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## Martha J. Somerman



### In little more than half a century

our School has grown into a premier institution that's recognized for its excellence across the country and around the world. Our students continue to perform superbly on national boards and in research competitions. The faculty's accomplishments and reputation have brought us extraordinary prominence, and our staff continues its inspired support that is so critical to all of the School's functions. I thank each of you for your contributions that have made all of our accomplishments possible this past year. Your legacy of dedication, professionalism and involvement over many years is what makes this School so special.

This is, in a real sense, preaching to the choir.

Many of you can appreciate how far we've come. What we need to do is to communicate this record of growth, of our truly outstanding accomplishments to a wider constituency. We need to share the good news with our alumni, our supporters, the legislators who are so vital to our ongoing progress, and with our colleagues at other dental schools and in other academic disciplines right here at UW. This edition of *Dental Alumni News* represents a part of that endeavor: to share the "good news."

In this issue, you will read about some of the "movers and shakers," the high-profile faculty members, administrators and other community opinion leaders with widespread name recognition both inside and outside the University. But you'll also read about a group of individuals who work quietly, behind the scenes, who serve our School by contributing their time and other valuable resources - day after day, year after

year. We hope their stories will renew your appreciation of their service, and inspire you as they have inspired us for so many years.

When Dean Ernest M. Jones was appointed in 1945 the School of Dentistry had no faculty or students, no facilities for class rooms or offices. Dean Jones immediately arranged for the permanent structure, recruited faculty and selected the first class of dental students from nearly two hundred

applicants. Under his guidance a solid core of dedicated faculty were selected, an innovative curriculum that has become a national standard was established, and the makeshift quarters in Bagley Hall gave way to more sophisticated laboratories. Within three years, the fifty members of

the inaugural class were able to begin their clinical studies in the new facility.

Beyond establishing the physical infrastructure, Dean Jones created the framework that has enabled the School to continually grow both academically and clinically, and expand its engagement in research and community service. Dean Jones set the standard for excellence in dental education over a half century ago. His careful planning and commitment to quality is still guiding us as we plan the School's future direction to this day.

**Martha J. Somerman**  
Dean

*"What we need to do is to communicate this record of growth, of our truly outstanding accomplishments to a wider constituency."*





have a patient, as I'm sure a lot of you do, who likes to send me clippings of articles and cartoons he finds that are relevant to dentistry. He recently sent me one regarding a research

study at the University of Washington Dental School considering the effects of chewing xylitol gummy bears on the occurrence of tooth decay. Another patient and I were marveling at the way medicine and dentistry was practiced without anesthetic in the early 1800's and that bloodletting was a popular "cure" for many diseases. You may be wondering where I am going with all this, but bear with me. Today, we have anesthetic and antibiotics. We have preventive measures that can decrease the incidence of caries. We have the ability to recreate a person's tooth with materials that match. All this is available to us courtesy of research. Without research institutions like ours, we would still be performing dental procedures without the benefit of anesthetic or long term restorations. Exploration in the realm of dentistry has been phenomenal in the last 100 years. It makes me excited to think

of what advances will be made next. Who knows, maybe the patients 50 years from now will be marveling at the fact we used to remove decay. So, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all individuals involved in research and the impact they have had on all of us. Good work and we look forward to reading about your next adventures and discoveries!

I hope to see all of you at the Ernest M. Jones Memorial Lecture on Friday, March 24, 2006 . It will be held at Meany Hall on the UW Campus and Dr. Gordon Christensen will be the speaker.

**Collins Woodside**

*President, UWDA*

P.S. For more information about the UW Dental Alumni Association, please contact Randy Newquist (206) 616-0716, or email: [randyn@u.washington.edu](mailto:randyn@u.washington.edu) .

## Football Homecoming

The UW Dental Alumni Football Homecoming Brunch was held on Saturday, September 10, 2005 before the UW versus California Golden Bears football game. One hundred alumni, faculty, staff, students, and their families enjoyed the celebration at the Center for Urban Horticulture.

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Hanna and Mike Kern ('93)



Joseph ('89), Vincent, Cindi and  
Dominic Sepe



Large crowd enjoying the homecoming brunch

Ed Dolan ('00) was chair of the event. Dean Martha Somerman addressed the group and let them know all of the exciting news at the Dental School. The event included a delicious brunch, jazz music by a quartet, and a raffle. Adding the music this year was a big hit and the crowd as always enjoyed the raffle. The day started with torrential rains but fortunately ceased at the same time the group walked to the football stadium for the game. California won the game 56-17.



Ed Dolan, chair of the event,  
addressing the crowd

# 7TH ANNUAL DENTAL ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 7th Annual UW Dental Alumni Golf Tournament was held on Friday, September 23, 2005 at Washington National Golf Club in Auburn, WA. Sixty of our alumni participated and had a great time. The weather cooperated and we actually did see the sun, but with an 8:00 am tee time the first couple of hours was pretty chilly. Most were thankful that they dressed warmly. But no rain is always a good thing when you have a fall tournament in the Northwest.

The group enjoyed having the tournament at Washington National. Most felt the course offered many challenges. After golf, the group enjoyed a barbeque lunch and an awards ceremony. Mark Grace ('94) was again the organizer and chair of the event, along with Randy Newquist from the Dental Alumni Association.



1st Place in class competition, Class of 1971

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2nd Place in class competition, Class of 1975



1st Place in non-class division (Ked Westgate, David Petersen, Lissa Johnson and Josh Johnson)

## 2005 Tournament Results:

### Long Drive Winner:

JAY DEIGLMEIER ('93), LISSA JOHNSON ('02)

### Closest to the Pin:

JAY DEIGLMEIER ('93)

### Class Competition – 1st Place:

#### CLASS OF 1971

TOM BEFFA, BOB EILERT, BILL SUTTON, JIM CHERBERG

### Class Competition – 2nd Place:

#### CLASS OF 1975

ALAN MUNK, MARK SVORE, MARK DIRE, BRETT FIDLER

### 1st Place Non-Class:

JOSH JOHNSON ('02), LISSA JOHNSON ('02)

DAVID PETERSEN ('71), KED WESTGATE ('71)



Mark Grace congratulating Jay Deiglmeier, winner of long drive and closest to the pin.



Mark Grace congratulating Lissa Johnson as women's long drive champion.

## CREATING FUTURES

# Campaign Update

On behalf of Bryan and Linda Edgar, Campaign Co-Chairs

We are thrilled to announce that as of December 31 we have reached 80% of our \$15 million campaign goal! Just 6 months into the current fiscal year we have raised more than \$1.4 million which is nearly the same amount that was raised in all of last fiscal year. Even more exciting news is that more than ever before alumni and friends are realizing the great importance of support of dental education! We're seeing a substantial increase in donors to the School compared to last year!

Many people need to be thanked for helping the campaign this year. Special thanks to our Class representatives who have worked tirelessly on the School's behalf. Of course we wouldn't be where we are today in our Campaign without our alumni who have really stepped up to the plate for us. We also appreciate the vision of the Washington State Dental Association (WSDA) to support a \$250,000.00 dollar pledge for the WSDA perpetual students scholarship fund. Thank you!

If you haven't received a call requesting your support please don't wait for the phone to ring! We know you've heard it before but we feel it can't be said often enough that we need to give back to this great dental school which has provided such tremendous opportunity in dentistry for us all.

We need your support now to help fund the following critical areas:

- **Faculty Support.** Our faculty members are world leaders in oral health education and research and the School is facing fierce competition attracting and retaining this talented faculty.
- **Scholarships.** The cost of dental education continues to rise, leaving graduates with staggering debt.
- **Program support.** In order to remain on the cutting edge, we must be able to fund promising research and innovative programs.
- **Building renovation.** Our labs, classrooms, clinics and equipment are in critical need of updating if we are to teach, practice and research in an environment of dental excellence.



Co-Chairs Dr. Bryan C. and Dr. Linda J. Edgar

Years ago Washington State provided funding that allowed our School to develop and retain its outstanding national reputation – but times have changed. State funding has not kept pace with this need for many years and currently provides just 29% of our School's annual budget. This is why the Campaign is so important to the future of our School. We have so much to be proud of. To all of you who have given – our heartfelt thanks. To those of you who are still considering your gift —thanks in advance for making your best gift.

*“Many baby steps make one giant footstep.”*

Remember that gifting the equivalent amount of a crown-a-month (\$833.00) over a five year period can allow you to create a \$50,000 dollar scholarship funded for life. This can allow you to make an everlasting difference and leave a legacy to the school that has provided amazing careers for all of us.

# Dr. Thomas E. (Ted) Ramage

(Class of '58)

## 2006 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Dr. Ted Ramage has been selected by the Board of Trustees of the University of Washington Dental Alumni Association to receive its Distinguished Alumnus Award. The Award was established to recognize individual alumna, who by their professional achievements and contributions, have distinguished themselves, enhanced the profession, improved the welfare of the general public and brought honor to their alma mater.



The award will be presented at the Annual Dean's Club Dinner on Saturday, May 13, 2006 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in downtown Seattle. Of the many accomplishments of Dr. Ramage, Dr. Richard Westin said, "Dr. Ramage epitomizes a clinical dentist who is also willing to give countless hours of his time for the betterment of the dental profession by serving local and national organizations." Dr. Richard V. Tucker said, "I can attest to his dedication to excellence in dentistry and [that] he is a tribute to fine character in all he does."

# Dr. Donald E. Compaan

(Class of '54)

## 2006 DEAN'S CLUB HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Dr. Donald Compaan has been selected by the Dean's Club Board of Trustees to receive the 2006 Dean's Club Honorary Life Member Award. The Award was established to recognize a Dean's Club Member who has given outstanding service to the University of Washington School of Dentistry.



In making this announcement, Dean's Club Board President Dr. Tim Wandell noted that "it is with great pleasure that we announce the selection of Dr. Compaan. He is reknown within the dental community for over fifty years of tireless dedication and service to the dental profession and the University of Washington School of Dentistry."

Dr. Compaan will be recognized at the Annual Dean's Club Dinner on Saturday, May 13, 2006 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in downtown Seattle.

## UW School of Dentistry

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## 22nd Annual Dean's Club Dinner

Saturday Evening, May 13, 2006

SPECIAL GUESTS OF HONOR:

Thomas Edward Ramage, Jr., DDS

2006 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Don Compaan, DDS

2006 DEAN'S CLUB HONORARY LIFE MEMBER AWARD

THE GRAND HYATT SEATTLE

721 PINE STREET

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For questions, please contact us at [dentalum@u.washington.edu](mailto:dentalum@u.washington.edu)



# Orthodontics Graduate Students Wire Sculptures

Each year the first year Orthodontics Graduate Students at the UW School of Dentistry design and fabricate "wire sculptures" using materials and techniques routinely employed in orthodontic practice. These sculptures are then judged and recognition for their efforts is accorded at the Department of Orthodontics Annual Holiday Party.



Angel – Fereshteh Yousefzadeh

The sculptures were arranged in room D-561 for viewing. Judging took place from 10:30am – 1:00pm on Friday, December 2. The winner was Amrit Burn DDS, Orthodontic Graduate Student for her sculpture titled, "Evolution."



Chopper – Luciene Bellamy



Butterflies – Kelly Ryan



DNA – Zongyang Sun



Evolution – Amrit Burn

# HEROES AMONG US



*The faces and names of some of the people who appear in this issue of UW's Dental Alumni News may not be familiar to you. But these individuals—and countless others just like them—are some of the unsung “heroes” of our School.*

*Hero, by definition, is a person noted for special achievement in a particular field. Here, you'll read about just a few of the extraordinary heroes who serve our School by contributing their time, money and other valuable resources—day after day, year after year.*

*What follows is by no means exhaustive. Rather, this edition constitutes just a sample of the fine work of individuals and the services they provide often-unrecognized and behind-the-scenes.*

*Our heroes are affiliate faculty members, volunteer board members and administrators. They perform the vital tasks that ensure the smooth operation of our mission to educate, to research, and to reach out to the community. Above all, our heroes are living, breathing examples of the service and dedication that is the backbone of our School.*

*Our School was built by heroic volunteers more than a half century ago. There are hundreds of others who came before and an even greater number who will follow.*

*We dedicate this issue to our heroes. We hope their stories and photos will renew your appreciation for their service, and, most importantly, that they will inspire you to further their legacies of service in your own life and career.*

*Thanks, heroes.*

# David L. Pitts

Achieving Clinical Excellence with a Positive Learning Environment

**D**r. David Pitts is a teacher who is respected and loved by colleagues and students alike. According to Dr. James Steiner, Associate Dean for Student Services, Admissions, and Outreach, “Dave is a model instructor who strives to provide a positive learning environment while promoting the highest standards of professional and clinical excellence.”



Dave grew up in Indiana where he excelled in science and math as a high school student. He was leaning towards a career in mechanical engineering when his family dentist, Dr. Glen Calloway, invited Dave to “hang out” in his dental office over the summer and help fabricate a set of dentures for Dave’s father. He also provided Dave with the opportunity to assist chairside with a variety of complex cases. Dave describes his first mentor as an individual with exceptional interpersonal skills, someone who “made a difference” in the lives of his patients.

This experience prompted him to change directions and apply to the Indiana University School of Dentistry where he earned his DDS in 1972. As a fourth-year dental student, he gained his first teaching experience assisting with the first-year class in dental anatomy. The instructor for this course, Dr. Drexell Boyd, was a gifted teacher who helped to inspire Dave to pursue an academic career in dentistry.

After graduation, Dave served three years in the Army Dental Corps, starting with a one-year dental internship at the Presidio of San Francisco. The director of interns there was an endodontist. Dave observed that this relatively new, up-and-coming specialty could offer him the opportunities for patient care, teaching, curriculum development, and research that he sought.

While in San Francisco, Dave and his wife, Sandi, fell in love with the West Coast. They found the diverse and progressive

culture extremely attractive, so Dave decided to apply to graduate programs at western dental schools. He was keenly interested in the University of Washington program because the graduate program in endodontics was one of the strongest programs in the country, under such nationally recognized leaders as Drs. Eugene Natkin and Gerald Harrington.

But, Dave’s first love is teaching. His success with predoctoral students is evidenced by the sixteen awards that he has received from students for excellence in teaching over his 29-year career at the School. Equally respected by his peers, in 2000 Dave was awarded the Bruce R. Rothwell Distinguished Teacher Award for outstanding and innovative teaching—one of the School’s most prestigious faculty awards. Dave says that “much of the success I

have enjoyed in teaching would not have been possible without the understanding and support of my wonderful wife of 37 years, Sandi.”

In addition to his work with predoctoral students, Dave “cherishes” his time with endodontic graduate students, developing close, one-on-one relationships as he works with them. “This is one of the true rewards of teaching.”

Since 2001, Dave has served as the Faculty Representative to the UW Dental Alumni Association Board of Trustees. His role is one of liaison between the faculty and the Board, informing the Board about faculty issues and activities. He believes that the Alumni Association is critical to the future of the School.



Dave completed his Certificate and MSD in Endodontics at the UW. Currently he holds the rank of Associate Professor and has held a variety of administrative posts including Acting Chair of the Department from 1989-1991. He is currently Director of Predoctoral Endodontics. Dave also serves on the Scientific Advisory Panel of the *Journal of Endodontics*, and the Editorial Advisory Board of *Endodontic Practice*.

*“Dave is a model instructor who strives to provide a positive learning environment while promoting the highest standards of professional and clinical excellence.”*

– Dr. James Steiner, Associate Dean for Student Services, Admissions, and Outreach





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*As supporters of the UW School of Dentistry Dr. Ross M. Fraker and his daughter, Dr. Sarah D. Fraker, recognize the vital role that the School and our graduates play in our community. A long-time supporter of the School, we asked Ross to share his thoughts about life's set backs, running a small business, and the importance of community service.*

**"F**amily dentistry" takes on a new meaning for the Fraker family of Seattle, which includes father-daughter dental dynamic duo, Ross M. Fraker, PhD, DDS (1980) and daughter Sarah D. Fraker, DDS (1998), who are both School of Dentistry graduates. Beginning what has become a long family tradition, Ross established a private practice in Seattle. Sarah joined the practice and Ross's wife, Deanna, has assumed the role of office manager. With a thriving practice, the Frakers are confident they can rise to the challenge of helping others look and feel their best.

But it hasn't always been that way. Ross suffered a number of professional and personal setbacks, but he is quick to remind others that he has always wanted to "give something back" to the School that provided him with so many opportunities.

### **Turning disappointment into opportunity**

Having experienced many sides of dentistry from treating patients to teaching and mentoring students, Ross takes pride in his work and contributions as a member of the School of Dentistry Campaign Committee for Campaign UW: Creating Futures. When asked about his commitment to the dental profession and what drives his

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## AT A GLANCE...



### Ross M. Fraker, DDS

UW School of Dentistry in 1980

President, R&D Services Inc.

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#### Professional Affiliations

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Elder, Presbyterian Church (thirty years)

Volunteer, food bank

Volunteer, referee for the UW Rowing Association

Class rep, Class of 1980

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passion for his alma matter, Ross replies: "I think that in order to have something to contrast with the rigors of the School, you need some other focus... And being active in organized dentistry, whether at student dental associations or as class reps, being social chair...(it) gives a way to know there's more to life than ... dental school."

And as a self-proclaimed high handicap golfer, Ross has taken a philosophical approach to the game and looks at each errant shot as a new opportunity to try to make another good golf shot. "Be optimistic enough to see that there is always something good to realize out of each set back in your life." says Ross. And he is.

Ross feels that the disappointments in his life have given rise to chances to consider new opportunities. For example, when a last minute medial disqualification kept him out of the Air Force Academy, he enrolled at the University of Colorado and went on to earn a PhD in Applied Mathematics. But a few years later, his career as a young assistant professor was cut short by budget constraints in the state and "PhDs began walking the streets." He decided to apply to the UW School of Dentistry and find a new way to serve the community.

More recently, when County officials required practitioners to purchase costly amalgam separator equipment, Ross decided to invent a less expensive alternative. His objective was to be of service to fellow dentists to build something that would work well and cost less. Using his background in physics, he "tinkered" until he was able to make and sell a separator for a mere \$300 (in 1996).

### Like father, like daughter...

Ross and his daughter Sarah are the best of friends. Sarah helped out in Dr. Fraker's dental office every summer beginning when she was just fourteen years old. She worked at the front desk and eventually graduated to working side-by-side with her dad as a chair-side assistant. By the time Sarah graduated from high school, she was already quite familiar with the many facets of working in a dental office. As Dr. Fraker will tell you, Sarah was also clinically-oriented by that time and entertained thoughts of becoming a physician. Were it not for a ballet-related injury that forced her to take a season off from The Pacific Northwest Ballet School, Sarah may have opted to leave high school to pursue ballet as a career. Instead, Sarah followed a pre-med program as an undergraduate student but soon recognized how much her family had benefited from Ross's pursuits in the dental profession and opted to apply to dental school instead.

Early on this dental dynamic duo found a way to join forces and learn from each other:

Ross was Sarah's first clinical patient for a crown in her third year of dental school. They have shared some of the same professors and currently serve together on the Alumni Association's Board of Trustees.

"Sarah and I ... (share) the same philosophy and like the same things. We think the same way about dentistry." And they're even known for their similar taste in yoga attire: Dr. Fraker tells a story about meeting up for a class one evening after work, only to find out that each Fraker was wearing the same sweatshirts, neither one having called the other about it.

We are so grateful for the time and other resources the Frakers have contributed to our School over the past two decades. Their work as trustees and the support they've provided to fellow dentists is unmatched.

Says Ross Fraker, "The more a person serves in his community or church or dental organization, the more you see other people helping on even higher levels."



Erik & Margo Fraker, Ross & Deanna Fraker, Jim, Sarah and James Jensen.

# Dan G. Middaugh

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Dan Middaugh has always enjoyed and excelled in science. He attended the University of Minnesota High School run by the U of M College of Education. The school featured small classes with active participation expected from each student. Science classes were particularly stimulating. His wife, Mical, was also a student there, and they started dating after both were enrolled in the University. They enjoyed the university environment and culture, and both chose university-based careers.

Dan earned a degree in Philosophy of Science and Mical a degree in Zoology.

For Dan, finding a profession combining science and a reasonable income led him to explore dentistry as a career. The UM School of Dentistry seemed a good place to start. An excellent student, Dan found the dental school educational system much more rigid than the rest of the university. He discovered an interest not only in the science of dentistry, but also in educational systems. He wanted to make changes in the curriculum and in faculty interaction with students.

After earning his DDS in 1961, Dan sought a post-doctoral program in biomaterials. He foresaw the importance of this field in dentistry, but what he regarded as appropriate training was unavailable. In the meantime, Mical was accepted as a graduate student at the University of Washington's Friday Harbor Laboratories for the summer of 1962. The Pacific Northwest intrigued both of them.

In 1963 Dan was one of the first four faculty recruited by the new Faculty of Dentistry at the University of British Columbia. This position gave him the opportunity he was seeking: building a new curriculum from "the ground up" and designing a new facility to match the new curriculum. The educational design emphasized small-group instruction, early patient contact and elective courses.

In 1967, Dan was recruited to the UW Center for Research in Oral Biology by Dr. Leo Sreebny, the Center Director. Dan's mandates were to help develop appropriate local scientific review systems and also work with research faculty designing a new building to expand significantly the research space in the School of Dentistry. The four story building, which would have been over the S-1 parking garage, was never built due to lack of funds.

His work with the Center attracted the attention of Dean Maurice J. Hickey who appointed Dan Assistant Dean of the School of Dentistry. In his first administrative post, Dan was responsible for coordinating design of the new seven story portion of the D-wing, and helped plan both curriculum and facilities for a significant increase in class size.

Upon completion of the expanded D-Wing in 1972, Dan accepted a new position as Assistant Dean for Continuing Dental Education – a position that gave him the opportunity to foster change in an important and growing field. In this capacity he worked with various practitioner groups to improve course offerings and encourage faculty participation. He collaborated with the Washington State Dental Association to conduct a state survey concerning continuing dental education needs and interests. Under his leadership, the UW Continuing Dental Education program became one of the most respected university-based programs in the country. In recognition, the American Association of Continuing Dental Education elected Dan their first President in 1991.

Dan has also worked with the Washington Academy of General Dentistry – recruited by Johnny Johnson in 1980 to serve on the board, eventually becoming president and then treasurer.





2001 DGM Awards Dinner (from left): Darren Rodabough '01, WSDA Executive Director Steve Hardyman, Dan G. Middaugh, Brian Almond '04, Jason Bourne '01, (then) WSDA President Jeff Parrish, Michael George '02, and Jeffrey Lingenbrink '03.

Dan has also had a long association with the Seattle-King County Dental Society where he has served on the Program Planning Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. He was President from 2003 to 2004.

Of his experiences in organized dentistry, Dan says, "I participate in professional organizations because I believe dentists must provide the leadership that will preserve the current excellence of the oral health care system but also work with other interested groups and individuals to improve oral health for individuals and groups not getting adequate care. I am extremely concerned that dentists provide leadership in exploring these problems."

Currently, Dan is President of the Washington State Dental Association. The Association's executive director, Steve Hardyman, sees Dan as a "visionary," and someone "who is not afraid to implement his vision for the future."

"He is equally comfortable discussing faculty salaries, access to dental care or the future operations of WSDA," Steve says. "It was his vision and leadership that shaped the overall governance of WSDA. Dan has also worked tirelessly to build on the relationship between the UW School of Dentistry and the WSDA, and his annual scholarship for students in leadership positions is an example to us all."

Dan's long-standing interest in leadership in dental education and professional service, and a desire to encourage students to

engage in professional activities, prompted him to establish the Dan G. Middaugh Student Award for Professional Service. Each year, Dan contributes \$5000 to the School to provide a \$1000 award to the student presidents of each class and the president of the dental student council. He has included a \$100,000 bequest to establish an endowment to continue these awards.

Dan Middaugh has established this legacy for a specific purpose. He wishes to "support students who are developing the leadership skills that will be important to the future of their profession."

In addition to the WSDA, Seattle-King County Dental Society, and the Academy of General Dentistry, Dan served as a member of the UW Dental Alumni Board and until recently was a member of the American Dental Association (where he acts as a Table Clinic Judge), Omicron Kappa Upsilon: UM and UW Chapters; and a Fellow of the International College of Dentists, The American College of Dentistry, and the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Dan is a respected, trusted and supportive colleague to hundreds of practitioners, students, faculty and friends.

His many honors and awards include the WSDA Presidents Award (1995 and 2001) and the Dean's Club Honorary Lifetime Membership Award (2004).

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**Dan G. Middaugh**

# JACKSON APPOINTED ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

**D**ouglass Jackson, DMD, MS, PhD Associate Professor in the Department of Oral Medicine, has been appointed Associate Dean for Educational Partnerships in the School of Dentistry and was awarded an Endowed Professorship by the Washington Dental Service.

The Washington Dental Service/Delta Dental Endowed Professorship was made possible by a generous gift from Washington Dental Service to the UW School of Dentistry. The Professorship will make possible new programs in research and education focused on oral health and susceptibility to oral diseases with the long-term goal of eliminating oral health disparities in the Pacific Northwest.

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*“Doug is a trailblazer and a fantastic choice for Associate Dean and the Delta Dental/WDS Professorship.”*

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– Martha J. Somerman, Dean

An accomplished educator and researcher, and a national leader in anesthesia and sedation, Jackson directs the UW's Pipeline, Profession & Practice: Community-Based Dental Education Program, supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) to address oral health disparities; and, is the Co-PI for the RWJF Summer Medical/Dental Education Program (SMDEP) with the UW School of Medicine Office of Multicultural Affairs.

The University of Washington is one of only twelve health sciences centers selected nationwide to participate in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP), an enrichment



Douglas Ramsay



Colleen Richardson, Douglass Jackson and Annabelle Jackson



Dean Martha Somerman and Douglass Jackson





Douglas Ramsay and a young Douglass Jackson

program for college students interested in pursuing careers in medicine and dentistry. The UW program is a collaboration between the School of Medicine Office of Multicultural Affairs and the School of Dentistry and seeks to create a more diverse medical and dental workforce.

Doug currently holds adjunct appointments in the Departments of Oral Biology, Pediatric Dentistry and Dental Public Health Sciences at the University of Washington.

Doug earned his dental degree from the University of Pittsburgh and earned his Master's in Clinical Research Design & Statistical Analysis at the University of Michigan, and a PhD in Oral Biology from the University of Minnesota. In addition to his post-doctoral degrees, he completed residency training programs in anesthesiology and chronic craniofacial pain at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and the University of Minnesota, respectively.



Dr. Jackson directs the University of Washington's Pipeline, Profession & Practice: Community-Based Dental Education Program, or "Dental Camp," supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF).

## UW AWARDED \$1.2M GRANT BY ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION FOR THE SUMMER MEDICAL AND DENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (SMDEP)

Dr. David Acosta, Assoc. Dean of Multicultural Affairs, UW School of Medicine is the Project Director and Dr. Douglass Jackson, Assistant Dean for Educational Partnerships, UW School of Dentistry, serves as the Co-Director. More information is available online: <http://depts.washington.edu/omca/SMDEP/> or by visiting: <http://www.smdep.org/>.

The Summer 2006 SMDEP began accepting student applications December 5, 2005 at <http://www.smdep.org>. Applicants with questions are encouraged to contact Edison Zuniga at (206) 616-5866 or email [tczuniga@u.washington.edu](mailto:tczuniga@u.washington.edu). The application deadline is March 1, 2006.



Dean Martha Somerman assists a Dental Camper

# FACULTY NEWS & AWARDS

*The UW School of Dentistry enjoys a reputation as one of the finest oral health institutions in the world. We are fortunate to have an abundance of talent that has made our school an example of excellence. As you read about just a few of so many faculty achievements, we hope you will experience the same sense of pride we feel in presenting just a few of the reasons that our school continues to be among the top in the nation.*

S E P T E M B E R



The Department of Periodontics welcomed back **DR. ROBERT LONDON**. Dr. London became the Periodontics Graduate Program Director on October 1, 2005. He received his certificate in Periodontics from the University of Washington in 1981 and is a Diplomate of the American Board

of Periodontology. Dr. London has been graduate program director of periodontics programs at the University of Southern California and Nova Southeastern University. In addition, he was an affiliate professor in periodontics at the University of Washington from 1997 to 2002.



**DR. H. ASUMAN KIYAK** was elected by the BSHSR group of IADR to represent BSHSR at FDI meetings for the next three years. Dr. Kiyak was appointed by UW President Mark Emmert as a member of the search committee for Dean of Social Work; and, was invited by Carol Zuiches and Craig Hogan to represent the UW faculty

on the Federal Demonstration Project, a consortium of research universities, federal agencies, and foundations that

S E P T E M B E R

meet twice a year at the American Academy of Sciences. Dr. Kiyak was also appointed by David Thorud to the UW Environmental Stewardship Committee; a mix of faculty, students, and relevant administrators who are working on innovative methods of improving environmental awareness on campus.

The Faculty Retreat, "Exploring the Dental School Experience," was held this year at Bear Creek Country Club (September 9). Highlights of the presentations included the announcement of the Bruce R. Rothwell Distinguished Teacher Awards.

- The Lifetime Achievement in Teaching winner is **DR. L. BRIAN TOOLSON**.
- The Distinguished Winner to Recognize and Encourage an Innovative and Effective Dental Educator is **DR. TRACY POWOWICS**.



**DR. SSU-KUANG "CURTIS" CHEN** was recommended to Provost Phyllis Wise for appointment as Professor in the Department of Oral Medicine and became the new Director of the Division of Oral Radiology. Dr. Chen is a graduate of the UW oral medicine program and earned a PhD at the UW Center for Bioengineering. He assumes the position vacated after the

retirement of Dr. Lars Hollender, Professor Emeritus, earlier this year.

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CREATING FUTURES

## What's in your mailbox?

If you received your letter from the University of Washington Foundation in February and have already made a gift, thank you! If not, please take a moment to consider how your support will help make a difference for the many students and faculty in the UW School of Dentistry.

To make your gift, just visit us at [www.uwfoundation.org](http://www.uwfoundation.org). Or call us toll-free at 1.877.UW.GIFTS.

When you make your gift through the UW Foundation, 100% of your donation will go to the fund that you choose to support.

**Thank you for your support.**

## OCTOBER



UW faculty members are among 376 scholars chosen as Fellows of the American Academy for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). **DR. BEVERLY DALE-CRUNK**, professor of oral biology and graduate program director for the Department of Oral Biology in the School of Dentistry, was elected as a fellow, an honor

bestowed upon AAAS members by their peers. Fellows are recognized for their scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications. Dr. Dale-Crunk studies the way the inner linings of the mouth play a role in defending against disease. She also studies epithelial cell signaling pathways. Dr. Dale-Crunk was cited for distinguished contributions to the field of skin biology and biochemistry that have provided insights into the roles of oral epithelium in maintaining oral health.



The American Pain Society (APS) has awarded **DR. SAMUEL F. DWORKIN** with one of their most prestigious prizes, The Wilbert E. Fordyce Clinical Investigator Award. The award is presented to an individual whose total career achievements have contributed significantly to clinical practice.

## NOVEMBER

**DR. PHILIPPE HUJOEL**, Professor of Dental Public Health Sciences, was appointed to the American Dental Association's Council on Scientific Affairs and to the Evidence-Based Dentistry Advisory Committee.

Also in November, **DR. TAR-CHEE AW**, Associate Professor of Restorative Dentistry and Adjunct Associate Professor of Dental Public Health Sciences, is the new Director of the Dental Fears Research Clinic (DFRC). Dr. Aw has served as Attending Dentist and Clinical Associate Director of the DFRC since 2003. He is assuming administrative duties from **DR. PETER MILGROM** who has served as Director of the clinic since its inception in 1982. Dr. Milgrom is stepping down to become the United Kingdom Society for the Advancement of Anesthesia in Dentistry (SAAD) Visiting Professor in Pain and Anxiety. He will continue as Professor of Dental Public Health Sciences at the UW and become the Associate Director of the clinic.

## STUDENT AWARDS

*The young, fresh faces of today's dental school graduates are in the right place at the right time. Their high-caliber educational experience at the UW has given them a running start in a profession that is full of promise and opportunity. Please join us in congratulating them on their many achievements!*

**T**hird-year dental student **MIKE BOWMAN** served as the local chapter representative during the ADEA Council of Students Conference in Orlando (November 6 - 8). The meeting occurred in tandem with the Council of Sections and focused on curriculum reform, foundation knowledge, core competencies for the new dentist, national licensure exams, and national board exams.



Second-year dental student **RYAN WALKER** was selected to present at the Hinman Student Research Symposium in Memphis, which is an annual conference to celebrate and honor student research. He presented his study, "The Impact of Mobile Dental Services on Frail Elders," a research project on which he has been working for the last two summers under the direction of Dr. Asuman Kiyak. Ryan was also awarded 2nd Place in the Saul Kamen Scientific Report Award Contest in June 2005 for a paper that he wrote about this research project.





## Donald Chi Helps Homeless Teens

Health and public policy have always mattered to dental student, Donald Chi ('06). Even as an undergraduate at Cornell University, Donald studied political science and took a keen interest in public health issues. His decision to study dentistry through the University of Washington was inspired by that interest—he knew the School's reputation for research would help blend his desire for a clinician's perspective on public health problems with real, research-oriented solutions.

But, while policy and research were important to Donald in the big picture sense of dentistry and public health, the real, everyday details mattered, too. Like working with individuals in need—one-on-one—and making a difference, close to home.

Donald came back energized. Using skills he developed at the School, Donald researched the need and worked on gaining faculty support. He recruited a few classmates, presented a proposal for his project and, Donald says, "the rest is history."

Since the clinic's doors opened, Donald, his fellow students and faculty advisors have hosted four clinic sessions, seeing about seven patients each time. The American Dental Association (ADA) has donated supplies to the clinic and response to the 45th Street Clinic has been overwhelmingly positive.

Still, Donald understands that his work at the clinic is not about solving every problem he encounters, but about "chipping away" at a specific issue—one he has the expertise and the drive to confront. In that respect, Donald knows that his work makes a profound difference.

It gives Donald the energy and the enthusiasm to keep going, in the midst of studying and working toward his degree.

Right now, Donald's program at the 45th Street Clinic is under a six-month trial. After that point, Donald will coordinate with the School's faculty to assess their results at the clinic. If the program achieves its goals, Donald hopes it will be integrated into the regular School of Dentistry curriculum—offering other students the opportunity to reach out to their immediate community.

"Humans are ethically obligated to help those who are in need," Donald says.

While Donald plans to never stray too far from the "face" of people in need, he likely won't put the books away too soon. After graduation, Donald hopes to continue his education with residencies in pediatric dentistry, and, eventually, through a PhD program and teaching opportunities. It's a long road ahead, but one that seems to suit Donald perfectly.

"I love what I do. I love dentistry. I love research," Donald says. "That's what keeps me going . . . I've found my passion in life."

*At press time, Donald had accepted a position at the University of Iowa in their three-year combined Pediatric Dentistry and Dental Public Health Residency Program. Donald was honored with the Volunteer Recognition Award during the UW Health Sciences Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration to recognize those engaged in community service and volunteerism on January 12, 2006. Congratulations, Donald!*



*"These children endure so many hardships. Their struggles have really put a face on the problem of homelessness for me."*

— Donald Chi, '06

Two years ago, Donald came up with an idea to put that desire to work, an idea that took him by surprise on his way back and forth to class.

The more Donald considered the problems facing the homeless population on "The Ave.," the more determined he became to make a difference. He just had to figure out how. Around the same time, Donald received an invitation to attend a conference on homelessness and health at the University of Berkeley campus and he jumped at the chance.

"I had the opportunity to go down and meet with other students," he says. "I was the only dental student—there were probably about 50 or 60 students in attendance. Students from all disciplines ... and I got to hear what they were doing. And I told myself at that point, it would be really cool to get something started for homeless kids in Seattle."



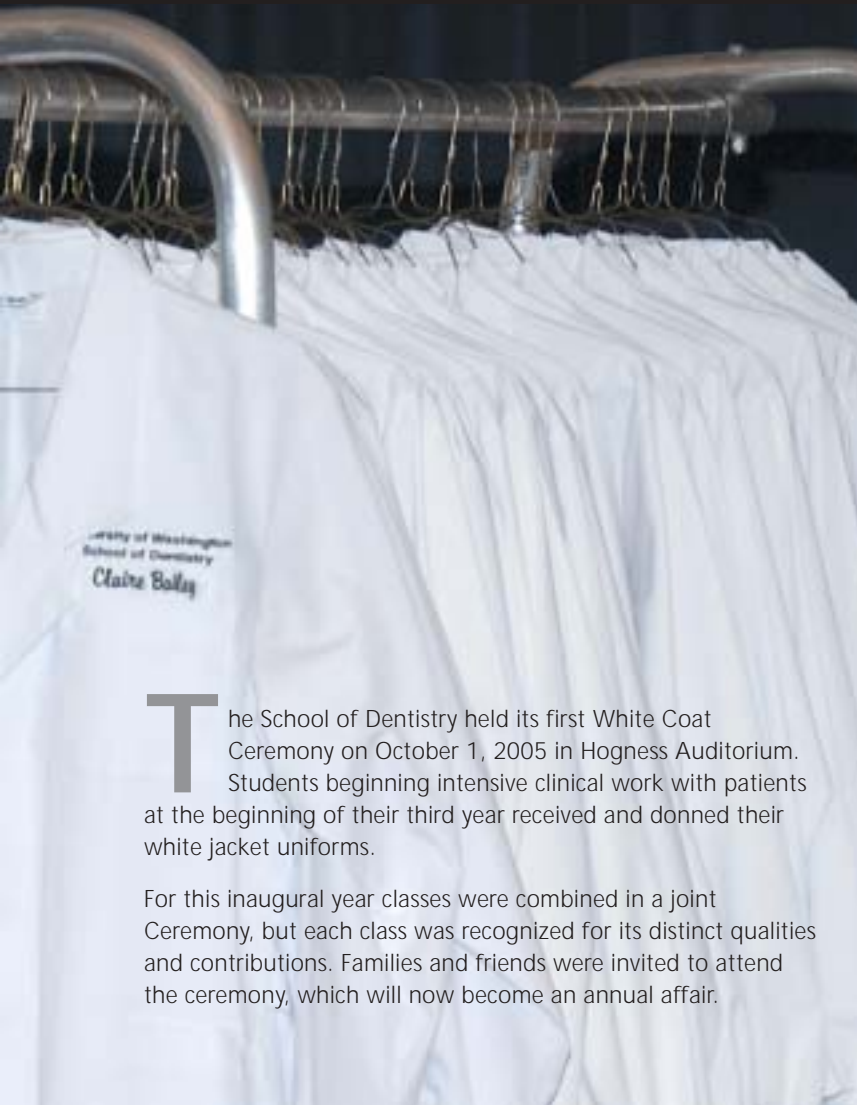
# First Annual White Coat Ceremony



Dr. Steiner and Dr. Toolson.



Dr. McCoy, Dr. Steiner, Dr. Toolson and Dr. Gandara.



Stephen Hansen, Dan Frost, Ron Lo and Brad Sainsbury.

The School of Dentistry held its first White Coat Ceremony on October 1, 2005 in Hogness Auditorium. Students beginning intensive clinical work with patients at the beginning of their third year received and donned their white jacket uniforms.

For this inaugural year classes were combined in a joint Ceremony, but each class was recognized for its distinct qualities and contributions. Families and friends were invited to attend the ceremony, which will now become an annual affair.

The 2006 White Coat Ceremony is scheduled to take place on September 30, 2006. Please contact the Office of Student Services, Admissions, and Outreach at (206) 685-9484 to RSVP or for more information.



Dean Martha Somerman and Dr. Paul Robertson.



Dean Martha Somerman, at right, congratulates student Annie Sohn. Behind her is faculty member Mark Drangsholt, with faculty member Bea Gandara at the left.

# DECOD Serves Special Needs Patients



## An Opportunity Uncovered

When Dr. Glenn Govin finished dental school at the University of Texas in 1985, he didn't know much about caring for disabled patients—special patient care wasn't part of the curriculum. And Dr. Govin hardly dreamed that he might need “specialized” training for the work ahead.

“I can remember just a couple of hours where [faculty] talked about special patient care. I think I saw a slide of a papoose board,” Dr. Govin says. “But that's as close as I got to any

background information.”

At the time, the economy was strained and jobs were scarce, so Dr. Govin accepted an opportunity to work with mentally retarded patients at the Department of Health and Human Services in Houston,

Texas. He was apprehensive about the opportunity, to say the least. But he decided to give it a try—a six-week trial period. If it didn't work out, he'd move on to another, more mainstream public health clinic.

“And then I met the clinic's dental hygienist,” he recalls. “She had twenty years of experience and she basically took me under her wing. She taught me how to talk to patients, how to discuss medications with their physician . . . introduced the concept of the papoose board, restraints and oral sedation. Everything, everything.”

## Reaching Patients in Need

The six-week trial period eventually came and went, but Dr. Govin stuck around. Working with this special population had become more than a job. Today, he directs the School's DECOD program (Dental Education in Care of Persons with Disabilities) alongside DECOD faculty members, Dena Fischer, Damir Jurkovic and Mae Chin.

“It takes a special person to gravitate toward this aspect of dentistry,” Dr. Govin says.

“We're really more like a family, here. And I think that comes across.”

“We laugh hard, we work hard,” agrees Mae Chin, DECOD's clinic manager. For

nearly twenty years, Mae has been with the University of Washington's School of Dentistry—teaching, working with patients, and volunteering through the DECOD clinic.

“I really enjoy teaching,” Mae says. “And I love the challenge of working with our patients. I'm always thinking, how do I approach this patient? How do I reach them?”

Since 1974, DECOD has worked to answer those questions, uniquely, for special needs patients across Washington state. Every month, DECOD sees around 400 patients—in a year, they will care for nearly 2000 active patients and nearly 2500 additional cases. It's a heavy load, but the need for special patient care far outpaces the availability of providers. Because of this, many patients with conditions like mental retardation, cerebral palsy, and acquired disabilities like multiple sclerosis, find care in hospitals. Dr. Govin understands the necessity of such care—and understands the methods, too—but sees the DECOD difference clearly.

“Our philosophy is, you really can't improve life-long, preventive, comprehensive care, if you restrict yourself to the operating room.”

Many of DECOD's patients lack basic access to the kind of essential, regular care that DECOD provides. To help meet the need, DECOD (funded through DSHS) not only runs a clinic on the University campus, but provides care through local nursing homes and group care facilities. They partner with area organizations to run mobile dental clinics in eastern Washington and the south Puget Sound—a vital service that also helps to reach patients who are unable to leave their homes because of disability.

*I love the challenge of working with [special needs] patients. I'm always thinking, how do I approach this patient? How do I reach them?*

—Mae Chin

## CONNECT...

Dental Education in Care of Persons with Disabilities

### DECOD offers training, accepts patient referrals

For persons with disabilities, finding a dentist can be a very difficult task. Without regular dental care, it's impossible to avoid the serious dental problems that often accompany disabilities. DECOD helps provide disabled patients with skilled, compassionate dental care.

#### PATIENT REFERRALS

DECOD serves children and elderly patients with disabilities—as well as residents of long-term care facilities and those in

When DECOD started many of these clinics, Dr. Govin says, “we were really putting out fires.” Some patients hadn’t had access to dental care in ten years. “Now, the great thing is, we’re getting into the maintenance phase. The time between visits is getting shorter.”

“And the people are comfortable,” Mae adds. “They really depend on us.”

While DECOD meets this unique need, they also provide University students with a window on special patient care.

## WITH DECOD!

vocational training/independent living programs. To refer a prospective patient to DECOD, contact the DECOD Clinic:

DECOD Clinic  
Health Sciences Building, Room B-239  
(206) 543-4619

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

If you would like to improve your ability to treat special patients — reaching out to the disabled populations in your community—DECOD has several education options that might be right for you. From distance learning seminars to onsite practicums, you can make a difference. Call to find out how you can get involved!

## Learning the Ropes

At DECOD, teaching students is about more than books, or even techniques. It’s about mentorship. And Mae Chin knows how important that model is to the staff.

“They are really dedicated,” she says. “We couldn’t do the work that we do without the staff that we have.”

It’s the concept of mentorship that guides DECOD’s mission to reach out to students at the School of Dentistry—DECOD, in fact, is one of the only special care training programs in the country. Nationally recognized, it was initiated by Dr. Doris J. Stiefel, a Distinguished Alumnae of the School

DECOD students train in an incremental, three-tier program, that allows them to build on their experiences. First, students in their third and fourth years spend hours volunteering through the DECOD on-site clinic. From there, they may sign up for DECOD as an elective—at this point, they begin to take on their own patient pools. Finally, the third tier allows students to work through DECOD’s pre-Fellowship program. In this phase, students are required to spend twenty days volunteering their time through either DECOD’s mobile clinics or its on-site facility.

Elicia Thompson, a fourth year dental student, is a part of this pre-Fellowship program—a step she decided on after being introduced to DECOD and special care patients. The experience, while challenging, has been overwhelmingly positive for Thompson, increasing her clinical skills and her ability to connect with patients.

“As I’ve done more with the DECOD clinic,” Thompson says, “I’ve become more and more comfortable.”

And for students like Thompson, that’s no small achievement. Working with special needs patients can be anything but

comfortable. At times, Thompson suggests, it feels similar to pediatric dentistry—you want to work quickly, accurately and you want to reassure patients. But there are other challenges, too. Often, a situation may require a dentist to work standing up. Some patients may need to be restrained. Set-up time is limited and the situation can be less than ideal.

The key, Thompson has learned, is to tailor your work to each patient, each situation.

“It’s a different way of treatment planning and it’s a different way of treating.”

Dr. Govin and the DECOD faculty hold students to a high standard—encouraging students to practice at a high level, even in the most difficult conditions. However, they also understand that the “ideal situation” is rarely the rule. What is most important, is that students learn how to be sensitive to a patient’s needs: to understand how often a patient is able to come back for a cleaning, and what sort of preparations need to be made? Sometimes, Dr. Govin says, “it feels a little like social work—assessing the problems ahead and working out an appropriate treatment plan.”

But at the end of the day, Elicia knows that her patients are getting the treatment they need. That she is meeting “a need that wouldn’t otherwise be met.”

“I’m so proud of this program,” Dr. Govin says of DECOD. “That what we do here is add a more systematic approach, more competence and more background than what I was able to learn just out of school.”

The Doris J. Stiefel Endowed Fund has been created to honor Dr. Doris Stiefel as a pioneer in the dental profession and for her nineteen years as the Director of the Dental Education in Care of Persons with Disabilities Program (DECOD) at the University of Washington.

The fund provides support to the DECOD program and offers stipends to pre-doctoral dental or dental hygiene students who have an interest in education and clinical training in the care of patients (DECOD).

If you are interested in donating to the Stiefel Endowed Fund, please contact the Dental Development Office at (206) 685-9350.





## WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION JOINS SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY FOR MENTOR RECEPTION



**T**he annual Mentor Reception was held on Friday, November 18, 2005 at the Center for Urban Horticulture on the University of Washington campus. This event – co-sponsored by the Washington State Dental Association (WSDA), the School of Dentistry and the UW



Dr. David Minahan '75 and Kip Pennau '09.

Dental Alumni Association – brings students together with dental alumni who have volunteered to serve as their mentors.

The reception provides dental students an opportunity to meet a practicing dentist; with whom they can arrange opportunities to visit an active practice and feel comfortable asking the many questions.

According to Dan Middaugh, current President, “The WSDA feels very strongly about supporting students and assisting them to make the transition from treating dental patients in the



Dr. Gary Heyamoto '80, Scott Waletzko '08 and Dr. Garrick Lo '02.

School of Dentistry clinical environment to managing patients in the private practice setting.”

Also participating in the program was UW Dental Alumni President Collins Woodside, Associate Dean James Steiner, American Student Dental Association representative Kory Wilson and mentor dentist Dr. Barry Feder.



Dr. Steve Albright and Kirk Skidmore.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor to a dental student, please call Randy Newquist at the UW Dental Alumni Office at (206) 616-0716, [randyn@u.washington.edu](mailto:randyn@u.washington.edu); or Amanda Tran at the WSDA at (206) 448-1914, [Amanda@wsda.org](mailto:Amanda@wsda.org).

## School Hosts New Provost Phyllis Wise

**PHYLLIS WISE** became one of the first Asian American women to be named provost of a major university in the U.S. when she was tapped by President Mark A. Emmert, '75, for the job this past fall.

Wise, a graduate of Swarthmore College and the University of

Michigan, came to the UW from the University of California, Davis, where she was dean of the College of Biological Sciences. Her groundbreaking research into human hormones has won her many honors, including a cover story in *Parade* magazine that called her one of America's quiet heroes.



Peter Pellegrini ('06) and Provost Wise in the D-1 Simulation Lab (September 2005)



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## FULFILLS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR SCHOOL'S MISSION

*The UW School of Dentistry shares the University's overall mission to generate, disseminate, and preserve knowledge, and to serve the community. The service mission of the UW School of Dentistry is "to improve the health and well-being of the people of the community and region through service outreach programs that are especially attentive to minority and underserved populations."*

*What follows is a sampling of such activities in which Dean Somerman, faculty, staff and students participated in last Fall:*

### FALL 2005

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**Alex O'Neill**, Director of Development, and **Dean Somerman** attended the **WSDA House of Delegates** meeting (September 15-16) in Spokane. Dean Somerman spoke about the Practice-Based Research Collaborative in Evidence-Based Dentistry, PRECEDENT, ([www.nwprecedent.net](http://www.nwprecedent.net)) and thanked the WSDA Board for their support of the School and for the Endowed Scholarship during the annual meeting.

**Dr. Sue Herring**, Department of Orthodontics was the keynote speaker at **Research Day 2005** (September 23). Dr. Herring's presentation kicked off the day-long event which was held in the Health Sciences Lobby. She spoke about TMJ as part of this year's theme "The Temporomandibular Joint: Function and Dysfunction."

**Seattle Vocational Institute (SVI)** celebrated their new degree program in dental hygiene (October 11). The event, sponsored by Seattle Central Community College and Washington Dental Service Foundation, provided an opportunity to tour the new facility.

**Dr. Glen Govin**, **Dr. Bea Gandara** and fourth-year students **Donald Chi**, **Molly Melbye**, **Navid Newport** and **Elicia Thompson** held the first-ever evening **dental clinic to serve homeless children** (October 13) at the 45th Street Clinic in Wallingford. At press time, the team planned to operate again on February 23 and March 3.

**Alex O'Neill**, Director of Development, and **Dean Somerman** attended the **Thurston-Mason County Dental Society** meeting (October 19) and presented the School's achievements and new initiatives. The audience expressed excitement about the new directions of the School and showed support for the installation of microscopes in the D-1 simulation area.

**Dean Somerman** attended the **ADEA Caucus** in Philadelphia (October 6 - 8). More than sixty alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of the School, and the WSDA Executive Director and President, joined us for the Dean's Reception.

**Dean Somerman** participated in the Twenty-Fifth Annual Alton W. Moore Lectureship lunch reception at the Bell Harbor Conference Center (November 18). She presented **Dr. Greg King**, Chair, Department of Orthodontics, with a plaque during the ceremony for the initiation of the Moore-Riedel Professorship.



# WSDA Presidential Scholarship Endowed Fund

In a recent class of dental graduates, 91% of the students graduated with more than \$5.5 million of accumulated debt. Yet that class – over their four years of dental training – received only \$56,500 (approximately) in scholarship funds from the School of Dentistry to ameliorate this staggering debt load. According to Dr. Dan G. Middaugh, President of the Washington State Dental Association (WSDA), “The rapidly growing debt among dental students is a matter of national concern within the profession because it seriously restricts a new dentist’s choice of career. It can prevent the new graduate from pursuing a career as an independent private practitioner, seeking specialty training or choosing a career in academia or public health.”

At the urging of Dr. Bryan Edgar, the WSDA Board of Directors unanimously supported, and the House of Delegates ratified, a proposal to establish an endowed fund for a new Washington State Dental Association Presidential Scholarship, the first of its kind within the UW School of Dentistry. Dr. Edgar said, “I am so thrilled that the entire Board of Directors embraced my vision of addressing this student debt crisis within our profession, and my primary hope is that this endeavor will be noticed by other state dental associations as a viable means of supporting all dental schools around the country.” The September 2005 House of Delegates resolution will gift \$250,000 over 5 years to the UW School of Dentistry. This gift will be matched with \$125,000 by the University of Washington Matching Fund Initiative as part of their current campaign — UW Creating Futures.

When the Washington State Dental Association Presidential Scholarship Endowment is fully funded, it will provide generous scholarships each year for two fourth-year and two third-year pre-doctoral dental students. Students eligible to receive the Presidential Scholarships are those students who were Washington State residents when they entered the School of Dentistry. Over time – through good investment – the

endowment will grow and provide increasing support for scholarships.

Since 1945, when members of the Washington State Dental Association (WSDA) vigorously lobbied with the Washington State legislature for the establishment of the UW School of Dentistry, the School has benefited significantly from a close relationship with WSDA. With a new dental school chartered, the WSDA began to take a serious interest in UW dental students, providing scholarships and creating programs designed to assist students with their eventual transition from training to private practice.



One such program for WSDA members and UW dental students is the Mentor Program, which was inaugurated with the cooperation to the UW School of Dentistry approximately 13 years ago. The WSDA received a Golden Apple Award from the American Dental Association for this “first-of-its-kind” program. According to Mr. Steve Hardymon,

Executive Director of the WSDA, “This program seeks to pair each dental student with a practitioner in private practice who can provide moral support as well as practical advice about starting a practice.”

More recently, WSDA worked with Congressman Rick Larsen of Washington’s Second Congressional District to create an internship opportunity for a UW pre-doctoral dental student. The first student to benefit from this opportunity was Michael Layton, Class of 2007, who spent four weeks working in Washington, D.C. last summer learning about advocacy programs that benefit dentists, students, and patients. Each year a student will have a similar opportunity with travel, lodging and other expenses supported by the WSDA. Steve Hardymon emphasized that it is extremely important to continue the WSDA’s excellent relationship with the School of Dentistry and with the students who will soon be transitioning into practice.

## Campaign for the UW School of Dentistry

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## INLAND NORTHWEST DENTAL CONFERENCE

### UW SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY DEAN'S RECEPTION

**DATE:** Thursday, May 18th, 2006

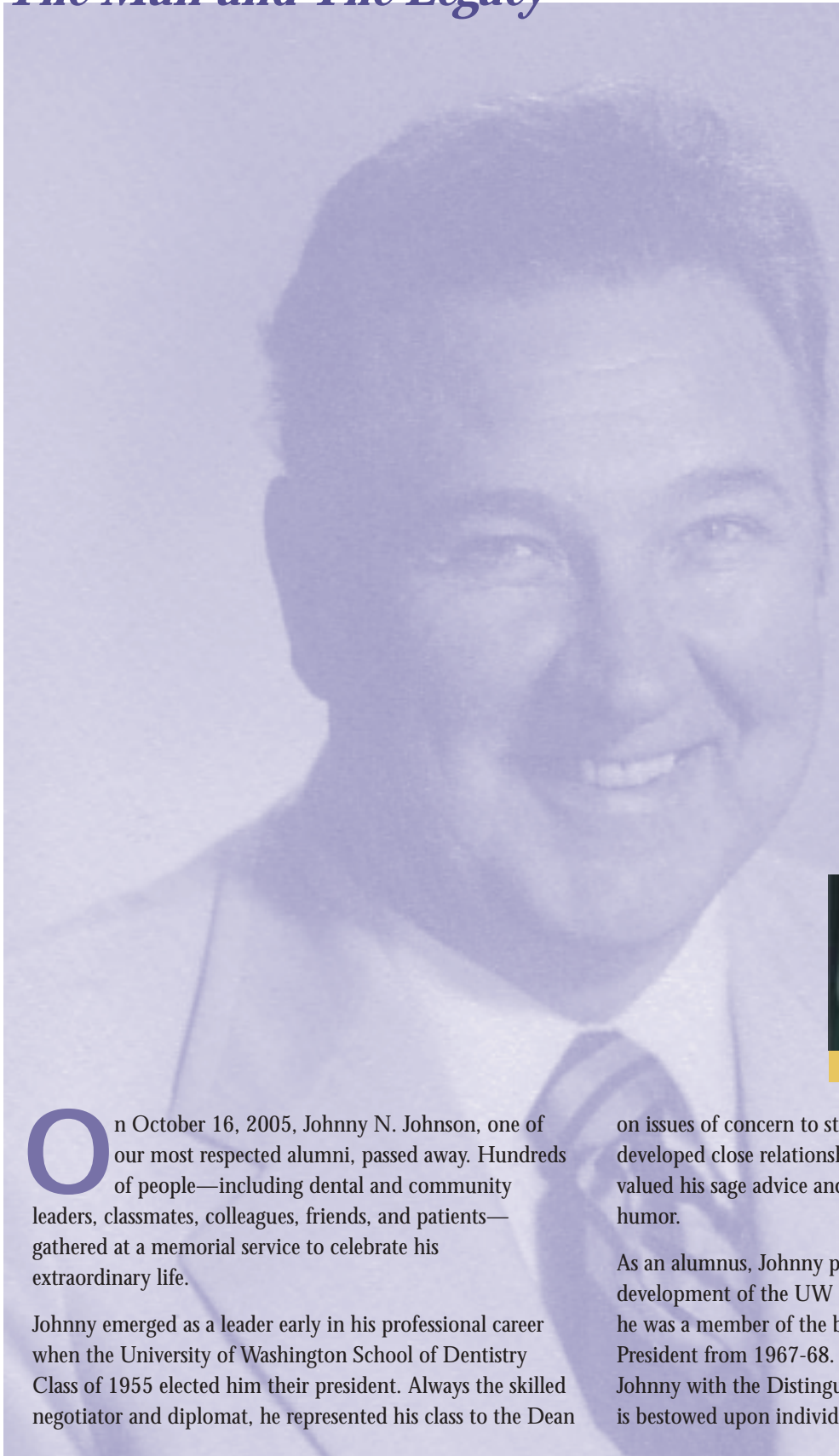
**TIME:** 4-6 pm

**LOCATION:** Doubletree Hotel Spokane – City Center  
322 N Spokane Falls Court, Spokane, Washington



# Johnny N. Johnson

## *The Man and The Legacy*



Paul Robertson with Johnny All Classes Reunion 2000

**O**n October 16, 2005, Johnny N. Johnson, one of our most respected alumni, passed away. Hundreds of people—including dental and community leaders, classmates, colleagues, friends, and patients—gathered at a memorial service to celebrate his extraordinary life.

Johnny emerged as a leader early in his professional career when the University of Washington School of Dentistry Class of 1955 elected him their president. Always the skilled negotiator and diplomat, he represented his class to the Dean

on issues of concern to students. Over the years, he developed close relationships with subsequent deans who valued his sage advice and enjoyed his wonderful sense of humor.

As an alumnus, Johnny participated in the growth and development of the UW Dental Alumni Association where he was a member of the board for fifty years, serving as President from 1967-68. In 1987, the Association recognized Johnny with the Distinguished Alumnus Award. This award is bestowed upon individuals who “have distinguished

themselves, have enhanced the profession, have improved the welfare of the general public and have brought honor to their Alma Mater.”

Johnny's close association with Dean Karl Ake Omnell greatly facilitated the formation of the School of Dentistry Dean's Club—Johnny and his wife, Pat, were among the Club's founding members. He was elected the first President of the Dean's Club Board of Trustees in 1983, and was later honored with the Dean's Club Honorary Lifetime Member Award for “outstanding service to the School of Dentistry.” Johnny was again recognized by the Dean's Club when they established the Johnny N. Johnson Student Leadership Award which provides a scholarship for outstanding student governance each year.

From 1990 to 2005, Johnny served as a part-time member of the faculty in the Department of Oral Medicine. His mission was to assist in and promote dental care for persons with disabilities. According to Dr. Doris J. Stiefel, founder of Dental Education in Care of Persons with Disabilities (DECOD), “Johnny was committed to serving people with disabilities and special needs. He was a pioneer in this field.” Through Johnny's interest and efforts, rotations for pre-doctoral dental students were established at the United Cerebral Palsy of King-Snohomish Dental Clinic. These rotations may have been the first ones in the curriculum of the dental school. Today, all third- and fourth-year dental students participate in these rotations.

A member of numerous professional organizations including the American Dental Association, International College of Dentists, American College of Dentists, Academy of General Dentistry, Washington State Dental Association, Seattle-King County



Johnny Johnson Dean's Club Dinner 2000

Association Access Award for his pioneering role in making dental care more accessible for people with disabilities. Still, it was his success in establishing the United Cerebral Palsy Dental Clinic in 1962—the first clinic of its kind in the country—that made Johnny most proud. Now called Provail, the clinic continues to provide dental care to hundreds of patients with a variety of disabilities.

According to Provail Director Michael Hatzenbeler, “[Johnny] was a regular volunteer for 43 years, including this year, whenever his health permitted. He brought together the initial group of volunteer dentists and worked with the UW School of



Distinguished Alumni at past Dean's Club Dinner (from left): Drs. John Davis, Don Compaan, Johnny Johnson, Ralph Yuodelis, Sam Anderson, and David Bales



Jason Bourne receiving the Johnny N. Johnson Award



Johnny making a presentation to Past Dean Karl-Ake Omnell

Dental Society, Pierre Fauchard Academy, Omicron Kappa Upsilon and Delta Sigma Delta Chapter, Johnny was drafted into leadership positions in virtually every one. He served as President of both the Washington State Dental Association and the Seattle-King County Dental Society.

An extremely kind and caring person, Johnny also engaged in many philanthropic activities—never wanting acclaim. Despite this, Johnny accepted the United Cerebral Palsy Association “Volunteer of the Year” Award and the American Dental

Dentistry to establish the student rotation program. Johnny was a great teacher of volunteer dentists and dental students; his compassion for his patients with disabilities was contagious. “ In 2006, when the clinic moves to its new location in Lake City, it will be named the Johnny N. Johnson Dental Clinic—a testament to the compassionate legacy Johnny leaves behind.

Johnny is survived by his wife, Patricia, of Lake Forest Park; his brothers, Charles and Jack; numerous nieces and nephews; and many, many friends.

## Find the Gift That's Right for You

As the University and School embark on our most ambitious fundraising effort to date, your financial support is critical to the success of "Campaign UW: Creating Futures." While annual gifts sustain the School on an ongoing basis, gifts to the campaign provide an opportunity for growth.

As supporters you recognize the vital role that the School and our graduates play in our community. Every day faculty and researchers at the School are working on a myriad of oral health challenges, from prevention of early childhood caries to treatment for underserved populations. Additionally, our students, tomorrow's dentists, are receiving an education from one of the very finest schools in the country. All of this is made possible by generous supporters like you.

Many of our alumni have already stepped up to the plate, and thanks to their generosity we've raised more than 80% of our \$15 million goal! Here are just a few examples of the additional support we received from generous alumni and friends with a variety of giving options and the benefits to the donor:

### 5 YEAR PLEDGE

Dr. Mark Walker and his wife, Barbara, established an endowed scholarship with their multi-year pledge. The need for scholarship funds has reached an all-time high as the cost of dental school continues to increase.

**BENEFIT:** A multi-year pledge makes a significant contribution much easier to manage, and the donor enjoys recognition for the full amount of their gift upon making the pledge.

### PROPERTY

Dr. Richard Tucker and his wife, Elaine, contributed an undeveloped parcel of land that had been in their possession for many years. Thanks to the real estate boom of recent years, the School will enjoy a significant gift to support faculty development.

**BENEFIT:** Like stock donations, appreciated property can result in a significant tax deduction and allows you to avoid capital gains that would have been owed if you had sold the property.

### PLANNED GIFT

Dr. David Wands established a fellowship in prosthodontics with an outright gift combined with a gift in his will which will eventually supplement the fellowship. Planned gifts can be made through a bequest in a will, or living trust, by designating the UW School of Dentistry as beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement account, or by creating a life income gift.

**BENEFIT:** Among the financial benefits you may receive are life income for yourself or another and substantial tax savings. Additionally, if you notify the School of your intentions, your gift will be recognized now, and could count as you campaign gift.

### HONORARIUM

Dr. Dolphine Oda has pledged to donate the honorarium she receives for Continuing Dental Education (CDE) lectures in Oral Pathology.

**BENEFIT:** By passing the honorarium directly to the School, you can avoid increasing your taxable income.

### STOCK

Dr. Alton Moore made a recent gift to an existing fund with a donation of stock. The Moore Riedel Endowed Lectureship will enjoy a financial boost thanks to Dr. Moore's generosity.

**BENEFIT:** Stock can be easily transferred to the School and by donating appreciated stock you can receive a significant income tax deduction and avoid capital gains.

*We are grateful for our alumni and other friends who have helped to ensure the Campaign has been a successful one thus far. Additional contributions are essential to building on our existing progress and allow us to meet our most pressing needs.*

*There are a number of additional gifting options available to those who lend their support to the UW School of Dentistry. Our team of trained financial planning professionals would be happy to meet with you and your financial advisors to discuss a gifting or estate plan that provides for you and your family an opportunity to benefit the UW School of Dentistry. Please call (206) 685 -0986 or email us: [dentalum@u.washington.edu](mailto:dentalum@u.washington.edu)*

*Join "Campaign UW: Creating Futures" as we build upon our foundation to create an even brighter future for our faculty, students and the community we serve.*



# Chronic Orofacial Pain:

*What are some of the causes of chronic orofacial pain, including temporomandibular disorder pain and neuropathic orofacial pain? How are they similar to and different than other chronic pain problems and how are they unique? Who usually gets the conditions, what is the usual course over time, and what are some of the scientifically validated methods to treat them? Clinical experts, epidemiologists, neuroscientists, radiologists, psychologists, and other experts at the UW School of Dentistry are looking for answers to these questions and others related to chronic orofacial pain.*

While many individuals experience excruciating pain at some point in their lives, what typically varies from patient to patient is the frequency, severity and type of pain suffered. For those who suffer from chronic pain, such as TMD, there is often little relief from the physical or emotional stress that this pain causes. Through basic science and clinical investigation, researchers at the UW hope to better understand and address the underlying causes of chronic pain caused by TMD.

As scientists, they are influencing the evolution of the study of pain as a disease, and identifying ways to more easily diagnose the problem before a patient faces a host of unnecessary dental procedures delivered by well meaning - but misdirected - dentists. With the UW School of Dentistry's Orofacial Pain

## EARLY PIONEERS OF PAIN MANAGEMENT

Psychologist Wilbert E. Fordyce, a longtime UW faculty member, helped found the first multidisciplinary pain clinic in the world here at the University of Washington, in 1972. Dr. Fordyce is also one of the first clinicians to identify behavioral and emotional factors that are responsible for much of the suffering of chronic pain patients, and was the first to introduce, psychological treatment components (his world-renowned "Operant Pain Program") as a requisite aspect of the multidisciplinary management of chronic pain.

Samuel F. Dworkin, DDS, PhD, DSci (Hon) Professor Emeritus of oral medicine and of psychiatry was selected to receive the Wilbert E. Fordyce Clinical Investigator Award from the American Pain Society in 2005. One of their most prestigious prizes, the award is presented to a pain-research professional whose total career achievements have contributed significantly to clinical practice. Dworkin became a part of the pain clinic

upon his arrival in 1974 and - in his words -- his research and clinical pain career was "given it's greatest and continuing impetus by those two giants."

In July, the American Dental Association (ADA) chose Dr. Dworkin for the 2005 Norton M. Ross Award for Excellence in Clinical Research for his work addressing both diagnosis and treatment of TMD and orofacial pain. In the early 1990s, Dr. Dworkin spearheaded the development of the Research Diagnostic Criteria for Temporomandibular Disorders (RDC/TMD), which has become the standard diagnostic classification system used in funded TMD research, has been translated into 18 languages and is used in over 35 research centers in 20 countries around the world.

This is the first time the ADA bestowed this award on a researcher in the behavioral, social or public health sciences.

# An insider's view of the scientific exploration taking place at...

Clinic staffed by nationally and internationally recognized pain experts on the faculty, the School is uniquely qualified to face this research challenge.

## A little history

Researchers in the mid-1960s discovered that the brain could change the nervous system in response to pain. (Until then it was believed that the nerve-brain-pain connection was fixed and inflexible.) The 1990s led to discoveries about where and when pain begins: the body releases chemicals which collect in a part of the spinal cord called the dorsal horn and are released

According to Mark Drangsholt, DDS, MPH, PhD, an epidemiologist at the UW, scientists and health care practitioners are experiencing heightened respect for the pain problem due largely to the increasing awareness of the "unique aspects" of treating orofacial pain. "Orofacial pain isn't just a symptom - it's a disease," says Drangsholt. "Now the challenge is to determine how to classify and diagnosis it as such." If you know the causes then you should be able to prevent the occurrence, he added. Thus, epidemiology - a discipline that was, until recently, largely focused on heart disease, cancer and other life-threatening diseases - is being employed to identify factors that increase the risk of developing orofacial pain.

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*It is estimated that 25 million or more Americans suffer from painful temporomandibular joint and muscle disorders (TMD) and hundreds of thousands more experience chronic neuropathic orofacial pain (NOFP). While the causes of TMD and NOFP are not completely understood, a range of theories exists about the conditions and, likewise, the variety of treatment options.*

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to the brain -- where pain is registered. The brain then responds by washing the spinal cord with glutamate, a chemical that rewires the central nervous system and creates a physical memory of pain. Thus, when treating orofacial pain, it's a matter of treating the whole body - not just healing the mouth. We all have pain pathways that send pain messages to our brains. Likewise, our brains have the ability to trigger or inhibit pain sensations.

## Who gets it, what causes it, whether it resolves and how to treat it

Temporomandibular disorders (TMD) are a group of painful conditions involving the muscles of mastication and the temporomandibular joint. At its worst, TMD pain can be costly, interfere with fulfilling one's daily roles and become the cause of many dental fears. Oftentimes the problem with TMD



Dr. Peter Chan with cold pressor pain study patient James Kashima (1999).

pain is that its cause and pathology are not obvious. Put differently, because there isn't always swelling or other obvious signs, patients are oftentimes labeled as having a psychosomatic condition. TMD patients can have pain with relatively little physical evidence that the problem originates in the TM joint. In many cases, it's the muscle and not the joint that is sensitive. Whatever structures are involved, the pain has physiologic causes, but can also cause psychological distress.

Most studies suggest that women are more sensitive to pain than men. TMD pain problems are about twice as common in women as in men in the community, and this phenomenon peaks during the reproductive years. Women may hurt more than men because of the hormones that course through women's systems at various life stages, says Linda LeResche, Sc.D. a professor of Oral Medicine at the UW School of Dentistry. Psychological stress, depression and the presence of other somatic complaints have also been shown to influence these disorders. LeResche completed two studies last year in which she examined the correlation between women's menstrual cycles and their experience of pain. She found the prevalence of different sorts of pain among girls - back pain, headaches, TMD pain and stomach aches - rose as the girls progressed through puberty. In a study of women with TMD, TMD pain peaked at those times of the menstrual cycle when estrogen was at its lowest level, or was rapidly changing. The male subjects had no discernible pattern in their levels of TMD pain. Dr. LeResche and her colleagues are now conducting a clinical trial to further

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shed light on the mechanisms underlying the cyclic nature of TMD pain and symptoms in women, as well as to determine which treatment modality results in the greatest improvement in TMD pain and symptoms.

If the role of female reproductive hormones is substantiated in further studies, LeResche said it could lead to a range of treatments, some as simple as increased self-monitoring of TMD conditions at times when hormone levels are changing.

### The future of pain management research

The School's Department of Oral Medicine has maintained an active research program in acute and chronic pain for thirty years that has earned world-wide recognition for its integration of the biologic and behavioral components of chronic orofacial pain. The pain research program, initiated by Professor Emeritus, Dr. Samuel Dworkin, remains one of the nation's leading research programs led currently by NIDCR (NIH) research supported grants to LeResche, examining the effect of reproductive hormones on headaches, facial pain, and TMD, a multi-center extensive research effort led at UW by Dr. Edmond Truelove, Chair, Department of Oral Medicine, to establish the reliability and validity of a diagnostic system for classifying TMD and an important award to Drangsholt for the development of new research approaches in neuropathic pain-the first award to the Dental School for the study of neuropathic orofacial pain. Thus, the basic and clinical science research at the UW School of Dentistry continues to offer much hope for individuals who suffer from acute and chronic orofacial pain. This area is clearly emerging as one where research on causes, course and treatments sorely needed.



# CLINICAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CMS)

The conversion to a centralized School of Dentistry registration office was a significant departure from the prior practice of registering patients separately among the 18 pre-doctorate, graduate, and faculty clinics. The

consolidated new Central Registration office, which opened in May 2005, shares space with Radiology in a newly renovated and highly visible space just off the Health Sciences lobby. The new location is more convenient to patients and creates a more visible presence in the university community and among the

public  
visiting the  
UW Medical  
Center.

Central  
Registration  
serves the  
entire School,

processing 50-60 new patients daily. The friendly and welcoming "Patient Services Rep Coordinators" greet and screen patients, answer questions, and discuss insurance and payment arrangements before directing them to their clinic destination. These registration coordinators complete the registration process



using the School's new software system which integrates registration, records maintenance and billing School-wide.

Clinics and departments used five data bases to funnel patient

information to our central registration office, which updates 70-80 patient records a day, utilizing a single data base containing over 35,000 patient records. Centralized registration has resulted in more accurate and standardized patient records, smoother claims processing, and will likely increase revenue over time throughout the School.

The transition to central registration is an asset to the functioning of the School of Dentistry. We look forward to expanding our patient services and enhancing our ability to guide patients through our admissions process smoothly and efficiently, while maintaining a high quality of services to the staff, faculty and students associated with the School of Dentistry.



# Northwest PRECEDENT

[www.nwprecedent.net](http://www.nwprecedent.net)



**N**orthwest PRECEDENT, the UW School of Dentistry's five-state practice-based research network, has begun training and enrolling its first members. More than 250 dentists in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Utah have visited the PRECEDENT web site and indicated their potential interest in participating.

Because, at least initially, membership is limited to general practitioners, 190 dentists who have active licenses to practice general dentistry and who have not had any disciplinary action against them were invited to participate in formal training in January and February. Over 100 attended the initial training sessions in Portland and Seattle.

The training program, a six-hour course in general principles of good clinical research in dentistry, was designed to equip dentists with the tools they will need to carry out legitimate clinical studies in their own practices.

Network Chair Dr. Timothy DeRouen said the training program will lay the groundwork necessary for a network that aims to enhance the quality and efficacy of oral health care.

"This is a major first step in the pursuit of our goal of conducting high-quality, relevant clinical research in dental practices through this PRECEDENT network," DeRouen said.

Administrators for Northwest PRECEDENT will continue to enroll interested practitioners throughout the spring. Benefits for dentists enrolled in the network include continuing dental education credits, faculty appointments at the University of Washington or Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), and the opportunity to give back to the profession by taking part in important clinical research.

Northwest PRECEDENT is administered jointly by the UW and OHSU Schools of Dentistry. It was created in 2005 as one of three networks in a nation-wide initiative of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.

You can learn more about Northwest PRECEDENT at its website, [www.nwprecedent.net](http://www.nwprecedent.net). For more information you can call (206) 543-5599 or email [info@nwprecedent.net](mailto:info@nwprecedent.net).





# CDE Course Recap

CDE has offered a variety of courses so far this year. Here are highlights:

## Alaska Cruise

CDE offered our first cruise this summer in conjunction with the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. One hundred forty-three providers and their guests attended the cruise which sailed round-trip from Seattle and stopped in the scenic towns of Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan and Victoria, B.C. and spent a day sailing through the magnificent Glacier Bay, all the while earning twelve hours of CDE credit. The program "Make an Infant and Toddler Oral Health Program Work in Your Office" featured Drs. Rebecca Slayton, Joel Berg and David



Course participants take an excursion to climb a glacier.

Curtis. Those who took the cruise came from all over the United States and they had a fantastic time. It was a wonderful opportunity to see the beautiful terrain of Alaska, earn CDE credit, spend time with family and friends and network with other dental professionals from all over the United States. The cruise was so successful that we will offer another in 2006 to the Mediterranean from August 29 to September 8, 2006 out of Rome. For more information on the Mediterranean cruise please visit the CDE website at [www.uwcde.com](http://www.uwcde.com).

## The Art of Dental Therapeutics: Drug and Drug Interactions

Dr. Mark Donaldson presented "The Art of Dental Therapeutics: Drugs and Drug Interactions" to an audience of ninety-four people at the Henry Art Gallery in Seattle on September 30, 2005. Dr. Donaldson shared his knowledge of drugs and drug interactions. The material and a high-tech presentation kept the audience engaged.



Mark Donaldson spoke to a large crowd of dental professionals at the September 30th course The Art of Dental Therapeutics: Drug and Drug Interactions.

## Orthodontic Mini-Residency

The Orthodontic Mini Residency was held this year from October 17th through the 21st. The course sold out and the

ten participants came to Seattle from all over the globe including the United States, England, Korea and New Zealand.



Participants of the Orthodontic Mini-Residency prepare for Dr. Stephen Richmond's lecture. From left to right: Dr. Paul Murdoch, Dr. Richard C. Meyer, Dr. Kenneth Hyde, Dr. Peter Barwick, Dr. Michael Koufos, Dr. Byoung-Ho Kim and Dr. Trevor Webster.

Dr. Vince Kokich was the course director. Other faculty instructors included Dr. David Turpin, Dr. Peter Shapiro, Dr. Greg Huang, Dr. Donald Joondeph, James Clark, Dr. Greg King and Dr. Stephen Richmond. For information on next year's Orthodontic Mini-Residency, please contact CDE at (206) 543-5448.



## MEET YOUR CONTINUING DENTAL EDUCATION TEAM!

CDE has some fresh new faces. Director Teresa Douglas joined the CDE department in Spring of 2004. Assistant Director Sally Gee has worked for CDE the longest, she started in Fall of 2003. Our newest CDE staff member is Conference Coordinator Sabina Ganic, who joined the CDE team this past spring. We are committed to offering a variety of the highest quality CDE courses to dental professionals in the Pacific Northwest, but some of the best course and instructor ideas come from you – the practitioner. We are very interested in providing the type of courses that YOU want to attend. If you have any ideas for course topics or speakers that you would like to see, please give us a call at (206) 543-5448. We would love to hear from you! *A list of upcoming courses can be found on page 46.*



The CDE Staff: Sabina Ganic, Conference Coordinator; Teresa Douglas, Director and Sally Gee, Assistant Director.

## Pediatric Dentistry Update and Wine Weekend

The Second Annual Pediatric Dentistry Eastern Washington Course in the wine country took place at the Marcus Whitman Hotel in Walla Walla on Saturday, October 29th. Speaker Dr. Marvin Berman presented two half-day lectures to the 71-person audience, "The Dental Team Versus the Reluctant Dragon" in the morning, and "Why Your Patients Love You" in the afternoon. Later that evening, thirty-five guests attended the wine makers dinner where Executive Chef Bear of the Marcus Whitman Hotel created a



Executive Chef Bear created a delicious six course meal to compliment various wines from Dunham Cellars.

spectacular dinner menu while Becky Waggoner from Dunham Cellars paired wines with each of the six courses. In addition to the excellent food and wine, Dr. Berman, who is also a concert-trained pianist, wowed the crowd with his incredible music. The 2006 Pediatric Wine Weekend will be held the weekend of October 27 at Campbell's Resort in Lake Chelan. For more details, please visit the CDE website: [www.uwcde.com](http://www.uwcde.com).

## Focus on the Future of Periodontics

Nine faculty members of the UW Department of Periodontics presented a CDE program on Friday, November 18 at the Museum of History and Industry in Seattle. One hundred



Dr. Paul Robertson spoke about The Dragons of Periodontal Practice at the Periodontics lecture held on November 18 at MOHAI.



Attendees at the lecture Focus on the Future of Periodontics

fifteen people attended this course that covered a variety of periodontal topics including biofilms, implants, and periodontal disease. All proceeds from this course went to the UW Department of Periodontics.

# Thomas Morton and Kyoko Awamura

## CREATING FUTURES IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

In the future, from where will outstanding scientists and academic leaders in children's oral health care come? They will emerge from programs established by individuals like Drs. Thomas H. Morton, Jr. and Kyoko Awamura who have a vision for the future of research in children's oral health care. The couple foresee a future when "leaders and key developments in children's oral health care" emerge from programs of the University of Washington School of Dentistry.

Drs. Morton and Awamura are making a \$25,000 gift to establish the Pediatric Dentistry/Oral Biology Leadership in Children's Oral Health Research Endowed Fellowship. The purpose of this endowment is to provide financial assistance to graduate students in the School of Dentistry who are jointly enrolled in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry specialty degree program and the PhD program in the Department of Oral Biology. According to Dr. Joel Berg, Chair of Pediatric Dentistry, "This is the first program of its type in the country."

This gift will be matched with \$20,000 from the University of Washington as part of the "Faculty Staff Retiree Campaign for Students."

The new endowment serves to further the mission of the School of Dentistry to develop future leaders in both academia and industry. When asked about the potential impact of this endowment, Dr. Joel Berg replied, "Our graduate program is built around training specialists for positions of leadership. Childhood caries is a major problem, and the solution will be in

creating leaders who are capable of solving this problem with public health approaches or through basic or translational science research."

Outstanding scientists will be needed in all the dental specialties. Dr. Ken Izutsu, Chair of Oral Biology, said, Drs. Awamura and Morton "hope that this endowment will serve as a model for the development of similar programs in all clinical departments." It is important, he said, "to recruit PhD candidates who have a strong interest in relevant research in specific clinical specialties.

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partner Oral Biology with all clinical departments to focus research efforts on specific problems that impact oral health and patient treatment in the various clinical specialties. It is important to work with clinical department faculty who can identify students who may become outstanding faculty for the

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– Dr. Ken Izutsu

future.” Dr. Berg added that, “this is the kind of opportunity that might attract a talented graduate who previously had not considered an academic or research career.”

Drs. Morton and Awamura have another motive for “giving back.” They wish to acknowledge the mentorship they received from Dr. Peter Domoto, past chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Morton also recognizes the profound influence that Dr. Thompson Lewis had on his career. They wish to support their two departments – Oral Biology and Pediatric Dentistry – by ensuring that outstanding faculty will be there for future students.

Dr. Thomas H. Morton, Jr., DDS, MSD, graduated from Creighton University School of Dentistry in 1972 and earned his Certificate and MSD in Oral Pathology from the University of Washington in 1975. Since then, he has served as a member of the faculty and is currently a Professor jointly appointed in both the departments of Oral Biology and Oral Medicine. He has also served in an administrative capacity for the School of Dentistry, as Assistant and Associate Dean for Student Services, Curriculum and Admissions, and/or Associate Dean for

Academic Affairs from 1988-2002 and Director of Community-based Oral Health Sciences Programs from 2002-2004. Dr. Morton has made innumerable contributions to the profession and the University as an educator, researcher and clinician over the course of his career, and is currently the recipient of over twenty professional honors and awards.

Dr. Kyoko Awamura, DDS, MS, MSD, graduated from the University of Washington School of Dentistry in 1987 and earned a Masters in Public Health in 1991 and her MSD and Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry from the University in 1996. In addition to building a private practice in pediatric dentistry, she became a Clinical Instructor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry in 1996 and has served as an Affiliate Instructor since 1999. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

Drs. Morton and Awamura recognize the tremendous need that exists for support of students and faculty to maintain the future excellence of the profession. It is their hope that additional gifts will be made to this endowment fund or that other endowments will be established in the other dental clinical specialties.

## **School of Dentistry Collaborates with U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services, National Asian-Pacific Center on Aging, and UW Institute on Aging**

On September 23, 2005, the School of Dentistry and the Institute on Aging at the University of Washington joined forces with the Region 10 Office of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to conduct oral health screenings of older adults and their grandchildren. This was part of HHS's national campaign, “Take a Loved One for a Check-Up Day.”

Almost 100 elders and their children received free exams for dental caries, periodontal disease and the status of dentures. Screenings were held at the Asian Resource Center, and hosted by the National Asian-Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA). Elders

and their grandchildren who required dental care were referred to the UW, public health clinics and community health clinics throughout Seattle and King County.

Senior dental students Erika Smart, Matt Rafie, and Ben Ruder performed the dental screenings, supervised by Dr. Larry McCormick (Affiliate Assistant Professor) and Dr. Marisa Reichmuth, a 2005 UW graduate. Dr. Asuman Kiyak, Institute on Aging director and Professor in the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, worked with HHS-Region 10 and NAPCA to arrange this successful “oral health check-up day.”





# Guest Column

## IN THE FIELD WITH CURTIS SAPP

PRESIDENT, THURSTON-MASON COUNTIES DENTAL SOCIETY

*Dr. Curtis Sapp is serving his second term as President of the Thurston-Mason Counties Dental Society, with fellow UW alumni Dr. Richard Downing serving as VP. Dr. Sapp is a founding member of the Cascade Orthodontic Club and has been an Affiliate Assistant Professor of Restorative Dentistry at the UW since 2003. He received his D.D.S. in 1977 and certificate of Orthodontics in 1980 from the UW, and is in solo private practice with offices in Olympia and Shelton.*

*With so many of our own alumni among its membership, we asked Dr. Sapp to provide an overview of this organization's outstanding service and leadership in oral health.*

It looks like spring is about to arrive, and with it, nature's promise of renewed growth and vigor is ready to be fulfilled. As I reflect on this past year, it is with great pride that I write to tell you about our own growth and fulfillment here in Thurston-Mason counties.

Our Dental Society was incorporated in 1984 with Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. We met earlier as a Society, as far back as 1970. Today with some 156 members, our membership represents one of the most active dental societies statewide. Our members have performed countless hours of exceptional volunteer service in widespread community activities.

Last year ended on a high note when our own Dr. Tim Dolby received an Access Recognition Award from the American Dental Association for his work with the Olympia Union Gospel Mission's dental clinic. Since its inception in December 2003, the Olympia Union Gospel Mission's dental clinic has remained the only free clinic open to the public in Southwestern Washington. The majority of the patients seen at the dental clinic are low-income workers who have no insurance and no means to pay for dental care. Dr. Dolby has been the primary force behind the building and staffing of the Olympia Union Gospel Mission's dental clinic. Through his leadership and example, many other dental professionals have been inspired to reach out to disadvantaged populations.

There are, of course, many ways to increase access to oral health care. Ultimately the time and energy of many are required to make it work. However it is the dedication and vision of concerned individuals like Dr. Dolby who can make access to dental care a reality.

In recent years, the Society has made a tremendous impact on expanding access to dental care for vulnerable children. Through close collaboration with the University of Washington, the Department of Social & Health Services and the Washington State Dental Association, the Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD) was born more than a decade ago. The goal of the ABCD program focuses on the prevention and detection of early childhood caries by providing oral health care and family oral health education. The ABCD program increased the number of opportunities for children in Thurston and Mason counties ages 0-6 to experience improved oral health care, receiving two or more dental visits during the calendar year. This collaborative effort is one in which we can all take pride. It is also one of the many exemplary ways that our members have helped lead the charge to improve oral health care in our State.

And we're making real headway: Last year's Society president, Dr. Mikael Kautsky, committed to raising consciousness about access to care at every opportunity. For example, in our newsletter readers will notice an article about the Coalition's efforts. Dr. Kautsky works hard to keep this issue at the forefront of the profession -- and has challenged fellow members to do the same. Locally, many of our members have joined the Thurston County Community Health Task Force, an

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***Above all, I am most pleased with what appears to be a renewed commitment among our membership and unparalleled peer-to-peer education — it's contagious and palpable. I am professionally and personally honored to lead such a tremendous group of dental professionals and specialists in our part of the state who are dedicated to education, service, community and the future of our profession.***

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— Curtis Sapp

outgrowth of the Oral Health Coalition which was established in the early '90s. The Task Force, operating under the "umbrella" of Thurston County Public Health and Social Services Department, is made up of members from the medical, dental, and mental health care communities such as SeaMar, the Olympia Union Gospel Mission, Thurston County Public Health and Social Services and the ABCD program, who are charged with exploring short- and long-term access to care issues and solutions for the underserved.



# Class Notes

N E W S

## CLASS OF 1954

**ROBERT D. GROSS**, Seattle, WA – Another year. Good health and happiness to all.

## CLASS OF 1956

**PAUL D. PRICHARD**, Hoquiam, WA – I retired after 49 years of clinical practice. I am now enjoying more travel, photography, biking, Lions Club charitable activities and VFW charitable activities.

## CLASS OF 1958

**GEORGE T. FRALEY**, Friday Harbor, WA – Dr. Ted Ramage of Vancouver, BC and a member of our class was chosen the 2006 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. Congratulations Ted!

## CLASS OF 1959

**DESMOND G. NEFF**, Edmonds, WA – Retired in 1998. Both Bev and I are enjoying all the free time of retirement. In 2001, we had a new home built. I have found that doing volunteer dentistry for Northwest Medical Mobile Van very rewarding.

## CLASS OF 1962

**JAMES L. LEE**, Chehalis, WA – Retired on August 31, 2004. (Totally, entirely, positively, unequivocally, earnestly, finally and happily) I believe that I served the profession well and in turn it served me well. Family plans are to simply enjoy all that is, savor the sights, sounds and myriad offerings of nature that we have hastily brushed by in the past. We are blessed, so, you be blessed. Jim Lee & Family

## CLASS OF 1971

**MICHAEL J. SAUVE**, Tacoma, WA – The Class of 1971 is planning a 35th reunion on July 14, 2006 during the Pacific Northwest Dental Conference. It will be held at the Washington Athletic Club, Top of the WAC Room, starting at 6:00 pm. For additional information, please call me at (360) 877-5801.

## CLASS OF 1972

**RUSSELL BRUCE TIMMS**, Longview, WA – I am currently the Chairperson of the Dental Quality Assurance Commission and recently "retired" from Apple Dental after 18 years. I am currently a salaried associate dentist with Willamette Dental in Longview. Still actively examining for WREB and CRDTS. Enjoying retirement from the Army Reserves. Pursuing the elusive perfect round of golf!

## CLASS OF 1973

**BURL B. BUSKIRK, JR.**, Gig Harbor, WA – I have semi-retired and work in the office two days a week. I have a great associate and an incredible team. My wife said she married me for better or worse but not for lunch so find something to keep you busy.

## CLASS OF 1974

**JOHN J. DEVINY**, Olympia, WA – I have been busy since leaving private practice as part-time host dentist for the Washington Dental Service Foundation Smile Mobile. One of the highlights of my years is hosting 16 first-year dental students as clinical volunteers in June of each year. I have written and published

a book on Washington travel titled, "Exploring Washington's Backroads." This colorful book is selling quite well and is available at all major bookstores or by contacting me directly.

**SHERWIN SHINN**, Sammamish, WA – Dr. Shinn, founder of the International Smile Power Foundation, returned in December 2005 from six weeks in Jamaica where he was co-leader of what is believed to have been the largest dental humanitarian outreach project of its kind in the world. Eighty five dental professionals and educators using portable and donated dental equipment established ten clinic sites in rural areas where there is only one dentist for every 80,000 people.

In four weeks of treatment over 4,500 clinical procedures were performed on more than 2,000 patients. In addition, the education team saw another 6,000 children in twenty different schools where oral hygiene instruction, toothbrushes, fluoride treatments and sealants were delivered. For an expenditure of about \$20,000, over \$1 million in dental services (cleanings, extractions, sealants, and root canals) were provided to underserved people, many of whom had never seen a dentist before.

Each member of the team had fun, worked hard, and had an unforgettable, eye-opening, cross-cultural educational experience that provided enduring friendships, and powerful personal fulfillment that comes when you see the

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huge, positive difference you can make in the world by sharing your skills unconditionally. For more details about this project and information on upcoming Smile Power volunteer dental projects in 2006 please see [www.smilepower.org](http://www.smilepower.org).

## CLASS OF 1979

**JAMES ROBERT OATES**, Elk Grove, CA – After 27 years of practice, I sold my Sacramento practice to my associate of 2 years. Joyce and I are relocating to the Central Coast of California near San Luis Obispo where I will practice “Locum tenens” for five or ten years. I hope to be selected as an ADA delegate next year.

## CLASS OF 1985 (Periodontics)

**THERESA CHENG**, Issaquah, WA – “Take a day off and volunteer!” That’s what Dr. Cheng, an Issaquah periodontist, told her staff they ought

to do, back in 2002 around Thanksgiving time. They did so, and it turned out to be a big hit for everyone.

This holiday marked the fourth year for Dr. Theresa Cheng and her entire staff closing the office for the day before Thanksgiving, and volunteering as a team with a local charitable organization. It’s a way for them to express their feelings of thankfulness and be able to share their energy and talents with others who are in need.

This year Dr. Cheng found Baby Corner, a non-profit organization that collects clothing and toys for babies and children and then distributes the goods to the

needy through various service organizations. Their center of operation is in Issaquah. Baby Corner immediately embraced the notion of Dr. Cheng and her staff helping them out for the day before Thanksgiving.

Dr. Cheng and her staff hope to continue this Thanksgiving tradition every year. This may also grow to become more than a once per year activity. Dr. Cheng hopes local groups who need volunteers will keep her in mind.



Theresa Cheng and staff.

## HARPER DRILLS COMPETITION FOR HOMETOWN WIN 18TH ANNUAL CARQUEST AUTOPARTS NHRA NATIONALS

**ROGER HARPER** got around Rod Harzell in the final round in both drivers’ first national event appearance of the season. Harzell, had the Tree with a .006 light, but Harper took the win with an 8.91.



Roger Harper with his trophy and first national event appearance of the season (July 2005).

Harper, a dentist for 27 years, is also a specialist in fixed prosthodontics, dealing with reconstruction, implants and extensive crowns and bridges. Harper beat three-time national event finalist Rod Hartzell, taking the finish line. His dragster is an Undercover slip-joint design. Harper, who



lives in Seattle, about half an hour from Pacific Raceways has been racing for just five years, all in Super Comp.

“I used to be into street rods, but I got tired of sitting around parking lost. I received a trip to Frank Hawley’s HSRA Drag Racing School as a gift, and when it was over, I thought I’d like to do that about 300 more times,” and began drag racing.

Congratulations, Roger!



# Class Notes

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## CLASS OF 1986

**TERESA K. YAGI**, Kirkland, WA – Dr. Yagi and her office staff recently went to Jamaica to participate in the “1000 Smiles Project” as part of two international humanitarian groups, Great Shape, Inc. and Smile Power Foundation. They were among 35 dental professionals who visited schools to conduct seminars on educational preventive oral hygiene care and place sealants on the students’ teeth as a preventative measure against tooth decay. Additionally, the children receive oral kits with toothbrushes and toothpaste, and educational books. Supplemental materials were supplied to the teachers. This was the largest dental project in the history of Jamaica. Many of the underserved populations that participated had never seen a dentist before. In addition to the educational activities, the group also provided 4,500 clinical procedures to those in need.



Back row L-R: Maryam, Lisa, Kami, Kerry  
Front row L-R: Dr. Yagi, Tina, Dr. Serra

Dr. Yagi said her office team had a fabulous time, did a lot of “field” dentistry and learned a little “patwa” (Jamaican language). They are hoping to figure out a way to return again next year. Dr. Yagi appreciated all the many offices that helped by contributing supplies and/or making donations to make this project such a success. Those who donated are: Plastic Surgery NW, Dr. Gary Bell, Drs. Lee, Stenberg & Van Mieghem, Dr. Richard Crinzi, Dr. Lisa Thoms, Dr. Kim Smith, Dr. Cheryl Townsend, Dr. Mark Savore, Dr. Craig Eng, Dr. Jon Dallman, Dr. Tony Santorsola, Dr. Jon Carssow, Dr. Marty

Rabin, Dr. Tony Lovrovich, Dr. Theresa Castner, Drs. Hertyl & Bogaret, Dr. Brent Robinson, Dr. Tom Jacka, Dr. Don Ausink, Dr. Theresa Cheng, Dr. Paul Lund, Dr. Camille Sata, Dr. Karen Kant, Drs. Adam Fettig & Stephen Knoff and Nakanishi Dental Lab.

## CLASS OF 1988

**MICHAEL B. MELUGIN**, Nashotah, WI – I finished an Orthodontic Residency at Marquette University in May 2005, and practice both Orthodontics and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (Parkland 1992) in private practice and at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

## CLASS OF 1992

**CHAN K. BAE**, Tacoma, WA – I’ve finally got married on December 26, 2003 to a beautiful girl named Chrissy Oh and now am a proud father of a son named Reagan (after Ronald Reagan). He was born on September 17, 2004. I had no idea having a family of my own would change me this much. I am loving it.

**KENNETH J. LYNN**, Dalton Gardens, ID – I recently hired a partner and built a new office in Post Falls, Idaho. Dr. Erin Elliott joined our general practice.

## CLASS OF 1998

**SARAH FRAKER JENSEN**, Mukilteo, WA – Sarah Fraker Jensen and her husband Jim celebrated the birth of their son James Buell on August 6, 2005. He weighed 8lbs, 1oz and was 21 inches long. The whole family is doing well at their home in Mukilteo.



Sarah Fraker Jensen with husband, Jim, and son James.

**CHAD G. SLOCUM**, Mukilteo, WA – Sara and I have two beautiful boys. Trenton is 3½ and Troy almost one year. We are opening a new office in March 2006.

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**REID J. WINKLER**, Seattle, WA – I am continuing on into my final year of the orthodontic residency here at the UW. Following graduation, I will be moving to Bethesda, Maryland to serve with the Navy at the National Naval Medical Center. Stop by and say hello if you are around the dental school.

## CLASS OF 2002

**DREW T. HERION**, Portland, OR – Drew and Tracy Herion had a daughter, Madeleine Claire, on January 6, 2005.

**JESS A. HAYMORE**, Tucson, AZ – We are happy and well in Tucson, AZ. We have five children. We welcome any who want to visit for some sunshine.

## CLASS OF 2003, ENDO 2005

**TIMOTHY L. GATTEN**, Post Falls, ID – I recently started an Endodontic Practice in Post Falls, Coeur d’Alene, and Sandpoint, ID with partner, S. Ryan Facer (a graduate of the University of Iowa). Our practice is called Access Endodontic Specialists. My wife and I have two children. Jackson is 2 yrs old and Kate is 4 yrs old. We are expecting our third in January 2006.

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## Class of 1956 Celebrates 50th Reunion

The Class of 1956 is making preparations for their 50th Class Reunion. It will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2006. The class will participate in the UW School of Dentistry graduation ceremony, then take a tour of the dental school and meet Dean Martha Somerman. They will have a reunion dinner in the evening. More details will be coming but be sure to reserve the date. For additional information, please contact Dr. David Heid at (360) 437-0429 or by email at dheid@cablespeed.com or Dr. Joe Grillo at (206) 244-5927 or by email at jcgskier@comcast.net .

## Class of 1971 Celebrates 35th Reunion

The 35th Reunion of the Class of 1971 will be held on Friday, July 14, 2006 at the Washington Athletic Club in downtown Seattle. This will be during the Pacific Northwest Dental Conference Annual Session. The reunion will begin at 6:00 pm. For additional information, please call Michael Sauve at (360) 877-5801.

## Class of 1976 Celebrates 30th Reunion

Keep your July calendar open for the 30th reunion of the Class of 1976. The

reunion will take place during the Pacific Northwest Dental Conference held in Seattle on July 13-14, 2006. Time, date, and location will be announced at a later date. For questions, please contact Richard Nash at rnash@cnw.com or Bob Tomberg. See you in July!

## Class of 1986 Celebrates 20th Reunion

The Class of 1986 will be celebrating their 20th reunion on Saturday, July 15, 2006 at Canlis Restaurant in Seattle in the Penthouse. For more information, please contact Dr. Teresa Yagi at (425) 820-0500 or by email at dryagi@kirklanddental.com .

# Class Notes

I N M E M O R I A M

## Robert Theodore Fenno, Class of 1954

Dr. Robert Theodore Fenno died on August 9, 2005. Born in Anacortes, Washington to Ted and Kate Fenno, Dr. Fenno moved to Seattle at age 7, then to Wenatchee at age 13, and graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1942.

He served with the 7th Army, Rainbow Division, with distinction, during WWII, earning the Bronze Star for valor and bravery. Returning to Seattle, he was

discharged from the Army at Fort Lewis and rejoined his family in Wenatchee, where he married his high school sweetheart, Mavis Kelly.

Dr. Fenno completed a degree in 1950, was admitted to the University of Washington School of Dentistry and graduated in 1954. He then moved his young family to Okanogan to begin the practice of dentistry, which continued for

27 years. Upon retirement, Dr. Fenno moved to Seattle where he became the dental advisor for Washington Dental Service, a position he held for 11 years.

In later years, as a widower, he married Dorothy Workosky on November 4, 1998. Survivors include widow, Dorothy Fenno, step-father Sam Carlson, sister Patricia King, four sons, eight grandchildren and one great-grandson.

## Clifford Lawrence Dally, Class of 1955

Dr. Clifford Lawrence Dally passed away on August 13, 2005. Born in Kimberly, BC, Dr. Dally lived in Rossland, BC until his parents moved to Seattle. After graduating from Ballard High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in the Philippines until the end of World War II.

Upon his return, Dr. Dally attended the University of Washington School of Dentistry and graduated in 1955. After a brief period of practicing dentistry in Tacoma, Washington he started his own practice in the Wallingford area and remained there until his retirement.

Dr. Dally is survived by his loving wife Leora, daughters Cynthia Khoury and Rosann Anderson, grandchildren Jessica Dally, Jennifer Magnaghi, Joshua Anderson, Heather Anderson and four great-grandchildren. Also survived by his sister, Shirley Bushy, of Monroe. Dr. Dally was preceded in death by the mother of his children, Maxine Dally, and son Larry.

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## Lawrence John Breum, Class of 1960

Dr. Lawrence John Breum died peacefully on July 20, 2005, surrounded by his family, after a short battle with prostate cancer and heart disease. Born in Mount Vernon, Washington on March 23, 1931. Dr. Breum graduated from the University of Washington School of Dentistry in

1960. He practiced dentistry in Everett, Washington for 44 years and dearly loved all of his patients. After his uncle's untimely death in 1967, he took over "the farm," where he would go to relax and work on the days away from his practice.

Dr. Breum leaves behind his precious wife Norma, of 53 years, in which he devoted his last 13 years to caring for her in her battle with Alzheimer's disease, his son Mike and wife Pam, grandsons Tyler and Sean, son Pastor Terry and wife Janet.

## Gail A. Alef, Class of 1986

Dr. Gail A. Alef died on October 9, 2005. She was a Washington native who was born on December 13, 1950. Growing up on Mercer Island, Dr. Alef was enamored with animals of all types. During her lifetime, she cared for a pet falcon, squirrel, cougar, crow, cats and even a perch. She also gave her love to many canines over the years including her constant canine companion, Grimley, who accompanied her everywhere for the last nine years.

Dr. Alef graduated from the University of Washington School of Dentistry in 1986 and opened her own family practice in

the Crossroads area of Bellevue shortly thereafter.

Dr. Alef led a very active life. Bicycling was her favorite activity; she logged over 5,000 miles on her bike in 2004 alone. She completed the one-day bicycle ride from Seattle to Portland twice, participated in three RAMRODS, and was a very proud member of the Cascade Cycling Club, from which she enjoyed many friends.

Dr. Alef also participated in scuba diving in places from the Puget Sound to the Great Barrier Reef, loved to snow ski (anywhere she could), and even learned to fly a private plane and glider.

Dr. Alef was passionate about fishing of all kinds throughout her life, and had fished in the wilds of Alaska, but especially loved the time she spent fishing from her kayak with her significant other, Kurt Pachaud.

Dr. Alef is survived by her mother Dorothy, brother Greg, sister Lynne, cousin Dorothy Gaye, and close friend Allan. She also leaves behind her dear son Chris Alef, who was the true light of her life. Dr. Alef had many friends and family that will miss the extraordinary sunshine of her smile.

## Rosalie Reddick Miller, Long-time UW Faculty Member

Dr. Rosalie Reddick Miller, the first African-American woman dentist in Washington State, passed away on October 17, 2005 after a long battle with cancer.

Dr. Miller, the daughter of a small-town Georgia dentist, was one of the only women in the room when she took her board exams at Nashville's Meharry Medical College. In 1951, she was the first black woman in Georgia to receive a dental license.

In the late 1950s she, along with her husband Earl Miller and family, moved to Seattle. She practiced dentistry at the

Group Health Dental Cooperative. Dr. Miller attended the University of Washington and received a master's degree in public health in 1972.

For the next five years, she served as director of dental programs for the Community Health Board of Model Cities, a program set up to help low-income families get better health care. From 1976 until her retirement in 1991, Dr. Miller was an assistant professor of dentistry at the UW. She also served as a mentor to many students, who often sought her counsel.

Dr. Martha Fales, former director of UW's dental-hygiene department, said Dr. Miller ran the department that assigned patients to dental students. "She was a peacemaker for the dental school," Fales said, adding that Dr. Miller was always supportive of her students. "She handled complaints from patients unhappy with students. It never got her down."

Dr. Miller is survived by daughters Miriam Miller and Kyle Miller, sons Earl Miller and Michael Miller, and four grandchildren.

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Europe 2 Room, 1500 Epcot Resort Blvd.  
Lake Buena Vista, Orlando Florida  
5:30 – 7:00 pm
- 20 **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
Conference Room B&C  
UWMC Cafeteria  
UW Campus  
6:00 – 7:30 pm

## M A Y

- 6 **BITE OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
McCormick Woods Golf Course  
Port Orchard, WA  
1:30pm Shotgun Teetime
- 13 **DEAN'S CLUB DINNER**  
Grand Hyatt  
Seattle, WA  
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- 18 **DEAN'S RECEPTION AT THE INLAND NW DENTAL CONFERENCE**  
Doubletree Hotel  
Spokane, WA  
4:00 – 6:00 pm

## A P R I L

- 21 **STUDENT VENDOR SHOW**  
Don James Center  
Husky Stadium  
Seattle, WA  
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- 27–29 **WASHINGTON WEEKEND**  
Campus-wide Event
- 24 **DENTAL ALUMNI FULL BOARD MEETING**  
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Noble Room  
Seattle, WA  
6:30 – 9:00 pm

## J U N E

- 2 **HONORS AND AWARDS RECEPTION CEREMONY**  
Hogness Auditorium  
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- 3 **SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY GRADUATION**  
UW Campus  
Meany Hall  
2:00 – 3:30pm

## J U L Y

- 13–14 **PACIFIC NW DENTAL CONFERENCE**  
Washington State Convention Center  
Seattle, WA

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We incorrectly stated in the Summer/Fall 2005 edition of Dental Alumni News that William F. Ammons Jr., DDS, MSD and Professor Emeritus-Periodontics was the “head” of the American Board of Periodontology. In fact, Dr. Ammons is indeed a member of the American Board of Periodontology, was Co-Chairman of the ABP in the past and has served as an Ad Hoc Examiner in recent years. The current chairs of the ABP (2006) are Dr. Connie L. Drisko and Dr. Thomas C. Waldrop. In addition, a graduate of our periodontics program, currently on the Faculty of the University of Alabama, Dr. Kent G. Palcanis will be a Co-Chair of the ABP in 2007. Dental Alumni News regrets the error.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 31	LIVORNO, ITALY (PISA/FLORENCE)	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
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