



Dental Bites



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Short Takes

**First-year dental students James Means and Dale McNutt, under the team name "Free Lessons," recently won the All-Hill Halo Tournament, an xbox 2x2 tourney that consisted of a double elimination system, with each match set to the first of 50 kills. "We were very happy to get a chance to cut loose and game a little," said James.*

** The dental school helped sponsor OHSU's Black History Month Celebration, and also provided
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Specialty "Dating" Offers Information

Despite needing to study for an impending midterm (first-years) and an oral pathology test (second-years), several dozen OHSU School of Dentistry students participated in Dental Specialty Speed Dating on Feb. 18, sponsored by the school's Alumni Association.

"We don't know a lot about what we're getting into beyond dental school and it's good to get feedback," said first-year dental student **Jennifer Reynolds**. "It's nice to hear different stories about paths to being a dentist."

Dental students had the opportunity to talk in small groups with pediatric dentists, oral pathologists, orthodontists, periodontologists, endodontists, and more. Each small group conversation was 15 minutes and then dental students rotated to another specialist.

"I think I may pursue an AEGD (Advanced Education in General Dentistry) after dental school so I wanted to get information," said second-year dental student **Keith Argraves**.

Nearly two dozen dental professionals volunteered to talk to dental students at the second annual event.



Gary Nelson, D.D.S., OHSU School of Dentistry assistant professor of pediatric dentistry, talks to dental students at the Alumni Association-sponsored Dental Specialty Speed Dating event on Feb. 18. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)

Eric Dierks, M.D., D.M.D., F.A.C.S., who is heavily involved in the oral and maxillofacial surgery residency program, wanted to ensure students had the opportunity to learn about hospital surgery. **Greg Atack**, D.M.D. '96, advised dental students who "wanted an adventure or thought general dentistry might get boring" to opt for a general practice residency (GPR) program to open more doors. And **Gary Nelson**, D.D.S., who is on the faculty as an assistant professor of pediatric dentistry, enjoys working with students.

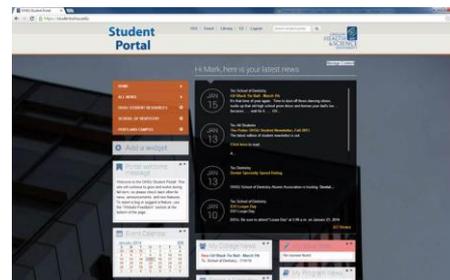
"I figured it was good for dental students to hear from a pediatric dentist," said Dr. Nelson. "I usually like to be involved in student events. It makes life a little easier. And you don't have to be an OHSU alum to help."

Student Portal Offers “One-Stop” Information

OHSU School of Dentistry recently unveiled its new student portal, a one-stop information point for dental students. The dental school was the first unit at the university to unveil the new portal, which will ultimately be accessible by all OHSU students. The dental school is currently the only unit at the university with the student portal up and running.

The URL is: student.ohsu.edu.

Dental students log in using their username and password. From the portal, dental students have access to Sakai courses, ISIS, OHSU webmail, school, campus, and class-specific information, calendars, and OHSU student administrative services. Dental students can customize their individual homepages with widgets.



This is what OHSU students see when they access the new student portal. (Image courtesy Mark Mitchell)

“Eventually, the student portal is intended to replace many of the email communications students now receive from the university and dental school,” said **Mark Mitchell**, M.A., associate dean of admissions and student affairs, who coordinated the team that spent winter break adding content to the student portal. “Class email listservs will still be active, and the student portal is mobile-phone friendly.”

It is estimated that in the past six weeks of activation, there have been “hits” daily from dental students, what started as a handful of hits at the beginning and was up to a dozen daily by end of February. “Our biggest spike was during the snow days when there were 240 hits in one day!” said **Andrea Williams**, administrative coordinator for the Office of Admissions and Student Affairs, who has day-to-day upkeep of the portal, along with **Jenna Wilkinson**, administrative coordinator, who maintains the Web for current dental students (<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-dentistry/current-students/index.cfm>)

Since the portal’s unveiling Jan. 15, a dental school specific calendar has been added, said Andrea. Andrea and Jenna have also been invited to speak at the OHSU portal users meeting about their experience in content and design of the portal.

Mark noted that there is a feedback link at the bottom of the portal’s home page where students can leave comments and suggestions. So far, dental students have indicated they like the idea of a portal and appreciate its design, particularly the “one-stop” for garnering information.

“This is a work in progress!” said Mark. “We are honored to be the first academic unit on campus to roll out the student portal and ask for everyone’s patience as we add new features.”

Mark Your Calendar for School’s Research Day

OHSU Research Week is May 5 to 9, with the School of Dentistry’s Research Day set for the 9th at noon. Dean Phillip Marucha, D.M.D., Ph.D., is the 2014 Research Day keynote speaker.

Faculty News

***Kelly Dezura**, D.M.D., has joined the department of oral and maxillofacial surgery as an assistant professor. Dr. Dezura received her doctor of dental medicine from Tufts University, and completed her oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at University of the Pacific in 2013.

***William Herzog**, D.M.D. '73, has joined the department of restorative dentistry as an assistant professor. Dr. Herzog has been a volunteer at the dental school since September 2012.

***Jeffery Stewart**, D.D.S., associate professor of pathology, has been appointed interim chair of the department of pathology and radiology, and director of the school's 36-year-old Biopsy Service Program. Dr. Stewart is replacing **F. James Kratochvil**, D.D.S., assistant professor of pathology, who is retiring March 31, after 19 years at the School.

***Kenneth Wiltbank**, D.M.D. '96, re-joins the department of endodontology as a part-time assistant professor. Dr. Wiltbank has taught off and on at the dental school for the past 12 years.

SOD'ers Author Textbook

The newest edition of the operative dentistry textbook used at OHSU and many other United States and Canadian dental schools

(*Fundamentals of Operative Dentistry: A Contemporary Approach*) was recently published and its authors are on the dental school faculty!

Tom Hilton, D.M.D., M.S., Alumni Centennial Professor in Operative Dentistry, is the lead editor, and **Jack Ferracane**, Ph.D., professor and chair of restorative dentistry, is the co-editor.

Awards Lunch April 5

Twelve DMD and three BS/RDH classes will reunite during the Oregon Dental Conference, April 4 to 6. Dental students, staff, faculty, alumni, and friends are invited to the Alumni Association's Annual Awards Lunch on Saturday, April 6, at the Oregon Convention Center. To register, go to www.ohsu.edu/sod/alumni. Awards recipients in 2014 include:

Honorary OHSU School of Dentistry Alumni

Gary Cantwell
Mary Clinton

John C. Peterson Distinguished Alumnus of the Year

Rick Asai, D.M.D. '81

Legacy Faculty Award

Lee Emery, D.M.D. '63
LeGrande Woolley, D.D.S., Oral Pathology '66,
M.S., Honorary Alumnus '96

Faculty Award

Roy Albrecht, D.M.D. '78

Go the Extra Mile Award

David Miller, Class of 2014

Ted Green Memorial Award

Marcus Uchida, Class of 2015

Outgoing Alumni Association Student Representative

Tommy Betterbed, Class of 2014

Retiring Alumni Association Board Member

Lillian Harewood, D.M.D. '95

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Recent Photos from OHSU School of Dentistry



Fourth-year dental students Jon Cardon (left) and Blake Mulgrew care for a Buckman Arts Elementary School student in the Dr. and Mrs. Carl Rietman Pediatric Dentistry Clinic on Feb. 21. "It's a great experience to do good work for kids," said Blake. "I'm happy to do it." About three dozen Buckman children received free oral care at the 2014 Sealant Day, part of National Children's Dental Health month. (Photo Sydney Cleverger)



Fourth-year dental students Melissa Faber (left) and Vini Colasurdo care for a young patient on Feb. 22 on a Medical Teams International van at Reynolds Middle School in Fairview, as part of the Multnomah Dental Society's Children's Health Fair. About 100 children were screened and received oral hygiene instructions, and then one dozen children who were screened received sealants and other oral care on the van. Dental students volunteering included fourth-year dental student coordinators Carly Peterschmidt and Michelle Nguyen; first year dental student Anne Purcell and a friend; second year dental students Jacqueline Platta, Alex Matsumoto, and Alexander Sonesson; third years Kaci Hockaday, Farielle Houran, K.C. Gilbert, and Katie Nichols; and fourth years Mikyl Rasmussen and Traci Saito. (Photo Richard Grabowsky)



Packing for the move to South Waterfront continues, with history being preserved on Feb. 24 by Karen Peterson, M.A., archivist and assistant professor of OHSU's Historical Collections and Archives (left) and Crystal Rogers, archives student assistant. "We are rapidly moving toward the new building and working hard to ensure our operations will match the state-of-the-art technology in Skourtes Tower when we move this summer," said Dean Phillip Marucha, D.M.D., Ph.D. OHSU plans to unveil a new interactive campus map this spring targeted to patient wayfinding. Check it out at www.ohsu.edu/map. (Errors on the interactive map, still under development, may be reported to places@ohsu.edu.) Additionally, there are postcards about the move available in the Dean's Office for patient distribution.



Paul Glassman, D.D.S., M.A., M.B.A., professor of dental practice, director of community oral health, and director of the Pacific Center for Special Care at the University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry (center) was the guest speaker for the third in the Dean's Seminar Series, held on Feb. 19. Dr. Glassman discussed the rapidly increasing costs of health care, concern about unwarranted variability in costs and outcomes, and recognition of the profound health disparities that exist among racial and ethnic minorities, and their implications for dental care. Stay tuned for a possible Dean's Seminar in April. Dr. Glassman is shown here with Dean Phillip Marucha, D.M.D., Ph.D. (Photo Sydney Cleverger)

School Calendar 2014

March 7	G.V. Black Tie Ball
March 10-12	School Boards for DS4's
March 15-18	ADEA Meeting
March 21	End of 11-week winter term
March 24-28	Spring Break
March 31	Start of 12-week spring term
April 3	All-Hill Quiz Bowl
April 4	Celebration of Smiles, 4 to 8 p.m., Portland Children's Museum
April 4-6	Reunion Weekend
April 5	Annual Awards Luncheon
April 17	"Healthy Mouth, Healthy Body: The Link Between Gum Disease and Diabetes," Jim Katancik, D.D.S., Ph.D., 7 p.m., OHSU Auditorium. To RSVP go to: www.ohsu.edu/mhlectures
May 2	Talent Show
May 3	Dean's Gold Circle (Invite only)
May 24-26	WREB Dental Exam
June 13	Commencement

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representation at the event, with **Jenna Wilkinson**, **Andrea Williams**, **Tara Moreno**, and **Mark Mitchell** volunteering to help greet, set up, and take down.

*Alumni Relations Director **Mark Kemball** coordinated this video (<http://vimeo.com/87237397>) of the dental simulation lab experience, interviewing several second-year dental students and **Juliana da Costa**, D.D.S., associate professor of restorative dentistry and the pre-clinical director, about the importance of simulation. Dr. da Costa also talked about where simulation training is headed in the new building.

Andrew is a Golden Rose

Senior Research Assistant **Melissa Andrew** received one of OHSU's Golden Rose awards for January. Melissa joined the school's department of integrative biosciences in January of 2013. "Melissa is the unofficial lab manager: she takes care of the large and small tasks, while at the same time offering a sympathetic ear and a helpful hand," said **Nicole Paterson** and **Jackson Wong**, in their nomination of Melissa for the Golden Rose. "She is always pleasant to be around, even under stress and pressure, and she has acted as a mentor and a positive role model. We have all benefited from Melissa's experiences and high standards, as has our ability to implement the scientific method accurately and effectively."



Staff Additions

Welcome to the following new staff:

***Adam Dobson**, senior research assistant in restorative dentistry.

***Kristi Doris**, dental assistant in restorative dentistry.

***Kimberly Mead**, dental assistant in oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Every effort is made to compile an accurate listing of new faculty and staff. We apologize for any omissions. Please contact Coral Pipkin (pipkin@ohsu.edu) or Sydney Clevenger (clevenger@ohsu.edu) with information about new employees or job switches within the dental school.

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