



Free Parking for School Patients

Beginning today (May 3), parking is complementary for School of Dentistry patients utilizing the lot located southeast of the first floor entrance. "The Smart Park meters will be covered in our patient parking area," said Rose Russell, clinic relations coordinator. "There will be signs, so patients understand they do not need to pay for their parking." Rose noted that the parking is free only for patients; fines are \$100 for SOD students, staff, or
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Student Affairs Moving to Sixth Floor

There are some physical changes underway at the School of Dentistry this month, said Dean **Jack Clinton**, D.M.D. '64, that will result in more dental student computer stations, increased space for quiet student study, easier access for dental students to the Office of Student Affairs, and expanded office space for the department of community dentistry.

The Office of Student Affairs, now on the second floor, is moving to the Student Learning Center (SLC) on the sixth floor. Offices for the Office of Student Affairs will be on the south side of the SLC where the quiet study room was located. The conference room in the SLC, the office of **Tom Shearer**, Ph.D., associate dean for research, and the former office of the recently retired **Kathy Pickwick**, also will be reconfigured for Office of Student Affairs.

Moving into the SLC are **Mark Mitchell**, M.A., associate dean for student affairs; and admissions and student affairs coordinators **Jenna Wilkinson** and **Andrea Williams**. The Office of Student Affairs will be adding a third employee in the coming months, said the Dean. Dr. Shearer will vacate his sixth floor office space in the coming weeks and move to room 410.

On the north side of the SLC, the space occupied by the School's scientific visualization equipment—donated five years ago—is a new, larger, quiet study area for dental students.

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The former quiet study area in the Student Learning Center on the sixth floor will be transformed into office space, along with the conference room and Dr. Shearer's office, for the Office of Student Affairs. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)

The visualization equipment has been transferred to the department of geology at Portland State University, said **Ron Sakaguchi**, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D., M.B.A., professor and associate dean for technology and innovation. Dr. Sakaguchi said that the system will likely be set up in Cramer Hall and that should dental students wish access to the technology, he is "sure the geology folks won't object."

Dean Clinton said he is pleased that the SLC will "continue to serve as a study and learning center for students." He anticipates an increase in the number of computer stations in the SLC, once the reconfiguring is complete.

The space on the second floor of the School, vacated by the Office of Student Affairs, will soon become an expanded
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Group Leader Profile: Rose McPharlin, D.D.S.

When talking with **Rosemary (Rose) McPharlin**, D.D.S., one gets the sense that much of her dental career has been a series of "best days ever!" Whether the upbeat, energetic Fremont bridge group leader is describing her decision to attend dental school, join the OHSU faculty, or begin caries research, her thoughts exude a well of gratitude.

"I've done some different things in dentistry and each time, it was always the best thing I've ever done," said Dr. McPharlin, 51, assistant professor of operative dentistry and a course director for preclinical operative dentistry.

Dr. McPharlin was raised in the San Francisco-area and received her bachelor of arts in cell and molecular biology at San Francisco State University in 1982. Originally, she wanted to be a pediatrician until one year when she worked in a dental office. "The periodontist — who was female -- said she had a great life and encouraged me to pursue dentistry," said Dr. McPharlin.

Dr. McPharlin attended Louisiana State University Medical Center School of Dentistry in New Orleans. "Dentistry was a happy accident," she said. "The second week of dental school, I thought it was the best ever."

During her time in dental school, Dr. McPharlin also became fond of the South. "We went to Mardi Gras every year," she said. (In fact, Dr. McPharlin was in New Orleans just last month to "listen to jazz and eat crawfish.")

After graduating from dental school in 1987, Dr. McPharlin was in a dental associateship for four years, two of which were in Louisiana, followed by two years in California cities Corcoran and Hanford. She then moved back to San Francisco, had a baby, Matthew (with first husband James Pollard, D.D.S., M.D.) and was in private practice for 10 years in Vacaville, Calif.

In 1997, she married Tim, a United States Air Force lieutenant colonel, sold her dental practice, moved to Montgomery, Ala., and had a baby, Micah.

"There were nine months where I didn't work and I was home with the baby," she said. "Tim was stationed at Maxwell Air Force Base and then I got the opportunity to work as a civilian for the 42nd Medical Dental Group, which I did for three-and-a-half-years." *(continued on page three)*



Rose McPharlin, D.D.S., Fremont group leader, in the pre-doctoral clinic, in November. (Photo Dan Carter)

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When Tim got orders to move West, the family landed in Vancouver, Wash. "When we got here we were at the University of Portland and I met a nun who, when she heard I was a dentist, recommended OHSU as a place to work," said Dr. McPharlin.

Dr. McPharlin contacted **John Lee**, D.D.S., director of operative dentistry, and began volunteering in the pre-doctoral clinic. "It was the best call I ever made; I fell in love with the School," she said. By 2004, Dr. McPharlin was on faculty working two days a week and in 2006 she became a course director for preclinical operative dentistry. When the School transitioned to an integrated group practice in mid-2007, Dr. McPharlin was asked to become a fulltime group leader.

"I think my students view me as pretty serious," she said. "I like to have a good time, so my colleagues think I'm crazy, but when I'm with the students I wear my serious hat. I do like to get to know the students socially, so I see them on different playing fields.

"I would really like for the students not to worry," said Dr. McPharlin. "There are so many deadlines in dental school that you can live a frantic life as a dental student. I'd like for students to relax and try to enjoy their time in school. Dentistry is very therapeutic once you sit down and do it."

In late March, Dr. McPharlin was beginning her first research project at the School as a principal investigator, with **Juliana da Costa**, D.D.S., assistant professor of operative dentistry, as mentor. Dr. McPharlin is studying (continued at right)

School Calendar

May 29- 31	WREB Dental Exam
May 31	Memorial Day (Holiday)
June 5	Welcome to the Alumni Association dinner (DS4)
June 18	SOD Commencement, 10 a.m., Old Library
June 25	End of 12 week spring term
July 6	Start of six-week summer session
July 16	White Coat ceremony (DS2)

Dr. McPharlin (continued from left)

a diagnostic device that detects the amount of tooth fluorescence, an indicator of tooth decay. "A lot of dentists rely on x-rays or a visual check to locate decay," said Dr. McPharlin. "We're going to be investigating from a student standpoint to see how the device is helpful for students in making decisions about teeth of which they're unsure."

When not at the school, the McPharlins enjoy hiking, biking, sailing and, in the winter, snowshoeing and cross country skiing. (Tim is now retired from the Air Force).

"The School has so many options, there is always something new to do, which is nice," said Dr. McPharlin. "I always wanted to be in academia, but I never lived close enough to a university to do it. I'm really happy the school was near enough to home that I could experience it."

Dental Bites is the School's monthly internal newsletter. If you have a story or photo submission, please contact Sydney Clevenger (clevenger@ohsu.edu, 503-418-1792).

Scenes from the Annual Alumni Meeting and Awards Lunch



More than 180 OHSU School of Dentistry alumni gathered at the Alumni Association's Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on April 10. Reunion classes ending in "0" and "5" were honored. Alumni Association board member Bill Bonnicksen, D.M.D. '75, assistant professor of restorative dentistry (left) shares a laugh with Paul Puffer, D.M.D. '63 (middle) and Charles Padbury, D.M.B. '65. (Photo Dan Carter)



The first Willamette Dental Foundation scholarships were awarded at the Annual Meeting and Awards Lunch. Third-year dental student Trace Baxter (left), who hopes to do a graduate practice residency in hospital dentistry and then practice in a rural Oregon setting after graduation, and fourth-year dental student Cynthia Lehnertz, R.D.H. (right), who is looking for an associateship or employment at a group practice in her hometown of Vancouver, Wash., received the \$10,000 awards from E. David Granum, D.M.D. '81. Additional dental student awards went to DS4 Marisa Sonerholm, who won the Ted Green Memorial Award, (\$500 in cash) for her essay, and was the first recipient of the Pacific Continental Bank scholarship (\$2,000), announced last year, and DS4 Jason Walker who received the Go the Extra Mile Award. (Photo Dan Carter)



There were a number of awards presented at the Annual Meeting and Awards Lunch. Former Alumni Association president Jim Alder, D.M.D. '82 (left) presented the Legacy Faculty Award to (from left) J. Henry Clarke, D.M.D. '61, Duane Paulson, D.D.S., affiliate professor of pediatric dentistry, and former dean Louis Terkla, D.M.D. '52. Kenneth Johnson, D.M.D. '63, was Alumnus of the Year. Peter Morita, D.M.D. '86, associate dean for patient services, who has been on faculty since his dental school graduation more than 25 years ago, received the Faculty Recognition Award. (Photo Dan Carter)



Professor Emeritus of endodontology Craig Baumgartner, D.D.S., Ph.D. (left) and Sharon Reams, clinic administrator, celebrate their alumni awards. Dr. Baumgartner, who retired last year, received the President's Award for his 18 years of service to the School. Sharon, who has worked at the School since she was 19, received the Honorary Alumnus Award, an annual award presented to a non-dental professional. Dr. Baumgartner and Sharon also worked together chairside in the Faculty Group Practice for many years. (Photo Dan Carter)

Lomeli a Lead Mentor

Stacy Lomeli, D.D.S., assistant professor of restorative dentistry, has finished the Lead Mentor Program sponsored by the OHSU School of Medicine and the Oregon Clinical and Translational Research Institute (OCTRI). "Dr. Lomeli's contributions were instrumental in making the first year of the program successful and productive," said the Lead Mentor Program co-directors in a letter to Dean **Jack Clinton**, D.M.D. '64. For more information about the program, go to <http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-medicine/about/leadmentor072709.cfm>.

New Web Site

The department of community dentistry is pleased to announce that their new Web site is up. The link is

<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-dentistry/about/academic-departments/community-dentistry/index.cfm>.

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department of community dentistry. "Our search for a chair of community dentistry has elicited some wonderful, qualified candidates, though we have not made an offer to anyone yet," said Dean Clinton. The new chair, when selected, will occupy the Office of Student Affairs space, along with **Mike Plunkett**, D.D.S., M.P.H., assistant professor of community dentistry, and **Diane Sullivan**, administrative assistant. **J. Henry Clarke**, D.M.D. '61, professor emeritus of community dentistry, and **Stephen Persichetti**, D.D.S., associate professor of community dentistry, will move into the community dentistry space vacated by Diane and Dr. Plunkett. **Craig Galloway**, clinic materials coordinator, will remain in his current office location and his team will have expanded space for staff and supplies.

Parking

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faculty utilizing the new fare-less parking for patients. "I am asking those in the clinic to help spread the happy news to patients," said Rose. "This might just be one of those very big moments in history at the School that we all have thought about for many years and finally has become a reality."



Rose Russell, clinic relations coordinator (left) and Melissa Monner, pre-doctoral clinic coordinator, stand by the old Smart Park meters that will soon be history in the parking structure next to the dental school. (Photo Devin Bryant)

News from ACE

The School's ACE (Action Committee for Excellence) acknowledges the work of **Rose Russell** and **Melissa Monner** for making the free parking dream a reality! Thanks to their perseverance and commitment to improving customer service, School patients will no longer need to pay for parking when they have a dental appointment. In addition to improving service for patients, their efforts will help alleviate some of the anxiety and frustration experienced by patients to get to their appointments on time, thus easing the overall stress of the patient, staff, and faculty interactions. Less stress makes for a more conducive atmosphere for excellent patient care and student learning. Thank you, Rose and Melissa!

Busy Months for Student Dental Research

It has been a busy few months for dental student research, with the American Association for Dental Research student fellowships announced in March (see April *Dental Bites*), and the (ODA) Oregon-Dental Association-sponsored Table Clinic, and School Research Day in April. OCTRI (Oregon Clinical and Translational Research Institute), OSLER (Oregon Students Learn and Experience Research), and Dean's Summer Fellowship awards also were recently announced (see page seven).

"The R25 grant from NIH to promote critical thinking and evidence-based decision making is beginning to create a rather dramatic cultural shift in the way dental education is being taught and expectations in how people become dentists," said Dean **Jack Clinton**, D.M.D. '64, on Research Day April 26. "I'm very excited about what's happening because I'm convinced we're raising the bar significantly and substantially with all the research we're doing."

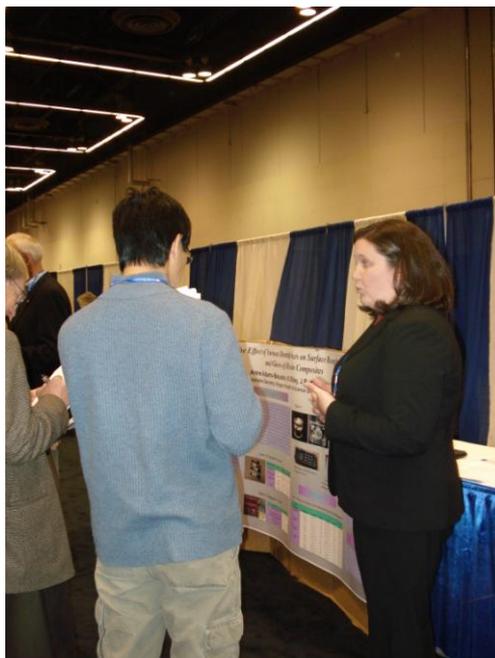
The results of the Table Clinic, held during Oregon Dental Conference weekend, were announced on Research Day. First place was first-year dental student **Kyle Malloy**, with "Surface Roughness of In-Office Machined Crowns Using Diamond Burs." Kyle won \$500 from the ODA and a trip to the national American Dental Association conference in October, sponsored by DENTSPLY. Second place was first-year dental student **Jill Pollard**, who teamed with second-year dental student **Anne Adams-Belusko** (who was unable to present) and they received a \$500 check from the ODA. First-year dental student **Clark Brinton** was third and received \$500 from the ODA.

Fourth place was third-year dental student **Dan Miller**, who received \$200 from the Alumni Association. Fifth was second-year dental student **Jason Schultz**, who received \$150 from the Dean's Office. Second-year dental student **Steve Jackson** was sixth, along with second-year dental student **Alex Vo**, receiving \$100 from the Alumni Association. And seventh place was third-year dental student **Kelly Andrews**, who received \$50 from the Dean's office.

Receiving a set of scrubs were first-year dental students **Andrew Peterson** (eighth), **Iraj** (continued on page seven)



First place Table Clinic winner Kyle Malloy, with proud dad, Charles Malloy, D.M.D., assistant professor of prosthodontics. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)



First-year dental student Jill Pollard (right) presenting at the Table Clinic. (Photo Andrea Williams)

Summer Student Research Awards Announced

Five first-year dental students have received summer research awards. Receiving OCTRI (Oregon Clinical and Translational Research) awards are: **Natalya Ramsay**, whose project is "Bioactive Glass as a Carrier for Growth Factors for Periodontal Regeneration," with **Cynthia Scheines**, D.D.S., Ph.D., associate professor of periodontology, and **John Mitchell**, Ph.D., associate professor of biomaterials and biomechanics, as mentors; and **Tyler Schaffeld**, whose project is "Emergence of Cariogenic Mutans Streptococci Following Caries Preventive Therapy," with **Curtis Machida**, Ph.D., professor of integrative biosciences, as mentor. The awards come with a \$3,000 stipend.

Receiving short-term (12 week) OSLER (Oregon Students Learn and Experience Research) awards are: **Daniel Cho**, whose project is "Bone Graft Material to Revolutionize Tissue Regeneration," with Dr. Mitchell as mentor; and **Iraj Kasimi**, whose project is "Mutans Streptococci Isolates in Caries-Active Children: Use of Arbitrarily-Primed Polymerase Chain Reaction in the Development of Genetic Fingerprints," with Dr. Machida as mentor. In accepting the OSLER award, Iraj declined his American Association for Dental Research award for the same project. Each OSLER winner receives \$5,000 for study and research support.

The Dean's Summer Research Fellowship is funded through the School's R25 grant and **Eva Kiesik** was selected to study, "Optimization of Titanium Surface Micro-Scale Topography for Osteoblast Adhesion and Retention," with **Mike Danilchik**, Ph.D., professor of integrative biosciences.

The awards are designed to boost health professionals' interest in research.

DS3 Presenting Research

Third-year dental student **Anne McLean** heads to Tucson this month to present a case report on bilateral calcifying odontogenic tumors at the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology annual meeting. Anne's advisors are **Cindy Kleinegger**, D.D.S., M.S., associate professor of pathology and radiology, and **Jim Kratochvil**, D.D.S., chair of the department of pathology and radiology.

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Kasimi (ninth), and second-year dental student **Phil Han** (tenth).



First-year dental student Clark Brinton (right) shows his poster to Tom Shearer, Ph.D., associate dean for research. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)

There were 35 posters displayed for Research Day, from faculty, staff, and students, with 70 attendees. Dean Clinton credited **Ron Sakaguchi**, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D., M.B.A., professor and associate dean for technology and innovation, who obtained the R25 grant, and **John Mitchell**, Ph.D., associate professor of biomaterials and biomechanics, who guides the Dental Student Research Group, for the increased research. "There is true value to practicing dentists to have had experiences in research activity and that is happening at the School," said the Dean. For more photos go to: <http://ohsusodalumni.shutterstock.com/>