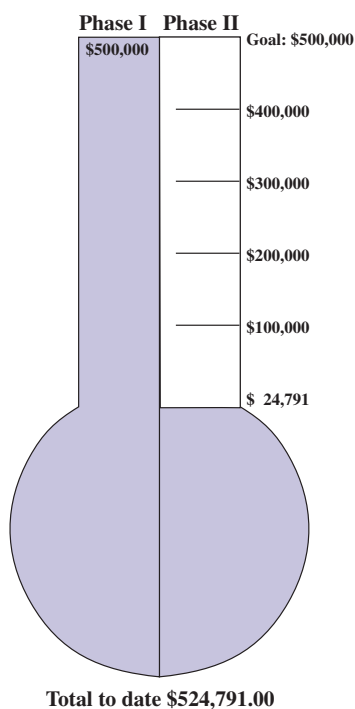




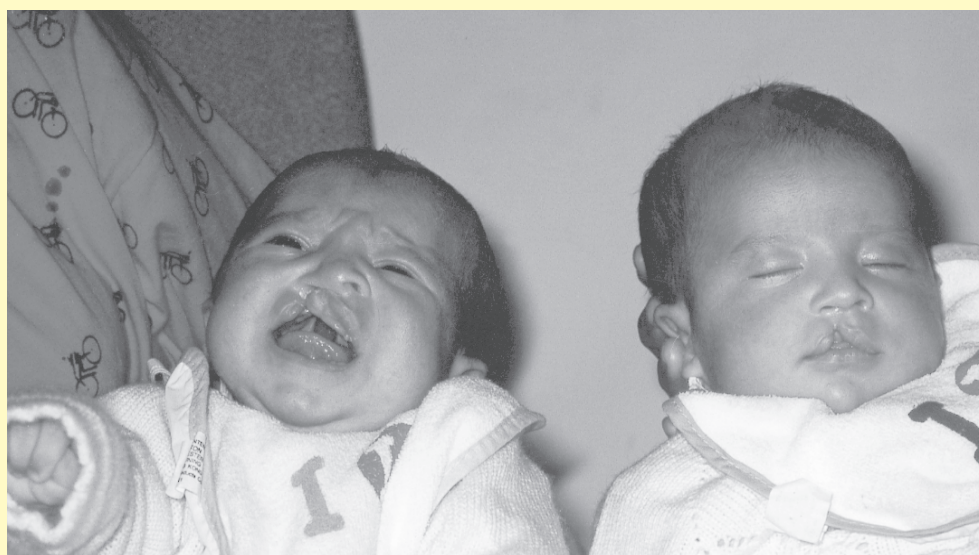
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Dental Education: The Revolution Continues



Dean Paul B. Robertson and Dr. Charles Bolender cut the ceremonial ribbon, signifying the completion of the Phase I renovation of the student pre-clinical laboratory

On November 21, 1997, the University of Washington School of Dentistry ushered in a new era in dental education. Alumni, faculty, students and friends were formally introduced to the newly renovated pre-clinical student laboratory, featuring life-like dental simulators, at a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the completion of the physical renovation of the laboratory.

The evening featured students demonstrating a variety of techniques on the mock "patients" for onlookers, providing an opportunity to see the technology in action. Each workstation emulates a true clinical setting, allowing enhanced learning and easing the transition to working on real patients.

Another exciting facet to the evening

was the announcement of the Alumni Anniversary Pledge campaign totals. Dean Paul B. Robertson announced that the campaign broke the \$500,000 mark, signaling the completion of Phase I. To date, \$524,791 has been raised.

Phase I consisted of the physical renovation of the laboratory, including the installation of the simulators. Sights are now set on completing Phase II, which will include the exciting educational enhancements, many of which were demonstrated that evening. In order to make this a truly revolutionary learning environment, the multimedia portion of the plan must be implemented.

Each simulator station will have instructional, multimedia capabilities.

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Upcoming Events

Please mark the following upcoming events on your calendar:

March 27, 1998 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Ernest Jones Lecture and Luncheon
Hogness Auditorium/Don James Center
University of Washington

April 20, 1998 6:30 p.m.
Alumni Full-Board Meeting
Washington Athletic Club

May 15, 1998
Dean's Club Recognition Dinner
Columbia Tower Club

July 15 – 17
Pacific Northwest Dental Conference
Washington State Convention Center

July 17, 1998 6:30 – 10 p.m.
Alumni All-Class Reunion Dinner
Columbia Tower Club

Our Apologies

The following individual was missed in the Honor Roll of Donors for the 1996-97 fiscal year, listed in the Fall 1997 Dental Alumni News.

Howard P. Jensen, The Dean's Club (\$500 – 1,999)

We sincerely regret the error.

President's Message

I am happy to say the simulators are in place and in use in the D-1 pre-clinical simulation laboratory. At the ribbon cutting ceremony on November 21, 1997, many students volunteered to be on hand to demonstrate the educational process on the simulators. I was impressed with the professionalism and friendliness they displayed. The environment for learning is marvelous. The dark lab feeling has been replaced by a spacious, well-lighted treatment facility feeling. I felt the simulators helped create a professional self-image among the students, which was lacking in previous lab experiences. That self image is more readily fostered among young dental students when they are working in a mouth that is situated correctly on a dental chair in a simulated patient.

The other impression that was evident at the ribbon cutting ceremony was that of a very dedicated staff and committed dental alumni. Just like that new putter or set of skis, the simulators are just tools. The competency and skills are in the hands and minds of the operators. There was a very strong feeling of support from the alumni present and enthusiasm and camaraderie among the professors and staff. That is a wonderful combination and the key to the tremendous successes the University of Washington School of Dentistry had experienced in recent years.

In response to my request for feedback, I received one letter from a person who was concerned about the lack of recognition retired dentists receive in the alumni association; this will be a topic at our next board meeting. The other concern from the same person was that we were always "begging" for money. My first response to that question is "if we didn't ask you, who would?" I

consider the contributions to the alumni cause to be an investment in the future of our profession and asking for help in improving programs at our alma mater is an opportunity. Your class representatives are facilitators in helping you direct your investment where it will do the most good in improving the education of the dental students at the School of Dentistry. We have a large number of members in our association who are very proud of our profession and, specifically, our school. No one will deny that our school has had its ups and downs, but I consider that, of the 50 years of our existence, we have been more up than down. And right now, under the progressive direction of Dean Paul Robertson, we enjoy a very enviable place among dental schools of the world. If your class representative hasn't given you the encouragement to support the new simulators, I hope you will call him or her and ask for a pledge form. Pledge forms are also available through the Dental Alumni Office at the school.

I am proud to say that I have a daughter who is a recent graduate of the UW School of Dentistry (June 1997). She enjoyed the holidays with several of her classmates in New York, where she is in a general practice residency program. Her class had a tremendous esprit de corps that has continued past graduation. I was very encouraged by the respect and friendship the students had with their professional staff during the four years that she was a student. The climate is ideal for assimilating knowledge. Things are truly going well at the school. We can take a great deal of pride that we are alumni of such a fine institution. Thank you for your support in helping to keep it where it is.

Chester W. Woodside, D.D.S., Class of 1967



Chester W. Woodside

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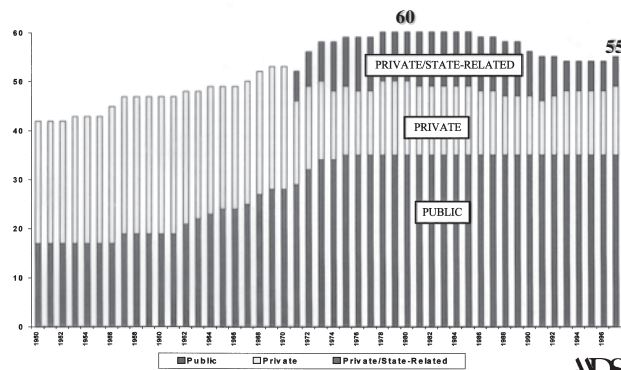
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Dean's Column

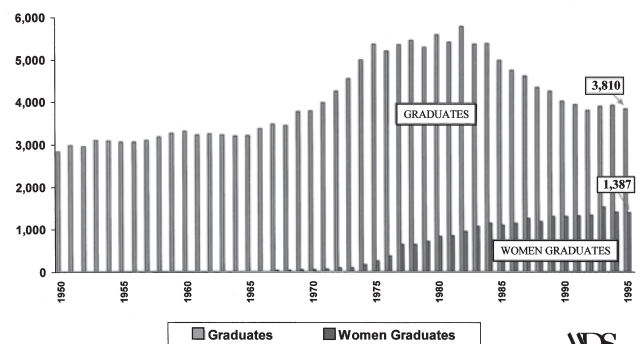
My sincere thanks to all of you who made the opening of our new D-1 dental simulation laboratory a resounding success. Alumni and friends of UW clearly reached their goal to assemble the “stage” for the first phase of upgrading our teaching program. The facility was completed **on time** and **within budget**, thanks to the efforts of the classes committed to the 50th Anniversary Campaign. Now that the “stage” is set, we must work equally hard to put on the “play” by completing the second phase of this unique new program in time for the year 2000. This second – and crucial phase — includes computers and other electronic instructional aids that will greatly facilitate our already outstanding educational program.

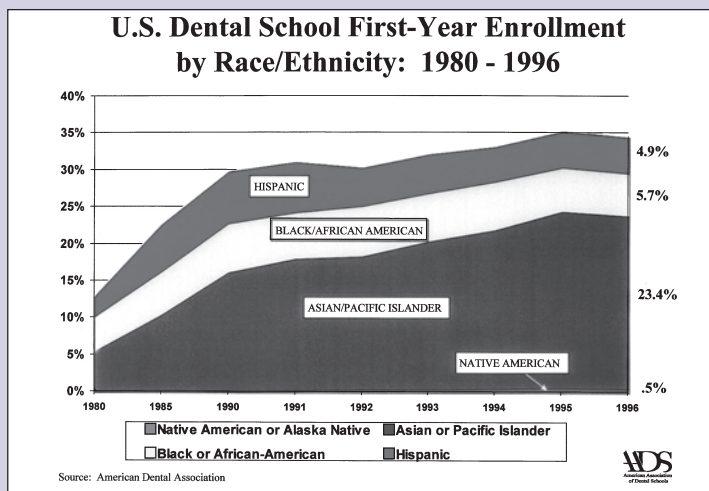
Providing students with improved facilities is not the only change for the future. Four sets of data compiled by the AADS recently caught my attention and suggest some major issues that dental education will face in the immediate future. The first graph displays the number of applicants and enrollments to dental school since 1950, showing a contemporary major increase in applicants coupled with essentially no increase in first year enrollments for the past six years. A slight change in the number of national enrollments will result from the opening of a dental school at Nova Southwestern in Florida, which announced a first year class of 90 for September 1997 and the possible closure of Northwestern’s dental school; but in general, the number of new dental school positions in the US is not expected to change radically in the next few years. The increase in number of applicants is far more dramatic for UW, having jumped from about 600 in 1990 to more than 1200 this year for our 50-55 first year positions – a class size that has remained constant for the past two decades. The dramatic increase in the number of applicants has fueled controversy about the best method to predict applicants’ future success in both dental training and dental practice. At UW, we combine objective grade point averages and test scores with more subjective interviews and life experiences.

**U.S. Dental Schools: Number by Type
1950 - 1997**



**Total and Women U.S. Dental School
Graduates: 1950 - 1995**





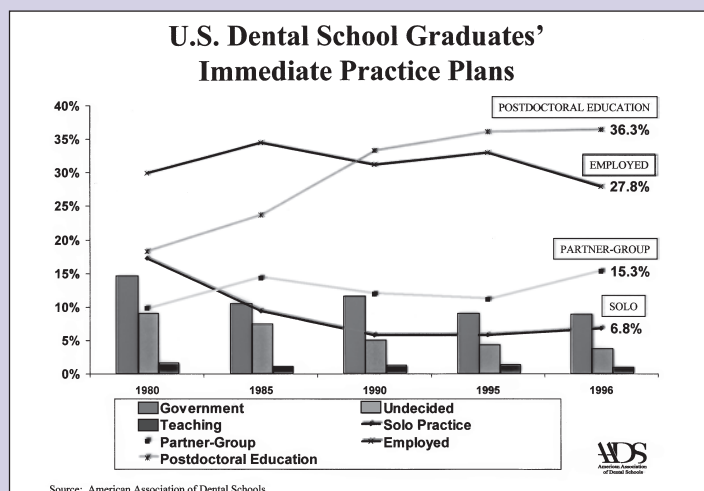
There is little question that test scores are an imperfect predictor of professional success, and as the sheer number of applicants increases, subjective approaches become more difficult to manage.

The second chart traces the number of women graduates as a function of total graduates since 1950. The third chart illustrates US dental school enrollment by race/ethnicity since 1980. Women now comprise about 35 percent of first year enrollment nationally. Moreover, performance and attrition rates of women during the dental educational years, both nationally and at UW, are comparable to their male colleagues. At UW, we have long been ahead of the national acceptance rate for women. Indeed, 42% of this year's entering class are women. We have had less success recruiting women and minorities to the faculty and placing them in senior administrative positions. These trends are complicated by changing political views of affirmative action that conflict with a strong commitment to diversity on the part of dental education.

The fourth chart illustrates dramatic changes in the immediate practice plans of US dental school graduates since 1980. The demand for postdoctoral education, primarily advanced training in general practice, has almost doubled in the last 15 years. These data will provide impetus to those who strongly support efforts to establish a mandatory postdoctoral training year after graduation from a DDS program. The trend toward increased postdoctoral training has sparked a renewed interest in the PEW Health Commission recommen-

dations to incorporate a general dentistry year into the present four-year curriculum. At the same time there is a distressing decrease in graduates planning to follow a career in government service and teaching.

One of the strengths of the UW School of Dentistry has been its ability to turn issues of change into opportunities. Alumni are a most valuable resource for determining which of today's trends will impact dental education and the profession in the future. I look forward to working with all of you to chart a path for the School to meet these coming challenges. Let's continue to build on our success.



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Central to this multimedia portion is a video network connecting all the simulator stations to the instructor's desk. Instructors will be able to demonstrate a procedure that will be simultaneously transmitted to each station, providing students with a bird's-eye view. This will also allow two-way communication with certain clinic sites within the School and at other universities. Instructors will be able to present a greater variety of cases. Students will be able to view high-resolution color images, radiographs and video on personal computers. In addition, each station will be equipped with an Ethernet port, allowing students to connect to the Internet and interact with instructors at other locations.

"Of the many joys I experienced at the ribbon cutting celebration, the best was the sense of gathering with a very diverse family of supporters of the School," said Dean Robertson. "Sharing the moment with me were students, alumni, faculty, administrators, staff, friends, and distinguished members of the professional and corporate community. I thank you all."

More than 300 people attended the evening reception, marking the first time many saw the simulators. A special thank-ypu to A-Dec, Frasco, and Washington Dental Service for their contributions to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and their part in making the start of the "revolution" a success.



The Results are in!

Upon visiting the pre-clinical simulation laboratory, the vast improvements to the learning conditions are obvious. Equally obvious is the enthusiasm shown by the students and their appreciation to the alumni for their part in making this laboratory a reality. *Dental Alumni News* asked the students to comment on the new setting. Here is a sampling of the responses:

"The new lab is incredible! We all feel pretty fortunate to be able to use such a nice facility." ~ Jason Bourne

"The simulators, while being much more difficult to learn with than being able to position your dentofrom on your desktop, will be one of those things that we're glad we were familiar with when we get to clinic." ~ Christopher Perez



"Working on the simulators has been fantastic! I think we will be tremendously more prepared for clinic. Through this we get a close approximation of what we will and will not be able to see, how to position ourselves around the patient, and operate our instruments." ~ Danilee Gibbs

"The simulators aren't quite finished yet, but the use of them so far has been a great introduction to how we will be performing procedures on an actual patient. There is less room to work and you have to position everything differently when working in the mouth as opposed to working on the lab bench. It causes some difficulty, but I'd rather get used to it from the start. I feel the lab will help us to be much farther along by the beginning of clinic years than we would have been without it." ~ Brent Mason

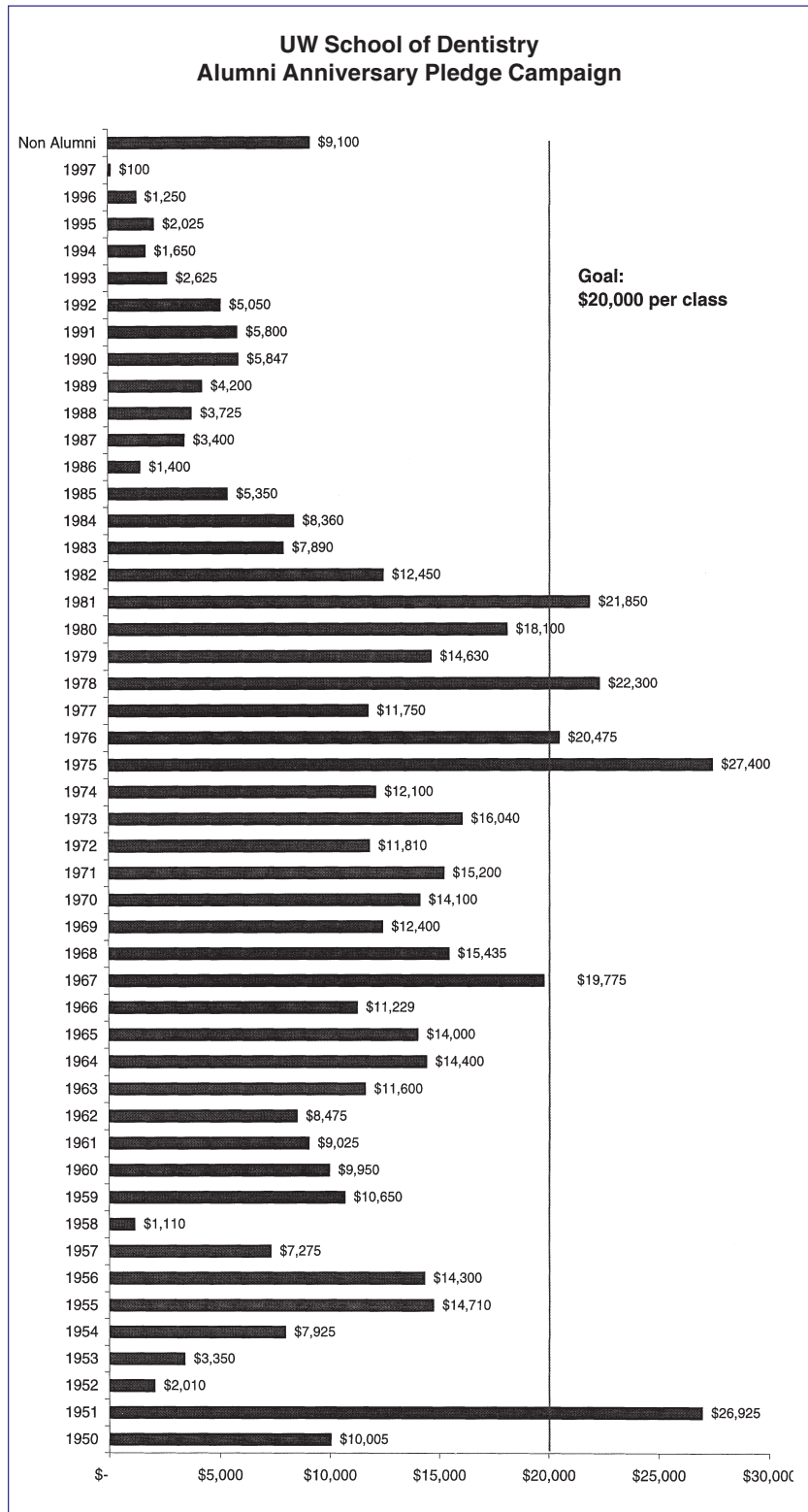
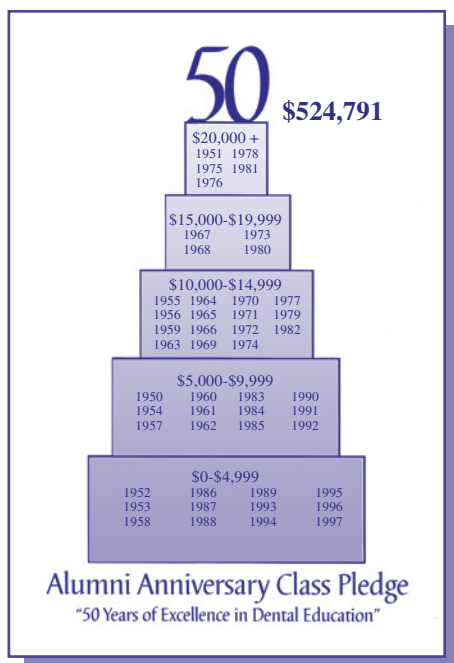


"The simulators work very well. The lighting is the same if not better than the D-3 clinic. The lighting makes a tremendous difference when working in the mouth. I believe that the simulators, with more hands-on experience, will definitely enhance the transition from lab to clinic, i.e. cutting a prep on the simulator is much closer to a patient than cutting a prep on a dentoform attached to a post."

~ Ben Dorantes

"Many times I feel like I'm actually working on a real patient. I believe that working with the simulators this year in pre-clinical labs will definitely prepare me well for clinic next year in terms of patient positioning, etc." ~ Julie Tseng

"The only thing it is not able to simulate is the oral conditions, like saliva. But I think starting off and working on the simulators and trying to get the orientation of the mirror is hard enough without the saliva. Upperclassmen have complained that they wished they had that kind of preparation for clinic, and many of the third year students use the simulators to try and help them orient themselves better in the mouth...All in all, it has been hard trying to use the simulators, but I know the struggles now are nothing compared to having a real patient in your dental chair up in clinic. I am glad that we have the opportunity to learn on these simulators than the real patient." ~ Simone Kim



School's Commitment to Research Flourishes

On September 24, 1997, the School of Dentistry shut down for half a day as part of "Prep Week", the week before classes officially began. Clinics were closed to allow students, faculty and staff the opportunity to participate in the School's annual Research Day and learn more about research programs conducted by students and faculty alike.

The event featured Dr. William Costerton as keynote speaker. In addition, six presentations were heard, covering such topics as a periodontitis vaccine, low level elemental mercury exposure in dentistry, and making Medicaid child dental services work. Twenty-eight research projects were displayed in poster format, topics ranging from laser curing of composite resins; to dietary factors and caries activity in young children; to a comparison of lidocaine and etidocaine in intraosseous anesthesia.

Costerton, the director of the Center for Biofilm Engineering at Montana State University in Bozeman, is internationally known for his work with biofilms, having written books and over 700 papers. In addition to receiving the Sir Frederick Haultain Prize for achievement in physical science in 1986, Costerton received the Isaak Walton Killam Memorial prize for scientific achievement in 1990. He was a post-doctoral fellow at Cambridge University and served as dean of Science at Baring Union College in Punjab, India.

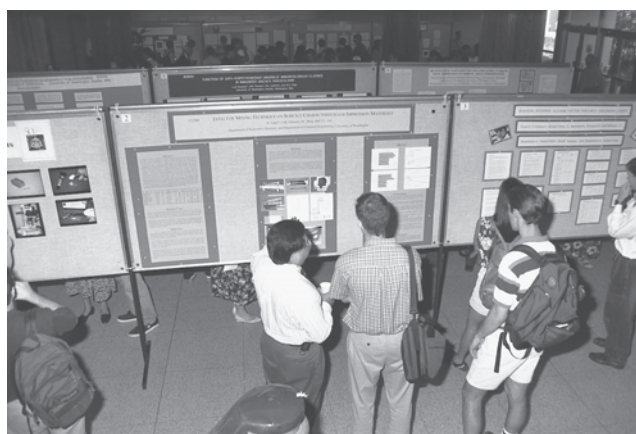
The School's commitment to research continues to grow, as it has over the past decade. For fiscal year 1996, the School ranked first in the nation in the amount of funding received from the National Institute for Dental Research (NIDR), receiving \$7,900,165 in support. In addition, the School attracted \$362,218 from industry and \$711,573 from other sources. Non-governmental support



comes from the Hack Estate, the School's Research Fund, and from the alumni of our various programs.

Currently, the School receives support from the following awards:

- Short-term training support for 16 dental students
- Short-term training support for participants in the Summer Institute in Clinical Dental Research Methods
- Institutional National Research Service Awards (4)
- Individual National Research Service Award
- Research Career Development Award
- Research Project – Cooperative Agreement
- FIRST awards (4)
- Individual Research awards (14)
- MERIT awards (2)
- Research Program Project awards (2)
- Center Core grants (2)
- Clinical Investigator awards (2)
- Conference grant
- Small grants (2)



Dawgs Get Clawed in Apple Cup

The Dental Alumni Homecoming weekend festivities began with the pre-clinical simulation lab Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday night, November 21 and ended on Saturday, November 22 with a sold out Brunch and Apple Cup game between the Huskies and Cougars.

A packed house of 225 Alumni and friends attended the pre-game brunch at the Urban Horticulture Center. There seemed to be as many Cougar fans in attendance as the Husky faithful. All had a good time enjoying the great food, beverages, and socializing with each other. Event chair, Dr. Amanda Tavoularis, welcomed the group. Dean Paul B. Robertson also briefly spoke to the group letting them know the School is progressing forward and how the support from the Alumni is so needed and greatly appreciated. The decorations were all in purple and gold but it didn't stop the Cougar fans from getting enthused about the game. The stakes were high as Washington State would be going to the Rose Bowl with a victory over the Huskies.

The game was hard fought in a drizzly Northwest rain, but it was the Cougar's day to shine as they beat the Huskies 41-35 and accepted the formal invitation to represent the PAC 10 conference in the Rose Bowl. The Huskies received an invitation to go to the Aloha Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii to play the Michigan State Spartans. The Huskies ended the season on a high note with a convincing 51-23 victory in the Aloha Bowl. The Cougars played a great game in the Rose Bowl but came up short losing to #1 ranked Michigan 21-16.



School of Dentistry Expands Alumni Services

Picture this: You've been very successful in your career endeavors, building a nest egg that will enable you to live comfortably during your retirement years. You've made several real estate investments or hold highly appreciated stock and want to avoid the capital gains tax. Where do you turn for assistance?

The School of Dentistry added a new member to its staff to assist with just such a scenario and many others. Richard Silverstein joined the staff of the Office of Development in September as a major gifts officer. He is responsible for developing stronger relationships with School of Dentistry alumni, as well as UW alumni in California, "friend-raising" as he calls it.

Silverstein has been involved with fund-raising for 14 years, working with such prestigious organizations as Brandeis University, City of Hope National Medical Center and UJA Federation of New York.

"Education is important to me personally," Silverstein said. "I love academia and the campus environment. I'm excited to be back with a major university."

According to Silverstein, the UW is newer to fund-raising on a broad scale than other prominent universities like UCLA, UC-Berkeley or Michigan. As state funding stagnates or is reduced in coming years, the UW needs to begin looking to the community to make up the difference, increasing the size of its development staff to meet the challenge. As a result of this late entry, the UW is behind in staff size, graduate scholarships, endowed professorships, etc., as compared to the University of Michigan and University of

Wisconsin, who are years ahead. Silverstein says that the success of these two schools demonstrates how expanding the development staff here can aid us in outshining other schools in our fund-raising efforts.

Silverstein says many alumni believe their help is not needed because they haven't been asked. The need hasn't been there until now. The potential for the School of Dentistry to receive greater support from the dental community is just beginning to be explored. The gift of \$2 million from the Washington Dental Service last year is a good indicator that there is the potential for greater support for the School.

While many people give to the School due to the sheer desire to give back to the place where their careers began, others need to receive some tangible benefit from their gifts. Silverstein said the Development Office is able to assist in a variety of situations, including bequests, charitable remainder trusts and charitable gift annuities. Depending on the individual situation and the donor's intent, gifts can be arranged to provide income while the donor is alive and to provide tax relief.

One of the first tasks Silverstein will tackle is the completion of the Saul Schluger Endowed Chair in

Periodontics. To date, over \$600,000 has been raised; however, another \$900,000 is necessary to complete the endowment in honor of the founder of the school's graduate Periodontics program. This will be the first endowed chair to be completed by a department.

"I will work with any donor to support any area or any department," Silverstein said. "The only way to retain the national ranking [of the

School of Dentistry] will be if everyone – individuals and corporations – step up to the plate."



Richard Silverstein, center, chats with Neil Bergstrom (Class of 1973) and Norma Wells, director of the Dental Hygiene program, at the student pre-clinical lab ribbon cutting ceremony in November.

Making a Difference:

Local Dentist Works to Improve Environment

Dr. Paul Rubin (Class of 1973) is setting standards for others to follow when it comes to the hazardous waste generated by a dental practice and receiving recognition for his efforts.

Rubin's practice, the Broadway Dental Center, is one of the first in the nation to install a system to capture the amalgam particles from wastewater, thereby significantly reducing the amount of mercury entering the wastewater system. The remnants of the process, bits of mercury and amalgam, can then be recycled.

"I'm not an environmentalist," Rubin said. "I am concerned about the use of mercury and what happens to it when it leaves the office."

A recent study by the Metro-King County Solid Waste Division traced approximately 14% of the mercury found in wastewater back to dental offices. This represents one of the largest identifiable sources of mercury in the King County wastewater system and is cause for concern. Once the wastewater is treated, the resulting biosolids are sold for commercial fertilizer. To ensure the safety of this product and the environment, the amount of mercury needs to be limited, if not eliminated altogether.

Rubin says his concern about the use of mercury began in the late 1970's. He attended a lecture by Hal Huggins, an opponent to the use of mercury in dental amalgam. While Huggins is a controversial figure in dentistry, Rubin felt there was some basis in what he heard.

"The scientific evidence at this point is quite strong against the use of mercury amalgam," said Rubin, "and not using it anymore made sense."

In 1980, Rubin stopped using it in his practice. As a result of his concern over the use of mercury, he became interested in mercury waste, specifically those small particles going down the drain and the vapor being released into the air.

Many European countries require mercury-recapturing systems in dental offices. The same is not true in the United States although Rubin feels the trend is moving in that direction. Even though there are laws restricting the amount of mercury in wastewater, King County encourages voluntary compliance to incorporate a mercury-

recapturing system in dental offices.

"Minnesota and the Great Lakes region are trying to require recapturing systems," Rubin said. "It takes awareness to change and pressure from the public. I think when one part of the country makes the move, others will follow."

Many of Rubin's clients are attracted to his office because it is mercury free. The fact that thought is given to environmental concerns is an added bonus that Rubin says is truly appreciated. He makes a special effort to keep his patients informed about the office's recycling practices through their newsletter and word of mouth.

In addition to the mercury recapturing system, Broadway Dental Center also recycles paper products and x-ray fixer. Special care is taken to purchase environmentally friendly products. They are also looking to switch to an autoclave sterilization system to avoid the use of chemicals.

"It's not a huge expense to incorporate these changes," Rubin said, "but it makes a huge difference."

These efforts have earned Rubin and Broadway Dental Center accolades. The clinic was the first business to receive a five-star rating from EnviroStars, a program developed by King County Hazardous Waste Management to recognize those businesses that make efforts to reduce waste and properly manage hazardous wastes. In addition, he's received the Northwest Waste Information Network (WIN) Environmental Achievement Award and received

honorable mention for the 1997 Governor's Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Pollution Prevention.

Rubin is also busy raising awareness about mercury and its hazards and the steps that can be taken to reduce it in the environment. In addition to lecturing to fellow dentists, he serves on the environmental committee of the International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology (LAOMT) and on the advisory panel for EnviroStar.



On behalf of the Broadway Dental Center, Paul Rubin received the award for Outstanding Achievement in Pollution Prevention from Washington Governor Gary Locke in September.

Dr. Paul Rubin has tested several types of mercury recapturing systems in his office. If you are interested in learning more about the type of system that may be best for your office, please contact him at (206) 324-1100.

Improving the Quality of Life:

Volunteer Dentists Address Needs of Under-Served Populations

"In Haiti, sugar cane chewing is popular," says Dr. Steve Albright, who has practiced volunteer dentistry everywhere from Haiti to Israel. "It's high in sugar, and the people lack dental care, toothpaste or running water. They don't have much of anything."

Albright, who works part-time in the Restorative Dentistry Department at the UW, is one of many dentists with UW ties who volunteer overseas each year. They travel in large groups or small teams, usually for two-week stints, and pick up many of their own expenses.

"I read about volunteering in Haiti in a state dental journal," says Albright, who has a general practice in Seattle. "I suppose my interest comes from my Catholic background, from my parents explaining the golden rule to me."

In Haiti, Albright practiced general dentistry, mostly the extraction of painful and non-restorable teeth. Ventures in People sponsored that first two-week visit in 1980. "It was moving, hot and difficult and tiring," says Albright. "It was special because it was my first time in a Third World Country, getting to see the conditions and the troubles. It was rewarding, because the patients were very appreciative."

Since then, Albright has volunteered eight more times—in Haiti, Guatemala and Ecuador. Recently, he completed his second stint in Israel. "The first time I worked on a kibbutz where I treated routine dental problems," he says. "Last year I worked in a children's clinic. The children all had restorative problems, like poor people in the U.S. or people who don't take care of themselves and don't have fluoridated water."

One of Albright's favorite trips was to Ecuador with his wife, Paula Cipolla, in 1992. "Paula runs our office, so she's not a dentist or physician," he says. "Her title was aide. They do everything that the doctors don't, from greeting people to weighing them. They count and dispense pills and pray with people and translate and cook."

Whenever people say they'd like to volunteer, but they're not doctors, Albright has a ready answer. "I say, 'So

what? There's lots for you to do. We've got high school kids and college kids and farmers.'"

Volunteers pay about \$1,700 in expenses for a two-week Haitian mission. "It's a fun working vacation," Albright says. "We get to see the country much better than you would on a tour because we're off in a remote area with ordinary people. We're not just seeing buildings and sites. We're right there with the people."

Dr. William Pratt, who teaches part-time in Restorative Dentistry at the UW, sold his private practice in Puyallup a year and a half ago. Now, he puts all of his energy into the Amigo Foundation—a nonprofit organization he created in 1987.

"Ten years ago I had a piece of property that I was going to build an office on," explains Pratt. "I eventually sold that to a developer friend, took almost half of those proceeds and formed the Amigo Foundation. Instead of buying a farm for hunting and fishing, I decided that it was more important to use that money to serve others."

What problems do dentists see overseas? "In most of the countries, people drink a lot of soft drinks," says Pratt. "Most don't have dental floss or toothpaste or

access to dental care." Too often, teeth extraction is the only option. "Sometimes you're saddened by the choices they have to make, but if you don't have money or access to medical facilities, that's the only thing you can do."

"I spent the first 37 years of my life thinking about all the things I'd like to do," Pratt says. "I became a follower of Jesus Christ at 37. I decided that I needed to do things for other people." In the past 14 years, he has completed 15 dental missions overseas. Next up: Russia, Tibet, Guatemala or Africa. His wife, Peggy, will accompany him as his dental assistant. And he's always looking for other volunteers.

"Lots of people are interested," he says. "But it's hard to find people who are willing to take two weeks off from their practices and pay their own expenses."

You don't have to be a licensed dentist to help out overseas. David McDonald is a fourth-year UW dental student, recently accepted into the periodontics program.

Infants and children are a portion of the population serviced by volunteer dentists. The goal is often to provide a degree of comfort and normalcy in their lives.

He accompanied Pratt on a two-week volunteer assignment in Guatemala for the Amigo Foundation, which provided everything but his airline ticket. McDonald's wife, Amber, assisted him.

McDonald says they flew Continental to Guatemala City. The organization they worked with, AMG International, run schools for children, like summer camps, in addition to health clinics throughout the country.

"The director of AMG is a pilot and he flew us to a town called Culbulco. It's over the mountains into a valley and kind of tropical. We landed on a grass airstrip near where AMG runs a mini-hospital. That's where we did all sorts of operative dentistry and tooth extractions."

Some patients needed only prophylactic care. "Others had virtually every tooth decayed," says McDonald. They saw many children with moderately bad teeth because they never brushed. The children drink a super-sweet coffee from an early age and eat a lot of candy, said McDonald.

Sometimes getting to patients was the hardest thing. "We took two trips up into mountains that were really only accessible by donkey," says McDonald. "It took eight or nine people to haul our gear up to one remote place. We stayed overnight in a two-room building, very small [where] we just pulled teeth. Abscessed, rotted, beyond repair. These people were walking around with dental pain because their teeth were so rotted."

McDonald remembers one family in particular. "They walked four and a half hours to come and see us. There were five in the family—three small children and mom and dad. I think I placed a couple fillings and pulled a tooth for the parents. I remember them because they walked so far."

What did McDonald gain? "I thought it was great. It actually kind of changed my life. It made me realize how much we have. It's something that I would do without a doubt in the future."

Dr. Mark Paxton (Class of 1980) started volunteering overseas when he was an undergraduate. In 1974, he went to Ecuador with Amigos De Las Americas, as part of a medical vaccination program. He didn't have a chance to volunteer again until 1993, when he flew to a town in Guatemala called Cuilpa, which has a small community hospital. The team, organized by Hearts in Motion, had about 50 people, including surgeons, anesthesiologists and nurses.

"We did about 55 surgical cases," Paxton recalls. "It was really a plastics and cleft palate trip. The majority of cases were primary palate and lip repairs on children and

adults who have cleft palates. We did a fair amount of bone grafting cases to close the alveolar clefts, the bony structures that house the teeth. Also a fair number of burn cases, lots of facial and extremity burns. Most homes don't have electricity, so they use open fires to cook. Kids suffer these horrendous facial burns."

Paxton is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in Spokane. In the 1990s, Hearts in Motion sent him three times to Columbia, to a town called Bug, which has a hospital. "Columbia is a gorgeous country," he says. "It's very tropical for the most part and very lush, with rolling hills." In the Colombian hospital, Paxton treated cleft lip and cleft palate patients; facial reconstruction; alveolar bone grafting, and a fair number of skin grafts for facial burns. "On a typical week, we'll see anywhere between 50 and 60 facial procedures," he says. "It's nice because we

work with a local plastic surgeon. He can see the patients pre-op before we show up and he can see them afterwards."

Paxton is scheduled to return to Colombia in 1998 with Dr. George Bourekis, another UW alumni dentist in Spokane. "Bourekis is a general dentist and he'll be doing routine dental-alveolar surgery and acting as a surgical assistant," says Paxton. "The payoff is the chance to treat cleft-palate patients. 'I find it an extremely rewarding patient population to work with. You can change somebody who has a huge deformity and make them nearly 100 percent normal."

"I see some of the same patients when I go back to Colombia and that's really fun for me. There was a mother in Colombia and she had to travel three days on the bus to get to the clinic. She had a 2-year-old girl who had a cleft lip. We did her surgery and everything went great. The mother was so appreciative. She was crying. She felt her daughter would have a better life now because she looked normal."

Paxton advises would-be volunteers to call Health Volunteers Overseas (202-296-0928) and ask for information on opportunities to volunteer overseas. "That is probably one of the best organizations to get you involved in medical/dental missions overseas," he says.

Volunteer work isn't limited to overseas. Mae Mar Chin does a lot of good right here in Seattle. A 1963 graduate of the UW Dental Hygiene Program, she works in oral medicine with the DECOD Program and the Sea-King Public Health Department Downtown Clinic.

"My volunteering is here at home with people in need, in nursing homes, public school classrooms, dental



Dr. Mark Paxton (Class of 1980) began volunteering in 1974 and now makes regular trips overseas.

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Faculty Updates:

Patricia E. Doyle, RDH, BS, was honored at the 1997 Fellowship Convocation of the Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities. She was inducted as a fellow of the Academy and recognized for her contributions to oral health care for persons with psychiatric disorders. She is a 1965 graduate of the UW's dental hygiene program and is a clinical instructor in the Department of Oral Medicine. In addition, she is in private practice with her brother, Dr. T. Michael Doyle. Doyle is a volunteer in the Mental Health Services, Outpatient Programs and the Dental Clinic at Harborview Medical Center.

Dr. Linda LeResche, research associate professor of oral medicine, received the first annual Faculty Member of the Year award from the National Student Research Group of the American Association for Dental Research. She directed the dental school's summer research program for students for several years.

Dr. Doris J. Stiefel, associate professor emeritus in the Department of Oral Medicine and former director of the Dental Education in Care of Persons with Disabilities (DECOD), received the Harold Berk Award for exemplary leadership and contributions to the advancement of oral health care for persons with disabilities. The award was given at the 1997 Fellowship convocation of the Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities.

The School of Dentistry is proud to have three of its faculty members serving as president or immediate past president of national professional organizations:

- **Dr. Charles Farrell**, a part-time faculty member in the Restorative Dentistry Department, served as president of the American College of Dentists in 1997 and is now the immediate past president.
- **Dr. Don Compaan** (Class of 1954), also a part-time faculty member in the Restorative Dentistry Department, is the president-elect of the International College of Dentists, taking office in October, 1998. Dr. Compaan is a member of the School's Admissions Committee.
- **Dr. Paul B. Robertson**, dean of the School of Dentistry, will be installed as the president of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) at the March meeting in Minneapolis.

Dental Implant Program Established at UW School of Dentistry

The School of Dentistry, in partnership with the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias, has established a new program to provide dental care for patients affected by ectodermal dysplasias.

Through the Dental Implant Program, up to 10 patients each year will receive reduced-cost implant procedures provided by the departments of periodontics, prosthodontics and oral surgery.

Ectodermal dysplasias are a group of hereditary diseases that can be linked to a number of dental problems, including missing teeth, widely spaced teeth and poorly spaced teeth. In some cases, dental implants are the best method to improve chewing ability, speech, appearance and self-confidence.

Dr. Keith Phillips, director of graduate prosthodontics, and Dr. Robert O'Neal, director of graduate periodontics, will lead the new program.

The program has received support from the Washington Dental Service Foundation, Seattle-King County Dental Foundation and Nobel BioCare, a dental implant manufacturer.

For more information about the Dental Implant Program, call (206) 685-7522.

Oral Pathology Laboratory Receives Accreditation

The Oral Pathology Laboratory at the University of Washington School of Dentistry has been awarded a two-year accreditation by the commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), based on the results of a recent on-site inspection.

The laboratory's director was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the "excellence of the services being provided". The Oral Pathology Laboratory is one of more than 5,000 CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide.

The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960's, is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more stringent than the government's own inspection program.

Inspectors examine the records and quality control of the laboratory for the preceding two years, as well as the education and qualifications of the total staff, the adequacy of the facilities, the equipment, laboratory safety, and laboratory management to determine how well the laboratory is serving the patient.

The college of American Pathologists is a medical society serving more than 14,500 physician members and the laboratory community throughout the world. It is the world's largest association composed exclusively of pathologists and is widely considered the leader in laboratory quality assurance. The CAP is an advocate for high-quality and cost-effective medical care.

Research Training Institute Offered

The University of Washington's Regional Clinical Dental Research Center will again offer a research training institute in the summer of 1998 for dental school faculty and other oral health professionals interested in clinical research in dentistry. Core courses will be offered in biostatistics, clinical epidemiology/study design, personal computing applications, case studies in data analysis, clinical trials, and behavioral research in dentistry. Elective courses on biomedical and biobehavioral instrumentation and grantsmanship are also offered. There is no tuition charged for the summer institute, unless academic credit is requested.

The summer institute is designed to offer training in research methods to which dentists (and other oral health professionals) may not have been adequately exposed during clinical training. For those currently in or seeking academic or other positions which involve clinical dental research, the summer institute offers an opportunity to learn research methods which will enhance one's ability to perform good clinical research.

The six-week program begins on June 28 and runs through August 7.

A training grant and scholarships have been funded which provide stipend support to a limited number of eligible participants. Post-doctoral stipends are available on the NIDR-funded training grant, but eligibility is restricted to U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Scholarships funded by Colgate Pharmaceuticals and Oral-B Laboratories are available to dental hygienists. Participants who receive training grant stipend support are required to spend an additional week, August 10 – 14, writing a grant application.

Additional information on the summer institute can be found on the worldwide

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hygiene projects and fund-raising for special needs," she says. "I also volunteer with the Baccalaureate Degree Completion Program in Dental Hygiene as a mentor and instructor."

Chin teaches dental hygienists and dentists about special problems faced by refugees, disabled and medically compromised persons – as well as the elderly. She's familiar with these populations because she spent a majority of her dental hygiene career addressing the oral health needs of clients who had difficulty finding care. Her goal is to help students and dental professionals understand cultural differences and practices that may interfere with the acceptance and delivery of dental hygiene services.

Chin speaks a Chinese dialect, which gives her an inside track to understanding and dealing with people who have different belief systems. Besides her volunteer activities with UW students, Chin has also helped develop curricula and educational materials for dental hygiene training in St. Lucia and Portugal.

Her geriatric clients present a different set of problems. "It important just being there for them," says Chin. "Not only to help them to maintain their oral hygiene, but also just kind of being a friend. Sometimes they live by themselves and get lonely. These clients need a place for them and a person who cares so that they don't get lost in the system."

Chin's personal interest in geriatric dentistry resulted in the organization of dental care at two Asia long-term care facilities, Keiro and Kin On. She works with the staff who are learning about oral care for their residents and finding resources for dental care.

What motivates Chin? "I feel there's a need, and that I can meet some of that need," she says. "And I like the patients. I want to share what I have as a professional, and I want to help people to improve the quality of their lives."

Interested in volunteer dentistry? Check out the *International Dental Volunteer Organizations* guide published by the American Dental Association. Or call Health Volunteers Overseas - (202) 296-0928.

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web at weber/u.washington.edu/~dphs/suminst/

Applicants for the summer institute should send a complete curriculum vita, along with a letter of application explaining why the summer institute is of interest and would be beneficial to them. Also, a letter should be sent from the applicant's supervisor (department chair or dean) indicating if

the employing institution is supportive of the applicant's participation, and describing any benefits the institution will derive. Applications should be submitted prior to March 31, 1998 to receive full consideration, and should be sent to: Timothy A. DeRouen, Ph.D., Director Summer Institute, Biometry Core, RCDRC, University of Washington, Box 357475, Seattle, Washington 98195-7475.

In Memoriam

The following deaths have been reported to the Dental Alumni News. Our condolences are with their families.

D. E. Waller, D.D.S., Class of 1953

George Blaine Johnson, D.D.S., Class of 1955

Wayne Ono, D.D.S., Class of 1966

The Final Push to Completion:

The Saul Schluger Endowed Chair in Periodontics

In 1985, the alumni of the Graduate Periodontics Program of the School of Dentistry launched a drive to raise \$1,000,000 which would establish an endowed chair in honor of the founder of that program, Dr. Saul Schluger. As many alumni will recall, Dr. Schluger was recruited to the University of Washington in 1958 from Columbia University where he was heading up the first formal specialty program in periodontics. For the next two decades, he worked tirelessly at establishing and maintaining the University of Washington's graduate periodontics program as one of the top two or three in the world. Even after turning the reins of the program over to successors, he continued to play a pivotal role in the field of periodontics in general, and our own program in particular. Dr. Schluger brought much prestige to the School of Dentistry and made monumental contributions to his beloved field of interest, periodontics.

To date, some \$600,000 has been raised in support of this endeavor. That's the good news. The bad news is that, in today's dollars, \$1,500,000 is needed to support such a chair, so a balance of \$900,000 remains to be raised. Dr. Murray Robinovitch, the

newly appointed chairman of the Department of Periodontics, has assigned top priority to the completion of this endowment.

"This endowed chair will be a tremendous resource for the Department of Periodontics in that it will provide a position for a senior and highly accomplished faculty member to carry out research, and to provide leadership to graduate students, colleagues and the dental profession as a whole," Dr. Robinovitch said. "In this time of diminishing budgets and belt-tightening at the University, independently funded faculty positions such as this are invaluable means by which we can maintain our highest standards."

The School of Dentistry received their first endowed chair from the Washington Dental Service Foundation this past year. Therefore, the Schluger Chair will not be the first of such endowments within the School of Dentistry; it will, however, be the first created by a department within the School.

Although \$900,000 sounds like an awesome amount of money for the alumni of one program to raise, the Department of Periodontics has reason to believe that it is within their means to do so. Dr.

Robinovitch has set September, 1998 as the completion date for this fund-raising phase and hopes to be able to announce the existence of the Schluger Chair at the Saul Schluger Study Club Meeting held in conjunction with the American Academy of Periodontology Meeting next fall in Boston.



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Agenda

Registration

8:30am-9:00am

Morning Session

9:00 am-Noon (10:30-10:45 break)

LUNCH

Noon-1:30 pm (Catered Lunch)
Sponsored by Dental Alumni Association
At Don James Center in Husky Stadium

Cost: \$20.00 per person.
(advance reservation please)

Annual Meeting and
Election of officers will be convened over lunch.

Afternoon Session

1:30 pm-4:30 pm (2:45-3:00 break)

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Class Notes

CLASS OF 1953

Roy H. Bonney, 1239 SW 171st Pl., Seattle, WA 98166-3450. Dr. Bonney writes that he retired from active practice on October 31, 1997.

CLASS OF 1954

Don E. Compaan, 12630 Renton Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98178-3711. Dr. Compaan writes "I continue my service on the UW Dental School Admissions Committee, 19th year. I serve as president-elect of the International College of Dentists (U.S.A. Section). The I.C.D. is a world-wide dental honorary. I will be installed as president in 1998 in San Francisco. Continue to practice dentistry in Skyway Park in Seattle. Serving as president of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Seattle."

CLASS OF 1957

Robert L. Hoffman, P. O. Box 865, Winthrop, WA 98862-0865. Dr. Hoffman informs us he retired from practice in May, 1997. He and Belva live in Twisp and enjoy being active in their community through their church, Kiwanis, and numerous other community groups and activities.

Roy Velling, 12250 Marine View Dr. SW, Seattle, WA 98146-2429. Roy retired in January 1997 and left his practice in the capable hands of his sons Michael (DDS '91) and Jerry (DDS '96) and daughter, Molly (RDH '88). He says golf and travel now fill his time.

CLASS OF 1958

E. Constreras, Jr., 1728 Rita Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106. Dr. Contreras retired on June 30, 1997 and now spends his leisure time skiing and playing tennis. His new address is listed above.

T. Edward Ramage, Jr., 805 W. Broadway No. 500, Vancouver, BC V5Z 1K1, Canada. Dr. Ramage writes on behalf of his class-

mates: "The Class of 1958 had its 39th reunion at Whistler, BC September 5 - 7, 1997. Twelve classmates attended a Friday evening function at [our] condo. The Chateau Whistler Golf Course was tough on our handicaps, but we all had a great day on the course. We had a wonderful dinner at the Nicholas North course with our wives and friends on Saturday night. The reunion was completed with a champagne brunch on the top of Whistler Mountain Sunday morning."

CLASS OF 1960

Harmon F. Adams, 166 Winslow Way W., Bainbridge Island, WA 98110-2512. "My son, Todd, a 1966 UW School of Dentistry graduate, joined my practice in August, 1997, following a one year general dentistry residency in Boston. Are we having fun...There's no time like the present to be in dentistry."

Jay D. Roetter, 351 NE 19th #14, E. Wenatchee, WA 98802. "I have sold my practice to Dr. Cara Schroeder but am still practicing two days a week as her employee plus hospital dentistry at N. Central Hospital on Fridays. Joan and I will be in Hawaii in February and on the Tuscani Trip for UW Alumni in June. All other days find me on the golf course or fishing with our grandkids, 11 of them."

Curtis F. Smith, 610 Dupont St. #129, Bellingham, WA 98225. "Just finished my fourth yearly week of work as a volunteer at Raven Site, an archeological dig in eastern Arizona. Quite a contrast to dental practice and a return to my undergraduate major, Anthropology."

Donald W. Stewart, 14950 SE Allen Rd. Ste. C, Bellevue, WA 98006-1655. Dr. Stewart is an accomplished water color artist. His daughter, Ellen Reh, is attending the UW School of Dentistry - Class of 2000. Don looks forward to sharing his practice with Ellen and having more time to pursue his artistic interests.



1958 Class Reunion, Whistler, B.C.

CLASS OF 1961

John M. Davis, 1816 E. Hamlin St., Seattle, WA 98112-2006. "My wife, Pat, was just elected to her third term as a Seattle Port Commissioner."

B. Gene Hallock, 333 Old Mill Road, Space 317, Santa Barbara, CA 93110-3648. Gene and Rosalie celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 14, 1997. Gene is still practicing in Santa Barbara.

Jon M. Wamba, 1602 E. Heritage Lane, Spokane, WA 99208-8509. "Sally and I have retired again. I came out of retirement to hold Ellis Gherman's (Class of '59) practice together after he passed away in 1996. It was sold this past summer. Sally and I just returned from a month's traveling in Southeast Asia."

CLASS OF 1962

John R. Sahr, 307 S. 11th Ave., Yakima, WA 98902-3213. Dr. Sahr has an associate, Dr. Shawn McDevitt, a 1996 graduate of the UW School of Dentistry. Shawn has been with the practice since August, 1996, and together, they are working toward Dr. McDevitt's purchase of the practice early in 1998. Dr. Sahr will continue in the practice as an associate for at least two years. He has been in practice in Yakima for 33 years following 2 years in the Army Dental Corp.

CLASS OF 1963

Arthur A. Dugoni, 7 Woodridge Ct., Redwood City, CA 94061-1828. Dr. Dugoni was presented with the 1997 recipient of the Dr. Irving E. Graber Award on December 1, 1997 at the Greater New York Dental Meeting. The award recognizes excellence in the advancement in dental education. He currently serves as the dean of the School of Dentistry at University of the Pacific.

James R. Easley, 8240 NE 25th Street, Medina, WA 98039-1543. Dr. Easley was named a fellow of the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) for his years of membership and service to the academy at AAP's 83rd Annual Meeting in San Diego in October. He held several leadership positions on various committees with AAP, served as president of the Washington State Society of Periodontists and has been an active member of the Washington State Dental Society, Western Society of Periodontology and Seattle-King County Dental Society.

Jack L. and K. Ann Moore, 700 Sunrise Ave. Suite C, Roseville, CA

95661-4561. Both Jack and Ann are still in the active practice of Pediatric Dentistry in Roseville, CA. Son, Roy is a pre-dental college student. They have a 2-year old granddaughter who is a joy. They recently attended the Law-Lewis Lectureship and say it's a great program. "We're proud of our background with UW."

CLASS OF 1968

J. Kent Bagley, 1028 W. Nixon St., Pasco, WA 99301-5216. Dr. Bagley reports his son, Ryan, is attending dental school at the University of Oklahoma. Ryan will join his father and older brother, Andrew, in practice upon graduation.

CLASS OF 1969

Ronald D. Larson, 10143 Brooks Lane SE, Olympia, WA 98501-9741. "I sold my practice to my daughter, Dana Larson (Class of 1995), in October and I'm now practicing one day per week. I enjoy the long weekends."

CLASS OF 1971

William L. Olason, 11410 St. Andrews Pl., Mukilteo, WA 98275-4865. "In April, I sold my Seattle practice. I will continue to practice part time in Mukilteo, Washington."

William B. Parker, 9114 Bridgeport Way SW, Tacoma, WA 98499-2418. Dr. Parker currently placed 1st in his doubles tennis tournament for the USDTA in Palm Springs and took 6th out of 30 in singles. He also learned great new techniques coming up in the future.

Robert P. Ward, 250 SW 193rd Pl., Seattle, WA 98166-4058. Dr. Ward reports that he and his classmates, Barrett Rochefort, Ed Kleffner, Dennis Miya, James Sonie and Fred Westgate, are members of the R. V. Tucker Operative Academy and along with other members of the Academy, participate in mentoring several of the Richard Tucker Study Clubs. Dr. Tucker is known throughout the world for his contribution to operative dentistry. He has received the Baglio Award from the Italian Dental Congress for excellence and the Award for Excellence from the operative academy, among others.

CLASS OF 1972

Douglas F. Wilkey, 623 NW Richmond Beach Rd., Shoreline, WA 98177-3121. Cathy and Doug Wilkey are World Chili Champions, receiving the designation of "Grand Master" International Chili Cooks. This is quite an honor; they are

two out of a total of five named world-wide. They've taken 1st place in 28 world qualifying events over 18 years.

CLASS OF 1973

Karl R. Koerner, P. O. Box 1011, Draper, UT 84020-1011. "In 1995, I sold my practice in Logan, UT and accepted a three year assignment from my church to serve a Christian mission in Taiwan. I am here with my wife and youngest son. I supervise the missionary activities of 175 other missionaries. We love living in Taiwan. I'm not sure what we will do when I return in July of 1998."

CLASS OF 1975

George M. Olsen, 690 SW Higgins Ave. Ste. E, Missoula, MT 59803-1433. "I recently achieved the honor of becoming an accredited member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry(AACD). The accreditation process took me three years to completed and culminated with my case presentations to the accreditation examiners of the AACD at the annual meeting in Puerto Rico. Presently there are less than 200 accredited members in the 3000+ membership of the AACD. I practice in Missoula with an emphasis on cosmetic/restorative dentistry. My wife, Faye, and I adopted two children from Peru nine years ago. Erin is 11 and Thomas is nine. We all enjoy our winter skiing at Big Mountain in Whitefish, MT and summer weekends at Flathead Lake."

CLASS OF 1977

John R. Smith, 1350 Tuskawilla Rd., Winter Springs, FL 32708-5031. Dr. Smith continues to lecture around the world and will be a speaker at the next AAO in Dallas. His most recent publications include Linal Orthodontics, Kieferorthop, 1995; How to Improve Practice Efficiency and Profitability, Clinical Impressions, 1995; and A Treatment Efficiency Philosophy...That Really Works, Clinical Impressions, 1996.

CLASS OF 1978

Michael A. Rivera, 4112 15th Ave., Prince George, British Columbia, V2M 1V9 Canada. "I am looking forward to seeing everyone for our 20 year class reunion in Lake Chelan. My implant practice is growing in Prince George and expanded to Whistler B. C. Come on up for a ski this year!"

CLASS OF 1979

John Diggins, 350 - 2425 Oak Street, Vancouver, BC V6H 3S7, Canada. Dr. Diggins was elected vice president of the Canadian Dental Association (CDA)

at their annual meeting in September. His involvement with the CDA began in 1988 when he was appointed to the Board of Governors. He serves as a dental/endodontics consultant to the BC Children's Hospital, Vancouver General Hospital and the BC Cancer Agency; teaches in the department of oral medicine and surgical sciences. He also chairs the university's board of Green College and Westbrook Society; is past-president of the UBC Alumni Association; and is a member of the American college of Dentists, the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the Royal college of Dentists of Canada.

Joel Epstein, 805 W. Broadway, Vancouver BC V5Z 1K1, Canada. Dr. Epstein received the Canadian Dental Association Award of Merit at a CDA awards luncheon in September. This award is granted to an individual who has served in an outstanding capacity in the governing of the association or who has made a similar outstanding contribution to dentistry. He is consulting editor on infection control of the Journal of the Canadian Dental Association; an associate editor for Special Care in Dentistry; a member of the editorial board for both Oral Surgery Oral Medicine Oral Pathology Oral Radiology and Endodontics and Oral Diseases; and a member of the board of editorial consultants for the European Journal of Cancer Part B: Oral Oncology. He has published over 220 publications in the areas of infection control, pain, oncology, and general areas of oral medicine. Dr. Epstein is the Head, Division of Oral Medicine and Clinical Dentistry, and Head, Department of Dentistry at the Vancouver Hospital and Health Sciences Centre; a staff member at the British Columbia Cancer Agency; Professor and Head, Division of Hospital Dentistry, Faculty of Dentistry, University of British Columbia; and Research Associate Professor, University of Washington.

James R. Oates, 7201 Florin Mall Dr., Sacramento, CA 95823-2701. "In 1998, I become president of the Sacramento District Dental Foundation, our region's charity arm. My daughter, Vicky, is now a freshman at UW and loves it. My best to everyone."

CLASS OF 1981

Margaret J. Fehrenbach, 14006 13th Ave. SW., Seattle, WA 98166. Ms. Fehrenbach recently became the Seattle representative for medical Science Systems, Inc., Phoenix, the makers of Periodontal Screening Test

(PST), a prognostic DNA genetic marker test for periodontal disease. Dr. Roy Page was one of the researchers on this test. She is glad all her class work in periodontology with Dr. Page. She is also continuing as an educational consultant in dental hygiene accreditation and continuing education.

CLASS OF 1983

Pamela Nomura, 1660 Westwood Dr.

Suite G, San Jose, CA 95125. "After a three year "sabbatical" in Santa Barbara (yes, it was wonderful), I have returned to the Bay Area with my husband, Mark, and now four year old daughter, Lora. I took over a practice in San Jose in April 1997 and am starting over again - thirteen years later, much less energetic and a tiny bit wiser. Please give me a call if you visit sunny California - (408) 264-1917.

CLASS OF 1984

Stephen P. Harrison, 781 Roza Drive, P. O. Box 1743, Zillah, WA 98953.

"Karen and I moved to Yakima from Springfield, IL this fall. Karen is expecting our fourth child. I have purchased Dr. Gherman's practice in Zillah, Dick Hagemeir's hometown. Life is good!"

CLASS OF 1988

John H. Anderson, 4545 Orrington Rd., Corona Del Mar, CA 92625-3121. "I am still working part-time but keep busy with our three children (now 6, 5 and 1). Kathy has a thriving OB/Gyn practice. We are really spoiled by the Southern California weather, but we miss all our friends from Seattle. Look us up when you are down this way, or drop a note. E-mail: jha@famedent.com."

Michael B. Melugin, W. 309 N. 1721 Greywood Lane, Delafield, WI 53018. In August, Dr. Melugin was named residency training program director for the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Robert M. Merrill, 1026 N. Fairview Place, East Wenatchee, WA 98802. Dr. Merrill received the 1997 Golden Apple new Dentist Leadership Award at the American Dental Association Annual Session in October. The award recog-



Margaret Fehrenbach, Class of 1981

nizes an ADA member who "has demonstrated outstanding leadership initiative within the first years after graduation from dental school. Only one dentist in the nation is selected to receive the award each year."

Alan K. Sato, 21701 76th Ave. W. Ste. 202, Edmonds, WA 98026-7536. "Things have been pretty busy since coming back to Washington in 1994. I joined a great practice in Edmonds and got the Oral Surgery Boards

out of the way. Dana had some health concerns but everyone is doing fine. The twins just turned 4 and are very active."

CLASS OF 1989

Rose S. Holdren, 2625 Wheaton way, Suite C, Bremerton, WA 98310. "After five years of post-graduate training and three years as an associate, I finally made the decision to become self-employed. I recently purchased a practice in Bremerton with another dentist and friend, Marta Costa. Our office is conveniently located 1/2 block from my husband's main office and one block from the county hospital where I do OR cases part-time. Dale's ophthalmology practice is booming, and we now have two beautiful, happy daughters, Lindsey, 4, and Karli, 2."

CLASS OF 1990

Colleen A. Tracy, 2722 Colby Ave. Suite 500, Everett, WA 98201. "I have two children, Kendle, age 5 and Keegan, age 2, and a wonderful husband, Alex McAdam. Life is good! I have relocated my practice from South Everett to Downtown Everett."

CLASS OF 1991

Carrie Y. Williams, 9026 SE 61st St., Mercer Island, WA 98040-5027. "My husband, Mark, and I celebrated the new year with the arrival of our twin babies. Elisabeth and Braden were born December 3, 1997. I'm looking forward to my new role as a mom."

CLASS OF 1992

Frank P. Rudé, 417 Chamberlain Park Lane, Franklin, TN 37069. "I am pleased to announce the birth of my son, Frank Jr., November 14, 1997. I have set up a private orthodontic practice in Franklin, TN. E-mail: frankrude@msn.com."

CLASS OF 1994

Gregory Birch, reports a new address: 918 Caroline, Port Angeles, WA 98362.

Matthew Bart Rowan, 2137 Bristol Ct., Merced, CA 95340-3378. Dr. Rowan presented his masters thesis titled "Torsional Properties of Stainless Steel and Nickel-Titanium Endodontic Files" at the American Association of Endodontics Annual Session in Orlando, FL in May 1995. He maintains a private practice in Merced and was a participant in the 1990 ADA/DENTSPLY Student Clinician Program held in Boston.

Jeffrey A. Samyn, 7109 NE 168th St., Bothell, WA 98011-4200. "I have been practicing in the Kenmore area in my own office, Northshore Endodontics, for the last three years."

CLASS OF 1995

Thomas F. McKenny, PSC 559 Box 5342, FPO AP 96377-5300. "I am currently beginning my third year with the U. S. Navy on Okinawa, Japan. My wife, Lisa, and I just had our first child, Connor Michael, in August and are enjoying being parents. We are looking forward to returning to the Northwest at the end of 1998. We probably will be stationed at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station. We are also excited about WAZZU's return to the Rose Bowl after 67 years. Go Cougs! How 'bout that Dr. Toolson!"

Randy G. Smith, 2794 Saint Charles Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83404-7388. "I finished my residency in pediatric dentistry at Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, UT in July of 1997. I am currently in practice in Idaho Falls, I love it."

An Update – The Class of 1997

The following members of the Class of 1997 graduated with honors:

Derek Damon
Drew Leavitt
Brian Mason
Jim McGoldrick
Cary Orton

Derek Damon graduated with the highest grade point average and received the Alpha Omega Scholarship Award.

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