2020 VISION

This is a very exciting academic year for us. We now have 10 very high quality new residents selected from a growing number of applicants. We are especially proud of the demand for our program at a time when there is a reduction nationally in the periodontics applicant pool. The fact that so many residents want our program instead of others available is a point of personal pride for the Department of Periodontics and the Case School of Dental Medicine. We are preparing people to enter the profession of our specialty at a critical time and we are making a difference in the future.

Changes in clinical research are driving much of what we teach. Our research is now directed towards the areas of periodontal medicine and risk assessment of the perio disease/systemic link, among other clinical projects in implants and cosmetic dentistry. This reflects a national trend, and because of its significance leads to a change in the paradigm of periop education and the practice as it will be in the year 2020. This important new focus means a change in laboratory space requirements.

Our research activities demand more labs and more room for clinical research. We also need a computer lab for the residents since today’s advanced technology requires residents to have their own laptops. Also needed is a student lounge for residents to get together and talk. So a department expansion is underway. Our enhanced space will be a logical extension in back of the periop clinic that we now have. The new area will have a large computer and laboratory facility. We are also seeking to add a dental chair for clinical research and investigation.

We hope to begin this work immediately in order to have it ready in 2005. Depending

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Pietro DiBattista ’93 lives and works in a multilingual world. A call to his office in Montreal, Canada, is answered in French or English. A call to his home is answered in Italian. “One of the assets of living in Montreal is the richness of the culture,” he says, “everyone here speaks at least two languages.” In the DiBattista home everyone, including his young children, speaks three: French, Italian, and English.

This all comes naturally to Dr. DiBattista, a Montreal native whose Italian immigrant family was very close. “Like all good immigrant families, we lived with our parents, uncles, and grandparents,” he says.

“The reason for my choices in life is that I am turned on by people. I admired my own dentist and I wanted to be like him,” Dr. Battista notes that this dentist is now a colleague who refers patients to him.

Dr. Battista says that he chose to study dentistry and periodontics at Case School of Dental Medicine because “I wanted to experience American college life and Case had a good reputation. I found the professors to be very helpful to students and the clinical program is strong. Dr. Bisada and Dr. Richetti were instrumental in my having this passion for periodontics.”

Dr. Battista loves the States, but decided to return to his home town for family reasons.

“The quality of life up here is very good. I was a junior hockey player before I went to dental school and now I am teaching my son to skate. Dental care here is not covered by the government, but there is private dental insurance. I am a solo practitioner with eight employees.”

Support for his alma mater matters a lot, he adds. “I have donated $10,000 to the school. I appreciate the education I got there. The fruit of my education is applying it successfully. It’s enabled me to make a living for the rest of my life.”

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Dr. Bisada and former students Ansu Basile ’00 and Greg Meyers ’00 (left) and colleague Tom Partridge of Cincinnati.
CLASS NOTES

1975
Meyer Perlstein is enjoying his solo practice in Atlanta, GA. "I lecture and teach study groups concerning periodontics and medical issues such as drug interactions," he says. Recreation time is spent on golf, tennis, and target shooting and attending national meetings of periodontists. "I run into Case alumni at these meetings and it's a lot of fun," he says.

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1982
"I am working full time in my private practice limited to periodontics and dental implants, and I am on the medical staff at a local hospital," says ortho Mike Haddow om his home in Bloomfield hills, MI. "I am proud to be a graduate of Case's Department of Periodontics under Dr. Bisada. The program is rich in didactic and clinical experience. It was because of this training that I am able to achieve much progress in my professional life. I have become a diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology."

He loves to travel the world to learn about different cultures. "I enjoy volunteering. Last year I joined a group of medical personnel who travelled to Belize on a volunteer mission."

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1997
Veronica Ng is at home with daughter Lauren in suburban Detroit, MI, works part time in a two-person practice, and enms occasionally to her alma mater to teach. "I completed my diploma status in 1998 which is a tribute to the periodontics program at Case," she says. Dr. Bisada doesn't see me ready. He always said, 'knowledge is power' to us. Veronica's husband Paul Ho '93 is a Case dental school graduate.

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2002
"I just opened a solo practice this year and it's limited to periodontology and implant therapy," says Anabel Braganza from her home in Peterborough, Ontario, CA. "It's just what I want--the autonomy of growing my own practice and working together with referrals to make treatment decisions for our patients. I says that her periodontics education at Case is a great help now. "It was perfect because it provided me all the clinical experience I needed to grow. My teachers there were fabulous and I've tailored my practice to reflect all that they taught me."

Anabel adds, "Case has helped me post-graduation, too. Dr. Bisada and my teachers have been a great support system, especially while I am opening my own practice. It's a school that cares about you even after you graduate."

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on the financial situation, it will be done in one phase or two phases with the total cost in the $60,000-$70,000 range. We need alumni support to make this department expansion a reality. There are many ways to contribute. A gift of $5,000 or more offers a naming opportunity. Be part of the future of peri education by making a donation to this project. Contact Ms. Heather Siegel, our Acting Director of Development at 216-398 9275 heather.siegel@case.edu.

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