

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## *Regents Communication*

### **ACTION REQUEST**

Approved by the Regents  
December 15, 2006

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**John P. Gobetti, D.D.S.**, professor of dentistry in the School of Dentistry, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2006.


Dr. Gobetti received his D.D.S. degree from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 1968 and his M.S. degree from the University of Michigan Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies in 1971. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical instructor in the School of Dentistry in 1968 and was promoted to assistant professor in 1971, associate professor in 1975 and professor in 1979.

A popular teacher, Dr. Gobetti received the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award from dental hygiene and dental students 21 times during his academic career. He served numerous terms on School of Dentistry standing and administrative advisory committees, including the executive committee. He has also served as acting chair of several departments within the school. Within the University, Dr. Gobetti has been active in faculty governance, having served as a member of the Senate Assembly and twice as vice chair of SACUA. He has been a member and officer of numerous professional societies and currently serves as the president of the oral medicine section of the American Dental Education Association.

Dr. Gobetti has been active in research at many levels and has advised junior faculty and students on their research activities. He participates in dental continuing education programs and is sought after as an expert in forensic dentistry. After retirement, Dr. Gobetti will be a consultant for several dental professional groups.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **John P. Gobetti professor emeritus of dentistry**.

**Requested by:**

  
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**Sally J. Churchill**  
**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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