Goldman School Advisory: June 15, 1989
A Memorable Year for Commencement Exercises

Boston University's Commencement Exercises drew worldwide attention with the presence of two world leaders, President George Bush and French President Francois Mitterrand. The two-hour ceremony, attended by 31,000 degree candidates and their guests, had a large draw from the Dental School of approximately 125 students and faculty members in attendance.

The Dental School then continued the festivities with a luncheon at Warren Towers and graduation exercises at Morse Auditorium beginning at 3:00 p.m. DEAN FRANKL, who presided over the ceremony, commented in his opening speech to the Class of '89, "You are privileged to celebrate your personal landmark along with an extraordinary event in the history of Boston University: not only is the University celebrating its Sesquicentennial this year, but the Goldman School, part of this great University, is commemorating its twenty-fifth anniversary. The School has had a proud and rich history, and now, all of you gathered here today, have become an important part of our legacy." DEAN FRANKL also emphasized the need for graduates to continue their educational endeavors and avoid "a future of complacency — the complacency that so often arises from a feeling of completion, from feeling that you know all that you need to know."

THOMAS KILGORE, Assistant Dean for Curriculum, and SYDELL SHAW, Director of Predoctoral Admissions and Student Affairs, presented diplomas and hooded the predoctoral class with the traditional violet regalia. ANTHONY W. JONG, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, presided over the presentation of diplomas to postdoctoral and graduate students. Twenty-eight academic and clinical achievement awards were conferred as well.

Prior to Commencement, DEAN and MRS. FRANKL hosted a Senior Dinner in the Hiebert Lounge at the Medical School for predoctoral students and their guests. The elegant dinner was followed by mutual roastings — the faculty presented humorous awards to the graduating class while displaying pictures of the recipients as they were named. The students, in return, presented a videotape that satirized the various personalities and courses they experienced throughout their four years at the Dental School.

On behalf of the ADVISORY, congratulations to the sixty-seven predoctoral graduates, the sixty-seven postdoctoral candidates and the seven individuals who received graduate degrees. Best wishes for your future success!
Spring General Faculty Meeting Highlights

The semi-annual General Faculty Meeting was held on Tuesday evening, April 25, 1989, featuring opening remarks from DEAN FRANKL, who addressed the graduation festivities, the Chelsea Project, Faculty Teaching Conference, development of the South End and trends in dental school admissions. Dr. Frankl also introduced the idea that the model for the Dental School should be one of constant change, while maintaining close links with our parent university and the community of dental practitioners.

MADALYN MANN, Director of the APEX Program, discussed the process of selecting sites for APEX rotations, which has involved sending out questionnaires to dental practitioners, screening approximately 150 responses from dentists within the Route 495 area, and reviewing 90 offices. The selection process is nearly complete, with almost 70 offices personally visited. During the visits, the qualities that were deemed important included utilization of assistants, radiation safety, emergency precautions and infection control protocol, interpersonal style of the dentist and staff, busyness of the practice, and the attitude toward the APEX Program. The marketing video for the APEX Program was also presented.

A continuing education component of the program was presented by FRANK OPPENHEIM, Chairman of the Department of Periodontology and Oral Biology on "AIDS and the Oral Cavity." Dr. Oppenheimer discussed the latest research being performed in his laboratory involving AIDS and the candidiasis bacteria.

THOMAS KILGORE, Assistant Dean for Curriculum, introduced the Infectious Disease Control Manual, emphasizing Universal Precautions for all patients. The policy is due to go into effect on JULY 1, 1989.

MADALYN MANN, Clinic Administrator, concluded the meeting with an update on the computer proposal, which will allow entry and tracking of the treatment plan, as well as appointment scheduling. A vendor has been selected to install the hardware and software for the system, and currently the details of the contract are being worked out.

A General Staff Meeting, which took place on Monday, June 12, 1989, presented many of these same issues to the BUSGD staff along with an update on the Faculty/Staff (F.A.S.T.) Committee.

First Annual Dr. David J. Baraban Award Presented

The Department of Prosthodontics proudly announced JOHN DOLBEC as the recipient of the First Annual Dr. David J. Baraban Award, presented on Monday, June 5, to the outstanding graduate student who best exemplifies excellence in character and clinical proficiency.

This year’s presentation was unique in that the award was officially dedicated to Dr. Baraban and was presented by him. Dr. Baraban, who is currently Professor Emeritus and former Chairman of the Department of Prosthodontics, retired last year from his duties as teacher, clinician and advisor. He has been a source of inspiration to his students and colleagues over the last 30 years, for his contributions to dentistry, and to the area of Prosthodontics.

JOHN DOLBEC, who received his D.D.S. degree from N.Y.U. and is a 1989 graduate of the postdoctoral program in Prosthodontics, plans to practice in Brockton. "The biggest thrill was having the award presented by Dr. Baraban, for whom I've had a great amount of admiration and respect," he said.

Also at the presentation were Mrs. Marjorie Baraban, Mrs. Dorothy Goldman and HENRY M. GOLDMAN, Dean Emeritus.

Goldman Students Shine at Hoopathon

The Goldman School basketball pros, ERIC GOTT, CHRIS OWEN, STEVE SOELBERG and PAUL RASHID, beat the B.U. Medical School team, 805 baskets to 725 baskets, at the Tenth Annual Hoopathon for Huntington's Disease, held on Thursday, April 27 at the Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center.

The team of four were among 150 shooters from the B.U. Medical Center community, along with 10 celebrities from radio and t.v., who raised approximately $30,000 to support research and to buy specially designed wheelchairs for severely disabled Huntington's Disease patients. Pictured are: (front row, l to r) Chris Owen, Class of '89, 174 baskets; Steve Soelberg, Class of '89, 187 baskets; and Paul Rashid, Class of '89, 188 baskets; (back row, l to r) Eric Gott, Class of '90, 256 baskets; Jim Colony of KISS 108; and Keith Kidd, V.P. for the Massachusetts Chapter of the Huntington's Disease Society of America.
Graduation weekend kicked off on Friday, May 19, with a special Sesquicentennial Gala, honoring the 150th anniversary of Boston University at the Beatrice Sherman Ballroom of the George Sherman Union.

The Gala featured remarks by PRESIDENT JOHN SILBER and recognition of Professors Emeriti, many of whom were in attendance for the gala. A ‘Parade of Classes’ followed, with one member of each graduating class in attendance representing his or her year in a grand march honoring the history of the University and its Schools and Colleges. VALDEMAR WELZ, Class of ‘79, and MINOO CHAICHAIN, Class of ‘80, were the Dental School’s representatives in the parade, and ZHIMON JACOBSON, Class of ‘80 and Clinical Director of Postdoctoral Prosthodontics, carried the GSGD flag. A theatrical presentation, titled “A Living History” was presented, celebrating the University’s 150-year history through music, drama, pictures, oral histories and staged readings. The spectacle highlighted major world and national events during those years as seen from the campus perspective.

In addition to VALDEMAR WELZ, ZHIMON JACOBSON and MINOO CHAICHAIN, those from the Dental School in attendance included: SPENCER FRANKL, Dean; HAROLD LEVIN, ‘62; RICHARD CARR, ‘73; GAIL DEMKO, ‘78; REMO SINIBALDI, Chairman, Prosthodontics; JAMES THIEL, ’68; CARLO CASTELLUCCI, ’83, ’85; STEPHEN DUONG, ’75; SANTO CATAUDELLA, ’60; WELDON LLOYD, ’78; MORRIS RUBEN, Professor of Periodontology; HENRY GOLDMAN, Dean Emeritus; HERBERT SCHILDER, Chairman, Endodontics; DONALD BOOTH, Associate Dean for Hospital Affairs and Chairman, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; FRANK OPPENHEIM, Chairman, Department of Periodontology and Oral Biology, THOMAS KILGORE, Assistant Dean for Curriculum and Chairman, Diagnostic Sciences and Patient Services; ANTHONY JONG, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Chairman, Dental Care Management; PAULA FRIEDMAN, Assistant Dean for Administration; and MARGARET PHILBRICK, Senior Development Officer.

ANDY SAMUEL, Class of ‘90, is the recipient of a $1500 scholarship, awarded by the Greater Boston Dental Society. The scholarship goes to an upperclassman in good academic standing who actively participates in school activities. ANDY SAMUEL was recognized for his student government involvement as Class President, his participation as a student tour guide, and his activity in extracurricular events such as Clinic Day. The honor was presented by HERBERT SCHILDER, Professor and Chairman, Department of Endodontics and a member of the Greater Boston Dental Society, on May 17, at the Holiday Inn, Brookline.

Members of the Indian Council conducted a site visit recently at the Goldman School to evaluate a contract to provide primary dental care to urban Native Americans in the Boston area. Third and fourth year students provided care to Indians referred by the Project Coordinator. Pictured (l to r) are THOMAS KILGORE, Assistant Dean for Curriculum, PAULA FRIEDMAN, Assistant Dean for Administration, PATSY PETRIE, Financial Manager of the contract, KATHERINE CALLOWY, Project Director from Tennessee, REBECCA SABALA, Nurse and Project Coordinator for B.U. and the Boston Indian Council, BARBARA NAMIAS, Associate Director, Boston Indian Council, and LARRY KEIL, Indian Health Service Officer for the Northeast Region. An abstract chronicling the project, co-authored by PAULA FRIEDMAN and LESLIE HARDER, Patient Assignment Coordinator, was submitted and accepted for presentation at the American Public Health Association’s annual meeting next October in Chicago.
Infection Control Policy Depends on YOU!

The Committee for Infectious Disease Control recently completed the Infection Control Manual, available in the Department of Diagnostic Sciences and Patient Services, Room 430.

All students, faculty and staff should familiarize themselves with the policy which emphasizes "Universal Precautions." The recommendations are based on current Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), American Dental Association (ADA) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) standards. For instance, it is school policy that masks, glasses and gloves are worn during patient treatment. The protocol officially goes into effect on JULY 1, 1989, and, for your safety and health, requires your complete cooperation. Any questions should be referred to the Department of Diagnostic Sciences and Patient Services, Ext. 4558.

Do You Know How to Prevent Malpractice Claims?

Most health care professionals are probably not aware that the majority of malpractice claims are not due to negligence but to inadequate record keeping and/or poor patient relations. To educate students, faculty and staff about risk management and reducing liability, a new committee, the Dental Risk Management Advisory Group, has been formed. The committee is made up of representatives from the Goldman School, the B.U. Office of Risk Management and University legal counsel. The committee will keep you informed about developments in risk management and welcomes your input. Direct your questions and comments to the Department of Diagnostic Sciences and Patient Services, Ext. 4558.

And Speaking of...

ANTHONY GIANELLY, Professor and Chairman of Orthodontics, is the second American to receive the prestigious Biaggi Award, given by a group of Italian dentists to honor the contributions of an individual to the profession of dentistry in Italy. Dr. Gianelly, who lectures and presents courses extensively in Italy, received the award at a ceremony there in May. The award is a gold medal to be worn around the neck whenever he is in Italy for professional purposes...DR. AND MRS. FRANK OPPENHEIM hosted a special reception honoring the fourteen graduating students in the Department of Periodontology and Oral Biology at the Castle on B.U.'s Main Campus, on Friday, June 2, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The reception featured hot and cold hors d’oeuvres, beer and wine, and a surprise farewell tribute by the students to GIOVANNI CASTELLUCCI and JORGE SANCHEZ, both Assistant Professors of Periodontology, and CAROL YASSINGER, Assistant Clinical Professor of Periodontology...WELDON LLOYD, Associate Director of Admissions, was the moderator of a panel entitled "Minority Recruiting: Strategies for the '90s," at the New England Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals Annual Conference, May 3-5 in Newport, Rhode Island. DEBBY FRANTZ, Student Recruiter, also attended the conference.

Think Summer...Join the F.A.S.T. Picnic!

The Second Annual BUSGD Picnic for faculty and staff is only days away, on Sunday, June 25, 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Mount Ida College in Newton. There will be summer-fun picnic food and beverages provided while you enjoy the many activities of the day including a tennis tournament, softball, 2-mile run, volleyball, lots of games, swimming, music and lots more! New this year will be the "Just Desserts" contest to see who can make the most decadent, delicious and delectable dessert. Bring the whole gang, relax and play with your friends from BUSGD. For more information and to sign up, call BRIDGET MARRON, Ext. 4671, on the 7th floor. BUSGD Picnic t-shirts are on sale for $7 throughout the School, so make sure you get one to wear for the 25th!

Quiz Yourself... Triple Whammy!

(A) What legal responsibility does a dentist in Massachusetts have in the treatment of a patient with an infectious disease, such as AIDS? 
(B) What implications do the legal statutes hold for the dental health practitioner? 
(C) How does the Goldman School interpret the legal precedents? 
(Check your Answers on Page 6.)
Placement Service Continues to Thrive

For recent graduates as well as practicing dentists and specialists, the Career Resource Center's Placement Program offers an ideal way to explore available full- or part-time career options in regions throughout the country. The program, which developed out of a growing demand for a centralized source of career information, is offered by the Goldman School in cooperation with the Massachusetts Dental Society. Through a specially-designed, sophisticated computer program, the Placement Program serves as a 'clearinghouse' of professional opportunities.

According to MADALYN MANN, Director of the Career Resource Center, the Dental Placement Program has a variety of uses for graduating students of both predoctoral and postdoctoral programs, as well as GSGD alumni. Since its inception, the Placement Program has had over 400 opportunities and has been utilized by over 350 people.

For further information about how this program can assist you, stop by the Career Resource Center, Room 305, or call 638-4056.

Employee Spotlight: Lu O'Brien

For LU O'BRIEN, who has worked for four years in the Dental Materials area on the fifth floor, it was simply a yearning desire to help out the deaf community in Greater Boston which motivated her to learn sign language and the use of a Teletypewriter (TTY) machine to communicate with the non-hearing population. She earned a certificate from the Boston School for the Deaf, and through the program and use of her own TTY machine, has been able to get in touch with the deaf community from her home in South Boston for conversation and to offer assistance.

Being at the Dental School has given her another opportunity to help out the deaf population. A few months ago, she became aware of a deaf patient who was not keeping appointments. She brought in her TTY machine from home, which allows two people to communicate through the phone lines by use of a mini-typewriter with a screen. By typing messages on her machine, she made contact with the patient, who subsequently came to every appointment, knowing there was someone at the Dental School with whom she could communicate in sign language.

"I want to connect with the deaf community in Greater Boston and be a liaison for them with the Dental School," she says. "They are not getting the dental care they need. They need someone who can help them set up appointments and communicate with them so they don't feel alienated. Helping to bridge the gap between hearing and non-hearing individuals gives me a great deal of satisfaction."

She points out that TTY machines are inexpensive and most deaf individuals have them at home.
Farewell to Marcia Weeks

MARCIA WEEKS, who has been with BUSGD for ten years as an Admissions Officer, is leaving to start her own travel agency business. Many of the faculty, staff and students who had the opportunity to work with her said their farewells at a reception in her honor on Tuesday, May 30, in the First Floor Dining Area. In the last ADVISORY, she was inadvertently omitted from a list of employees who were honored for ten years of service to Boston University at the Annual Service Recognition Dinner, April 18, in the Ballroom of the George Sherman Union. On behalf of the Dental School, the ADVISORY extends congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Welcome Aboard

...to KIMBERLY MCNAIR, Admissions Assistant...ELLEN YADON, Administrative Assistant in the Dean's Office...Also, congratulations to RON LHÉRAULT, Senior Research Technician in Biomaterials, DENISE LOBB, Faculty/Alumni Specialist, on their recent promotions.

On the Move...Really!

It is now official — LISA CASPER, in the Office of Communications and MAGGIE PHILBRICK, in the Office of Development for the Dental School have relocated to Room 308. Stop by and visit, and remember to bring your news for the ADVISORY!

With Sympathy...

The ADVISORY notes the recent passing of IRENE BURKE, a Data Input Operator in the Finance Office, and extends sympathies to her family, friends and co-workers. She had been with the Goldman School as a valuable employee since 1980.

This is the last ADVISORY for the academic year, 1988-89. We’ll be back in September, so don’t forget to send your news items to LISA CASPER, Communications, Room 308, for publication. In the meantime, happy summer... see you in the fall!

Answer to Quiz:

(A) Massachusetts is one of several states to adopt the position whereby it is unlawful to discriminate against a person with AIDS or perceived to be at risk for AIDS (Article 114, State Constitution). The statute says that no individual shall, solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from participating in, denied the benefits of or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity within the Commonwealth.

(B) If a new patient is refused treatment, solely on the basis of an infectious disease, a dentist may be violating the anti-discrimination law. If a patient of record, subsequently diagnosed with AIDS, is refused treatment or referred elsewhere without due cause, the practitioner may be professionally liable and charged with "abandonment" or the violation of the provider-patient relationship.

(C) The Dental School's Clinic Committee subscribes to the philosophy outlined in the policy statements of the American Association of Dental Schools: "Any patient that presents with a history of AIDS and/or other communicable infectious disease, must not be denied treatment based on their history by any faculty member, student or staff member unless treatment is contraindicated by sound medical/dental principles."