shortly after graduating from OHSU. Third-year dental student Luke Barsalou won the annual award for his cleverly-written essay that exuded compassion for his dental patients.

The Class of 2008 was polled to identify the senior dental student who exhibits outstanding character, commitment, and service to their class, school and community. Each year this student receives the “Going the Extra Mile” award. Fourth-year David Wilson won the award this year.

2008 Honorary Awards
Each year the school taps as honorary alumni individuals who give countless hours to the School of Dentistry. There were many nominations this year and four recipients were selected to receive the 2008 Honorary Alumni Award.

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Dean’s Message

This spring, four of our fourth-year dental students got the first taste of what all of our dental students will be required to experience as part of our curriculum come fall of 2009: the chance to practice outside of our pre-doctoral clinic in a rural Oregon setting (see also story page 7).

Outreach has always been a key part of our educational mission, and OHSU School of Dentistry students, staff, and faculty have been working in the community for as long as I can remember providing oral care to those who otherwise might not receive it. But since outreach is such an important part of both dental education and community involvement, we have decided to formalize our community partnerships and make outreach a graduation requirement.

The dental students who volunteered for this first round of outreach through the AHEC (Area Health Education Centers) say they appreciated the experience of practicing outside the academic environment. One of them, Kariana Peters, said the experience gave her an idea of what post-graduation will be like in terms of pace and responsibility. Kariana said that the externship confirmed for her how great the unmet need for health care is in Oregon and how rewarding it can be to help provide a solution. In her words, “I would participate again in a heartbeat because the experience had so many positive aspects.”

It’s that kind of endorsement – filled with energy and motivation – that tells me we are on the right track with our outreach initiative. Other U.S. dental schools that have formally introduced outreach programs into their curricula have found the enthusiasm gained from such experiences translates into an increase in patient care procedures once students return to the clinics. Obviously there is a decrease of in-school time when dental students are out in the community, but we have been told that the program stimulates students to provide more care and the net effect is that they gain considerably more clinical experiences and are better prepared to practice when they graduate.

Tort Cap Loss Requires Tuition Nudge

This year the OHSU School of Dentistry had the challenge of trimming about $2 million from its annual expenses due to elimination of the statutory tort liability cap for all public entities in Oregon.

By not filling or delaying open faculty and staff positions, by improving procedural and logistical efficiency throughout the school, by introducing the innovative group practice model of patient care, and by delaying planned facility maintenance and repair, the school was able to meet most of the $2 million deficit requested.

To balance the rest of the budget, tuition has been adjusted beginning fall of 2008. For returning Oregon residents, tuition will rise nine percent; for returning non-residents, six percent; for beginning (DS1) Oregon residents, 18 percent; and for beginning (DS1) non-residents, 10 percent.

Because the cost of dental education is continually rising – with the average financial aid debt for the class of 2008 at more than $160,000 – the School of Dentistry and its Alumni Association have agreed to continue dedicating most of the gifts raised during the annual phonathon to the Alumni Scholarship fund initiated two years ago. The endowment, now more than $300,000, will help offset some of this increased cost of dental education, says Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64.
Message from the Association President

We had a great turnout for our annual alumni meeting in April during Oregon Dental Conference Weekend, with nearly 200 attendees dining on roast beef and taking a stroll down memory lane. It was great to catch up with classmates and with friends there for reunions, especially those with classes ending in “3” and “8.” There were alumni in attendance from as far away as Australia! Amazing. For those of you I didn't see at the Alumni Association's annual meeting and awards luncheon, hopefully our paths will cross before next year.

One of the things that struck me at the meeting was how many dedicated and involved alumni the School of Dentistry has in our midst. It was obvious by the well-attended meeting and the number of awards presented.

The Alumni Association has had a strong year with many accomplishments. One of the most recent was passage of a proposal changing the Alumni Association bylaws to eliminate annual dues. The proposal passed unanimously at our April meeting and the bylaws change takes effect immediately (see Spring 2008 Caementum for more details).

With the bylaws change, the Alumni Association and its various events and activities now will be paid for through the Dean's Office. Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. '64 recognizes and the Board of Directors agrees that all graduates of OHSU are, in fact, members of the alumni association. We hope this change will encourage more of you to give back to the school with your time and expertise.

We do a lot of official alumni business at our annual meeting. I didn't really know how important it was to attend until I joined the board!

As well as votes on our future, updates on the school, and numerous honors, our annual meeting is the forum for inducting new board members. Four new members joined the board in April including Connie Masuoka, D.M.D. ’88, Nirvana Shahidzadeh, D.M.D. ’07, Scott Barry, D.M.D. ’96, and Ann (Brant) Caingcoy, R.D.H. ’77, a past president who is returning to the board.

Geoff Berg, D.M.D. ’01, Claire Campbell, D.M.D. ’96, Magda D’Angelis-Morris, D.M.D. ’99 (past president), Steve Kovar, D.M.D. ’95, Sue LaFranchise, R.D.H. ’74, Cathryn Majeran, D.M.D. ’79 (past president), Jim McMahan, D.M.D. ’82, and Marc Nordstrom, D.M.D. ’96 have completed their terms of board service and we thank them for their hard work.

We also elected board officers at the annual meeting. The board officers for the 2008-2009 term are: James Alder, D.M.D. ’82 (president); David Kreutzer, D.M.D. ’00 (vice president, see also page five); Steve Beadnell, D.M.D. ’80 (secretary/treasurer); and me (immediate past president). Please don't hesitate to contact any of us with questions or ideas or if you want to get involved. We'd love to have you. You can email sdalumni@ohsu.edu.

It has been a pleasure to be your president this past year. Working for you and our school brought back so many pleasant memories and I have learned so much about the School of Dentistry. I feel great not just about our past, but about where we are headed in the future. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Richard B. Knight, D.M.D. ’79
The 2008 Honorary Alumni Award was shared by John Mitchell, Ph.D., associate professor of biomaterials and biomechanics (left), Development Coordinator Lisa Thorsrud (middle), Mark Mitchell, M.A., associate dean for student affairs (right) and Tom Hilton, D.M.D., M.S., Alumni Centennial Professor for Operative Dentistry (not pictured). (Photo Dan Carter)

Mark Mitchell, M.A., associate dean for student affairs, who was honored for his five years of tirelessly advocating for dental students, counseling, guiding, and encouraging them through their dental education; John Mitchell, Ph.D., associate professor of biomaterials and biomechanics, who is known by most dental students for his outstanding research, coordination of the annual Table Clinic competition (see story bottom right), and for spearheading the School of Dentistry’s exhibits at the 2007 BodyWorlds showing at OMSI; Tom Hilton, D.M.D., M.S., alumni centennial professor in operative dentistry, who is past president of the Dental Materials Group for the American Association for Dental Research and directs the growing and successful practice-based research projects PROH and PRECEDENT, and Lisa Thorsrud, development coordinator, who was recognized for her behind-the-scenes organization, steadfast professionalism, and for the “smile in her voice.”

Faculty Award
OHSU dental students and faculty were asked to identify the faculty member who not only passes along knowledge but makes a tremendous and positive impact on the learning environment. Frank Stroud, D.D.S., assistant professor of operative dentistry, who leads the Broadway group practice, received the first Alumni Association faculty recognition award for boosting the school’s learning environment.

Dr. Stroud currently serves on the Quality Assurance Committee and the Employee Engagement Committee at the School of Dentistry. Dental students noted his late hours to help students in all of the group practices, his willingness to take on new tasks, and his kind manner.

President’s Award
Three individuals were honored with the President’s Award. Kurt Ferré, D.D.S., one of the key advocates of the Oregon Dental Association’s efforts to pass a statewide fluoridation bill in the Oregon legislature; Luciano Monetti, OHSU prosthodontics instructor, whose beautiful art works have helped support the school, along with a scholarship he and wife, Mary, initiated in their daughter’s name; and Barry O. Evans, D.M.D. ’69, who gives countless hours providing education and oral care by challenging members of the Tucker Gold and Gold Foil study clubs to become better dental professionals.

Luciano Monetti, OHSU prosthodontics instructor (left), Kurt Ferré, D.D.S. (center), and Barry O. Evans, D.M.D. ’69 (right) received the President’s Award. (Photo Dan Carter)

First-year Dental Student Wins Annual Table Clinic

First-year dental student Kyle Thames won the annual Table Clinic competition held during Oregon Dental Conference weekend. The student clinician competition, sponsored by the Oregon Dental Association and DENTSPLY, drew seven dental student competitors in 2008.

Kyle’s winning presentation was “Bacterial Splatter: Should Dentists be Concerned?” He received a check for $500 and will represent OHSU at the American Dental Association conference this fall, with DENTSPLY paying Kyle’s travel expenses.

The four-hour Table Clinic competition focused on either clinical application and techniques or basic science and research.

Third-year dental student Cole Johnson won second place and third-year dental student David Butler won third place. Both received $500 for their efforts.
Dr. Majeran Named Alum of the Year


“She was my alphabetical partner throughout dental school, meaning we sat next to each other in freshman and sophomore labs, and then our clinic chairs were next to each other as juniors and seniors,” recalls Dr. Marshall.

It was only fitting then that Dr. Marshall should announce his “old” friend as the 2008 John C. Peterson Alum of the Year. Dr. Majeran accepted her award at the Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on April 5 during Oregon Dental Conference weekend.

The John C. Peterson Alum of the Year Award recognizes one alum annually for exceptional service and advocacy for dentists and dental hygienists at OHSU and in the community.

“Cathryn epitomizes all that is great about our school and our profession,” said Dr. Marshall. “If John Peterson were here today, I think he would be smiling right now as he would recognize a kindred spirit in Cathryn.”

Dr. Majeran has a long and distinguished history of volunteerism in dentistry and the community. She has volunteered for such organizations as the Benedictine Nursing Center, Baloney Joe’s Dental Clinic, Creston Dental Clinic, the Salvation Army, Greenhouse Project & Women’s Shelter, Neighbor Health Clinic and NW Medical Teams and she has held board positions at many of these organizations.

Dr. Majeran practiced dentistry full time until 1997 when she sold her practice. Since then she has devoted thousands of hours to OHSU and the School of Dentistry. She has been a member of the school’s Centennial Campaign Committee since 1998, on the Alumni Association Board of Directors since 1998, and served as Alumni Board president twice. Dr. Majeran has been involved with the phonathon for more than 15 years and has volunteered for all of the Alumni Association events in recent memory. She has spent many afternoons stamping, labeling and typing in the alumni office. Dr. Majeran and her husband, Monte Bricker, have also hosted fundraising dinner parties on behalf of the school. And Dr. Majeran served on the OHSU Foundation Board of Directors from 2003-2007.

“I believe strongly in the School of Dentistry,” said an emotional Dr. Majeran upon accepting her award. “I feel it is an obligation to give back in time and money and so I feel guilty receiving an award for fulfilling what, to me, is an obligation. I am grateful to serve and for the wonderful friends I’ve met along the way.”
Reaching out to the Community

The OHSU School of Dentistry has been all over the Northwest this spring talking with dentists, alumni, and donors, providing offsite experience for dental students, and offering oral care for low-income children and their families.

“We love it when our alums visit us, but it’s also important that we get out to the communities in which they are practicing to see firsthand how their dental education prepared them for practice,” said Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64. “Every time we go out we come back inspired by what our graduates are doing and we get a better sense of how the education curricula fits into the real world.”

Southern Oregon Outreach

Dean Clinton and Development Director Pat Regan attended four March dental society meetings: Southwestern Oregon Dental Society in Coos Bay, Umpqua Dental Society in Roseburg, Rogue Valley Dental Society in Grants Pass, and Klamath County Dental Society in Klamath Falls. They visited dental offices in Lakeview (Patrick Sabin, D.M.D. ’79 and Michael Sabin, D.M.D. ’81) and Medford (East Main Dental Clinic and the office of Jim Catt, D.M.D. ’97, the Oregon Dental Association president-elect). And they met with alums, dentists, and donors in Florence (Tom Hunt, D.M.D. ’76 and Brian Holmes, D.M.D. ’92), Bandon, and Grants Pass. In all, Dean Clinton and Pat connected with nearly 80 individuals in nine cities.

“We talked about the success of our integrated group practice structure, our rural outreach program for dental students, the importance of PROH (practice-based research for oral health) to local dentists, the School of Dentistry’s budget, the emphasis on philanthropy for student scholarships and professorships, and the school’s growth plans for the future,” said Dean Clinton. “People were very engaged in the conversations.”

Dean Clinton noted that the East Main Dental Clinic in Medford, Ore., is one real-world example of a successful group partnership (see story, page 8). “The integrated group practice structure that we’re now using to teach at the School of Dentistry obviously works and can be a very useful concept outside of school depending on how it is designed,” said Dean Clinton. “It was a good reminder that group practices here at the school aren’t just an educational exercise. If the five dentists at East Main Dental are any indication, group practices are a viable and energizing way of doing dentistry.”

Pediatric Dentistry Residents on the Road

Pediatric Dentistry Residency Director Weston Heringer Jr., D.M.D. ’71, took second-year pediatric residents Cynthia Pelley, D.M.D. ’05, and Shahram Fazilat, D.D.S., to the ODS School of Hygiene in La Grande, to provide care for low-income children in March. This is the third trip OHSU has made to La Grande in the past two years for such training and care. (The only available pediatric dentists east of Hood River or Bend are in Hermiston and they work part-time).
During their two-day visit, Drs. Pelley, Fazilat, Heringer, and ODS dental hygiene students cared for 96 young people, providing 36 amalgams, 16 extractions, seven composites, 14 pulps, 14 crowns, 48 sealants, 42 prophylaxis, 55 fluorides, and numerous radiographs.

“It was a great day of training not only for our two pediatric dentistry residents but also for the dental hygiene students at the ODS School,” said Dr. Heringer. “This is a partnership that we are enjoying and is helping us with a core part of our educational mission.”

School of Dentistry Expands Rural Outreach
The first batch of fourth-year dental students electing to participate in the AHEC (Area Health Education Centers) sponsored community partnerships recently spent time in rural Oregon caring for low-income patients (see also Dean’s Message, page 2).

AHEC provides education in partnership with academic institutions and health care agencies to meet the state’s health workforce needs. The goal is to increase the number of health providers who ultimately practice in underserved areas. The rural outreach effort is part of the school’s strategic plan to increase educational offerings for dental students outside of the pre-doctoral clinic.

Dental students assigned to the program in March and April provided oral care and screenings in private practices, community health centers, dental vans, and at local schools. The four dental students involved went to the Oregon cities of Medford, Grants Pass, McMinnville, Cornelius, Hillsboro, Roseburg and Hood River.

“This is a small sample of the types of comprehensive community activities that the School of Dentistry will be offering dental students in the future,” said Michael Plunkett, D.D.S., M.P.H., assistant professor of community dentistry, who is crafting the rural outreach curriculum. “In August, fourth-year dental students will have the opportunity to complete an elective rotation in a rural setting,” he said. “So far, eight dental students have already committed for summer.”

Dr. Plunkett noted that by 2009 when all OHSU dental students will be required to complete rural community rotations, we hope to have rotation sites in every region of Oregon with a balanced mix of private practice, community health centers, and school/community based sites.

Sealant Day for Beaverton School
The OHSU School of Dentistry has taken its Sealant Day program to a second school, according to Mary Ann Haisch, R.D.H., M.P.A., School of Dentistry coordinator for outreach services. Beaverton’s Raleigh Park Elementary second-graders heard about home dental care and the importance of good nutrition in early April, and children whose parents completed permission forms were screened a few weeks later. Then, at the end of April, the screened students who would benefit from sealants received them at OHSU.

Alumni Outreach in Montana and Bend, Ore.
Dean Clinton recently visited with alums in Helena, Mont., and Bend, Ore.

Dean Clinton was in Helena May 1 and 2 for the Montana State Dental Association annual meeting, where the School of Dentistry Alumni Association co-hosted the meeting’s opening reception. Dean Clinton visited with dozens of alums, including Tom Lidahl, D.M.D. ‘71, David Bull, D.M.D. ’86, Bill Fraser, D.M.D. ’72, Jackie Jones, R.D.H. ’75, D.M.D. ’79, John Smith, D.M.D. ’82, and James Aichlmayr, D.M.D. ’90. Dr. Aichlmayr is the president of the Montana State Dental Association.

Dean Clinton was the featured speaker for the Central Oregon Dental Society’s May 8 meeting and he gave an overview of what’s new in dental education for the approximately 25 OHSU alums and Central Oregon dentists in attendance. Alums attending included Anne Scott, D.M.D. ’97, Peter Yonan, D.M.D. ’92, Jill Schroeder, D.M.D. ’88, Steve Timm, D.M.D. ’88, Mehdi Salari, D.M.D. ’93, Lisa Adams, D.M.D. ’00, and Marc Nordstrom, D.M.D. ’96. The Dean’s visit was coordinated by Gregory (D.M.D. ’92) and Janelle (D.M.D. ’92) Ginsburg.
East Main Dental Center, LLP, in Medford, Ore. is an excellent real-world example of a successful group partnership.

The five dentists at the center – Gregory Miller, D.M.D. ’79, Randy Wooton, D.M.D. ’79, Gregory Pearson, D.M.D. ’89, Hal Borg, D.M.D. ’91 and Andrew Oas, D.M.D. ’00 – maintain their own practices and see their own patients. But they operate as a group partnership, sharing common workspace, staff, computers and dental equipment.

The practice is a true solo group practice. “My salary is based on what I collect and we share overhead costs,” said Dr. Miller. Each doctor is responsible for direct operatory expenses related to their individual practices and their share of the group overhead. Each doctor employs their own assistants and share staff for hygiene services and administrative functions. All partners have an equal say in how the office is run; there is no managing partner.”

Partners often refer patients to one another for a variety of services. It may be for specialized services like orthodontics or implants or extractions. If a partner is experiencing a slowdown, other doctors may refer more new patients to the doctor or give patients the option to receive treatment sooner with another doctor.

“Our approach has worked for us because we all come from similar backgrounds and share Christian values,” said Dr. Miller. “We were all raised in the Rogue Valley and, though we attended different colleges, we all grew up here and have extended family here. There is a certain level of respect for the community. We're here for the long term.”

When a partner wants to sell his practice, it's about the group, not the individual, said Dr. Miller. “We've sold practices for well below their value just to get the right person,” he said. “It's not about the maximum sale price, it's about the quality of the graduate and the right fit.”

Dr. Miller said he is partial to OHSU alums. “OHSU puts out some of the best dentists with the right philosophy and training,” he said. “OHSU graduates understand how to do dentistry properly. I haven't yet seen one OHSU graduate who didn't know how to do dentistry.”

For graduates considering a group model, Dr. Miller said the camaraderie and mentoring is a great advantage. “The right group practice allows you to be mentored by people with a lot of experience in more ways than one,” he said. “We all take many different continuing educations classes and we all have our strengths and weaknesses. We take our cases back to the doctor's lounge and talk about the tough ones and get different opinions. You never feel alone. Mentoring from partners is particularly valuable when you're just starting out.”
**OHSU School of Dentistry Launches Lean Approach**

The School of Dentistry is integrating “lean” thinking into its operations in hopes of boosting efficiency and, ultimately, enhancing dental education and patient care. Lean is a decades-old business strategy that combines operational excellence with value-based strategies to improve processes and outcomes.

OHSU is one of the first dental schools in the nation to formally implement lean thinking. “This is everybody’s project,” said Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64. “We want everybody to know how great lean can be. I am truly ecstatic about the lean journey on which we are embarking.”

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“The dispensary works great, but we think the service—like every service — can be improved,” said Dean Clinton. “It’s important to note that the dispensary is our first lean project, but certainly not our last. Every single day for as long as we’re here, we’ll be fine-tuning this project and others using lean, so that we are always maximizing our efficiency. These are all projects without an end — we’ll be looking to improve forever.”

The OHSU lean team spent three days in February with the help of a-dec leaders in a Kaizen event, mapping the current state of the dispensary, brainstorming and designing a future state by prioritizing suggested improvements.

Initial recommendations from that event included streamlining dispensary ordering from the clinic store and possibly eliminating the currently redundant second floor storage; making some supplies available within the group practices; developing a visual cue for re-stocking group practice supplies; convening a materials review committee to assess what materials are needed prior to any changes in materials ordered; creating an online ordering log accessible to all stakeholders; and evaluating current sterilization requirements. The recommendations now will be fleshed out by a group consisting of lean team and dispensary representatives.

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"If we can help dental students gain experience in business operations, it will only help them when they graduate," said Denice Stewart, D.D.S., M.H.S.A., associate dean for clinical services. "We really appreciate a-dec helping us to get going and being part of our team."

Added a-dec's Alan Grobey: "A strong dental school in our backyard is definitely helpful to a-dec. This group was so positive about the lean process that it will be fun to see what you do with it. We hope to make you an even stronger dental school and then you can help other schools."
Advancing Our Mission

School of Dentistry Patients Like Group Practices

OHSU School of Dentistry patients say their dental treatment is better explained and better supervised, and they feel they are receiving higher quality care within the new group practice structure that began last September, according to a recent survey.

The survey was mailed to 205 randomly selected patients who were asked to compare the “old” system, where dental students worked independently with supervision by faculty, to the “new” group practice structure, where dental students and faculty are assigned to one of six groups and they stay within the same group as the students progress through their four years of dental education.

Thirty-three percent of the surveys were returned. Of those, 96 percent indicated the quality of care as excellent or good. The survey was designed to find out whether patients perceived a difference between service in the new group structure compared to the old system and 90 percent or more of patients reported satisfaction with their treatment at the school. In addition, nine- to 19-percent of patients surveyed said they found the School of Dentistry’s group practice system even better than the system before:

- 100 percent indicated that personnel are polite. When asked to compare, 14 percent of patients felt the supervision of their treatment was better within the group practices;
- 97 percent strongly agreed that treatment was explained to them, with 19 percent reporting that their treatment was better explained to them than in the past;
- 97 percent strongly agreed that they were encouraged to ask questions. When asked to compare, 19 percent of patients said they felt more encouraged and comfortable asking questions about their treatment within the group practice system;
- 93 percent strongly agreed that they receive high-quality treatment and, when asked to compare, 19 percent of patients said they feel they are receiving higher quality treatment within the group practices.

“It is still early in our transformation, but what we are hearing from our patients – as well as faculty and dental students – is that the group practices have been a positive move for all parties involved,” said Denice Stewart, D.D.S., M.H.S.A., associate dean for clinical affairs.

Why 2008 Is a Good Year for a Charitable Gift Annuity

With current rates favoring gift annuities over other fixed income investments, and with gift annuity rates remaining unchanged through June 2008, now is a great time to consider a gift annuity.

Gift annuities allow donors to make a gift to charity and receive a fixed income for the life of one – or two – people, at the same time. (The income payout rate is based on the age of the person at the time of the gift).

For example, a married couple (ages 70 and 72) considering a gift annuity to be established with $50,000 in cash would, at the current rates, receive a 6.0 percent payout for the rest of their lives. The couple would receive an annual payout of $3,000, of which $1,839 would be tax-free for the first 19.7 years. The couple would receive an approximate charitable deduction of $13,787 the year of the gift, for an out-of-pocket savings of approximately $4,750 if they are in a 35 percent tax bracket.

“Older donors, particularly, like the idea of gift annuities because of the security of fixed payments and the high payout rates they receive because of their age,” said School of Dentistry Development Director Pat Regan.

To find out how you may be able to put a gift annuity to work for you, please contact the OHSU Foundation, 1211 SW Salmon Street, Suite 200, Portland, Ore., 97205-2021, or call (503) 228-1730.
Howard Morrison graduated from the University of Oregon Dental School in 1957 – 20 years to the day after he received his high school diploma. Those 20 years represent an amazing story of determination, devotion, personal sacrifice and service to country.

Dr. Morrison was born in Illinois into a family of five boys and six girls. The family moved to Nebraska when he was nine months old. Like so many men of the “Greatest Generation,” he was drafted to serve in World War II. When asked where he served, Dr. Morrison replies, “Everywhere!” and lists a dizzying tour of stops throughout the United States, including upstate New York, Texas, Louisiana, New Jersey and Kansas. Then he was sent to France where he assisted the Army Corps of Engineers in the construction of tanks for fuel storage. All four of his brothers were in France at the same time. Dr. Morrison also served in Holland and Belgium and was in Europe when the war ended.

When Dr. Morrison left the Army, he moved to Seattle, Wash. He worked full time and pursued a degree with a full schedule of classes at the University of Washington and then decided on a career as a dentist. Why dentistry? Said Dr. Morrison, “I liked the idea of working for yourself and I thought I could do more good this way.”

Dr. Morrison was accepted by Northwestern and the University of Oregon. To this day, he is grateful to U of O for accepting an older student. He recalls that there were 76 students in his class and only two or three of them were his senior.

No story of Dr. Morrison would be complete without a sizeable mention of his wonderful wife, Winifred. Married in 1941, the Morrisons journeyed to all corners of the country as Dr. Morrison received new assignments with the Army. She recalls Louisiana as being particularly difficult.

Mrs. Morrison worked while Dr. Morrison pursued his studies. Mrs. Morrison was Dr. Morrison’s greatest supporter, encouraging him as he trained to be a dentist and even braving “the chair” as Dr. Morrison took on the study of Crown and Bridge. Twenty-six units after Mrs. Morrison first volunteered, Dr. Morrison’s professor was heard to comment, “Let’s don’t kill her just ‘cause she’s your wife.”

“I got an ‘A’ in Crown and Bridge,” said Dr. Morrison.

Dr. Morrison trained in the Old Dental School. He recalls no running water and primitive conditions. In his last year, 1957, his class moved to the new Dental School building, which stands today.

After years of practice in Seattle, Dr. Morrison offers this advice to new graduates just embarking on careers: “Work hard and don’t be grouchy – and keep off your cell phone.”

In 2006, Dr. and Mrs. Morrison crafted a very generous gift that will ultimately support the OHSU School of Dentistry. The gift, a Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust, pays the Morrisons a fixed payment every quarter. On their passing, the remainder of the gift will go to support the school.

“We were pleased to do it,” said Dr. Morrison. “It helps us out, as well as the school.” And, as Dr. Morrison points out, the trust will prevent family feuds that so often occur when an estate distributes.

And now, 70 years after receiving his high school diploma and 50 years after his graduation from the University of Oregon Dental School, Dr. and Mrs. Morrison enjoy retirement on a 560-acre ranch in California. They have weathered some health challenges, but they garden enthusiastically and are happy to provide fresh produce to the local senior center. They watch the new calves on their property – four sets of twins this year – as they grow.

And they enjoy their lives – lives well lived.
First Northwest PRECEDENT Studies Presented

Results from the first Northwest PRECEDENT (Practice-Based Research Collaborative in Evidence-Based Dentistry) studies are beginning to emerge, according to the coordinators of the five-state oral health network that is funded by the National Institutes of Health and jointly administered by OHSU and the University of Washington. The studies were presented recently at the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) meeting in Dallas, Texas.

Preventive dental services likely underutilized
Young males ages 1 to 17 had two times greater odds of having a new caries lesion than females in this age group, according to the results of a recent Northwest PRECEDENT dental network study.

The “Use of Caries Preventive Services” study assessed the use of caries preventive services – fluoride varnish, sealants in molars or premolars, and prophylaxis – in 1,338 patients of Northwest PRECEDENT dentists in 73 dental offices. Randomly selected patients were surveyed as to whether they had received preventive services during a 12-month period. The study then compared the caries experience of patients who had received such services with those who had not.

The percentage of patients studied who had received prophylaxis, fluoride, and sealants varied by age. Twenty three percent of the younger patients (ages 1 to 17) had received a sealant, compared to less than 1 percent of older patients.

“The lower percent of sealant use by middle age and older patients is likely due to reduced compensation for these services by insurance after the teen years and because sealants are perceived to be less effective in patients 18 and over,” said lead author Jack Ferracane, Ph.D., OHSU chair of restorative dentistry.

For the 1- to 17-year-old age group, males had twice the odds of having a new caries lesion than females in the past 12 months, which may be related to an increased awareness of oral hygiene by teen and pre-teen girls than boys, say the study authors.

In the 18- to 64-year-old age group, receiving a prophylaxis in the past 12 months was significantly associated with lower odds for having a new lesion. Patients in the 1- to 17-year-old age group receiving a sealant had 2.26 times higher odds of having a new caries lesion.

“The lower odds for a new lesion in the middle age group with prophylaxis were expected, but the opposite relation for sealants in the young suggests that sealants may often not be prescribed until a caries lesion appears somewhere in the mouth,” noted Dr. Ferracane.

The “Use of Caries Preventive Services” study showed a relatively modest overall use of preventive services: prophylaxis (80 percent); fluoride (nine percent); and sealants (four percent). According to the study authors, there is limited data available on the use of caries preventive services by United States practitioners. One survey of practitioners in Washington State 10 years ago showed a relatively slow adoption rate of preventive services for adult patients, with costs associated with lack of insurance coverage being a primary reason. Other surveys of private practitioners in Ohio and Minnesota reported that the vast majority of sealant use was in patients under 18 years old.

Co-authors of the study included Tom Hilton, D.M.D, M.S., OHSU alumni centennial professor of operative dentistry; Lingmei Zhou, Ph.D., University of Washington School of Dentistry; Jane Gillette, D.M.D., a Bozeman, Mont., dentist; Pollene Speed McIntyre, D.D.S., M.S.D., a Seattle dentist; and Joel Berg, D.D.S., M.S., dentistry director at the University of Washington's Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center.

Another interesting finding in the study was that more than 50 percent of the patients surveyed had at least one new lesion in the past 12 months, with the average being 1.7. Considering the low use of preventive services, “this may be an important study for dentists to see regarding the value of preventive services for patients of all ages,” said Dr. Ferracane. “Perhaps a more aggressive adoption of preventive services would be beneficial in all age groups.”

Location of caries and material treatment used
A second recent Northwest PRECEDENT study, "Association Between Caries Location and Restorative Material Treatment Provided," found that the majority of teeth with caries are treated with composite over amalgam. Composite is chosen for a variety of reasons relating to the tooth surface, patient, and dentist, the study found, with molars 15 percent less likely to receive composite restorations than premolars and 40 percent less likely to receive composite restorations than anterior teeth.

The study randomly surveyed 1,338 patients ages 3 to 92 from 73 dental offices that belong to the Northwest PRECEDENT network, asking member dentists about the location of and treatment provided for caries lesions diagnosed within the last 12 months. Regression analysis was performed to assess any association of treatment to tooth location and surface characterization, adjusting for age, practice location (urban/rural), dentist gender and experience.

Overall, more than 54 percent of patients exhibited recent caries and more than 42 percent received treatment for at least one tooth. Seventeen percent of teeth were treated with an amalgam and 73 percent were treated with composite. The percentages varied due to tooth surface characteristics, patient characteristics and dentist characteristics.

Mesial and distal surfaces were more likely to be treated with amalgam and less likely to be treated with composite.
There were no significant differences due to patient age, or practice location (suburban, rural, urban), after adjusting for other factors.

“An interesting effect born out by the analysis is that female dentists were 54 percent less likely to use composite and 35 percent more likely to use amalgam, than their male counterparts,” said Dr. Hilton, who was the lead author of the study. “Although this may be due to the fact that there were far fewer female dentists participating in the study, the pronounced difference in the use of amalgam versus composite held up even when accounting for differences in dentist age, experience and practice location.”

Anna Korpak, B.A., a University of Washington graduate student; and Bruce Burton, D.M.D. ’80, a Hood River, Ore., dentist were co-authors of the study.

“The Northwest PRECEDENT oral health network is a great way for dentists to work together to obtain practical real-world evidence that we can put back into dentists’ hands,” said Dr. Ferracane. “We are so grateful to be one of the schools included in this national network opportunity.”

About 150 dental professionals have joined Northwest PRECEDENT since it began nearly three years ago. Dentists from Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, and Washington all are involved in PRECEDENT. Dentists interested in joining Northwest PRECEDENT can sign up online, www.nwprecedent.net.

Lampi Receives National Lens Award

Kirsten Lampi, M.S., Ph.D., associate professor of integrative biosciences, recently received the 2008 Cataract Research Award from the National Foundation for Eye Research. Dr. Lampi was recognized April 28 at the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology meetings held in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. She received a plaque and check for $2,500. The award is given bi-annually to one outstanding young lens investigator. “I’m honored and excited,” said Dr. Lampi. “This is the only national award specific to lens research.”

Dr. Lampi’s research focuses on the effects of deamidation – a kind of protein modification – on beta-crystallins, structural proteins found in the lens of the eye, necessary for maintaining lens transparency. She has shown that deamidation decreases protein stability leading to aggregation, a potential mechanism for cataracts.

“Cataracts are an example of a protein aggregation disease. Other aggregation diseases such as Alzheimer’s, Huntington’s, or Parkinson’s may have similar mechanisms,” said Dr. Lampi. “The more we can learn from cataracts – a more readily accessible tissue than the brain – hopefully the more advances we can make in all protein aggregation diseases.”

An interesting relevance to dentistry is that scientists can also predict the chronological age of humans and animals by measuring the deamidation levels in teeth. This is used in forensic science, said Dr. Lampi.

“Dr. Lampi’s research award is very prestigious for OHSU,” said Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64. “It means that our dental students are receiving their basic science education from top-notch researchers that are internationally recognized scientists.”

At the same meeting, Dr. Lampi was elected to the ARVO’s program committee for a three-year term. She will help determine the program content for the annual meeting, which is attended by about 10,000 people.
Class of 1958
Daryl Allman, D.M.D. ’58, Fairfax, Va., recently received an ankle implant. He is having a blast singing in a choir at McLean Bible Church.

D.L. Ameling, D.M.D. ’58, Tucson, Ariz., recently sold his practice to travel.

Max Banner, D.M.D. ’58, Burley, Ida., raises horses on his 11-acre ranch.

John Mosby, D.M.D. ’58, Lompoc, Calif., is retired and managing his acreage in Klamath Falls and Ashland, Ore., and Sacramento, Calif.

Class of 1963
William Acker, D.M.D. ’63, Mesquite, Nev., is involved with Habitat for Humanity, building homes in Africa, Europe, and Asia. Dr. Acker is leading two dental teams to Hungary — one mission is in September — and is looking for help.

James P. Fratzke, D.M.D. ’63, Portland, Ore., is the editor for the Oregon Unit of the American College of Dentists.

Donald Henderson, D.M.D. ’63, and wife, Linda, of Beaverton, Ore., are celebrating their 46th wedding anniversary this July.

David Masters, D.M.D. ’63, and wife, Christine, just completed a new home in Powell River, British Columbia. Dr. and Mrs. Masters are doing the finish work themselves.

Class of 1968
Keith Hamilton, D.M.D. ’68, Independence, Ore., has been hunting birds (in Canada, Mexico and South America), and skiing. He has built two experimental aircraft for flying across the country a handful of times.

Gary Mihelish, D.M.D. ’68, Helena, Mont., has been officiating high school and college football for the past 25 years. He is an advocate for people living with mental illness and has traveled to Washington, D.C., in that capacity.

Porter Sutton, D.M.D. ’68, Deroney, Idaho, is retiring, and his youngest of seven children (three sons are dentists) is assuming his practice. Dr. Sutton and wife, Mary Lou, are on a mission for their church.

Bill Workinger, D.M.D. ’68, lives in Medford, Ore. He has 10 children, “about 30” grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Class of 1971
Weston Heringer Jr., D.M.D. ’71, traveled to Moroceli, Honduras, in mid-April to treat children and their families. Dr. Heringer went with a Portland Community College group.

Class of 1973
Barbara Brown Walker, R.D.H. ’73, Pebble Beach, Calif., has started a new business designing and manufacturing high-end home furnishings. Barbara has designed and built seven custom homes in Orange County and Monterey County.


Meg Moore, R.D.H. ’73 of Cove, Ore., is raising registered Hereford cattle. She started refereeing volleyball last fall. Meg works four days a week in a general practice.

Class of 1988
Frances Sunseri, D.M.D. ’88, who is in private practice in Portland, Ore., was recently interviewed locally regarding her use of the Waterlase Hydrokinetic laser system for no-drill dentistry.

Class of 1991
Gerald Kennedy, D.M.D. ’91, Alumni Association board member, and wife, Karen, welcomed new daughter, McKenna on March 22.

Class of 1998
Martin Burbano, D.M.D. ’98, Alumni Association board member, and wife, Kaili, greeted new daughter, Madison Michelle April 14.

Class of 2000
Ryan Blair, D.M.D. ’00, former Alumni Association president, and wife, Monica, are the proud parents of baby boy Carter James, born Feb. 13.

Jason McMillan, D.M.D. ’00, who owns a private practice in Portland, Ore., with wife, Rebecca, recently applied for the nation’s first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified dental office. The McMillan’s own Mint Dental Works (www.mintdentalworks.com) and have taken great pains to create a dental office that minimizes its effects on the environment.

MDS Awards
Four OHSU School of Dentistry students have received $500 awards from the Multnomah Dental Society (MDS) for their work on Give Kids a Smile day. Fourth-year dental students Lindsay Reif, Elizabeth Palmer, Andrew Dow, and Kariana Peters received the awards at the MDS General Membership annual awards dinner and meeting on May 21.
Awards and Achievements

OHSU School of Dentistry students received a number of awards this spring for research and outstanding academic achievements.

First-year dental student Sheeva Azimi won an AADR (American Association for Dental Research) award at the organization’s annual meeting in Dallas. Sheeva was one of 19 winners nationwide and received a $2,100 stipend. Sheeva will study under the mentorship of John Mitchell, Ph.D., associate professor of biomaterials and biomechanics. AADR research fellowships are designed to encourage dental students to consider careers in oral health research.

Third-year dental student David Butler won first prize in the Biological and Behavioral Sciences division of the April Student Research Symposium, sponsored by the Columbia-Willamette Chapter of Sigma Xi. David won for his research, “Flouride Release from Resin-Modified Glass Ionomer Following the Application of a Flouride Containing Detrifice.” This is the second year that OHSU students have competed in the Sigma Xi event and the second year for which OHSU received the top prize in the Biological and Behavioral Sciences division.

Third-year dental student Valane “Lane” Cook recently received a $1,500 scholarship from the Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. The Annual Scholarship Award was given to Lane for his “outstanding leadership and academic achievements in dentistry.” One junior from each United States dental school receives the scholarship annually.

First-year endodontology resident Leila Tarsa, D.D.S., recently received a $19,500 grant from the American Association of Endodontics Foundation. The one-year grant is for Dr. Tarsa’s research, “Inflammation-induced Regulation of Brain-derived Neurotrophic Factor Expression in Mouse Tooth Pulp Nociceptors,” which she conducts in the lab of Agnieszka Balkowiec, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of integrative biosciences, in collaboration with J. Craig Baumgartner, D.D.S., Ph.D., chair of endodontontology, and F. James Kratochvil, D.D.S., chair of pathology and radiology. Dr. Tarsa is pioneering the use of mice to study the underlying mechanisms of trigeminal pain processing.

Ann Wilkins Ellis PhT Awards

Mary Clinton remembers when she received a ‘spouse award’ from the OHSU School of Dentistry when husband, Dean Jack Clinton (D.M.D. ’64), graduated from dental school.

“It was very special,” said Mrs. Clinton. “All of the spouses received the award and it showed us the importance of our role in helping our loved ones get through dental school.”

Awards for spouses supporting dental students – initiated by former dental school Dean (1946-1967) Harold Noyes, D.D.S., M.D. – made a return appearance at a recent Alumni Association-sponsored event honoring the Class of 2008. The May 17 “Welcome to the Alumni Association” reception at the Tigard, Ore., home of Steve (D.M.D. ’80) and Dennel (R.D.H. ’77) Beadnell honored six individuals who were nominated by their soon-to-graduate spouses. The six spouses were selected for dedicating their “time, comfort, and earnings to support their dental candidates’ success in honor of the memory of Mrs. Ann Wilkins Ellis.”

Receiving an Ann Wilkins Ellis “PhT Award” (Putting Him or Her Through) were Courtney Atack (wife of Jason); Chip Bradley (husband of Kelly); Trisa Perry (wife of Daniel); Brit Peterson (wife of Kelsey); Jennifer Scott (wife of Kevin); and Summer Valentine (wife of Kyle).

Mrs. Ellis was the wife of Dick Ellis, D.M.D. ’58 and she supported him through his dental studies and 51 years of marriage. In Mrs. Ellis’ memory, the Ellis family established the PhT Award and invited senior dental students to nominate their spouse. Dr. Ellis and the four Ellis children selected from numerous entries. The Ellis family values tremendously the support and encouragement of their wife and mother who strengthened their family.

The spouses selected each received a $500 check presented by Mrs. Clinton during the reception. The cash award is intended for the winning spouse's private needs.

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The “Welcome to the Alumni Association” event is one way dental students have the opportunity to meet other alumni and to get a sneak preview of life after the OHSU School of Dentistry. The reception was a personal evening, as well, for the Beadnells as Melissa Beadnell is in the Class of 2008. Nearly two-thirds of the class of 2008 attended the second annual event, along with their guests, and members of the Alumni Association.
may get about 100 endodontists pursuing board certification this coming year. That is a really good sign for the specialty of endodontics."

Dr. Baumgartner noted that the American Board of Endodontics recently made changes to the board certification requirements so that endodontology graduates can become board certified within one year of graduation.

"In the past, it took endodontists longer to meet the requirements and sometimes they would get bogged down in their practices and family life, making it harder for them to complete what they started," he said. "We think these new requirements make it more likely that endodontic graduates will succeed with their board certification."

New Endo Textbook Introduced
Dr. Baumgartner was an editor for the sixth edition of *Ingle's Endodontics*, which was introduced at the AAE meeting. OHSU Associate Professor of Endodontology J. Gordon Marshall, D.M.D. '79, contributed a chapter. Dr. Baumgartner edited *Ingle's Endodontics*, 6E, with John I. Ingle, D.D.S., former dean at University of Southern California, and Leif K. Bakland, D.D.S., from Loma Linda University. *Ingle's Endodontics* is written for endodontists and endodontic residents. The 1,300 page textbook (eight pounds!) is evidence-based and completely referenced. This fall, DENTSPLY will donate a copy of the book to every endodontic resident in the United States.

OHSU Reception
There was a big turnout of OHSU endodontology graduates for the reception hosted by OHSU on April 10. Dr.
Baumgartner updated attendees on the Department of Endodontontology, noting that OHSU has now trained more than 100 endodontists.

**F. James Marshall**, D.M.D. ’49, who died earlier this year, was remembered by the group for his numerous contributions to the field of endodontics.

Dr. Baumgartner encouraged attendees to contribute to OHSU’s “Endowment for Excellence in Endodontics” campaign. One alumni in attendance generously gave $50,000! This brings the total amount pledged to more than $800,000 toward its $2 million goal.

The endowment is needed to ensure a stable and ongoing source of funding for the School of Dentistry’s endodontic education program. Earnings from an endodontics endowment would enhance salaries of endodontics faculty above the basic salary provided by OHSU.

“Dental education is in crisis across the country,” said Dr. Baumgartner. “Many endodontists at OHSU and nationally are at or nearing retirement age. With many schools merging departments or using non-specialists to teach endodontics, we desperately need to get more board-certified endodontists back into the pipeline to ensure high-quality education and care for patients.”

**Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery**

**New Name for OMS Graduation Award**

The name of the oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMS) award presented annually to a graduating senior is being changed, said **Leon Assael**, D.M.D., professor and chair of oral and maxillofacial surgery. Formerly the Jerome Schell Memorial Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Award, the annual honor is given to the dental student exhibiting outstanding performance in the clinical discipline of oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Beginning with the hooding and honors convocation in 2008, the award will be called the Gary Wilson/Jerome Schell Memorial Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Award. ”The change highlights the accomplishments of these two great teachers,” said Dr. Assael. **Gary Wilson**, D.M.D. 77, was an adjunct assistant professor in OMS for almost three years until his death in August of 2007. Dr. Wilson was admired by his students for his passion for dentistry.

**Dental Hygiene Alums Can Now Apply for the Margaret M. Ryan Dental Hygiene Alumnae Fellowship**

The Margaret M. Ryan Dental Hygiene Alumnae Fellowship was established to honor Ryan’s legacy as chair of the department of dental hygiene. In support of Ryan’s passion for advancing the dental hygiene profession, fellowship grants are now available for any dental hygiene alumna who graduated from the program between 1951 and 2003 and who meet the following fellowship criteria:

- Accepted to, or enrolled in, a program of study leading to a certificate or degree (bachelors, masters or doctoral) program recognized by state and/or national accreditation/certification agency. (Excludes continuing education courses);
- Actively practicing and/or been employed in a field of dental hygiene;  
- Minimum cumulative dental hygiene grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale);  
- Involved in dental hygiene professional activities such as membership in The American Dental Hygienist’s Association, related professional organizations, study clubs, etc., since graduating from OHSU;  
- An active dental hygiene license.

For eligibility information or to request an application, please contact Dana Lillie, M.S., R.D.H., at 503 494-8509 or lillied@ohsu.edu.

**Become a Friend of NW PRECEDENT**

Are you interested in knowing how your colleagues treat hypersensitive teeth?  
What is the best way to handle cracked teeth?  
Why not become a Friend of NW PRECEDENT and help answer these questions?

The goal of the network is to conduct important and timely studies within the normal confines of a busy dental practice, thus enhancing the relevancy of the outcomes to the general practitioner. The network is currently being expanded to provide limited opportunities for dentists in other western states to participate in this exciting activity.

To find out more about becoming a Friend of NW PRECEDENT, visit the website at www.nwprecedent.net, and follow the link to “Friends of PRECEDENT”.

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We had a great time celebrating our 55th reunion at the Golden Horse Chinese Restaurant in downtown Portland on Saturday, April 5. The group was small, but we had lots of fun remembering old times and comparing the scars of aging. Bob and Dorothy Wu, as experts of Chinese food, took wonderful care of the menu. Others who made it to the party were Jim Hoag and his wife, Les White and his wife, Warren Schafer and his wife, John Anderson, Eldon Jenne, Bob Foster, and Gerry Cogan. Dean Jack Clinton gave us a brief update on the events at OHSU. We send our greetings to those classmates who couldn't be with us.
DMD 1968
Front Row, Left to Right: Fay Lett
Second Row: Owen Kawakami, John Kidby, Tom Morgan
Third Row: Rod Lippert, Ardie Overby, Larry VanGordon
Fourth Row: Warren Whitnah, Dennis Anastassatos, Jeff Brady, Roger West
Fifth Row: Dave Neely, Scott Baxter, John Page, Larry Miller
Sixth Row: Bill Bartel, Don Griffith, Milt Oshiro, Larry Turner, Gene Skourtes
Seventh Row: Jim Naughton*, Gary Mihelish*, John Pavlicek, Rick Sale, Ken Osborn, Steve Spike
Eighth Row: Eric Burbano, Bill Workinger, Carl Perkins

The graduating University of Oregon Class of 1968 held its 40th reunion celebration in Portland, on April 4 and 5. Twenty-eight members were able to attend. Friday night an “icebreaker” was held at the shop of classmate Ardie Overby who restores vintage cars. Former instructors attending were Lou Terkla, Duane Paulson and Bob Quinn. Saturday night a gourmet dinner of prime rib and salmon was held in the student lounge at the dental school. It featured a short tour of the dental school and a short program down memory lane which poked some fun at classmates. Fifty-seven classmates and friends attended the dinner, including Bob Quinn and Evelyn Strange. It was a great weekend and we are looking forward to our 45th reunion in 2013.

DMD 1978
Front Row Seated, Left to Right: Mitch Wolfsehr, Steve Timm, Tom Davis, Pat Ridgley*, Robert Rappleyea, Alden Peterson, Dean Jack Clinton
Back Row, Left to Right: Keith Collins, Steven Murata, Rodney Nichols, Richard L. Johnson, Tim Leong, Bill Elliott, Mark McNeil, Alan Carter, H. Rod Michael, Samuel Castillo, Bob Rust, Don Compton (not pictured, Steve Simmons*)

We all got together and had a great time. Sorry if we missed you. We hope those unable to join us are doing well. We’ll catch up with you next time.

DMD 1983
Front Row Seated, Left to Right: Dean Jack Clinton, Ernie Thompson, David Nevills, Jan Peterson, Jeanine Herzog, Rosemary Sotta, Greg Everson

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* Reunion Coordinators
**DMD 1988**

*Front Row:* Dave Hoaglin, Scott Laudon, Greg Hartman, Mark Jensen, Mike Regan  
*Second Row:* Mary Kay Schwab, Joni Young, Connie Masuoka*, Frances Sunseri*, Marci Aplin-Scott, Clay Scarzella, Judy Messura, Dean Jack Clinton  
*Third Row:* Kevin Ensley, Ron Leinassar, Tom Base, Scot Burgess, Kevin Coombe, Jim Krippaehne, Monte Morgan, Roz Wright, John Bozich, Neil Hammer, Ron Tribble  
*Attended but not pictured:* Marci Aplin-Scott, Jim Krippaehne

**DMD 1993**

*Left to Right:* Lennie Wong, Sara Austin, Molly Saunders, Michelle Lawrence, Susan Forte-McElhany*, Dean Jack Clinton.

**DMD 1998**

*Front Row, Left to Right:* Ben Anderud, Marty Burbano*, Fred Thompson, Andy Thompson, Jared French, Scott Walker, Dean Jack Clinton  

* Reunion Coordinators
Reunion Weekend 2009: Save the Date!

Reunion Weekend is celebrated during the Oregon Dental Association’s annual Oregon Dental Conference which will be April 2 to 4 in Portland, Ore., in 2009. We will be celebrating reunions for classes ending in “4” and “9” next year. We are looking for class coordinators to help plan your activities:  1954, 1959*, 1964, 1969*, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004

We look forward to working with you in creating a memorable and fun reunion weekend in 2009!

Please contact your Alumni Office at 503.494.0983 or email sdalumni@ohsu.edu

*40th and 50th reunion years are honored with a complimentary lunch during the Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on Saturday, April 4 - 2009. Preregistration is encouraged. Watch future publications for details or online at www.ohsu.edu/sod/alumni.
In Memoriam

1940s
C.C. “Spike” Ferguson, D.M.D. ’49, died on March 10 in Milton, Wash., at age 85. Dr. Ferguson was Alumni Association president from 1973-4 (see story, page 23).

William E. Hill, D.M.D. ’40, died March 27 in Portland, Ore., at age 90.

Richard J. Jones, D.M.D. ’46, died Feb. 12, in Odessa, Texas.

1950s
Robert H. Cash, D.M.D. ’54, died April 3 at age 88 in Lake Oswego, Ore.

Ralph P. Huestis, D.M.D. ’51, died April 8 at age 86 in Tustin, Calif.

Kleve Johnson, D.M.D. ’55, died March 7 in San Rafael, Calif., at age 77.

Robert D. Mercer, D.M.D. ’55, died April 5 at age 81 in Portland, Ore.

1960s
Thomas M. Bone, D.M.D. ’60, died March 27, at age 80.


1970s
Robert A. Clark, D.M.D. ’74, died recently at age 66.

Karla Girts, R.D.H. ’79, former president of the OHSU School of Dentistry Alumni Association, died March 15 (see story, page 23).

Donald Tombs, D.M.D. ’75, died Feb. 23.

Steven Rathofer, D.M.D. ’73.

1980s
Steven Bauer, D.M.D. ’85, died April 13 at age 48, at the Brownlee Reservoir near Weiser, Ore.

SOD Staff/Faculty
Sharon R. Cunningham, longtime office manager in the School of Dentistry’s department of pathology, died March 31 at age 62.

SOD Family
Albert Beeler, father of Gary Beeler, D.M.D. ’68 and Bill Beeler, D.M.D. ’70, died April 3 in McMinnville, Ore., at age 94.

Ray E. Hilman, father of Howard Hilman, D.M.D. ’93, died March 7 at age 96.

Sydne F. Jensen, daughter of Mark Jensen, D.M.D. ’88, died April 13 in Tumalo, Ore., at age 3 (see box, below right).


Fundraiser to Honor Sydne Jensen
The Class of 1988 is raising funds for the Kemple Children’s Clinic in Bend, Ore., in memory of Sydne Jensen, 3, who drowned April 13. Sydne is the daughter of OHSU School of Dentistry alumnus Mark Jensen, D.M.D. ’88, and his wife, Leslie.

The Kemple Children’s Clinic was founded in 1998 by longtime Bend, Ore., dentist H.M. Kemple (now deceased) to provide dental services for low-income children. The clinic now sees about 600 children annually.

The goal is to raise $20,000 for the clinic, said Michael Regan, D.M.D. ’88, who is coordinating the fundraising effort in honor of Dr. Jensen.

“We are hoping for 100 percent participation from our class,” said Dr. Regan. “If everyone gives $325, we will reach our goal, though we hope people can send more if they can and that everyone can send something, no matter the amount.”

Checks can be made payable to The Kemple Children’s Clinic, C/O Dr. Mike Regan, 6969 S.E. Lake Road, Milwaukie, Ore., (503) 654-8283, drmregan@yahoo.com.
Farewell to Former Alumni Association Presidents

Two former School of Dentistry Alumni Association presidents died in March.

C.C. “Spike” Ferguson, D.M.D. ’49, died March 10 at his home in Milton, Wash., at age 85. Dr. Ferguson was Alumni Association president for 1973-4.

Dr. Ferguson graduated in 1949 from North Pacific Dental College (which later became the University of Oregon Dental School and then the OHSU School of Dentistry) and was president of his class.

After graduation, he started a practice in Enumclaw, Wash. He was drafted into the United States Army Dental Corps at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for two years during the Korean War and, upon his return, practiced with Ray Magnuson, D.M.D. ’46 for several years.

Dr. Ferguson opened an office in Federal Way, Wash., in 1955 and a year later located to Auburn where he saw patients until his retirement in 2000.

The last 25 years of his dental practice were spent in partnership with son, Paul.

Dr. Ferguson’s family has initiated a blog in memory of Dr. Ferguson for those School of Dentistry ’49’ers online: http://spike-dr.cc.blogspot.com.

Karla J. Viking Girts, R.D.H. ’79, alumni association president from 1990-91, died March 15 at her home in Beaverton, Ore.

After graduating from the then-University of Oregon Health Science Center School of Dentistry, Karla practiced in the Portland area. She was active in the Oregon and American dental hygienists’ associations, serving as president of both. Karla also had a huge impact on dental hygiene nationally: she was elected into the National Dental Hygiene Honor Society and was granted the first limited access permit for dental hygienists from the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

“From the time Karla entered the OHSU Dental Hygiene Program in 1977, it was apparent that her professional life would be noteworthy and that she would have a far-reaching impact,” said Margaret “Peg” Ryan, R.D.H., chair emeritus of the School’s Department of Dental Hygiene.

“Her genuine concern for extending oral health services to the underserved has been demonstrated by her career,” said Ryan. “Karla applied skills and knowledge in her work as a clinician, consultant to public health and professional agencies, and coordinator of oral health projects. She was a force behind the enactment of Oregon practice provisions and educational requirements for dental hygienists’ provision of care to limited access patients.”

Ryan said that Karla’s commitment was evident in her support of the Dental Hygiene Department (closed in 2003 due to budget cuts), and the OHSU School of Dentistry Alumni Association.

“The experience which Karla brought to her clinical teaching and lectures as a volunteer member of the dental hygiene faculty enriched the curriculum. Her coordination of the department’s Pre-Dental Hygiene Advising Program positively affected student recruitment,” said Ryan.

“Karla’s active participation in virtually all aspects of her professional organization at local, state, regional and national levels is further evidence of her energy, leadership, and commitment,” added Ryan. “No task was too menial or too challenging. She provided support wherever it was needed.”

Most recently, Karla was a professional and academic relations facilitator for Proctor and Gamble Professional Oral Health, Crest Oral-B. She remained active at the OHSU School of Dentistry, volunteering annually to care for young athletes at the state’s Special Olympics Special Smiles.

Friend and colleague Lynn Ironside, R.D.H., called Karla gracious and humble. “Her stoicism during the past year of her illness was unbelievable,” said Lynn. “She was a woman of such integrity and passion, especially when it came to students, colleagues, and dentistry. Dentistry has lost a great friend and advocate.”
2008 Calendar

Cantwell Memorial Golf Tournament
Major Sponsors:

Friday, September 12
7:45 a.m. shotgun start
Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club, North Plains, Ore.
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Cantwell Memorial Lecture
Saturday, September 20
4 credit hours, includes breakfast
Richard T. Jones Hall (located behind the
Old Library Auditorium)
7:30 a.m. Breakfast and Registration
8:30 a.m. Course begins
The Implant Paradigm - Update 2008
• How implants have changed restorative
dentistry;
• Decision making in immediate implant
placement;
• Ridge preservation grafting in
maintaining the ridge for implants;
• Solving treatment planning issues for
cases you see every day
Speakers:
• David Halmos, D.M.D., prosthodontist
• Brett Ueeck, D.M.D., M.D., oral &
maxillofacial surgeon
Free for OHSU School of Dentistry alumni
who register by September 12;
$50 after September 12;
$120/140 for non-alumni

Margaret M. Ryan Dental Hygiene Update
Saturday, September 20
6 credit hours, includes breakfast and lunch
Richard T. Jones Hall (located behind the
Old Library Auditorium)
7:30 a.m. Breakfast and Registration
8:30 a.m. Course begins
Oral Health Products for Home Use: What
should I recommend
Featuring Karen A. Baker

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eyearly registration (by August 31);
$75 after August 31;
$120 dental hygienist and staff early
registration; $140 after August 31

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ADA Reception:
American Dental Association
Annual Meeting
October 16 to 18
San Antonio
Reception on Saturday, October 18
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Grand Hyatt Hotel

Dean's Gold Circle Dinner
(Invitation Only)
Saturday, October 25
Portland
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