With its quiet operation in the basement of the School of Dentistry, the Kenneth R. Cantwell Continuing Dental Education Clinic is often a surprise resident, even for regulars in the building. But the 14-chair clinic is not only busy, sometimes seven days a week, it has a huge impact on the community, helping dental professionals – many of whom are OHSU alums – to advance their knowledge, boost camaraderie, and improve patient care.

Dedicated in 1977 and remodeled in 1998, the continuing education clinic celebrated its 30th year in 2007. The program is staffed by Debbie Reaume, who has been with the program for 21 years and became program manager this summer, and Gail King, clinic coordinator, who has been with the program for 12 years. In June, continuing education’s longtime director, John Smith, Ph.D., retired. Dr. Smith continues to teach pharmacology courses for the continuing education program, as well as for dental students and residents at the School of Dentistry.

Occasionally, the continuing education area is used by other departments, who need extra clinic chairs to see patients or additional meeting room space, and dental students on various rotations. In 2006-2007 there were 290 continuing dental education courses for 5,500 participants, resulting in a staggering 33,812 participation hours.

"We offer continuing education courses both on- and off-campus every month for dental professionals," said Debbie. “Dentists are required to log 40 hours of accredited continuing education every two years and dental hygienists must have 24 hours.

"We work closely with the Academy of General Dentistry," said Debbie. “This year AGD will have nine different study clubs that will use our facilities: parenteral conscious sedation, endodontics, oral medicine, pediatrics, occlusion, esthetics, oral surgery, and orthodontics. In addition to our one and two day lecture courses, there are 29 study clubs that utilize the School of Dentistry’s facilities.

“A lot of study clubs that meet here for lectures will also utilize the clinic and lab spaces,” said Debbie. “The study groups hire a speaker or

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Dean's Message

The School of Dentistry is making significant changes this winter, due to broad sweeping changes at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU).

A recent Oregon Supreme Court ruling on the Oregon Tort Claims Act, eliminating the tort liability cap for all public bodies in Oregon, OHSU included, means we've been asked to cut an estimated $30 million from the university’s annual budget, for higher liability and insurance fees.

As I wrote this column in late February, the School of Dentistry had been asked to make cuts from its budget of more than $2 million.

While budget cuts are never easy, this is an opportunity to more closely examine university-wide programs and identify any inefficiencies that need to be addressed. Many of the conversations we are having now are continuations of ones we had last year as OHSU prepared its strategic plan for 2020.

OHSU has wisely identified a handful of core missions that will remain untouched during budget-cutting and one of those includes our dental education mission. It is widely acknowledged that education for dental students and dental specialty residents is a critical component of a healthy community and widely accepted that the OHSU School of Dentistry is an excellent provider of dental education. That is good news.

So how will we trim what is an already tight School of Dentistry budget?

Along with the other OHSU schools – medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and science and engineering – the School of Dentistry will greatly reduce the amount of unfunded research conducted (research that is self-funded by OHSU, rather than funded by external grants). We will also be integrating our basic science research with the School of Medicine, a plan we've been discussing for a while as we talk about a new school building. We hope that this change will ultimately bring new partnerships and boost collaborative research.

Tuition for incoming dental students will rise, with returning students’ tuition increasing in the six- to 10-percent range and beginning students increasing 12- to 20-percent. Our intent is to raise money through our phonathon (see story, page 6) and other fundraising activities to boost dental student scholarships to help offset the increases for some of our dental students. The cost of dental education is on the rise nationally; I recently learned that at least a dozen other United States dental schools are looking at double-digit tuition increases.

The 30-year-old Russell Street Dental Clinic will be reconfigured or eliminated from our budget. The Russell Street clinic is a significant and important service, but has been deemed not essential to the dental education mission. It is also a service that could be provided well by another public health entity. We have been working with the Russell Street staff to find another sponsor for the clinic and I am reasonably optimistic that we will find someone suitable to serve this unique population.

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Corrections

The following names were inadvertently omitted from the Dean’s Gold Circle Member ($1,000 - $4,999) list, in the 2006-2007 School of Dentistry Annual Report.

Mary Beth Bowman, D.M.D. and Mr. Todd Bowman
George A. Brant, D.M.D. and Mrs. Ellen J. Brant
Paul D. Brent, D.D.S. and Mrs. Alayne C. Brent
Constance M. Brown, D.D.S.
Burkhart Dental Supply Co.
Bruce A. Burton, D.M.D. and Mrs. Constance A. Burton
James L. Cain, D.M.D. and Mrs. Darlene L. Cain
Mr. Gary K. Cantwell
Alan G. Carter, D.M.D. and Mrs. Laurie A. Carter
Winthrop B. Carter, D.D.S. and Mrs. Barbara Carter
Samuel Castillo, D.M.D. and Mrs. Deborah Castillo
Kae S. Cheng, D.M.D., M.D.
William E. Chetwood, D.M.D. and Mrs. Martha G. Chetwood
Kyle S. Chock, D.M.D. and Dorothy T. Kawai-Chock
Kevin R. Christiansen, D.D.S. and Mrs. Jean A. Christiansen
William C. Colwell, D.D.S.

In addition, Howard I. Morrison and Mrs. Winifred M. Morrison should have been listed under donors to the Sam Jackson Guild and in the $10K+ donor list. Dr. Morrison, D.M.D. ’57, also should have been listed in the Class of 1957 giving.

We sincerely regret these omissions.

New Development Assistant

Tim Young, recently joined the School of Dentistry as development assistant, working with Development Coordinator Lisa Thorsrud and Development Director Pat Regan. Tim previously worked with the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, and also with Portland State University in the Auxiliary Enterprises Office. Tim received a bachelor of science in political science and a master’s degree in public administration from the University of Oregon. Coincidentally, Tim’s dad, Darrell Young, served as the school’s associate dean of finance for many years.

Looking for board-exam quality patients

With the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) licensure examination coming up for fourth-year dental students, the School of Dentistry is once again seeking clinical exam-quality patients now and throughout 2008. Needed are patients with un-restored Class II lesions and obvious calculus deposits. Procedures completed during the WREB exam are at no cost to the patient. If you have patients who meet the above criteria, or for additional information, please contact Brandy Eurot at (503) 494-1242.

Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64
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Message from the Association President

We are on the threshold of a defining moment in our Alumni Association history, one that will have an impact on every graduate of the School of Dentistry.

For most of our history, we have been a self-supporting, self-regulating, dues paying organization. In 1965, the Board of Directors proposed the articles of incorporation to the association, and with a few amendments along the way, those bylaws continue to guide us today.

Now, with deep respect and appreciation for the foundation that has been laid by past leadership, the current Board of Directors will present to the alumni body a proposal to change the bylaws to eliminate association dues for perpetuity.

There are approximately 5,600 OHSU School of Dentistry alumni currently, which includes dentists, dental hygienists, and specialty training graduates. In the past eight years, an average of 650 dental professionals (or about 11 percent of the graduates) have paid dues of $80 to $90 per year ($45 to $50 for registered dental hygienists) to join the Alumni Association.

While we are grateful to those who annually joined the association, we did wonder why 89 percent chose not to become members. We have heard from alums who share stories of their experiences while they were students at the school, and from others who give directly to the school rather than to the Alumni Association. But that does not account for all 89 percent.

Alumni Association membership dues have generated $47,000 to $67,000 for the Alumni Association each year for the past eight years. That revenue has paid for all Alumni Association operations, alumni events throughout the country at various dental conferences, Caementum, and the costs associated with membership mailings, event invitations, and reunions.

What will happen with the elimination of dues? How will the Alumni Association be funded?

The simple answer is through the Dean’s Office. Dean Jack W. Clinton D.M.D. ’64, has agreed to provide the resources necessary to continue and possibly even expand the operations of the Alumni Association.

Dean Clinton, the OHSU School of Dentistry, and the OHSU Foundation all understand the critical role that alumni play in the life of the institution. Alumni are the lifeblood of any educational organization. For years, the school was solely dependent on state funding for its survival. No longer. Philanthropy, most of it through alumni and corporations and foundations, plays a much larger role in not only helping the school survive, but also to thrive and grow.

The decision to eliminate dues isn’t one to be taken lightly. It has been discussed and reviewed internally for the past three years. Much like the Board of Directors in 1965 who painstakingly researched other educational institutions and organizations and came to the conclusion that incorporating was necessary for the future of the OHSU School of Dentistry Alumni Association, the current board has done similar work in preparing for this transition.

The Board of Directors welcomes alumni comments on this proposed change and requests that all concerns or supporting statements regarding the bylaw change be submitted to the Office of Alumni Relations and Development by Monday, March 31, 2008. Alumni can contact the alumni office by phone at (503) 494-0983, by email at sdalumni@ohsu.edu or by letter (the alumni office address is on the back of this publication).

A final vote will be taken at the Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on Saturday, April 5, 2008, during the Oregon Dental Conference. Please join us for this historic vote.

Richard B. Knight, D.M.D. ’79

School of Dentistry Alums to Vote April 5 on Historic ‘No More Dues’ Proposal

Specific bylaws changes include the moving from five (5) classes of Membership to three (3). Currently memberships are classified as: Active, Life, Honorary, Affiliate and Student. The board proposes eliminating the Life and Student categories with the reasoning that everyone who is a graduate of the School of Dentistry is an alumnus/nae for life. View the proposed bylaws online at http://www.ohsu.edu/sod/alumni/index.html.
New Faculty in School of Dentistry

- **Darius Arlauskas**, D.M.D., is an adjunct assistant professor in operative dentistry. Dr. Arlauskas received his doctor of dental medicine from OHSU in 1998. He is a general dentist at Gentech Dentistry in Clackamas, Ore.

- **Thomas Galbraith**, D.D.S., is an assistant professor in the department of restorative dentistry. Dr. Galbraith recently moved to Oregon to be closer to his sons, after retiring from 25 years in private practice, most recently in Weed, Calif. Dr. Galbraith received his doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Southern California School of Dentistry in Los Angeles.

- **Robert S. Henshaw**, D.D.S., is an adjunct assistant professor in periodontology. Dr. Henshaw received his doctor of dental surgery from University of the Pacific and a specialty certificate in periodontics and implantology from OHSU in 2002. Dr. Henshaw is in private practice in Portland.

- **Shelley Winn**, Ph.D., is an adjunct associate professor in the department of restorative dentistry's biomaterials and biomechanics division. His doctoral degree, from Brown University, was in medical science with an emphasis in artificial organs, biomaterials, cellular technology, and neuroscience. Dr. Winn also is an associate professor of research for OHSU School of Medicine's department of surgery in the division of plastic and reconstructive surgery. From 2000-2007, Dr. Winn was director for research studies at Northwest Wound Healing Center in Portland, Ore., and held the same title at OHSU.

New Appointment for Associate Dean

**Phyllis Beemsterboer**, M.S., Ed.D., associate dean for academic affairs, was recently appointed by the American Dental Association (ADA) president to serve as a member of the ADAS National Oral Health Literacy Committee. The ADA authorized the formation of the Committee as a result of a 2006 resolution from the House of Delegates. Poor literacy skills can impede the dental patient’s ability to seek out needed health information and also to process and understand that information in making appropriate oral health care decisions. The 12 member advisory committee provides input regarding policies, programs and interventions related to improving oral health literacy. Dr. Beemsterboer was appointed for her expertise in dental education and bioethics.

Brightening the School of Dentistry

If it’s Monday at the School of Dentistry, you may see a big flower arrangement near the cashier’s window in the pre-doctoral clinics, courtesy of **Susan Kay**, R.D.H. Susan, a longtime assistant professor of periodontology, has been hand-picking flowers from her garden and arranging them in massive bouquets off-and-on for the past 10 years to brighten the clinic.

“My personal memories of dental hygiene school are not pleasant ones [Susan did not attend OHSU] so I put a lot of effort into thinking of things that would make the clinical experience more enjoyable and fun for this generation,” she said.

For Halloween, Susan created a giant spray of black and green orchids with a big black spider. Another time, she created a monstrous all-white bouquet of orchids, peonies, and tulips. “I was almost embarrassed to bring it in – it looked like a wedding arrangement – but it brought many appreciative comments,” she said.

Susan said she “enjoys creating something from nothing” and the challenge of working with limited materials from her yard. “I also like seeing the heartfelt reaction of others who are moved by the beauty of nature,” she said. “Flowers bring out another side of people.”
Big Numbers at Phonathon

Despite some snowy days in Portland the weeks of the annual School of Dentistry phonathon, there was excellent volunteership – and an impressive number of pledges – during the six nights of calling.

“We’ve been doing the phonathon about 15 years and this is the largest crowd I’ve ever seen,” said Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, on Jan. 29, as the phonathon got underway.

More than $177,000 was raised in pledges and commitments during the phonathon, according to Development Director Pat Regan, almost eight percent ($13,000) more than the year prior. A first night gift of $10,000 by Brian Holmes, D.M.D. ’92, fired up the volunteers and set a first-night pledge record of $47,570. The final evening of calls, Feb. 7, an awesome $38,000 was raised.

As in 2007, money raised during the phonathon is going toward student financial aid (unless otherwise designated by the donor), which will be particularly important, said Dean Clinton, given the fall 2008 tuition hike for dental students (see story, page two).

“As economies have gotten tighter, I feel it is important to support the School and keep it as strong as we can,” said Martha Rich, D.M.D. ’81, when asked why she volunteered to make pledge calls to alums.

Third-year dental student Annalisa Taylor – who received one of the biggest pledge totals of the phonathon with $10,350 – also had finances on her mind.

“It’s important that we reach out,” said Annalisa. “Maybe people will be more willing to help now that OHSU is in great need.”

Seventy-nine alums – from the class of 1962 (Jim Tsugawa, D.M.D.) to the class of 2006 – plus 27 dental students from the classes of 2008 and 2009, volunteered to make calls and to help during the phonathon.

Carrie Laird, D.M.D. ’06 noted that a dental student call in 2007 inspired her to volunteer in 2008. “I figured if students can make time to make calls, then I could do it, too,” she said. “I know how busy dental students are.”

Fourth-year dental student John Delplanche found the phonathon an easy way for dental students to give back. “Even if we can’t give out of our own pockets right now, we can give of our time,” he said between calls.

Volunteers every night were treated to a variety of delicious home style dinners donated by Fred (D.M.D. ’63) and Punky (Honorary Alum) Scott, from The Bomber Restaurant in Milwaukie, Ore. Cathryn Majeran, D.M.D. ’79 and husband, Monte Bricker, donated wine for prizes, as did Gerald Kennedy, D.M.D. ’91. Two $50 gift certificates to McCormick & Schmick’s were donated by Alumni Association president Rich Knight, D.M.D. ’79. The OHSU Bookstore donated logo merchandise.

Steve Simmons, D.M.D. ’78, received the most pledges for alumni callers over the six nights with 13 pledges in one evening. The Class of 2008’s Devin Brice called all six nights, received 22 pledges ($8,946) and was able to reach 31 alumni to thank them for their gift.

In addition to Annalisa, other phonathon volunteers receiving large pledge totals included third-year dental student Melissa Beadnell ($10,250); Dr. Simmons ($8,350); Jim Cain, D.M.D. ’70 ($6,450); Greg Atack, D.M.D. ’96 ($6,350); and Susan Rustvold, D.M.D. ’85 ($5,850).

The Steel group practice raised the most money ($34,210) and was able to reach the greatest number of alumni and friends to thank them for their gift.

Fred Kreutzer, D.M.D. ’64, faithfully manned a laptop for five nights to help callers with incorrect phone numbers.
“We so appreciate all of our volunteers,” said Pat. “Whether they manned phones, worked computers, or stuffed envelopes, we couldn’t have done it without them.”

Oregon Dental Association President Tom Pollard, D.M.D. ’74, noted that taking the initiative to make calls can be a struggle, but that “after a few calls it gets easier. It’s fun to talk with everyone and this is a really important cause,” he said.

Ken Carneiro, D.M.D. ’66, who has participated in about a dozen School of Dentistry phonathons, agreed that the camaraderie keeps him coming back. “I enjoy talking to members of my class and finding out what they’re doing,” he said. “It keeps me up to date.”

Thank You, Phonathon Volunteers!

Ben Aanderud, D.M.D. ’98
Mark Alder, D.M.D. ’80
Jim Alder, D.M.D. ’82
Greg Atack, D.M.D. ’96
David Barney (2008)
Scott Barry, D.M.D. ’96
Steve Beadnell, D.M.D. ’80
Melissa Beadnell (2008)
Geoff Berg, D.M.D. ’01
Kristine Berg (2008)
Meg Bishop, RDH ’99
Ryan Blair, D.M.D. ’00
Bill Bonnike, D.M.D. ’75
Bob Bowles, D.M.D. ’66
Kurtis Bray (2008)
Fred Brenmer, D.M.D. ’64
Devin Brice (2008)
Eric Burbano, D.M.D. ’68
Marty Burbano, D.M.D. ’98
Jim Cain, D.M.D. ’70
Erin Carlson (2008)
Ken Carneiro, D.M.D. ’66
Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64
Susie Clinton, (Staff)
John Delplanche (2008)
Richard Dietrich, D.M.D. ’93
John Dougherty, D.M.D. ’72
Andrew Dow (2008)
Dave Dowsett, D.M.D. ’95
Nathan Doyel, D.M.D. ’97
Tim Eilers, D.M.D. ’71
Kevin Ensley, D.M.D. ’88
Fred Fischer, D.M.D. ’76
Dan Fredrickson (2008)
Melanie Grant (2008)
C. Steve Hagler, D.M.D. ’79
Charlie Hartman (2009)
Weston Herlager Jr., D.M.D. ’71
Brooke Hikade (2008)
Kim Hoang, D.M.D. ’91
John Holt, D.M.D. ’72
Howard Jarvis, D.M.D. ’80
Erica Kelly (2008)
Gerald Kennedy, D.M.D. ’91
Sean Kim, D.M.D. ’91
Rich Knight, D.M.D. ’79
David Kreutzer, D.M.D. ’00
Fred Kreutzer, D.M.D. ’64
Sue LaFranche, RDH ’74
Carrie Laird, D.M.D. ’06
Matt Lloyd, D.M.D. ’01
Cathryn Majoran, D.M.D. ’79
Ken Marshack, D.M.D. ’77
J. Gordon Marshall, D.M.D. ’79
Connie Masuoka, D.M.D. ’88
Stacy Matsuda, RDH ’77
Sandra McCoy, D.M.D. ’81
Mark Miller, D.M.D. ’79
Al Montrose, D.M.D. ’82
Adam Muggli (2008)
Tina Nguyen (2009)
Tom Over, D.M.D. ’76
Elizabeth Palmer (2008)
Kathy Pickwick (Staff)
Adam Polan (2009)
Tom Pollard, D.M.D. ’74
Martha Rich, D.M.D. ’81
John Rosenthal, D.M.D. ’76
Brian Rust (2008)
Susan Rustvold, D.M.D. ’85
Bill Scharwatt, D.M.D. ’63
Ingrid Schultz (2008)
Fred Scott, D.M.D. ’63
Glen Shimshak, D.M.D. ’74
Steve Simmons, D.M.D. ’78
Don Siranni, D.M.D. ’64
Andrew Smith (2008)
Bob Southworth, D.M.D. ’76
Annalisa Taylor (2009)
Jim Tinkle, D.M.D. ’79
Aaron Tinkle, D.M.D. ’06
Jim Tsugawa, D.M.D. ’62
Ian Tydeman (2008)
Erwin Weichel, D.M.D. ’77
Bill Wilde, D.M.D. ’77
Andrea Williams (Staff)
Ron Wismer, D.M.D. ’67
Make a gift to the OHSU School of Dentistry

At the new OHSU Foundation website, you can give to a specific funding priority such as the Dean’s Fund for Excellence or to a department of the OHSU School of Dentistry. You may also honor or remember a loved one with a tribute gift. Interested in making a pledge? The website is a quick and convenient way to initiate your pledge. Make a gift today at http://dentistry.ohsufoundation.org.

Professor Appointed to State Board

Michael Plunkett, D.D.S., M.P.H., assistant professor of community dentistry, has just been appointed to the Oregon Public Health Advisory Board. Dr. Plunkett is the first oral health care provider appointed to the Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB), which serves as an advisory body to the director of the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS). The PHAB advises the director on policy matters related to the operation of DHS, provides a review of statewide public health issues, and participates in public health policy development.

“This is a big deal for OHSU, the School of Dentistry, and our community dentistry outreach program,” said Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64. “That Dr. Plunkett has only been in Oregon a short time and has already made inroads in the public health policy arena says a lot about his ability to build relationships and forge interdisciplinary connections, abilities which are key to boosting oral health care for all Oregonians.” Dr. Plunkett’s appointment is for four years.

Prior to moving to Oregon in April 2007, Dr. Plunkett was on the clinical faculty at the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Dentistry and a clinical dentist at the Cabot Westside Health Center in Kansas City, Mo. He received his master’s in public health from the University of Kansas School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine in Kansas City, Kansas, and his doctor of dental surgery from the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Dentistry in Kansas City, Mo.

Faculty Selected as ADEA Fellow

Jeffery Stewart, D.D.S., M.S., associate professor of pathology, recently was selected as a fellow of the 2008-09 American Dental Education Association Leadership Institute, a program designed to develop the nation’s most promising dental faculty to become future leaders in dental and higher education. Dr. Stewart is one of 21 of the dental educators selected from throughout the country to attend the Leadership Institute's ninth class. The Leadership Institute consists of yearlong sessions, workshops, and projects highlighting personal and interpersonal development, administrative competencies, legislative leadership, faculty development, and other learning opportunities. Dr. Stewart is OHSU’s second ADEA Leadership Institute Fellow since the Institute began in 2000.
School of Dentistry has First Endowed Lectureship

To honor ODS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Gootee for his many years of service, the ODS Companies board recently established a new program at the School of Dentistry: The Robert G. Gootee Lectureship in Leadership and Professionalism. A plaque was presented to Mr. Gootee on Feb. 1 in room 606, the School of Dentistry’s ODS Conference Room, to celebrate the new endowed lectureship, the first for the school.

“This is the perfect time for this to happen,” said Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64. “The change in how we educate our dental students and care for our patients via a group practice structure has boosted professionalism amongst our students and faculty. We have a reputation for doing an incredible job of training dentists, but maybe the greatest impact of being a provider are those values we tend to lump together as professionalism.”

According to Development Director Pat Regan, almost $54,000 of the $75,000 needed to endow the lectureship fund has been raised. “The first lecture will occur about one year after the fund is endowed,” said Pat. “It would be our hope that Robert will deliver the first lecture on leadership and professionalism.”

“Education is important to me and to be involved in it in this way means a lot to me,” said Mr. Gootee, who attended with wife, Roje; ODS board members George Passadore, Jay Lamb, D.M.D. ’80, Tracy Andrus, Mike McKeel, D.M.D. ’71, Orville Boyle, D.M.D. ’55, and Jim Darke, D.D.S.; ODS Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Jon Jurevic; Oregon Dental Association president Tom Pollard, D.M.D. ’74; and a number of School of Dentistry deans and department heads. Mr. Gootee has been with ODS for 20 years, the past 10 as president and chief executive officer.

The Robert G. Gootee Lectureship in Leadership and Professionalism was initiated by Dr. Lamb, the current ODS board chair, who wanted to honor Mr. Gootee’s steady hand and strong leadership during a period of growth, diversification, and change at ODS.

“It’s important for any profession to maintain professionalism and dentistry is no different,” said Dr. Lamb. “With this lectureship, we want to help make sure the dental students turned out are clinic-capable and hold a standard of professionalism.”

The plaque commemorating the new lectureship hangs in the School of Dentistry’s sixth floor conference room, aptly named the ODS Conference Room, in honor of the ODS Companies, longtime support of the school.

“This is our first endowed lectureship,” said Dean Clinton. “We are so happy and grateful for all that Mr. Gootee and ODS do for us.”

Advancing Our Mission

Sam Jackson Guild Lunch May 6

School of Dentistry alums and friends who are members of the Sam Jackson Guild will head to the Waverley Country Club for a May 6 luncheon. This is the tenth year of the Guild lunch and the second lunch for Sam Jackson Guild members only (the Doernbecher Guild now has its own lunch).

The Sam Jackson Guild honors individuals who have established deferred gift plans benefiting OHSU through its Foundation. About 30 School of Dentistry donors are Sam Jackson Guild members, including Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, and wife, Mary.

“Establishing a deferred gift plan is so simple,” said Development Director Pat Regan. “The gifts of the Sam Jackson family – notably the 88 acres on which OHSU’s Marquam Hill campus sits – as well as other donors who have included OHSU in their long-term financial plans have helped make the institution a national leader. We hope to create the same legacy for the School of Dentistry.”

Sam Jackson Guild members also are invited to Medical Chats on such topics as heart health. For additional information, please contact Pat Regan at (503) 494-0980.
Continuing Education Program
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mentor either from the dental school or they bring someone in from the outside. They regularly bring in patients from their own offices so their fellow members can learn and gain expertise.”

According to Portland, Ore., dentist Barry O. Evans, D.M.D. ’69, who is the mentor of three Tucker Cast Gold study clubs and belongs to three other operating study clubs, “Study clubs take time out of a busy practice schedule, but an operating study club where the dentist actually treats a patient under the supervision of a mentor, is the most efficient way to institute new techniques and to improve skills on particular techniques.

“I enjoy the camaraderie and association with other dentists interested in improving their ability to treat their patients,” he said.

Dr. Evans noted that the Northwest has more operating study clubs and more varied study clubs (clubs teaching in any of the different aspects of dentistry) than anywhere else in the nation. “To my knowledge, OHSU’s continuing education clinic is the only one in the country solely dedicated to the continuing education of practicing dentists,” he said. (The University of Washington recently closed theirs for specialty training).

Dentists in the Pacific Northwest are used to operating study clubs as a way to pass along information, but “this is not the case in most other areas of the country,” said Dr. Evans.

According to Dr. Evans, Drs. Wedelstaedt and Searl in the early 1900’s traveled by train to Seattle from Chicago and spent the month of August with 12 Seattle-area dentists. They did this for several years until W.I. Ferrier became mentor of the club.

In 1951, Ferrier group member Alex Jeffery, D.M.D., from Seattle was persuaded to mentor a gold foil study club in Portland. Dr. Jeffrey initiated the Greater Portland Gold Foil Study Club, the Rose City Gold Foil Study Club, and the Capital City Gold Foil Study Club in Salem, Ore. Such well-known dentists as John Kiratly, D.M.D., John Bartels, D.M.D. ’29, Kenneth Cantwell, D.M.D. ’43, and Bill Howard, D.M.D. ’50, were members of these first Oregon study clubs.
Debbie Reaume (right) is the Kenneth R. Cantwell continuing education clinic program manager. Gail King is the clinic coordinator. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)

OHSU Continuing Dental Education Calendar

For information about the following courses, please call (503) 494-8857 or go to www.ohsu.edu/sod/continuinged. Ask about early registration fees.

April 1 to May 19

April 3 to 5
Oregon Dental Association meeting. Call (503) 218-2010 for details.

April 26

May 10
Shade Matching. Dave Carsten, D.D.S., Dave Hutt and Meredith Marsh. 6 hours.

May 16 to 17

May 17

Also available:
Dental Hygiene Care for Children with Special Needs – An Independent Study for Dental Hygienists. Sherry Lemon, R.D.H., and Peter Lax, D.M.D. ’75 Call (503) 418-5799 for information.**

**Applicable toward dental hygiene limited access permit education requirements.

It was the early Portland study club members that realized what a great method study clubs were to communicate knowledge and they began to broaden the scope of the study clubs and to begin new groups that specialized in other aspects of dentistry, said Dr. Evans.

“We are now at the point in Oregon where you can join an operating study club in almost any aspect of dentistry that you might be interested in to improve your knowledge and skills,” said Dr. Evans. “I don’t believe most dentists in Oregon and the Northwest realize how fortunate we are compared to dentists in other areas of the country.”

Mike Murat, D.D.S., who recently completed a year as AGD President, has been in Dr. Evans’ study club for 12 years. “One person sharpens another,” said Dr. Murat. “Once you start a study club and build relationships with others, you are encouraged to continue. Every month we’re doing different cases and looking at improving patient care.”

Mike Wilson, director of customer relations for O’Brien Dental Lab, also attends a number of study club sessions at OHSU. Mike takes photos and documents each patient’s care from prep to finish, putting the finished product into a PowerPoint presentation. Study club attendees go to dinner after their session to go over the dozens of photos from that day’s care.

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Noted School of Dentistry Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64: “One of our missions is to provide a place where dental professionals can get approved continuing dental education. OHSU is among the few clinical sites nationally that can handle patient care studies. We are unique in that not a lot of university dental schools have a continuing dental education clinic.

“The Pacific Northwest dental profession is extremely fortunate to have this facility available to support their continued learning.”
SOD Class of 2010 Receives White Coats

The afternoon of Jan. 11 was a significant dental school moment for the class of 2010, as 75 dental students received their white coat, signifying entry into the pre-doctoral clinic.

Though dental students traditionally receive a white coat between their second- and third-year of dental school, the School of Dentistry’s new group practice structure has brought first- and second-years into the clinic for patient care much sooner than before and they need their identifying white coats earlier in the curriculum,” said Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64.

“Health care providers should look like health care providers,” said Dean Clinton. “I think it’s important for myself and other health care providers to provide a standard and dress accordingly.

“We want to teach our dental students that patients’ needs are ahead of everything else going on at the moment they step into the clinic,” he said. “The white coat is a signal that those in the clinic are focused on patient care and not on their own personal issues.”

Dental students were called to the podium by their group leader for coating by two faculty selected by the class: Michael Taylor, D.M.D. and Donald Sirianni, D.M.D. ’64, both assistant professors of prosthodontics. Eight dental students received their white coat from a dentist family member.

“The white coat is symbolic of your transformation today from learner to teacher, from student to practitioner,” said Denice Stewart, D.D.S., M.H.S.A., associate dean for clinical services. “At OHSU, the white coat is an important symbol of the service and care we provide for our patients. These are the changes we honor today.”

With their white coats, second-year dental students now will be included in the weekly group practice huddles and be responsible for some provision of patient care.

Special guests on hand for the ceremony included: Tom Pollard, D.M.D. ’74, Oregon Dental Association president; Rickland Asai, D.M.D. ’81, Oregon Dental Association vice president; Jeffrey Stewart, D.D.S., associate professor of pathology and president of the Multnomah County Dental Society; Bill Ten Pas, D.M.D. ’73, senior vice president for dental services at The ODS Companies; and Alumni Association board members Richard Knight, D.M.D. ’79 (president); Mark Alder, D.M.D. ’80; and Sandra McCoy, D.M.D. ’81, R.D.H. ’72.

Dental Students Provide Care in Cambodia

Fourth-year dental students Erica Kelly (left) and Melissa Beadnell (right) with Cambodian orphans that they helped to treat in Pursat in mid-January while on a Medical Teams International mission. (Photo Dennel Beadnell, R.D.H. ’77)

“Melissa: We worked for 10 days and treated children and their caregivers at six of the orphan homes in the area run by the Four Square Children of Promise. We treated more than 200 children and adults.

Erica: I have never seen such poverty, such lack of health care, yet such happy children! It was hard to believe that the children we worked on were all orphans, they were so enthusiastic … even when we were treating them.

Melissa: For many of the children, it was the first time they have ever seen a dentist. The kids were so thankful for what we had done for them.

Erica: The dental experience was wonderful and both Melissa and I find ourselves doing procedures three times quicker than before we left. You definitely come back with a new appreciation for chairs that recline, hand pieces that aren’t driven by compressors that keep breaking down, and lights that don’t rely on generators to work. I never thought I’d be so happy to see a working dental chair!”
Alums Care for Youth in Romania

School of Dentistry alumni Weston Heringer Jr., D.M.D. ’71, pediatric dentistry residency director, and Lorin Rice, D.M.D. ’80, were in Romania for a week in December, with other dental providers, offering dental care for boys ages eight to 18 at the Special Education School in Medias. Dr. Heringer received a $4,700 grant from the Pierre Fauchard Academy to buy supplies and materials for the mission.

More than 115 boys were treated at the Medias Special Education School; about half were orphans who live at the school. Dr. Heringer’s dental team was the first ever at the school.

The team included second-year School of Dentistry pediatric dental resident Shahram Fazilat, D.D.S.; OHSU periodontology dental assistant Elena Nagy, R.D.H., who was born in Romania; two dental hygiene students (Denise Graves and Elisa Walling) and one dental hygiene instructor (Anne Jackson), all from Portland Community College; Dr. Rice’s wife, Charlotte DeRenne, and son, Benjamin; Dr. Rice’s dental assistant, Debra Andersen; and Dr. Heringer’s wife, Nancy.

According to Dr. Heringer, patient care included 81 prophilies, 71 fluorides, 71 sealed teeth, 87 extractions, 33 composites, 48 silver fillings, 12 stainless steel crowns, six root canals, two pulpotomies, and one bridge with two bonded front teeth.

During treatment, each boy was covered with a colorful quilt handmade by Carl Perkins’ (D.M.D. ’68; OHSU assistant professor of operative dentistry) wife, Janice. At the end of the trip, the quilts were washed and donated to low-income Medias families with small children.

After each boy was treated, they received oral care instructions and had the opportunity to do a craft. Charlotte, an occupational therapist, and Nancy, a school library media teacher, gave each boy a wooden car to paint. Cloth convention bags, courtesy of the Oregon Dental Association, were also given to the children to decorate. Nancy read stories and Charlotte took pictures of each child and gave them a printout to keep.

“We literally had to chase the kids out of the craft room when it was someone else’s turn!” said Dr. Heringer. “The boys loved the crafts so much, they kept trying to come back.”

The boys sang Christmas carols in Romanian to Dr. Heringer’s team as a goodbye.

“This was my eighth trip and, as always, I go to give, but I end up getting more back,” said Dr. Heringer. “The unique dental experience, camaraderie, and adventure with family and friends, all have changed me as a person and expanded my perspective on life.”

Alumni Adventures

Weston Heringer Jr., D.M.D. ’71, pediatric dentistry residency director, examines a Romanian boy while Lorin Rice, D.M.D. ’80, looks on.

Former School of Dentistry Dean Louis Terkla, D.M.D. ’32 (left) visited the school recently to share his newest woodworking creation with staff and faculty, including Thomas Shearer, Ph.D., associate dean for research (right) and Mike Meredith, Ph.D., associate professor of integrative biosciences (not pictured) both woodworkers. “This is tricky work,” said Dr. Terkla. “The steps are so complex it would take hours to go through them all.” Dr. Terkla’s bowl – his first that is segmented – combines 600 pieces of such exotic woods as eastern maple, gabon ebony, and bubinga. The detail work, patterned after a southwest Indian blanket – took three 40-hour weeks to complete. Dr. Terkla used graph paper to draw the initial pattern, then each piece was cut individually and the bowl lathe-turned. “Very impressive,” said Dr. Shearer, who several years ago hand-built a 12-foot sailboat. “It’s really beautiful.” (Photo Sydney Clevenger)
“My dad was very proud of the education he received at North Pacific,” said Rosemary.

Rosemary’s uncle, Robert K. Anderson (Dr. Anderson’s brother) attended the University of Oregon Dental School, graduating in 1947. Robert Anderson died in 1994.

Pediatric Dentistry
National Children’s Dental Health month

The School of Dentistry participated in a number of Children’s National Dental Month activities in February:

• On Feb. 16, OHSU School of Dentistry co-sponsored ‘Celebration of Smiles,’ a one-day event for children and their families to highlight the importance of early and regular oral health care. Children painted tooth molds, played in ’Wally Gator,’ the giant reptile chair, and received oral health care instructions.

• For the 10th year, the School of Dentistry held Sealant Day for Buckman Arts Elementary School students, said Mary Ann Haisch, R.D.H., M.P.A., coordinator for outreach services. Mary Ann visited Buckman in mid-January to talk to 100 second-graders about home dental care and the importance of good nutrition and to hand out permission slips for a free dental screening. In early February, those children whose parents completed the permission forms were screened for sealants by OHSU pediatric dentistry residents. Then on Feb. 19, the screened Buckman students received sealants from the pediatric dentistry residents and dental students, in the school’s Dr. and Mrs. Carl Rietman Pediatric Dentistry Clinic.

• OHSU hosted in its predoctoral clinic ‘Give Kids a Smile Day’ on Feb. 29 (the national American Dental Association event was Feb. 1). This was the first Give Kids a Smile day at OHSU within the new group practice structure. About 200 uninsured children from the Portland-area received free oral care, said Prashant Gagneja, D.D.S., M.S., head of the pediatric dentistry department at OHSU.
Endodontontology
Loss of Endodontontology Champion

Endodontontology lost one of its biggest champions recently with the death of F. James Marshall, D.M.D. ‘49. Dr. Marshall, a pioneer in endodontic education and supporter of the School of Dentistry’s Endowment for Excellence in Endodontics campaign, died Jan. 24 in Portland, Ore.

Dr. Marshall established and chaired the School of Dentistry’s department of endodontology for almost two decades and directed the endodontic residency program at OHSU. His numerous national leadership positions in endodontology helped establish OHSU as one of the premier endodontic programs in the United States.

“F. James is recognized as one of the principle movers in getting endodontology recognized as a specialty along with the training program to gain specialty status,” said Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64.

“Jim directed his students to search for answers through research and encouraged excellence in practice,” said Craig Baumgartner, Ph.D., who began chairing the endodontics department at OHSU when Dr. Marshall retired in 1990. “He was well-respected by his students for his selfless mentorship.”

After “retirement,” Dr. Marshall was appointed professor emeritus and continued to spend a half day each week teaching endodontic residents.

In 2003, he was recognized by the American Association of Endodontists with the I.B. Bender Lifetime Educator Award, which is given to endodontists that have demonstrated excellence through fulltime educational pursuits. Dr. Marshall is among only eight recipients of the I.B. Bender Lifetime Educator Award.

When the School of Dentistry initiated the Endowment for Excellence in Endodontics campaign several years ago, Dr. Marshall was one of its biggest supporters.

“He felt it was vitally important to help get a stable funding source for salary enhancement for the endodontic department so as to be able to attract world-class endodontic educators to continue the legacy that he started at OHSU and that Craig Baumgartner so ably expanded on,” said son, J. Gordon Marshall, D.M.D. ’79. The fund is currently at $800,000 toward its $2 million goal.

Dr. Marshall attended dental school after serving in World War II. He graduated in 1949 and moved to Vancouver, Wash., to join his father, Les, in dental practice.

In 1957, Dr. Marshall moved wife, Jan, and four children to Illinois so he could pursue a master’s in science at the University of Illinois, beginning a long and successful career as an educator and mentor to dental students at such universities as University of Manitoba, the University of Pittsburgh, Ohio State University, and finally OHSU in 1972.

In December of 1998, Dr. Marshall sat for an oral history interview with OHSU library staff. One of the intriguing pieces shared was that his mother and grandmother survived the Titanic sinking. He also reminisced about his dental school days, compared dental education in his father’s time to his own, discussed the development of the dental school, and provided insight on the relationship of the school to private practitioners and to the Medical School. Of note are his comments on diversity at the Dental School:

I came down to the Dental School after the Second World War. Our class was the last class of the accelerated wartime program. We did our first two years of dentistry in sixteen months.

I started in March ’46, along with twenty other Canadians. There were 110 that started with our class, and 86 graduated. Of the twenty Canadians in the class, ten of them were Jewish, who found it easier to enroll in Oregon. For me, Portland was the nearest dental school. There was a small school in Edmonton, Alberta, after that the next nearest Canadian school was Toronto. The next nearest school on the West Coast was San Francisco, College of Physicians and Surgeons, now called Pacific University.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Endowment for Excellence in Endodontics campaign, OHSU Foundation, 1211 S.W. Salmon Street, Portland, Ore., 97205-2021.
2008 Calendar

Open House at OHSU School of Dentistry
Wednesday, April 2 • 3 to 7 p.m.
Call (503) 494-0983 to reserve a tour spot complete with tram ride.

Reunion Weekend, Classes ending in “3” or “8”
April 4 and 5 (see page 8)
During the Oregon Dental Conference, Portland

Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon
Saturday, April 5 • 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Oregon Convention Center, Portland
Class of 1958 and 1968 are free

Montana Dental Association Annual Meeting
May 1 and 2 • Helena
Wednesday, April 30 • 6 to 7:15 p.m.
Welcome Reception

Dental Hygiene Pharmacology Update
Saturday, May 3
Presented by Pacific University, Hillsboro, Ore.
Call Program Director Lisa Rowley, (503) 352-7252, for details and registration.

Idaho State Dental Association Annual Meeting
June 18 to 21 • Boise

Pacific Northwest Dental Conference
July 10 and 11 • Seattle

Alaska Dental Society
July 24 to 26 • Ketchikan

Cantwell Memorial Golf Tournament
Friday, September 12
Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course, Portland
7:45 a.m. shotgun start

Cantwell Memorial Back-to-School Lecture & Margaret M. Ryan Dental Hygiene Update
Saturday, September 20 • Portland

American Dental Association Annual Meeting
October 16 to 19 • San Antonio
Saturday, October 18 • Reception

Dean’s Gold Circle Dinner (Invitation Only)
Saturday, October 25 • Governor Hotel, Portland