HIDDEN TREASURES OF THE SOUTH CAMPUS: WALK INTO HISTORY

October 24, 2012
4:00 - 8:00
Welcome to the UB South Campus and the “Walk into History!”

The following special collections will be open from 4 to 7 pm for tours:

- The School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Apothecary and Historical Exhibits
- The Museum of Radiology and Medical Physics
- The Robert L. Brown History of the Health Sciences Collection
- The Museum of Neuroanatomy (the Brain Museum)
- The George W. Ferry Dental Museum (open from 4-6 pm)
- The School of Nursing Historical Collections (self-guided tour)

From 6:45 to 7:45 pm please come and enjoy History Meets Medicine: An Informal Panel Discussion from UB’s Department of History in the Roswell Park Room (B15) of Health Sciences Library in Abbott Hall:

Dr. James Bono, PhD, Associate Professor and Chair, UB Department of History
Dr. Michael Rembis, PhD, Assistant Professor
Dr. David Herzberg, PhD, Associate Professor

Thank you for being a part of this event!
THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND
PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES APOTHECARY AND
HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS (Kapoor Hall)

The broad history of pharmacy and the practice of medicine are realized through the exhibits and a turn-of-the-century apothecary housed in Kapoor Hall, home of the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. In 1986, to commemorate the School’s centennial anniversary, Ann Triggle created a museum to display the many artifacts and antiquities used in both the instruction and practice of pharmacy from the late 1700s until the 1950s. In 1993, the apothecary was opened to provide visitors with the experience of a pharmacy in the late 1800s - early 1900s. During mid-2012, the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences relocated to its own building, John and Editha Kapoor Hall on the South Campus. When planning for the building’s design, it was determined that the “museum” collection could better serve its visitors by being open to the public, displayed throughout many areas in the School, as opposed to being sequestered behind doors. The museum has therefore, been divided into historical exhibits which are located throughout the building. The apothecary remains in a specially designed area.

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THE MUSEUM OF RADIOLOGY AND MEDICAL PHYSICS (Abbott Hall)

The Museum of Radiology and Medical Physics was first set up in 2006 in Hayes Annex C on the South campus, although stored in Acheson Hall for several years prior. It included several hundred items of historical significance to radiology and medical physics donated by the late Dr. Edward Eschner, a former chairman of the Department of Radiology of the University at Buffalo (1957-1971), as well as by several other individuals and by Buffalo X-Ray Corporation. Some of the items date back to 1896 - less than a year after the discovery of x-rays by Roentgen. Items on display include original gas x-ray tubes, hand-held fluoroscopes, early generators in wooden cases, spark-gap kV meters, a World War II era portable military x-ray unit, an upright stereoscope, glass-plate radiographs, a photofluorographic unit and viewers, diathermy machines, and “violet-ray” devices. The museum also includes a library containing some of the seminal literature of the field. The mission of the museum is to preserve this collection and to provide a venue for its exhibition. Support for the museum has been provided by contributions primarily from Mrs. June Alker, widow of Dr. George J. Alker, Jr, a former chairman of the UB Department of Radiology (1985-1991). Directing the museum effort have been Daniel Bednarek, PhD, Professor of Radiology, and Benjamin Kutas, RT, Radiology Instructor Emeritus. The museum was moved to Abbott Hall in January, 2011, where it is currently located in room B20.
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THE ROBERT L. BROWN HISTORY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES COLLECTION
(Abbott Hall)

This collection is home to rare and antiquarian books, artifacts, and ephemera related to the rich history of the health sciences. Currently the Collection includes more than 11,000 titles, including over 500 pre-19th century works, complimented by the McGuire Historical Medical Instrument Collection. Edgar R. McGuire was Professor and Chair of Surgery at the University of Buffalo Medical School from 1915 until his death in 1931. In 1985, his daughter, Mrs. Annette Cravens, founded the Edgar R. McGuire Historical Medical Instrument Collection in his memory. The McGuire Collection includes more than 200 medical instruments and artifacts dating from the early Roman Period to the late 20th century. For more information please visit our website at: library.buffalo.edu/hsl/history/

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This rare and unique museum, also known as the Brain Museum, was created in 1994 by Dr. Harold Brody, an Emeritus Distinguished Teaching Professor of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology. His goal was to create a place where students and all interested people could study the exquisite form of the human brain. The museum contains more than 80 human brain specimens displayed as if suspended without support. Each specimen appears whole or skillfully dissected to show important internal structures. The specimens were obtained from the Anatomical Gift Program as donations by people who wanted their bodies to live on as teaching instruments to help us understand the brain. The collection demonstrates many features of the brain including its overall shape, deep structures, blood vessels, and disorders such as Alzheimer’s Disease.

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To commemorate its 100th anniversary celebration in 1992, a centennial committee for the UB School of Dental Medicine (SDM) was organized by then Dean William Feagans. One of the goals of the centennial committee was to establish a permanent museum in the main lobby of the SDM. Dean Feagans had envisioned as the centerpiece of the museum two operatories, side by side. One would be a replica of a 1900 dental office and the other a projection of a 2100 dental office (which since has been converted back to office space). Plans later expanded to include displays of dental artifacts of all sizes and eras. An underutilized patient coat closet in the first floor waiting room was converted into a large display case exhibiting a wealth of dental artifacts. Included in the area is an extraordinary collection of antique dentures, donated by Dr. Harold Ortman (Class of ’41). The Ortman denture collection extends back to a 17th century set of carved ivory dentures. Dr. George W. Ferry (Class of ’78) volunteered to participate in the centennial planning soon after the committee’s formation. Generation of the museum, a secret ambition of his for many years, became a focal point of creativity and proved to be personally most rewarding. The position of curator was created and endowed by Dean Feagans upon completion of the exhibit; Dr. Ferry remained the only curator until his retirement in October 2010. It is because of Dr. Ferry’s devotion to the preservation of the past that the school has renamed the museum in his honor.
THE G.W.F. DENTAL MUSEUM (cont.)

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THE SCHOOL OF NURSING HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS  
(Wende Hall)

***PLEASE NOTE: There will be no guides available to show the Nursing School collections today, but the building is open for touring.***

The School of Nursing has collected significant nursing memorabilia since it was founded in 1936. In 2005, the Nursing Memorabilia Display was opened in Kimball Hall and dedicated to the nursing history of the University and western New York. The display of this collection was enlarged in 2009 when the School moved to Wende Hall. This building was constructed in 1885, and included the maternity ward of the county alms house. Photographs of the construction of the building may be seen on the first floor. Cabinets showing some of the historical items are on the second floor. Seven posters highlighting the photos of the School's history are posted on the third floor. These posters focus on the Early Context, Leaders and Places of the School; and the advancement of the School under the leadership of its former deans.

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HISTORY MEETS MEDICINE: AN INFORMAL PANEL DISCUSSION
(Abbott Hall)

Following visits to the collections, a panel discussion will take place in the Roswell Park Room (B15) of the Health Sciences Library in Abbott Hall from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Join Dr. James Bono, Dr. Michael Rembis and Dr. David Herzberg of the UB Department of History as they address a variety of topics including the importance of the history of medicine for medical humanities, changing trends in the history of psychiatry, and the history of prescription and non-prescription drugs while at the same time engaging the audience to think about important aspects of medicine, health care, patients, society, culture, and communication. Light refreshments will be served.

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