



Dental Bites

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Short Takes

**The School's fall phonathon – seven nights of calling to alumni at the end of October/early November -- culminated in nearly \$100,000 in pledges for the OHSU School of Dentistry. Way to go volunteer callers!*

**Restorative Dentistry Chair Jack Ferracane, Ph.D., recently was named an Honorary Member of the Oregon Dental Association. Dr. Ferracane is only the sixth ODA Honorary Member—an elite group—and the second faculty member from OHSU School of Dentistry.*

**Dec. 19 is the staff in-service! It's 8 a.m. to noon in rooms 220-225.*

New Building Floor Plan Receives Okay

The basic floor plan for the OHSU School of Dentistry's new building received signoff in mid-November, according to Dean **Jack Clinton**, D.M.D. '64, and the school is moving into the next phase of new building planning.

"We've hit a wonderful plateau," said Dr. Clinton. "We've made a lot of decisions and now we go into the next level of planning, which includes detailing on elements like wall configurations, ceiling heights, utilities, and electrical. While there are still a number of refinements, the basic layout has been decided."

The school's new building -- a tower atop the OUS/OHSU Collaborative Life Sciences Building (CLSB) on Portland's South Waterfront -- will be known as the Skourtes Tower after new building donors, **Gene**, D.M.D. '68, and **Bonnie Skourtes**. The Skourtes tower is more than 66,000 square feet. It is 325 feet in length and between 65 to 72 feet wide. *(See page four for renderings)*

The main entrance to clinical services is on the Northwest corner of the tower at the corner of Southwest Meade and Moody. The spacious, two-story lobby features a "nice, welcoming space," said **Denice Stewart**, D.D.S., M.H.S.A., associate dean for clinical affairs, with receptionists to help register patients, as well as computer kiosks for self check-in, and cashiers. An express elevator will deliver patients directly to the clinic floors.

On the first floor are several small classrooms that will be shared amongst all OUS/OHSU Collaborative Life Sciences building tenants and locker rooms for dental students. Also on the first floor is the school's logistics area for shipping and receiving of all the supplies needed for clinical care.



Associate Dean for Patient Services Peter Morita, D.M.D. '86 (front left) and Associate Dean for Research David Morton, Ph.D. (second from left) look at the new building floor plans. Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs Denice Stewart, D.D.S., M.H.S.A. (third from left), Phyllis Beemsterboer, M.S., Ed.D., (far right), and Restorative Dentistry Chair Jack Ferracane, Ph.D., (far left) are in the background. (Photo John Klicker)

The simulation lab is on the third floor of the south tower of the CLSB and will have 102 seats with an instructor station in the middle. There is a dry lab, wet lab, CAD/CAM virtual reality room for CEREC units, a large grading room, simulated radiology room, and faculty lockers.

Worth noting, said Director of Implantology for Restorative Dentistry **Michael Taylor**, D.M.D., is a central vacuum system to increase suction for all electrical hand pieces.

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Elizabeth Gustafson knows her way around an interview. The School's human resources associate – who celebrates her one-year anniversary at OHSU today – has been especially busy with the down economy.



"We have had administrative jobs posted recently where up to 400 people apply in one week," she said. "Many people are so desperate that they're applying for jobs that they are not really qualified to do. Of those 400, I may find 10 people who are qualified.

"I do the initial interviews over the phone," said Elizabeth. "I try to ask questions where they can't come up with a generic response. I always ask people why they want to leave their current job and how they've handled various scenarios at work.

"I think I'm pretty good at getting a read on people's personality," she added. "I do get to know the candidates right from the beginning of the process. It's fun when three or four candidates are looking strong and then the person that I privately think should get the job ends up getting hired.

"I love human resources, but I love higher education, too. I can't imagine a better combination."

Elizabeth and her family moved all over the country while she was growing up. She attended the University of Missouri, receiving a bachelor of science in agriculture. Her plan was to join the wine industry.

"But I was very involved in college and not ready to give up the atmosphere of higher education," she said. Right out of school, Elizabeth started working in student services as a finance counselor for the University of Phoenix.

After meeting her husband, **Troy**, who was from Oregon, the couple decided to move West and settled in Southwest Portland. Aerotek, the recruiting company that placed Troy in an engineering position, hired Elizabeth to be a recruiter in their office where she stayed for two years.

To gain corporate experience, Elizabeth later joined ClearEdge Power, Inc., as a human resources specialist ... until she heard OHSU School of Dentistry was recruiting.

"I was eager to merge human resources and higher education," she said. "I really fell into human resources, but I love it and can't imagine doing anything else."

As the dental school's human resources specialist, Elizabeth attends meetings and does a lot of recruiting: everything from writing and posting job descriptions, screening resumes, interviewing candidates on the phone, reference checking, coordinating travel for candidates if necessary, and then passing information on the strongest candidates to the various hiring managers.

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Pumpkin Carving Contest

Second-year dental students had the opportunity to put their hand skills to the test for their fall operative dentistry course. Dental students were invited by instructor **Michael Carlascio**, D.M.D. '81, assistant professor of restorative dentistry, to participate in a pumpkin carving contest to celebrate the fall harvest.



The six second-year dental students whose cleverly carved pumpkins won them holiday goodies and a Starbucks gift certificate are (from left to right) Kristen Ho, Matt Vogel, Jessica Henderson, Kyle Christensen, Carly Miller-Werben, and Will Marra. (Photo courtesy Michael Carlascio, D.M.D. '81)

"The DS2 class is very talented and they used their hand skills to create some awesome pumpkin carvings!" said Dr. Carlascio.

Entries included everything from a pumpkin tram, complete with an operator warning riders to brace for the swing, to a snowman, a spider, and characters with anatomically correct teeth. "Other pumpkin carvings were quite intricate and complex," said Dr. Carlascio.

Winners were selected by a class vote from six categories, including Most Traditional, Most Awesome, Most Creative, etc.

"This year's contest was a lot of fun," said Dr. Carlascio.

Inclement Weather Hotline

With winter fast approaching, here are the numbers to call for information during inclement weather:

OHSU Alert Line (road conditions): (503) 494-9021. Additional resources and policies are at http://ozone.ohsu.edu/blogs/facilities_logistics/about/what-do-do-in-inclement-weather/

School of Dentistry clinic closure or class cancellation (for dental students, staff, faculty): (503) 494-8565. This will be a recorded message.

Patient information (regarding clinic closures): (503) 494-8867.

Like to Blog?

Do you have experiences to share and the time to blog about them? OHSU Strategic Communications is looking for volunteer student (<http://www.ohsu.edu/blogs/studentspeak>) and faculty and staff bloggers (<http://ozone.ohsu.edu/blogs/staffnews/2011/10/19/see-your-name-in-blog-lights/>) for those SOD'ers interested.

Have you Volunteered?

OHSU's Office of Science and Education Opportunities has developed a new way to quantify community service by students, staff, and faculty. To report your volunteer activities (retroactive to Sept. 2010) please visit <http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/student-services/science-education-opportunities> and click on the Community Service Tracker button. Fill out one form per activity and click on submit.

Recent Sketches of the School's New Building



The OUS/OHSU Collaborative Life Sciences Building with the Skourtes Tower on the left. The main entrance to clinical services is at the corner of Southwest Moody and Meade (far left corner in this drawing).



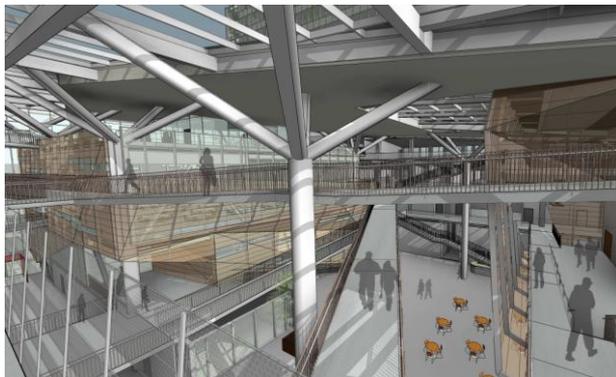
This is a sectional perspective of the new building, facing North.



This is a view of OUS/OHSU atrium (glass at left) and auditorium (orange) from the Eastside of the building.



Here is a view of the atrium from the inside of the OUS/OHSU Collaborative Life Sciences Building.



Here is a higher point within the CLSB building looking down into the atrium.

School Calendar

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| Dec. 8 | Town Hall on new building, noon to 1 p.m., rooms 220-225 |
| Dec. 16 | Last day of fall term |
| Jan. 18 | Town Hall on new building, noon to 1 p.m., rooms 220-225 |
| Jan. 26 | ODA Mentor Dinner (DS1-4's), 2 nd floor lounge. RSVP by 1/20 to Margaret, (503) 218-2010, ext. 108. |
| Feb. 3 | Give Kids a Smile Day |

Dr. Adams Receives Award

Longtime OHSU professor of periodontology **Donald Adams, D.D.S.**, recently received the 2011 Gold Medal from the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP). The Gold Medal is the highest honor bestowed by the academy in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of periodontics. According to the academy, "many colleagues noted his impressive academic career spanning more than 40 years, his leadership as chairman of the American Board of Periodontology and president of the American Academy of Periodontology, his service to the AAP Foundation, and his work on more than 30 AAP committees, 11 of which he chaired. But all nominations referred to the extraordinary personal example set by Dr. Adams, a strong legacy of mentoring and consensus-building leadership that continue to help move the specialty forward." Congratulations!

The Future of Dentistry



The University of Portland's pre-dentistry club visited the OHSU School of Dentistry on Nov. 11 for a tour and informational session. (Photo Mark Mitchell)

Submit Your Ideas

If you have a story idea or a photo for **Dental Bites**, please contact Sydney Clevenger, clevenge@ohsu.edu.

Spirit Week Fun



The School held its first-ever Spirit Week for DS1-DS4 students in mid-November. Each day, there was a dress-up theme, with the week culminating in the annual Turkey Bowl, sponsored by the Class of 2014. At top, first-year dental student Thomas Houghton and second-year dental student Will Marra, get in the spirit for Nerd Day. Below, are the 2011 Turkey Bowl champions! (Photos Jenna Wilkinson and Evan Kania)



New Building Plan Sign-off *(continued from page one)*

The fifth floor houses the school's new central sterilization service where students will, for the first time, lease rather than purchase their standard instrument issue. Also on the fifth floor is the department of integrative biosciences, oral and maxillofacial pathology and radiology, and a small research area.

The eighth and ninth floors house the school's pre-doctoral clinic with the six group practices split between the two floors, said Dr. Stewart. Each group practice floor has its own waiting area and patient consultation rooms with a large shared huddle room, lab, and dispensary. Each group practice has 22 operatories with dividers, with the smallest sized 10' x 12' which is "significantly larger than what we have now," noted Dr. Stewart.

There is storage space and a computer in each operatory. Group practice leaders also have their offices on these two floors, and there is a staff break room and workstations for part-time clinical faculty. In addition to what is on the eighth floor, the ninth floor also has the pre-doctoral endodontology program.

Floor 10 will house administrative and faculty offices, including the Dean's office and the Office of Student Affairs.

Floors 11 and 12 are slated for specialty programs, including the School's new Advanced Education Graduate Dentistry Program and its continuing education center, along with the clinics for periodontology, endodontics, pediatric dentistry, oral and maxillofacial surgery, oral and maxillofacial radiology, and orthodontics. Also, the 12th floor will house the Faculty Dental Practice. Each graduate program located in the Skourtes Tower will have a large seminar room and resident rooms.

"There is a lot of classroom and small group meeting space in this building," noted **Phyllis Beemsterboer**, M.S., Ed.D., associate dean for academic affairs. "Our new space will enable us to increase the incoming dental class annually to 90 students, from 75 students."

One architecturally-interesting component of the CLSB is a large, dividable classroom for 204 individuals suspended in the middle of the atrium (colored orange on the middle left photo, page four). While the tables in the large classroom will be fixed, the chairs are moveable to foster group exercises and teamwork, said Dr. Stewart.

"Our dental students will be interspersed with students from other disciplines in the many collaborative learning spaces in the CLSB," she said. "The potential for this arrangement is incredible for what we can do in the future."

Machida Team Book Chapter Published

A book chapter written by individuals in the lab of **Curtis Machida**, Ph.D., professor of integrative biosciences and pediatric dentistry, has been published. "Bioluminescence and Applications in Dentistry" is the first chapter in the Nova Publishers book, *Bioluminescence: Characteristics, Adaptations, and Biotechnology*. It is available online at https://www.novapublishers.com/catalog/product_info.php?products_id=17929. Third-year dental students **Amy Trevor**, **Iraj Kasimi**, and **Jill Pollard**; fourth-year dental students **Christopher Kyles** and **Alex Vo**; and **Tom Maier**, Ph.D., assistant professor of integrative biosciences, all were involved in the chapter development with Dr. Machida.

ASDA Collecting Toys

The American Student Dental Association has teamed up with Portland Toys for Tots again this year and is accepting donations for the holidays. Toy donations will be collected Dec. 16; cash donations may be mailed directly to Toys for Tots of Portland, 6735 N. Basin Ave., Portland, OR, 97217.

All donations are tax-deductible.

Toys (preferably those under \$10) must be new and unwrapped. No candy, chemicals, or themes of law enforcement, military, or weaponry. The need is greatest for children under age two and children ages 12 to 15.

Collection bins are located in the Student Learning Center on the sixth floor (as well as the main floor of the School of Nursing).

"Please take this opportunity to help," said second-year dental student **Nels Walther**, who is on the ASDA Service Committee. "The smallest gift can make a huge impact on the life of a child, especially during the holiday season."

Staff Profile *(continued from page two)*

Elizabeth is currently involved in recruiting for two chair positions: pediatric dentistry and periodontology.

When not at the school, Elizabeth enjoys camping and hiking during the "pretty" months. She volunteers weekly at Doernbecher Children's Hospital, playing with the children in the pediatric acute care unit and cleaning the playrooms. Her brother has recently moved to Oregon and comes for dinner every Sunday when Elizabeth tries out a new recipe.

"I love it here," she said. "We plan to stay in Oregon."

Reaume to Retire

Kenneth Cantwell Continuing Education Center Program Manager **Debbie Reaume** is retiring at the end of this month. Debbie is moving to the Phoenix-area and she has secured a position with West Valley Pediatric Dentistry in Surprise (one of their three offices). Debbie said she will be learning the front dental office workings, ultimately transitioning into coordinating hospital visits for patients with special needs. Debbie has been with the school for 25 years, beginning as registration coordinator. She became continuing education program manager in 2007.

Mission of Mercy



Hundreds of OHSU School of Dentistry students, faculty, and alumni volunteered at the Oregon Dental Association's Mission of Mercy Nov. 21-23 at the Oregon Convention Center. Carl Perkins, D.M.D. '68, assistant professor of restorative dentistry—who volunteered both days—took a day off from teaching at the school and brought his wife, daughter, and two granddaughters to help. "It is our professional duty to take care of people who have need," he said. "It also sets a good example for dental students." More than 150 dental students were excused from class to volunteer. Fourth-year dental students Michael Blindheim (above) and Matthew Lesh (below) were assigned exit interviews (Michael) and post-op (Matthew) during their six-hour shifts. (Photos Sydney Clevenger)

