



OHSU Trustees Visit

A dozen trustees of the OHSU Foundation toured key parts of the School Dec. 15. Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. '64, led the group through the pre-doctoral clinic, the Dr. and Mrs. Carl Rietman Pediatric Dentistry Clinic, and the simulation lab. "Our school is about one-sixth the size of other dental schools," noted Dean Clinton, in speaking about space constraints and the life expectancy of dental equipment. *(continued on page five)*

Bequest is Biggest in School's History

OHSU School of Dentistry has additional resident and student scholarships to offer this year, thanks to a \$5.1 million gift from a former professor emeritus and the School's first graduate residency program director of oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMS). The bequest by **Wilbur N. Van Zile**, D.D.S., is the largest private donation in the dental school's 112-year history.

OHSU students enrolled in the oral and maxillofacial surgery advanced specialty program undergo six years of intensive training. During the second and third years, OMS residents are immersed in OHSU's Medical School curriculum. While OMS residents receive a salary under the Graduate Medical Education program for their first, fourth, fifth, and sixth years of advanced training, tuition and fees for the medical school curriculum, depending on students' resident status, is from \$35,000 to \$50,000 per year, leaving many residents with educational debt.

Beginning fall of this year, the Wilbur N. and Ruth H. Van Zile Scholarships will fund the medical curriculum portion of the OMS advanced specialty program for OHSU OMS residents who apply for a Van Zile scholarship and meet the scholastic criteria. Two new OMS residents are accepted to OHSU each year, so up to four residents will be eligible for Van Zile scholarships annually. *(continued, right column)*

About \$200,000 will be made available for School scholarships each year from Dr. Van Zile's bequest, said Dean **Jack Clinton**, D.M.D. '64. Once tuition and fees have been awarded to qualified OMS residents, any remaining funds will go toward application-based scholarships for third- and fourth-year dental students, with preference given to dental students interested in pursuing oral and maxillofacial surgery training.

"Wilbur Van Zile was an excellent clinician and teacher and he was extremely ethical, professional, and compassionate about his patients and students," said Dr. Clinton. "This exceptional commitment to oral and maxillofacial surgery residents and dental students will ensure OHSU continues to attract and retain the highest caliber individuals interested in pursuing dentistry."

Wilbur Van Zile had a distinguished career as a general *(continued on page four)*

Correction

In last month's *Dental Bites*, in a front page story about a new \$1.5 million grant for dental composite restorations research from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, **Tom Hilton**, D.M.D., professor of restorative dentistry, should also have been listed as a co-investigator, reports principal investigator **Jack Ferracane**, Ph.D., chair of restorative dentistry.

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Staff Profile: Jackie Powell

You can ask **Jackie Powell** to handle just about any task – grant support, budgeting, human resources, or payroll -- in her role as administrative coordinator for the department of integrative biosciences.



"Jackie does exactly what a good administrative coordinator is supposed to do," said **Tom Shearer**, Ph.D., chair of integrative biosciences and associate dean for research, who has known Jackie since she began at OHSU in 1988. "She keeps me out of trouble. She is also an absolute whiz at producing the monthly departmental budget reports."

But, there is one area of the School that Jackie would prefer to avoid: the gross anatomy lab on the seventh floor. "I go in there periodically and it bothers me," she admits. "The faculty is great; they know I don't love it in there and they help me avoid the need to go in there."

Jackie's School of Dentistry career began in what was then the department of biochemistry and she was administrative assistant for **Walter Gabler**, Ph.D., D.D.S. There were five faculty in the department teaching basic sciences and doing research when she started; two have retired and three are still with OHSU. A graduate student at that time is now a professor, **Kirsten Lampi**, Ph.D.

The department of biochemistry merged with microbiology to become the department of oral molecular biology and, in 2004, oral molecular biology merged with the department of biological structure and function, to create the integrative biosciences department.

"We have more people now (15 faculty, their research assistants, graduate students, post doc fellows, and student employees) and there are more biosciences being taught," said Jackie. "When the department dropped to one administrative support person, the faculty really stepped up to help in many ways like doing their own copying, distributing equipment for their classes, and other ways that don't come to mind right now."

"I consider myself lucky to be working here."

Jackie – Jacqueline Rose Sinnott -- was born in Santa Cruz, Calif., and moved to Oregon after marrying. After working at Eastern Oregon State College (now Eastern Oregon University), she became a stay-at-home mom. She returned to Eastern and worked as an administrative assistant. During this time, her marriage ended and she began pursuing a bachelor of science in general studies while working at Eastern.

With her elderly mother living in Portland, Jackie ultimately decided to move here with son, **Brendan**, to be closer to her mother and sister. Her sister lived in Portland with her family, working at Providence as a surgical nurse.

"When we decided to move, I had hoped to continue working in the state system," said Jackie. "This was one of three jobs I applied for and this was the first one I was offered." *(continued on page four)*

New H.R. Associate

Elizabeth Gustafson, P.H.R., has joined the School as a full time Human Resources Associate in the Dean's Office. This is a new position to the School. Elizabeth will provide human resources support to all School employees regarding policies, procedures, recruitment, AFSCME contract interpretation, and time and attendance tracking. Her office is on the sixth floor, room 601A. Elizabeth most recently was an HR Specialist for ClearEdge Power, Inc., in Hillsboro, Ore., with an emphasis on recruiting. She received her bachelor of science from the University of Missouri, a certificate of human resource management from Portland State University, and PHR Certification from HRCI.

Kendra Seits will continue as the School's Human Resources Business Associate, handling OHSU policies and investigations, interfacing as needed with School deans and faculty.

SOD Casting Call

Do you sing? Play an instrument? Have technical skill? Like to sew? Or just want to be part of a group? You can be part of creating an original 15-minute show called *"Smiles: The Musical!"* to be written, produced, and performed by School students, staff, and faculty, and presented in September for the children at Doernbecher Children's Hospital. The project is being directed by **Ben Bernstein**, Ph.D., performance coach and affiliate assistant professor of community dentistry, who has led similar original productions in schools and hospitals in Canada, Australia, and the United States. Dr. Bernstein said that everyone is welcome to be part of the creation and there's plenty to do besides performing, including stage handing, seating, etc. No experience necessary! Contact Dr. Bernstein, bernsteb@ohsu.edu.

Thank you, Gul Reazee Grotto!



Second-year pediatric dentistry resident Lisa Yarborough obtains background on a young patient on Dec. 15. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)

All of the treatment for the children seen Dec. 15 at the School's Pediatric Dental Surgery Clinic in Doernbecher Hospital was paid for by the Gul Reazee Grotto. The Gul Reazee Grotto, the local chapter of a national humanitarian foundation, has a longstanding relationship with the School and, this year, provided more than \$100,000 of care for uninsured and medically-fragile children at the School's one-year-old growing clinic. "Dr. of Smiles" **Lloyd Fries**, R.Ph., former monarch (president) for the Gul Reazee Grotto, spent a full day in the Pediatric Dental Surgery Clinic visiting with children and their families, many of whom he recognized from previous visits. Each child seen on "Grotto Day" received a free dental cleaning, prophylaxis, exam, and x-rays.

New Faculty

Howard Hilman, D.M.D. '93, has joined the School as an assistant professor of restorative dentistry. Dr. Hilman is in private practice in East Portland, having moved his longtime Gresham practice in 2007.

DS4 Qualifies for Olympic Marathon Trials

Fourth-year dental student **Amanda Rice** recently qualified for the Olympic Trials by running a 2:44:08 marathon. Amanda ran her qualifying race in Sacramento Dec. 5 at the California International Marathon.

"I couldn't have done it without the support of my family and my coach, **Rick Lovett**, who designed my training schedule and worked with me almost every day to reach my goal," said Amanda, who is poised to graduate in June and has been accepted into a graduate practice residency at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland. "We arranged my running schedule to accommodate my dental school training, so that my workouts were mostly after school and on the weekends. I was averaging about 80 miles a week during the months of October and November, usually working in a 22-mile run over the weekend."

The Olympic Trials are in Houston Jan. 14, 2012.

"Right now, I need to focus on getting stronger and building my speed so that perhaps we shall see my training take me all the way to London for the 2012 Olympics!" said Amanda.

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dentist and oral surgeon, which included 25 years in the Navy Dental Service, where he perfected surgical techniques to correct misaligned jaws by removing pieces of bone and realigning the jaw, and 10 years (1959-1969) as chair of oral and maxillofacial surgery at the then University of Oregon Dental School (the precursor to OHSU School of Dentistry), helping to transform oral surgery into an operating room specialty.

Dr. Van Zile initiated the *(continued on page six)*

Inclement Weather Hotline

OHSU Alert Line (road conditions): (503) 494-9021.

School of Dentistry clinic closure or class cancellation (for dental students, staff, faculty): (503) 494-8565. Please note this is a new number.

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

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"I think the School has a real community spirit," she said. "We're part of OHSU, but we're in our own neighborhood. Management is respectful of employees. A lot of people have worked here a long time and that gives you a feeling of community."

Jackie completed her bachelor of science from Eastern in 1991 and, in 1993 she received a certificate in human resource management from Portland State University (PSU). She returned to PSU again and by 2004 completed another 13 hours of accounting so she could note 18 hours on her resume.

The Tigard resident knits and crochets for her two grandchildren. Son **Brendan** and his wife, **Ann**, with children **Natalie** and **Nathan**, live in Spokane. Jackie also enjoys reading, television, movies, and, with a "very dear friend" from her La Grande years who has also moved to Portland, attends the Oregon Symphony and Lakewood Community Theatre. She is a Eucharistic Minister at St. Anthony's and volunteers with meals for their Severe Weather Shelter.

"I have a window in my office and my own little space," said Jackie of her seventh floor galley office. "It's very pleasant here."

Holiday Sweater Day



Fourth-year dental students Katie Marsh and Chuck Nguyen model their holiday attire on Holiday Sweater Day Dec. 15. Prizes for best costume went to fourth-year dental student Ryan Surface, third-year dental student Anton Conklin, and Oral Pathology Administrative Coordinator Connie-Marie Sanders. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)

Save the Date!



School Calendar

Jan. 3	Start of 12-week winter term
Jan. 17	School holiday (MLK Holiday)
Feb. 21	School holiday (President's Day)
March 25	End of 12-week winter term
March 28- April 1	Spring Break

Trustee Visit (continued from page one)

Our new school is going to look a lot different!"

Seven second-year dental students – **Dan Walsh, Ilkyu Lee, Trevor Frideres, Stephanie Nicola, Jordan Buhr, Kyle Malloy, and Tyler Way** – guided by **Peter Morita, D.M.D. '86**, associate dean for patient services, volunteered to lead an exercise in the simulation clinic. Wearing personal protective equipment, trustees were divided into small groups and learned how to prepare a tooth for restoration using a mirror and handpiece.



Second-year dental student Tyler Way demonstrates restoration work in the sim lab to OHSU Foundation Trustees Truman Collins (left) and John Eskildsen. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)

"We are going to treat you just like a dental student in learning one dental technique," said Dean Clinton.

"It was a great tour," said OHSU Foundation Trustee **John Eskildsen**. "It was very educational and sure showed the need for a new dental school ![building]"

Alum **Kenneth Berg, D.M.D. '57**, assistant professor of restorative dentistry, is a Foundation Trustee and attended the tour.

Blue Ribbon Panel Delivers Final Report; New Dental School Building Looking Promising Soon

The Blue Ribbon panel that has been meeting for six months to chart the course of dental education in Oregon has delivered its final recommendations to OHSU President **Joe Robertson**. The panel's final report, delivered verbally and preliminarily approved by Dr. Robertson on Dec. 17, describes a dental program of the future based on a strong School business plan and programmatic improvements, said Dean **Jack Clinton**, D.M.D. '64, who was on the panel.

"We have a great plan based on what we're doing now and what we think needs to be done for dental education in the future," said Dr. Clinton.

A written version of the Blue Ribbon panel's report will hopefully be formally approved this month by Dr. Robertson and then will go before the OHSU Board of Directors. If the OHSU Board approves the plan, "we will be on track to building a pre-doctoral clinic space right next to the rest of our already designated curriculum space" within the new Oregon University System (OUS) building, said Dr. Clinton. Space has already been carved out in the OUS building for the first two years of the dental education curriculum, including basic sciences and a simulation clinic.

"If all goes as planned, we could see a groundbreaking ceremony as soon as 14 months," said Dr. Clinton, with a facility ready for moving into by early 2014.

Agreement also was reached on the capital funding partnership. A great portion of the \$100 million building – about one-third – will be raised by the School of Dentistry, primarily through philanthropy, said Dr. Clinton.

Dr. Clinton said he expected a capital campaign to be announced soon.

"If you think we've been working hard the last few years, you haven't seen anything yet!" he said. "The prospect of a new building is a lot of hard work, but it's a really exciting time to begin to visualize our final structure and programs.

"The School has been undergoing planning for a re-location for about 15 years," said Dr. Clinton, "And I think our hard work is finally beginning to pay off. If there is ever a time to be thankful for our great faculty, staff, and students, and the circumstances we're in, this is it. I'm pumped."

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School's graduate residency program in OMS, what is now one of the top oral surgery residency programs in the country. A lifelong inventor, Dr. Van Zile was continually tinkering, even designing, manufacturing, and patenting a device to improve outcomes for root canal operations. Upon retiring from OHSU, Dr. Van Zile continued in private practice for another 10 years, retiring fully in 1979. *(continued on page seven)*

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Dr. Van Zile met Ruth Harrison during his senior year of dental school at the University of Southern California, and they were married for 70 years until her death in 1998. The couple was childless and Dr. Van Zile expressed his desire to provide scholarships to students at the dental school when he created a bequest in 2003. Dr. Van Zile died in 2009 at age 104.



*Wilbur Van Zile,
D.D.S.*

"Dr. Van Zile was an amazing guy," said Dr. Clinton. "He was a ham radio operator and I remember him building electronic kits in his spare time. One kit was for making your own color television, which promised a higher quality of picture than what you could get commercially. I had a similar kit and we used to compare notes. He had high standards for whatever he pursued and is an excellent role model to emulate."

New Faculty Grant

Affiliate Assistant Professor of Community Dentistry **Ben Bernstein**, Ph.D., recently received a national grant for a one-act opera he conceived, wrote, composed, produced, and will direct called "The Man in the Mirror." Dr. Bernstein's opera will premiere in Seattle on March 17 at 2 p.m. at the Frye Museum during the American Handel Festival. Dr. Bernstein invites everyone at the dental school to come and enjoy the show. For more information, go to: www.americanhandelfestival.org. Dr. Bernstein has a master's in music composition and has produced diverse creative projects, such as making films and training opera singers.

Staff Learn Policies, Receive Thanks

Dental school staff convened Dec. 20 for an OSHA In-Service and teambuilding exercises. "Every one of you has a responsibility to help create the people that will be dentists for you and your family," said Dean **Jack Clinton**, D.M.D. '64. "I'm absolutely convinced that we could not do this without every single one of you and I thank you for all that you do."

Dr. Clinton talked about the number of patients seen each year in the clinics. "There's a lot of traffic every year, about 86,000 patients, which is a lot of interactions. We are the interacters and, with every visit, we'd like to think we've created a Ritz Carlton moment."

Because interactions are more positive when employees are calm and relaxed, Affiliate Assistant Professor of Community Dentistry **Ben Bernstein**, Ph.D., led staff in an exercise to determine what causes stress and techniques to alleviate it. Employees were paired with a "resiliency buddy" with whom to make contact in the next month.

Phyllis Beemsterboer, M.S., Ed.D., associate dean for academic affairs, gave details about school outcomes assessment measures and **Karla Kent**, Ph.D., quality assurance manager, discussed the School's emergency action plan and hazardous communications.

Denice Stewart, D.D.S., M.H.S.A., associate dean for patient affairs, reiterated the confidentiality requirements of HIPAA and the need for professionalism, both on and off campus. Even if someone isn't identified by name in a conversation, she said, it's essential to watch what is said, where, and the volume, so that no one ever gets the impression disrespect is intended.