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Eight years ago, the School of Dentistry began an ambitious effort to raise funds to support students, faculty and programs as part of the University of Washington’s campus-wide fund-raising effort, called Campaign UW: Creating Futures. Today I am proud to recognize the generous contributions of so many of you—literally thousands of alumni, faculty, staff, dental associations, and other friends of the School—who have stepped forward to help us. In fact, we have exceeded our initial goal, receiving donations and grants totaling more than 22 million dollars.

These funds are critically needed to ensure the continued quality of our world-class programs here at the SOD. They represent a substantial investment in not only the future of the School but in the oral health of millions of Northwesterners who depend on us to provide a steady stream of first-class practitioners like you.

In this issue you will see how your generosity has already made a difference, creating new connections, synergies, and opportunities for the School.

One example is the Lloyd and Kay Chapman Chair for Oral Health. Established in 2002, the Chapman endowment provided a lasting legacy for the School to recruit and retain distinguished faculty. The first appointment of the prestigious Chapman Chair was Dr. Joel Berg, incoming Chair for the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. His work enabled the School to make new connections through an innovative joint effort between the SOD’s Pediatric Department and Seattle Children’s hospital to create the Early Childhood Oral Health Clinic at Magnuson Park (see story on page 8). The collaboration with Seattle Children’s, in turn, has inspired a major commitment from Washington Dental Service and Washington Dental Service Foundation to support the renovation of the building.

So here we see synergy in action, one gift catalyzing another and creating opportunities for growth and innovation. A large part of this issue is dedicated to celebrating stories like these—and demonstrating the impact of your investment in our School during the Creating Futures Campaign. Although we couldn't possibly mention every contributor or gift, allow me to convey, right now, my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you—the extraordinary people inside and outside our walls—who understand that this School—OUR School—is a joint enterprise—and that you all play an important role in its achievements, its many innovations, its stature and its future.

Martha J. Somerman,
Dean
The 38th Annual
Ernest M. Jones Memorial Lectureship

The Ernest M. Jones Memorial Lectureship has developed into an event that our alumni look forward to each year. It is an opportunity to see classmates and friends and enjoy top national speakers. This year the program was held on Friday, March 28, 2008. Seven hundred and fifty gathered at Meany Hall to hear Dr. Mark T. Murphy of the Pankey Institute deliver a lecture about “Four-Dimensional Dentistry: A Team Development Program.” This powerful program explored clinical skills that are common to the best dentists, created a vision for a preferred future, discussed the concepts of personal and professional financial freedom and independence, and looked at how time makes life a journey and not a destination.

Dr. Dexter Barnes (’69) chaired the event again this year and Dr. Mike Johnson (’82), President of the UW Dental Alumni Association, conducted the association business meeting during the luncheon at nearby By-George Eatery. At the luncheon, the officers for 2008-2010 were elected. Two by-law changes were approved. The officers will now serve two-year terms. The Director of Dental Alumni, currently Randy Newquist, will be the permanent secretary of the Association.

The next Ernest M. Jones Memorial Lectureship will be held on Friday, March 27, 2009. Dr. John Kois will be the speaker. Please mark your calendars! Registration information will be available soon.
I can’t express how appreciative I am to each of you who helped make this the most successful campaign in the history of the UW School of Dentistry. The UW Dental Alumni Association just completed our Class Challenge Campaign. Our goal was to raise $2 million for the UW School of Dentistry and we ended up raising $2.9 million. This would not have been possible without the help of alumni in all classes.

I want to thank Dr. Mike Johnson for his leadership as our president the past two years during a critical part of this campaign and also all of our class representatives who were so vital in encouraging their classmates to participate. I also want to thank Dr. Dave Minahan for being the chair of our dental alumni fundraising campaign. All of us were a team and together we scored the winning touchdown. As your new president, I look forward to the opportunity to serve you and to continue the proud tradition that the association has of supporting the School of Dentistry.

Below are the top rankings for class participation and dollars raised.

During the campaign, our alumni were able to donate to any fund at the School of Dentistry. This allowed so many critical areas to be helped. One of the priorities for the UW Dental Alumni Association was to create a **new Dental Alumni Endowed Student Scholarship Fund**. Thanks to all of you who donated to this fund. You helped us receive matching funds from the university. This permanent fund will nearly double the amount of scholarships the Dental Alumni Association can

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award each year to dental students in need – over $50,000 a year. The average debt of a dental student at the University of Washington is $130,000 when they graduate. This scholarship fund helps reduce that debt.

Another fund that was created during the class challenge campaign was the Class of 1951 Legacy Student Scholarship Fund. This fund was created with a generous donation from Ms. Alberta Y. Tefft (widow of Dr. Wesley Tefft) and Dr. Sam Anderson. The Class of 1951 has been known over the years for its leadership and this endowment helped create a legacy that will benefit the School and students forever. It is an example to other classes of what a class can do to give back to the School. This fund creates additional scholarship dollars for our dental students in need.

The list goes on and on as to how this campaign has and will continue to help the UW School of Dentistry in the future. I thank each of you for your generosity. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance to you. I can be reached at dentalum@uwashington.edu. Thank you for your support!

Ed Dolan, ('00)
$5 Million Gift Boosts Access to Early Childhood Oral Health Care

The old naval air station traffic control tower at Magnuson Park will become the new Washington Dental Service Building for Early Childhood Oral Health.
At the UW School of Dentistry, one man’s vision and a transformational gift have catalyzed a unique collaboration between two health care institutions that will significantly improve the unmet oral health needs of thousands of young children in the region for years to come.

The Early Childhood Oral Health (ECOH) program’s primary goal is both lofty and exciting. “At its heart, ECOH is an investment to fundamentally have prevention of dental disease as the real standard of care for children,” says Jim Dwyer, President and CEO of Washington Dental Service. It was a lead gift of $5 million from the Washington Dental Service and the Washington Dental Service Foundation—the largest gift in the School’s history—that provided the impetus to make Joel Berg’s vision a reality.

Dr. Berg, Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and Dental Director at Seattle Children’s Hospital, first saw the potential for aligning University assets to create a powerful program around early childhood oral health when he observed that the UW had more than 20 concurrent research studies in early childhood oral health under way. This was more than anywhere else in the U.S., and yet, paradoxically, few of these studies were conducted within the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, and some not even within the School of Dentistry, and consequently many of the findings were not published in professional dental journals. With access to such a broad array of experts in early childhood oral health, Berg envisioned a research hub through which these interdisciplinary studies could be organized and lend synergy to one another. He also realized that these assets, combined with a state-of-the-art pediatric dental clinic and teaching facility would create an unparalleled opportunity to serve the community and advance research and training in early childhood oral health nationally and worldwide.

Dr. Berg’s enthusiasm for a major early childhood oral health center in Seattle soon led to an invitation for Seattle Children’s Hospital to create a new alliance with the School of Dentistry. Children’s and the UW have long collaborated in many fields, but this new partnership will have deeper significance for the region’s oral health. By marshaling their forces, both groups will link and expand their pediatric dental treatment facilities under a single roof.

Building the new facility was the linchpin to catalyze both the collaboration with Seattle Children’s and the larger ECOH program. Washington Dental Service and Washington Dental Service Foundation understood the tremendous impact that this collaboration could have in children’s lives and stepped forward to partner with the UW and Seattle Children’s in this major new venture. “There is no disease as widespread as childhood cavities, and the shame is they are nearly preventable with regular dental care,” said Washington Dental Service CEO Jim Dwyer. “Washington Dental Service is committed to being part of the solution. We believe every child should have a chance to learn, play and grow up in good health.”

With key funding in place, plans for renovation of a University-owned building in Magnuson Park are underway, and the new facility, to be called the Washington Dental Service Building for Early Childhood Oral Health is expected to open in 2010. The new one-of-a-kind facility, incorporating a state-of-the-art clinic, along with additional space for administrative and research functions, will not only treat a diverse population of children, but will provide a hub for interdisciplinary research in early childhood oral health and also serve as the School’s primary pediatric training center for dental students and medical residents.

With an initial capacity of 30,000 patient visits a year, the new clinic will allow the School and Children’s to treat more healthy children and those with special needs than they can now, and will include operatories to handle outpatient oral surgery requiring anesthesia, which the School cannot currently perform.


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Jim Dwyer, CEO of the Washington Dental Service
An estimated 4,000 at-risk children under the age of 3 in our community are in need of comprehensive oral treatment under general anesthesia, and the backlog for young patients requiring care under oral and IV sedation is significantly higher. “We are most excited about making a difference in the community, providing important access to care for the neediest children, those with special needs and who often require extensive dental services,” explains Dr. Joel Berg.

The clinic’s primary focus will be on serving the needs of the youngest age cohort of at-risk children, 0-5, to prevent disease and treat patients at the onset of significant caries damage. These very young children, many of whom already suffer from advanced caries, are challenging for general dentists in either private or clinic settings to treat. The clinic will enable this special population to be under the care of pediatric dentists, who are qualified and experienced in medical protocols and behavior management techniques required to appropriately treat young patients.

There’s a growing focus on treating children at an earlier age to reduce the impact of caries, the most common and perhaps most preventable childhood disease. Data highlighting the nature of the problem are both familiar and sobering: 60 percent of Washington State elementary school children have caries, which is higher than the national average; 20 percent have caries in seven or more teeth; only a third of children under five visit a dentist.

Another focus of the ECOH program, therefore, will be to educate parents and health-care providers about the importance of children receiving professional oral care at an early age — by one at the latest. This will be accomplished through community outreach, and by creating simple ways for pediatricians to evaluate the oral health of young children during routine well-baby exams, and to refer them to the ECOH clinic if they’re at risk for developing caries.

“Preventing dental disease for young children is vital for healthy communities,” says Laura Smith, President and CEO of the Washington Dental Service Foundation. “Early intervention is key to ensuring that children have good oral health throughout life.”

Pediatric medical referrals constitute the current caseload of the UW’s Pediatric Dentistry Clinic. Without adequate facilities to meet current demand, the School has not sought to increase referrals or market the clinic. However, with some 200 pediatricians in the UW Medicine system alone, the opportunity for the new clinic to actively seek referrals for at-risk infants and young children will open a new and important conduit to access for low-income families.
Research will be another primary focus of ECOH. The partnership between Seattle Children’s Hospital and the UW will bring together some of the world’s leading experts in early childhood oral health. The opportunity to utilize a multidisciplinary approach for such areas as therapeutic interventions, access to care, and caries detection methods is really unparalleled in the United States and it is hoped that within a few years, the facility will be internationally recognized as a center of new and effective ideas, methods, and technologies to combat early childhood oral disease.

Importantly, the new facility will also allow the Department of Pediatric Dentistry to satisfy its core mission: educating dental students and residents, using state-of-the-art equipment and techniques. In addition, School faculty will be able to engage in private practice at the clinic, which will help in the recruiting and retaining of high-quality instructors.

“This venture will ensure our region’s children receive the highest quality oral health care at an early age, when disease can be prevented,” says Dr. Berg, Director of ECOH. “The program will bring nationally-recognized oral health care and medical professionals together to directly impact healthcare delivery models, research, and education.”

ECOH will make a tremendous contribution to improving the oral health—and overall health—of thousands of local children, particularly those with special needs. And through community outreach and the superior training of dentists and residents, the program’s influence will extend far beyond the walls of the new facility, igniting a chain reaction of its own. At that time ECOH’s extraordinary multi-disciplinary, multi-dimensional approach may have its ultimate goal within range: to win the war against early childhood oral disease.

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LAURA SMITH, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE WASHINGTON DENTAL SERVICE FOUNDATION
Dental educators from across the nation gathered at the University of Washington School of Dentistry in late June to take part in a unique, collaborative learning experience: a five-day clinical course for dental school faculty to learn the latest techniques in restoring teeth with cast gold restorations, with each participant taking a turn at casting a gold restoration themselves.

The idea formed out of a partnership between the UW school of Dentistry and UW alumnus Dr. Richard Tucker, internationally recognized for his work in restorative gold dentistry and founder of The Academy of Richard V. Tucker Cast Gold Study Clubs, formed in Seattle in 1986. This year’s course was limited to fifty participants from dental schools in the U.S. and Canada. Dental faculty from seventeen U.S. schools and four Canadian schools participated, as well as faculty from the Naval Postgraduate Dental School in Bethesda, Maryland.

While the UW School of Dentistry has supported the course for the past 14 years, this marks the first year that the School’s Department of Restorative Dentistry cosponsored the course with the Tucker Academy.

Mentored by members of local Tucker Academy study clubs, faculty participants paired up with a partner to prepare and place at least two gold castings, fabricating the castings with the assistance of expert laboratory technicians and dentists. Of the 17 mentors participating in this year’s course, 15 were UW School of Dentistry graduates. In addition, two UW School of Dentistry faculty and several UW prosthodontic graduate students attended.

The goal is to foster excellence in restorative dentistry through a unique approach to dental learning, which features discipline and perfection in operating procedures. Participants learn techniques that have been refined to provide aesthetic and permanent dental restorations with a minimum loss of tooth structure.

“This was a huge effort in time and energy for all on the ‘Tucker Team, and I’m sure it also was an incredibly rewarding experience,” said Dean Martha Somerman. “The dentists participating in this course were fortunate to have such talented and skilled dentists and educators provide the guidance for them and for the patients who received these superb restorations.”

Dr. Sacha Dybnis of the Department of Restorative Dentistry at UCLA School of Dentistry said he was “very impressed with the vision of the course,” adding that going forward “my dentistry will be different. There is no way to pay back what I have learned,” Dybnis said.

The UW School of Dentistry and the Tucker Academy worked together to design this year’s course and the School donated $7,000 along with the needed clinical space. Dr. Dennis Miya, Director of the Tucker Academy, was instrumental in developing the course, working with 19 instructors from two Tucker Academy study clubs in Seattle during the past year and soliciting the help of ten laboratory technicians to make the course a reality.

The Tucker Academy paid the $3000 tuition fee for the week, allowing participants to instead pay a far more affordable course fee of $250. Patients were provided and all lab fees, including gold costs, were covered by the course fee.

Dr. Richard Tucker expressed his appreciation to the 19 study club instructors “for donation of their week away from the office, and to all who provided more than 100 patients for the practical ‘hands-on’ course, probably the largest such course ever held.”

“Four of my family members have graduated from the UW School of Dentistry, and I feel grateful to the many teachers who made it possible. We must realize that dental education belongs in the dental school. The enthusiasm of those who took our course will hopefully expose their students to our techniques and procedures throughout the U.S. and Canada.”

DR. RICHARD TUCKER
Dr. Nestor Cohenca, Department of Endodontics, was appointed to the editorial board of the Dental Traumatology Journal, a first for our school. The journal, established in 1985, is highly regarded within the specialties of endodontics, pediatric dentistry, and oral surgery, covering most of the literature related to dental and orofacial trauma. Dr. Cohenca will review scientific papers, help set policies, and be involved with the International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT) executive committee.

Dr. Richard Darveau has agreed to serve as the Acting Chairman of the Department of Periodontics, effective June 16, 2008. In more than 25 years as a researcher and educator, Dr. Darveau has served in various leadership roles, nationally and internationally, has published over 90 journal manuscripts, and received five patents. Dr. Darveau’s career began in biomedical research and focused on host/microbial interactions in the periodontium. In 1997, he accepted a position at the UW School of Dentistry as a research associate professor in the departments of Periodontics and Oral Biology, and was promoted to professor in 2004.

Dr. Mariella Garcia joined the Department of Pediatric Dentistry as Acting Assistant Professor in March. A native of Lima, Peru, Dr. Garcia received her DDS from the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia School of Dentistry. She received a Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry in 2007 from the University of Connecticut Health Center, School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Garcia will be mentoring residents in our clinic and at Seattle Children’s Hospital and Regional Medical Center, and assisting in departmental research.

Dr. Peter Milgrom, Department of Dental Public Health Sciences, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Bergen in August. Dr. Milgrom, Director of the Northwest/Alaska Center to Reduce Oral Health Disparities, was honored for his “...contribution in developing the academic environment in the fields of social and behavioral dentistry, with particular stress on patients suffering from dental fear...”

Dr. Douglas Ramsay, chair of the Department of Dental Public Health Sciences, has been accepted as a Fellow of the 2008-09 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Leadership Institute. He will join twenty-one other dental educators, who are also enrolled in ADEA’s Ninth Class of Leadership Institute. Dr. Ramsay’s participation represents the first time a faculty member from the University of Washington has attended the Institute.

More than 650 members and guests attended the 57th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, which was held in Chicago in February. Dr. E. Ricardo Schwedhelm was the Scientific Co-Chair. Department of Restorative Dentistry Chair, Dr. John Wataha, spoke on the topic of “Alloys versus Ceramics: A Challenging Dental Dichotomy.” Dr. Keith Phillips served as an alternate speaker. Dr. Ariel Raigrodski has accepted an invitation to serve as the Scientific Chair in 2011.

Dr. Eileen Watson, faculty member in the Departments of Oral Biology and Pharmacology, has recently completed three years of a five-year term of service to the American Dental Association’s (ADA) Pharmacology Test Construction Committee. Only one other pharmacology faculty member has served on this committee within the last twenty years. The committee is charged with writing fair and reasonable questions for the pharmacology section of the dental boards.

The first IADR Aubrey Sheiham Award for Distinguished Research in Dental Public Health Sciences was given to Drs. Linda LeResche, Lloyd Mancl, Mark Drangsholt, Greg Huang, and Michael Von Korff, for a paper they authored entitled, “Predictors of Onset of Facial Pain and Temporomandibular Disorders in Early Adolescence.” It was published in the journal Pain (2007, 129, p. 269-278).

The IADR’s Giddon Award for Distinguished Research in the Behavioral Sciences was given to Drs. Susan Coldwell, Frank Wilhelm, Peter Milgrom, Chris Prall, Tracy Getz, Agnes Spadafora, I-Yu Chiu, Brian Leroux and Doug Ramsay (all are faculty or staff at the School of Dentistry), for a paper entitled, “Combining Alprazolam with Systemic Desensitization Therapy for Dental Injection Phobia,” which appeared in the Journal of Anxiety Disorders (2007, 21, p. 871-877). The award recognizes a single research paper published in the fields of social or cultural anthropology, education, psychology, psychiatry, sociology, or social work applied to dentistry.

Evidence-Based Dentistry and Systematic Reviews for Faculty

During spring quarter, Dean Somerman, and more than twenty members of our faculty, joined about 10 postdoctoral fellows for a new course titled, “Evidence-Based Dentistry and Systematic Reviews for Faculty,” for which Dr. Mark Drangsholt was Course Director. The impetus for this relatively new offering was a NIH-funded grant written by Dr. Linda LeResche.
Dr. Douglass Jackson

As asked to describe why he’s so fond of the sport of curling, Dr. Douglass Jackson doesn’t talk first about its strategy, physical demands, or even the mental challenges. “One of the things I really like the most,” he says, “is that it brings different people together from all walks of life and experiences to work as a team with a shared objective.”

This penchant for people and teamwork are but two of the qualities that have made Jackson such an asset at the SOD during his twelve years here. It’s also part of the reason why he was recruited by Children’s Hospital & Regional Medical Center to be the chief of its new Center for Diversity and Health Equity, a position he assumed in July of this year.

Jackson says the new job will be a big switch from his duties at the School, which focused on increasing the diversity of the oral health-care work force as one of many best practices for reducing oral health disparities. “It was an amazing and fun twelve years,” he says. “I’ll miss my friends and colleagues, but I’ll always smile when I reflect on all that we accomplished as a team. We were a lot of people working together with the same dream.”

Jackson’s colleagues and many friends at the SOD will also miss him. Jackson served the School in a number of capacities, including Associate Dean for Educational Partnerships & Diversity, and he was the first holder of the Delta Dental/Washington Dental Service Endowed Professorship for Educational Partnerships. His primary academic appointment was in the Department of Oral Medicine, but through his teaching, research and patient care responsibilities he had adjunct appointments in Oral Biology, Pediatric Dentistry and Dental Public Health Sciences. Nationally, he has been recognized as the Director of our School’s Pipeline, Profession & Practice: Community-Based Dental Education Program and as the Co-Primary Investigator for the Summer Medical/Dental Education Program (SMDEP).
Dr. Bertha Barriga

Dr. Bertha Barriga, a part-time associate professor in the School of Dentistry who recently retired, was a well-loved and effective pediatric dentist, according to Dr. Peter Domoto, a longtime friend and a retired chair of the UW’s Pediatric Dentistry Department.

“She was always able to relate to people in a very friendly and respectful way,” he remembers. “All the children she treated loved her and would remember her over the years. She was very warm-hearted.” Born and raised in Bolivia, Dr. Barriga “never made a big deal about coming from a different culture”, Dr. Domoto says. Most of the students she taught over her 42-year career related “fabulously” to her.

When she moved to the U.S. in the early 60s, she learned that the five years of dental school she had completed in La Paz did not qualify her to practice in this country. She had to go through dental school a second time, this time at the University of Oregon, where she was admitted as a second-year student. She was the only female in her class.

Upon graduating in 1966, Dr. Barriga began a thriving private practice in pediatric dentistry in Seattle, working three or four days a week in her clinic, while teaching at the School of Dentistry one day a week. She went on to earn an MSD in Pediatric Dentistry from the UW in 1971. “She was the classic model of a practitioner and clinician who gives back to clinical education in a real big way,” Dr. Domoto said. Dr. Barriga served on the UW School of Dentistry Admissions Committee for nine years also.

In addition to her support of the School as a faculty member, Dr. Barriga was instrumental in helping the LawLewis Endowed Lectureship develop into a respected and well attended annual event since it was created in 1992. Directed toward the family dentist, this annual lectureship promoted continuing education of all individuals who were involved with the oral health care of children and young adults.

Since retirement, Dr. Barriga has kept herself busy being a docent guide at the Seattle Art Museum for school groups. She also has been active in the UW Retirement Association and now has the time to carry out a desire to play the violin. She practices a minimum of one hour a day on the violin. She has always wanted to learn to play the violin from her father. He enjoyed playing the violin and gave to her the violin she now practices with.

Dr. Barriga will be missed for the passion she has for dentistry and all aspects of her life.

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DR. PETER DOMOTO, RETIRED CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY
Dr. Philip Worthington

The University of Washington School of Dentistry owes a debt of gratitude to Dr. Philip Worthington, who retired earlier this year, for the more than 30 years of service he gave to the school. As chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery from 1981 to 1998, he “helped put the department on the map,” says Dr. Thomas Hohl, a 1974 graduate of the UW’s oral surgery program and a friend of Dr. Worthington.

The University also owes a debt to Dr. Hohl, who was instrumental in putting Seattle on Dr. Worthington’s map.

Dr. Worthington, a British citizen who earned both a medical and dental degree from the University of Liverpool, in 1956 and 1962, respectively, was working in North Wales in 1973 when Dr. Hohl decided to do a six-month residency in oral surgery at the same hospital. Dr. Hohl served as Dr. Worthington’s registrar, and was so impressed with him that when he returned to Washington suggested to Dr. Jim Hooley, the chair of the oral surgery department, that he consider inviting Dr. Worthington to come to the UW as a visiting professor. Dr. Hooley did just that.

The year spent as a visiting professor turned into a permanent appointment. When Dr. Hooley stepped down as chair a few years later, it was Dr. Worthington who took his place. That’s when his unique blend of surgical, clinical, and administrative talents came to full fruition.

“A lot of chairs are good administrators but not very good surgeons,” Dr. Hohl says. “Philip was a great combination of superb clinician and surgeon, but also a very good administrator.”

“He was very academic, knew the literature well and had a scientific approach to things,” Dr. Hohl remembers. “He was no-nonsense. If he thought someone was wrong he wasn’t afraid to say so. Not in a nasty way but in a firm way.”

“He was one of the early pioneers of developing the surgical aspects of implants,” says Dr. James Brudvik, a retired director chair of the Graduate Prosthodontics Program. “It was invented in Sweden by Professor Branemark and his colleagues, but the University of Washington was chosen as one of the first four sites in North America to spread the new modality. Dr. Worthington published extensively on that. He authored many, many papers. He was a world-class performer in the research world.”

In 2003, the contributions from former residents, colleagues, and friends were invested to establish the Philip Worthington Lectureship. Distributions from the fund enable the department to bring distinguished scholars from around the world to present on topics and new developments in fields that have an impact on the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Besides his clinical research talents, Dr. Worthington was known as a caring and compassionate teacher. Says Dr. Richard Crinzi, an oral surgeon who lives in Redmond, Washington, and a former student of Dr. Worthington: “He taught his students technique and he taught us about life, and he was a mentor for literally hundreds of excellent oral and maxillofacial surgeons. He’s enriched my life both professionally and personally.”

One of the ways Dr. Worthington enriched the educational experience of his students was to suffuse the department with international influences.

“Americans have a tendency to think that the way we do things here is the best way,” Dr. Hohl says. “Philip broadened our horizons and made us less provincial by bringing in a number of foreign visitors. He spoke fluent German and was a member of the German Society for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He had lots of international contacts. They would do seminars on microsurgical techniques, osseointegrated implants, and many other topics.”

“Philip really helped spread our School’s name around the world,” Dr. Hohl recalls. Although the “internationalization” of the department may be Dr. Worthington’s most enduring legacy, Dr. Hohl says that the “greatest thing about him was that he always had a smile on his face and a kind word to say.”
Dr. Roy Page

One of the true superstars in the world of dental research, Dr. Roy Page retired from the UW School of Dentistry last June.

The renowned scientist, whose investigations over a 40-year career helped define the pathogenesis and clinical management of periodontal disease, hasn’t abandoned the laboratory completely, however. He is still poised to make contributions in the field of oral health, although now he will have the opportunity to balance research with the other great joys in his life, gardening and music.

Colleagues describe Dr. Page as shy, gentle and intensely private. Dr. Paul Robertson, former dean of the UWSOD, characterized him in a Journal of Dental Research article as “a warm and genial host, a connoisseur of fine food and wine, a rigorous debater long into the evening, and an intellectually fearsome critic.”

Dr. Page earned his DDS degree from the University of Maryland in 1957, then went on to the University of Washington to receive a Certificate in Periodontics in 1963 and a Ph.D. in Experimental Pathology in 1967. In addition to a part-time practice in Periodontics, which extended from 1963 to 1998, Dr. Page became an Assistant Professor of Pathology and Periodontics, with posts in both the School of Medicine and School of Dentistry. He became a full professor in those disciplines in 1974.

Research into the origins of periodontal disease was his lifelong devotion and passion. “I was fortunate enough to have obtained funding from the National Institutes of Health for three research centers, from 1974 to 1998,” he said. “I had the opportunity, which was unusual at that time, to have a fairly large amount of money that I could use to devise and conduct research programs. We were able to attack some of the most pressing problems in dentistry. That was great fun. We accomplished a lot and I’m very proud of that.”

Page is quick to point out that he was by no means the only or even the main person responsible for the many discoveries his research teams made. He considered himself a sort of orchestra conductor who knew the “music” and used that knowledge to guide the contributions of each member of the group. His research teams were composed of a diverse mix of people from all over the world – scientists, residents, post-doctoral fellows, as well as dental, medical, and graduate students. He collaborated with many of them to produce six textbooks and monographs, along with more than 300 journal publications and book chapters.

Dr. Robertson wrote, “Page had for years brought great distinction to the university, in general, and to dentistry in particular. He held professorial appointments in Pathology within the School of Medicine, and Periodontics within the School of Dentistry. He had earned independent funding from the public and private sectors for three decades. He had been elected by peers to the presidency of both the American and International Associations for Dental Research. The work of his collaborative group had fundamentally influenced the study and the practice of periodontics.”

Alongside his voluminous research and part-time private practice, Page also found time to teach courses in anatomy, pathology, and human biology. Students remember him as articulate and well organized, with high standards of excellence and high expectations.

At 76, Page is still active in the oral health community. He is one of the founders of a company called PreViser, which develops and markets analytical tools that measure a person’s risk for periodontal disease, caries, and oral health. These tools can be used by dentists, insurance companies, and other health care providers to determine treatment programs. The Company is now extending its efforts to include risk analysis for heart disease and diabetes.

Although PreViser projects consume some of his time, right now the large garden surrounding his home takes up the lion’s share. Gardening is one of his life’s great joys, along with opera and ballet. He and his wife have rarely missed a performance since opera began in Seattle since 1962!
Dr. Brian Toolson

Perched on the wall near the entrance of Dean Martha Somerman’s office is the traditional class picture of 2008 graduates, with cameos of all 54 graduates. But hold on just a doggone minute! There must be some mistake. There were only 52 graduates in the class. Who are the “extras”?

They turn out to be two of the most popular and respected professors who have ever taught at the UW SOD, both of whom retired this year. One is Brian Toolson (the other is Brent Nash, the subject of another article in this issue). The class of 2008 chose to add them to the class picture as a way to honor their retirement.

Why were Toolson (and Nash) so revered?

“They were clinicians and teachers,” says Dr. James Brudvik, Retired Director of the UW Graduate Prosthodontic Program, “who liked being with young people and guiding them along.”

Toolson, who did his undergraduate work at Utah State, earned his DDS degree from the University of Washington in 1967, and a MSD in Prosthodontics in 1977, became an instructor at the UW in 1971, and an associate professor in 1980.

It didn’t take him long to endear himself with students.

He won his first Outstanding Instructor award in 1974, and went on to garner 28 more such awards during his career, sometimes winning two in a year (from different classes). In 1987 three different classes voted him Instructor of the Year, an honor he would win six more times, including a streak of five years in a row (2001 to 2005). He was also selected as the commencement speaker at the Hooding Ceremony on five occasions, and in 2005 was awarded the Bruce R. Rothwell Lifetime Achievement in Teaching Award.

One of the ways Toolson got to know his students was by learning everything he could about them. “He made an effort to know the name of every student in a class within a month,” says Dr. Richard Frank, another retired chair of the department. “I think for a prof to learn not only their names, but who their brothers and sisters were, where they grew up, that was unique. It was a gift, a conscious effort to do that. He did it every year for 35 years. Students just naturally gravitated to somebody like that and it was easier to teach someone who was receptive.”

Toolson found little ways to put his students at ease. Brudvik recalls that on written exams Toolson would often insert questions that had nothing to do with dentistry, such as “what is the capital of Mongolia?” This humorous approach would “lighten up the day and take the pressure off of them,” Brudvik says.

“He was extremely interested in the human being,” Dr. Frank reflects, “whether it was a student or a patient, that was his main focus.”
Dr. Brent Nash

In a sense it took Dr. Brent Nash 50 years to graduate from the University of Washington SOD. For as soon as he earned his DDS degree from the UW in 1958, he became a part-time instructor at the SOD, in the department of prosthodontics, a position he held until he retired last spring at the age of 80.

As a humorous reminder of his “graduation,” and as a mark of high respect, the class of 2008 chose to include Nash’s 1958 class portrait in the 2008 class graduation picture. Nash was deeply moved by the gesture. “It has great meaning,” he says.

Like his colleague, Dr. Brian Toolson, who also retired this year and was included in the 2008 class picture, Nash was known as an advocate for students and a wise counselor.

“I enjoy working with young people who want to learn,” Nash says. “Teaching was my love. I hope it’s done some good.”

Says Dr. James Brudvik, Retired Director of the SOD Graduate Prosthodontic Program: “They (Nash and Toolson) were very much beloved, these two, because they always gave so much of their time. At their farewell party, when students got up to talk, it became clear that they were treasured.”

When Brudvik would leave his office to go home at 5:30 p.m., Nash would often have two or three students standing outside his office, waiting to get help. “A lot of faculty aren’t as generous with their time as Nash was,” Brudvik says.

“He was very humble and gracious and easy to work with,” adds Dr. Charles Bolender, retired chair of the prosthodontics department. “He developed a passion for working with dental students and really enjoyed being able to assist them in managing their patients.”

Managing patients was particularly important for students in the prosthodontics program. “The kids are working with old, sick, cranky patients,” says Brudvik, “and they need a lot of nurturing to deal with them.” Students felt more confident handling these older patients when Nash was guiding them.

“There were times when students would have really difficult patients, really obnoxious ones,” remembers Dr. Richard Frank, another former chair of the department. “And instead of Brent telling students how he would handle the situation, he would go down with them and take charge. He had a very quiet and effective way of doing that.”

Nash also had a reputation for working hard. Most of that work was centered on his students. Says Frank: “He wasn’t running out to do research. He wasn’t on the phone with his office. He was dedicated to students and working very closely with them.”

That work ethic sometimes spread beyond the student sphere into the realm of janitorial duties. It seems that the labs were never as clean as Nash preferred. Brudvik recalls that three or four times a year Nash would recruit him to clean the sinks and the grease traps. “He and I always shared that,” Brudvik says. “That was a fun time. We closed the doors and told lies and cleaned it all up.”

So at the age of 80, after 50 years helping students learn the ins and outs of prosthodontics, and telling countless lies to Brudvik as the pair scrubbed laboratory sinks, Brent Nash finally gets to graduate–er, retire.

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DR. CHARLES BOLENDER, RETIRED CHAIR, DEPT. OF PROSTHODONTICS
24th Annual Dean’s Club Dinner

Honors Dr. Robert D. Allen ’66 and Dr. Karen D. Sakuma ’79

The School of Dentistry held its 24th Annual Dean’s Club Dinner on Saturday, May 10, 2008 at the Grand Hyatt in Seattle. Dr. Robert Allen received the 2008 Distinguished Alumnus Award and Dr. Karen Sakuma received the 2008 Dean’s Club Honorary Lifetime Member Award. Both received standing ovations for the example, service and achievements that they provided to dentistry and the School.

This memorable event drew more than 200 guests, including students from the Class of 2008. The graduating class was invited by the Dean’s Club Board to welcome them into the profession and to join in the celebration. Two graduating students received awards at the dinner. Garret Yamaguchi, President of the Student Council, received the 2008 Johnny N. Johnson Student Leadership Award. Derick Hahn, 2008 Class President, received the 2008 Jack E. Nichols Student Leadership Award. Dr. David Minahan, President of the Dean’s Club, was the master of ceremonies for the event. Entertainment included a special performance of the University of Washington Men’s Glee Club. They even created a song to spotlight dentistry to the delight of the crowd.
“Eight years ago, the School of Dentistry joined the University in launching an ambitious fundraising effort – Campaign UW: Creating Futures. With the State providing only one quarter of the Dental School’s annual budget, the School needed our help in order to maintain its outstanding reputation and have the tools necessary to provide the best education possible for our dental students.

Thanks to the loyalty and commitment of over 4,000 alumni and friends who stepped forward and contributed to the School since 2000, we have been able to exceed the goals of this Campaign and raise over $22 million in support of students, faculty and programs.

Looking back over the past 8 years, it’s all about people – our alumni and friends who gave, the students and faculty who benefited and all of the patients who are better served in our School clinics and community programs because of your generosity.

We have so much to be proud of. To all of you who have given – our heartfelt thanks. You have made a tremendous difference for the future of the Dental School. Thank you for joining us in this worthwhile endeavor to support one of the finest dental Schools in the country.”

The impact of this Campaign can already be felt throughout the School. The following pages include just a few of the many highlights of the Campaign; we hope you see the positive results and forward momentum made possible through your philanthropy.

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Just a few examples of the tremendous support the School received for our outstanding students from individuals and organizations:

The largest endowed scholarship of the Campaign was created from hundreds of individual donations from alumni and friends. Every gift that came in to support the new Dental Alumni Student Scholarship Fund was matched 50 cents on the dollar by the UW and helped create an endowed fund of over $500,000 that will generate annual scholarships for students in financial need (see full story on page 6).

Alumni and friends of the Endodontics department chose to honor two influential and highly respected past chairs by establishing the Eugene Natkin and Gerald Harrington Fellowship in Graduate Endodontics.

Dr. James Johnson,
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Our most important community partner stepped forward as well
during the campaign. The Washington State Dental Association
recognized the increasing debt load on dental students and made
a commitment to establish a major new endowment for students.
The WsDa Presidential Scholarship will provide annual financial
aid to two fourth-year and two third-year pre-doctoral dental
students in perpetuity.

“I am so thrilled that the (WsDa) addressed the student debt crisis
within our profession,” says Dr. Bryan Edgar. “My hope is that this
endeavor will be noticed by other state dental associations as a visible
means of supporting all dental Schools around the country.”

During the Campaign, the UW created an opportunity for faculty,
staff, and retirees to establish endowed student support funds,
scholarships, and fellowships with matching funds. The School of
Dentistry had one of the highest participation rates in the Faculty
Match Program on campus, with 21 new endowments created to
support dental students— a wonderful testament to the commitment
and generosity of our own faculty and staff.

Gifts to support students tripled the level of scholarship and fellowship
support the School can provide each year and helped the School secure
over $500,000 in matching UW funds.
Our reputation is based on our superlative faculty — educators and researchers who have dedicated their lives to building one of the finest educational institutions in the world. Everyone in the dental community knows about the increasing challenges dental Schools face in recruiting and retaining world class faculty.

Early in the Campaign, Dr. Lloyd Chapman and his wife Kay stepped forward with a significant gift for just that purpose. The Lloyd and Kay Chapman Chair for Oral Health will enhance the School’s ability to attract and retain distinguished faculty, advance teaching and research, improve oral health care, and serve the greater community.

This pivotal endowment has already had an impact in our community by enabling the Dean to recruit Dr. Joel Berg as Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry (see ECOH story, page 8).

The Richard V. and Elaine Tucker Endowed Fund for Faculty Development in Restorative Dentistry will also provide critically needed funds to support the work of our faculty and its impact cannot be underestimated. “The unparalleled commitment of Richard and Elaine Tucker to dentistry, to the UW, and to the principle of excellence should cause us all to pause and reflect on how we should each serve dentistry better,” says Dr. John Wataha, the new Chair of the Department of Restorative Dentistry.

Lloyd and Kay Chapman Chair for Oral Health

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$1 million endowment to honor Drs. Arnold Stoller and Donald MacEwan for their significant contributions to dental education and patient care.
The Bruce R. Rothwell Distinguished Teacher Award was created in 2000 through the generosity of alumni, faculty and friends to honor and recognize a beloved faculty member and his contributions to teaching. The endowment funds two annual awards for faculty members who have demonstrated extraordinary teaching skills in the School of Dentistry. Since their inception, the Rothwell Awards have become a source of great pride and distinction for recipients and an important means for recognizing and supporting our distinguished faculty.

Bruce R. Rothwell
Distinguished Teaching Awards
Established in 2001 to honor outstanding faculty

To ensure that UW dental students are equipped with state-of-the-art training in microscopy, Drs. Bryan and Linda Edgar are establishing a professorship to hire an expert in the field who will teach students how to use the technology to treat oral disease through dental implantology and related restorative procedures. Thanks in great part to this leadership gift, the School has the distinction of being the first dental School in the country to provide pre-doctoral students with Global Surgical G-6 microscopes in a clinical setting. With its advanced technology and high-caliber instruction, the UW is poised to become the leading dental microscopy training center in the nation, for both current dental students and for practicing dentists through the School’s Continuing Dental Education program.

Recipients of the Bruce R. Rothwell Teacher Awards

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Dr. Dolphine Oda 2002, Dr. David Pitts 2003, Dr. E. Ricardo Schwedhelm 2004, Dr. Tracy Popowics 2005, Dr. Bea Gandara 2006, Dr. John Evans 2007, Dr. Philippe Hujoel 2008

Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. E. Ricardo Schwedhelm and Dr. Gerald Harrington receive teaching awards from Dr. Mark Drangsholt ('84)
Innovation has been a hallmark of the School since its inception and our alumni and friends have demonstrated extraordinary vision and generosity throughout this Campaign in providing ongoing support of these programs and investing in new initiatives that are so vital to our success.

A $5 million commitment from Washington Dental Service and Washington Dental Service Foundation — the largest gift in the history of the School — will create the Washington Dental Service Building for Early Childhood Oral Health and help catalyze an innovative collaboration with the School and Seattle Children’s Hospital (see ECOH story on page 8).

Another major gift that has already made a significant impact in the School was the $1.5 million grant the SOD received in 2003 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

The funds from this grant have enabled the School to triple the rotations of fourth-year students in the State’s rural and urban community clinics. They have also energized efforts to recruit more minority students to the SOD.

“The grant is going to help us build bridges and create better ties with people around the state who have an interest in working with us and our students,” Dr. Thomas Morton, Jr., professor in the...
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Department of Oral Biology says. “That would include different types of public and private clinics and underserved populations. We’re also trying to develop models for increasing diversity in our classes.”

The Bryan C. and Linda J Edgar Endowment for Dental Photography and Imaging has already helped to introduce dental photography and imaging into the educational curriculum. Second year students are taught how to use cameras as well as Photoshop during Summer Quarter and later apply these same skills during their treatment planning course and in their third year Comprehensive Care Patient Presentation document.

These are but a few of the over 4,000 gifts from alumni, friends and organizations over the Campaign that have made such a profound difference—for our students, faculty and programs. “It’s a wonderful statement about our School’s joint enterprise with the community,” says Dean Martha Somerman. “The School’s many achievements and innovations, our stature and very future, depend on the extraordinary dedication and commitment of people inside and outside our walls. We are grateful to all those who have done so much for us.”

Dr. Karen Sakuma (’79) provides major gift for initial development of the ECOH program.

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The 58th Investiture of Hoods and Recognition Commencement Ceremony for the University of Washington School of Dentistry occurred in the Meany Hall Auditorium on Saturday, June 7, 2008. Fifty-two graduates participated in the ceremony and were awarded their Doctor of Dental Surgery degree on that day. Dean Martha Somerman addressed the graduates and their families, and recognized the Class of 1958 who were on hand to celebrate their 50th class reunion. Class President Derick Hahn also addressed the crowd. Dr. Brian Toolson was chosen by the class to be the featured speaker at graduation. With much humor and grace, he delivered a touching tribute to the class that even involved a song. Upon receiving a hood, each student walked across the stage to shake hands with Dean Somerman. This portion of the ceremony was personalized by each graduate who shared several personal photos which were displayed on a screen to the rear. A reception was held for the graduates, friends and family in the lobby immediately following the ceremony.

Sang Bae
Kent Beesley
Rosana Bishai
Frank Cavaness
Martin Coonen
Elyse Cronin
Heather Cunningham
Bo Davidson
Logan Ditto
Michael Fife
Devin Fisher
Jay Fogle
Whitney Frank
Dustin Gatten
Kent George
Nolan Gerlach
Brent Gill
Kyle Gill
Kyle Hackney
Derick Hahn
Leroy Hanks
Elizabeth Headley
Rachel Hendrickson
Jeremy Horst
Devin Link
Tori Matthys
Matthew Miller
Brandon Priebe
Elizabeth Robinson
Brienne Roloff
Anne Sarsfield
Matthew Schafer
Scott Shaw
Shane Sidhu
Kirk Skidmore
Mark Snow
Philip Spory
Robert Stoner
Karlyn Taylor
Ryan Todorovich
Dorothy Tran
Trevor Tsuchikawa
Diane Tung
Gene Um
Lance Vander Giessen
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Chad Wade
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Ryan Walker
Ryan Wieseler
Lindsey Worthington
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100% PASS RATE ON THE WREB CLINICAL EXAM
Dr. Derick Hahn, 2008 Class President
Dr. Brian Toolson, graduation speaker
Drs. Dorothy Tran, Trevor Tsuchikawa, and Diane Tung
Class of 1958 Celebrates 50th Anniversary
Drs. Ryan Walker, Ryan Wieseler, Lindsey Worthington, Garret Yamaguchi, and John Young
Are you interested in knowing how your colleagues treat hypersensitive teeth? How to best handle cracked teeth? Why not become a Friend of NW PRECEDE NT and help answer these questions? NW PRECEDE NT is a dental practice-based research network centered in the Pacific Northwest, including the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah and Washington. It is an organization of dental practitioners who conduct clinical studies in their own practices, based predominantly on ideas of interest to and generated by practicing dentists. Funding to support the infrastructure for this network is provided by grants from the National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) to the Schools of Dentistry at the University of Washington and Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU).

The UW team is led by Principal Investigator Timothy DeRouen, PhD, Executive Associate Dean for Research and Academic Affairs for the School of Dentistry and Professor of Biostatistics for Public Health and Dental Public Health Services. Co-Investigator is Joel Berg, DDS, MS, Professor and Lloyd and Kay Chapman Chair for Oral Health of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.

The goal of the network is to conduct important and timely studies within the normal confines of a busy dental practice, thus enhancing the relevancy of the outcomes to the general practitioner. The network is currently expanding to provide limited opportunities for dentists in other western states to participate in this exciting activity.

Participation as a “Friend” of NW PRECEDE NT involves voluntarily responding to brief online surveys regarding issues related to dental practice and patient care, as well as taking part in retrospective studies of patient treatment outcomes and patient and practitioner behavior. Friends will receive newsletters, study result summaries, and other important network information to stay abreast of current activities. In the future, there may be opportunities for Friends to become full members in the network and to conduct prospective studies in their own practices.

Practitioners almost unanimously indicate the reason they join PRECEDE NT is because they want to “contribute to dental clinical knowledge” and “give back to the profession.” It is exciting to be able to extend these opportunities to other interested and motivated dentists in nearby states.

To find out more about becoming a Friend of NW PRECEDE NT, visit the website at www.nwprecedent.net and follow the link to “Friends of PRECEDE NT.”
Class Notes

News

CLASS OF 1954
Ralph G. Stenberg, Edmonds, WA. Spent better part of February, 2008 with volunteer group on mission trip to Philippine Islands. Hundreds of extractions!

CLASS OF 1964
Dr. Fred Quarnstrom, Seattle, WA. I am now semi retired. I work as an associate two days a week for Dr. Sun Hee Bang-Pastore, class of 1997. Dr. Bang purchased my practice three years ago. If I completely quit, my whole social life would be Costco and IKEA. I continue to do insurance reviews for a number of Union Dental Welfare Trusts. Two of my patients and I published a book, Open Wider: Your Wallet Not Your Mouth. It is a consumers guide to dentistry this year; and is available from Amazon.com. I continue to teach CE courses on fear and pain control for the UW, OHSU and UBC dental CE departments. Mariana and I celebrate our 40th anniversary this year and are having fun spoiling our two granddaughters who are 3 and 4.

CLASS OF 1968
Dr. Fleet C. Ratliff, Olympia, WA. Recently returned from McMurdo Station in Antarctica for the last time. He spent the last two summers (our winters) as “the only dentist in Antarctica” for the United States Antarctic Program. Temperatures seldom got above freezing at McMurdo and on each of four trips to the South Pole the “wind chill” got down to negative eighty degrees Fahrenheit. It takes 21 hours in the air and at least one day in Christchurch, New Zealand to get to McMurdo where an Air Force C-17 from McChord AFB in Tacoma lands on a runway carved out of the ice. The trip to the South Pole is in a 4 engine LC-130 on SKIS! It is 800 miles and takes about 3 hours. Yes, he saw wild penguins and no he didn’t become an expert on “climate change.” CBS did a segment for the “Evening News” on Dr. Ratliff which can be found by typing “CBS Fleet Ratliff” into Google. It was a great ride, but it’s time for someone else to have all the fun.

CLASS OF 1972
Dr. Rick Crinzi, Redmond, WA. We recently returned from a “memorable” 21 day safari to ZA. Traveled to 15 camps in 3 weeks and Debbie described it as a “COLD man’s camping trip.” We had FUN and it will always be a “bonding family experience.” Saw lots of NEAT flora/fauna “up close and personal.” Good wishes, Rick
**CLASS OF 1973**

The Class of 1973 celebrated its 35th reunion on Saturday, July 12 at the Bell Harbor Conference Center on the Seattle waterfront. It was a beautiful warm evening and the view of Mt. Rainier was spectacular. Thirty classmates and nineteen spouses enjoyed an hour of cocktails and reminiscing followed by an enjoyable buffet dinner. The dinner was capped off by a three plus hour power point program that featured 45 of our classmates and 257 slides. Everyone present gave a short, a few not so short, talk about the pictures they sent. I was very proud of the accomplishments our class has achieved. All who attended the reunion and all who sent pictures were given a copy of the power point and a copy of the 2003 reunion that also included pictures of the nineteen classmates who got together at the Northlake Tavern the night before to enjoy one more pizza. If anyone else wishes a copy of the power point presentation, contact Fred Wemer at 206-522-5076 or email at cwfw123@aol.com.

**CLASS OF 1974**

Sherwin Shinn, North Bend, WA. Anyone who would like to do some volunteer humanitarian dentistry in Uganda, please contact me. I have established several work sites in areas that have little or no access to dental care. If any of you have dreamed of being on Safari, surrounded by amazing wildlife and friendly native people, in breathtaking scenery… I can show you how to accomplish that while giving back something from our professional expertise. Since 2004, I have lived and worked in Uganda for almost one year. I know where to go, what to see and how to do it at the best possible price. Call me at 425-638-9667.

**CLASS OF 1977**

Dr. Charles W. Henderson, Longview, WA. I have been practicing with Permanente Dental Associates in Longview for almost ten years. This past summer (’07) I was awarded the fellowship in the Academy of General Dentistry. It has been a difficult year, as our house burned down in May.
CLASS OF 1978
Michael A. Rivera, Whistler, BC. Another year closer to the 2010 Winter Olympics and things are getting exciting here in Whistler. Living in a ski resort is fun to say the least. We’ve never had so many visitors! I hope to be an “Olympic Dentist” and be able to go into the venue with the athletes and help with any dental problems during the Games. Over 70 days of skiing last season, hope to get as many days in this season. Look me up if in Whistler. Whistler2804@telus.net

CLASS OF 1979
Marianne R. Day, Las Cruces, NM. I received a fellowship in Implantology from the International College of Oral Implantology in February, 2008. My kids are doing great. Erin, 16 wants to be a diplomat. Son Bryce, 14 is slowly coming around to the idea of medicine or dentistry as a career. Husband, Grant works for the Pueblo Sandia as a project manager. All is well.

H. Kirby Skavdahl, Kennewick, WA. My wife and I recently moved to a condo as our three children have “flown the coop.” Twenty six years of private practice in perio has also “flown by.” Ten more to go! Enjoying new dental technology (read implants) and all the problems they potentially solve. Also enjoying our two year old grandson.

CLASS OF 1982
Tracy L. Adams, Bainbridge Island, WA. My daughters are off in college. Madison is a freshman at Whitman College and Mackenzie is a freshman in Veterinary School at Colorado State University.

CLASS OF 1983
The Class of 1983 had its 25th Reunion this year during the Pacific NW Dental Conference at Von’s in downtown Seattle. We had about one third of our class in attendance. “Molar” martinis (created by Bob Johnson) were flowing in abundance. It was fun to reminisce about the D1 days and years gone by. Many have reached the “grandparent” phase of their lives while some are still getting kids through school. A special toast was made for our classmates who are no longer with us. Bob Browning, Rich Meyers, Kent Samsel, Steve Talbot, and David Wilson. David Gutzman and his wife Sue from Draper, Utah came the farthest to the reunion beating out Carol McCutcheon and her husband Luis from Campbell, California by 14 miles. A special thank you to Rhys Spoor, Heidi Horwitz, Bob Johnson and his wife Linda for their help in organizing the event. We are already talking about our 30 year reunion and it was suggested to have a golf tournament before hand. ---Tony McLaughlin

CLASS OF 1983’S 25TH REUNION
CLASS OF 1995
Howard R. Daines, Brigham City, UT. My partner and I are excited to be starting a continuing education hosting service. Most of our events will be held in the beautiful Wasatch Mountains in Utah, in a town called Eden. Check us out at educationeden.com. We would love to have any alumni join us for a long weekend of learning and recreation. I would especially love to see any of our Class of ’95.

CLASS OF 2002
Lissa and Josh Johnson, Spokane, WA. Bryce Kenneth Johnson was born on February 14, 2008. Lissa and Josh are the proud parents. Bryce weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 21 inches long. The photo was taken when Bryce was 5 months old. Congratulations to Lissa and Josh!

CLASS OF 2003
The Class of 2003 celebrated their 5th reunion. Everyone had a good time on Friday evening, July 11th at the new Hotel 1000 in downtown Seattle for our fifth reunion. The reunion was held on the last day of the PNDC conference. There were 29 classmates who were able to attend, and many brought spouses/significant others. We had attendees from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Colorado, Arizona, Utah, and Hawaii. We missed those who were not able to join us, and we hope to see everyone for our 10th reunion in five years. A big thank you to all who helped with the reunion. The reunion would not have been possible if it weren’t for the efforts of the planning committee. Thank you to Caroline for being the committee chair, and Megan, Lindsay, Lina, and Mike for their parts in securing donations, scouting venues, making invitations, providing music, selecting the food, etc. A good time was had by all. Brian, our ever reliable artist and photo album maker, and Jenny took the photos at the reunion. Thanks again for all of you who helped make this such a successful event. We look forward to the next opportunity when we can all get together again. —Ron Hsu

CLASS OF 2007
James Giesen, Ft. Campbell, KY. Hello from Ft. Campbell. I’m finishing up a rewarding year here at the AEGD program in Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. My mentors here say that I am one of the more talented students here and I have to owe that to my education at the UW. Though there is much more to being an Army dentist than just practicing dentistry, it has been a good experience where I have made many friends and connections. I hope everyone is well back at the UW; I miss Seattle a lot! Jim

Please send class notes (including marriages, births, professional news, awards, travel), address changes, death notices and correspondence (300 word maximum) to Dental Alumni, Box 357137, Seattle, WA 98195-7137. You may also send it by email to: dentalum@u.washington.edu
In Memoriam

Dr. Wilbur Lowell Reed, Class of 1950
Dr. W. Lowell Reed passed away on April 11, 2008 in Arlington, WA at the age of 88. He was born in Ellensburg, WA on December 1, 1919, raised in Seattle, graduated from Roosevelt High School and served as a flight instructor during World War II. After the war, he graduated from the UW School of Dentistry in 1950 and had a practice in Lake City until 1992. He married Emma Maurine Heichel in 1947. He had a strong work ethic and sense of responsibility. He loved to fish, grow roses, feast on good food, enjoy good conversation, and work with his hands. But more importantly, he loved Christ and he cared for people. Lowell is survived by his wife of 60 years, Emma, as well as six children: Jessica Camp, Nelson Reed, Susan Eskelin, John Reed, Ben Reed and Winifred Untschute, 16 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Dr. Stanley Walfred Rydbom, Class of 1951
Dr. Stanley W. Rydbom passed away on March 19, 2008. He was born in Usk, WA on December 23, 1918. He graduated from Cusick High School in 1935 and graduated from Eastern Washington in 1941 where he was a member of the swim team. He went into the US Army in 1941. Stan met a pretty young nurse in the Army Hospital who later became his loving wife Alma. Lt. Rydbom served at the Chemical Warfare Arsenal in Pine Bluff, Arkansas and in 1943-1945 served in England and Europe during WWII where he was awarded the Bronze Star for his role in the Normandy Invasion of June 6, 1944. Stan and Alma moved to Seattle, WA where Stan graduated from the UW Dental School in 1951. He practiced dentistry in Lake City until he retired in 1980. Stan entertained his family and friends with his wry wit and unique sense of humor. Throughout his life, Stan was an avid outdoorsman. He loved to hunt deer, elk, and birds. He loved to pick huckleberries with Alma in the late summer. He loved to catch salmon on Hood Canal and trout in American Lake. Stan is survived by Alma, his loving wife of 62 years; his remaining children Noel (Sandy) Rydbom, Nancy (Alvin) Rothbauer, and Rick Rydbom; 5 grand-children and 2 great-grandchildren. Stan was preceded in death by his oldest son, Karl Stanley Rydbom in 2002.

Dr. Thomas H. Simpson, Class of 1956
Dr. Thomas H. Simpson passed away on May 22, 2008 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on February 8, 1930 in Seattle to Fred and Claire Simpson. He graduated from Queen Anne High School in 1947, received his BS in Pharmacy at the UW in 1951 and graduated from the UW Dental School in 1956 (ranked 2nd in his class). He was a diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics and an instructor at the UW from 1964 to present, retiring as Professor Emeritus. He was a featured speaker and lectured frequently nationally. He conceived and developed the Pascal fluoride tray and Pascal hemostatic pellets. He was a fellow of the American College of Dentists, President of the NW Academy of Endodontics, and belonged to Omicron Kappa Upsilon, Rho Chi and Psi Omega. He was a Captain in the US Air Force from 1956-58. Tom was an avid skier with over 2 million vertical feet of helicopter skiing. He raced for the UW Ski Club and was a founder of Crystal Mountain Ski Resort. He was an accomplished instrument rated float and land pilot. He loved the outdoors and brought enthusiasm and passion to everything he did. His family and friends have many wonderful memories of boating, hiking, biking, scuba diving and so much more. Anyone who spent time with Tom knows the true meaning of adventure. He is survived by his beloved wife Peggy of 37 years; his son Tom; his son Steve(Dora); his son Jim; his daughter Katy (Paul); and nine grandchildren.

Dr. Gordon E. Hungar, Class of 1957
Dr. Gordon Hungar passed away on April 29, 2008. He was born on September 12, 1926 in Everett, WA and graduated from Lake Stevens High School in 1944, Whitman College, the UW in 1948 and the UW School of Dentistry in 1957. He met his wife of 54 years, Julie, when he was a teacher and coach at Mt. Vernon High School. They have lived in Lake Forest Park for the past 35 years. He lettered at the UW in football from 1946-49. He scored the winning touchdown in the last 30 seconds of the first Apple Cup after World War II. He was president of Beta Theta Pi, and vice president of the UW Class of 1948. He practiced general dentistry first in Seattle and then Mountlake Terrace, retiring in 1999 after 50 years. He was an adjunct faculty member at the UW School of Dentistry and was past president of the Snohomish County Dental Society and the Washington State Academy of General Dentistry. For the past decade, Gordon provided charity dentistry with NW Medical Teams. He served in the US Navy during World War II and as an active reserve officer from 1949 to 1957. He is survived by his wife Julie; by his children Ann (Brian) of Bothell; Susan (Cary) of Sydney, Australia; Tom (Jaye) of Washington, DC; and Paula (Pat) of Ellensburg, WA. A favorite pastime was bragging about his nine grandchildren.

Dr. Arthur James Snyder, Class of 1961
Dr. Arthur J. Snyder passed away on February 20, 2008 at the age of 72. Art was born in Seattle on December 2, 1935 and graduated from Queen Anne High School and the UW School of Dentistry in 1961. Upon graduation he served as a US Army dental officer for two years in Arkansas. In 1958 he married his high school sweetheart, Janice Totten. Art and Jan settled on Mercer Island. Art was a general dentist in private practice at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle. He retired in 1999 after 36 years of dedicated service to his patients. He was a life member of the Seattle-King County Dental Society, Washington State Dental Association, and the American Dental Association. Art loved spending time with his family, especially his wife and best friend, Jan. He had a passion for the outdoors and enjoyed creating memories at their beach house on Henry Island. Art was an avid golfer and a charter member of Sahalee Country Club. He spent countless hours sharing the game he loved with family and friends. He also enjoyed daily walks with his dog, skiing, hiking, boating and traveling the world. He is survived by his loving wife Janice of almost 50 years; daughter Karen Mittenthal (John) of Sammamish; son Art Snyder, Jr (Becky) of Sammamish; daughter Lynn Lehman (Mike) of Newport, RI; brother Gary Snyder (Tonette) of Mercer Island; grandchildren Will and Lauren Mittenthal, and Savannah and Hunter Snyder; and many caring friends.
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Farewell Lecture

BENEFITING THE UW SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Last public appearance of this lecture team

Vincent G. Kokich, DDS, MSD
David P. Mathews, DDS, PS
Frank M. Spear, DDS, MSD

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IS YOUR TEAM MAKING THE CORRECT DECISIONS?

Friday, June 12, 2009 8:30AM – 4:30PM

BENAROYA HALL

Registration information will be available in December.
October 10, 2008
Drugs, Bugs and Dental Products – Pediatric Wine Weekend
Peter L. Jacobsen, PhD, DDS

October 14, 15 and 21, 2008
Contemporary Techniques for Successful Endodontics
What Works for You? Part 1
James D. Johnson, DDS, MSD; David L. Pitts, DDS, MSD;
Natasha Flake, DDS, PhD; Carlos Heilborn, DDS; Nestor Cohenca, DDS

October 24, 2008
Cancer Update
Ed Truelove, DDS, MSD and UW SOD Oral Medicine Faculty

October 24, 2008
University of Washington Orthodontic Mini Residency
Faculty of the UW School of Dentistry’s Department of Orthodontics

October 31 and November 1, 2008
A Medicine Primer for Your Dental Practice – Part 1

November 1, 2008
Cardiovascular, Pulmonary, and Hematopoietic
Bart Johnson, DDS, MS

November 7, 8 and 9, 2008
The Art and Science of Anxiolysis and Sedation in 2008 – Nitrous Oxide and Oral Sedation
JFred Quarnstrom, DDS, FAGD, FICD, FADSA;
David Donaldson, BDS, FDSRCS, MDS, FADSA, FADC;
Mark Donaldson, BSc (Pharm), RPh, PharmD

November 14, 2008
Ergonomics and Personal Health Concerns Along with Annual OSHA Training 2008 – Working Smart, Saving Time and Lives
Nancy Andrews, RDH, BS

November 21, 2008
From Gums to Guts: Periodontal Medicine and New Development
Mark Ryder, DMD

December 1, 2007
Advanced Digital Dental Photography
James Clark, Photographer

December 5, 2008
A New Standard for Caries Management: A Team Approach Using Chemical Treatments and Minimally Invasive Dentistry
Douglas Young, DDS, MBA, MS

December 6, 2008
Digital Dental Radiology with Special Focus on Cone-Beam Computed Tomography (CBCT)
Curtis SK Chen, DDS, MSD, PhD

December 7, 2007
Dental Hygiene Update
Bart Johnson, DDS, MS; Edmond Truelove, DDS, MSD;
Diane Daubert, RDH; and Frank Roberts, DDS, PhD

December 12, 2008
Is a Diet Good for Teeth, Good for Health? – A Review of the Evidence
Philippe Hujoel, DDS, MS, MSD, PhD

December 13, 2008
Crown Lengthening Workshop
Timothy Hempton, DDS

January 23, 2009
It Takes a Team for Dental Practice Success
Wendy Shultz Spektor, DDS

January 30, 2009
Increase Collections, Production and Acceptance
Del Webb, DDS

January 31, 2009
Digital Dental Photography – Lecture or Lecture and Lab
James R. Clark, Photographer

February 3 and 4, 2009
Contemporary Techniques for Successful Endodontics—What Works for You? Part 2
James D. Johnson, DDS, MSD; David L. Pitts, DDS, MSD; Natasha Flake, DDS, PhD; Carlos Heilborn, DDS; Nestor Cohenca, DDS

February 6, 2009
Potpourri of Pediatric Dentistry – Law Lewis Lecture on Pediatric Dentistry
Joel Berg, DDS, MS; Simon Lin, DDS, MS; AnaLucia Seminario, DDS, PhD; and Joseph Kelly, DDS, MS, MPH

February 20 and 21, 2009
A Medicine Primer for Your Dental Practice – Part 2: Hepatic, Renal, Endocrine and Gastroenterology
Bart Johnson, DDS, MS

February 27, 2009
Implementing TADS into Your Daily Practice – Lecture or Lecture and Lab
Sebastian Baumgaertel, DMD, MSD

February 28, 2009
Digital Dental Photography - Lecture or Lecture and Lab
James R. Clark, Photographer

* All courses are held in Seattle unless otherwise specified.
November
Friday, November 7, 2008
UW School of Dentistry/WSDA/Dental Alumni Mentor Reception
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Botanic Gardens Conference Center

Monday, November 17, 2008
Dental Alumni Full Board Meeting
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Washington Athletic Club

February
Wednesday, February 11, 2009
Beginning A Practice/POPs Program
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Botanic Gardens Conference Center

March
Friday, March 27, 2009
Ernest Jones Memorial Lecture
Speaker: Dr. John Kois
8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Meany Hall

April
Friday, April 25, 2009
25th Annual Dean’s Club Dinner
6:00 pm – 9:30 pm
McCaw Hall, Seattle Center

June
Friday, June 12, 2009
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Benefiting the UW School of Dentistry
Last public appearance of this lecture team
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8:30 am – 4:30 pm
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