School of Dentistry awarded nearly $1.5 million

UW/WDSF Dental Camp a Success
DEAN’S HOLIDAY PARTY
University Tower Hotel Ballroom
Tuesday, December 10, 2002
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

BEGINNING A PRACTICE/POPS PROGRAM
Center for Urban Horticulture
Wednesday, January 15, 2003
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
UWMC Conference Room A
Monday, March 17, 2003
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

ERNEST JONES MEMORIAL LECTURE
Hogness Auditorium, UW
Friday, March 28, 2003
9:00 am – 4:30 pm

FULL BOARD MEETING
Washington Athletic Club
Monday, April 28, 2003
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

DEAN’S CLUB DINNER
2003 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS PRESENTATION
Columbia Tower Club
Friday, June 6, 2003
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DENTAL CONFERENCE
Washington State Convention Center
Thursday and Friday, July 24–25, 2003
7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Are you interested in being a class representative?
The following classes do not have a class rep: ’58, ’60, ’62, ’82, ’83, ’86, ’88, ’89, ’99. If you are a member of one of these classes, and are interested, please call the Dental Alumni Office at the University of Washington at (206) 543-7297.
UW School of Dentistry Awarded Nearly $1.5 Million
Grant Targeted to Increase Access to Oral Health Care to the Underserved

The University of Washington School of Dentistry is one of two schools on the West Coast to receive a grant of almost $1.5 million from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to increase the underserved population’s access to oral health care. Through this grant, to be distributed over five years as part of the Foundation’s Pipeline Profession & Practice: Community-Based Dental Education initiative, the UW will triple the rotations of fourth year dental students in our state’s rural and urban community clinics.

Nationwide, ten dental schools are receiving grants to increase access to oral health care on the part of low-income and other underserved populations, as well as to help recruit applicants with diverse backgrounds into dentistry. The chosen institutions will work together to develop strategies to increase recruitment and retention of underrepresented and economically disadvantaged students.

The Surgeon General’s Report on the Oral Health of the Nation, released in May 2000, indicated that oral health in the United States has improved greatly over the last half-century, but “there is a ‘silent epidemic’ of oral disease affecting poor children, the elderly and many members of racial and ethnic minorities.” Low numbers of underrepresented minority students enrolling in the nation’s dental schools worsen this problem. This grant provides the UW School of Dentistry with tools to address both these issues.

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Dental schools funded through the Pipeline program will work to forge community-campus partnerships that enable their students, residents, and faculty to work with community based clinics, as well as with health agencies, hospitals, schools, local private practitioners, and other organizations to provide services to populations with poor oral health and with limited access to dental care.

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community clinics that will introduce them to the dental health needs of underserved populations and provide them with the kernel for the idea, ‘Maybe this is something I could do when I graduate,’” Morton says.

“Twenty-five percent of families in Washington that need dental care are unable to access dental care,” says Dr. James Steiner, co-principal investigator. Steiner holds the Washington Dental Service Endowed Chair in Dentistry and is a professor of endodontic dentistry. “Clinical experience gives our students a community perspective. They need to be able to see that there are individuals out in the community who get little or no care and that one of the solutions is the dentist in the community. What we suggest to our students is that they recognize these unmet needs.”

The grant calls for utilizing the experience and contacts of the UW School of Medicine’s highly successful regional WWAMI program (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho) and the regional AHEC (Area Health Education Center) to develop the support systems necessary for the additional clinical interactions.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, based in Princeton, N.J., is the nation’s largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to health and health care. It concentrates its grant funding in four goal areas: to assure that all Americans have access to basic health care at reasonable cost; to improve care and support for people with chronic health conditions; to promote healthy communities and lifestyles; and to reduce the adverse personal, social, and economic health impacts caused by substance abuse—tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drugs.

The Pipeline Profession & Practice national program office is based at Columbia University’s School of Dental and Oral Surgery. The other West Coast recipient of funding is the University of California San Francisco’s School of Dentistry.

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The eight other schools awarded this grant were:

- Boston University School of Dental Medicine
- Howard University College of Dentistry
- Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry
- The Ohio State University College of Dentistry
- University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine
- University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry
- West Virginia University School of Dentistry

For more information on the RWJ program, visit dentalpipeline.columbia.edu.
Welcome to the fall edition of the Dental Alumni News. Those who closely follow the activities of our association and the dental school, know there have been many exciting events and challenges during the last few months.

One of the activities was our annual golf tournament. It was held at Washington National Golf Course in Auburn and was well attended. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed a day of golf and camaraderie with friends and classmates. We organized and successfully executed our annual dental alumni homecoming gathering for Husky football. This year, the game against Wyoming was featured. It was a night game, so we had a dinner for the group rather than a brunch. We had wonderful food, reminiscing with friends and watching a winning effort by the Huskies. Our seats were in a good location and we had a better view of the game than we have had in the past. We were able to obtain these seats because we opted to attend an early-season game before the students started school. We plan to continue this early-season game option to benefit from better weather and seat location. Plan to attend next year; it is a great outing for the family.

Also, the alumni association held its annual Distinguished Alumnus dinner this past June. For the first time, it was held in conjunction with the Dean’s Club Dinner. There was a large turn out, and the event was so successful it will be continued as a joint presentation. Along with our honoring Dr. Ralph Yuodelis, this year’s Distinguished Alumnus recipient, I had a chance to publicly thank Dr. Mark Grace for his work and effort as last year’s Dental Alumni Association president. Congratulations to both!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new dean, Dr. Martha Somerman, and her husband Norm Schiff to the University of Washington. I had the pleasure of initially meeting her at the pre-football game dinner. She is a friendly, enthusiastic, and energetic person. She was present at our last dental alumni executive board meeting, where she gave us insight into some of her ideas for the direction she would like to take our dental school. I know her fresh attitude and leadership will allow the University of Washington School of Dentistry to continue as a leader in dental education. Your alumni board has pledged it’s continued support to her and the school’s administration.

We, the Dental Alumni Association, continue to prepare for our participation in the $2 million pledge we have made towards the remodeling of our school’s B wing. This much needed improvement will greatly benefit the overall operation of the school. We have made a commitment to raise this money in six years. This funding is an integral part of the school’s obligation towards its portion of the overall UW gift campaign, and our support is necessary.

Our full board of directors is comprised of a representative from each class year. The directives and functions of the UW Dental Alumni Association are guided by this board. We presently do not have representatives for the following classes — ’58, ’60, ’62, ’82, ’83, ’86, ’88, ’89, and ’99. If you are interested, or know of someone who would like to participate in this important role, please contact me or one of the staff at the Alumni Services Office at the dental school. I would like to welcome Michael George from the class of 2002 as our newest class representative.

Have a wonderful holiday season.
Martha Somerman and Norm Schiff invite you and a guest
to the Dean’s Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 10, 2002
The University Tower Hotel Ballroom
(formerly Edmond Meany Hotel)
4507 Brooklyn Avenue NE, U District
5:30 to 8:00 pm

Complimentary wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages will be served with hors d’oeuvres

Please RSVP to UW Dentistry Development by December 6, 2002
phone (206) 543-7297 or fax (206) 543-6465
A wonderful surprise greeted me on September 18th, my very first day of work at the University of Washington School of Dentistry. It was not anticipated and purely coincidental but very fortuitous, and to me, somewhat of an omen. It turns out that my first day as Dean coincided precisely with the first day of school for the undergraduate class of 2006. In a talk welcoming the class, I pointed out that we both are starting our careers at the University of Washington School of Dentistry at precisely the same day, but while I expect them to end that part of their careers here in four years, I trust that mine will continue long beyond that. The start of something new is always filled with anticipation, with excitement and yes, with considerable apprehension. I told the incoming class that I shared those very same feelings with them, but as time progresses and experiences here expand, the apprehension will diminish while, hopefully, the excitement and anticipation of new knowledge and of new possibilities will continue to remain high.

For me, this is becoming truer every day. It has been a little over 30 days now, and I must confess, that almost every one of those days has been a revelation. I am getting more comfortable in my new role and I am seeing how well the students are being trained, how truly gifted is our faculty, how dedicated is the staff and how very supportive are our friends and alumni.

One example of this support was made very clear to me on the evening of October 11th, when the Washington State Dental Association had a reception for Jim Steiner and myself at the Olympic Four Seasons Hotel in downtown Seattle. It was a wonderful personal occasion for me, to get to know the community, socialize with many people I already met, and with many more that I had not. But beyond that, the occasion made me appreciate how dedicated friends and the alumni are to the School, and how much pride and love they retain for it, even after many years away from its classrooms, its laboratories and its clinics. It was inspiring to realize that so many alumni and non-University of Washington graduates had traveled great distances, some as much as 280 miles, to be present on that occasion. I am sincerely grateful to all who came, to the Association for hosting the event, and to Bob Shaw for spearheading it. It was truly memorable.

Back at the School, the November 17–19 accreditation review is rapidly approaching and we are busy finalizing our preparations for the site visit. The Accreditation Team, appointed by the American Dental Association will be evaluating both our undergraduate and graduate programs. An important focus of the team’s review will be on our outcome assessment approaches and procedures. The team is keenly interested in how our students are being measured in terms of their skills, their knowledge and their values for competency as dentists. A good part of our approach, in this regard, relies importantly on alumni input. For example, based in part on your comments related to insufficient time in the curriculum devoted to practice management and to implantology, changes have been made in order to provide more time for presenting practice management issues and clinical implant experiences. We need your insights as to the School’s strengths and weaknesses, what needs to be improved, what needs to be added and, perhaps, what needs to be eliminated. So please continue to provide feedback to us related to your experiences while attending the University of Washington School of Dentistry and the value of the education you received here, to your professional development and practice.

Good planning is critical in the successful progress of any institution or organization, but often-times, unplanned events can lead to very positive consequences. Such was the case recently at the dental school. While I had not planned on considering any changes or appointments until at least after accreditation, on September 14, 2002 the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation awarded a five year $1.5 million grant to the University of Washington School of Dentistry, as part of the Foundation’s Pipeline, Profession & Practice: Community-Based Dental Education initiative. It is designed to increase access by low-income and medically disadvantaged populations to proper oral health care. Dr. Tom Morton, Associate Dean for Student Services and Admissions, is Principal Investigator on this grant and (continued on page 16)
Distinguished Alumnus/Honorary Life Member Awarded at Dean’s Club Dinner

The 18th Annual Dean’s Club Dinner was held on Friday, June 7, 2002 at the Columbia Tower Club. It was a spectacular evening to enjoy the view from the 76th floor and those attending were treated to a special evening and program. This year the UW Dental Alumni Association presented the 2002 Distinguished Alumnus Award at the Annual Dean’s Club Dinner. The award previously was presented at the All-Classes Reunion Dinner, but that event will no longer be held. Combining the two dinners proved to be very successful as the event sold-out.

Dr. Desmond Neff, the Dean’s Club President, was the Master of Ceremonies. He presented the Jack E. Nichols Student Leadership Award to graduating senior Jess Haymore. The Jack E. Nichols Student Leadership Award was established in 1994 to recognize and reward student leaders within the School of Dentistry with the hope of inspiring students to continue in leadership roles throughout their professional careers. Jess Haymore was the president of the Class of 2002. Johnny Johnson presented the Johnny N. Johnson Student Leadership Award to student council president Michael George. This award recognizes a dental student who has furthered the goals of organized dentistry through participation in student office activities or by other involvement beyond traditional student officer roles.

Dr. Denny Homer, the WSDA President, honored Dr. James Steiner for his service as the Acting Dean of the Dental School this past year. The audience showed their appreciation also with a standing ovation for the service provided by Dr. Steiner.

The highlight of the program was the presentation of the Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Dean’s Club Honorary Lifetime Membership Award. Dr. Sam Anderson, chair of the Distinguished Alumnus Committee and Dr. Mark Grace, president of the UW Dental Alumni Association, presented the 2002 Distinguished Alumnus Award to Dr. Ralph A. Yuodelis. Dr. Desmond Neff presented the 2002 Dean’s Club Honorary Lifetime Membership Award to Dr. Alton W. Moore. Both recipients are so respected by the dental community and highly deserving to receive such prestigious awards. Both recipients had family and friends present to join in the recognition and celebration.

The evening concluded with Dr. Mel Wilenzick, the new alumni president, thanking Dr. Mark Grace for his service as president of the Dental Alumni Association. Drs. Linda and Bryan Edgar, the new co-presidents of the Dean’s Club, thanked Dr. Desmond Neff for his service the past two years as president of the Dean’s Club. The Class of 1952 was also recognized at this special event and they enjoyed their 50th class reunion during the course of the evening.

A. James Dwyer, President and CEO of Washington Dental Service, enjoys talking to Dr. John Davis.
B. Deanna Fraker, Dr. Ross Fraker, Dr. Fred Hasegawa, and Kumi Hasegawa.
C. Dr. Dave Minahan, Dr. Michael Spektor, Dr. Paul Robertson and Susan Minahan at the reception before the dinner.
D. Dr. Sam Anderson (left) and Dr. Mark Grace (right) present the 2002 Distinguished Alumnus Award to Dr. Ralph Yuodelis (center).
E. Jess Haymore ’02 receives the Jack E. Nichols Student Leadership Award from Dr. Des Neff.
F. Dr. Mark Grace is thanked by Dr. Mel Wilenzick for his service as Alumni President.
G. Drs. Bryan and Linda Edgar thank Dr. Des Neff for his service as Dean’s Club President.
I. WSDA President Denny Homer and Acting Dean James Steiner at the dinner.
J. Michael George ’02 receives the Johnny N. Johnson Student Leadership Award from Dr. Johnny Johnson.
L. Dr. Desmond Neff presents the Dean’s Club Lifetime Award to Dr. Alton Moore.
4th Annual Golf Tournament

The 4th Annual UW Dental Alumni Golf Tournament was held on Friday, September 20, 2002 at Washington National Golf Course in Auburn, WA. The weather cooperated once again this year and we had a beautiful sunny day for the tournament. The view of Mt. Rainier and the surrounding area was spectacular.

Sixty of our alumni had a great day of golf, a delicious barbecue lunch and received wonderful gifts and prizes. Mark Grace (Class of 1994) was chair of the event and served as master of ceremonies at the awards presentation. Kevin Kane of Golf Events and Randy Newquist of the UW Dental Alumni Association took care of the arrangements for the tournament.

The tournament was in a four-person net scramble format. Tee time was at 8 am. It was crisp that early in the morning, but within an hour it had warmed up and coats were removed. It turned out to be a perfect day for golf. The Class of 1984 won the team title and the Class of 1971 took 2nd place.

A special thank you to all the sponsors of the tournament. Washington Dental Service was the sponsor of the golf cap. WDIA sponsored the pictures given out to all the participants. NORDIC was a contest hole sponsor. Coltene Whaledent and Hu-Friedy provided gifts for the raffle. Burkhart Dental Supply, Collagenex Pharmaceuticals, Nakanishi Dental Laboratory, Patterson Dental Supply, and the UW Dental Alumni Association were hole sponsors. Periostat also provided water and granola bars to all the participants as they arrived at the 18th hole.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Closest-to-pin #11 .................. Carl Jacobsen (7’1"
Closest-to-pin #5 ................. Dick Jones (9’5"
Long Drive Men .................... Bob Wagner
2nd Place Class ..................... Class of 1971
Tom Beffa
Robert Eilert
Bill Sutton
Jim Cherburg
1st Place Class .................... Class of 1984
Dan Thacker
Tracy Quickstad
Tom Quickstad
Brian Mayer
2nd Place Open ..................... Brad Harken
James Harken
Tony Lovrovich
1st Place Open ..................... Steven Olson
Carl Jacobsen
Leonard Sullivan
Ed Kwan

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UW Dental Alumni Association
A. Participants enjoying lunch and awards presentation.
B. 1st Place Open.
C. Carl Jacobsen wins Closest-to-pin on hole #11.
D. 2nd Place Open.
E. 1st Place, Class of 1984 (Tom & Tracy Quickstad, not pictured Dan Thacker and Brian Mayer.
F. Dick Jones ’83 wins Closest-to-on on hole #5.
G. 2nd Place, Class of 1971
H. Reava Baughn and Cathy Kostelecky of CollaGenex greet participants on 18th hole.
I. Bob Wagner wins Longest Drive. He is pictured with teammates Brad Treadwell, Eric Kitts ’99, Todd McVey and Bob Wagner.
Rhonda R. Savage, DDS, was born in Morton, Washington, and lived in Port Angeles until 1971, when her family moved to Ketchikan, Alaska. She graduated from Ketchikan High School in 1976 and then worked for six years as an assistant/receptionist for a dentist. Her love of dentistry and patients made her choose dentistry as a career, and in 1981 she moved to Seattle to begin her education.

After graduating in 1985 Cum Laude from Seattle University with a BS in Biology, she attended the UW School of Dentistry from 1985–89, where she graduated with honors. Upon graduation she won the Operative Dentistry Award, the Pediatric Dentistry Award, Student Governance Award and the American Association of Women Dentists “Outstanding Leadership and Academic Leadership Award.”

Not one to remain idle, Dr. Savage then served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy for three years and completed her active duty at Camp Pendleton, California as a dentist for the Marine Corps. She was awarded The Expert Pistol Medal, The Navy Achievement Medal, and The National Defense Medal for serving during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. During this time, Dr. Savage spent hundreds of hours working one-on-one with specialists training in periodontal surgery, oral surgery, endodontics, and crown and bridgework. She credits her time in the military for teaching her discipline and organization skills.

In 1992, Dr. Savage purchased a dental practice in University Place, Washington, where she continues to pursue her goals of excellence in the practice of “whole person” dentistry. Continuing education is also a priority; she belongs to an implant study group and a restorative study group.

One might think that after completing dental school, serving eight years in the military and taking on the challenge of running a private practice, Dr. Savage would begin taking it easy. Not so. She also served on the Board of Trustees for the Pierce County Dental Society (first woman president, 2000-2001) and is Secretary/Treasurer of the Washington State Dental Association. She gives time and aid to Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital and also serves on the Pt. Defiance Zoo Board of Directors, all while she and her husband, Jim Stephens, raise their 12 year-old daughter, Kaitlyn.

At the zoo, Dr. Savage loves working with veterinarians, providing dental care to her most interesting patients: polar bears, lemurs, a snow leopard, and ring tailed langurs (primates). Her work in animal dentistry was featured in a Morning News Tribune article when she treated ‘Ward,’ a langur and patriarch of the ‘Cleaver’ family, which includes June, Beaver, Wally, Eddie an Darla. Not too long ago she crowned a tooth for her protection-trained German shepherd, Blitz.

There’s more. Dr. Savage is also an affiliate faculty member in the Department of Restorative Dentistry for the University of Washington, teaching third and fourth year students. She has a special interest in cosmetic dentistry and occasionally lectures on dental esthetics. Dr. Savage finds that teaching the students at the dental school “…makes her feel energized. The students are so concerned with learning all they can and doing a good job,” she says, “that it makes me love everything to do with the UW.”

She also finds time to participate in the WSDA/UW Student Mentor Program and in 2000, Dr. Savage established the Puyallup Coalition for Fluoridation, whose goal to provide fluoridation in the public water supply of Puyallup
was met earlier this year. Her professional publications have appeared in the *Journal of the American Dental Association, Mouth Magazine* and *Concepts Magazine*, to name a few.

Dr. Savage is very active in the WSDA. Besides serving as a board member and officer, she works with the Washington Oral Health Foundation, the educational arm of the WSDA, established in 1997 to bring oral health care education to students in Washington’s public and private schools. This foundation has reached over 100,000 students in its mission to improve and enhance oral health for the people of Washington State through education and access to care.

Dr. Savage loves spending time with her family in Gig Harbor, where she also gardens, reads and attends her daughter's soccer games. Ever the proud parent, she boasts Kaitlyn’s ability to kick a soccer ball over 50 yards and to hold her own while playing baseball with Little League boys.

She and her husband were married in Carnes, Australia, where they enjoyed scuba diving at the Great Barrier Reef. The entire family enjoys world travel. Her parents and a brother still live in Ketchikan, giving the family ample opportunity to enjoy halibut and salmon fishing in the waters of the Alaska inside passage.

Dr. Savage credits her husband, Jim, with making sure everything runs smoothly in their busy household. When he is not working in Prudoe Bay, Alaska, he makes sure Dr. Savage gets to work and back, takes Kaitlyn to her many athletic and academic events, and sees that their two dogs, three cats, one hamster, two birds and Oscar, the horse, are cared for.

Clockwise from upper left:
- Daughter, Kaitlyn, Rhonda and husband, Jim Stephens at the Hard Rock Café in London.
- Rhonda, far right, rafting with husband and friends in Whistler, BC.
- Rhonda on her horse, Bill.
- Rhonda with her daughter and a friend with a giant halibut she caught in Ketchikan, Alaska.
- Providing dental care to a snow leopard for the Pt. Defiance Zoo and Aquarium.
Arnold Stoller. Donald MacEwan. Both Husbands. Both Fathers. Both Educators. Both Dentists. To Dr. Lloyd Chapman and his wife, Kay, they were both saviors.

For almost a year, during which Dr. Chapman was ill and unable to work in his private practice, these two men literally took over the majority of his patient load.

Earlier, as visiting lecturers for the UW School of Dentistry, Drs. Stoller and MacEwan were mentors to Dr. Chapman; he developed new treatment methods in orthodontia under their tutelage. Over the years, deep friendships evolved.

Years later in 2001, the Chapmans became the School’s first individual laureates, when they donated $1 million to honor the two dentists who had been his mentors and his friends.

This past July, at the million dollar wall in Gerberding Hall, all three families came together to commemorate a wonderful and special friendship among their families. The School of Dentistry gratefully acknowledged the Chapman’s gift which was donated to endow the Lloyd and Kay Chapman Chair for Oral Health. “Knowledge should be made available equally to everyone, and it should be used to help people. Stoller and MacEwan were sterling examples of those principles, and we want them to be remembered,” says Dr. Chapman, who was unable to attend the event. He and Mrs. Chapman were present, however, via a videotaped message from their home in beautiful Gibson, British Columbia.

At the extremely moving ceremony in Gerberding Hall, children of all three families, the Stollers, the MacEwans and the Chapmans, shared stories of growing up together — stories both funny and warm.

Dr. Connie Kravas, VP for Development and Alumni Relations, read aloud the beautifully framed proclamation which honors Drs. Stoller and Arnold. She spoke of what a difference this gift will make to the School, enabling the establishment of a chair in oral health.

Incoming Dean Martha Somerman noted that the Lloyd and Kay Chapman Chair for Oral Health is a testimony to their deep appreciation of the integral role that oral health plays in the well-being of our society. “This endowment,” said Dean Somerman, “will go a long way toward expanding our knowledge of oral health science and improving the quality of our lives.”

Dr. Suzanne Corbett, Executive Director of Dentistry Development, Alumni Services and Continuing Education, then presented each family member with a smaller, framed version of the proclamation. Representing the three families were: the Chapman sons — Don, a United Airlines pilot who flew in for the event, and Norman and his wife Judy; Donald MacEwan’s children — Mac and his wife Lynn Neil, and Marti and her husband Ron Chambers (and their girls Adrienne and Allison); and Arnold Stoller’s children — John Stoller, a dentist who travelled from BlueBell, Pennsylvania with his son, Peter; and his sister
Trudi Stoller Raleigh, who travelled from Jumul, California.

Following the proclamation presentation, everyone gathered in the Peterson Room of Allen Library to enjoy lunch together, revisit old times, and celebrate this marvelous gift, the first laureate gift to the UW School of Dentistry from an individual. The School’s other laureate is the Washington Dental Service, a corporate donor.

Also in attendance were Acting Dean James Steiner, School of Dentistry Dean’s Club President Dr. Desmond Neff, Associate Director of Dentistry Development and Alumni Services Randy Newquist, School of Dentistry Major Gifts Officer Walt Saunders, Director of Development and Community Relations for Ocean and Fishery Sciences Linda Maxson, and Assistant Director of Development and Alumni Services Connie Lehmen.

Clockwise from upper left:
- Dr. Connie Kravas, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations, reading the Chapman proclamation.
- Left to right: Norman Chapman, Trudi Stoller Raleigh, Dr. John Stoller, Marti MacEwan, Mac MacEwan and Don Chapman.
- Norman Chapman, left, and Donald Chapman, right, holding the proclamation honoring Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chapman for their $1 million gift to the UW School of Dentistry.
- Dean Martha Somerman.
- Left to right: Dr. Connie Kravas, Donald Chapman and his wife, Judy Chapman.
The Alumni weekend festivities concluded with the UW Dental Alumni Football Homecoming Dinner and Game on Saturday, September 21, 2002. The dinner was held in the Center for Urban Horticulture. One hundred of our alumni, family and friends enjoyed a delicious dinner and socializing.

Dr. Mel Wilenzick (class of ’66 and President of the UW Dental Alumni Association) welcomed the group and introduced Dean Martha Somerman. Dean Somerman addressed the crowd and let them know how excited she was to be the new Dean at such a prestigious dental school. She enjoyed having the opportunity to meet those in attendance. The event was held earlier in the fall this year to improve our seating at the game. The overall feeling of the group was it was well worth it. It was a wonderful alumni weekend.

The final score, an impressive win by the Husky football team, was UW 38 – Wyoming 7. The weather was beautiful for a night game and the offensive showing by the UW made it possible to cheer throughout the evening. The game was band day and the audience was treated to over 4,000 high school band members who performed along with the Husky band.

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will be focusing much of his time on this effort. Recognizing his value to this project, Dr. Morton is relinquishing his Student Services and Admissions responsibilities and will be Director of Community-Based Oral Health Science Programs. Dr. Jim Steiner, Co-Principal Investigator on this grant, has agreed to assume the responsibilities of Associate Dean for Student Services and Admissions. Dr. Morton has very effectively served as Associate Dean the past ten years, but is leaving it in very capable hands. We are grateful to both Dr. Morton for his past leadership and to Dr. Steiner for his gracious acceptance of his new role.

“Research Day” at the School took place on Wednesday, September 25, 2002. Had you been there, I am certain that all of you would have been as impressed and as proud as I was of our students and faculty, of their level of commitment and involvement and of the high caliber of the research projects. President Richard McCormick, in several of his major addresses to the university community and to outside stakeholders, has stressed the importance of research for the future vitality and for the enhanced prominence of this great university. “Research Day” was just one of many reasons why I feel very confident that our School of Dentistry will be a major contributor to the level of research excellence needed to achieve President McCormick’s vision.

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Dean’s Reception in New Orleans

The University of Washington School of Dentistry held a reception for Dean Martha Somerman at the American Dental Association Annual Meeting held recently in New Orleans, Louisiana. Dean Somerman hosted at the reception and she enjoyed socializing with faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of the School. The event was held on Saturday, October 19th at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel. One hundred and twenty-five guests attended and each received purple and gold beads as they arrived to help create the proper atmosphere in the Big Easy.

Mel Wilenzick, the President of the UW Dental Alumni Association, Linda and Bryan Edgar, Co-President elects of the UW Dean’s Club, and Jim Sledge, WDSF Chair of the Board were a few of the dignitaries in attendance at the event. Steve Hardymon, Executive Director of the WSDA, and Mark Walker, President-elect of the WSDA, were also in attendance. The large gathering enjoyed socializing accompanied by delicious hors d’oeuvres and beverages with a Cajun flavor.
Dental Student Honors and Awards Ceremony 2002

Congratulations to the following UW dental students and graduates who received awards and scholarships at the annual Honors and Awards Ceremony held on Friday, June 7, 2002 in Hogness Auditorium at the UW School of Dentistry.

AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP

Charles V. Callihan Memorial Scholarship
Angela Dotson
Timothy Gatten
Christopher Madsen
Teresa Vong

Randy Carr Memorial Scholarship
Teresa Vong

Dental Alumni Association Scholarship
Jessie Banks
Melanie Bian
David Bunkall
Terry Chun
Shawneen Gonzalez
Christopher Herzog
Ronald Hsu
Jeffrey Lingenbrink
Stephen Russell
Sangchi Tang

Dental Hygiene Education Scholarship
Vitor Filipe Diogo, O.H.
Kimberly K. Mathieu, R.D.H., B.S.
Anita Rodriguez Munson-Brock, R.D.H.

Alumni Services Dental Support Fund Scholarship
Travis Howey
Paul Nielson

Alice Knowles Duff Scholarship
Rosanne Hager

Ronald G. Fitzler Memorial Scholarship
Vivian Bae
Christopher Piper

Washington Dental Service Foundation
Burton H. Goodman Scholarship
Brendan Eghtedar
Ryan McNamara

John D. Guthrie Memorial Scholarship
Isaac Fu
Timothy Gatten
Alex Kang
Teresa Vong

Earl C. Maston Scholarship for Excellence in Pre-Clinical Operative Dentistry
Timothy Gatten

Psi Omega Scholarship
Brian Almond
Moffett Burgess
Brendan Eghtedar
Nadeem Ismail
Dat Nguyen
Eric Nordstrom
Ryan West
Dorothy Wojkowski

Kirby and Erna Speyer Memorial Scholarship
Rosanne Hager
Vanessa Wicklund

Ben and Betty Zukor Scholarship
Michael Horn
Andrea Pinnick

Dan G. Middaugh Dental Student Professional Service Award
Michael George, President, Student Council
Jess Haymore, President, Class of 2002
Jeffrey Lingenbrink, President, Class of 2003
Brian Almond, President, Class of 2004
Christopher Piper, President, Class of 2005

Community Outreach Award
Vitor Filipe Diogo, O.H.
C. Melisa Guerra, R.D.H.
Kimberly K. Mathieu, R.D.H., B.S.
Anita Rodriguez Munson-Brock, R.D.H.

Dental Hygiene Achievement Award
Anita Rodriguez Munson-Brock, R.D.H.

Washington State Dental Hygiene Association Outstanding Graduate Award
Vitor Filipe Diogo, O.H.

Academy of Dental Materials Award
Michael Kang

Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities Award
Zhengshi Song

Academy of General Dentistry Award
John Andrew Werner

Washington Academy of General Dentistry Appreciation Award
Dr. Tar-Chee Aw

Washington Academy of General Dentistry and William Howard Student Competition Award
First Place: Derek Takai
Second Place: David Keller
Third Place: Zhengshi Song

Washington Academy of General Dentistry Service Award
Dr. Dan Middaugh

Academy of Operative Dentistry Award
Christine Kim

Alpha Omega Scholarship Award
Awarded in Summer 2002

American Academy of Dental Practice Administration Award
Ronald Mikkelson, Jr.

American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award
David Keller
American Academy of Gold Foil Operators Achievement Award
Michael Kang

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award
Christine Kim

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Award
Stan Edwards

American Academy of Oral Medicine Award
Galina Borodyansky

American Academy of Orofacial Pain Award
Derek Takai

American Academy of Periodontology Award
Ryan Kezele

American Association of Endodontists Award
Robert Andelin

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Implant Student Award
Christine Kim

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Student Award
Zhengshi Song

American Association of Oral Biologists Award
Stan Edwards

American Association of Orthodontists Award
Ryan Kezele

American Association of Public Health Dentistry Award
Michael George

American College of Dentists Ferrier Memorial Prize
Derek Takai (2001 recipient)

American College of Dentists Ethics Essay Award
First Place: Jennifer Larson
Second Place (tie): Natasha Habib, Tracy Stauffer

F. Burns Guthrie Continuing Dental Education Scholarship
Michael George

American College of Dentists Outstanding Senior Student Award
Michael George

American College of Prosthodontists Undergraduate Achievement Award
John Andrew Werner

American Society of Dentistry for Children Award
Terri Zweber

American Student Dental Association Award of Excellence
Sean Couch

Charles L. Bolender Prosthodontic Award
Robert Andelin

Dentsply Student Clinician Program Award
Ronald Hsu

Research Advisory Committee Travel Awards
Brian Almond, Christopher Steen, Douglas Whitfield

Pierre Fauchard Academy Dental Student Scholarship
Michael George (2001 recipient)

Pierre Fauchard Academy Senior Student Award
Michael George

Fixed Prosthodontics Award
Megan Miller

Hospital Dentistry Award
Jennifer Emerson

International College of Dentists Award
Derek Takai

International Congress of Oral Implantologists Award
Derek Takai

John C. Kois Prize in Restorative Clinical Excellence
Robert Andelin

Johnny N. Johnson, DDS Student Government Leadership Award
Michael George

Dr. Jack E. Nichols Award for Leadership
Jess Haymore

School of Dentistry Governance and Service Awards
Maha Boulos, Jennifer Emerson, Brent Robinson, Tracy Stauffer, Terri Zweber

Organization of Teachers of Oral Diagnosis Award
Robert Andelin

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Periodontics
Ryan Kezele

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry
Ryan Kezele

Quintessence Award for Research Achievement
Gregory Royack

Seattle Pediatric Dentists Society David B. Law Award
Jane Prebilsky

Washington Association of Women Dentists Award
Terri Zweber

Horace Wells Senior Student Award
Jane Prebilsky

Teledyne Water Pik Prosthodontics Award
Constance Mahlik

Dennis P. Duskin Inspirational Award
Robert Andelin, Maha Boulos (tie)

Student Council Student Recognition Award
Mona Fong

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**Omicron Kappa Upsilon Certificates of Recognition**

**First Year**
- Thomas Dance
- Jeffrey Kochevar
- Marcus Lowry
- Blake Marsten
- Paul Nielson

**Second Year**
- Brian Almond
- Micah Mortensen
- Eric Nordstrom
- Scott Starley
- Suzanne Winans

**Third Year**
- David Bunkall
- Moffett Burgess
- Isaac Fu
- Timothy Gatten
- Ryan West

**Omicron Kappa Upsilon Scholarship Awards**

**First Year**
- Thomas Dance
- Paul Nielson

**Second Year**
- Brian Almond
- Micah Mortensen
- Eric Nordstrom
- Scott Starley

**Third Year**
- Timothy Gatten
- Ryan West

**Omicron Kappa Upsilon William H. Kramer Award**
- Cyrena Sexton

**Omicron Kappa Upsilon Membership**
- Robert Andelin
- Jess Haymore
- Joshua Johnson
- Michael Kang
- Ryan Kezele
- David Weller

**Washington State Dental Association Student Award**
- Jess Haymore

**Washington State Dental Association Faculty Award**
- Dr. James Steiner

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**AWARDS OF SERVICE**

Certificates of service to the School of Dentistry are presented to the following 2001–2002 members of the Student Council and individual class officers:

**Student Council Officers**

**President**..........................Michael George
**Vice President**....................Jeffrey Lingenbrink
**Scribe**........................................Melanie Bian
**Fundraiser/Treasurers**..........Maha Boulos
**Social Chair**.........................Brent Robinson
**WSDA 1st Delegate**.................Nathan Russell

**Dental Student Class Officers**

**Fourth Year Class**

**President**...............................Jess Haymore
**Vice Presidents**.....................Maha Boulos
**Treasurer**...............................Tracy Stauffer
**Social Chairs**.......................Brent Robinson
**Student Council Representatives**..........Colin Del Rosario
**ASDA Representative**...............Sean Couch

**Third Year Class**

**President**...............................Jeffrey Lingenbrink
**Vice President**.....................Melanie Bian
**Treasurer**...............................Teresa Vong
**Social Chairs**.......................Caroline Herron
**Student Council Representatives**..........Jennifer Pichler
**ASDA Representative**...............Nathan Russell

**Second Year Class**

**President**...............................Brian Almond
**Vice President**.....................Vivian Bae
**Treasurer**...............................Amy Moslander
**Social Chairs**.......................Irene Parkhill
**WSDA 1st Delegate**.................Nathan Russell

**First Year Class**

**President**...............................Christopher Piper
**Vice President**.....................Niharika Singh
**Secretary-Treasurer**..............Nathan O’Connor
**Social Chairs**.......................Scott Cartwright
**Student Council Representatives**..........Kimberly Dovokova
**ASDA Representative**...............David Newell
Husky Smiles Student Outreach Program Needs Your Help BY KIMBERLY DOKOVNA (’05)

In 1998, the Class of 2002 began a student-run outreach program to bring oral health care to underserved populations, most notably children. Husky Smiles is the only student-run, student-organized, and student-sponsored organization of its kind in operation in the United States. Husky Smiles educates dental students about underserved, high-risk populations and offers them additional service and clinical training. The organization hopes that by giving students the opportunity to work with these populations at an early point in their dental career, it will facilitate the development of new dentists, experienced with volunteering and outreaching to multiple, diverse populations in the community. Additionally, Husky Smiles provides students with exposure to leaders who show a special interest in children’s public health issues.

Each year, UW dental students see nearly 400 children from high-risk communities. A typical Husky Smiles event includes attending a site, which varies in type from family centers to schools with disabled and special needs children. On average, ten to fifteen dental students, supervised by a dentist from the community who serves as a preceptor, see about twenty children per site visit, sometimes many more, along with their mothers and fathers. Statistically, the families are minorities, mainly Hispanic, and in the lower socioeconomic strata; the children range in age from infants to pre-teens. Often, patients have never been to a dentist prior to our screening and generally have not learned good oral health care skills. The services provided include oral screenings/exams, fluoride treatments, oral hygiene education and instruction, and referrals to local clinics. The dental students hope to instill the importance of early care and prevention in these high-risk groups, fulfill their oral healthcare needs, and prevent unnecessary disease from emerging. Many in the middle and upper class echelons commonly overlook oral healthcare; it is not surprising that it is even further overlooked and poorly accessed by minorities, especially low-income children.

The UW dental students can be very proud of their independent initiative to provide a valuable outreach service to the community. In addition to organizing and coordinating this excellent program, they have also worked to put together the funding required. The WSU Oral Health Foundation, the Washington Dental Service Foundation, and the Seattle-King County Dental Society Foundation are among the generous supporters of this program. In order to continue and expand the program to more communities, the UW dental students are asking for support from the UW Dental Alumni.

This program is a pioneer in the oral public health field. Each year more dental students express avid interest in Husky Smiles, and we wish to continue extending our services to the ever-growing high-risk, low-income community. We hope to obtain the necessary funding to keep our organization thriving and to further expand our services to those who are less fortunate.

Any financial contribution to help further our cause would be greatly appreciated.

Yes! I want to make a $ _______ contribution to Husky Smiles.

NAME
ADDRESS
PHONE

Please bill my Visa MasterCard AmEx

ACCOUNT NUMBER EXP. DATE

Enclosed is my check, payable to UW Foundation (please indicate Husky Smiles on the front of the check)

MAIL TO: UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI SERVICES, SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY, BOX 357137, SEATTLE, WA 98195-7137.
UW/WDSF Dental Camp Inspires Students to Pursue Careers in Dentistry

On July 25th, August 8th and August 29th the UW School of Dentistry in conjunction with the Washington Dental Service Foundation and GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) held Dental Camps for minority junior high school students from all over Washington state. Each of the half-day Dental Camps, held in the school’s simulation laboratory, began with a ‘Dental IQ’ quiz that challenged the dental campers’ knowledge of oral health and dental training. For the competition, the dental campers were grouped into “teams” of five students with Barnes and Noble gift certificates awarded to the members of the winning team. Via the workstation video monitors, the dental camp teams were asked multiple choice questions such as what causes cavities and how to prevent them, how smoking affects oral and general health, and what subjects must be studied in junior and senior high school to prepare for careers in dentistry.

Tameem Anwar, a UW second year dental student, navigated the campers through the dental IQ quiz and led discussions about careers in dentistry, oral health care, and the importance of taking science classes. He encouraged the students to think about dentistry as a career and about caring for their mouths and teeth.

Following the discussion and quiz, the campers donned their protective gear and immersed themselves in the mixing of alginate for making impressions of their simulators upper and lower teeth, followed by filling the impressions with dental stone. The campers learned about dental anatomy by melting, applying and carving inlay wax to reconstruct previously prepared dentoform teeth. All of these activities were conducted under the watchful eyes and guidance of UW dental students who volunteered as camp mentors.

When asked about her impressions of the camp, Maria Marin, age 13, said she had thought about being a dentist in the past. She absolutely wants to attend college and likes reading, writing, computers and science classes. She chose to attend this GEAR UP class to “…learn about dentistry and in hopes of some day helping my family when they have teeth problems.”

Crystal Dinh, age 15, who entered Chief Sealth High School this fall, said, “Dental Camp has been my favorite class during the week-long GEAR UP session, because you can learn and at the same time have fun.” She added that the mentors were very supportive and nice.

Gerald Cowles, a 9th grade student this year at Ingraham High School, stated that the book The Pact stirred his interest in the field of medicine. He added that he now “…might be interested in becoming a dentist, and if so, I would be the first one in my family.”

Frequent was the remark that students had not previously known anything about dentistry or thought about it as a future career. After attending the camp, however, many students were excited about the activities in which they had participated and how fun being a dentist might be. Meagan Crawford, who now attends the African American Academy, especially liked “…the aspect of working with my hands.” That, as well as the idea that working for oneself would be a plus, was a common observation of the students.

Many of the dental campers attending the August 8 session had only been in the United States for two years or less, making English their second language. For some, the complexity of the instructions were difficult to comprehend. Belinda Zintzun, a UW undergraduate student and GEAR UP counselor translated the dental camp mentors’ instructions when necessary. Ms. Zintzun plans to earn a B.A. in American Ethnic Studies and then pursue graduate training in social work.

At the completion of each of the Dental Camps, the participants departed with the stone mouth models they had made and the waxed teeth they had reconstructed. Students also departed with toothbrushes and other (continued on page 26)
Dr. Martha J. Somerman Keynote Speaker at Research Day

Our new dean, Dr. Martha J. Somerman, DDS, PhD, an expert in cell behavior and in molecular approaches to restoring tissue, gave the keynote address at this year’s UW School of Dentistry Research Day. The theme of this year’s event, organized by Dr. Timothy DeRouen, professor and chair of the Department of Dental Public Health Sciences and Associate Dean for Research, was: Cementum and Bone in Oral Health. Dean Somerman’s presentation, “Biological approaches to regenerating periodontal tissues — what information have we gained?” dealt with research into the molecular level of periodontal tissue regeneration based on human cell sample research.

Dean Somerman’s hour-long presentation was followed by faculty oral presentations moderated by Dr. DeRouen. Speakers and their topics were: Dr. Susan Herring, professor, Department of Orthodontics (Biomechanics of the Face – Does a Snout Make a Difference?); Dr. Michael Cunningham, associate professor, Pediatrics and Director, Craniofacial Center at Children’s Hospital and Regional Medical Center; (The Osteobiology of Syndromic Craniosynostosis); Dr. Tracy Popowics, assistant professor, Oral Biology (Craniofacial Periostea: Facing Function); Dr. Anne-Marie Bollen, associate professor, Department of Orthodontics (Does Bone Quality Affect the Number of Teeth?); and Dr. Gregory King, professor and chair, Department of Orthodontics (Bone in Mandibular Osteodistraction).

Faculty oral presentations were followed by a poster session with submissions from Beverly Dale Crunk, PhD (Oral Biology); Norma Wells, RDH, MPH (Dental Public Health Sciences); Page Fredericks, PhD (Oral Biology); Richard Presland, PhD (Oral Biology); Tina Oviir, DDS (Endodontics); Phillip Weinstein, PhD (Dental Public Health Sciences); two by Mark Drangsholt, DDS, MSD (Oral Medicine); and Danilee Baldwin, DDS (Oral Medicine). Finally, nineteen SURF student posters were presented for the Student Research Competition.

Research and training at the UW School of Dentistry have grown enormously in both scope and diversity over the past decade. In 2001, we ranked first in the nation in the amount of funding, almost $13 million, received from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. Central to the continued growth in research for 2001 is the Northwest Alaska Center to Reduce Oral Health Disparities, one of six national research centers funded by the NIH as part of a $40+ million initiative to address the nation’s disparities in oral health.

This event underscores the School of Dentistry’s sharing of the University of Washington’s commitment to maintaining its reputation as one of the leading research universities in the country. Attended by faculty, staff, students, alumni and industry representatives, Faculty Research Day is an interdisciplinary event that brings together professionals from the fields of oral health and medicine.
Dr. James S. Brudvik and Dr. Dolphine Oda Receive 2002 Bruce R. Rothwell Distinguished Teacher Awards

The 2002 Bruce R. Rothwell Distinguished Teacher Awards were announced Monday August 26, during the School of Dentistry Faculty Retreat at the Golf Club at Newcastle. This year, the members of the Bruce R. Rothwell Distinguished Award Committee recognized two outstanding teachers.

Dr. James S. Brudvik, who has served on the UW School of Dentistry faculty for over 22 years, received this award ‘in recognition of lifetime achievement in teaching.’ He was very disappointed not to be able to accept his award in person, as he was one of four U.S. dental specialists to attend and present at a South African Dental Congress. “It was a complete surprise to receive the award,” he said, “and I was quite pleased about it.”

Dr. Brudvik came to the UW in 1979 after retiring as a colonel and director of the U.S. Army Regional Dental Activity in San Antonio, Texas. He has lectured internationally, covering a variety of prosthodontic topics. His colleague and friend Dr. L. Brian Toolson, who accepted this award on his behalf, says of Dr. Brudvik, “To a person, graduate students love Jim and affectionately refer to him as Colonel Brudvik.” Dr. Brudvik, he points out, has received recognition from several classes for being an outstanding instructor. His textbook on partial denture design is widely used in graduate prosthodontic programs. Dr. Toolson, noting that Dr. Brudvik’s many interests include painting, brought to the retreat a self-portrait that Dr. Brudvik painted (see photo above).

Professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Dr. Dolphine Oda, BDS, MSC, received her award ‘in recognition of outstanding and innovative teaching.’ She says that she is very “…happy and honored to be the recipient of this year’s Bruce Rothwell Distinguished Award. However, I also feel deep sadness in receiving this award, due to the untimely passing of our colleague, Bruce Rothwell.”

Dr. Rothwell died in November 2000 at the age of 52, and these awards were established to honor one or more faculty members who have made significant contributions to the teaching program at our School.

Since coming to the UW in 1985, Dr. Oda has garnered seventeen teaching awards. From 1984 to 1985, she was a clinical professor at UCSF. She also completed her Masters in Experimental Pathology, and studied surgical pathology at the University of Manitoba School of Medicine. Prior to that she studied at the University of Bagdad, where she earned her dental degree.

Dr. Oda says that she is very thankful to Patty and their children, Barrett and Alexandra, for their dedication to their father’s memory; to her students for keeping her on her toes with great recommendations for better teaching material, and finally to Dr. Joe Chasteen, who has produced great work and shown sincere dedication to the advancement of dental education. Drs. Chasteen and Oda worked together for over 1100 hours to develop an online atlas for her oral pathology course. “From the bottom of my heart,” says Dr. Oda, “I am passionate about teaching.”

The Rothwell awards are excellent examples of gifts from alumni, faculty and friends that make it possible for us to retain high-calibre educators at our school.
Spectacular Event Marks Dr. Domoto’s Retirement

On Friday, September 20, over two hundred dentists, UW faculty, staff and students, representatives of regional and national dental organizations and societies, and friends and family of Dr. Peter K. Domoto gathered to celebrate the life and career of one of the University of Washington’s most respected faculty members.

Special guest UW President Richard L. McCormick paid glowing tribute to the service Dr. Domoto has provided to the University and to a most vulnerable and underserved population, children. Even Governor Gary Locke was represented by staff member Mr. Paul Isaki, who read a letter from the Governor noting that, “Your compassionate efforts to establish dental services in remote areas and your emphasis on preventing tooth decay through education have positively impacted thousands of lives.”

Having just arrived in Seattle two days earlier to begin her tenure as Dean of the UW School of Dentistry, Dr. Martha Somerman commented that she was sorry the School was losing Dr. Domoto to retirement, but pleased that he will remain part time as emeritus faculty for the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, which he headed for over 26 years.

Dr. John M. Davis, former acting chair for the UW Department of Pediatric Dentistry, headed the committee that spent months organizing the dinner, held in the Harbor Dining Room of the Bell Harbor International Conference Center. He brought in willing guests and speakers from all over the world to honor Dr. Domoto and presented him with a custom-made fishing pole, a gift from the faculty and staff of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.

Many friends, colleagues, and representatives from dental organizations and other universities contributed words of wit and wisdom about Dr. Domoto. Dr. Weyland Lum read a letter from Dr. Charles N. Bertolami, Professor and Dean of the University of California-San Francisco School of Dentistry, and presented Dr. Domoto with a UCSF letterman’s jacket and a $1,000 check for the Domoto Fund for Children from himself and two other UCSF colleagues. Shawn Wong, professor and former chair of the UW Department of English; friend and former Cal Bears teammate, Earl Robinson; Dr. Arthur J. Nowak, Emeritus Faculty, Departments of Pediatric Dentistry and Pediatrics, University of Iowa; Dr. Abraham B. Bergman, Department of Pediatrics, Harborview Medical Center; and Dr. Tsutomu Shimono, a friend and colleague who taught pediatric dentistry at the UW as part of an exchange program with Okayama University in Japan, also spoke.

Dr. James N. Sledge, Chair of the Washington Dental Service Foundation, presented Dr. Domoto with the WDSF Oral Health Award and a check for $25,000 for the newly established Peter K. Domoto Fund for Children, established in Dr. Domoto’s honor to provide continuing oral health care to children who do not have the means to pay for it. Dr. Kyoko Awamura, who was instrumental in establishing and raising gifts for the new fund, announced that the fund total had reached almost $79,000.

Dr. Douglas S. Ramsay, Acting Chair of the UW Department of Pediatric Dentistry, read a letter of congratulations from Dr. Paul B. Robertson, past dean of the UW School of Dentistry. He also presented Dr. Domoto with a rocking chair, a gift from the dean, faculty, staff and students of the dental school.

Sylvia Domoto, Dr. Domoto’s wife of 41 years, spoke for herself and their children, Laura, Jeff and Jenny, saying that they so appreciated the incredible tribute. Standing on the stage holding his granddaughter, Cameron, Dr. Domoto said, “If you want to understand diversity, look at your own families.”

Clockwise from upper left:
• Master of Ceremonies, Dr. John M. Davis, presenting Dr. Domoto with a custom made fishing rod.
• Dr. Kyoko Awamura, happily announcing the total gifts to the new Peter K. Domoto Fund for Children to which she and husband Dr. Thomas H. Morton, Jr. have pledged $25,000.
• Son Jeff, left, playing with the Emerald City Brass Ensemble at the dinner.
• Dr. James Sledge, left, presenting Dr. Domoto with the WDSF Oral Health Award and a $25,000 check from the Washington Dental Service Foundation.
• Dr. Peter K. Domoto and his wife, Sylvia Domoto.
David H. Wands Graduate Fellowship Recipient Selected

Like Father, Like Son

At a time when there is great demand for new dental educators, the UW School of Dentistry is very pleased to welcome Michael Waliszewski, DDS, as the first recipient of the David H. Wands Graduate Fellowship in Prosthodontics. This award, generously funded by David H. Wands, DDS, MSD, a former UW School of Dentistry faculty member in the Department of Prosthodontics, was established to encourage graduate students in prosthodontics to pursue careers in dental education, and to offset the increased costs of their education.

Dr. Waliszewski moved to Seattle in June to pursue his post-graduate education at the UW. His first exposure to our state was two years ago, when he helped move a friend who was entering Seattle University to study law. Dr. Waliszewski, like his father who graduated from Marquette and taught in their School of Dentistry for 28 years, earned his BS from Marquette University and his DDS from Marquette’s School of Dentistry.

While in dental school at Marquette, Dr. Waliszewski received several awards and honors, including the 2002 Hanau Best of the Best Prosthodontic Award, the American College of Prosthodontics 2002 Award for Excellence in Prosthodontics, and he was initiated into the dental honor society, Omicron Kappa Epsilon – Xi Chapter, as a graduating senior.

Outside of dentistry, Dr. Waliszewski’s interests include rock and roll, rugby (he was twice named to the Wisconsin All State Team while playing for Marquette U), and he plays a little hoop when time allows. His 22-year-old sister, Nicole, just entered her first year of veterinary school at her UW—the University of Wisconsin. His older brother, John, graduated from Marquette in law and teaches high school English.

Dental Camp

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‘goodies’ to remind them of their Dental Camp experience. The ‘hands on’ activities proved to be an effective exercise for initiating an interest in dental careers for many of the students.

A great deal of effort went into this program, and the UW dental students listed below should be commended for volunteering their time as Dental Camp Mentors:

Paul Amata, Tameem Anwar, Terry Chun, Kimberly Dokovna, Brendan Eghtedar, Ryan Fox, Shawneen Gonzalez, Mike Horn, James Jacobs, Jinsoo Kim, Matt Largent, Irene Parkhill, Cyrena Sexton, Neha Singh, Jessica Smith, Kit Steen, Ashley Ulmer, Ryan West and Doug Whitfield. Janice Talkov, RDH, a UW Oral Health Collaborative member, also served as a camp mentor.

The entire project was a collaboration of many organizations and individuals, and is just one of the many ongoing programs at the UW designed to increase the diversity of students on campus. Dr. James Steiner, Washington Dental Service Chair and Associate Dean of Student Services and Admissions; Dr. Millie Russell, Assistant to the Vice President of Minority Affairs, Early Scholars Outreach Program Director; and Dr. Douglass Jackson, Associate Professor in the Department of Oral Medicine, developed the concept for the camp in response to the Washington Dental Service Foundation’s Educational Futures Task Force work to increase the diversity of the state’s future dental professionals. The WDSF Board has committed to address this issue by offering scholarships and supporting pipeline programs to promote dental professions to minority students.

Erin Aselas, Gloria Pascual and Connie Lehmen provided staff support for the camp.
Tony Michael Ponti Memorial Scholarship

To commemorate the life of their son, Tony (Class of 1989), Arthur and Joan Ponti have agreed to establish the Dr. Tony Michael Ponti Memorial Scholarship. This endowment will provide financial support to students in the School of Dentistry who demonstrate academic merit and financial need. It is the intention of the donors, Joan M. and Arthur G. Ponti, to create a memorial to their beloved son, Dr. Tony Michael Ponti, who passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home in Bellevue, WA on December 27, 2000 at the age of 38.

Tony graduated from Sammamish High School in 1980. He obtained a Chemical Engineering Degree from the UW and was accepted the following year at the UW School of Dentistry, graduating with a DDS degree in 1989. After working in a private practice in Everett, Washington, his interest in prosthodontics led him to complete a Certificate in Prosthodontics and a Master of Science in Prosthodontics, both from the University of Washington School of Dentistry. He then taught at the University of Texas at Houston until the end of June 1998. In June 2000, he earned an advanced degree in endodontics from the University of Maryland, after which he returned to the Seattle area to start his practice.

Dr. John C. Kois, a Tacoma prosthodontist, stated that...“Tony was the most honest, kindest, and gentlest man I knew. To know Tony you couldn’t help but be in awe of his unbridled thirst for knowledge. As my student, he was ideal; self-motivated, extremely hard working, and always achieving something exceptional.”

Tony’s message to us, “Never, never, stop learning...Continue unrelentingly to find your true passion in life...Be in the moment—always...Find the most within yourself and help mentor others...Be positive—always.” To know Tony meant you felt comfortable with him. He was down-to-earth and modest. His sense of humor was never at anyone’s expense. He was an accomplished pianist and could compose music in his head. He didn’t need to ever try to impress anyone. There was so much more to Tony. His message — “Never lose sight of the simple things in life, they are more important in the end.”

We are all proud and honored to have had Tony in our lives. He touched our lives with meaning and will live in our hearts forever with the Dr. Tony Michael Ponti Memorial Scholarship.

If you desire to make a contribution to the Dr. Tony Michael Ponti Memorial Scholarship, please send a check made payable to UW Foundation to: Dentistry Development, Box 357137, Seattle, WA 98195-7137. For more information, please call Walt Saunders at (206) 685-9350.
Cheryl Townsend (‘79, Perio ‘81) Receives Honor from the American Academy of Periodontology

Cheryl L. Townsend, DDS ’79 – Periodontics ’81, is the 2002 recipient of The American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) Special Citation Award.

Special Citations are given annually by the AAP in recognition of outstanding work on an Academy committee or special project. Townsend received the award at the AAP’s 88th Annual Meeting in New Orleans for her development of the Periodontal Plastic Surgery Study Club Kit. The award is funded by Pfizer, Inc.

An AAP member for 23 years, Dr. Townsend has served the AAP in numerous capacities, including the Board of Trustees, Advisory Board of the Journal of Periodontology and Board liaison to the Clinical Practice Committee. She has also lectured at AAP Annual Meetings and conferences.

In addition to her service with the AAP, Dr. Townsend has lectured at the annual meetings of the American Dental Association and the Academy of General Dentistry. She is also past president of the Washington State Society of Periodontists, past board member of the Western Society of periodontists and past president of the Seattle-King County Dental Society.

Dr. Townsend received her DDS, MSD and certificate in periodontics from the University of Washington in 1979 and 1981 respectively.

Class of 1952 Celebrates 50th Reunion

The Class of 1952 celebrated their 50th Reunion at the Dean's Club Dinner on Friday, June 7, 2002. Sixteen classmates were able to attend along with their spouses. The group enjoyed the Dean's Club Dinner and then went into a separate room to continue socializing and to take pictures. Some of the class returned the next day to participate in the Dental School Graduation Ceremony.


Below, left: Class of 1952 at their 50th Reunion.
Below, right: Class of 1952, their spouses and guests at the Reunion.
Class of 1962 Celebrates 40th Reunion

The Class of 1962 held their fortieth class reunion at Kah-Nee-Ta near Warm Spring, Oregon on June 28-30, 2002. Class member James Lee made all the arrangements. The group arrived on Friday June 28. A get together cocktail party was the event for the day. Classmates and spouses attending were James Adams, Dwayne Baker, Karl Barden, Maury Dahlquist, Jim Eshelman, Terry Frere, Grover Hoopes, Herb Hooper, Don Landeen, James Lee, Al Leonard, John McGuire, Dan Morasch, Peter Riley, Clyde Sabala, Jerry Swanson and Denis Van Loan.

Saturday June 29 was an “on your own day” and classmates took advantage of all the fun activities available. These included a trip to the museum, a pow wow, golf, swimming and salmon bake. A brunch was held on Sunday June 30. This was followed by a kayak ride down the river and an excellent Native American Traditional dinner in the evening.

It is a shame that the stories related by the class of ’62 can not be shared by later classes. If they were, then the later classes would be able to relate to the “good old days.” The stories were embellished a bit, but the sharing rekindled the bonds of the Class of 1962. Tentative plans for our next reunion are for Tahoe in 2005 or 2007.

Clockwise from upper left:
- Class of 1962 at 40th Reunion.
- Class of 1962, spouses and friends at Reunion.
- Kayaking down the river at Reunion.
- Preparing to Kayak.
Ernest Norman Jenkins (Class of 1950) passed away on Sunday, September 15, 2002. He was born in Ava, Missouri on June 6, 1920 to Jacob Edmond Jenkins and Nora Ann (Walker) Jenkins. He was raised and educated in Ava and graduated from Ava High School in 1939. He attended Missouri State Teacher's College and taught for a year in a one-room school house in Ava. He then attended Loyola University in Chicago until entering the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942. Tech Sergeant Jenkins was stationed in Ketterington, England and was a radio operator on a B17, flying in thirty-two missions. Following his honorable discharge, he made his home in Yakima where he met his future wife, Barbara Jean Rhodes. The couple married on November 10, 1945. After graduating from Yakima Valley College in 1946, he enrolled in the University of Washington Dental School. He graduated with the class of 1950, which was the first class to graduate from the dental school program.

Dr. Jenkins set up his practice on West Yakima Avenue, remaining at the same location for thirty-four years. He retired in 1984. He will be remembered for his devotion to his family, patients and his wonderful sense of humor. After retiring, he enjoyed working on his son-in-law’s fruit ranch and vineyard and traveling extensively.

Dr. Jenkins was a member of the Xi Psi Phi Fraternity, American Dental Association, Washington State Dental Association and Yakima Dental Society, of which he was past president. He was also a longtime member of Englewood Christian Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Yakima Lions Club. He enjoyed reading, gardening, elk hunting, salmon fishing at Westport and family vacations and gatherings.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Barbara of Yakima; three daughters, Nancy Schmidt and her husband Greg of Yakima, Claudia Gasseling and her husband Dennis of Wapato and Cindy Trudeau and her husband Jerry of Sumner, WA; son Douglas Jenkins and his wife Linda of Harrah; eight grandchildren, Jacob Jenkins and his wife Amy, Bekka Jenkins, Ryan and Garet Gasseling, Lena and Bryan Schmidt, and Tessa and Zach Trudeau; and one great-grandson, Noah Jenkins. He is also survived by his brother, Kelly Jenkins and his wife Bessie of Yakima; sister, Parry Shipman of Yakima; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Charlie, Eddie, Hiram and Joe Jenkins; and sister, Hada Brown. Funeral services were held on September 20, 2002.

Richard R. Ross (Class of 1977) passed away peacefully on September 9, 2002, at Swedish Medical Center, following a valiant three-year battle with cancer. Richard was born on January 11, 1953 in Greenville, South Carolina. Growing up in an Air Force family, Richard attended numerous schools and graduated valedictorian from Chofu High School in Tokyo, Japan. He was a high school star athlete in baseball, golf, tennis and basketball. Based on outstanding academic achievement at the University of Washington, Richard was accepted into the University of Washington School of Dentistry and graduated with high honors in 1977. Richard entered the Army as a Captain in 1977 and left active duty as a Major in 1982 when he was chosen to enter the University of Washington Oral Surgery Residency from 1982–1986. Richard practiced oral surgery in the Medical Dental Building from 1987 until January 2002, when he retired due to illness.

Richard belonged to the American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons, Washington State Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, Bolender Study Club, the Seattle-King County Dental Society, Broadmoor Golf and Country Club, and the Members Club at Aldarra. Richard is survived by his loving wife Anita G. Ross, Seattle, WA; his mother, Marjorie V. Ross, Satellite Beach, FL; brothers Ronald R. Ross, Melbourne, FL; and Reginald R. Ross, Jr, Satellite Beach, FL; and sisters Rosemarie Ross Lovell, Carrollton, TX and Roxanne R. Ross, Tampa, FL. His father, Reginald R. Ross preceded him in death in 1996.

Richard was first and foremost, a people person. He loved to stop and talk to anyone who crossed his path. Richard’s energy and enthusiasm for life was infectious. He filled his life with fun and exciting adventures, from world travel to playing golf in Ireland and Scotland. Richard loved his chosen profession and was thankful to all those who had helped him achieve his goal. He always placed his patient’s well being as a first priority and exemplified the highest standards in his profession. He was chosen by his peers as A Top Dentist in the areas of Implants, Oral Pathology and Radiology, and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in January 2002. He made all his patients and people he encountered feel special and truly cared for. He loved to teach others and share his knowledge. Richard was a loving, caring and devoted husband, son and brother who never forgot his family or his roots. Richard brought endless hours of fun and joy to his family, friends, colleagues, and golfing buddies. Richard will be so greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Richard touched so many people’s and he left a lasting impression. Services were held on Wednesday, September 18, 2002 at St. James Cathedral.

Theophilus J. Tsalaky (Class of 1954) passed away on April 2, 2002. He was born in 1926 and graduated from the University of Washington School of Dentistry in 1954.

Dr. Tsalaky was a resident of Coeur d’Alene, Idaho at the time of his death. A general dentist, he had a practice for many years in Opportunity, WA.
George W. Wood (Class of 1951) passed away on July 8, 2002. Dr. Wood was born near Bigfork, MT in 1918. He spent his early years in Kalispell. He served five years in the US Army and the US Air Force in the Second World War. He married Grace Scearce in 1942. He then attended Whitman College in Walla Walla and then the University of Washington School of Dentistry, graduating in 1951. He practiced dentistry in Walla Walla for 30 years before retirement and lived on Whidbey Island for the remainder of his life. He and his wife recently celebrated their 60th anniversary.

Dr. Wood had a penchant to join good causes and served in leadership roles in many organizations. He served as President of the WSDA in 1975. Along with his leadership in WSDA; he was President of Washington Dental Service; Walla Walla Chamber of Commerce; Walla Walla Rotary Club; Walla Walla Community College; and Useless Bay Golf and Country Club on Whidbey Island.

He is survived by his wife and three children; Cynthia Shelton and her husband, John of Langley; Douglas R. Wood, DDS and his wife LaVonne of Oak Harbor; George Stanley Wood and his wife Marilyn of Seattle; by four grandchildren, one great grand child and many nieces and nephews.

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Dr. William Proffit

What’s the Latest in Photography and Digital Imaging in Dentistry? (Lecture and Clinic)
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Mr. James Clark

The Art of Endodontics: System-Based Shaping, Cleaning and Obturation
Friday, December 13, 2002
Dr. Stephen Buchanan

JANUARY 2003

Emerging Diseases & Challenging Issues in Infection Control
(Tacoma, Washington)
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Dr. John Molinari

Real World Endodontics (Lecture & Lab)
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Drs. Ken Koch & Dennis Brave

What Would You Do? A Course in Practical Pharmacology for the Community Dentist
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Dr. Bart Johnson & Dr. Douglass Jackson

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How Soon Can We Get Started: Increasing Case Acceptance
Friday, February 14, 2003
Dr. Roger Levin

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