A funny thing happened on the way to the OHSU School of Dentistry Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on April 4.

Oscar Schmuland, D.M.D. ’49, was walking to the convention center from the Doubletree Inn with daughters Ruth and Jeanne, both registered dental hygienists, when he spotted an idling limousine.

“So I asked the driver if he would give us a ride and he said ‘yes!’” said Dr. Schmuland, of Renton, Wash., who, with his free ride, was one of the early arrivals for the reunion lunch.

Also attending in limousine style was classmate Donald Deans, D.M.D. ’49, and wife, Ethel, whose son, Bruce owns a limousine company.

“We came in the limousine all the way from Kenmore, Washington,” chuckled Dr. Deans, who is in private practice three-and-a-half days a week in the Laurelhurst area of Seattle. “I’m mobile, I need [continuing education] credits and so I’m here.”

They were joined at their table by Edgar Blumenthal, D.M.D. ’49, Portland, Ore. (see story, page 10) who drove himself to the Oregon Convention Center despite a recent wrist injury, and the three spent a few hours remembering dental friends, equipment, and training during their intense four years in a class of 85, mostly war veterans.

“I am thrilled to be here,” said Dr. Schmuland (see story, page 11), clutching a scrapbook of memories Ruth had prepared. “This is a chance of a lifetime.”

Big Turnout for ’04
Along with the class of 1949, more than 200 alums, many from the classes ending in ‘4 and ‘9, met (continued on page 4)
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Dean’s Message

It has been a good spring at the OHSU School of Dentistry, with new opportunities and partnerships, awards and accolades, continued strong alumni involvement, and plans for improvements in our educational offerings and pre-doctoral clinic.

You may have read that OHSU recently asked the state legislature to consider allowing the university to allocate the state’s annual appropriation to units of greatest need, rather than a legislature-determined formula. If approved, the School of Dentistry could begin to phase out the dependence upon the state appropriation. This proposal – which I was part of and think is a good idea – would give us a stronger basis for responding to the continually changing educational and oral health care landscape.

While we always appreciate whatever funding the state provides, the unpredictability of our annual appropriation creates some challenges when trying to work a budget, particularly for the long-term. Relying less upon state appropriations gives us the opportunity to work with numbers and budget constraints that are predictable. If we ultimately go to such a financial model, I do not anticipate the loss of any dental school program, staff or faculty. In fact, I think we will be able to become more entrepreneurial and I welcome that possibility.

One direction we are exploring is the offer of a private developer who wants to create a new building for us on South Waterfront. The land is close to the tram – and not on land owned by OHSU. This would be an entree to moving the dental-related curriculum to a different address, though our affiliation with OHSU would remain the same. I will keep you posted on this development as we know more.

Early this year, we were approached by representatives from Pacific Continental Bank, which is based in Eugene, with offices in Portland, Seattle and Bellevue. They were interested in deepening their relationship with OHSU by initiating an endowed scholarship fund for dental students.

As you know, dental student scholarships have been a focus for us these past few years, due to the rising cost of dental tuition. So Pacific Continental’s offer was timely and much appreciated. Working with their bank’s leadership to put together an endowed scholarship fund was an absolutely remarkable experience. We admire their leaders’ professionalism and hope that the bank’s generous contribution (see story, page eight) will not only lessen the burden of debt for some of our dental students, but stimulate other organizations to partner with us similarly.

A spring phonathon on behalf of the School, held in late April, also focused on garnering pledges for dental student scholarships. I am happy to report that over four nights of calling – only to alumni we were unable to contact during our fall phonathon – we raised more than $22,000. Most of the money raised is going to the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, initiated three years ago for dental student scholarships. We now have well over $500,000 designated toward this fund, thanks to you.

Our alumni loyalty remains unparalleled and there is strong event participation, as evidenced by the full-to-capacity Annual Meeting and Awards Lunch (see page one) and 15 well-attended reunions during Oregon Dental Conference weekend.

Another measure of alumni involvement is alumni giving, and our numbers continue to instill pride. The percentage of alumni giving is currently 22 percent, which is very strong when compared with other colleges and universities. At OHSU, more dental alums give than alums in any other unit. (Alumni giving to the School of Medicine is eight percent and alumni gifts to the School of Nursing are at seven percent). We would love for the number of alumni giving to double because every gift matters, whatever the amount.

By the time you read this newsletter, a remodel of our pre-doctoral clinic reception area will be underway (see page eight) and the creation of a new Pediatric Dental Surgery Clinic will be nearing completion (see page 26). Both projects are expected to boost patient and student experiences within our facility.

These are just a few of the many good things happening at the School. Despite some of the economic doom and gloom we’ve been hearing in the press, I can guarantee you that as the year goes on, we’ll have even more wonderful stories to share.

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

We had a fantastic turnout for our annual alumni meeting on April 4 during Oregon Dental Conference Weekend, with nearly 200 attendees enjoying a salmon lunch while catching up with classmates and friends. Amidst the stories and tall tales of times past (especially from the reunion classes from years ending in “4” and “9”), we actually accomplished some important business during the lunch meeting.

We elected our new slate of board officers at the annual meeting. The board officers for the 2009-2010 term are: **David Kreutzer**, D.M.D. ’00 (president); **Lillian Harewood**, D.M.D. ’95 (vice president); **Stacy Matsuda**, RDH ’77 (student outreach/scholarship); **Mark Alder**, D.M.D. ’82 (alumni outreach); and **James Alder**, D.M.D. ’82 (immediate past president). I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank Jim Alder for his dedication and hard work serving as our Alumni Association president this past year. He has certainly set quite an example for me to follow!

We had two board members complete their terms of service: **Steve Beadnell**, D.M.D. ’80, and **Kelly Blodgett**, D.M.D. ’99. We are grateful for all that Drs. Beadnell and Blodgett have done for the Alumni Association and for the School of Dentistry. While we “retired” two board members, we are pleased to welcome four new members to the Alumni Association board: **Glenn Shimshak**, D.M.D. ’74; **Bill Bonniksen**, D.M.D. ’75; **John McComb**, D.M.D. ’77; and **Eric Burbano**, D.M.D. ’68. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the board members listed on page two with questions or ideas or if you would like to get involved. We’d love to have you join us.

I encourage you to attend the many events being sponsored by the Alumni Association in the coming year. You will find a list of activities on page four of this *Caementum*, and online at www.ohsu.edu/sod/alumni/UpcomingEvents.html. One of the things that the Alumni Association board is trying to do is to step up our activities for our alumni, so that we can stay connected to our former classmates and to the school that provided each of us with the terrific education and foundation upon which we built our professional careers. This is truly an exciting time for OHSU and I believe the best is yet to come!

David C. Kreutzer, D.M.D. ’00

Executive Committee Changes

A proposal to broaden the Alumni Association Executive Committee and eliminate the office of secretary/treasurer passed unanimously at the May 11 Board meeting. “We have four alumni committees headed by board members and the board felt that each alumni committee chair should be a member of the executive committee,” said Development Director **Pat Regan**. “And now that we no longer have alumni association dues, there is no need for a secretary/treasurer, per se, so the board voted to change the Alumni Association bylaws to reflect these changes.”

Now on the Alumni Association Board of Directors executive committee, along with **David Kreutzer**, D.M.D. ’00 (president); **Lillian Harewood**, D.M.D. ’95 (vice president); and **Jim Alder**, D.M.D. ’82 (immediate past president), are **Mark Alder**, D.M.D. ’80, Jim’s cousin, who will head the alumni outreach committee, and **Stacy Matsuda**, R.D.H. ’77, who will drop the secretary/treasurer title and heads the student outreach/scholarship committee. Dr. Harewood will head the annual fund committee and Dr. Jim Alder will lead the awards and nominations committee.

For more information about how to get involved in the Alumni Association, call (503) 494-0983.

Thanks for Reading

Several *Caementum* readers phoned in recently with comments and questions regarding various articles in the spring 2009 issue:

**Henry Harbert**, D.M.D. ’67, Medford, Ore., was interested in a new technique manual written by **William Bonniksen**, D.M.D. ’75, and requested a copy. The 44-page “Technique Manual for Gold Castings,” is available by emailing Dr. Bonniksen, bonnikse@ohsu.edu.

**Richard Moffit**, D.M.D. ’60, Prineville, Ore., read the page eight article on the Juan Young Trust’s support of pediatric dentistry at OHSU and remembered working for the same **Juan Young** in 1941 as a stock boy in the Portland Kienow’s on S.E. 14th and Morrison, during his freshman year at Benson High School. He recalls Mr. Young being a “very pleasant man, who was “definitely the boss.” Dr. Moffit made 35 cents an hour there stocking shelves and sweeping floors.

We welcome your thoughts, questions, photos, and story ideas. Please call the Alumni Office, (503) 494-0983.

**Correction:**

Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon
(continued from page 1)

to honor alumni, students, and faculty, and to hear from OHSU School of Dentistry Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, about new school developments, including a look at the class of 2013 (see story, page 25) and a new endowed scholarship fund for students (see story, page eight).

Ted Flaiz, D.M.D. ’44, Hermiston, Ore., was from the oldest dental school class reuniting – and he had the smallest reunion, too, as unfortunately, none of his classmates could join him due to health reasons. Dr. Flaiz was joined by son, Richard, and his wife, Claudia.

The class of 2004, led by reunion coordinator Cher Chang, D.M.D. ’04, and Sarah Nguyen, D.M.D. ’04, had the largest alum turnout of the weekend with 30 alums.

“Traditionally, five, 15, and 35-year reunions are less well-attended than other anniversary years,” said School Development Director Pat Regan. “But this year, attendance by the class of 2004 (celebrating its five-year reunion) was off the charts. With 30 of their class in attendance, they have set a new standard for future five-year reunions.”

The class of 1974, led by reunion coordinator Tom Pollard, D.M.D. ’74, also had strong turnout with more than a dozen alums attending. And even though it was spring break week, about a dozen dental students attended the lunch, including five from the class of 2012.

Gary Hall, D.M.D. ’59, and wife, Gerry (British Columbia, Canada) and Duane Wasden, D.M.D. ’59 (Camarillo, Calif.) traveled the farthest distance for reunion weekend, about 870 miles.

“We are planning now for next year with reunions for classes ending in ‘5’ and ‘10,’” said Pat. “Alums interested in coordinating their class reunion are encouraged to contact us now (503-494-0983) to let us know how we can help.”

Down to Business
Outgoing president Jim Alder, D.M.D. ’82, called the meeting to order and recognized special guests Rick Asai, D.M.D. ’81, president-elect of the Oregon Dental Association (ODA) and Jay Lamb, D.M.D. ’80, The ODS Companies board chair.

Incoming and outgoing board members were recognized (see story, page three), and a number of awards were presented.

Sandra McCoy, R.D.H. ’72, D.M.D. ’81 (left), presented Daniel Floyd with the Ted Green Memorial Award. (Photo Dan Carter)

Student Awards
Second-year dental student Daniel Floyd received the Ted Green Memorial Book Award for his essay on patient care and his experiences at Give Kids a Smile day when a child told Dan he was “the best dentist he’d ever had.” Dan received $500 for his efforts. The Ted Green Memorial Book Award is named for Ted Green, D.M.D. ’81, who died shortly after his OHSU graduation.

Fourth-year dental student Cassie Fede was selected by the class of 2009 to receive the “Going the Extra Mile” award. Cassie was honored for her outstanding character, commitment, and service to the class, school, and community. Cassie was unable to attend the lunch, as she was in The Philippines (during her spring break) providing dental care to young orphans.

2009 Calendar

Pacific Northwest Dental Conference
July 23 and 24
Seattle, Wash.

Cantwell Memorial Golf Tournament
September 25
Langdon Farms Golf Club, Aurora, Ore.

Cantwell Memorial Lecture and Margaret M. Ryan Dental Hygiene Update
September 26
OHSU Auditorium (Old Library)

Alumni Association Board Meeting
September 21

American Dental Association Annual Meeting
September 30 – October 4
Honolulu, Hawaii

Alumni and Friends Reception
October 3
Hawaii Prince Waikiki Hotel

Fall Phonathon
October
OHSU Foundation, 1121 SW Salmon St., third floor
Lora Mattsen, executive director of the Multnomah Dental Society, received the honorary alumni award, presented by Richard Knight, D.M.D. '79. (Photo Dan Carter)

**Honorary Alumni Award**

For her countless hours to the dental profession, Multnomah Dental Society executive director **Lora Mattsen** received the 2009 Honorary Alumni award, which honors non-dental professionals.

Lora has been involved with dentistry for many years, starting with office work for **Tom Merchant**, D.M.D. '63, for whom she worked for 20 years. She has raised funds for the Dental Foundation of Oregon for many years by running marathons with husband, **Jim**. “She is passionate about her work and improving the oral health care of children and the population as a whole,” said Richard Knight, D.M.D. '79, in presenting the award.

**Faculty Award**

OHSU dental students and faculty were asked to identify a faculty member who makes a positive impact on the learning environment, and **Donald Sirianni**, D.M.D. '64, an assistant professor of prosthodontics, was selected for his expertise in crowns and bridges, thoughtful and insightful approach to dentistry, and way of instilling pride in a job well done.

“The fun part about being on the faculty is the young students,” said Dr. Sirianni, accepting the 2009 Faculty Award. “The School is so much fun and I really enjoy it. This means more to me than anything I’ve ever received.”

**President’s Award**

For supporting her husband through dental school to private practice to now Dean of the School of Dentistry, **Mary Clinton** received the President’s Award. “Through it all, she has been a pillar of strength for her family, her husband, the school, and the dental profession,” said Dr. Alder in announcing the President’s Award, which is given annually to an advocate of the School and dentistry.

“I’m just astounded,” said Mrs. Clinton. “It’s been a wonderful journey. It’s wonderful to be a part of you.”

**Gavel Passing**

The Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon closed with the passing of the gavel from **Jim Alder**, D.M.D. '82 (right), passes the gavel to new Alumni Association President **David Kreutzer**, D.M.D. '00. (Photo Dan Carter)

**Immediate Past President Jim Alder, D.M.D. '82 (right), passes the gavel to new Alumni Association President David Kreutzer, D.M.D. '00. (Photo Dan Carter)**
When Steve Beadnell was in high school, his counselor advised him to go to trade school, as he feared Steve wouldn’t make it through college. Dr. Beadnell rejected his advice, finishing college in three years and receiving acceptance to dental school where he finished near the top of his class.

After dental school graduation, Dr. Beadnell entered the U.S. Air Force, completing a general practice residency program and then an oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at the USAF Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base. Following an 11-year career in the Air Force, Dr. Beadnell returned to Portland and established a private practice.

Today, certified with the National Board of Dental Examiners and the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Dr. Beadnell is a well-respected oral and maxillofacial surgeon, an adjunct assistant professor on the OHSU School of Dentistry faculty, an examiner with the Oregon Board of Dentistry, and director of the Sunset Study Club in Portland.

He is a fellow in the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and is on the boards of the Western Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and the Oregon Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He is a frequent lecturer at dental organizations throughout the Northwest and is heavily involved in the School of Dentistry’s Alumni Association, having just completed several terms as secretary/treasurer.

“Perhaps the greatest measure of his success is that the same counselor who told Steve that he would never make it through college has since asked him to come back to the high school and help motivate the students to succeed,” said Jim Alder, D.M.D. ’82, upon presenting the 2009 John C. Peterson Alum of the Year Award to Dr. Beadnell. “And that same high school counselor has also become Steve’s patient.”

Dr. Beadnell accepted his award at the Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on April 4 during Oregon Dental Conference weekend.

“Today’s award means more to me than any of the other awards I’ve received,” said Dr. Beadnell. “Students often ask me why I’m teaching at the school and I tell them I’m there because I think I make a difference. “If you don’t pass along your knowledge, it dies when you die,” he said. “The School of Dentistry means almost as much to me as the American flag.”
people and it seemed like dentistry was a great combo. [Dr. Alder is the cousin of immediate past president, Jim Alder, D.M.D. ’82]

Where do you practice?
Beaverton, Ore. I’m in private practice.

What do you hope for the OHSU School of Dentistry?
I would like to see the dental school continue its run as one of the best places to get a great education. The cost seems so huge compared to when I went to school that it’s kind of hard to imagine. I think one of the best things the school has going for it is an alumni base that cares about students coming through the school behind them. Keeping alumni involved through events like the phonathon, where they get a chance to financially give back to the school, Cantwell and Ryan golf and lectures, and the Dean’s Gold Circle, for example, keep alums connected with the school. I also feel Jack Clinton [D.M.D. ’64, Dean] goes the extra mile to keep connected with alums and to let them know what is happening at the school, especially through these tough fiscal times.

How do you spend your spare time?
I love to fish. I love the ocean on a morning with the sun coming up, guys in a boat telling each other stories, some of which are even true. I also enjoy gardening. My wife, Cathy, and I enjoy walking with our golden retriever and spending time at the coast. I also love music.

Stacy Matsuda, R.D.H. ‘77
Student Outreach/Scholarship Committee Chair

Where did you grow up?
I grew up in Hillsboro, Ore., when it was still a small “town” and nobody locked their doors. I went to Oregon State University (pre-dental hygiene/science) prior to OHSU and I have a bachelor of science in dental hygiene.

Why did you go to dental school?
Early orthodontic therapy (third grade) convinced me that my calling in life was to be a dental hygienist. I was soon on a tractor beam to apply myself so that one day I could (hopefully) attend OHSU.

What do you hope for the OHSU School of Dentistry?
I’m a full-blown optimist around potential, so I have high hopes for the School of Dentistry; when people align to a shared vision there is no limit to what’s possible. We’re fortunate to have visionary leadership in Dean Jack Clinton (D.M.D. ’64) and an alumni board who all care deeply about/are invested in our school’s future. It may involve structure/funding of the dental school, as Jack outlined in the Dean’s Message. Beyond that, the dedication of our faculty is something of a legend: OHSU’s unique capacity to produce the best clinicians coming out of dental school despite limited resources is well known. Given this reality, one can only imagine what’s possible with funding constraints lifted in what could become a new financial model for our school. I’m eager to see where this might take us. Minds open to possibility, a shared vision of the future, and intention fueled by passion and commitment all lead to unlimited potential. I can imagine an educational culture the envy of every dental school in the U.S. – where students are treated with a level of professional respect that inspires them to live up to and beyond the high expectations held for their clinical and academic success … where students, faculty and staff reject the very notion of mediocrity (good enough) from a core belief and trust in the value of excellence … where performance standards are not just met, but exceeded on a regular basis for no reason other than people wanting to be their best and do their best ... where students readily accept critical feedback from instructors, both understanding ‘errors’ to be a necessary step on the continuum to proficiency and the only failure that might occur is failure to learn from mistakes (perceived and valued as opportunity to improve) ... where faculty never lose sight of a defining principle for any learning organization: their inherent power to make or break - because every interaction with a student is a chance to build or tear down. Most importantly, I look forward to the day that feelings of appreciation, loyalty & pride in/to/for the School of Dentistry leave every graduate compelled to express them through tangible contribution: financial support as well as service to the school mentoring students or in leadership positions on the alumni association board. I foresee a state of the art, blow-your-socks-off academic building on the South Waterfront campus brimming with spirit and enthusiasm – a model to emulate in every way – where alumni not only feel welcome to visit but have a sense of stewardship in maintaining high standards to prepare the next generation of practitioners for service to citizens of Oregon. And if I were to be completely honest, a resurrected dental hygiene program would be the icing on the cake.

Table Clinic Draws Students

Third-year dental student Paul Clark won the annual Table Clinic competition, held during Oregon Dental Conference weekend. The student clinician competition drew five student groups in 2009. Winners were announced at the School’s research symposium May 7 (see story, page 31).

Paul’s presentation was, “How Does Oral Biophosphonate Drug Therapy Affect a Clinical Treatment Plan?” with faculty mentors, Leon Assael, D.M.D, chair of oral and maxillofacial surgery, and Steve Beadnell, D.M.D. ’80, adjunct associate professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery. He received a check for $500 from Dennis Simonsen on behalf of the Oregon Dental Association (ODA) and travel expenses to the American Dental Association annual meeting in Hawaii this fall, where he’ll represent OHSU in a nationwide competition. The ODA sponsored the four-hour competition with DENTSPLY.

Second-year dental student Kyle Thames won second place and third-year dental student David Garlock won third place. Both received $500 for their efforts.

The team of Richard Barrett and Anne Adams Belusko, both first-year dental students, split a $200 check from the School of Dentistry Alumni Association, for fourth place. Third-year dental student Vicky Chen was fifth place and received $150 from the Dean’s office.
Dean's Fund for Excellence Helps with Spring Remodeling

Several School of Dentistry remodeling projects are underway, including a patient reception-area remodel on the first floor outside the pre-doctoral clinic, and creation of a Pediatric Dental Surgery Clinic on the eighth floor of Doernbecher Children’s Hospital (see story, page 26). Both projects will be funded by the Dean's Fund for Excellence, a discretionary fund of philanthropic dollars.

“These are funds from our donors who have earmarked money specifically for projects outside the operating budget,” said Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64. “We are grateful to the donors who have generously made gifts to the Dean’s Fund for Excellence.”

Remodel of the patient reception area is one initiative of the School’s (ACE) Advisory Committee on Excellence (see story, page 30), which is charged with boosting service excellence. By reconfiguring the patient reception area, the committee hopes to enhance the first impression of patients entering the School, making for a more comfortable and professional patient experience and a more efficient process for employees.

“Our current reception area has been there for more than 30 years,” noted Dean Clinton. “It is in a dark and narrow, high-traffic hallway near the restrooms, which does not make for a good dynamic. Right there, our School's image is compromised before any official interaction with patients occurs.

“We would like to create a reception area better related to the kind of care and customer service patients have come to expect,” he said.

Plans call for the patient reception window to move across from the main door of the pre-doctoral clinic, with enhancements to the waiting area and the windows serving employees and paying patients. The pre-doctoral clinic is going paperless, like the pediatric dentistry clinic. The granite-like slab dividing the waiting area from the entrance to the rotunda will be removed, with a more subtle, modern way to separate the walkway from the waiting area.

“Remodeling will occur this spring on top of our current operations,” said Dean Clinton. “We intend for the noisiest, most major parts of construction to be conducted during non-clinical hours.”

New Endowed Student Scholarship

The OHSU School of Dentistry has a new endowed scholarship for dental students, the Northwest Dental Endowed Scholarship Fund. The new $50,000 endowed scholarship will be funded over the next four years by Pacific Continental Corporation, the bank holding company for Pacific Continental Bank, along with a multi-year $8,000 scholarship award.

“We are extremely grateful to Pacific Continental Bank for taking the initiative to create an endowed scholarship for OHSU dental students,” said Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64. “It is most reassuring during this difficult financial time to see a bank with the confidence in the dental profession and dental education make an investment in our future with a scholarship endowment. With the frequency of double-digit tuition increases, this scholarship will help offset students’ financial stress of entering their professional practice carrying a huge educational loan.”

The Northwest Dental Endowed Scholarship Fund was announced at the Alumni Association’s Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon.
When fully funded in four years, the Northwest Dental Endowed Scholarship Fund will provide an annual scholarship award to an OHSU dental student. Until the endowment is fully funded, Pacific Continental will provide a $2,000 annual scholarship to be awarded to an OHSU dental student.

Fourth-year dental student Alan Chen was selected as the first recipient of the Pacific Continental Bank scholarship.

“We are proud to be a part of educating our region’s next generation of dentists,” said Roger Busse, Pacific Continental’s president and chief operating officer. “Without a doubt, we have a brilliant and dedicated group of young people looking to improve the dental care in their communities. If we can play even a small role in their success, it will be money well-spent.”

The Schluckebier Scholarship

Mrs. Wilma James established an endowed scholarship in 1986 to honor the memory of her daughter, Velma Jane Schluckebier. Before her untimely death at age 24, Velma served the indigent people of Alaska, establishing medical records for people in outlying villages and bringing them dental and medical care and education. In honor of Velma’s passion for providing dental care to the people of these areas, scholarships are offered to third or fourth year female dental students with an interest in serving economically and socially disadvantaged populations. Friends and family continue to honor Velma by contributing to this scholarship fund.

To find out how you can help fund a School of Dentistry scholarship, call 503-494-0983.

www.ohsufoundation.org

Spring Phonathon Garners Funds for Alumni Association Scholarship Fund

To increase the percentage of alumni giving and create a broader base of support for the dental school, alumni not reached during the main, fall phonathon were contacted in April to make a pledge for dental student scholarships and the Dean’s Fund for Excellence. Over four nights of calling, 83 gifts were pledged totaling $22,640, the majority of which will go into the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, which now has generated more than $500,000 for dental student scholarships.

The April phonathon was staffed primarily by dental students, who won prizes for their participation. The highest dollar amount raised in one calling shift was $4,100 by first-year dental student Kelly Riley. First-year dental student Sarah Post had the highest average gift amount in one calling shift ($580). First-year dental student Eric Muraoka had the highest number (five) of increased gift amounts. And first-year dental student Theresa Collins secured the greatest number of gifts (five) in one calling shift.

“We thank all of the alums who made the time to pick up the phone to talk with our dental students and to make a gift,” said Development Director Pat Regan.

SAVE THE DATE

Dean’s Gold Circle Dinner
Invitation Only for Annual Donors of $1,000 or More
Saturday, October 17
The Allison Inn & Spa • Newberg, Oregon
Class of 1949: Edgar Blumenthal

Edgar Blumenthal, D.M.D. ’49, grew up in Boring, Ore. He went to Grant High School and on to the University of Oregon for an undergraduate degree in chemistry.

But then his college advisor told him that he would have a hard time getting a job because he was Jewish. Around that time, a dental student friend introduced Dr. Blumenthal to North Pacific Dental College (the precursor to the University of Oregon Dental School and the OHSU School of Dentistry) and he liked the mix of science and chemistry.

“I went back to U of O and converted to pre-dentistry,” said Dr. Blumenthal, 87. “I applied to dental school my sophomore year and was accepted. Then the war broke out.”

Dr. Blumenthal joined the United States Navy as a pharmacist, serving from 1941 to 1945. After the war, he was assigned to a dental dispensary in Seattle, where he met future wife, Helen, in a dark room.

“Our children like to say that mom and dad met in a dental x-ray room to see what could develop,” said Dr. Blumenthal, with a chuckle.

The dental school name had changed to the University of Oregon Dental School during the war years and was now located in a four-story building on N.E. Sixth and Oregon Streets. “There were 85 students in our class and most of us were veterans,” he said. “Three-quarters of us were married and half already had children. We were definitely an older group.”

Dr. Blumenthal remembers the squirt hose that ran into the spittoon, as there was no running water at chair side. “The squirt hose went directly into the patient’s mouth, but I put it in wrong in one of my first patients and the spit went from the spittoon back into the patient’s mouth!”

Dental students in those days had to purchase their own gear. One day, as Dr. Blumenthal had just settled his patient into the chair, an earthquake hit and the frightened patient took off. “Even with the ground shaking, I ran after him out the building so I could get my gear back!” he said.

Dr. Blumenthal remembers vulcanite (rubber) dentures going out and plastic coming in while he was in dental school. Casting was done in many pieces, rather than one piece. Even potatoes were sometimes used for casting gold crowns.

“There were a lot of gimmicks,” he said. “I’ve seen a lot of improvements to old-time dentistry.”

Dr. Blumenthal went into private practice in northwest and then northeast Portland. His office was the first in the city to have a high-speed dental drill (OHSU School of Dentistry was the second). When Rosie the elephant came to Portland, Dr. Blumenthal and his children were filmed on a news reel (pre-television) brushing Rosie’s teeth with a giant toothbrush and whipping cream.

“We had a lot of good times,” he said. “It’s been a good life.”

Dr. Blumenthal retired in 1999. He is on dialysis three times a week and broke his wrist in December’s ice, but his health doesn’t slow him down. “I just got back from Washington, D.C.,” he said. “They have dialysis there.”

Helen died in 2002, and Dr. Blumenthal lives with his daughter (he has three children, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren).

“My children were worried about my driving at this age, so I went and took all the driving tests again to give them peace of mind,” he said. “Now I have my driver’s license until 2016!”

Caementum Goes Full Color

For the first time in its 72-year history, Caementum is full color. “We recently learned that the print cost differential between full color and two color (purple and black) is minimal,” said Development Director Pat Regan. “In fact, for the numbers at which we print Caementum quarterly, about 6,500, it is actually less cost to print in full color. As we want to communicate school happenings as realistically as possible, while at the same time continue to be good stewards of dental school funds, we decided to make the switch, beginning this issue. We hope you like it!”
Oscar Schmuland relished growing up in a family of nine on a farm in the Canadian town of Saskatchewan. But being a Canadian citizen also brought some unexpected road bumps to Dr. Schmuland’s life, including his plans to practice dentistry in Oregon and later, to join the U.S. Army. Even bringing just-born second daughter Jeanne back to the United States from where he was stationed in Germany required an act of Congress.

“All my life, I never made any plans,” said Dr. Schmuland, 85. “God made the plans and I just stepped in where he wanted me to go. It’s been an interesting life.”

Dr. Schmuland applied to a number of dental schools, including a handful in Canada. But when he received acceptance to North Pacific Dental College, it was no contest. “I liked Oregon,” he said.

Dr. Schmuland obtained a student visa and moved into a Portland boarding house that cost $25 a month. Later, he took up residence in the old Holladay Park hospital doing occasional janitorial work in exchange for room and board.

He remembers as a first-year dental student receiving a “bag of stuff” that he didn’t know what to do with, other than store in a locker. Later that year, he was asked to retrieve a cadaver “from the tank” for dissection. “That was scary!” he said. “If we’d done that right away, I probably would have left school.”

By his second year, the “sticky, stinky, rubber” vulcanite dentures were on their way out to be replaced by plastic ones, he could carve teeth in ivorine, and North Pacific became the University of Oregon Dental School, with all new professors on board. In particular, Dr. Schmuland remembers Professor Ellis Jump riding to school on his motorcycle and “being tough on us so we could learn something” in oral surgery class.

“Dental school was intense and stressful,” he said.

“When I hear stories of what you had to work with ….” , said daughter, Jeanne, who is a registered dental hygienist. “I don’t know how you did it.”

An “interesting note,” said Dr. Schmuland, was that “after four years of dental school, I went to take my Oregon State boards, but was turned away for lack of citizenship, even though I had every intention of staying and practicing in Oregon. I was very disappointed. I felt like I might have wasted my time in school.”

Washington State was more flexible about his citizenry status, and Dr. Schmuland passed the Washington dentistry boards. When the U.S. Army rejected his offer of service because he was Canadian, Dr. Schmuland went into private practice as an associate in Renton, Wash.

But by 1953, the need for professionals in the Korean War was great and the “small print of the law that disqualifies foreign professionals from serving was altered to then allow their recruitment,” said Dr. Schmuland. Dr. Schmuland spoke fluent German, and this influenced his being sent to Heidelberg, Germany, where he did dentistry in a large headquarters clinic. Wife, Vangie, and baby Ruth, also came along.

“At that point, I got my much-desired citizenship in Frankfurt,” said Dr. Schmuland. “But when our second daughter, Jeanne, was born in the U.S. Army Hospital in Heidelberg, the United States refused her citizenship.” Dr. Schmuland had to appeal for an act of Congress in order to bring Jeanne home to the U.S.

When he returned to the U.S., Dr. Schmuland returned to private practice, this time in the medical/dental building in downtown Seattle. There was a need for dental professionals at Valley Medical Center in Renton, and Dr. Schmuland was selected for the hospital staff, helping with emergency and dental procedures. “As part of my progressive dental practice, I belonged to a gold study club and also a local Renton study club,” he said.

In addition to Dr. Schmuland’s “very active” dental practice, he was also Sunday School Superintendent for many years and was elected as Oregon/Washington governor of a Christian Background Club, Civitan (a social club similar to Rotary and Kiwanis), to introduce and promote good citizenship.

Dr. Schmuland retired from private dental practice in 1986, and for the next seven years, helped local dentists with their patients, as needed, when they were sick or on vacation. Because he was on the hospital staff and specialized in temperomandibular syndrome, Dr. Schmuland was often asked to consult.

Dr. Schmuland is now fully retired from the dentistry “that I loved.” He and Vangie are living in the “Chateau,” a retirement center adjacent to Valley Medical Center where he loves gardening and “tries to keep the residents there happy as they enjoy life in a different way.”

“I’m having a great time,” he said.
DMD 1944
Theodore S. Flaiz (center), with son, Richard, and his wife, Claudia.

The class of 1944 reunion was a small one, with only Ted Flaiz, D.M.D. ’44, able to make the trip to Portland. Dr. Flaiz, from Hermiston, Ore., was joined by son, Richard, an emergency medical technician, and his wife, Claudia, who also live in Eastern Oregon. “I’m sorry everyone else couldn’t make it,” said Dr. Flaiz. “I’m enjoying myself.”
– Editor

DMD 1949
Dean Jack Clinton, Oscar Schmuland, Donald B. Deans and Edgar E. Blumenthal

Oscar Schmuland, D.M.D. ’49, with daughters, Jeanne, and Ruth; Donald Deans, D.M.D. ’49, with wife, Ethel; and Edgar Blumenthal, D.M.D. ’49, rounded out the table reserved for the class of 1949’s doctor of dental medicine reunion, held at the Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on April 4. “I had such a great time!” said Dr. Schmuland.
– Editor

DMD 1954
Front Row: Dean Jack Clinton, Donald B. Eshleman, Mariam de Stoppelaar, Frank T. Hori

The class of 1954, University of Oregon Dental School, held their 55th reunion during the alumni luncheon on April 4. Eight members of the class attended. They were: Bob Anderson, Walt Bethune, Marian de Stoppelaar, Don Eshleman, Frank Hori, Bill Laney, Ralph Manning, and Bill Paul. Bill Laney came from Phoenix, Ariz., and received the “member coming from the farthest distance award.” After the luncheon, the group was treated to a very nice tour of the school, hosted by Don Sirianni, D.M.D. ’64. Although our group was small, we had a very good time talking over old school experiences and what we have all been doing since retirement. A 60th reunion is questionable, but we hope to make it!
– Bill Paul, D.M.D. ’54

What is your favorite dental school memory?

“I think it was Dr. Everett that said, ‘Do not try to be the richest dentist in town, but strive to be the best dentist in town.’”
– M. Clark Lamberton, D.M.D. ’49, Thailand

“What is your favorite dental school memory?

“Listening to classmate, Don Marshall, play piano in a boarding house we lived in fall term of freshman year before I was married.”
What is your favorite dental school memory?

“Cancellation of oral exams in head and neck anatomy.”  
– Jack Adams, D.M.D. ’59, Jerome, Idaho

“Doing lab work in Verl Jensen’s kitchen with our Bunsen burners hooked up to his stove listening to C&W music on the radio. The spring golf matches, with the final round with the faculty.” 

“The junior clinic (away from the windows) and having the lights blink out, which we all thought was the Dean making good on his “request” that we be finished with our patients by 5 p.m. Norris Olsen lit the Bunsen burner so I could see to cement a temporary crown. Turned out to be the Columbus Day storm.” 
– Alan Palmer, D.M.D. ’64, Corvallis, Ore.

“Lab work at night, Cheerful Tortoise after lab, five-cent coffee machine, anatomy lab.” 
– Ken Peterson, D.M.D. ’64, John Day, Ore.

DMD 1959


Front Row: Myron D. Dahl, Gary C. Hunt, Fred M. Buchanen, David W. Robathan, David L. Swanson, Alfred C. Heston, Norman K. Zeller, Laurence C. Ware and Dean Jack Clinton

The U of Oregon Dental School Class of 1959 held its 50th reunion party at the Lloyd Center Double Tree Hotel. A happy and enthusiastic group of 24 classmates met together to celebrate on Saturday evening, April 4. Laughter and tales of dental school days flowed freely as each member took a turn at recalling their funny and not-so-funny experiences while in school. Classmates who were not in attendance missed a fun event. However, the missing classmates were often mentioned in some of the antics and funny stories. Duane Wasden’s story about why he became a dentist was funny enough to be true. The hospitality room set up for the class was supplied and ably manned by Jerry Heston, and his wife, Connie. The class gathered elbow-to-elbow in the hospitality room before adjourning to the banquet set up in the nearby Oregon Room. At the banquet, Norm Zeller was thanked for all of his work in organizing our reunion. We remembered the 17 class members who are no longer with us. Duane Paulson, one of our instructors, honored us with his presence. Mardon Lamb won the honor of having the most grandchildren – 19. Toney Oney probably came the farthest, but several classmates came from the Los Angeles area. At about 10 p.m., after a wonderful meal and a lot time to visit, the group seemed to slowly but reluctantly disburse. It was great to see each other again and there is no doubt that even after 50 years most of us are still recognizable. We may have to do this again. 
– Norm Zeller, D.M.D. ’59 and Jerry Heston, D.M.D. ’59

DMD 1964

Back Row: Donald J. Sirianni, Richard G. Yahn, Vernon L. Wright, Kenneth Peterson, Jack W. Clinton, Robert E. Burnside and Alma B. Judd

Middle Row: Alan G. Palmer, Wilber L. Jensen, Gary R. Maxwell, Wendell H. McLin, Fred Kreutzer

Front Row: James R. Graves, James Cartwright, Charles Farrell and Fred A. Bremner

The second floor student lounge and atrium served as the venue for the class of 1964’s 45th class reunion. The event was attended by 16 classmates and 14 guests including classmate Dr. Jack Clinton, Dean, and wife Mary. The program consisted of a reception with appetizers and beverages, a delicious dinner catered by The Bomber Restaurant, followed by a social story telling session and slide show of the old, the new and the future of OHSU School of Dentistry (U of O Dental School then) in room 220. It was agreed by everyone that the dental school was an excellent venue for this special event. Special thanks goes to the Alumni Association for their contributions and assistance in making the event such a huge success. We also thank the dental school for the use of the facilities which allowed for classmates to reunite with old times and see first hand the many changes in our school. 
– Don Sirianni, D.M.D. ’64
DMD 1969

**Back Row:** Jim Heltzel, Orval Hazen, Brett Hestmark, Richard Mielke, John Koot, Doyle Lewis, Ralph Shirtcliff, Robert Grew, Richard Tillman, Marvin Smith, Richard Powell, John Turner, Earl Burtch and Dean Jack Clinton

**Front Row:** John Fawcett, Barry Evans, Ted Fujioka, Max Higbee, Harold Gable, Ben Hoerner, John Churchill and Douglas Smith

Thanks to the efforts of reunion committee members, Drs. Rich Mielke, Ted Fujioka, Barry Evans, and John Fawcett. The class of ’69 had its 40th reunion on April 4 with wonderful weather and a phenomenal view of Portland from the Chart House Restaurant. Twenty-one classmates, most of them accompanied by spouses, enjoyed getting reacquainted and reliving old memories. Guests included former Dean Lou Terkla, D.M.D. ’52 and Evelyn Strange, D.M.D. ’50, with their spouses. The class of ’69 remembered the nine classmates who have passed away with nine red roses. Time was spent talking of work, retirement, and comparing the numbers of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mark your calendars for the 45th reunion April 2014.

– John Fawcett, D.M.D. ’69

DMD 1974

**Back Row:** Lynn R. Harris, David Taylor, Jim E. Hughes, David Anderson, Dennis R. Brown, Dick L. Calhoun, Doug Klein, George S. Drury, Greg A. Nemchick and Gordon G. Croft

**Front Row:** Wes F. Rampton, Tom D. Pollard, Glen M. Shimshak, Leland Nebeiker, Fred A. Mueller, Earl M. Ohlson, John B. Carbery and Mike G. Jurch

The class of 1974 held its 35th reunion at Pazzo Ristorante on Saturday, April 4. We had 38 people attending and had a very good time. We had not met since 1999 and had a few things to catch up on. It was a good reminder of the good times we had and the good friends we made in dental school, even though we were poor then and very busy. I want to thank all those who took the time to attend, and the alumni office staff that helped make it a success. I really hope more of our class will be able to be with us in five years when we hold our 40th reunion.

– Tom Pollard, D.M.D. ’74

What is your favorite dental school memory?

“Jeff LeRoy, Max Higbee, Joe Leban, and others, went to Madras, Ore., to the Deschutes River in the spring of freshman year, which was my first trout fishing experience. Jeff LeRoy threw my wallet into the Deschutes River.”

“During our first prosthetics lab test, there was absolute silence until Steve Lind fell off his chair! That loosened things up.”

“Playing poker with Dr. Tedford and beating him. Playing golf with Dr. Cantwell and beating him.”
– Glen Shimshak, D.M.D. ’74, Beaverton, Ore.

“Being given $20 by a patient who was pleased with the denture I made him.”
– Duane Higginson, D.M.D. ’74, Okanagan Falls, B.C., Canada
What is your favorite dental school memory?

“The smell of hair burning over a Bunsen burner in the lab! Also playing basketball at the gym and cementing my last required crown.”
– Mike Sheets, D.M.D. ’79, Corvallis, Ore.

“Watching Kurt DeLong toss a heart out of the gross anatomy lab window.”

DMD 1979

Fifth Row: David S. Hatch, David Washburn, Dean Jack Clinton, Beverlee K. Cutler and Richard Haglund
Second Row: Cathryn Majoran, Kenneth Willeford, Rockwell Hammond, Paul E. Ortiz
First Row: Jay M. Wylam, Patrick Nearing, Patrick H. Sabin, Randy D. Wooton

The class of 1979 attended their 30th (gasp) dental school reunion April 4th at the Heathman. Cathryn did her usual fabulous job with arrangements, including ordering up sunny blue skies for the event. Over 40 people showed up, not counting the wino and crack addict that wandered in off the street oh, wait that was Rockwell and Hag. Jackie Jones came the farthest distance. The award for most asked about non-attendee was a tie shared by Cowboy and Conroy. As far as could be determined, Cathryn is the person most retired from dentistry, although she still does volunteer work, followed by Tink who has retired from the dental school for a second time although he still comes up to help out in the sophomore lab. We’ll see what the count is in five years at the next reunion, but the almost universal sentiment was that everyone was still excited about the career path that was chosen so many moons ago. The evening was filled with reminiscing and the obligatory and appropriate bragging about kids and grandkids, but not as far as I know great-grandkids. Liesinger, you’d better be at the 35th.
– Gordon Marshall, D.M.D. ’79

DMD 1984

Back Row: Theresa Calcagno, Richard Arave, Gary Heen, Duane Pegg, Paul Madden, Jon Goodwin, Steven Thurn, Kenneth Winokur, Joseph Radakovich, Kathy Reddicks, Stephen Hanns, Martha Bibb, Gregory Shook, Michael DesJardin, Bradford Rabe, James Hesla, and R.T. Bartoletti
Front Row: Douglas Johnson, Arne Pihl, Susan Smith, Duane Starr, Duane Cartwright and Randall Rabe

Twenty-three classmates and numerous significant others/spouses gathered at the Columbia Edgewater Country Club, April 4th, for a 25th reunion of the OHSU Dental School Class of 1984. Classmates came from Alaska, Idaho, Washington and Montana, to join their “old” Oregonian dental school friends and spent a wonderful evening catching up on family news and life’s adventures. The highlight of the event was watching the Dental Zone, a spoof created and filmed during our freshman year. We were all so young then! But, even though the years have gone by and our faces have aged, those same bright smiles are still there. Check out the picture!
– Mike DesJardin, D.M.D. ’84
**RDH 1984**

Toni Alderman, Tawny Sprando Hollen, Jennifer Seton and Teri Leigh Hearing

Although there were only four of us at the luncheon, we had a blast seeing each other and getting caught up! I can’t remember the last time I saw Tawny, and, as you probably can imagine, she hasn’t changed a bit!! It looks like we’ll probably shoot for July for our “big bash” so please e-mail me if you have strong feelings as to where you would like to have it. I can’t wait to see everyone!!

– Toni Alderman, R.D.H. ’84

**DMD 1989**

**Back Row:** Mary Work, Terry Work, Ken Reed, Henry Quest, Mike Naughton, Gregory Pearson, Brad Marineau, William Payne, Joy Arend and Kim Wright.

**Front Row:** Glenn Balkins, Jeff Adamson, Steven Elkjer, Michelle DeMarta, Munib Derhalli and Ronald Selis

The Class of 89 celebrated their 20 year reunion with two events. Friday night was an informal get together at McMenamins on northeast Broadway. We had 14 classmates show and for five hours we were thoroughly entertained by the stories, jokes, and general carrying on of Terry Work. We had a lot of laughs. Saturday night was a classy cocktail and dinner event at Andina Restaurant in the Pearl. We had 16 classmates and 12 spouses in attendance. We all had a chance to talk with each other and really catch up. At one point we all gathered around the yearbook and discovered that between us all, somebody knew something about what everybody else in our class was doing. Those who were not there should make a point to be at the next reunion in order to defend themselves from the stories that were told about them. It was very fun to have so many of us together again, without the homework, lab work, and tests. I know everybody there was happy that they came and looking forward to the next time.

– Ron Selis, D.M.D. ’89

**What is your favorite dental school memory?**

“Going down to Elyse’s room in the dorm to eat the goodies her mom used to send: Scottish short bread and gum drop cake. Yum!”


“The Clinical care times. Karate training three years with classmates at 6 a.m. at the school gym.”

– Henry Quest, D.M.D. ’89, Eugene, Ore.
What is your favorite dental school memory?

“The talent show band ‘Idealistic Reality,’ building a camp fire next to the residence hall, and unpacking the clinic cart for the last time.”

“Preparing, stacking PFM crown on my dad to get my final fixed unit before graduation. Lunches at the Noble House restaurant (General Tsao chicken).”
– Andy Bennion, D.M.D. ’94, Eugene, Ore.

DMD 1999

Left to Right: Dean Jack Clinton, Jeff Bowman, Renee Weichel, Lisa Wipf, Ken Jones, Shoneen Sendelbac, Melodee Tran, Greg Jones, Pari Samani, Scott Edgar
Attended but not in photo: Raoul Calderon, Timothy Shannon, Irene Glanville, Cristine Kiell

Our 15-year reunion came upon us so quickly. I want to thank Trevor Allen, Todd Beck and Shon Sendelback for helping to organize our reunion events. Dinner at the Alexis Greek Restaurant was a real hit. We still had some funds in our class account from graduation, so dinner was complementary. We hope to carry on that tradition for our 20th reunion. A few of us also gathered for refreshments after convention classes Thursday at McMenamin’s Pub. It’s nice to have a reason to get together and touch base every once in a while, especially with us spread out and busy with our lives. Hopefully, we’ll see more of you at our twentieth.
– Renee Weichel, D.M.D. ’94

DMD 1994

Back Row: Magda D’Angelis-Morris, Ivan Woltzuis, Stephen Stuehling
Middle Row: Ryan Huckeby, Peggy Cheman-Lowney, Mike Giesy, Dan Oehler, Jim Shelton, Ken Shirtcliff, Lance Wicklund, Jason Doucette, Kelly Blodgett
Front Row: Dewi Kriswandi, Christina Vy, Loan Nguyen, Mika Miyamoto-Shemali, Anja Unteusch, Kirt Glenn, Heather Fife-Griffin, Lady-Jean Stratford, Amy Wark, Jeff Lemon, Brett Ueeck, Lesley Moore, Alyssa Franzen, Jason Whitt

Here is to the Class of 1999!

We had 27 classmates present for our 10-year reunion and about 55 people total. We are all talking about how nice it was to see everyone and to reminisce about our adventures in dental school! It was like going back in time! It was also good to see photos of families, too. Lots of kids!

I will attempt to set up a password-protected site for our class. I have been looking at all my old photos and it looks like we were actually having a lot of fun! There are several photos of the whiffle ball tournaments, Halloween, parties at Mary Beth’s, Special Olympics, graduation, etc. Everyone looked so happy and young. I guess that was a good way to forget our requirements and take a break from studying.

Our next reunion will be in five years, at the 15 year mark (just fyi, we need to raise funds for that reunion). Please keep your email/phone numbers updated with either Stephen Steuhling (SSteuhling@msn.com), the Alumni Association (smjessic@ohsu.edu) or myself (magdamor@aol.com).
RDH 1999

**Back Row:** Meg Bishop, Meghan Toevs, Olga Korotkih, Sami Shafer, Rebecca Wolthuis, Juli Addington, Diane Anderson, Christina Babboni-Allen, Mary Jane Heideman  
**Front Row:** Crystal Eide-Leary, Christina Anderson-Hayden, Ellen Cook-Wellens, Jadah Morrison-Milam

There were 13 classmates from OHSU hygiene class of ’99 gathered at the Bishop house with husbands and spouses. The food and the company were perfect. Some came from Colorado, California, Idaho, Washington, and others from far off places in Oregon. It seems as though there really wasn’t enough time to get caught up. We all said goodbye looking forward to the next reunion and hoped that we would be able to reach some of the people who were not able to make this one.

– Meg Bishop, R.D.H. ’99

DMD 2004

**Back Row:** Andrew Shields, Marwan Adjaj, Jeremy King, Wendell King, Michelle Crocker, Laurissa Champion, Mark Eilers (2005), Brent Call, Jared Seal, Ryan Lewis, Barton Carter, Tracy Robinson, Matthew West, Craig Robbins and Josef Lubisich  
**Middle Row:** Linh Vo-Cheng, Erinne Lubisich, Jennifer Shields, Heather Nations, Jerem Mitchell, Tyler Bryan, Richard Ah You, Linh Tran, Liann Drechsel, and Kevin Larson  
**Front Row:** Tuan Truong, Wendy Kincaid, Jared Erickson, Cher Chang, Katherine Farrell, Sarah Nguyen, Dennis Simonsen, and Salwan Adjaj

The Class of 2004 celebrated their five-year reunion over the weekend of the ODA conference this April. Old friendships were rekindled before, between, and occasionally during continuing education classes. But the real party started after class, as this group of about 50 people got together for some informal fun at the Old Market Pub. Lots of food and drinks were consumed while catching up with one another and playing shuffleboard. Nametags were given, but few decided to wear them, as most people really hadn’t changed much since the days of sharing open bays and spending long evenings in the third floor lab. The main difference was that most people seemed a little more relaxed and many people’s families had grown since school. Other than that, it was just like old times! Thanks to all who attended the festivities, and for those that couldn’t be there – we missed you!

– Sarah Nguyen, D.M.D. ’04

What is your favorite dental school memory?

“Study groups at Vincente’s Pizza on Hawthorne, yummy food, and lots of laughter.”

“Showing up the first day of school thinking I wouldn’t know anyone and instantly recognizing a friend from kindergarten (Mandy Matsuda Hironura) that I hadn’t seen in years.”

“Hours in lab, Friday lunches, Pirates of the Carabelli, friendships developed with class.”
– Andrew Timm, D.M.D. ’04, Bend, Ore.
### In Memoriam

**1940's**

- **Eugene Craner**, D.M.D. '44, died March 24 at age 88.
- **Russell Lentz**, D.M.D. '45, died April 3 at age 89. Remembrances to the OHSU School of Dentistry.

**1950's**

- **Charlotte Gephart**, R.D.H. '53, died April 1 at age 76.
- **Neil Morris**, D.M.D. '52, died April 5 at age 82, in Springfield, Ore.
- **Clarence O. Pruitt**, D.M.D. '54, died May 19 in Lake Oswego, Ore., at age 82.
- **Mark J. Schreiner**, D.M.D. '56, died March 16.

**1960’s**


**Alumni Family**


**Staff/Faculty Family**

- **Walter J. Regan Jr.**, father of School Development Director **Pat Regan**, died April 22 in Portland.
- **Stephen Yih**, the brother of **Wei-Yung Yih**, D.D.S., who was on the School of Dentistry faculty in the department of pathology/radiology, died March 14.

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### Class Notes

**Class of 1949**

- **Donald Deans**, D.M.D. '49, Kenmore, Wash., is still practicing dentistry in Seattle (see also, page one). He was a clinical instructor at University of Washington for 15 years, and belonged to a foil and inlay study club for more than 30 years. One of Dr. Dean's daughters lives in Auckland, so he and wife, Ethel, have visited Australia and New Zealand many times.

**Class of 1954**

- **Robert Anderson**, D.M.D. '54, Corvallis, Ore., retired in 1992. He is gardening, playing tennis, and is a “closet guitarist.” Dr. Anderson and wife, **Marcie**, have taken a number of driving trips in Europe.
- **William Laney**, D.M.D. '54, Rio Verde, Ariz., was a prosthodontist for 32 years at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. He remains active in dentistry organizations.
- **Ralph Manning**, D.M.D. '54, Vacaville, Calif., practiced dentistry for 52 years in Vallejo, Calif. He has traveled to Europe and China, and all over the United States, often with **John Schultz**, D.M.D. '54 (who died in 2006).

**Class of 1957**

- **Duane Jue**, D.M.D. '57, received one of two “Most Honored Elder” awards at the Asian Reporter Foundation's 11th Annual Scholarship & Awards Banquet on April 18 in Portland, Ore.

**Class of 1959**

- **James Cantwell**, D.M.D. '59, Logan, Utah, practiced in Portland, Ore., until retiring in late 1992. Dr. Cantwell has three daughters, 1 son, 12 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.
- **Jay Hamner**, D.M.D. '59, Pleasant Grove, Utah, practiced dentistry for 30 years. He taught dental hygiene at Utah Valley University for a few years. He says he’s “just enjoying family.”

**Class of 1964**

- **Joseph Carson**, D.M.D. '64, Kennewick, Wash., retired from private practice in 1991, joining Fujitsu Microelectronics as a shipping/receiving manager, document control specialist, and materials control specialist. He has traveled recently to Mexico and Italy.
- **Glen Durham**, D.M.D. '64, Salem, Ore., practiced dentistry for 42 years in Independence, Ore.
- **Larry Halstead**, D.M.D. '64, Yamhill, Ore., retired from dentistry in 1964 to minister full time. He served six years as a pastor and then traveled for the next 10 years as a missionary. Dr. Halstead is now retired, but stays busy with local ministering activities and travel.
- **Alan Palmer**, D.M.D. '64, Corvallis, Ore., and wife, **Mardee**, will celebrate 50 years of marriage this summer. They have two children. The Palmers enjoy travel and a beach condominium in Newport.

**Class of 1969**

- **Brent Berrey**, D.M.D. '69, Pocatello, Idaho, is in private practice. He has taught hygiene and dentistry at Idaho State University and through the AEGD residency program. He is the president of the Upper Snake River Dental Society. Dr. Berrey has been married to **Eleanor** for 40 years. One daughter (he has five children) is a Dallas, Texas, dentist. Dr. Berrey anticipates retiring from dentistry in the next one to two years. He has built a second home in St. George, Utah.
- **John Churchill**, D.M.D. '69, Everett, Wash., received a certificate of pediatric dentistry in 1974, and opened a private practice in Edmonds, Wash., while teaching part-time at the University of Washington Dental School. In 1984, Dr. Churchill and colleagues built a dental office in Lynnwood, Wash., and he retired from dentistry in 2008. He and wife, **Marilynn**, have five children and spend a lot of time at their home in Sandpoint, Idaho, on Lake Pend Oreille.
William Congdon, D.M.D. ’69, Bismarck, N.D., retired from dentistry in late 2007. He is enjoying outdoor adventures with his eight grandchildren and winters with wife, Becky, in a motor home.


Class of 1974
David Anderson, D.M.D. ’74, Portland, Ore., is in private practice. He has three children and two grandchildren. Dr. Anderson recently traveled to Europe.

Dick Calhoun, D.M.D. ’74, Jacksonville, Ore., became board-certified in endodontology and went into private practice, retiring in 2006. His son is also an endodontist, in Florida. Dr. Calhoun built a Shelby Cobra replica and raced it. He attends autocross and open travel events. He and wife, Judy, have been married 37 years.

Richard Galloway, D.M.D. ’74, Meridian, Idaho, has four children and 13 grandchildren. He and wife, Trudie, have “traveled the world.”

Lynn Harris, D.M.D. ’74, La Grande, Ore., is “still enjoying” private practice. Dr. Harris has served in his church and the Boy Scouts. He is vice chair of the local hospital board. He and wife, Jan, have enjoyed several major trips abroad.

Class of 1979
Greg Boice, D.M.D. ’79, Kalama, Wash., is in private practice in Vancouver, Wash. His son, Joe, is a junior dental student at Case Western. Dr. Boice directs a Seattle study club. His favorite place is Yellowstone Park.

Debbie DeSart, R.D.H. ’79, Gresham, Ore., is working for two dentists, one an OHSU alum, Candace Peterson, D.M.D. ’83. She has visited many of the national parks in the western United States. Husband, Del, became a deacon in the Catholic Church in 2005. The DeSarts’ serve together at St. Henry Church in Gresham.

Steven Hagler, D.M.D. ’79, Canby, Ore., has four children and five grandchildren. He said, “Not a day passes that I don’t appreciate my education and the life it has provided. The work is good and the people make it worth it.”

Kim Kutsch, D.M.D. ’79, Jefferson, Ore., is in private practice. He has started three dental companies, designing products and consulting for a number of companies. He’s written articles and textbook chapters on dentistry. Dr. Kutsch and wife, Dana, have traveled to all seven continents. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and playing the banjo.

Mary Ann Tramp, R.D.H. ’79, Belgrade, Mont., works three days a week in a Bozeman dental office. She has been married to husband, Richard, for 34 years, and has two daughters, one of whom is also a registered dental hygienist and works alongside mom. Mary Ann was selected outstanding dental hygienist for Montana in 2003.

Debbi Whipple, R.D.H. ’79, Redmond, Ore., is working in a Redmond dental office. She and husband, Scott, have been married 29 years, and have three daughters. She says she still loves to travel, hike, run on trails, and is enjoying family. “I still love dentistry and the challenge of treating patients and cherishing relationships gained in our great profession.”

Class of 1986
Anthony Bounneff, D.M.D. ’86, has rejoined the OHSU School of Dentistry faculty as an assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery. Dr. Bounneff is in private practice in Beaverton, Ore. He was on the OHSU faculty from 1991 to 2001. Recently, Dr. Bounneff donated a Powertome system to the School’s oral surgery clinic (see the spring Caementum, page 9, for more details).

Class of 1993
Michelle Lawrence, D.M.D. ’93, is a new adjunct assistant professor in restorative dentistry at OHSU School of Dentistry. Dr. Lawrence speaks Spanish.

Class of 1998
Katherine Nguyen, D.M.D. ’98, Beaverton, Ore., purchased two raffle tickets from the Dental Foundation of Oregon during the Oregon Dental Conference, went to her continuing education class, and found out later she’d won a bright yellow eco-friendly Smart Car. Coincidentally, Anthony Nguyen, D.M.D. ’01 (no relation, but he went to high school with Katherine), Seattle, Wash., won the same raffle the year prior, taking home a Mini Cooper. And their friend, Nicole Luong, D.D.S., Hillsboro, Ore., was the 2007 raffle winner of a Camry Hybrid.

Class of 1984
Fran Bancroft, R.D.H. ’84, Anchorage, Alaska, has worked two to three days each week since graduating. She was recently on the advisory board for University of Alaska at Anchorage.

Bob Bauder, D.M.D. ’84, Soldotna, Alaska, worked in the U.S. Public Health Service for five years, and then went into private practice in 1991. He was on the Alaska Dental Society Executive Council and completed a fellowship with the Academy of General Dentistry. He enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, and flying his Piper Super Cub.

Duane Cartwright, D.M.D. ’84, Damascus, Ore., recently attended the prestigious Pankey Institute for Continuing Education. He and wife, Tam, are traveling to France, Portugal, Spain, and Mexico, among other countries.

W. Brent Christensen, D.M.D. ’84, Beijing, China, is a foreign service officer with the U.S. Department of State, where he is currently counselor for environment, science, technology, and health for the U.S. Embassy in Beijing. Wife, Brenda, teaches sixth grade at the International School in Beijing.

Elyse Standerfer, R.D.H. ’84, Reno, Nev., practices dentistry two days a week in husband Tim’s office. She says she “still really enjoys”
her work. “I love my patients. Most feel like family.” She paints in her spare time and enjoys skiing, cycling, yoga, and cooking.

Tanja Nichols-Watts, R.D.H. ’84, Bountiful, Utah, worked fulltime as a dental hygienist for a periodontist in Salt Lake City, until 1993. She now is a substitute hygienist for Jesse Greaves, D.M.D. ’94, whose wife, Alison is R.D.H. ’92. Tanja loves camping with her family, gardening, and is beginning oil painting classes.

**Class of 1989**

**Glenn Balkins**, D.M.D. ’89, Corvallis, Ore., has been in private practice for 19 years and “still loving it.” He enjoys waterskiing, motorcycles, hiking, and international travel.

**Troy Cummins**, D.M.D. ’89, Lebanon, Ore., practiced in Alaska for 10 years. He is currently involved in Mallard Creek Golf Course Ownership and other real estate development and investment management projects.

**Robert Currivan**, D.M.D. ’89, Bullhead City, Ariz., practiced in New York State for three years after a four-year oral and maxillofacial surgery residency in New York City, then relocated to Arizona where he now has two offices: one in Bullhead City; the other in Lake Havasu City. He has a music studio in his house, writes novels and music, and dabbles with airplanes.

**Janette Larsen**, D.M.D. ’89, San Diego, Calif., is in private dental practice. She is a member of the Alumni Dawson Academy, the American Equilibration Society, and the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. Dr. Larsen loves to travel and has been to all the continents except Africa, pursuing sailing, scuba diving, water skiing, and snow skiing.

**Class of 1994**

**Andy Bennion**, D.M.D. ’94, Eugene, Ore., pursued orthodontia after graduation and went into practice with his dad until his father’s retirement in 2002. Dr. Bennion was Lane County Dental Society president in 2001 and the Oregon State Society of Orthodontics president last year.

**Dave Carneiro**, D.M.D. ’94, Astoria, Ore., bought “a great practice in 2002” and “hasn’t been run out of town yet!”

**Matthew Cheney**, D.M.D. ’94, Petersboro, Utah, bought a practice into a partnership after a general practice residency, remaining in the partnership for 11 years until “moving across the street as solo practitioner for more space.” He says, “Life has been good, in spite of the usual ups and downs that come and go.”

**Class of 1999**

**Christina Babboni-Allen**, R.D.H. ’99, Issaquah, Wash., has been practicing dental hygiene for the past 10 years, the last seven of which have been in a Sammamish dental office. She is active in the Lake Washington Dental Hygiene Society and stays busy with husband, Todd, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

**Mark Lambert**, D.M.D. ’99, Twin Falls, Idaho, is in private practice in Gooding. He was awarded a fellowship in the Academy of General Dentistry and “continues to stay interested in the latest continuing education courses.” He has five children and said he enjoys running his own practice.

**Tara Eng Fullerton**, R.D.H. ’99, Portland, Ore., has been practicing dental hygiene for the past 10 years. She is expecting her first child this month.

**Crystal Leary**, R.D.H. ’99, Happy Valley, Ore., has been working with Jill Price, D.M.D. ’92, since graduation. She and husband, Dan, have two children.

**Daniel Oehler**, D.M.D. ’99, Henderson, Nev., owns Flamingo Family Dental in Las Vegas. “I have enjoyed the challenges that come with owning a new practice and I have been busy upgrading and modernizing the office.” Dr. Oehler enjoys working with his hands out of the office as well, building and flying model airplanes. He enjoys welding and metal fabrication. Dr. Oehler, wife, Michele, and their four children love to scuba dive.

**Lady-Jean Stratford**, D.M.D. ’99, Keizer, Ore., purchased a dental practice in Keizer in 2001. Last year, she volunteered to do dentistry in Guatemala. “To go with a purpose and to be able to contribute to the people is great!”

**Class of 2004**

**Mike Buchler**, D.M.D. ’04, Modesto, Calif., is with Escalon Dental and Orthodontics in Escalon, Calif. He and wife, Amy, have two children.

**Liann Drechsel**, D.M.D. ’04, Roseburg, Ore., completed a pediatric dental residency after graduation, and has been in private practice in Roseburg since 2006. She purchased her own practice in 2007. She has been traveling, Dr. Drechsel and dental partner, Bill Schuyler, D.M.D. ’71, have sponsored children’s sports teams, and Special Olympics, and supported other projects that provide positive youth activities, including an endowed scholarship for graduates of Dr. Drechsel’s hometown high school.

**Cher Chang**, D.M.D. ’04, Las Vegas, Nev., did a general practice residency after graduation and now owns Affordable Dentures.

**Andrew Timm**, D.M.D. ’04, Bend, Ore., works two practices: one with his dad, Jeffrey Timm, D.M.D. ’81; the other with brother, Ryan Timm, D.M.D. ’07. He is on the Kemple Clinic Board, a Bend dental clinic for low-income children, and is a volunteer with Medical Teams International. He spends most of his free time volunteering at his kids’ school, coaching soccer and t-ball, and taking trips to Disneyland.
Student Spotlight

Dental Students Receive AADR Awards

The OHSU School of Dentistry fared well at the AADR (American Association for Dental Research) annual meeting April 1 to 4 in Miami, with four dental students winning research fellowships, more than any other dental school in the nation. This is the second time in four years that OHSU dental students have received four AADR research awards in one year.

First-year dental students Stephen George and Phil Han, second-year dental student Kyle Thames, and third-year dental student Vicky Chen each received a $2,100 stipend for dental research. Upon completion of their research and its presentation at an AADR annual meeting, each student will receive another $600.

Vicky is sponsored by Sunstars-America, Inc.; Stephen by Colgate-Palmolive; Phil by DENTSPLY International; and Kyle by Johnson & Johnson Oral Health Products Division. The dental students each have a mentor and each mentor receives $300 for supplies.

Stephen will study under the mentorship of John Mitchell, Ph.D., associate professor of biomaterials and biomechanics, for his project, “Orthodontic Mini-Implant Stress Distribution.” Phil is mentored by Agnieszka Balkowiec, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of integrative biosciences, and an adjunct assistant professor of physiology and pharmacology in the School of Medicine, for “Effects of BDNF on Potassium Currents and Excitability of Trigeminal Neurons from Rats with Tooth Pulp Inflammation.” Vicky is sponsored by Sunstars-America, Inc.; Stephen by Colgate-Palmolive; Phil by DENTSPLY International; and Kyle by Johnson & Johnson Oral Health Products Division. The dental students each have a mentor and each mentor receives $300 for supplies.

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Permanente Dental Associates Makes Awards

Five OHSU dental students pursuing advanced specialty programs after dental school recently were selected to receive $500 awards from Permanente Dental Associates. Fourth-year students Alan Chen, Sunny Drake, Ryan Sill, Jennifer Williams, and Joseph Young all were selected for awards based on their grade point average, class rank, leadership, initiative, and self-motivation.

William Howard Competition Highlights Student Patient Cases

Fourth-year dental student Matthew Moen recently won the annual William Howard competition for his superior presentation of a patient case. Matt was mentored by Bill Bonniksen, D.M.D. ’75, assistant professor of restorative dentistry. For his efforts, Matt won $1,000 from the Oregon Academy of General Dentistry (OAGD).

“The William Howard competition has become an annual event,” said Michael Carlascio, D.M.D. ’81, assistant professor of operative dentistry. “It is an excellent opportunity for third- and fourth-year dental students to demonstrate their knowledge of dentistry by presenting one of their patient cases.”

Ten dental students entered the 2009 competition and four finalists presented their cases March 13. Third-year dental student Jennifer McLeod placed second, receiving a $750 check from the OAGD, and third place was a tie between fourth-year dental students Nathan Shires and Travis Agee. They shared a $500 cash award from the OAGD.

“The students who participated amazed me, not only by their knowledge but by their courage,” said Dr. Carlascio. “They represented themselves and the School very well. I was extremely proud of them.”

Case presentations included a comprehensive examination; photographs; treatment planning, including a discussion of treatment modifiers; treatment outcomes; and supporting references. Presentations were judged on quality and completeness and the student’s ability to communicate concepts clearly. Dental students were assigned a faculty dentist mentor to help guide them in treatment and then organize their case into a 15-minute presentation.

Matt, from Lewiston, Mont., decided in his senior year of college to follow his parents, Don, D.D.S., and Cindy, R.D.H., into dentistry. After graduation, Matt plans to move to Montana to go into private practice dentistry with his father. He is also getting married this summer, to Vanessa Tomco.
OHSU Research Awards Announced

There were a number of summer research awards presented this spring through OHSU, including OSLER (Oregon Students Learn and Experience Research) and OCTRI (Oregon Center for Translational Research Institute) fellowships. School of Dentistry students did remarkably well receiving grants, said Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64.

First-year dental students won two of six short-term (12 week) OSLER summer fellowships, designed to boost health professionals’ interest in research. Each OSLER winner received $5,000 for study and research support. The awardees are:


- **Alex Vo**, who will study, “Potential Selection of Fluoride-Resistant Mutans Streptococci: Phenotypic Characterization of Cariogenicity Markers of Acid Tolerance and Generation of Biofilms,” with mentor **Curt Machida**, Ph.D., professor of integrative biosciences.

OHSU dental students also won four of the 10 OCTRI awards announced in late April. Winners each receive a $3,000 stipend for summer research. They include:

- **Vicky Chen** (DS3), whose project is “Herpesviruses in Symptomatic Endodontic Pathosis: Association of Epstein-Barr Virus with Irreversible Pulpitis and Apical Periodontitis,” under mentors Dr. Machida and **Karla Kent**, Ph.D., associate professor of integrative biosciences.

- **Tyler Finlayson** (DS1), who will study, “Genotypic Analysis of Mutans Streptococci Isolates in Caries-Active and Caries-Free Children: Use of Arbitrarily-Primed Polymerase Chain Reaction in the Development of Genetic Fingerprints,” also in the Machida lab.

- **Todd Groesbeck** (DS1), whose research project is “Threat Geometry of Orthodontic Mini-Implants,” with Dr. Mitchell.

- **Anne McLean** (DS2), who is studying “Regulation of Brain-Derived Neurotropic Factor Expression in Response to the Induced Inflammation of Dental Pulp in Mice,” under the mentorship of **Agnieszka Balkowiec**, Ph.D., M.D., assistant professor of integrative biosciences.

ASDA Recognizes OHSU Dental Student

Five OHSU American Student Dental Association (ASDA) leaders attended the ASDA annual session in Louisville at the end of March, including (from left) first-year dental student Vijay Patel (alternate delegate and secretary); third-year dental student Lindsay Brown (OHSU ASDA president); first-year dental student Patrick Corning (pre-dental committee); third-year dental student Ryan Voge (historian); and second-year dental student Jacob Morrow (legislative liaison). The first day brought surprise and prestige to OHSU when Lindsay was awarded not only with district delegate of the year, but National Delegate of the Year, as well. “During the next few days, our chapter was also awarded for having the best state advocacy program and participation in the nation,” noted Lindsay. “While we were excited and gratified by this year’s accomplishments, our discussion immediately turned to how we could do better next year.” ASDA leaders had the chance to learn about dentistry issues. There was a panel of dental educators discussing ethics and students were able to ask questions and talk about how they might handle various ethical scenarios. A presentation was given on midlevel providers and studies currently being conducted on their use. “This seemed to be a hot topic and was discussed extensively among students,” said Lindsay. Twelve resolutions were discussed in the house and new policies set forth. Several breakout sessions provided students the chance to hear from national dentistry organization leaders. According to Lindsay, “students learned a lot this year in Louisville and came back with pages of notes and ideas to help each other and organized dentistry become better. Plans have begun to start a student-run ethics club at the School, with the faculty and administration involved in every step. Improvements to chapter communications are being made, and we are exploring new ways of involving all members. The Legislative Grassroots Committee is planning more activities to educate students and provide opportunities to involve them.” The main goal of the annual session is to present and discuss resolutions, in hopes of passing policies that benefit all United States dental students. Each year at the ASDA national meeting elections are held for president, two vice presidents, and speaker of the house of delegates. “These leaders are key members of the association and represent dental students nationwide,” said Lindsay. “This year’s presidential race was the closest in the association’s history and had to be decided by a second round of voting.”
Student Spotlight

Dental Students Help Screen Patients for Head and Neck Cancer

The School of Dentistry participated in OHSU’s recent Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Screening Day. About a dozen dental students and faculty joined their Knight Cancer Institute colleagues on May 1 to screen 250 people for head and neck cancer, educating them about risk factors and preventive behaviors, said Jeffery Stewart, D.D.S., M.S., associate professor of pathology.

Participating in the screening were fourth-year dental students James Bond and Alan Chen; third-year dental students Ben DeGraff, Allison Hallin, Cynthia Lehnerz, Matt Sandberg, and Nicholas Smith; Kevin Arce, M.D., D.M.D., assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery; R. Bryan Bell, D.D.S., M.D., affiliate associate professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery; Julie Ann Smith, D.D.S., assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery; Prasad Reddy, M.D., assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery; Dr. Stewart; and Brett Ueeck, D.M.D., M.D., assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery.

“The screening consisted of reviewing a short patient history in order to help the patient understand their risk for developing cancer of the head and neck,” said Dr. Stewart. “This included reviewing tobacco and alcohol use history, assessment of skin type and sun exposure, family history of cancer, and exposure to other potential carcinogens. Patients underwent facial skin examinations, palpation of salivary and thyroid glands and head and neck lymph nodes, and a comprehensive oral soft tissue examination for any evidence of abnormalities of the oral mucosa.”

Many of the dental students involved worked in an interdisciplinary fashion with faculty and residents from a variety of School of Medicine departments, noted Dr. Stewart. “The dental students involved were outstanding representatives of the school and dental profession during this event,” he said. “Each individual devoted at least two hours and at least three School of Dentistry faculty and students were present at all times during the eight-hour event.”

The free event, now in its second year, was held at OHSU’s Center for Health and Healing on South Waterfront.

Mustache March Draws a Dozen Participants

Some of the School of Dentistry’s first-year dental students looked a little less groomed this spring, thanks to Mustache March. About a dozen dental students from the class of 2012 participated in the event, now in its third year.

“Over winter break of 2006, four dental students from the class of 2010 (now third-year dental students Aron Geelan, Brian Prins, Pat Heaphy, and Nate Braxmeyer) wanted to see who could grow the biggest mustache,” said third-year dental student Jason Yole. “It was discussed mostly as a joke to do an event in March to follow along with the basketball tournament. Hence, Mustache March was born.”

Third-year dental student Erich Ott headed the first mustache event, laying the ground rules: A full beard could be grown for one week and then after that, only a mustache was allowed. Prizes were given that first year and the “players” were put into brackets, just like March Madness, with winners advancing to the next bracket.

The classes of 2011 and 2012 have since carried on the Mustache March tradition (sans prizes and brackets). “Hopefully, the class of 2010 has started a School tradition for years to come,” said Jason.

Class of 2009 Poised to Join Ranks of Alumni

To get a peek at life after dental school and connect with other alums, about three-fourths of the Class of 2009 attended the “Welcome to the Alumni Association” event May 16 at the home of Steve, D.M.D., ’80, and Dennel, R.D.H., ’77, Beadnell.

This was the third year the Alumni Association sponsored the welcome event for alums-to-be and their guests.

“Graduating from dental school into the ranks of alumni is a different transition for everyone,” said Development Director Pat Regan. “We want new alums to know that the Alumni Association is there for them and ready to help as they enter the working world.”
Class of 2013 Snapshot

The class of 2013 has been selected. Though there will be a number of changes between now and August when the new dental students matriculate, said Associate Dean for Student Affairs Mark Mitchell, M.A., the class is shaping up nicely so far.

The 75 new dental students were selected from 1,132 applications. One surprise in 2009 was that applications were received from 47 of the 50 states and British Columbia. “This tells us that we are a national resource in people’s minds,” said Mark. “Another promising trend for the School’s efforts to boost diversity was the number of non-whites, which is at 15 right now.”

The average grade point average of the dental students now selected is 3.69 and the Dental Admissions Test score average is 18.74. Forty of the dental students are from Oregon, 11 from out of state, and 24 from Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE) states. There are 26 females and 49 males – about the same ratio as in past years.

“As the dust settles, I think we’ll find many of the GPA and DAT scores inching even higher,” said Mark. At press time, dental students from Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Montana, North Dakota, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Wyoming, Washington and Utah had been accepted.

School of Dentistry Continues MDK Bremner Award Winning Streak

Third-year dental student Gregory Bennett is the 2009 winner of the MDK Bremner Award from the American Academy of the History of Dentistry (AAHD). The MDK Bremner Award is given annually to a United States or Canadian dental student for the best article on dental history. Gregory won for his paper, “The Root of Dental Anatomy: A Case for Naming Eustachius The Father of Dental Anatomy.” He received a certificate of recognition, $500 in cash, and $300 to travel to the AAHD annual meeting where the award was presented.

The MDK Bremner Award was established in 1958 by dentist MDK Bremner, who wrote, “The Story of Dentistry.” This year, as in recent years, there was one overall winner; in past years there were second and third place awards and honorable mentions. Dental students from OHSU have now won the award 15 times in the past 51 years, more than students from any other dental school, says J. Henry Clarke, D.M.D. ’61, professor emeritus of community dentistry.

Scholarship for DS3

Third-year dental student Amanda Tinkle recently received a $1,500 scholarship from the Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. The annual scholarship award was given to Amanda for her organizational and leadership skills, community service, and professionalism. One junior from each U.S. dental school receives the scholarship annually.

OHSU’s HSDA Holds Service Event

The Hispanic Student Dental Association (HSDA) at the School of Dentistry held its largest service event in April, at Raleigh Park Elementary School in Beaverton.

Twenty Hispanic children and 15 of their parents received oral hygiene education on April 14 from first-year dental students Orrin Mackey, Jon Hall, Katie Rock, Melissa Jackson, Brian Summers, and Matt Harris, according to first-year dental student and HSDA founder Jim Bell.

“The school officials were very pleased with our visit,” said Jim. “The kids were excellent and learned a lot!”
**Accreditation Visit for School**

The OHSU School of Dentistry will be visited in October by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, the arm of the American Dental Association that accredits all United States dental education programs.

The School of Dentistry’s site visit is October 6 to 8.

“This is a routine site visit that we do every seven years to maintain our dental school accreditation,” said Phyllis Beemsterboer, M.S., Ed.D., associate dean for academic affairs.

The School will be measured against six standards: institutional effectiveness; educational program; faculty and staff; educational support services; patient care services and research.

Expected in October are about a dozen reviewers, led by Huw Thomas, B.D.S., M.S., Ph.D., dean of dentistry for the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The reviewers selected for the visit are expected to examine the doctor of dental medicine program, as well as endodontology, periodontology, and orthodontics (oral and maxillofacial surgery is on a five-year accreditation cycle and pediatric dentistry just received its accreditation, so it is on a different review cycle).

An intensive self-study document is being prepared for the site visit, said Dr. Beemsterboer. The document must be mailed to the Commission and site reviewers 60 days prior to their visit.

“We have asked all faculty to be on campus in early October for the site review, and well versed in the self-study document,” said Dr. Beemsterboer. “Dental students will be invited to an open session to talk with the commission reviewers, and Dental Student Council leaders also will be asked to meet with the review team.”

Bound and electronic copies of the self-study document are expected to be ready for review in early August, she said.

“Even though this is a routine visit, we will be putting our best foot forward,” said Dr. Beemsterboer.

**ACE Committee Leading Charge to Improve Service Excellence**

The School of Dentistry’s Advisory Committee on Excellence (ACE) has been quietly working to make inroads in service excellence.

“Our committee is charged with providing ideas and tools that will make the School a place where patients want to come and people want to work,” said Mike Taylor, D.M.D., assistant professor of restorative dentistry, who is on the ACE. “Our goals are to increase patient satisfaction and retention, improve dental student experiences and future relations with the School of Dentistry, and boost employee job satisfaction.

The group’s objectives for achieving its goals are to enhance communication and feedback; reduce barriers to job performance; address the needs for professional roles; model and provide positive feedback; create a more user-friendly environment; and more systematically express gratitude to employees and customers, he said.

The ACE had a hand in the recent staff town hall and potluck. The pre-doctoral clinic reception area remodel (see story, page eight) was initiated by ACE. In early March, the ACE coordinated a professional development seminar for a diverse cross-section of 40 staff and faculty with Ben Bernstein, Ph.D., a nationally known performance coach and psychologist who talked about stress and success in dental education. And in mid-December at the annual staff/faculty holiday party, ACE committee members greeted attendees as they arrived and invited partygoers to write compliment cards to School colleagues that were then hand-delivered.

“We have a number of projects planned,” said Dr. Taylor. “Now we want more input from staff in terms of service excellence ideas for their own work areas.”

Some of the ideas on the table, said Dr. Taylor, include initiation of a volunteer program that could be used to greet patients entering the School; coordinating workshops on professional behavior; and providing professional development in group huddles on the clinic floor.

“A dental practice will not survive if patients don't feel they receive quality care or that they weren't treated with respect,” said Dr. Taylor. “We need patients to return here for care and go out into the community and say ‘I had great care.’

“The same can be said for employees,” he said. “You can't keep the doors open for your patients if you have an unhappy staff.”
School’s First Research Symposium Highlights Diverse Projects

The School of Dentistry held its first research symposium in early May, with 33 diverse research projects from dental students and faculty showcased. Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, was on hand to talk about the importance of research for the School and how dental student research has grown in the past five years, as evidenced by the many dental student research awards recently gleaned.

Representatives from the Oregon Dental Association and DENTSPLY also were in attendance.

The research symposium was made possible by a National Institutes of Health R25 grant the School received in April 2007 to integrate research into its dental education.

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.

June 20
AIDS: Its Implications in Dentistry (seven hours)
David Rosenstein, D.M.D. and F. James Kratochvil, D.D.S

June 29 to July 10
Summer Oral Radiology Proficiency (50 hours)
Lynn George, C.D.A.

July 24
There’s Pharmacology in the Air: Nitrous Oxide Use in Dentistry** (Four hours)
John R. Smith, Ph.D.

July 31 to August 2
The Art & Science of Sedation in the Dental Office (21 hours)
David Donaldson, B.D.S., Fred Quarnstrom, D.D.S., and Mark Donaldson, Pharm. D.

**Applicable to dental hygiene limited access permit education requirements.
Celebrating Young Dental Faculty: Juliana Branco da Costa

Juliana de Barros Branco da Costa, D.D.S., M.S., celebrates five years at the School of Dentistry this summer. The assistant professor of restorative dentistry, 31, teaches the preclinical courses for first-year dental students, is course director of preclinical courses for second-year dental students, cares for patients in the Faculty Practice Clinic, mentors third- and fourth-years in the pre-doctoral clinic, and conducts dental materials research. She recently attended a three-day course at the prestigious Pankey Institute for Continuing Dental Education. And in mid-April, she was named to a four-year term as councilor of the Operative Dentistry Academy.

“I love learning,” she said. “That’s why I chose academia so I can get new information all the time. Here I have the unique opportunity to treat my patients, teach, and perform research. The research and patient care make me a better teacher, and teaching makes me a better care provider and even more curious researcher.”

A Sao Paulo, Brazil native, Dr. da Costa received her doctor of dental science from the Universidade Paulista in 2001 and first came to the United States for an esthetic dentistry preceptorship at the University of California Los Angeles. She received her master’s degree and residency in operative dentistry from the University of Iowa, graduating in 2004.

“In Brazil, the dentists usually practice full time while they complete their advanced dental education,” she said on her decision to come to America. “I wanted to be completely immersed in dental education for a couple more years. I felt like I wasn’t going to get a complete education if I juggled too much.”

Now-husband Bruno da Costa, D.D.S., M.S., a general dentist in Tigard, Ore., who she met in dental school in Brazil, came to the U.S. at the same time, though he initially lived in another state. “Looking back, it was a lot of changes to handle at one time,” she said, with a laugh.

When Dr. da Costa interviewed at OHSU after her master’s program, she knew she had come to the right place. “I really liked this school,” she said. “People are open and friendly and I felt I would be able to contribute.”

A typical week has her training first- or second-year dental students in operative dentistry; caring for patients in the Faculty Practice Group; overseeing the care provided by third- and fourth-year dental students in the pre-doctoral clinic; mentoring students one-on-one; and conducting lab and clinical research trials.

Her studies are primarily with dental materials companies – Ultradent, Vita, Discus Dental – to evaluate products. For example, one recent study examined how long it takes to bleach teeth at home to get the same effect as in-office whitening. Other studies have been on composite polishing, colors, and CAD-CAM technology.

Dr. da Costa was always interested in biology and her physician father encouraged her to pursue medicine. But when a friend suggested she try dentistry, she was intrigued.

“I’ve always been attracted to beautiful teeth,” she said. “When I was younger I had the idea that dentists would ‘drill and fill’ cavities all day long. I later learned that dentists can do more than that, such as changing someone’s smile. As soon as I started dental school, I knew I wanted to do esthetic dentistry and a great part of my residency in Iowa focused on it. I had the chance to learn from incredibly talented instructors of whom I am very proud.”

In addition to esthetic dentistry, Dr. da Costa has great interest in preventive dentistry. One way to help patients prevent tooth decay is through caries risk assessment. Dr. da Costa initiated a caries risk assessment form (as well as other student and patient forms) that is now used in the pre-doctoral clinic and Faculty Practice Group to determine whether patients are at low, moderate, or high risk for caries. The form is used to evaluate a variety of risk factors, including diet, medication, and personal hygiene habits.

A patient at high-risk for tooth decay, for example, might be prescribed an intense fluoride, anti-bacteria regimen with prescription toothpaste and mouthwash, and xylitol gum to be chewed after meals.

“Xylitol gum is noted for its use with moderate- to high-risk decay patients,” said Dr. da Costa, holding one of the take-home kits she has prepared for the School’s patients. “You need to chew six grams a day for it to be effective. The xylitol suppresses the bacteria that causes decay, so the bacteria is unable to produce its acid, which is what breaks down tooth enamel, causing decay.”

Chemical treatment through fluoride and chlorhexidine is an important part of the comprehensive patient treatment. There are a number of studies showing how preventive methods are paramount to decreasing bacteria in the oral environment and also promoting tooth remineralization.

Since Dr. da Costa’s arrival, several international exchanges have occurred between OHSU and Universidade Paulista faculty, and she tries to “get home” at least several times a year. Dr. da Costa speaks fluent Portuguese.

She is frequently invited to lecture for various research and study clubs and is a reviewer for several dental journals, including the Journal of Restorative and Esthetic Dentistry. “I love my job,” she said. “No day is ever the same. And I’m most thankful for the people I work with, as they have become my dear friends and mentors.”
OHSU Faculty Honors

Two OHSU School of Dentistry faculty members were inducted in late March into the National Academies of Practice (NAP). Denice Stewart, D.D.S., M.H.S.A., associate dean for clinical affairs, and Jeffery Stewart, D.D.S., M.S., associate professor of pathology, were invited to join the National Academy of Practice in Dentistry, one of 10 academies within the National Academies of Practice. NAP was founded in 1981 to advise government on healthcare issues and, today, NAP is the only interdisciplinary group of healthcare practitioners addressing the problems of healthcare. The Drs. Stewart are two of the three Oregon members of the National Academy of Practice in Dentistry.

Dr. Assael Receives National OMS Educator Award

In recognition of his educational contributions to oral and maxillofacial surgery, Leon Assael, D.M.D., chair of oral and maxillofacial surgery, recently received the Donald B. Osbon Award for Outstanding Educator, by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS).

“You are highly respected by your peers in education and have fostered the future growth of the specialty through efforts to continually improve residency and pre-doctoral education, and have trained competent members of our specialty,” wrote George Kushner, D.M.D., M.D., chair of the OMS Faculty Section. “Under your tutelage, your trainees were provided not only the necessary requisites to practice the specialty in a competent manner, but you also instilled in them the highest ethical and moral ideas of a professional.”

Dr. Assael will receive his award at the AAOMS annual meeting in October. For his efforts, Dr. Assael will receive a framed certificate and $2,000 for donating to the educational institution of his choice. Dr. Assael is generously donating his monetary award to the OHSU OMS department to support resident education.

New Grant for Machida Lab

The Curt Machida (Ph.D., professor of integrative biosciences) lab recently received a one-year, $22,500 grant from the American Association of Endodontists Foundation (AAEF). The grant is for study of “Herpesviruses in Symptomatic Endodontic Pathoses: Association of Epstein-Barr Virus with Irreversible Pulpitis and Apical Periodontitis.”

The Machida lab has published several studies on Epstein-Barr Virus and inflammatory diseases of the mouth and was the first group to discover herpesvirus particles in patients with any type of endodontic disease.

The AAEF grant will enable the Machida team to examine the disease progression of Epstein-Barr Virus within the dental pulp and identify cellular sites of localization. They will also test their hypothesis that Epstein-Barr Virus infection results in the induction of pro-inflammatory cytokines and that elevated cytokines are associated with symptomatic, or pain-inducing endodontic disease.

“The significance of the project is in understanding the potential correlation between cytokine expression and disease severity,” said Dr. Machida, who is the principal investigator, with co-principal investigators Craig Baumgartner, D.D.S., chair of endodontology, and Karla Kent, Ph.D., associate professor of integrative biosciences. “Ultimately, we hope to identify precise antiviral treatment strategies for endodontic disease.”

Dr. Machida noted that the AAEF application received the highest score in the study section as a non-resident research grant application and, as a result, was awarded an additional $500.
For example, one recent patient who was diagnosed with cancer and scheduled for total body radiation “had a bunch of cavities, but he also needed a lumbar puncture and a cardiac ultrasound before receiving radiation,” said John Hanna, D.D.S., assistant professor of pediatric dentistry. “Because he was under anesthesia for the other procedures, we were able to fix his teeth at the same time so they didn’t have to worry about infection during the total body radiation. That kind of dental treatment is rarely available outside a hospital.”

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GME Funds for Pediatric Dentistry
The School of Dentistry’s pediatric dentistry residency program recently received word that it has been approved for GME (Graduate Medical Education) funding. Beginning in January, the school’s eight pediatric dentistry residents began receiving a salary and benefits, thanks to the GME funding, which are federal dollars through Medicaid that reimburse teaching hospitals for specialty training costs.

“This is a big shot in the arm for our pediatric dentistry residency program,” said Prashant Gagneja, B.D.S., chair of pediatric dentistry. “The GME funding will help support the current residents, as well as future residents.

“Having GME funding also will help us recruit top candidates for the residency program and may encourage dental graduates to choose pediatric dentistry as a specialty, which is especially important in an economic downturn,” said Dr. Gagneja.

The School of Dentistry applied for GME funding when the Dr. and Mrs. Carl Rietman Pediatric Dentistry Clinic opened in 2005. Dr. Gagneja and John Hanna, D.D.S., assistant professor of pediatric dentistry, prepared the application, with recent help from Bob Steelman, M.D., D.M.D., pediatric dentistry residency program director.

Multnomah Dental Society Gifts
Four OHSU fourth-year dental students have received $500 checks from the Multnomah Dental Society for their efforts during Give Kids a Smile day. The awards were presented during the MDS annual awards dinner May 20. Honored were James Bond, Alan Chen, Cassie Fede, and Hossein Saadatmandi. “Your contributions to the program, not only this year, but also the previous three years, made the choice a much easier one,” said Lora Mattsen, MDS executive director.

Sealant Day Part II
OHSU recently hosted a second Sealant Day for low-income children, this one with Raleigh Park Elementary School second-graders. Mary Ann Haisch, R.D.H., M.P.A., outreach coordinator, presented an education program to about 50 students on April 9, and on April 14, second-year pediatric resident Lisa Yarborough conducted screenings, identifying 15 children in need of sealants. Then, on April 30, the children came to the Dr. and Mrs. Carl Rietman Pediatric Dentistry Clinic for free sealants.

Eleven of the children who came to the clinic were determined to need additional restorative care, said Mary Ann, and follow up is in progress to ensure the children’s needs are met.

“I am grateful we were able to provide this community service,” she said. “These projects would not be possible without the commitment of the School and the donations of material from Ultradent and DENTSPLY.”
2009 Back-to-School Alumni Weekend

Cantwell Memorial Golf Tournament
Friday, Sept. 25, 7:30 a.m. shotgun start
Langdon Farms Golf Club, Aurora, Ore.
Player Registration: Includes 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, breakfast, lunch, two drink tickets and the opportunity to win great prizes.
Fee: $150 Alumni/Friends, Free for School of Dentistry Students
Register Online: http://www.ohsu.edu/sod/alumni/CantwellGolf.html

Cantwell Memorial Back-to-School Lecture and Margaret M. Ryan Dental Hygiene Update
Saturday, Sept. 26, 7 a.m. welcome breakfast
OHSU School of Dentistry, Room 225
The speaker is Ben Bernstein, Ph.D., a nationally-recognized performance coach and psychologist
Registration: Includes four-hour course (DMD: 2 credit hours; RDH: 1 credit hour) breakfast, and snacks
Fee: Free for OHSU dental alumni, $20 staff of OHSU alumni, $75 non-alumni
Register Online: http://www.ohsu.edu/sod/alumni/CantwellLecture.html