisor, Clinic Financial Office
Stacia Waraska, Administrative Secretary, Academic Affairs
Antoinette Williams, Clinical Assistant, Patient Services
Suzanne Wray, Dental Assistant, Endodontics
Irina Zemtseva, Research Technician, Molecular and Cell Biology

clinic and research day/night



Nneka Bryant DMD 00 and Erich Heitman DMD 00 with their research poster at Clinic and Research Day/Night 1998



Dr. Maria Kukuruzinska and Ms. Kelly Lennon review the research presentation schedule for Clinic and Research Day/Night 1998

alumni weekend and commencement a resounding success



Karen Kucharski with Leila Rosenthal



Stephen DuLong DMD 75 PROS 78 with Dr. Emrey Moskowitz



Stephen Polins PERIO 73 with Laurie Aiton DMD 98



Dean Frankl with Frank DeQuattro DMD 98



Shabana Ali DMD 98 with daughter

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Senior dinner in May kicked off the graduation season at BUSDM. Congratulations to the following award winners:

Louay M. Abrass
 Laurie Ann Aiton
 Adil J. Albaghdadi
 Nasrin S. Azimzadeh
 Hussam S. Batal
 Casey B. Cook
 Frank Albert DeQuattro
 Chunni Duan
 Russell Scott Eddy
 Jennifer Ann Eppinger
 Bakhoun M. Girgis
 Dao B. Hoang
 Joyce A. Hottenstein
 Mana Jamalibeh
 Kelly Liza Kalmar
 Douglas Blake Kraut
 Karen Lynn Kucharski
 Edwin Lee
 Daniel Ming-Tak Ma
 Kevin A. Martin
 Adrijana Miksa
 Maria Del Rocio Montoya
 Malekshah M. Oskoui
 Anthony O. Olatunji
 David Francis Paquette
 Scott Andrew Perras
 Kevin W. Quinn
 Uday Nitin Reebye
 Willette Lilia Shaeffer
 Natalie Shlosman
 Sein Hsiang Siao
 Yildiz Teresa Silta
 John-Michael Stewart
 Lakshmi P. Thalanki
 Pei-Hua Wu



Dr. Jon Kapala PEDO 68 ORTHO 77, Service to the School



Dorothy Goldman
 Joan Schilder



Ms. Jacyn Stultz DPH 85, Service to the Community



Dr. Michael Roberts PEDO 70, Service to the Profession

The annual Spring Gala was held in May at the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston. As 400 guests enjoyed sparkling waterfront views, three alumni were presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award for service to the school, profession, or community. The recipients were as follows.

Dr. Jon Kapala PEDO 68 ORTHO 77 joined BUSDM in 1968 as a member of the pediatric dentistry department. For fifteen years he served as chair of this department. His love of children and his outstanding teaching skills led him to excel both as professor and practitioner. In showing an unwavering commitment to his students, the pediatric dentistry program, and the school, Kapala exemplifies the dedication that the school honors with the Alumni Award for Service to the School.

spring gala



Mitchell Sabbagh DMD 87, Madeline Apfel DMD 80, Josephine Pandolfo DMD 79 PERIO 82, William Walker ENDO 68, Dean Spencer N. Frankl, Dorothy Goldman, Ronnie Schnell DMD 81, Zhimon Jacobson DMD 81, and James Thiel PROS 68



(right) with Dr. Herbert and



Stephen DuLong DMD 75 PROS 78, Martha Connors, and Jacyn Stultz DPH 85



festivities brought to you by "gala girls"

(left to right) Ivy Nagahiro, Development Officer; Deborah Rodriguez, Continuing Education Program Coordinator; Mari Megias, Communications Specialist; Cindy Briggs, Alumni Officer; Christine McDonald, Director of Communications; Beverly Fraser, Administrative Assistant; and Valerie Denomy, Executive Assistant to the Dean



Marshall Sloane

Ms. Jacyn Stultz DPH 85 is a tireless advocate for improving the oral health of Massachusetts's residents. She is president of the Massachusetts Dental Hygiene Association; the dental chairperson of the Massachusetts Public Health Association; and a member of the newly formed Massachusetts Coalition on Oral Health. Through her activity in the legislative arena and in several community programs, Stultz exemplifies how dental health professionals can work with and advocate for communities.

Dr. Michael Roberts PEDO 70 has made outstanding contributions to pediatric dentistry through his work with the

United States Health Service, the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, and in academia, including his most recent service as chair of the department of pediatric dentistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is also a former chief of the Patient Care and Clinical Investigations Branch of the National Institute of Dental Research, where he participated in research activities and mentored many clinical fellows. The BUSDM Alumni Association salutes Roberts for his distinguished service to the profession of dentistry.

After the award presentations, Dean Frankl was honored on his twentieth year as BUSDM dean with a surprise video, in which



Ronni Schnell DMD 81, Jacyn Stultz DPH 85, and Dr. Raul Garcia

faculty, staff, and students expressed their appreciation for his leadership and vision through the years.



Kersti Mack and John Coelho PEDO 96



Nargess Ashayeri MSD 80 DMD 84 with her son,
Mehdyi Baghaei-Rad DMD 99



Samantha
Balzano,
Caroline
McManus,
Colleen
McManus, and
Terri Sullivan



Ron L. Herault and Ronni Schnell DMD 81

commencement

On Sunday, May 16, BUSDM held its commencement ceremony in Morse Auditorium on Boston University's Charles River Campus. One hundred ten DMD and eighty-one postdoctoral students graduated. Dean Spencer N. Frankl presided at the ceremony and Dr. Santo Cataudella, associate professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, addressed the graduates. "We look to you as you join our profession to become role models for those who follow you," said Cataudella in his speech. "I wish you the joy and satisfaction I have found in our profession. Congratulations to the 1998 graduates!"



Dr. Santo Cataudella Receives Spencer N. Frankl Teaching Award

Dr. Santo Cataudella, associate professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery at BUSDM, was presented with the Spencer N. Frankl Award for Excellence in Teaching at the school's May graduation ceremony. The Spencer N. Frankl Award is given annually to a member of BUSDM's faculty whose teaching skills exemplify the school's mission of providing excellent education to present and future dental professionals. "Dr. Cataudella is an outstanding clinician and teacher," says Dean Spencer N. Frankl. "His contributions to the school's educational and clinical missions have been major."

Cataudella, who trains oral surgery residents and teaches oral surgery to DMD students, derives much joy from teaching. "Having students say, 'It's all come together for me' gives me a great sense of personal satisfaction."

Cataudella's teaching skills have been honored in past years. He received the Proctor and Gamble Teaching Award for Teaching in the Clinical Sciences twice, in 1992 and 1995, and the Goldman School Distinguished Alumnus Award for Distinguished Service to the School in 1996.

Research at BUSDM continues to expand. During the past ten years, the number of grants received by the school's faculty has almost tripled. Some recent grants to BUSDM researchers include the following:

- **Paula Friedman**
Residencies in Advanced Education in General Dentistry
- **Russell Giordano**
Development of Novel Ceramic-Resin Materials for Implant and Restorative Dentistry
- **Dana Graves**
Mechanisms of Periodontal Destruction
- **Carlos Hirschberg**
Membrane Topology and Biosynthesis of Glycosaminoglycans
- **Zhimon Jacobson**
A Randomized Concurrent Controlled Study of Variable Loading Times for 3I's Colt 45
- **Elizabeth Krall**
Epidemiologic Studies of Periodontal Disease
- **Maria Kukuruzinska**
Development-Dependent Expression of the Salivary ALG7 Gene
- **Frank Oppenheim**
Microbicidal Salivary Histidine-Rich Proteins
- **Phillips Robbins**
Glycosylation and Glycosidases: Cell and Molecular Biology
- **Philip Trackman**
Lysyl Oxidase Control in Drug-Induced Gingival Fibrosis
- **Thomas Van Dyke**
A 24-Month, Double-Blind, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Study (Merck) Pfizer MMP Study-Animal Model

grant highlights

facilities update

Major facilities renovations of the 100 East Newton Street building, which started on November 1, 1997, are now complete. The school now has upgraded and improved facilities, including: new roofs; new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems; new fire alarm and sprinkler systems; and new elevators.

Also, the first floor of the school was refurbished with new ceilings, lighting, and flooring. New laboratory bench lights and an instructional video system were installed in the sixth-floor preclinical laboratory.

Change is exciting. In the next few years BUSDM will complete its acquisition of 60,000 square feet of space within the medical center. As Dean Frankl noted at the June semiannual faculty and staff meeting, adding this much space, along with the space at 930 Commonwealth Avenue and 560 Harrison Avenue, is equivalent to adding nine floors to 100 East Newton Street.

The school is growing. And being part of a major medical center affords BUSDM the unique opportunity to enmesh itself further in the fabric of the medical center by expanding beyond the walls of the original building.

In July, the department of health policy and health services research was joined in the Robinson building by the APEX, extramural, and dental placement program/career resource center offices. Also in June, the departments of pediatric dentistry and restorative sciences/biomaterials moved to 801 Albany Street. When Phase II of the Center for Advanced Biomedical Research ("CABR II") is completed in fall 1999, BUSDM will gain space in the Evans building for the preclinical simulation facility and for the expansion of its research laboratories.

on the move...

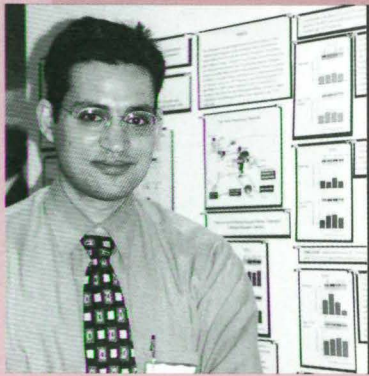
Department of Health Policy & Health Services Research Holds Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony at New Offices

In May 1998, the department of health policy and health services research relocated from the fourth and seventh floors of 100 East Newton Street to new quarters on the third floor of the Robinson building. Dean Spencer N. Frankl and Dr. Raul Garcia, chair of the department, officially dedicated the new offices on June 1 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house.

"It's great to have the various components of the department together in one area, including space for our students," says Garcia. "This new facility will help us integrate the educational, research, and community service missions of the department."



Dean Spencer N. Frankl and Dr. Raul Garcia cut the ribbon at BUSDM's new space in Robinson



Dr. Hussam Batal DMD 98 with his research poster at Science Day.

BUSDM researchers shine at university science day

In April 1998, seventeen students from BUSDM presented their research at BU's Science Day at George Sherman Union on the Charles River Campus. An annual event, Science Day showcases researchers from BUSDM, the School of Medicine, the School of Public Health, and all of BU's natural and physical science departments. The event gives students a chance to gain experience presenting their research. Erich Heitman DMD 00 and Nneka Bryant DMD 00 received an award for their presentation "Developmental Regulation of the First N-glycosylation Gene, ALG7, in Zebrafish."

in the media



Dr. Dana Graves of the department of periodontology and oral biology was interviewed by Heather Kahn of WCVB Channel 5 on a new toothpaste called Enamelon.

Nancy Mickels of the Clinical Research Center was interviewed on WCVB Channel 5 on a new treatment for periodontal disease called Periostat.

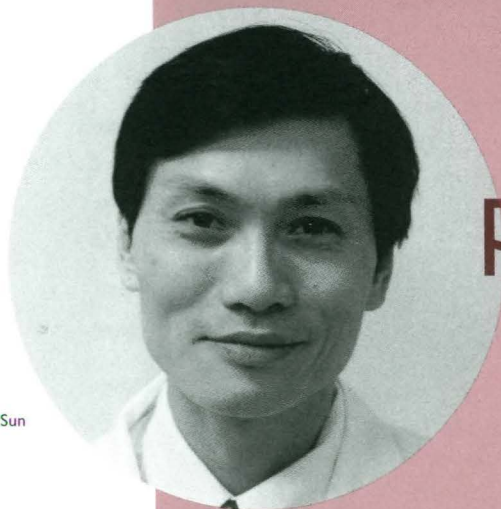
BUSDM implements annual faculty evaluation

This past summer BUSDM implemented Cycle II of its faculty review system. Developed with faculty and staff input from the school's Faculty and Staff Development Action Team (an outgrowth of the 1996 Learning Organization Futures Conference) in response to accreditation mandates from the American Dental Association, the new system aims to give the faculty feedback on their performance in order to help them set and achieve goals related to professional development.

In 1997, Dean Frankl created a task force on faculty and staff development, which was charged with creating an annual performance review process for faculty and implementing a faculty development system. The task force is also working on a staff review and development process.

Criteria for faculty review were derived from school-established expectations, responsibilities agreed on by faculty members and their department chairs, and the school's faculty promotion guidelines. As part of the review process, faculty will complete self-evaluation forms where they assess their teaching, scholarly activity, and service to the school and the community. Department chairs or program directors will then evaluate each faculty member on the same criteria.

Cycle II was completed at the end of August. The faculty and staff development task force will assess the evaluation system and make suggestions on how it should evolve. The task force will also plan development-related courses and activities for all faculty.



Dr. Arthur Sun

profile...

Dr. Arthur Sun PROS 82 MSD 83 DMD 84 DSCD 85, a BUSDM clinical faculty member in the division of postdoctoral prosthodontics, became a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics in February 1998.

Passing the certification examination is an arduous process. During the past two years, Sun completed a four-part test that involved a written examination and three oral case presentations. There are only 14 diplomates of the American Board of Prosthodontics in Massachusetts and fewer than 800 nationwide.

Sun, who came to BUSDM from his native Taiwan in 1980, volunteers as a faculty member in part because he wants to give back to the school that put him where he is today. He enjoys his teaching not only because he likes to share knowledge but also because he is always learning from his students.

"I like staying on top of the latest developments," says Sun, who has been a volunteer faculty member for the past twelve years. "Being a part of the BUSDM community is one way for me to remain current." He says BUSDM students are "smart, intelligent, and dedicated. I feel good when students perform well and I encourage all my students to become board certified."

Dr. Steven Morgano, director of postdoctoral prosthodontics and associate clinical professor of restorative sciences, inspired Sun to "challenge the Board" and take the examination. Morgano gave Sun his support, advice, and friendship throughout the two-year process.

competency-based evaluation system on track

From June through August, BUSDM held workshops for clinical faculty regarding the competency-based evaluation system for predoctoral students. Competency-based evaluation is a method of appraising students on the basis of whether they achieve specific competencies.

A competency-based learning and evaluation system will help students formulate and express their thoughts at the beginning of each patient appointment about what the patient needs, what students intend to do to meet this need, and what students expect to occur during the process of meeting the need. The competency-based learning and evaluation system will increase the focus of the student-patient-faculty interaction. In addition to focusing on the completion of clinical procedures, the system will encourage critical thinking, communication, self-evaluation, and quality assurance.

The recently-held workshops focused on coaching and providing feedback not just on the procedure being performed but also on the quality of student performance, the critical thinking displayed in preparing for and completing the procedure, and the decision-making independence displayed in completing the procedure.



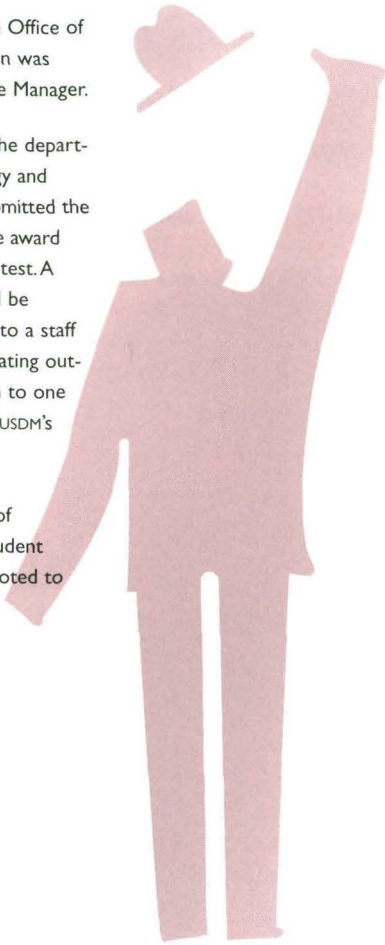
hats off to...

Kathy Cumberbatch DMD 99 was appointed as a student representative to the National Dental Association Board of Trustees.

Judith Curry of the Office of Advanced Education was promoted to Office Manager.

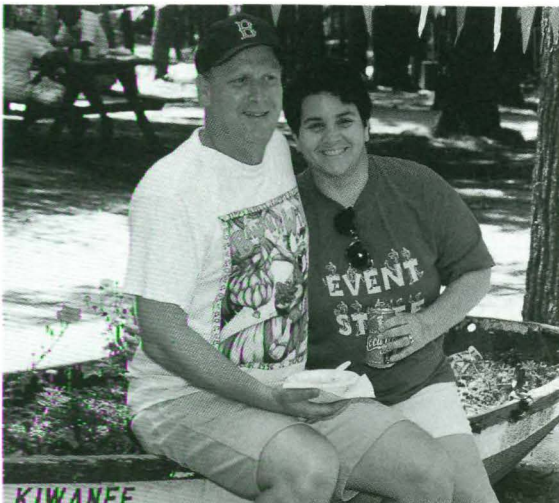
Maureen Kiely of the department of oral biology and periodontology submitted the winning entry in the award recognition pin contest. A recognition pin will be awarded quarterly to a staff member demonstrating outstanding dedication to one or more areas of BUSDM's mission.

Meridith Maruska of Admissions and Student Services was promoted to Office Manager.



BUSDM residents present research at periodontology symposium

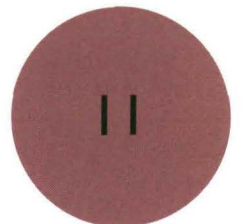
Each year the periodontology departments of BUSDM, the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, and the New York University Dental School hold a joint symposium in periodontology. University of Pennsylvania hosted this year's meeting in May 1998. BUSDM's department of periodontology and oral biology provided funds (raised through alumni donations) for seventeen postdoctoral periodontology residents to attend this year's meeting. Bianca Flora PERIO 99, Howard Gross PERIO 99, Gabriel Menassa PERIO 98, and Paulo Saragnese PERIO 99 presented at the symposium.



KIWANEE
Diane Dougherty of the Office of Advanced Education and her husband David enjoy themselves at Camp Kiwanee.

1998 Summer Picnic

This year's faculty and staff family day/picnic was held on Sunday, August 9, at Camp Kiwanee in Hanson. Highlights of the day included a children's event in memory of Dr. Richard Allard PEDO 66, professor of pediatric dentistry until his death in 1996, and a one-mile race in memory of Dr. Anthony Jong, associate dean and chairman of the department of dental care management until his death in 1992.



A rather strange thought occurred to me the other day as I was reading through a recent issue of *Time* magazine.

Oprah Winfrey has beautiful teeth.

Really, she does. To a layperson like me, her teeth are perfectly straight (possibly indicating a little ortho work?) And brilliantly white (maybe a little cosmetic whitening touch-up here or there?).

So, why is this thought strange to me? Because a year and a half ago I never would have noticed Oprah Winfrey's teeth, nor anyone else's for that matter.

What does this observation tell me? For one thing, it says I have learned something new. I have come to notice an aspect of life—oral health—that before remained in the background of my unschooled consciousness.

I have been introduced to a new level of thinking and awareness. All these newfound insights would not have occurred had I not come to work for a school of dental medicine.

What continues to occur to me is how very much I have changed and learned during the past year and a half, and how wonderful that change has been for me personally and professionally. And that makes me recognize the many changes that have occurred in our department of external affairs, and all the positive things that have resulted from these changes. For example, we have a new development officer, who has taken our alumni community by storm through her aggressive solicitation of donations and gifts; we have a new design firm of

what's up

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record, which has helped us unify our school's printed and electronic image and aid us in our messaging efforts; we have begun production on a much-awaited new recruitment video for the DMD program; we just published one of our most-popular *Impressions* editions; and we've grown together as a solid team of communications and development professionals.

Growth and change are two very important elements to a healthy and happy life, and two aspects of the BUSDM mission that emphasize our direction as a dental school and as an organization of professionals working here, together, for a common good.

On the heels of an outstanding preliminary accreditation report, we should all take great pride in our ability to embrace change and growth as a challenge and a positive influence.

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