Sign Up for MOM

Today (Nov. 1) is the final day dental students can register for MOM, the Oregon Dental Association’s Mission of Mercy event Nov. 22 and 23 at the Oregon Convention Center. MOM is a massive free dental clinic and dental students are encouraged to participate. Go to http://www.oregonodental.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3769 to register, or contact Tom Shearer, (503) 494-8770, for more information.

New Chair of Community Dentistry

Eli Schwarz, D.D.S., Ph.D., M.P.H., was recently named the School’s chair of community dentistry.

“After a detailed national search, we are delighted to recruit a well-rounded leader of this caliber to reinvigorate our department of community dentistry,” said Denice Stewart, D.D.S., M.P.H., associate dean for clinical affairs and acting chair of community dentistry, who headed the search committee. “We look forward to development of new curriculum, service, and research endeavors under Dr. Schwarz’s leadership.”

Dr. Schwarz is currently professor of Population Oral Health, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Sydney, and was until September adjunct professor in professional studies at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, School of Dental Medicine. Previous professional positions include professor and dean, Faculty of Dentistry University of Sydney; executive director of the American and International Associations for Dental Research (ADR/IADR); professor of public health dentistry and dean of dentistry, University of Hong Kong; and chief dental officer, National Board of Health, and associate professor, at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark. (continued on page six)

Dean Clinton Inducted as ICD President

School Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, was inducted as USA Section President of the International College of Dentists Oct. 8 in Orlando by Theodore Robertson, D.D.S. (right). Dr. Clinton officially assumes office Jan. 1. See the April Dental Bites for more information. (Photo Christie’s Photography)

Ethics Code Signed by First-Years

Newly-displayed on the sixth floor is the School’s Code of Ethics and Professional Behavior, signed by the Class of 2014. The Code, initially suggested by student leaders and revised in 2009, was approved by the Dental Student Government in July. It hangs outside the Student Learning Center opposite the elevators.

“During the first weeks of school, the dental students take a session on academic integrity, which explains what it means to be a health professional, our expectations of them as professionals, and the character traits we expect them to cultivate while they are here,” said Phyllis Beemsterboer, M.S., Ed.D., associate dean for academic affairs. “At the suggestion of student leaders, we brought (continued on page three)
Staff Profile: Diane Sullivan

Diane Sullivan celebrated her 24th anniversary with the department of community dentistry this year. And, even though the longtime administrative assistant has held her position for so long, she said her role continually changes which makes it interesting.

“I really enjoy my work,” she said. “People are nice and it’s like a family here.”

Diane grew up in Oshkosh, Wis., and attended the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration. When college friends were moving West, Diane came along, in part, because she was “tired of Wisconsin winters.”

Diane was hired at the University of Oregon doing administrative work. When she was engaged to be married, she moved to Portland where her husband Tom was already living and she applied for and received a transfer to what was then the University of Oregon Dental School. In May 1981, she started her new role as administrative assistant to the then-chair of orthodontics, Douglas Buck, D.D.S.

With the adoption of her oldest son (her boys are now 22 and 25) Diane desired part-time work and moved to the department of public health dentistry under then-chair David Rosenstein, D.M.D., M.P.H. (The department name was changed to Community Dentistry in 2000.)

“I divided a lot of my time initially with the school and the Russell Street Clinic,” said Diane. “I went to the clinic one half-day a week to help with collection of past-due patient accounts. Later, I typed grant applications, managed grant accounts, prepared personnel actions, and was their back-up timekeeper.”

Bob Johnson, D.M.D. ‘77, assistant professor, was the School’s second community dentistry chair and he took the helm in spring of 2007, when Dr. Rosenstein announced his retirement.

With the hiring of Mike Plunkett, D.D.S., M.P.H., assistant professor, in fall 2007, and the reorganization of the Russell Street Clinic in mid-2008, making it a separate entity from the dental school, Diane’s responsibilities changed again.

“Since Mike has been here, I’ve been helping to maintain the community-based outreach program and manage the rotation schedule.” This year, every graduating senior will be required to have at least two weeks of community outreach under their belt.

“This past year has been very busy!” said Diane. Denice Stewart, D.D.S., M.H.S.A., associate dean for clinical affairs, has been interim chair of community dentistry while a national chair search was underway. (Dr. Johnson stepped down in 2008). Eli Schwarz, D.D.S., Ph.D., M.P.H., has been hired to lead the department of community dentistry, and is expected on campus January 10 (see page one).
Yellow Friday

In lieu of Pink Friday, the weekly pre-doctoral clinic day of color-coordinated outfits and prizes for dental students, staff, and faculty, the School of Dentistry went yellow on Oct. 1 to support its cancer-fighting colleagues at the OHSU Knight Institute. A dozen School individuals won yellow Livestrong hats or Livestrong bracelets. Second-year dental student Trevor Fridere is shown here rocking yellow clinic attire. (Photo courtesy Eva Brame)

DS1’s Select Leaders

The Class of 2014 recently elected its representatives for Dental Student Government (DSG). With 84 percent of the class voting, according to DSG vice president and fourth-year dental student Katie Marsh, the following first-year dental students were selected: Clint Gutman (president); Joseph Kelly (vice president); Craig Wright (treasurer); Tian (Anne) Zhu and Tiffany Yee (historians); Matt Vogel, Kyle Geelan, Rose Vaughn, Jason Greyslak, and Vinit Patel (activities); and Traci Saito, Quinn Martin, and Nate Risley (All-Hill Representatives).

School Calendar

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a printed copy of the Code of Ethics and Professional Behavior for dental students to sign and then we enlarged the original and mounted it for hanging on the wall.”

The second paragraph of the Code states, “The moral and ethical obligations are characterized, but not limited to, honesty, fairness, and integrity in all circumstances. Students are expected to show respect for the rights, differences, and property of others. A high degree of ethical and professional behavior is to be practiced in the classroom, as well as in treating patients. Standards of care are to include concern for the welfare of patients, competence in the delivery of dental care, and the preservation of confidentiality in all situations, including electronic patients records and email.”

Dr. Beemsterboer said she hopes to garner signatures from each entering dental class beginning with the Class of 2014. She also plans to hang a copy of the signed codes on the first floor near the pre-doctoral clinic.

Submit Your Ideas to Dental Bites

If you have a story idea for Dental Bites, please contact Sydney Clevenger, clevenge@ohsu.edu, prior to the 25th of the month before each scheduled publication.
**Tournament Raises $3,000**

About $3,800 was raised for a spring dental school student softball tournament, money that may ultimately go toward dental student scholarships.

About 100 dental students and residents from the classes 2010 to 2013 played in the Dr. Robert Quinton-Cox Memorial Softball Tournament, the first in what founder Philip Quinton-Cox hopes will become an annual series of events honoring faculty key to the School’s growth. The first tournament was held on a wet May 22, in honor of Philip’s father, Robert Quinton-Cox, Ph.D., an anatomy and histology instructor from 1966 to 1989.


Each student participating received a different colored T-shirt with the tournament logo, a tooth playing ball, designed by Jed’s brother. There was a barbecue after the tournament, attended by Dr. Quinton-Cox’s widow, Joan, 83, and grandson and namesake, Robert.

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**Blue Ribbon Panel Report Expected this Month**

The Blue Ribbon Panel charged with charting the future of dentistry in Oregon, along with OHSU President Joe Robertson, recently accepted the proposed program and business plan for a new dental school building.

“We continue to work on capital funding issues,” said Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, who is on the panel, led by ODS President Robert Gootee. “At this time, it appears the university will be responsible for about half of the capital project, with additional fiscal responsibility coming from the dental school and philanthropy.

“The philanthropy component will probably be $30 to $35 million and it will have to be raised in the very short timeframe of four-to-six years,” said Dr. Clinton.

Fundraising could begin as early as winter of 2010, said the Dr. Clinton. The Panel’s final report is due around Thanksgiving.

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**Tournament** (continued from left column)

“I was really pleased with the turnout and everybody had a great time,” said Jed. “The mud definitely made it a memorable experience and I can’t wait to do it again next year.” An after-tournament party was held at the Buffalo Gap, a Dr. Quinton-Cox favorite.

“Dr. Quinton-Cox was an anatomy instructor of mine in dental school and helped me pass my anatomy classes,” said Michael Hoag, D.M.D. ’76. “I truly held Dr. Quinton-Cox in the highest regard!”

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**Inclement Weather Hotline**

For information about School clinic closure or class cancellation, dental students, staff, and faculty should call (503) 494-8565.
OHSU Dental School in the Community in October

OHSU School of Dentistry students, staff, and faculty were out in force last month providing oral care and educational information throughout the community.

On Oct. 2, an OHSU team provided oral health screenings for young athletes at the Special Olympics Special Smiles event on the Nike campus. Phyllis Beemsterboer, M.S., Ed.D., associate dean for academic affairs, and Mary Ann Haisch, R.D.H., outreach coordinator, led the team, which included Elizabeth Palmer, D.M.D. `08, Pedo `10; first-year pediatric dentistry resident Patricia Peirano; third-year dental students Ben Bogdan and Eric Muraoka; and fourth-year dental students Katie Marsh, Jeremy Messer, Byung-il Lee, Kenny McGowan, Vivian Burk, Marisa Sonerholm, and Trace Baxter. “We did a total of 118 screenings, not counting a few siblings that received toothbrushes without going through our tent,” said Dr. Beemsterboer. “It was really busy around noon!”

The American Student Dental Association (ASDA) in early October, provided 10 student volunteers to the Oregon Food Bank for packaging vegetables for 900 families, said third-year dental student Evan Kania. ASDA also participated in a Wells Fargo Health Awareness Fair at the Beaverton City Library on Oct. 17. ASDA volunteers distributed information to families on oral health and how to care for their children’s teeth. “We were able to hand out over 350 toothbrushes, toothpastes, and flosses to children and adults,” said Evan. “It was a great event and we even had to shut down our booth a little early because we ran out of supplies. We were definitely one of the most popular booths there, behind the balloon artist, of course.”

ASDA also joined with the School’s Hispanic Student Dental Association (HSDA) in October for an interdisciplinary, collaborative event at Cornelius Elementary School, as part of Bilingual Dental Education Week. On Oct. 11, a team of seven dental students taught 100 first-graders the importance of brushing and flossing, how cavities form, and what to expect from the dental office, through a variety of fun activities, conducted in both English and Spanish. First-year dental students Tesha Grangaard, Quinn Martin, and Jason Greyslak, second-year dental students Jenna Painter, Erica Coe, and Geoff Peterson, and third year dental student Jim Bell, led the activites. On Oct. 14 at Cornelius, there was a parent fair with a presentation entirely in Spanish on the importance of good hygiene. Joining Jim, Jenna, and Quinn for the evening event were first-year dental students Daniel Egbert, Michelle Nguyen, and Joseph Kelly, and second-year dental student Trevor Frideres.

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**Community Dentistry Chair**

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Dr. Schwarz has a DDS and a doctoral degree from University of Copenhagen, Denmark, and a master’s degree in public health (cum laude) from Hadassah Medical School, University of Jerusalem. He is a founding fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and a fellow in the specialty of community dentistry in the Hong Kong College of Dental Surgeons. He is also a fellow of the American College of Dentists and a fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons. In 1987, he was conferred the Royal Order, Knight of the Order of Dannebrog, by Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark.

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**DS1’s Enjoy Chili Dinner**

Instructed to pick up a scantron sheet from Steven King, Ph.D., associate professor of integrative biosciences, for a Bio/Phys I test the following week, all 75 first-year dental students appeared for an October chili fest, sponsored by the School Alumni Association. First-year dental students (left to right) Jason Greyslak, Will Marra, Kelly Sayre, and Megan Willis, enjoyed meeting the half dozen alumni on hand and nibbling on chili, chips, corn muffins, salad, and desserts. The annual fall event is designed to connect dental students with alumni to help welcome them to the School. To view/download photos from this event, go to www.ohsu.edu/sod/alumni. (Photo Fred Bremner, D.M.D. ’64)

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**Recycle All Plastic at School**

With the addition of a new recycling vendor, all clean plastic at the dental school now can be recycled, reports OHSU Green Team Member Jenna Wilkinson. Clean plastic (soiled plastic containers should be washed first) can be deposited in any blue ‘plastics’ recycling container. Previously, only numbered and stretchable plastic could be recycled at the school.

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**ADA Meeting**

OHSU had strong represention at the American Dental Association Annual Session in Orlando Oct. 8 to 10. An alumni reception Oct. 9 was attended by more than 50 alumni, faculty, dental students, and friends, including Leon Assael, D.M.D., professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery (right) and wife, Linda. Second-year dental student Kyle Malloy presented his award-winning research project, “Surface Roughness of In-Office Machined Crowns Using Diamond Burs,” competing with dental students from across the country. (Photo Mark Mitchell)
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