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# Your support makes a huge impact

**A**S MY TWO-YEAR TERM AS PRESIDENT OF THE UW Dental Alumni Association comes to a close, I want to say what a privilege it has been to work with many of you and to serve you.

I am proud to be a graduate of the UW School of Dentistry! I look forward to the future of our School and am excited about the appointment of Dr. Joel Berg as Dean. I believe with the help of all of us, the University of Washington will continue to be one of the world's best places to learn about dentistry.



The Dental Alumni Association has now completed its five-year pledge toward the new Dental Alumni Endowed Student Scholarship Fund. With generous donations from our alumni through a class challenge, we have been able to double the amount of scholarships we give out each year to our dental students.

We now give \$40,000 in student scholarships each year. With the high debt that our students have when they graduate, these scholarships are very helpful and much appreciated.

I also want to thank all of you who choose to pay your membership dues each year to the Association. The dues help us give great support to our dental students. Not only do membership dues help with scholarships, they support the SURF summer research program for our students. The funds also support the White Coat Ceremony, Hooding, Honors and Awards, and many events that help raise money for our students.

The White Coat Ceremony is an event that we are especially proud to sponsor. The incom-

ing third-year dental students and their families attend this memorable program where they are presented with their own white clinical coat and take a pledge of service.

In taking this pledge, students agree to conduct themselves with integrity by upholding and promoting ethical ideals and standards. They pledge to demonstrate compassion, empathy and understanding for patients and colleagues. UW dental students aspire to leadership through initiative and professional conduct, and they pledge to maintain a high level of competence through their commitment to learning.

It is a very inspiring program, not only for the students and their friends and families, but for those of us in professional dentistry who are reminded of the ideals that motivate us to serve our patients.

Our School has been experiencing unprecedented state budget cuts, which have significantly reduced operating funds. This past summer, the Dental Alumni Association did an emergency class challenge and asked our alumni to donate to help the School at its time of need. Thanks to your support, we were able to raise \$186,000 in gifts and pledges. These funds will go to each academic department in the School of Dentistry.

It is inspiring to see our alumni rally behind our School and do all they can to help preserve its high standards. Your generosity is overwhelming and will make a big difference. Don't hesitate to help in any way that you can!

MIKE KERN ('93)

*UW Dental Alumni Association President*



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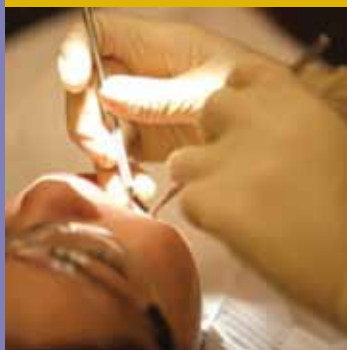
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| <b>WINTER</b> | Beginning A Practice / Practice Opportunities                                       |
| <b>SPRING</b> | Ernest Jones Lecture, Spokane Reception, Dean's Club Dinner (Distinguished Alumnus) |
| <b>SUMMER</b> | PNDG Exhibit, White Coat Ceremony                                                   |

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# Our School has been meeting its challenges

LET ME START BY CONGRATULATING DR. JOEL BERG ON HIS appointment as our new Dean, effective Aug. 15. He has a blend of experience, vision and leadership skills that will serve our School well.

When I became Interim Dean last summer, I had no illusions about being able to mark time. Our challenges were far too pressing. Now, as we enter the last half of my tenure, I would like to report that our School has taken substantive steps to address those challenges.

Much of our focus has been on clinics, because in this era of sharply reduced state support, it is not enough for

our clinics merely to survive. For our School to succeed, they must thrive.

As much as possible, we must reduce the time between making an appointment and receiving treatment, especially in our pre-doctoral clinics. To do so, we must make our patient admissions process as efficient as possible. To that end this past fall, I appointed a task force

consisting of Dr. Berg, Dr. Jim Johnson and Dr. Frank Roberts to evaluate patient intake and the basic assessment examination. They conducted far-ranging interviews and made recommendations for better coordination among departments, and we are now implementing their recommendations through a committee of faculty and staff.

We must also raise public awareness of our clinical services. Therefore, at the beginning of February, we launched a yearlong advertising campaign for our clinical services on King County Metro Transit buses, and have already begun to see a response. We will also promote our clinics through news blogs, community groups and other venues.

On March 15, we also implemented a new fee schedule for Medicaid-eligible patients, called the UW Community Dental Plan. We are offering fees even lower than our regular pre-doctoral rates, in hopes that at least some patients can afford the preventive and restorative care that the state eliminated in January 2011. We have also been evaluating our clinical fee structure with an eye toward more uniformity. And last fall saw a major overhaul of the Patient Care Guide on our School's website, making it much more patient-friendly.


The bottom line is, I hope I will be able to say when I leave that our School is better than when I began. Starting Aug. 15, I will return as a full time faculty member to provide some overlap with Dr. Berg after he becomes Dean, and by the end of 2012 enter an active "retirement" in which I will be heavily engaged with the American Association for Dental Research as an executive committee member and, in 2014, as president. I also plan to focus on global health issues through my Fogarty training grant with universities in Southeast Asia, and continue the Summer Institute in Clinical Dental Research Methods that I have headed for 20 years.

That leads me to one more point. We all know about the new wave of dental schools being built, schools with small full-time faculties and little if any research. While these schools may turn out technically competent dentists, what impact will they have on the future of the dental profession?

You may have heard about a recent publication whose co-author was Dr. Richard Darveau, our Chair of Periodontics. Dr. Darveau and his colleagues showed that *Porphyromonas gingivalis* incites other "commensal" bacteria to react to it, which leads to periodontal inflammation. It casts new light on how *P. gingivalis* does its work, and will likely change how we approach prevention and treatment of periodontal disease.

This kind of game-changing research required work over several years by multiple scientists in multiple labs working on related topics. Advancement in oral health research and in dentistry will not take place without this kind of sustained activity. If new dental schools pay only lip service to research, dentistry risks becoming a trade rather than a profession. As alumni of a school with a proud tradition of leadership, you should be doing all you can to prevent that.

It has been a challenge, but more than anything a privilege to serve as Interim Dean of our School of Dentistry, and I appreciate all your support and feedback. You, our devoted alumni, are one of our strongest assets, and I hope that you will extend that same support to Dr. Berg as he leads us into the next chapter of our School's history.



TIM DEROUEN, *Interim Dean*





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# Dr. Joel Berg named next Dean

After a national search by the University of Washington, Dr. Joel Berg was named the next Dean of the School of Dentistry on March 8, in an announcement by UW Provost Ana Mari Cauce.

Dr. Berg, who is Lloyd and Kay Chapman Chair for Oral Health at the School, heading the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, will assume his new post on Aug. 15, subject to approval by the UW Board of Regents.

He succeeds Dr. Tim DeRouen, who served as Interim Dean for the 2011-2012 academic year after the resignation of Dr. Martha Somerman. She had left the deanship after nine years to become director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.

Dr. Berg, 55, nationally prominent as president-elect of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD), furthered his reputation as director of The Center for Pediatric Dentistry, a partnership between the UW and Seattle Children's hospital.

The new facility at Seattle's Magnuson Park, which he planned and brought to fruition with its opening in September 2010, has a mission of pediatric clinical care, dental and parent education, and research. The Center focuses on early intervention, with an emphasis on dental visits by age 1, and it was prominently featured in a front-page article in *The New York Times* on March 6.

"Joel Berg is one of the nation's leaders in dental education and research, and we are fortunate to have him here already at the University of Washington to assume this important leadership position in our School of Dentistry," said Dr. Cauce.

"I am deeply honored to be named dean at a school and a university renowned for their leadership in health



education and research," Dr. Berg said. "Our School of Dentistry has truly outstanding faculty, staff and students, and I expect us to continue to make a profound impact on oral health care, education and research."

Since joining the UW in 2003, Dr. Berg has taken on multiple responsibilities. In addition to his duties as department chair, he serves as Dental Director for Seattle Children's and Associate Dean for Hospital Affairs at the School of Dentistry, and as a national spokesman for AAPD. Most recently, he chaired a task force that evaluated the School's system of patient intake and recommended improvements.

A UW search committee headed by Dean Tom Baillie of the School of Pharmacy narrowed a national field down to Dr. Berg and two other finalists: Dr. Leon Assael, former dental dean at the University of Kentucky and current Chair of Oral and Maxillofa-

cial Surgery at Oregon Health Sciences University; and Dr. Stephen C. Bayne, Chair of Cariology, Restorative Sciences, and Endodontics at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

Each of the finalists met for two days with School of Dentistry faculty, staff and students, as well as members of the dental community, during a whirlwind round of forums in early February.

"When I look at the next five years and see the challenges and opportunities that lie before us, I get excited. ... I think we can do amazing things at this school," Dr. Berg told faculty members at one forum. He enumerated what he sees as the principal challenges:

- Finances in an era of state budget cuts
- Faculty retention and replenishment
- Clinical operations
- Research
- Development, including re-engaging the dental community
- Perception, ensuring that the UW continues to be regarded as a top-tier dental school

Dr. Berg also identified curriculum as a key issue. He said he sees more opportunities for collaboration with the UW School of Medicine as oral health is integrated into its curriculum, as well as more collaboration elsewhere in the university. And, he said, curriculum changes might significantly affect the kind of student the School seeks to attract.

At a later public forum, he also said, "As technology changes, and changes the way we manage disease, we have to look at how our curriculum will change. ... We must lead in evidence-based education and practice, and there must be a focus on excellent patient care at all levels." His mantra, he said, is this: "The best education is good patient care."

Leading Dentistry faculty members, several of whom served on the search committee, applauded Dr. Berg's selection.

"He is creative, energetic, positive and has remarkable vision ... I have immense respect for him professionally and personally, and I believe we are indeed fortunate that he is willing to lead our school, among the best in the world, forward," said Dr. John Wataha, Chair of Restorative Dentistry and a member of the search committee.

The president of the Washington State Dental Association also hailed the news. "We were very impressed with Dr. Berg's vision and how he plans to take the school to the next level and beyond," said Dr. Rod Wentworth. "We look forward to partnering with Dr. Berg, the School of Dentistry and its alumni to develop a school with facilities, education and research that will be the envy of the rest of the nation."

Alumni responded with enthusiasm as well: "We are excited about the selection of Dr. Joel Berg as the next Dean," said Dr. Bryan Edgar and Dr. Linda Edgar in a joint statement sent by e-mail. The two are UW Distinguished Benefactors and among the School's leading supporters; Dr. Bryan Edgar was also a search committee member.

"His experience in all areas of dentistry, clinical practice, corporate partnerships and research – combined with his positive spirit and desire to do what is best for our UW dental students and patients in Washington – will create the future success for the school our alumni care so much about," they said.

Dr. Berg received a DDS degree in 1983, a Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry in 1985 and an MS degree in oral biology in 1985, all from the University of Iowa. Before joining the UW, he also served on dental faculty at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Texas.



*In 2010, Dr. Berg cut the ribbon on a signature achievement, the Center for Pediatric Dentistry, with the help of Susan Dreyfus, then Secretary of Washington state's Department of Social and Health Services (left), and Dr. Martha Somerman, then Dean of the School of Dentistry.*

He also has private-sector experience as executive vice president for research and clinical affairs for ESPE America, Inc. and vice president for clinical affairs for Philips Oral Healthcare.

Dr. Berg has authored or co-authored more than 100 abstracts, articles and chapters, and is co-editor of a textbook on early childhood oral health. His current research includes innovative new technologies for early caries detection, which has long been one of

his major research and academic interests.

He is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists and International College of Dentists, as well as a board director of the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry. In 2011, he was named the Washington Dental Service Foundation Distinguished Professor for Dentistry. Earlier that year, he co-moderated a national symposium in Seattle, titled "Physician and Dentist: Together Managing Early Childhood Oral Health," which explored avenues for more collaboration on early detection and preventive treatment and new approaches in education and technology. "This is our most prevalent childhood disease," said Dr. Berg at the time. "And its most

frustrating aspect is that the disease is almost entirely preventable."

Dr. Berg conceived the idea for The Center for Pediatric Dentistry in the months after he joined the UW. Plans for The Center emerged from talks with the Washington Dental Service Foundation, which joined the Washington Dental Service (WDS) in making a crucial \$5 million gift to help fund the new facility. Painstaking discussions with WDS, Children's and the UW occupied the next few years, finally bearing fruit with a grand ribbon-cutting at the \$21 million facility on Aug. 19, 2010.

Research at The Center focuses on several areas:

- Risk assessment technology
- Salivary composition
- Minimally invasive alternatives to blood draws for detecting disease
- Genetics, especially studies of host-bacterial interaction

"You look for someone at the top of his game for positions like this, and I'm just delighted that Joel is here and ready to take this on," Dr. Cauce said. "I look forward to working with him in the years to come." ■

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Timothy A. DeRouen, 2011-2012 (Interim)

# Ortho celebrates major clinical renovation



Alumni, students, faculty and staff sipped champagne and wore delighted smiles as the Department of Orthodontics hailed its newly remodeled clinic with a reception on Dec. 9.

The Washington Orthodontic Alumni Association underwrote the \$1.3 million project with a five-year fund-raising effort. Construction began in spring of 2011, and it was the clinic's first remodeling in more than three decades.

"We received an excellent education from one of the best orthodontic graduate schools in the world, and this is our way of paying it back," said Dr. Heidi Horwitz ('83), president of the alumni association, when presenting



*Dr. Greg Huang, Orthodontics Department Chair, leads a toast to the new facility on Dec. 9, joined by (from left) Denise Clark and Ortho alumni association officers Dr. Heidi Horwitz and Dr. Tim Shields.*





*Dr. Huang pauses with Denise Clark in front of a plaque commemorating her late husband, Jim, who was the School's dental photographer and photography instructor, and the namesake for a new imaging center in the clinic.*

Department Chair Greg Huang ('89 Ortho) with a check for the project in February 2011. The remodeling includes new dental chairs, new computers, reconfigured layout, ergonomic redesign, new fixtures, new flooring, new dental equipment and new furniture. Major changes were made to the reception area,

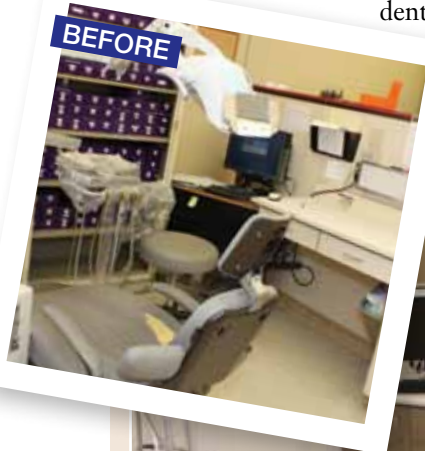
sterilization rooms, conference room and consultation rooms.

In addition, the new clinic incorporates the Jim Clark Digital Imaging Center, named after the School's late dental photographer and photography instructor, who passed away in 2010. It will be used to perform all diagnostic record collection, said Dr. Huang.

Fund-raising leaders include former association presidents Dr. Tim Shields ('83 Ortho) and Dr. Charlie Gilmore ('81, '83 Ortho); and renovation committee members Dr. Sam Lake ('79, '81 Ortho) and Dr. Mike Fey ('75, '78 Ortho and Peds). ■



*Interim Dean Tim DeRouen enjoys the festivities with Dr. Huang.*





# Drs. Shapiro, Spear to be feted at Dean's Club Dinner

Dr. Peter A. Shapiro (Ortho '73) and Dr. Frank M. Spear ('79, Grad Pros '85) will be honored at the 28th annual Dean's Club Dinner on Saturday, April 28, at McCaw Hall in Seattle Center.

Dr. Shapiro will receive the Club's highest honor, the Honorary Lifetime Member Award, while Dr. Spear will receive the UW Dental Alumni Association's 2012 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Dr. Shapiro, former head of the Department of Orthodontics, has given more than 30 years of distinguished service to the School of Dentistry as a researcher, faculty member and department chair. Beyond this, he has established an outstanding record of leadership and commitment in generating support for the department and the School, a record that has earned him formal recognition as a University of Washington Benefactor.

Dr. Shapiro personally raised more than \$1 million to establish the prestigious Moore/Riedel Professorship in Orthodontics, with an endowment created in 1999. More recently, he worked with the UW Orthodontic Alumni Association to raise funds for a \$1.3 million clinical renovation that was unveiled late last summer. Along with Dr. Vincent Kokich ('71, '74 Ortho), he established the Kokich/Shapiro Endowed Scholar Fund, which supports an annual visit by scholars in the field



*Dr. Peter A. Shapiro*

of orthodontics or related disciplines.

Dr. Shapiro, who is now Clinical Professor Emeritus in Orthodontics, joined the faculty in 1973. He was chair of the Department of Orthodontics from 1984 to 1995. He earned a BA from Brown University in 1966, his DDS from Howard University in 1970 and his master's degree and Certificate of Orthodontics from

the UW in 1973. He also completed a three-year NIH Fellowship in Craniofacial Biology at the UW.

In addition to his regular duties at the School of Dentistry, he has played an active role on School committees throughout his tenure, most recently on the oversight committee of The Center for Pediatric Dentistry. He has also been active in the Seattle community, including serving as President of the Jewish Family Service.

Dr. Spear, an affiliate professor in the UW Graduate Prosthodontics program, has been a pre-eminent dental educator for more than a quarter-century.

Dr. Spear, who maintains a private practice in Seattle, is founder and director of Spear Education, based in Seattle and Scottsdale, Ariz. He has lectured widely on esthetic and restorative dentistry in North America, Europe and

Asia, and, through joint appearances with Drs. Vincent G. Kokich and David P. Mathews ('74 Perio), has become known as one of the leading advocates of interdisciplinary dentistry. He was one of the founding members of the Northwest Network for Dental Excellence, dedicated to the pursuit of this practice model. In all, he has presented more than 2,000 days of continuing dental education around the world.

In addition, Dr. Spear joined with Drs. Kokich and Mathews in 2009 in establishing an endowment to train faculty and elevate the quality of instruction at the UW School of Dentistry.

Dr. Spear received his DDS from the UW in 1979, graduating first in his class, and then his master's degree and certification in Prosthodontics from the UW in 1985. His professional affiliations include memberships in the American Dental Association, the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry, the American

Academy of Restorative Dentistry, the American College of Prosthodontics, the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the International College of Dentists. He is also a former president of the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry.

Dr. Spear also has gained recognition as a skilled amateur photographer who has sold fine art prints of his work, and also enjoys sculpting and fashioning wrought iron. ■



*Dr. Frank M. Spear*

# Dawgs feast on Hawaii after football brunch

What a difference a year makes!

After enduring a 40-0 smackdown of the UW by Stanford in a cold drizzle in 2010, dental alums enjoyed a rousing 40-32 win over Hawaii in beautiful, summery weather on Sept. 10, 2011. The game followed a live jazz brunch at the Health Sciences Center Rotunda with plenty of good food and a thoroughly entertaining talk by former Huskies and Seahawks star Michael Jackson.

Jackson, a former linebacker who still holds the UW records for career, season and single-game tackles, is especially remembered for a crucial late-game interception on the one-yard line that helped seal a 27-20 UW win in the 1978 Rose Bowl, the first of the storied Don James era.

He reminisced about his playing career, which earned him a spot on the Huskies' all-century football team, and also thanked alums for coming out and supporting the UW. As stellar as his career was, he still stressed the importance of education, saying, "What's important is what you do when your football career is over."

Jackson followed that with quite a capper: He announced that he was about to complete his master's degree at the UW, and received a rousing ovation.

Dr. Garret Yamaguchi ('08) served as emcee for the brunch, conducting a raffle that awarded a Nordstrom gift card, chocolates and other goodies. Alums also heard briefly from Dr. Tim DeRouen, the School's Interim Dean, and Dr. Mike Kern ('93), President of the UW Dental Alumni Association.

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# A championship course challenges alums

Alums turned out in force on Sept. 16 for the annual UW Dental Alumni Association golf tournament at the Chambers Bay Golf Course in University Place, southwest of Tacoma. It was no surprise that the field filled out to capacity quickly; the course, designed by Robert Trent Jones II, will host the 2015 U.S. Open.

With breathtaking views overlooking Puget Sound, the challenging, steeply terraced course summons images of golf going back to its roots in Scotland.

The team of Rick Schrader ('77), Tim Drumhiller ('77), Bob Tracy ('77) and Tom Hohl ('74) took top honors with a round of 57. The second-place team of Norm Nishikawa ('82), Doug Johnson ('82), Dave Richardson ('82) and Tom Erickson matched that score, but lost the tiebreaker. Just one shot behind was the team of Mike Kern ('93), Tom Herrick ('93), Jay Dieglemier ('93), and Ken Norwick ('93).

Alex Kang ('03) won honors for longest drive in the 0-9 handicap group. Scott Shaw ('08) was tops off the tee among the 10-19 handicaps, while Adam Jury ('06) headed the 20-plus handicaps. Emi Chaison ('06) took ladies honors.

The Dental Alumni Association held the tournament in conjunction with Pierce County Dental Society, which kept separate team results. Mike Doyle ('71) chaired the event for the Dental Alumni Association, while Jeff Camm was chair for Pierce County Dental Society.

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*The winners (from left): Bob Tracy ('77), Rick Schrader ('77), Tom Hohl ('74) and Tim Drumhiller ('77)*



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# Students, mentors enjoy relaxed evening at reception

Seattle-area dentists joined School of Dentistry students and faculty at the Health Sciences Center on Nov. 18 for the annual Washington State Dental Association/UW Dental Alumni Association Mentor Program reception.

Speakers included Interim Dean Tim DeRouen, WSDA President Rod Wentworth ('81), Alumni Association President Mike Kern ('93), Dr. Jason Bourne ('01) and Class of 2012 Presi-

dent Rusty Johnson.

Since 1994, the program by WSDA and the Dental Alumni Association has united UW dental students with mentor dentists to help students gain a better understanding of real-world dental practice. Students learn about practice management and the nuances of working with patients and staff, among other aspects of dentistry. Mentors also serve as sounding boards

for students and provide helpful perspective as students cope with the demands of school.

The Mentor Program welcomes dentists who would like to volunteer. For information, contact Randy Newquist, Director of Alumni Services, at [randyn@u.washington.edu](mailto:randyn@u.washington.edu); or Kainoa Trotter, WSDA Director of Membership Services, at [kainoa@wsda.org](mailto:kainoa@wsda.org). ■



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*Eric Olendorf ('14), Dr. Rod Wentworth ('81)*

# Annual vendor show draws big crowd

Dozens of our students enjoyed their annual look at the latest tools of the trade during our School's Vendor Show on Feb. 10 in Mary Gates Hall on the UW campus. While students browsed the wares and chatted with dental supply and service representatives, they also enjoyed a sprawling spread of food and drink.

The show was sponsored by the Class of 2012 with the assistance of the Dental Alumni Association. Commercial sponsors were:

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*Mary Gates Hall provided an impressive setting.*



# Center for Pediatric Dentistry gives free screening

Fifty children – from toddlers to pre-teens – received a brief exam and a fistful of goodies on Feb. 25 at The Center for Pediatric Dentistry's first free dental screening. Their parents brought them from Woodinville, Mercer Island and throughout the Seattle area, having heard of the event via local media outlets, various blogs and websites and even Siri.

Fred Roberts, a father of two, had dropped his wife at the train station and “had an hour to kill,” so he asked his iPhone 4S what child-related activities were going on in Seattle. Siri – the voice-activated “personal assistant” – replied, “Free dental screening.”

“I can't turn down a free screening,” said Roberts, who also happens to be a School of Dentistry patient. “I like young new technology. It's great.”

Dr. Marcio da Fonseca, Graduate Program director., credited outreach coordinator Kimberly Hanson Huggins, who organized the event, along with residents, dental assistants, faculty, staff and volunteers for making it work so well. “Parents had a chance to ask questions about oral health and were given educational materials,” he said. “It was also an opportunity to showcase our beautiful facility.”

Held during National Children's Dental Health Month, the screening “was very successful,” said Dr. Travis Nelson, acting assistant professor.

“Our resident dentists and many members of our amazing staff volunteered their time ... (and) we were able to introduce many fearful young children to the dental office in a way that was fun and reduced their anxiety,” said Dr. Nelson. “We're looking forward to seeing many of those who were screened back in the clinic as new patients.”

At the screening, “the parents of seven children scheduled new patient exams. Five others took our information and seemed like they would be calling for appointments,” said Tiffany Benton, director of Clinic Operations. “Many children who came in crying or scared left very happy and smiling.”

Benton also referred three potential patients to staff social worker Heather Marks. “We don't have any money or insurance, so I really wanted to bring my kids to get their teeth screened today,” said one parent.

As Benton worked the front desk, faculty, residents and assistants coaxed reluctant children into opening their mouths and dispensed dental hygiene

tips to their parents. In attendance were:

- Residents – Drs. James Cannava, Mai Dinh, David Avenetti, Steve Tseng, Kari Sims, Glenn Canares, and Therese Canares

- Faculty – Drs. Marcio da Fonseca, Amy Kim and Travis Nelson

- Assistants – Elizabeth Sullivan, Teresa Pelayo (the glamorous Tooth Fairy), Katie Evans, Becka Benedict (the popular Mr. Molar), Chalet White and Brittany Jipp.

Volunteers Van Anh La, Viktoriya Fedorova, Sofia Tangcharoens, Jennifer Singh, AJ Dhanoa, Melanie Overman and Zoya Tharani signed families in and showed them to the screening area.

Staff members Camille Baltuck, Tonya Greer and Tara Cannava helped out where needed, while Huggins provided general oversight.

While children examined their sticker and activity sheets – and conducted their own exams with the mouth mirrors they got to keep – parents asked questions on topics ranging from pacifiers to when

children should start brushing on their own. The plaque evaluation station was a big hit and families were captivated by the lenticular displays in the main lobby.

“An event like this is great. It's raising awareness,” said Dr. Nelson. “Children who have a bad experience don't come back to the dentist as adults. Most of the teeth we work on are going to fall out. We're trying to give them a positive experience.”

The Center will plan more dental screening activities throughout the year “to serve the children and families of our community,” said Dr. da Fonseca.

“My kids have never been to the dentist before,” said a mom who brought in three children ages 3 to 6. “This seemed like a good way to introduce them to the dentist.” ■



*Mr. Molar (Becka Benedict) makes a new friend.*

## New York Times

### Center is Page 1 news in The New York Times

The Center for Pediatric Dentistry was prominently featured and Dr. Joel Berg was quoted in a Page One story on March 5 in *The New York Times*. Reporter Catherine Saint Louis focused on the Center in an article exploring oral surgery and children's caries.

The article was also picked up by Times syndication clients across the country, and spurred follow-up coverage on prominent websites such as Time.com and CBS News online.



James Oates ('79), Joyce Oates, Interim Dean Tim DeRouen

## School officials host ADA reception in Las Vegas

Interim Dean Tim DeRouen hosted our School of Dentistry's reception at the American Dental Association's Annual Session in Las Vegas last Oct. 11. The event at the Ri Ra Irish Pub was attended by 75 alumni, faculty, students and friends of the



From left: Steve Kim, Noreen Ramji ('09), Lina Kim ('03), Sabrina Habib ('07), Annie Sohn ('07), Staci Dotson ('07)

School. Guests soaked up a little Auld Sod atmosphere as they socialized and enjoyed an Irish band.

WSDA President Rod Wentworth ('81) and other WSDA representatives attended. Also representing our School at the reception were Assistant Dean of Advancement Christina Harrison and Director of Dental Alumni Randy Newquist. ■

## CAO Group donates 38 curing lights to D-2 clinic

Our School of Dentistry students have received a welcome lift with the addition of new curing lights.



The 38 new lights, installed chairside in our D-2 pre-doctoral clinic, came through a donation by the CAO Group of West Jordan, Utah, a leading maker of dental devices and materials, including LED curing lights and diode laser technologies.

"We are very grateful for this generous donation and the CAO Group's support of our School of Dentistry,"

said Dr. Dan Chan, Associate Dean for Clinical Services. Not only does the School enjoy the benefits of state-of-the-art equipment, he said, but students also no longer need buy their own curing lights, which can cost about \$1,000.

Noting that this was the CAO Group's first donation to the School, he said, "We are delighted to welcome the CAO Group to our family of donors." The School has also bought new lights for the D-1 simulation laboratory and for the D-3 clinic. ■

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# Dr. Richard Ferguson receives service honors



*Dr. Richard Ferguson (center) is congratulated on his volunteer service award by Interim Dean Tim DeRouen and Dr. Sue Coldwell, Associate Dean for Student Life and Admissions.*

Dr. Richard Ferguson (Ortho Cert '70, MSD '72) was honored for his community volunteer service at the UW Health Sciences Center on Jan. 12 during the annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Dr. Ferguson, a Seattle orthodontist, was cited for a wide variety of activities that include key roles in the School's Partners in Diversity program and the African American Mentoring Network. He has also served on the Dean's Club board and been a member of the School's admissions committee for more than 20 years, helping to recruit and interview students from underrepresented communities.

In 2005, Dr. Ferguson received the highest service honor bestowed by the School's Dean's Club, its Honorary Lifetime Membership Award.

Outside the School, Dr. Ferguson has been president of the Washington State Dental Association and the Washington State Association of Orthodontists. He was a founder and steering

committee member with the Seattle Vocational Institute Dental Assistant Program and the Seattle Central Dental Hygiene Program, as well as the recently established South Seattle Community College Expanded-Function Dental Auxiliary Program. While in the

U.S. Air Force, he served as a consultant to the U.S. Surgeon General.

Dr. Ferguson founded and remains active with the Washington State Black Health Care Professionals, and is also an active member of the International College of Dentists and Seattle King County Dental Society, as well as the Sandpoint Community United Methodist Church.

During the annual MLK ceremonies, the UW Medical Center and Health Sciences Center pay tribute to the memory of the late civil rights leader by recognizing the contributions of UW students, faculty, staff and community members in community service and volunteerism.

This year's keynote speaker was Professor James Pfeiffer of the UW Department of Global Health, who spoke on "Health and the Struggle for Economic Justice: The Legacy of Dr. King." Public health advocate Dorothy Mann received the 2012 Distinguished Service Award, and UW President Michael Young welcomed attendees to the ceremonies. ■

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## Grad Pros draws international group to course on implant restorations

The Graduate Prosthodontics program held a continuing education course in implant-supported restorations in August that it hopes will help raise the program's profile in Asia.

Dr. Ariel Raigrodski, professor and program director of Graduate Prosthodontics, collaborated with Dr. Keng Mun Wong, affiliate assistant professor in Grad Pros, to stage the four-day course at the UW. Dr. Wong, a 2002 alumnus of the program, has a private continuing dental education center in Singapore.

Ten participants from four countries – China, the Philippines, Singapore and Indonesia – attended the hands-on course, which included a surgical component with a live demonstration. UW faculty members in-

cluded Dr. Sul Ki Hong, assistant professor of Periodontics, and Dr. Yen-Wei Chen, affiliate assistant professor in Restorative Dentistry.

All proceeds from the course went to the Grad Pros program, with faculty members forgoing honoraria. Revenues are being used to purchase equipment and support other upgrades within the Grad Pros program. Corporate support for the course came from 3M ESPE, Nobel Biocare, and Braseler USA.

"We hope this is the first of many such courses, and that it will allow us to promote our program and the School of Dentistry more widely in Asia," Dr. Raigrodski said.

A similar continuing-education course was being planned, he said. ■



Dr. Ariel Raigrodski

## Hispanic Dental Association student chapter launched



From left: Dr. Ricardo Schwedhelm of Restorative and Interim Dean Tim DeRouen welcomed Dr. Tyrone Rodriguez in November as our School received a charter for a UW student chapter of the Hispanic Dental Association. Dr. Rodriguez, the association's president, presented Enrique Oltra Esplugues, president of the new student chapter, with a check to support the chapter's activities. Other student officers are Rob Pinon and Katherine Taylor, vice presidents; Janet Romero, secretary; and Antonio Lopez, treasurer. Charter members of the student group also include Crystal Vargas, Amanda Guerrero, Leigh Armijo and Luis Acevedo.

## Our School needs skulls

If you're not using your head, how about giving it to our School?

The School of Dentistry needs human skulls for instructional use, says Dr. Sue Herring of Orthodontics, who is also Professor of Oral Health Sciences. She uses them as one of several instructors in a School of Medicine pre-doctoral course on medical and dental anatomy, and also in her School of Dentistry postgraduate course on head and neck anatomy.



"Our collection is aging, and human skulls are too expensive to purchase nowadays," Dr. Herring says. "A few decades ago, dental

students often bought skulls, and those are the ones we hope might get donated to the university."

The skulls must be actual human specimens – not plastic – and in reasonably good condition, with no major parts missing or broken, she says.

Skulls may be sent directly to Dr. Herring at the School of Dentistry's Department of Orthodontics, 1959 N.E. Pacific St., Box 357446, Seattle, WA 98195. If a tax deduction is desired, donors should state their valuation of the skull in an e-mail or in writing. (Dr. Herring's e-mail is [herring@u.washington.edu](mailto:herring@u.washington.edu).) The School can then provide an official acknowledgement of the donation.

The more skulls, the better, Dr. Herring says: "These things do not go out of style, and they do wear out." ■





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DR. HAI ZHANG  
*Restorative Dentistry*

# The past and future converge in China

WHEN DR. HAI ZHANG WAS A DENTAL STUDENT IN China, he made contacts that would ultimately help him and the School of Dentistry – deans, vice deans, department chairs, promising researchers. Now many of those people play prominent roles in the Chinese dental and oral health care community – and Dr. Zhang is putting those contacts to good use for the School of Dentistry.

In doing so, he has become one of the School's key players in forging academic partnerships with China, according to Interim Dean Tim DeRouen. "I think the School of Dentistry can do the same or better than other West Coast schools" in facilitating academic and research collaborations, Dr. Zhang says, citing the School's ideal location and reputation for academic excellence.

There is little question that a window of opportunity has opened. For the last several years, China has devoted strong support to its educational system, seeking to raise the quantity and quality of its research, including dental research. In 2007, China established its first national dental research lab, the State Key Laboratory of Oral Diseases at Sichuan University, where Dr. Zhang earned his dental degree and studied graduate prosthodontics. He also knows the dean, Dr. Zhou Xuedong, who is director of the national lab, which holds one or two international conferences each year.

Dr. Zhou approached Dr. Zhang to see if Dr. Martha Somerman, then Dean of the School of Dentistry, might attend the 2010 China-U.S. Elite Forum on Stomatology and Stomatological Doctoral Forum, held in Chengdu. She accepted the invitation and attended the conference with Dr. Zhang and Dr. Richard Darveau, Chair of Periodontics. The conference also drew deans from other top U.S. dental schools – Maryland, Michigan, and Florida – and leading U.S. dental researchers.

Later, China set up a new exchange program to send its best PhD students to America for research under U.S. faculty supervision before returning to China to complete their degrees. Two such students have done research at the School; Dr. Zhang shares mentorship of one with Dr. Somerman (now director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research) and the other with Dr. John Wataha, Chair of Restorative Dentistry.

"I thought I could be a bridge between the two sides," Dr. Zhang says, and so he has. He says it helps that faculty

such as Dr. Wataha and former Restorative Chair Richard McCoy (now on the RIDE faculty in Spokane) enjoy international reputations as dental educators.

Dr. Zhang's research interests focus on two major areas: biomaterials (especially implants) and the basic science of tooth formation and regeneration of tissues of the oral cavity. "We're still at the first stage of understanding how tooth root development is regulated," he says. He has already established himself as a researcher of note, with recognition such as a National Institutes of Health/National

Center for Research Resources/Institute of Translational Health Sciences/Pharmacy joint Ignition Award in 2009.

Dr. Zhang, an Associate Professor, received a certificate in Graduate Prosthodontics at the University of Connecticut, where he also earned a PhD in Skeletal and Craniofacial Biology. He is board-certified and a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics.

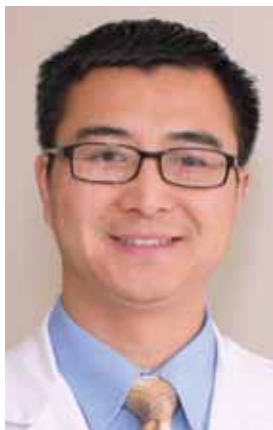
He says he loves teaching and enjoys the way academic dentistry combines teaching, research and patient care. Although he is fully licensed in Washington, he chooses to practice

inside the School rather than outside. "I just want students to be able to find me when they need me," he says. "It's easier that way, and it supports the school." The School demands more time, anyway, mostly because of budget cuts in the last few years. As he notes, the teaching load has increased for everyone in Restorative Dentistry, and competition for grants is getting harder.

One of his goals is to help fill the shoes of departed leading educators such as Drs. Brian Toolson and Brent Nash, and he appreciates the support of Dr. James Brudvik, Professor Emeritus of Restorative Dentistry, who comes in one day a week. "I'm happy to have a great mentor like him," Dr. Zhang says.

Dr. Zhang lives in Bellevue; he and his wife, a nurse who was a physician in China, have two children, ages 7 and 10. A former decathlete, he enjoys volleyball, playing on a UW intramural team with School of Dentistry grad students and faculty that has won championships the last two years.

"Dr. Zhang is engaged in cutting-edge research on a global level, is a mainstay of our teaching mission, and he is a team player," says Dr. Wataha. "We benefit every day from his expertise and his commitment." ■





*Dr. Tim DeRouen*

Interim Dean **Tim DeRouen** has been elected to the executive committee of the American Association for Dental Research. Dr. DeRouen is vice president for 2012-13, then president-elect in 2013-14, then AADR president in 2014-15, then past president in 2015-16. Dr. DeRouen, who began his term after the AADR's annual meeting in March, has been an active AADR member since 1988. He has served on the editorial board of the *Journal of Dental Research*, the official publication of the International and American Associations for Dental Research, as well as various AADR committees.



*Dr. Dan Chan*

**Dr. Dan Chan**, Associate Dean for Clinical Services, was installed as president-elect of the Academy of Operative Dentistry (AOD) at the group's annual meetings in Chicago in February. The AOD, founded in 1972 by members of the Academy of Gold Foil Operators, promotes excellence in operative dentistry by influencing the practice of the health professions in organized dentistry, health science education, and research.



*Dr. Natasha Flake*

**Dr. Natasha Flake** (Endo '07), Assistant Professor of Endodontics, was named Chair of the School of Dentistry's Faculty Council in a series of moves after the departure of Dean Martha Somerman in August 2011.

Dr. Flake replaced **Dr. Linda LeResche**, who became Interim Associate Dean of Research after Dr. Tim DeRouen became Interim Dean of the School of Dentistry. Dr. DeRouen had been Executive Associate Dean for Research and Academic Affairs.

Other standing appointments include:

- Dr. Doug Ramsay and Dr. Ross Beirne, Co-Chairs of the Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee
- Dr. Dolphine Oda, Vice Chair of the Faculty Council
- Dr. Susanne Jeffrey, Chair of the Research Advisory Committee
- Dr. Sami Dogan, Chair of the Student Life and Professionalism Committee



*Dr. Linda LeResche*



*Dr. Peter Milgrom*

**Dr. Peter Milgrom** of Oral Health Sciences has received the University of California/ San Francisco Dental Alumni Association Medal of Honor, the association's most prestigious award to living alumni. The award, established in 1981, is presented annually at the UCSF DAA Scientific Session Luncheon & Awards Ceremony to those who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, service, and contributions in the following areas: the Dental Alumni Association, UCSF School of Dentistry, the dental or dental hygiene professions, and the community.



*Diane Daubert*

**Diane Daubert** ('82 Dental Hygiene, '09 MS Oral Bio) of Perio was named one of four winners of Hu-Friedy Nevi Scholarships in February. The \$10,000 awards are given to registered dental hygienists to help them continue their education. The announcement of the awards came at the 2012 Yankee Dental Congress Meeting in Boston.



**Dr. Avina Paranjpe** (Endo '09), Assistant Professor of Endodontics, passed her endodontics boards in November 2011 and is now a Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics.



*Dr. Marcio da Fonseca*

**Dr. Marcio da Fonseca**, Law-Lewis Professor and Director of the Pediatric Dentistry Graduate Program, has received an international faculty exchange award that will send him to Thailand in November.

Dr. da Fonseca will make a two-week exploratory visit to the department of pediatric dentistry at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok to discuss interest in and feasibility of a formal faculty exchange program between that department and the UW. The goal is to provide opportunities for faculty development at both schools through teaching, research and service collaboration. Chulalongkorn's executive associate dean and associate dean for global affairs visited the School of Dentistry last fall.

During the visit, Dr. da Fonseca will meet with pediatric dental faculty, residents and dental students to discuss ideas for collaboration, observe clinical care, and lecture on dental and oral care for the medically compromised child. He will also explore the possibility of a pediatric dental resident exchange as well as the training of his host's faculty and dental students in pediatric dentistry at the UW. ■



# ROBERT H. JOHNSON

## *Periodontics*

### A love for teaching, an aversion to fuss

**T**HE THING ABOUT BOB JOHNSON IS THAT HE NEVER, EVER wants it to be about *him*. Ever since he arrived here, his focus has always been on students, patients, the Periodontics Department and the School of Dentistry.

So even though he's "officially" leaving the School this June – he semi-retired in 2006, but continued to teach part time – he abhors the prospect of more accolades. His department's celebratory dinner at the UW Club in 2006, with family, friends, colleagues, grad students and former pre-doctoral students on hand, gave him a wonderful sendoff, he says. No more fuss, please.

Fair enough. So instead, let's talk about another dentist who's leaving Perio. We'll call him ... oh, how about Robert Johanson? He first taught at the School in 1969, and along the way also taught at McGill University (where he earned his DDS in 1962, with an MSD in oral medicine and oral pathology from Indiana University in 1962), the University of Kentucky and the University of Western Ontario. He came back to the UW for good in 1981 as Professor and Chair of Perio, and since 2006, has been Professor Emeritus. He's been a prolific researcher – 50 articles and abstracts, plus involvement in several textbooks – and presenter, and active in organized dentistry and the community.

He cherishes every moment of teaching: "I've had a 54-year love affair with students."

Says longtime Perio administrator Noreen Balch: "I think that his joy in teaching the pre-doctoral students is apparent every day, sometimes with a line of students at this door ... He's been a dedicated teacher, working hard and always with kindness and a sense of humor. It's hard to imagine the department without him."

From the outset, he tells students where their priorities should be: "I remember how the first lecture he gave he made us understand that we are not just 'dentists' but are 'doctors' and to not forget that," says Dr. Oleg Shvartsur, president of the Class of 2011. "He was very passionate about the field of periodontics and made us realize how important it is to not forget to look at the person's overall health and not just the teeth."

Dentists should treat the patient, not just the problem, Dr. "Johanson" says: "They're human beings, not a set of teeth. I have preached that forever." He recalls Perio consults on three bald male patients over a couple of weeks; each had a scab on the head and one also had a bump. These went unremarked by

the students, who were focused on the patients' mouths. But two were skin cancers, the third a traumatic injury. Throughout his career, he has tried to ensure that students not have this kind of tunnel vision.

Dr. "Johanson" has been part of a Perio tradition – marked by critical thinking and constant inquiry – established by icons such as Saul Schluger and Bill Ammons. When patients run short, or present with less-than-ideal teaching problems, he poses scenarios to students – "If we don't have something to see, then we invent something" – so they can anticipate all the possibilities.

"He loves being around students and loves to push students to be their best," says longtime Perio colleague Diane Daubert. "He genuinely cares about creating competent, ethical and professional dentists and has given heart and soul to that end for many years."

"He not only did a great job running the administrative end of the department but also was the pre-doctoral program director and was personally responsible for the didactic training for all four years of pre-doctoral periodontics. He knew every student's name and was asked at least eight times to be the graduation speaker for the class."

He loves to tell the story about attending a 2000 dental grad's 2002 wedding, where the bride's classmates kept calling him Doctor. He told them, "You've been dentists for a couple of years now. Call me Bob." And immediately, he says, Dr. Julie Johnson piped up: "OK, Bob. You can call me Dr. Johnson."

His contributions to the School will not end in June. Some years ago, his close friend and colleague Dr. Robert O'Neal established The Robert H. Johnson Endowed Student Support Fund. It supports a scholarship to inspire a DDS student to pursue an advanced degree in periodontics, plus a fellowship to support a graduate periodontics student who is a UW undergraduate or dental alum. In addition, Dr. "Johanson" helped set up the Silver Anniversary Fellowship in Graduate Periodontics Fund in 1983.

After June, he'll move down to Vancouver, Wash., where he bought a house just a few miles away from one of his two daughters, who's married and has a son. He's always been active – hiking, biking and cross-country skiing – and he'll have time to walk his golden retriever and enjoy his grandson.

Best wishes on your retirement, Dr. "Johanson." And give our regards to that Johnson fellow too, would you? ■



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# RIDE HITS THE ROAD

In its fourth year,  
the regional dental  
education program  
kicks into high gear  
with extended  
community  
clinical rotations

**O**n a crisp, clear winter morning in Eastern Washington, soft breezes ripple the rolling fields of ripening winter wheat all along the Palouse. Down in the Columbia River basin, acres of grapevines slumber in gnarled repose, anticipating the long days of spring and summer sun that will produce wines to grace millions of tables.

And at a handful of community dental clinics, fourth-year UW dental students sail into a whirl of activity as the School of Dentistry eagerly awaits its own harvest: the first crop of graduates from the Regional Initiatives in Dental Education program.

## **Access-to-care issue**

RIDE, more than four years in the planning, came to fruition in 2007. Its roots, however, lay in a much older issue: access to care. Washington dental providers are thickly clustered along the I-5 corridor, but are relatively sparse in rural areas and small towns, especially east of the Cascade Mountains. To illustrate: In 2007, King County had six times as many dentists per capita as Pend Oreille County in the state's northeast corner.

Since few dentists are likely to uproot established practices and move to underserved areas, RIDE had another idea: Send dental students to Eastern Washington for more than brief clinical rotations. Give them prolonged exposure to the region's communities, clinics and dentists – and bank on the prospect that many of those students would choose to practice there.

Students would spend their first year at Spokane's Riverpoint Campus, jointly operated by Eastern Washington University and Washington State University, taking classes locally and also by interactive videoconference with the School of Dentistry in Seattle. After spending their second and third year in Seattle, they would begin four-month clinical rotations in Eastern Washington in fourth year.

RIDE's plan was more than a hopeful assumption. It would be partnering with a highly successful model: the UW School of Medicine's 40-year regional education program known as WWAMI (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho).

In 2007, Dr. Wendy Mouradian, RIDE Director, said: "The School of Medicine has also learned that there is a huge reciprocal benefit of community good will and continuing education that develops from inviting community practitioners into the educational process. And medical students do in fact return to these regions at higher rates than the national average."

Today, Dr. Mouradian – RIDE's driving force and visionary, also the SOD's Associate Dean for Regional Affairs, Curriculum and Educational Technologies – can take satisfaction in meeting formidable challenges: educational, technological, logistical and

financial. As she notes, “Each year we have been doing it all for the first time.”

## Blazing multiple trails

Access to care aside, RIDE has embraced a truly ambitious agenda. The program has made extensive use of distance-learning technologies that could be the future of professional education. Videoconferencing is only part of it; RIDE uses other tools, such as Mediasite/Polycom recordings of lectures, along with Moodle, an online course management system (also known as “learning ware”). RIDE students can play back lectures on their notebooks or tablets and skip forward or backward as desired. A smartphone app is expected in the near future.

“Some professors like it as a tool for review right before a test, too,” says Dr. Randy Jackson, Director of Academic and Learning Technologies, who joined the School in 2010. He spent much of the summer of 2011 helping to reconfigure Health Sciences classroom D-209, linking it electronically to the seven clinical rotation sites to allow students to continue attending classes there.

“When they are out in clinical sites, we will need to see what kinds of experiences the students are having and understand the kinds of patients they’re seeing, and how this affects their overall educational experience and career choices,” says Dr. Jackson.

Another key addition in 2010 was Dr. Hongjun

*RIDE students spend their first year at the EWU-WSU Riverpoint Campus in Spokane.*



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*RIDE has attracted wide interest outside Washington, says its director, Dr. Wendy Mouradian.*

Wang, who works with Dr. Jackson to oversee academic and learning technologies and manage STRIDE, the School of Dentistry’s student database. In RIDE’s formative stages, much of that work had been done by Dr. David Pitts (Endo ’77) of Endodontics. He continued to devote two days a week to RIDE after retiring from Endo in 2009, but the program clearly needed full-time tech support.

The D-209 upgrade was funded by a federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant. A second HRSA grant, to the Washington State Department of Rural Health, created a “Teledentistry Network” with additional videoconferencing equipment for community health centers hosting RIDE students, and other technology to make the whole thing run smoothly for multiple users.

Students have embraced the new technology, says Dr. Art DiMarco, Director of RIDE in Spokane.

“We have learned to adjust to occasional challenges in maintaining contact with Seattle by making sure that all course materials are continuously available to students,” including after hours, he says. “If there is any

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*Patty Martin ('12), working in clinic during a fourth-year rotation, says she's grateful for the exposure to real-world dentistry before graduation.*



*Dr. Art DiMarco*

comment on the issue from students, it is that they would prefer to have more rather than fewer distance-learning opportunities, which I think speaks volumes about how well distance learning is performing from a student point of view."

## Closing educational gaps

RIDE is also on the cutting edge of another trend: closing the gap between medical and dental education. The Association of American Medical Colleges has recommended adding oral health to the medical school curriculum, which the UW School of Medicine has already begun to do. From the start, RIDE students at Riverpoint have taken classes alongside medical students and dental hygiene students, with everyone gaining a better appreciation of systemic health. Says student Thomas Duffy ('14): "Interdisciplinary learning is already part of what RIDE is as we take classes with the med students, and spend time in clinic seeing how much more experience the dental hygienists have. Now it's just about all I can think about when people ask me why I chose RIDE."

For years, Dr. Mouradian has specialized in working across disciplines. Trained as a pediatrician, she was Director of the Craniofacial Program at Seattle Children's hospital from 1994 to 1998. Heading a team with members from more than a dozen disciplines, she observed that many patients had severe caries and other dental issues. It troubled her: Why weren't physicians picking up on this?

She went on to help organize and chair the U.S. Surgeon General's Conference on Children's Oral Health in Washing-

ton, D.C. in 2000, from which she gained a fresh appreciation of the disconnect between medicine and dentistry – and began working to fix it. In 2008, she co-chaired one of the first national medical meetings on children's oral health, hosted in Chicago by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Her work has helped propel a growing national movement to enlist pediatricians and other physicians in caries detection and early treatment.

Big problems like this demand big-picture solutions, which often present large-scale challenges. The RIDE program meets them with a pool of accomplished dental educators including:

- Dr. John Evans ('75, Oral Path '78), RIDE Associate Director: Vice-Chair and Pre-doctoral Program Director of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at the School of Dentistry, as well as Director of Hospital Dental Service for the School and the UW Medical Center; also a recipient of the Rothwell Teaching Award, the School's highest faculty recognition



*Dr. John Evans*

- Dr. James Sledge ('79), RIDE's Regional Clinical Director: member of the Washington State Board of Health, former chair of the Washington Dental Service Foundation board, and president of the Spokane District Dental Society Foundation

- Dr. Richard McCoy ('61), RIDE faculty: former Chair of Restorative Dentistry at the UW and Northwestern University and past president of the Academy of Operative Dentistry



*Dr. Frank Roberts*

- Dr. Frank Roberts, RIDE Dental Director: Pre-doctoral Program Director in the UW Department of Periodontics, Director of Periodontics at Seattle's VA Medical Center, and Rothwell Award winner

- Dr. I-Chung (Johnny) Wang, RIDE Faculty Liaison, Educational Technology: Chief of Periodontics at the UW Medical Center

Starting in August, another senior faculty member, Dr. Doug Verhoef ('73), Clinical Associate Professor and third- and fourth-year clinical course director in Restorative Dentistry, will join the RIDE team in Spokane to teach first-year dental students.

One faculty member who faced an especially formidable task – requiring four years and endless travel – was Dr. Sledge, who set up the network of community clinics for the fourth-year rotations in Colville, Lake Spokane, Okanogan, Othello, Moses Lake, Yakima and Northeast Spokane. Along with recruiting clinics and preceptors to the network, he also helped ensure the availability of safe, affordable, family-friendly student housing with Internet access and other amenities.

Students practice under the oversight of two or three dental preceptors at each clinic, as they would under faculty supervi-



*Dr. Dorothy Stewart*

sion at the School of Dentistry. But there are significant differences.

For starters, students had to complete virtually all of their competencies by the end of fall quarter in fourth year. A key to meeting this goal was the addition of Dr. Dorothy Stewart ('82, Dental Hygiene '72), a Restorative Dentistry affiliate instructor, in 2010. Dr. Stewart meets regularly with RIDE students to keep close

tabs on their progress toward completing competencies. She's also there for students as a much-appreciated sounding board and all-purpose adviser.

"She has a reputation of being one of the best clinical instructors in the dental school, while also being one of the kindest," says RIDE student Eric Nygard ('13).

RIDE students on rotation also must adjust to a quicker pace – six to eight patients a day, compared with the customary two or three in Seattle. Before the rotations started, Dr. Sledge talked about what lay in store.

"There will be a lot of pediatric care, emergency care and extractions," he said. "They'll also get a wonderful opportunity to work as a team member – working with assistants, hygienists, front-office people and their preceptors. And of course they'll be exposed to a community health clinic population they might not ordinarily see, in terms of the breadth of experiences they'll get."

Preceptors undergo one- or two-day calibration visits to the School of Dentistry to acquaint themselves with curriculum and methods. "We've asked our preceptors to continue with the techniques the students learned in Seattle," Dr. Sledge said.

For student Patty Martin ('12), the fast pace of the fourth-year rotation, while initially daunting, was a welcome tune-up for real-world dentistry.

As she wrote in her journal: "I'm feeling a lot more confident with all the different procedures, from simply diagnosing caries, hand skills, using my mirror, extractions, surgery, crown preps ... I am SO glad I've had this opportunity to get out and get some experience before graduation."

### **Dental community support**

Through it all, backing from Eastern Washington dentists would be critical, and Dr. Mouradian says she has not been disappointed.

"The dental community support has been terrific," she says. "They continue to host RIDE students each year at Spokane District Dental Society functions. Some RIDE students have actually commented on the role modeling of philanthropy they see in the component dental society."

Last November, the Spokane society and the UW Dental Alumni Association, with the support of Guardian Dental Insurance and Pacific Continental Bank, hosted a reception and



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*Brad Tucker ('13) watches Dr. Richard McCoy with a patient during a summer clinical rotation after his first year.*

dinner meeting in Spokane. Members heard an update on RIDE by Dr. Mouradian and other officials and met the eight students in the Class of '15 cohort.

Backing by faculty in Seattle and Spokane has also been exemplary, Dr. Mouradian says: "A great partnership has evolved with the EWU Dental Hygiene Department and the UW School of Medicine WWAMI program at WSU. These have all gone so well, which is hard to believe given the complexity of the program. Sure, there have been things to sort out, like different grading scales, or different quarter/semester ending and start dates, but you don't undertake such a complex project and not expect challenges. And many dental faculty at the School have played key roles in helping to ensure equivalency of education for RIDE students during their time in Eastern Washington, particularly first- and fourth-year course directors."

Now RIDE is drawing wider attention. "Our mission, vision and goals have served us well," says Dr. Mouradian. "We started this project in 2003, and have found an increasing interest nationally in this kind of program. In fact, next year the Committee on Dental Accreditation will start requiring all schools to offer community-based educational experiences. I have also had calls from deans of other schools to ask us about RIDE."

It's not hard to see why, as RIDE has helped set the pace in dental education. "In the Institute of Medicine's 2011 report on access to oral health care for vulnerable populations, there were specific recommendations to increase community-based training, include interprofessional experiences, and utilize tele-health strategies – all of which we are doing in RIDE," Dr. Mouradian says.

Just as classmates in Seattle form tight bonds, so has each





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*Liza Mathias ('13) consults with Dr. James Sledge during class.*

RIDE class. “The cohort effect is very strong,” Dr. Mouradian says. “For the most part, these students really bond together in their first year at Spokane. They get to know each other well and create small, supportive teams. Still, they seem to do just fine when they get [back to Seattle in second year] and make other friends among their counterparts.”

## A special approach

RIDE does require a more tailored approach to students. Dr. Mouradian elaborates: “We found we have had to frame certain experiences for students clearly – explain, for example, why they are working with medical students in small groups and interviewing patients in hospital settings; talk to them about the value of working in teams with dental hygiene students; reinforce professionalism expectations early in the program, because they are involved with patients sooner than their classmates, given the required summer rotation [after the first year]. In advance, they are provided with dental assisting skills and some basic techniques in local anesthesia so they are actually able to start some early clinical care under supervision.” RIDE students also write their own codes of professionalism and ethics at the start of their first year, she says.

What lies ahead for RIDE after it graduates its first students? “We need to weather the budget cuts and complete

## KEEPING TRACK OF RIDE

Visit the RIDE website at [www.dental.washington.edu/programs/ride](http://www.dental.washington.edu/programs/ride) (or go to the main School of Dentistry website at [www.dental.washington.edu](http://www.dental.washington.edu), click on “Programs” on the drop-down menu at the top, then click on “RIDE”).

accreditation this year before embarking on more things, but ultimately we think RIDE is a model that should be shared with others,” Dr. Mouradian says, adding: “We would really like to enhance the interprofessional component. In addition to teaching more oral health to medical students, we would like to develop interprofessional clinical experiences for RIDE students out on rotations.” Starting next year, these will be required by CODA anyway, she notes.

While RIDE already shares its resources widely with the School of Dentistry and others at UW Health Sciences, it would like to find new ways to do so, she says: “I am really interested in continuing dental education and other ways the School of Dentistry can reach out through the RIDE teledentistry network to address educational needs among community preceptors and other dentists.”

For now, says Dr. McCoy, “It has been a pleasant surprise to see how everyone has been so solidly supporting the RIDE effort.”

Has the exposure to community dentistry had an impact? RIDE student Brad Tucker ('13) answered that question when he blogged about his experience during a Rural and Underserved Opportunities Program rotation:

“I remember talking to one of my preceptors about dentistry, and in particular about the income private practice dentists can make in comparison to community health center dentists. As the conversation went on, he made it clear that he was very proud to be a community health center dentist and he went on to discuss why. That was an ‘aha’ moment for me, because I finally realized what it meant to be a community dentist. What it meant to have the opportunity and ability to serve and care for the mentally ill, the addicted, and the underprivileged. For him, it almost seemed like a calling or a duty ... I really liked that.” ■

*At the School of Dentistry in Seattle, students listen to a Restorative Dentistry lecture while RIDE students join in by videoconference link (screen at top).*



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Lakshmi Boyapati  
Steve Bradway  
Lisa Bilich  
Marta Card  
Hua Allen Chen  
Michael Cohen  
Bartin Coppin  
Diana Cristea  
William H. Dahlberg  
Diane Daubert  
L. David Engel  
Thomas Faber  
Daniel Friedman  
Tuuli Haigh  
Sarah Jackson  
Jim Janakievski  
Jeffrey Kanter  
Walter Kegel  
Linda Konishi  
Danette Lindeman  
Robin (Gossage) Luke  
Er-Jia Mao  
David Mathews  
Toyohiko Matsumoto  
Byron Mizuha  
Jo Moore  
Martin Rabin  
Jansen Richins  
Luciana Safioti  
Herbert Selipsky



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Arundhati Sengupta  
Dennis Smith  
Erika Smith-MacDonald  
Corry Staadecker  
Cheryl Townsend

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Herbert Selipsky

## Restorative Dentistry

Jeff Abolofia  
Arash Aflatooni  
Hitomi Akimoto

Steven Albright  
Robert D. Allen



Robert Allen

H. Sam Anderson  
Philip D. Anderson  
Scott Andrews  
Jack R. Ashlock  
Sang H. Bae  
Lael Banner  
Negin Bardideh-Badr  
Ernest Barrett  
Richard Bass  
Gary Berner  
Bill N. Bethards  
Richard Bienefeld  
Ruth Bourke  
Jesse Boyett  
Jody Brennan  
James Brudvik  
Janie Busk  
Ryan Busk  
Tim Butson  
Kainaz Byramjee  
Raymond Scott Cahoon  
Roy Carlson  
Teresa Castner  
Jeff Ceyhan  
Yada Chaiyabatur  
Raymond K. Chan  
Ya-Pei H. Chang  
Aleta Cheek  
Yen-Wei Chen  
Kinsey Chitswe  
Gary M. Christman  
Will Chung  
Michael H. Crowley  
Ronald Dahl  
John Davis  
James M. Deckman  
Colin Del Rosario  
Art DiMarco  
Angela Dunn  
Bryan Edgar  
Linda Edgar  
Dennis Edmonds  
Marcus Fairbanks  
Charles Farrell  
Anita Fok  
Carol Friedel  
Jose Ingacio Gamborena  
Kenneth M. Graves  
Jeffrey Hamilton  
Rockwell Hammond  
Roger Harper  
Fred Hasegawa  
Harald Heindl  
Thomas Helbert  
Timothy Hess  
Michael Higashi  
Clarence Holden  
Ann Hua  
Mitch Hungate  
George Hussey  
Motoaki Ishibe  
Louis Isquith  
Brenda Ivans  
Dennis Johnson  
James E. Johnson

Richard H. Johnson  
Warren Johnson  
Sloan Jorgensen  
Karen Kant  
James Kemper  
Tigran Khachatryan  
Phillippe Khayat  
Akiko Kitada  
Alan Kitchel  
Edward Kleffner  
John Kois



John Kois

Thomas Kovaleski  
Seungbum Lee  
Christopher Lewis  
Warren Libman  
Gregg Liedtka  
Nikki Chin Lowe  
Phillip Madden  
Randall Maebao  
Alexander Manzanet  
Steven Marinkovich  
Michael E. Martin  
Ana Martinez  
Michael McDonald  
James McHugh  
Kenneth McLean  
A. Glenn Miller  
Hamidreza Mirespasi  
Thomas Mitchell  
Ricardo Mitrani  
D. Kent Moberly  
Talia Moses  
Eugene Mumford  
Alan Munk  
Jerome Murphy  
Reza Nabaie  
Bryon Nakagawa  
Richard Nash  
Jeffrey Nemitz  
Scott Neuhaus  
James Newman, Jr.  
James Nguyen  
Dennis Nordlund  
Gideon Nussbaum  
Scott Okino  
Dawn Onesty  
Dana Otterholt  
Brett Pack  
Keith Phillips  
Alfonso Pineyro  
Robert L. Pollard  
Thomas Quickstad  
Padmavathi Rajaram  
Robin E. Reinke  
Rod Robinson  
Barrett Rochefort  
Phillip Roe  
Saman Saghafi  
Bruce Sako  
Gordon Sako  
Jed Santiago  
Kimberly Santiago  
Rhonda Savage  
Kyle K. Schmidt  
John Sechena  
A. Hossein Shahrasbi  
David Shao

Grady Shaver  
Robert Shaw  
Steven J. Shimamoto  
Alexander Shor  
James Sledge  
Ward Smalley  
Dennis Smith  
Jon Sok  
Frank M. Spear  
Jennifer Strelow  
Man Sunwoo  
Kris Swanson  
Attila Talaber  
Wendy M. Terry  
Alvin Thien  
Brent Tingey  
Marc Tollefson  
Chadwick Trammell  
Melvyn Trenor  
Richard D. Tucker  
Jennifer Tung  
Robert Uhlmansick  
Ossie R. Vereen  
Sue Vetter  
Nelson Vitous  
Richard Voget  
Chandur Wadhwani  
Marc Wallace  
Robert Ward  
Thomas Ware  
Fred Werner  
Frederick E. Westgate



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V. Bruce Wilcox  
Gayne Williams  
Robert Winter  
Ken M. Wong  
John Yae  
Yi-Ming Yang  
Eric S. Yao  
Yu Michael Yeh  
Carrie K. York  
Ralph Yuodelis



*A sampling of current studies at the School of Dentistry (some abstracts may be condensed)*

## **Dimensional accuracy of multi-implant impressions: An in vitro comparison of photogrammetric and conventional measurement techniques**

**PI: Dr. Jun-ping Ma**  
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The efficacy of close range photogrammetry for obtaining spatial measurements of dental implants will be evaluated in this project. Five implant analogs will be embedded in a stone model representing an edentulous arch. This model is intended to simulate the intra-oral geometry of a patient who is ready for fabrication of an implant-supported prosthesis.

Specially designed optical photogrammetric targets will be attached to each implant during the subsequent photographic procedure. A conventional digital SLR camera, fitted with a macro lens, will be used to capture a series of images of the implants from different viewing perspectives. Each image will be framed to contain all five optical targets. The digital images will be analyzed through the use of photogrammetry software.

The study will compare the accuracy of two techniques. Group A will be the control group, using the conventional impression technique to make a master cast. The location and orientation of the implants in the master cast will be measured with a Noble Procera scanner. Group B will be the study group. The photogrammetric technique will be used to measure the location and orientation of the implants.

The null hypothesis of the study is that the photogrammetric technique will provide the same level of accuracy and precision as the conventional impression technique in measuring three-dimensional spatial orientation of implants. The objective of this study is to test in vitro, the precision and accuracy of the photogrammetry technique for recording implant position and to compare this technique with the conventional impression techniques that are routinely used to fabricate implant master casts at the University of Washington.

## **Clinical, Public Health, & Behavioral Oral Health Research Training for Thailand**

**PI: Dr. Timothy A. DeRouen**  
[derouen@u.washington.edu](mailto:derouen@u.washington.edu)

This application proposes to build on established institutional and personal relationships between faculty at the University of Washington School of Dentistry and affiliated Faculties of Dentistry at Thammasat University and Khon Kaen University in Thailand in order to establish short-term, intermediate-term, and long-term training programs in clinical, public health, and behavioral oral health research training for Thailand (which eventually should be of benefit across all of South East Asia). The training programs proposed include short-term one-to-two week workshops on clinical research methods held in Thailand, intermediate term 3-month training programs which include the Summer Institute in Clinical Dental Research Methods in Seattle, and long-term programs which include a year working in Seattle on existing research

projects, taking advanced coursework, and planning a dissertation research project, followed by a year conducting the research project in Thailand.

## **TMJ Intra-Articular Disorders: Impact on Pain, Functioning, and Disability**

**PI: Dr. Edmond Truelove**  
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Temporomandibular muscle and joint disorders (TMJD) affecting the temporomandibular joint (TMJ) are common conditions with a substantial public health burden, and in a segment of the patient population significantly impair quality of life. Whereas our understanding of the importance of physical factors for the prognosis and treatment outcome of chronic conditions such as back pain has changed, the contribution of intra-articular disorders (i.e., disc displacement and osteoarthritis) to the persistence of TMJD pain and its associated functional limitation and disability is not well investigated. Study participants will be recalled from the 705 subjects of the Research Diagnostic Criteria for Temporomandibular Disorders (RDC/TMD) Validation Project. This well characterized cohort is comprised of subjects with TMJD and normal subjects. A 7-year follow-up study will describe the course of intra-articular disorders and how they affect jaw pain, function and disability. Specifically, the study will assess the traditional biomedical model for TMJ that postulates that intra-articular disorders are progressive through stages from a normal joint through the stages of disc displacement to osteoarthritis (end stage). The study will also determine whether baseline pain, psychosocial status, or behavioral status are predictors of the course of TMJ disc displacement and osteoarthritis, thus assessing the possible role of psychosocial model in joint changes over time. Lastly, it will evaluate the relative contribution of change in TMJ status, TMJD diagnoses, psychosocial status, and pain-relevant genotype to chronicity of TMJD as defined by pain, physical functioning, emotional functioning and disability. Subjects will be re-assessed at 7 years, including physical assessment, bilateral TMJ MRI and CT, psychosocial status, and pain-relevant genotyping. Patient-reported outcomes will include measures of pain intensity, physical functioning and emotional functioning: these instruments assess core domains in pain research as recommended by the Initiative on Methods, Measurement and Pain Assessment in Clinical Trials (IMMPACT) and they will be linked to the NIH Roadmap Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System (PROMIS). The project will advance knowledge of etiology and prognosis of intra-articular TMJ disorders. A revised model will facilitate evidence-based imaging guidelines for CT and MRI procedures providing improved TMJ diagnosis, increased patient safety by avoiding unnecessary radiation, and reduced health care costs. Patient care will benefit from identified prognostic factors for persistent chronic jaw pain.

*For details on any study, contact Dr. Linda LeResche, Interim Associate Dean of Research, at [leresche@dental.washington.edu](mailto:leresche@dental.washington.edu), or Mary Beth Cunningham at [mec@u.washington.edu](mailto:mec@u.washington.edu), or the principal investigator.*



## ■ CLASS OF 1952

**Dr. Rollin L. Hurd, Kirkland, Wash.:** I was sent a World War II Honoree Certificate for being a combat medic. I was in the 42nd Rainbow Division in Europe and my business was saving lives. I received a Bronze Star medal, Silver Star medal, etc. Our division liberated Dachau, a Nazi concentration camp. I was missing in action and a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge. Have authored and published five books: *Promise to Mellita*, *Minefield Connections*, *Overdose*, *Unbeatable* and *Overdose – Second Edition*. Will be having a book-signing at the Madison House Retirement and Assisted Living Center in April 2012 in Kirkland. My e-mail is dochurd@frontier.com.

**Dr. Kenneth E. McVey, Spokane, Wash.:** Following 36 years of practice in Spokane, I am now president of E-Vac, Inc. The company manufactures and distributes high-volume dental evacuator tips. We have a close association with both the dental and medical professions. One son is a veterinarian, one son is a surgeon and his daughter is a nurse practitioner. Our grandson and his wife have Doctor of Dental Surgery degrees. Their daughter-in-law is a dental hygienist and their granddaughter is a dental assistant. One of my hobbies is playing the saxophone in a 17-piece dance band. Arleen and I recently celebrated our 67th wedding anniversary.



## ■ CLASS OF 1955

**Dr. Charles Evans, Olympia, Wash.:** After UW Dental School graduation, I joined the Army, was promoted to captain and subsequently served in the dental corps at Fort Lewis for two years. I started my dental practice in 1957 in Parkland, Wash. Doing positive and helpful things for my patients was very satisfying. My wife and I raised four children. I sold the practice in 1991. Some of the highlights of my years included flying a plane to Honduras for missionary dentistry and joining the Crystal Mountain Athletic Club in 1969. I started ski racing, downhill, slalom and giant slalom and placed third in the National Championship in 1985 and again in 2010. I reluctantly retired from dentistry in 1993. Today, my wife and I work daily, managing and caring for our rental properties. I still play golf, ski and bike ride. God has been good to me – still healthy!!!!



## ■ CLASS OF 1958

**George T. Fraley, Friday Harbor, Wash.:** Saw our son-in-law retire as senior chief from U.S. Navy Submarine Service in Mystic, Conn. Very impressive! Also welcomed our first great-grandchild, a boy named Gavyn.

## ■ CLASS OF 1959

**Dr. Arild Hammer, Seattle:** I am practicing two days per week in the office of my classmate, Dr. Edward Sutter. Seeing patients from my former office, along with new patients from Dr. Sutter's practice. I still enjoy dentistry and feel the quality has not dropped off.

**Dr. Desmond Neff, Edmonds, Wash.:** Have been retired for 13 years. Still enjoying retirement.

## ■ CLASS OF 1961

**Dr. Roger A. Meyer, Greensboro, Ga.:** We moved into a new home in Reynolds Plantation on Lake Oconee (the second-largest lake in Georgia), adjacent to Greensboro, about 75 miles east of Atlanta. Sheila plays golf, I play tennis and we both enjoy walking the many nature trails and bicycling. I have gone back to work part-time with one of my former surgery practice partners. It is fun to be seeing patients again and it keeps me up to date on medical and surgical knowledge. Medical writing (several articles in surgical journals and a textbook chapter) occupies a lot of my "free" time. My youngest son, Darin, was married in October. We hope to welcome more grandchildren in the future. Sheila and I would love to have you visit us.

## ■ CLASS OF 1963

**Dr. Wallace Brown of Salt Lake City, Utah** was recently recognized by President Obama and ShelterBox USA with a Presidential Volunteer Service Award for his efforts during 2011 to provide shelter, warmth and dignity for survivors of natural and other disasters worldwide. In the aftermath of disasters such as the Japan earthquake and tsunami last March, many watched on the television wishing they could make a difference. Dr. Brown knew ShelterBox, an international disaster relief charity, would be on the scene delivering its iconic green box containing a family tent, water purification, a cook set and stove along with other lifesaving supplies. Through his efforts of raising awareness and funds for ShelterBox, the organization was able to provide more than 17,600 ShelterBoxes to families throughout the world in 2011, including victims of the tornadoes in the southern U.S., drought and famine in East Africa, widespread flooding in the Philippines and the subsequent earthquakes in Turkey. He was also recently recognized by the Brigham Young University Alumni Association for his international dental volunteerism.

## ■ CLASS OF 1967

**Dr. Chet Woodside, Seattle:** The Class of 1967 will celebrate its 45th reunion on the weekend of June 15-17, 2012. The reunion will include a Friday evening dinner at the Seattle Tennis Club, a Saturday tour of the School of Dentistry, and other events. For more information, please contact Chet Woodside at chet.woodside@gmail.com.

## ■ CLASS OF 1968

**Dr. J. Kent Bagley, Pasco, Wash.:** I enjoy dentistry so much that I am still working – reduced load though. I have two DDS sons, a DDS brother and four DDS nephews. My DDS sons don't understand why I don't want to hang it up.

## ■ CLASS OF 1973

**Dr. Michael L. Gage, Lakebay, Wash.:** Retired and sold my practice in 2009 after nearly 36 years in practice. Now working one to two days for a dentist in Olympia and enjoy that very much. Judy and I are building our retirement dream home on Herron Island (between Harstine Island and Key Peninsula). We hope to take occupancy in March 2012. In the meantime, we spend a lot of time with our five grandchildren, some travel and fishing whenever I can. We are blessed. Life is good!

## ■ CLASS OF 1974

**Dr. Michael Buehler, Yakima, Wash.:** Both Dr. Jeff Parrish and I were on a recent trip to Anse Rouge in northern Haiti with one hygienist from Seattle, two MDs, one nurse practitioner and five nurses. We saw over 900 patients over the course of six days. This was the 40th trip I have been on and Jeff has been on a dozen or more.



Dr. Jeff Parrish in northern Haiti

## ■ CLASS OF 1977

**Dr. Charles W. Henderson, Longview, Wash.:** I retired from practicing dentistry after 22 years in the USAF Dental Corps and then 13 years working as a general dentist for Kaiser Permanente. Both organizations were great to work for. I will miss the many friends which my patients became. The official retirement date was Dec. 31, 2011. Retirement has been wonderful. I've been sailing, singing in three choirs, learning French and accomplishing "honey-dos" that have piled up over the years, as well as volunteering at our local St. Vincent De Paul.

**Dr. Kenneth E. Patterson, Twin Falls, Idaho:** Preparing to hang it up. Dentistry has been a great career with lots of opportunity to help people. We had one more service trip to Guatemala planned for February 2012.

## ■ CLASS OF 1978

**Dr. Michael Rivera, Whistler, BC:** Life is good and busy, but not without its bumps. I'm enjoying practicing dentistry limited to surgery and implant dentistry in Whistler and Vancouver. My wife, Vicki, (also a dentist) was diagnosed with breast cancer this fall. She went through a double mastectomy and reconstruction. The good news is that the cancer had not

spread to her lymph nodes and no radiation or chemotherapy was required. She is still recovering from the surgery, but has her sights on the Boston Marathon in April. We are all wishing her a speedy recovery. We sure look at life in a different and thankful light.

## ■ CLASS OF 1979

**Dr. Darlene Chan, Seattle:** Retired from practice of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery after 27 years. Current President-elect of the American Association of Dental Consultants, Dental Director for WOHF-sponsored Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club. Proud grandmother of Gabrielle, mom and spouse. My hobbies include kickboxing, cooking and wine. We have a winery and a home in Walla Walla.

## ■ CLASS OF 1979 (PERIO)

**Dr. Michael Spektor of Mercer Island, Wash.,** was elected international president of Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity for 2012. Dr. Spektor, who has practiced periodontics in Bellevue, Wash., for the past 30 years, was an Associate Professor at the UW from 1979 to 1996. He is married to Dr. Wendy Spektor ('82), also an Alpha Omega member, and has two sons.

## ■ CLASS OF 1980

**Dr. Richard C. Engar, Salt Lake City, Utah:** Congratulations to Bruce Kinney for his recent induction into the International College of Dentists. Also, congratulations to Sid Gallegos and Pollene Speed for their ongoing involvement with the Partners in Diversity Scholarship Program.

**Dr. Ross Fraker, Seattle:** Sold my practice to my daughter, Dr. Sarah Fraker ('98), in 2008 and then worked for her as an associate until retiring in December 2010. My wife and business partner, Deanna Borden Fraker, travel extensively throughout the U.S. demonstrating our products, The Amalgam Collectors, at numerous dental conventions and meetings. In between these meetings and local service calls, we work in time for our two children's pairs of rambunctious boys, trips to Mexico, Hawaii or Canada and occasional yard work, of course.



**Dr. Gary Heyamoto, Woodinville, Wash.:** Still "moonlighting" as stats man for Rose Bowl, Husky football, Husky basketball and the Seahawks. On the board of WSDA and in last term as AGD Trustee for Region 11. Enjoying working with Dr. Sang Bu for the last two years.

From the Academy of General Dentistry: The AGD is pleased to announce that Dr. Heyamoto has earned the 2012 Lifelong Learning and Service Recognition (LLSR) for his commitment to lifelong learning, volunteering his services to com-

munities in need, mentoring associates and new dentists and participating in organized dentistry. This is the second LLSR that Dr. Heyamoto has earned with the AGD. Since its inception in 2005, only six of the AGD's 37,000-plus members have received the prestigious LLSR recognition twice.



## ■ CLASS OF 1982

**Dr. Michael W. Lawr, Montesano, Wash.:** Our daughter Sara is in her first year of dental school at the UW, after graduating from WSU.

## ■ CLASS OF 1985 (PERIO)

**Dr. Theresa Cheng, Issaquah, Wash.:** In August, I joined with Dental Brigade to Panama where I had the opportunity to see 500 patients in the rural Darien Province of Panama. You can read more about the experience at <http://www.issaquahpress.com/2011/11/15/spreading-cheer-around-the-globe-one-smile-at-a-time/>. The UW Chapter of Global Dental Brigade consists of some of the most incredible young men and women.



## ■ CLASS OF 1991



**Dr. Eric Carlson, Edmonds, Wash.:** Life has been good. My kids are now 15 and 16 and are a freshman and sophomore in high school. My yellow Lab is the best bird dog I have ever had and bird hunting has been great. I have enjoyed owning a now 8-year-old gelding quarter horse that I show in the spring and summer in an equine discipline called reining. I have enjoyed living in downtown Edmonds and practicing in Shoreline.

**Dr. Katherine M. Hakes, Spokane, Wash.:** Following

graduation, I associated with Dr. Dorothy Stewart, now at the UWSOD, and then bought my own practice in 1993. In the course of time from 1993 to the present, I continued to expand my practice, received my fellowships in the Academy of General Dentistry and International College of Dentists, served as a board member for WOHP, became a mentor for several dental students and served for the past four years on the WSDA Board of Directors. This summer I will be celebrating 24 years



of marriage, three children in college and being empty nesters for the first time in 22 years. For those that recall, my association with the UWSOD has come full circle. Our oldest child, Jackie, graduated from Penn State and is now a first-year dental student at the UW in the RIDE program. Nick, 19, is a sophomore at Gonzaga University and Alex, 17, is a senior at Mead High School and will be deciding on colleges shortly.

## ■ CLASS OF 1992

The Class of 1992 will celebrate its 20th reunion on Friday, May 18, 2012. It will be held from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Vista Café in the Foege Building, on the UW campus. A tour of the School of Dentistry will begin in the evening, followed by a dinner and program. For more details or to help with the reunion, please contact Lance Stolworthy at [lena1@comcast.net](mailto:lena1@comcast.net).

## ■ CLASS OF 1997



**Dr. Jeromy Peterson, Poulsbo, Wash.:** Hey there, classmates! It has been a decade and a half since we left the halls of the D-Wing. I hope everyone is still enjoying and enhancing their careers in dentistry. I settled in Poulsbo after a brief time in the U.S. Navy. My family and I are enjoying the quiet of Kitsap County with the close proximity to Seattle. The changes we have seen in dentistry since graduation have been exciting. Although there have been frustrations for many of us in being business owners (WDS), I am hoping that all of us continue to look out for the well-being of our patients, for they are the reason we continue to do what we do thanks to such a high-caliber education. Don't forget to "give back" to the institution that got you where you are today! CHEERS!

## ■ CLASS OF 2005

**Dr. Stephen D. Russell, Jr., Tumwater, Wash.:** Katie and I are pleased to announce the birth of our second child, Allison, earlier this fall. Our 3-year-old son is delighted to be a big brother.



## ■ CLASS OF 1962

The Class of 1962 will be celebrating its 50th reunion on May 17-19, 2012. The group will check into the Edgewater Hotel in downtown Seattle on Thursday, May 17. A welcome gathering will take place that evening from 7-9 p.m. at the hotel. On Friday, May 18, the group will tour the School of Dentistry at 11 a.m., enjoy lunch at Ivar's at 1 p.m., and sail on the Argosy Dinner Cruise at 6 p.m. On Saturday, the group will have a Ride the Duck city and boat tour. Then in the evening, the group will have dinner at the Edgewater Hotel. For more information, please contact Dr. Al Leonard at 206-367-3904.

## ■ CLASS OF 1967

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## ■ CLASS OF 1971

The Class of 1971 held its 40-year reunion on Sept. 23, 2011, at Sand Point Country

**Pat McKenzie, Bill Parker and Barry Rochefort**



Club. Once again, Bill Parker did a great job as master of ceremonies. The event has been held every five years since the class graduated. Thirty-eight out of 80 in the class were able to attend. Herb Stout came the farthest, from North Carolina. Byron Petersen came from Utah and John Walsh came from Alaska. Everyone in attendance spoke for a few minutes about what has happened in their lives. Ked Westgate had a PowerPoint presentation on the changes at the School of Dentistry in the last 40 years. It was a laughter-filled evening, as old friendships were renewed and memories shared.

## ■ CLASS OF 1992

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### **A Note from your Class President:**

It wasn't long ago that the sense of freedom overcame my well-being with graduation jubilation from the School of Dentistry. With that milestone behind me and a vision of saving the world from tooth decay, I felt confident to get started.

Twenty years has come quickly and I don't believe I've been back to the school maybe but three times.

Recently, Dr. Todd Smith and I had a meeting at the UW and decided to revisit the dental school, knowing that the staff we once knew surely had moved on. We were fortunate enough to find Dr. Lars Hollander and Dr. Mark Drangsholt in the B-Wing hallway. They were delightful to see and catch up with.

The dental school has changed with impressive technology and tact. I encour-

age you all to take the time and revisit the hallways and clinics that once filled the air with vapor of methyl methacrylate in D-1 and tensions of higher education. I salute my colleagues for their achievements and the sacrifices they have made in current or past professional leadership roles. I salute the 24 percent of our class that endured and went on to be specialists in their field. I salute the members of the famed dental rock and rollers, The Hunter-Schraeger Band, who stuck together through the years. Make no mistake, the UW Dental Class of 1992 was premier and I am proud to be a part of it.

They say it takes a village to raise a child, and so it is true with the UW staff members who served their calling in efforts to make us the dentists we are today. On behalf of the Class of '92, we thank you. We thank Dean Omnell and Dean Robertson, all the Associate Deans and student services staff. We thank the Professors, Associate Professors and part-time faculty who worked for free. We thank all the dental assistants, sterilizers and secretaries who sat behind the desk. We thank the lab guys who stayed extra hours to help with delivery deadlines and resurrected projects. Tom and Joel, the maintenance guys who kept the equipment running and clean all hours of the night, thank you!

I don't miss dental school or any part thereof. It was a tough time, but necessary to be honed to the skill level of excellence. I encourage my colleagues to support the Alumni Association and take the time to visit or give back with teaching the detailed legacy that makes the University of Washington a national standout.

—Dr. Lance Stolworthy

### **In Memoriam:**

Dr. Robert Canfield  
Dr. Hester Romberg  
Dr. Bruce Rothwell  
Dr. Herb Kashiwa



**The Class of 1971 thoroughly enjoyed its 40-year reunion at Sand Point Country Club overlooking Lake Washington.**



## ■ DR. EDWARD F. MILLER, CLASS OF 1952

Dr. Edward F. Miller passed away on Jan. 27. His wife preceded him in death. (No further details were available.)

## ■ DR. GRANT E. OVERBY, CLASS OF 1953

Dr. Grant E. Overby passed away on Aug. 20, 2011 in Tacoma, Wash., at the age of 88.

Dr. Overby was born on Jan. 15, 1923 in Bridger, Mont. He graduated from the School of Dentistry in 1953 and practiced in Tacoma for 25 years.

He is survived by his wife, Madalyn; sons Kristan (Karen), Mark (JoAnn), Todd (Laurie) and Brent; and grandchildren Skye, Drew, Dorr, Grant, Ty and Kaylee Overby, Ryan and Kelli Wilson and Chris and Sheri Hill.

## ■ DR. ROY D. HOERSTER, CLASS OF 1954

Dr. Roy D. Hoerster died on Sept. 10, 2011 at the age of 84. He had a dental practice in downtown Seattle for 40 years.

Dr. Hoerster was born in Hinsdale, Mont., to Roy and Greta Hoerster. Upon graduating from high school, he served as a corpsman in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the war, he attended the University of Montana, where he met, and in 1948 married, Tina Williamson. He received his DDS from the School of Dentistry in 1954, served an internship for the New York Department of Health in oral surgery and returned to Seattle. The Hoerstes and their two children later moved to Mercer Island, where the couple lived for 35 years.

Dr. Hoerster was beloved by colleagues and patients alike. He was a member of several professional societies, including the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators, and a guest instructor for the School of Dentistry over the years.

Besides his passion for work, Dr. Hoerster loved the outdoors, music and travel. He was an avid fisherman and sportsman and enjoyed snow skiing with family and friends. He participated in professional exchanges and traveled to many places around the world, including Russia and China. He was also a member of his church choir for a number of years. He was full of life, generous to a fault and greatly admired by friends and family.

Dr. Hoerster is survived by his wife, Trudy; son and daughter-in-law Lon and Kandi Hoerster; daughter and son-in-law Teri and Randy Proctor; grandchildren Lee, Kara, Melissa and Courtney; three great-grandchildren; and stepdaughters Melody and Starla.

## ■ DR. JOHN B. SMEAD, CLASS OF 1954

Dr. John B. Smead died of cancer on Dec. 8, 2011 at the age of 82.

Dr. Smead was born to Harold and Ella Smead on Aug. 26, 1929 in Spokane, Wash., joining his sister, Mary, and brother, Joe. He attended St. Aloysius and Gonzaga Prep and received his DDS from the School of Dentistry in 1954. He and Donna "Genie" Johnson met in Seattle and married in 1954. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and was stationed in the Pacific. The Johnsons and their four children ultimately settled in Simi Valley, Calif., where he had a dental practice for 25 years.

After his retirement in 1985, Dr. Smead and his wife moved back to Washington State. They split their time between their Sacbee

Lake home and Arizona, most recently residing in Sun Lakes. The Smeads were two sides of the same charming, kind and gracious coin; she being the outgoing one who could strike up a conversation anywhere she went and he being the quiet, modest and witty one. His dry sense of humor was matched only by his intelligence, insight and humility. Curiosity, creativity and a love for challenge were at the heart of many of his accomplishments, from designing and building anything from clever storage solutions to additions to their homes, and planning trips across the country or across the world. They both had a passion for golf and travel, a conviction for Catholicism, a deep love for their children and grandchildren and an abundance of friendships, which they treasured.

Dr. Smead was preceded in death by Mrs. Smead, who passed away 17 months earlier, and his parents, siblings and granddaughter Lily Bryan. He is survived by his children, Paul Smead, Maryanne Bateman, Trisha J. Myers and Kathleen Buckley; and grandchildren Julie and John Myers and Daniel Campbell.

## ■ ALICE A. TRONQUET, DENTAL HYGIENE CLASS OF 1956



Alice Ann Weirich Tronquet, an early UW dental hygiene faculty member who taught radiology and helped produce an award-winning film about careers in dental hygiene, passed away peacefully on Oct. 30, 2011 in Seattle. She was 90. A funeral service was celebrated on Nov. 12 at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Seattle. Remembrances may be made to St. Francis House, 169 12th Ave., Seattle, WA 98122.

As a seven-year resident living independently at University House Wallingford, Ms. Tronquet enjoyed her friends and was active academically, politically and culturally.

"Dental hygiene lost a dear friend with the passing of Alice Tronquet," said Patty Doyle, a member of the UW Oral Health Collaborative and dental hygiene alumna, Class of '65. "As a mother with two young children, Alice graduated from the University of Washington Dental Hygiene Program in 1956 and became one of the school's first dental hygiene faculty, teaching radiology during the tenure of Dr. Esther Wilkins, who had founded the UW's Dental Hygiene Program in 1949."

Ms. Tronquet taught and then practiced dental hygiene until the early 1980s.

She was a past president and life member of the Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association (WSDHA) and a longtime member of the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA). During the 1960s, in collaboration with the ADHA, she chaired the WSDHA committee that produced the first and only film about careers in dental hygiene, *A Bright Future*.

"This film won a Golden Eagle Award from the National Geographic Society in 1965 as the best motivational/educational film of the year," said Ms. Doyle. "Alice accepted the award in Washington, D.C., on behalf of ADHA. She invested her strength and her knowledge in the cause that was dear to her heart, dental hygiene, and for that she

will always be remembered."

Ms. Tronquet was a Peronteu Club member who worked diligently on behalf of the Catholic Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Laurel; sons Mick and Peter; grandchildren Kaitie, Sarah, Chris, Meg and Melissa; and a bevy of friends old, young and in-between.

## ■ DR. FLOYD E. JACOBSON, CLASS OF 1957

Dr. Floyd E. Jacobson died on Nov. 7, 2011 in Moses Lake, Wash., at the age of 90. His life was marked by quiet generosity and simple love. Those who encountered him, even in the end, recognized this.

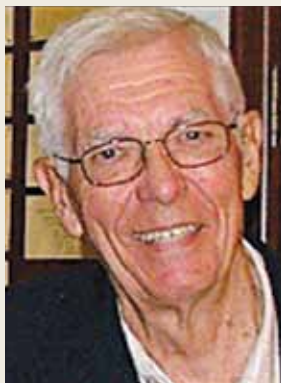
Dr. Jacobson was born on Sept. 11, 1921 in Seattle to first-generation Swedish-Finn immigrants Charles and Anna Jacobson. After graduating from Ballard High School in 1940, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, from which he received an honorable discharge in 1946. He received his DDS from the School of Dentistry in 1957. After graduation, he and his wife, Verna, moved their family to Ephrata, where he practiced dentistry for 42 years.

Dr. Jacobson lived an uncomplicated and full life. He loved God and his family and he represented both well. He reached out to those near and far, serving five medical missions to Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Guatemala. He was also instrumental in welcoming Binn and Nhung Dang to the local community. The Dang family became woven into his heart and family forever.

Dr. Jacobson was a lifetime member of the Washington State Dental Association, American Legion Post No. 28, Ephrata Senior Center and Ephrata Foursquare Church and president of the Full Gospel Businessman's Club for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Verna; and children Sandra, Karl and Bob.

## ■ DR. DONALD C. PIERCE, CLASS OF 1957



Dr. Donald C. "Don" Pierce died on Oct. 5, 2011 in Kennewick, Wash., having lived and enjoyed life for nearly 85 years. A celebration of his life was held on Nov. 5 at the Hall at Fauntleroy in West Seattle. Remembrances may be made to the Medical Teams International Mobile Dental Clinic.

"The faculty and staff at the University of Washington School of Dentistry were very sad to hear the news of the passing of Dr. Don Pierce," said Dr. Andy Marashi of Restorative

Dentistry. "His contributions to teaching our removable prosthodontics curriculum for more than 20 years were an integral part of our program. His calm personality, extensive knowledge and his love for teaching made him one of the favorite faculty members among the students year after year.

"His passion for volunteerism and his community service was a source of inspiration for all of us," said Dr. Marashi, "and his legacy will always remain here at the School of Dentistry."

Dr. Pierce was born in 1927 in Santa Barbara, Calif., as were his brothers, Richard and Stanley, and sister Melinda, who died when she was 6 years old. He entered the Navy in San Diego and began his dental experience as a corpsman in the dental clinic. Having served his duty, he attended the University of California Santa Barbara and met Con-

stance Rae Peugh, whom he married in 1949. They moved to Bremerton, Wash., where she taught elementary school and he graduated from the School of Dentistry in 1957. Dentists were in high demand and within a few weeks, Dr. Pierce began a 42-year collaboration with Drs. Alan Watts and Donald Gardiner at the Alaska Street Dental Center.

Throughout his career, Dr. Pierce taught at the School of Dentistry, was a founding member of the Bolender Prosthodontic Study Club, served as the resident dentist for the Mount Saint Vincent dental clinic and rose to the position of vice president of the Seattle King County Dental Society. After retirement, he continued to practice with the Medical Teams International mobile dental unit around Seattle.

After Mrs. Pierce died in 1995, he filled his life with friends and family, buying vegetables from McPhersons stand on Beacon Hill to share with whomever he met, searching out great buys on wine and lending his considerable skills to anyone who might need a helping hand. In June 2006, he met Jean Froelich. The couple were married the following Oct. 19. They became constant companions and frequently commented, "We have a lot of fun."

Dr. Pierce shared his full life with his sons Stevan, James and Gordon and their wives, Kim, Julie, and Debbie, respectively. Grandchildren Geoffrey, Carly (with their mom Colleen) McCandless and Anna knew they had a loving, wonderful man in their lives.

## ■ DR. JAMES V. GOURLEY, CLASS OF 1959

Dr. James V. Gourley passed away on April 6, 2011 at his home on Bainbridge Island. He was in the first group of dentists awarded national board certification in operative dentistry by the American Board of Operative Dentistry. There are more than 800 gold foil mallets around the world that he made with his woodworking skills.

A Tacoma native, he graduated from Stadium High School and attended the College of Puget Sound. He received his DDS from the School of Dentistry in 1959 and his MSD in 1970. Upon retiring as a captain in the U.S. Naval Dental Corps after 26 years of active duty, he was in private practice on Bainbridge Island for 20 years.

A lifelong learner and teacher, Dr. Gourley completed a rotating internship at Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego and a postgraduate course in general dentistry at the Naval Dental School. He held certification by the Armed Forces Board of General Dentistry.

Early in his career, Dr. Gourley served as a clinical instructor at the UW, taught briefly at Northwestern University, mentored a gold foil study club at Great Lakes, Ill., and served two four-year terms on the ADA test construction committee. From 1994 to 2006, he was mentor to two cast gold study clubs affiliated with the Academy of R.V. Tucker Study Clubs, which practiced in Germany, Austria and Italy.

Through memberships in professional dental organizations and study clubs, Dr. Gourley operated or was on the program in many states and countries. He was an invited fellow of the American College of Dentists and the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry and past president of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators, the American Board of Operative Dentistry and the Associated Ferrier Study Clubs.

Dr. Gourley enjoyed fishing, ice skating, golf and carving. He was a member of his college ski team and owned and raced a Lightning class sailboard.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Doris; daughter Bridget Gourley and son-in-law Robert Bruce; sister Ethelwyn Hoffman; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, James T.



## ■ DR. JAMES A. PULLIAM, CLASS OF 1959

A memorial service celebrating the life of Dr. James Arthur "Bud" Pulliam was held on Nov. 11, 2011 at the Snohomish United Methodist Church. Dr. Pulliam, one of the first dentists to participate in the ABCD Program and The No Cavity Club, passed away suddenly on Oct. 4, 2011 in Snohomish, Wash. He was 80.

Dr. Pulliam gave children as much time and attention as his regular patients, if not more. Once a week, throughout his career and after selling his Snohomish County practice in 2001, he taught pedodontics and supervised clinics at the University of Washington.

"Dr. Pulliam served with distinction as a volunteer attending faculty member in our pre-doctoral clinic for 30 years. He was a favorite of the dental students, as he was always there and supportive and maintained a practical approach to teaching and practice," said Dr. Joel Berg, Chair of Pediatric Dentistry. "As a general dentist who was passionate about and who cared for many children in his own practice, he was able to convey that perspective to the majority of the students who would ultimately pursue general dentistry and not pediatric dentistry.

"Rarely does a department of pediatric dentistry get to have someone as passionate and capable as Dr. Jim Pulliam. In addition, Dr. Pulliam was a great supporter of the school and the department," said Dr. Berg. "He gave generously on a continued basis and was in attendance each year at the graduation ceremony for our pediatric dental residents."

Dr. Pulliam was born on July 25, 1931 in Nampa, Idaho, the second-oldest child of James P. and Beulah (Purnel) Pulliam. He spent his childhood with extended family in the mining town of Atlanta, Idaho, and on the family farm in Council, Idaho. Although he grew up during the Great Depression and through the war years, he always remembered these times fondly, particularly his youthful adventures with siblings, cousins and other relatives and summers in Council. He learned the value of family during these years and he never forgot its importance.

Active in football and baseball, Dr. Pulliam graduated from Boise High School in 1949. The next year he played on the Boise Junior College football team (now Boise State University), which went to the Junior Rose Bowl in Southern California. In 1950, he enlisted in the Marines and served in Korea during that conflict. He and Marilyn Marie Clark married in 1954.

After completing military service, he enrolled in the University of Washington and received his DDS in 1959. That year, the Pulliams moved to Snohomish County, where he set up his dental practice and they raised their five children.

Dr. Pulliam often participated in Washington State Dental Association events and lobbied for important dentistry causes in Olympia. He was also an active member of his community. He served on the Snohomish school district board from 1967 to 1983, with some years as president, and on the board of the Snohomish Education Foundation afterward. He volunteered for and performed in the annual Snohomish Vaudeville Variety Show every May since its inception in 1979.

Dr. Pulliam devoted much time and effort for the mission of the Snohomish United Methodist Church. His interest in sports never waned, be it UW Husky football season tickets and Seattle Mariners tickets or Snohomish athletics. Other interests included part-ownership in the Silver Lake Winery, working in his garden, keeping politically informed and involved and attending films, plays and other

cultural events in Seattle.

Dr. Pulliam maintained a Facebook account, keeping in touch with relatives in Idaho and California, and always displayed his devotion for his grandchildren, who meant the world to him.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; children James, John, Jan van Leynseele (Pete), Jeff (Shellie) and Jay; grandchildren Griffin, Preston, Jenna, Karinne, Allison, Claire, Max, Ethan and Madeline; sister Lois Montgomery; and brother Lawrence "Pat."

Dr. Pulliam was preceded in death by his sister Rosa Lou Jackson in 2007 and brother John "Dickie" in 2008.

## ■ DR. RALPH W. BOYDEN JR., CLASS OF 1960

Dr. Ralph William "Bill" Boyden Jr. died on Jan. 24 in Glen Ellyn, Ill., at the age of 80, after a long battle with cancer. A memorial service was held on Jan. 28 at Faith Lutheran Church in Glen Ellyn. In March, a second memorial service was held in White Salmon, Wash.

Dr. Boyden was born on May 13, 1931 in Chicago. In 1932, his parents moved the family to Glen Ellyn, where he graduated from Glenbard High School in 1949. He attended the University of Idaho through the NROTC program, majoring in zoology because it provided the framework for completing his pre-dental coursework.

After graduating and receiving his commission as an ensign in June 1953, he married Margaret White and commenced active duty in communications aboard a naval destroyer. After completing military service in 1956, he attended the School of Dentistry. While in dental school, the Boydens and their 1-year-old daughter, Elaine, lived in Mountlake Terrace in a small home they purchased through the GI Bill. Mrs. Boyden worked for an insurance agency to help fund his dental education, earning her PHT degree (Put Husband Through).

Dr. Boyden received his DDS degree in 1960 and taught for one year on the School of Dentistry Operative Dentistry staff under Dr. Gerald Stibbs. It was a great expanded learning experience in preparation for private practice. During this period, the Boydens' son, Bill, was born.

In 1961, the family moved to White Salmon, where Dr. Boyden maintained a general dentistry practice for 38 years. Daughter Jennifer was born in 1964. Both Dr. and Mrs. Boyden were active in the community. He was a member of the White Salmon-Bingen Rotary Club and served 16 years on the local school board. She was in PEO, Eastern Star and the Soroptimist Club and served several years on the planning commission. They were also active in the White Salmon United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Boyden died in 1999. Dr. Boyden retired the following year and returned to Glen Ellyn. He was a great speech judge for the American Legion's National High School Oratorical Contest based on the U.S. Constitution.

In 2010, Dr. Boyden and his wife, Lee Henninger, established the Dr. Ralph W. Boyden Jr. and Margaret L. Boyden Endowment in Dentistry to support the School of Dentistry. At that time, Dr. Boyden said he did so because he credited the School with helping him establish his career and the life that he and Margaret shared in White Salmon.

Dr. Boyden is survived by his wife, Aleene "Lee" Hargreaves Henninger; daughters Margaret Elaine (Colin Wood) Maas and Jennifer Boyden; son Bill (Shelley); eight grandchildren; stepchildren Carl (Dawn) Henninger, Curt Henninger, Dawn (Peter) Lantero and Jodi (Rob) Herbold; and 11 step-grandchildren.

## ■ DR. JAMES W. STODDARD, CLASS OF 1961



Dr. James W. Stoddard, whose love for dentistry encompassed practicing and teaching, died of heart failure on Oct. 7, 2011 in Seattle. He was 79. A celebration of his life was held on Jan. 22, 2012 at UW's Center for Urban Horticulture. Remembrances may be made to Seattle Children's, Seattle Foundation or Medic One.

Dr. Stoddard was born on Nov. 26, 1931 in Seattle to James and Ruth (Love) Stoddard. His mother died when he was 10, so he spent time living

with his aunt, uncle and cousins. He grew up in the Green Lake area, where he worked at Greg's Green Lake Cycle. He met his future wife, Patricia "Patsy" Ostrom, at Roosevelt High School. After he served four years in the Air Force, the couple married on Sept. 28, 1956.

Dr. Stoddard graduated from the School of Dentistry in 1961 and spent his career in private practice. He was always willing to accept alternate forms of payment – including bushels of apples and sides of beef – from cash-strapped patients. He loved teaching and received many School of Dentistry student awards, including Part-Time Instructor of the Year, Outstanding Instructor, Faculty Appreciation Award and Faculty Teaching Award. He also received the Washington State Dental Association Faculty Award and, in 2007, the School's Bruce R. Rothwell Lifetime Achievement Award. After retiring in 2000 and being appointed Lecturer Emeritus, he continued to teach as a volunteer one day a week.

Dr. Stoddard was a member of the American Dental Association, Seattle District Dental Society, Washington State Dental Association, International Association for Dental Research, American Association for Dental Research and Phi Gamma Delta, among others. Dr. Stoddard gave back to the community in many ways. He was a dental staff member at Seattle's United Cerebral Palsy Dental Clinic, a Merit Badge Advisor in Dentistry for the Boy Scouts of America, area captain for the March of Dimes and area chairman for the Heart Fund.

Above all, Dr. Stoddard loved his family. He and Mrs. Stoddard celebrated many anniversaries at the Grey Gull in Ocean Shores, most recently the week before he died. Camping trips were another family tradition, one that Dr. and Mrs. Stoddard continued with their grandchildren.

Dr. Stoddard is survived by his wife, Patsy; son John (Jan Hurley); daughter Lisa Stoddard Ray; and grandchildren Griffin and Hannah Stoddard and Kyra and Jonathon Ray (Jennifer Sun-He).

## ■ DR. J. MICHAEL THRALL, CLASS OF 1967

Dr. J. Michael Thrall died on Nov. 3, 2011 at the age of 70. A memorial service to celebrate his life was held on Nov. 17, 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue. Remembrances may be made to the Ben Towne Foundation for Pediatric Cancer Research ([bentownefoundation.org](http://bentownefoundation.org); 4538 47th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98105).

Dr. Thrall was born in Portland, Ore., on June 7, 1941. He was raised in Yakima, Wash., and graduated from Davis High School in 1959. He attended the University of Washington on a track scholarship. He was a member of the Big W Club, Alpha Epsilon Delta, Fir

Tree and Sigma Nu Fraternity and president of the Oval Club. In 1963, he received the Associated Students Scholar Athlete Award and the track team's Inspirational Trophy Award. He ran in the NCAA national championship and holds the world record in the 330 hurdles, an event which is no longer run.

Dr. Thrall received his DDS from the School of Dentistry in 1967. He was awarded an army dental internship and spent three years at Tripler Army Hospital in Honolulu. He then moved to Bellevue, Wash., where he practiced dentistry for 40 years. One of the most rewarding aspects of his life was the wonderful relationships he developed with his patients and staff. He also taught at the School of Dentistry and practiced volunteer dentistry at the Union Gospel Mission and Medical Teams International in Mexico. He was a member of the Bellevue Rotary.

Although passionate about many things in life, Dr. Thrall treasured his roles as father and "Papa" to his grandchildren the most. He was an active golfer, skier, fisherman and scuba diver and enthusiastic supporter of Husky sports. He loved traveling with his family and had adventures all over the world. He was also known for his sense of humor, jokes and storytelling.

Dr. Thrall is survived by his wife, Patsy; daughter Becky, her husband, Brent, and their children, Tate, Luke, Sitara and Jordan; and daughter Julie, her husband, Sean, and their children, Jackson and Parker.

## ■ DR. ROBERT E. MARTIN, CLASS OF 1968

Dr. Robert E. Martin died of leukemia on Oct. 14, 2011. (No further details were available.)

## ■ DR. MICHAEL D. BENNER, CLASS OF 1973

Dr. Michael D. Benner died of lymphoma on Sept. 14, 2011 in Olympia, Wash. He was 64.

Dr. Benner was born on Jan. 3, 1947 in Seattle. He graduated from Blanchet High School in 1964 and attended the University of Washington, where he rowed in the Varsity Boat Club and was named Commodore (Head of the VBC). In 1968, he received a BS degree in zoology. He coached the Green Lake High School crew team from 1968-69.

Dr. Benner received his DDS from the School of Dentistry in 1973. He then joined the U.S. Army as a dentist to serve our country for what he thought would be two years, but ended up being 20. During that time he received advanced education and training to become an endodontist. After a great run in the military, he retired as a colonel at Fort Lewis (now Joint Base Lewis-McChord), Wash., in 1993 and joined his dental school classmate Fred Gonzalez in an endodontic practice in Olympia.

Dr. Benner was a member of the Thurston-Mason County Dental Society, Washington State Dental Association of Endodontists, American Dental Association and American Association of Endodontists.

He was an avid golfer, kayaker, tennis player and scuba diver. In recent years he took many memorable diving trips to Thailand, the Galapagos Islands and Dominica and enjoyed many travel adventures with his fiancée, Joan Sullivan.

Dr. Benner is survived by his children, Sarah of San Francisco and Matt of Denver; fiancée Joan Sullivan; and siblings Patrick Benner and Sally Jo Benner. He was preceded in death by his wife, Victoria (Anderson) Benner.



## FRIDAY, APRIL 20

CE1172: **Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office:**

**A Simulation Course**

Bart Johnson, DDS, MS

7 credits

## SATURDAY, APRIL 21

CE1173L: **Experiencing Digital Dentistry**

E. Ricardo Schwedhelm, DDS

Gary Severence, DDS

Angela Guanzini, RDA, CDD

Sammy Pak, DDS

6 credits

## FRIDAY, APRIL 27

CE1174: **The Art of Dental Therapeutics: Dental Drugs and Over-the-Counter Dental Products**

Peter L. Jacobsen, PhD, DDS

7 credits

## FRIDAY, MAY 4

**Periodontics Update 2012**

Department of Periodontics Faculty

7 credits

## FRIDAY, MAY 11

CE1181: **Aesthetic Periodontal & Implant Surgery in the Ailing Anterior Maxilla**

Anastasios (Tassos) Irinakis, DDS, MSc, Dip.Perio, FRCD

7 credits

## FRIDAY, MAY 18

**Soft Tissue Management – Systematic Restorative Approach for Clinical Success**

Ariel Raigrodski, DMD, MS

6 credits

## SATURDAY, MAY 19

**Fabrication of Provisionals Using the Shell Combination Technique, A Hands-On Course**

Ariel Raigrodski, DMD, MS

4 credits

## FRIDAY, JUNE 1

**Posterior Composites: A Practical, Efficient Technique**

Ronald D. Jackson, DDS, FACD, FAGD, FAACD

3 credits

## FRIDAY, MAY 4

### **CE1180: Update in Periodontics**

**INSTRUCTORS:** FACULTY OF THE UW SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY'S DEPARTMENT OF PERIODONTICS

#### *Course description*

At this course, you will see presentations on topics in Periodontics facing today's dental practitioner.

*Topics and speakers include:*

**FRANK ROBERTS**, DDS, PhD: Genetics of Oral Health

**RICH DARVEAU**, MS, PhD: Periodontitis: A Microbial Community

**I-CHUNG (JOHNNY) WANG**, DDS, PhD: Immediate Implant Placement

**ROBERT H. JOHNSON**, DDS, MSD: Oral Medicine of Periodontal Interest

**DIANE DAUBERT**, RDH, MS: Top 10 Changes in Dentistry

**ROBERT O'NEAL**, DMD, MEd, MS: Acute Periodontal Conditions

*This course is designed for dentists, hygienists and dental assistants.*

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University of Washington

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**Course: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

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Join your classmates for two exciting events—perfect opportunities to gather a team for the golf tournament or to gather a group for the football brunch and game against USC.

## **UW DENTAL ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Friday, Sept. 21, 2012**

Tee time: 7:30 a.m.  
Washington National Golf Course  
33101 148th Ave. SE  
Auburn, Wash.

Four-person scramble format, shotgun start  
\$145 per person (four people per team)  
2000-2011 graduates: \$125 per person

Cost includes greens fees, shared riding cart,  
continental breakfast and lunch, unlimited range  
balls, sleeve of golf balls, and other prizes

*All are welcome to participate!*

## **UW DENTAL ALUMNI FOOTBALL BRUNCH & GAME**

**Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012**

UW Huskies vs. USC Trojans at Century  
Link Field, Seattle

Brunch, entertainment, raffle prizes and  
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Game and brunch, \$80 per person

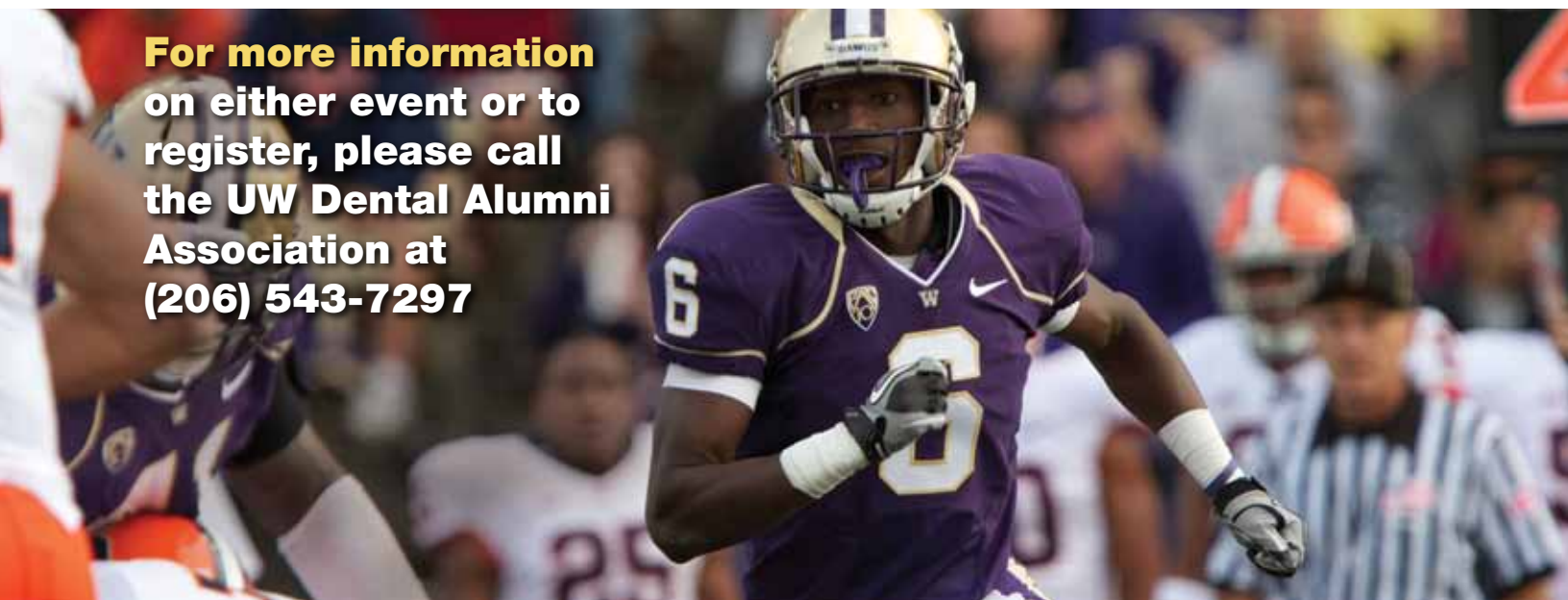
Brunch only, \$30 per person

Parking available in lots near Century Link Field

Stadium Silver Cloud Hotel  
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1046 1st Ave. South  
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*Brunch and game time subject to change*

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■ **SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2012**

28th Annual Dean's Club Dinner  
6 – 10 p.m.  
McCaw Hall, Seattle Center  
321 Mercer St., Seattle

■ **SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2012**

UW School of Dentistry Graduation  
2 – 3:30 p.m.  
UW Meany Hall  
Seattle Campus

■ **THURSDAY-FRIDAY, JUNE 14-15, 2012**

Pacific Northwest Dental Conference  
7 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Washington State Convention Center  
Downtown Seattle

■ **FRIDAY, SEPT. 21, 2012**

Dental Alumni Golf Tournament  
7:30 a.m. tee time  
Washington National Golf Course  
Auburn, Wash.

■ **SATURDAY, OCT. 13, 2012**

Dental Alumni Football Brunch & Game  
UW vs. USC Trojans  
Brunch – Stadium Silver Cloud Hotel  
Game – CenturyLink Field  
Downtown Seattle

■ **SATURDAY, OCT. 20, 2012**

School of Dentistry ADA Reception  
5 – 7 p.m.  
Hotel TBD  
San Francisco

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