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Message from the Dean: Schattner Center Construction

As many of you already know, the University terminated its contract with York Hunter for construction of the Robert Schattner Center on September 14. The University took this action reluctantly and only after coming to the conclusion that the contractor had seriously defaulted in its obligations with respect to the project. Since then, the University's Office of General Counsel, Facilities Management, and the construction management team from Trammell Crow have been working closely with the School to take all steps necessary to facilitate completion of the building with a new contractor.

Our first concern following the termination was to ensure that the site was safe and secure. This work has now been completed and, as of the date of this letter, weatherproofing work is underway at the site, including work at the exposed connections to the Evans Building. In addition, the University has contracted with a private security firm to guard the site.

Shortly after the termination, we initiated an arbitration claim against York Hunter. We have also

requested that the bonding company, which issued the surety bond purchased by York Hunter to guarantee completion of the project, assume responsibility for completion. The University is now engaged in discussions with the bonding company regarding this issue.

We are optimistic that this transitional phase is nearing its end, and that we will be in a position to resume construction on the Schattner Center in the near future. Once work resumes, the Schattner Center will be completed in its entirety as originally designed.

I wish to thank our students, faculty, and staff for the patience shown as we all suffer through the inconveniences associated with the construction. As difficult as it has been to postpone our move into the Schattner Center, we would do well to note that we have come a long way and are, indeed, another step closer to a greatly improved Dental campus. Until we reach that goal, I will continue to share information regarding this and all our renovation and construction projects with you as soon as it becomes available. ■

SDM Students, Faculty Continue Community Outreach Efforts

SDM students have been bringing oral health promotion, screening, and in some cases, clinical care to underserved areas throughout the region, and hope to further strengthen their efforts this year through three ongoing community based programs—the United Community Clinics (UCC), helping families in the East Parkside section of West Philadelphia; the University City Hospitality Coalition (UCHC), serving the homeless of West Philadelphia; and Community Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM), a nonprofit organization that provides primary health care for the uninsured and underinsured of Chester County.

This year at the UCC dental clinic, managers Shannon Brophy (D'03) and Debbie Althoff (D'03) hope to improve the quality and quantity of services



offered to families, while also building awareness of the UCC program and its resources within SDM.

Located in the First African Presbyterian Church at 4159 Girard Ave., UCC is a student-run interdisciplinary health clinic staffed by volunteers from the University's Schools of Dental Medicine, Medicine, Nursing, and Social Work. It operates every Monday evening from 6 to 8 p.m., excluding holidays and school vacations. On average, four to five SDM students, most of whom are first- and second-year students, work in the clinic each week, providing referrals, education, (*continued on page 3*)



Dr. Martin Greenberg Named Editor of Leading Oral Medicine Journal

Dr. Martin Greenberg, Professor and Chair of the Department of Oral Medicine, is now helping to identify the nation's leading research in his field as the new oral medicine editor for the *Journal of Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, Oral Radiology, and Endodontics*.

Appointed to this five-year post in July, Dr. Greenberg is responsible for overseeing the review and selection of those articles that appear in the oral medicine section of the publication, working with an editorial board of experts from throughout the country who assist in reviewing the submissions. Reflective of the School's leadership in oral medicine, two SDM faculty members are also part of the editorial board—Dr. Michael Glick, Professor of Oral Medicine and Dr. Thomas Sollecito, Assistant Professor Clinician Educator of Oral Medicine.



"It is an exciting opportunity," notes Dr. Greenberg, "which gives me the ability to help guide the level of scholarship in the specialty of oral medicine and the profession of dentistry."

Dr. Greenberg was selected for the position by the American Academy of Oral Medicine (AAOM). The official publication for the AAOM as well as for seven other professional societies, the *Journal of Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, Oral Radiology, and Endodontics* is the only major dental journal that provides a complete overview of the medical and surgical techniques of dental practice in five specialty areas, and it is considered required reading for anyone in the fields of oral medicine, surgery, or advanced general practice dentistry. Published since 1948, it ranks near the top 10% of the 4,779 scientific journals most frequently cited (Science Citation Index). ■

Dr. Michael Glick Honored for Advancing Care of Patients With HIV

Dr. Michael Glick, Professor of Oral Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, was recently honored as one of "10 Who Made a Difference" in the battle against AIDS by Philadelphia FIGHT in celebration of the organization's tenth anniversary. Founded in 1990, Philadelphia FIGHT is a comprehensive AIDS service organization providing primary care, consumer education, advocacy and research on potential treatments and vaccines for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Glick was one of only two healthcare providers recognized by the organization, which serves the greater Philadelphia area. Jane Shull, Executive Director of Philadelphia FIGHT, called Dr. Glick "a true pioneer in providing dental treatment for patients



with HIV. His personal example has encouraged oral healthcare workers all over the United States to treat, not be afraid of, and not to discriminate against HIV-infected individuals."

Dr. Glick is director of the program for medically complex patients at SDM, which treats patients from throughout the region. Prior to coming to Penn, he established the Infectious Disease Clinic at Temple University. His research focuses on HIV and its effect on the oral cavity, as well as dental care for patients with HIV disease and other complex medical conditions. Dr. Glick is also an associate editor of the *Journal of the American Dental Association* and consultant to numerous ADA councils.

While appreciative of the recognition, Dr. Glick feels that the treatment of patients with HIV/AIDS should not be viewed as exceptional. Instead, as he notes, "This is a part of what we do as healthcare providers." ■

Library Update: Getting Online When You're Off Campus

Access to the Penn modem pool has been phased out, but students, staff, and faculty can still access Penn-restricted databases and electronic journals from off campus through the Library Proxy Service. By obtaining an Internet connection through an Internet service provider (ISP) and properly configuring your browser (Netscape or Internet Explorer), the Library Proxy Service provides the same level of access to Library resources as was formerly available through the modem pool.

The steps involved in configuring your browser are as follows:

1. Go to the Health Sciences Libraries webpage: <http://www.library.upenn.edu/biomed/>
2. Under "What's New" choose "Dial-In Access Change August 1st."
3. On the page that comes up (Penn Modem Pool Changes) choose the hypertext link to "Library Proxy Service."
4. On the "Library Proxy Service" page, go to the fourth paragraph and choose the hypertext link "Auto-detect." This will take you to a page that will lead you through the set-up for your system.

Once the Library Proxy Service is turned on, a small dialog box requesting your user name and password will appear whenever you try to access a restricted database or journal. (Your user name is your last name, and your password is the last ten digits on your PennCard, with no spaces between the digits.) After providing this information, you will be able to access the restricted material.

If you need information on ISP options, see <http://www.upenn.edu/computing/remote/remote.access.html>. ■

Construction Begins on Pediatric/Special Needs Clinic

In the first major clinic construction project to be undertaken as part of Phase 2 of the School's capital improvement program, work has begun on the School's new Pediatric and Special Needs Clinic. Located on the first floor of the Thomas W. Evans Building, this facility is designed to greatly enhance the scope of the School's pediatric and special needs patient care and the quality of clinical instruction.

At a total of 4,400 square feet (3,200 square feet of program space), the new clinic will feature ten dental operatories (including four closed operatories), a dental radiographic facility for panoramic radiology, a recovery room for sedation, a lab/dispensing room, a patient education/conference room, faculty and staff offices, and a reception and waiting room with a children's play area.

The work presently underway will include construction of the majority of operatories and the faculty and staff offices. To proceed with this phase of construction, the Implant Center has been relocated, with an interim implant suite created in Room F14 and another oral surgery suite established within the Penn Dental Center at University City, 3401 Market Street. In addition, several of the Periodontic Clinic offices have also been temporarily relocated. Completion of this phase of the construction is projected for 2001, with the timing of the project's remaining work dependent upon the completion of the Robert Schattner Center, explains SDM Facilities Manager Jerry Friel. Serving as the project architect is the Philadelphia-based firm of Paul Steege & Associates. ■

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product samples, and screenings. So far this year, Ms. Althoff and Ms. Brophy have implemented a number of changes at the UCC dental clinic. Screenings, which rarely occurred last year, are now being conducted twice a month. They also introduced a "Kids Night," organizing fun activities, such as a story time and coloring projects, around oral health care topics. In addition, each month, one of the UCC dental clinic managers plans a special presentation on topics such as nutrition, smoking, diabetes, and oral cancer. Along with Ms. Brophy and Ms. Althoff, Joe Basilicato (D'03), Daniel King (D'03), and Susan Awn (D'03) also serve as managers within the clinic.

Providing oral health education, screenings, and referrals for the homeless of West Philadelphia are the volunteers at the University City Hospitality Coalition (UCHC). This year, Guadalupe Garcia (D'02) and James

Morrison (D'03) are the student coordinators of this clinic program.

UCHC was established in 1984 by a group of University of Pennsylvania students, area clergy, and local residents to help address the realities of homelessness in the community, initially serving one "meal of hospitality" each week. Today, UCHC provides a meal every day of the week at churches and community centers throughout West Philadelphia and offers other support services, including dental, medical, and legal programs staffed by volunteer students and faculty from the University's respective schools. SDM has been involved in the program for the past five years.

The dental program is set up and staffed by SDM volunteers every other Wednesday evening, 5:30 to 8 p.m., at the Church of the Saviour on 38th and Chestnut Streets. Individuals coming to this UCHC site for their evening meal can access the oral *(continued on page 4)*

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health education, screening, and referral services as needed.

"One of our goals this year is to try to expand the program, so the dental program could be set up every week rather than every other week," notes Ms. Garcia. "To do that, however, we need to get more faculty and student participation."

Finally, SDM began working with Community Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM) in September 1999 through the efforts of Dr. Sara Simpser-Rafalin, Clinical Assistant Professor of Restorative Dentistry, who serves as the faculty advisor for this community service site.

"Dr. Simpser-Rafalin and I were invited to visit the facilities at CVIM during the summer of 1999, and were immediately impressed at the high level of organization and clinical services that were provided by this organization," says Dr. Joan Gluch, Assistant Professor of Dental Care Systems and Assistant Dean for Community Relations. "We are pleased that SDM faculty and students can join the CVIM organization in providing much-needed dental services to individuals who have not had access to dental care."

CVIM provides primary health care services to the medically underserved residents of Chester County, many of whom are

members of the Latino community. Community health care professionals volunteer their services, offering medical and dental care at the CVIM centers in both West Chester and Frazer.

Unique to this program, participating students get actual clinical experience, working one day a month at the West Chester office. Dr. Simpser-Rafalin and other participating faculty members supervise students whenever they provide treatment.

Additional student and faculty volunteers continue to be needed for all three clinic programs. Interested students should contact one of the student or faculty coordinators—Debbie Althoff, dalhoff@dolphin.upenn.edu, or Shannon Brophy, sbrophy@dolphin.upenn.edu, for UCC; James Morrison, jmorrison@dolphin.upenn.edu or Guadalupe Garcia, gegarcia@dolphin.upenn.edu for UCHC; and Dr. Joan Gluch, gluchj@pobox.upenn.edu, for CVIM or any of the other programs. Faculty members willing to volunteer at any of the three sites should contact Dr. Joan Gluch, gluchj@pobox.upenn.edu. ■

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