CHAIR’S CORNER
Dr. Thomas B. Dodson

There has been interest in having a Departmental Newsletter to keep alumni in the loop on all the exciting things going on in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS). This will be Volume 1, Issue 1. We will issue the newsletter twice a year—the first in concert with the annual change party and the second in December around the Holidays.

I joined the Department as Chair nearly 3 years ago, in September 2013. We have been very busy making good on our promise to make ours the premiere OMS program in the country.

Here is a summary of the milestones:

1) Working closely with UW School of Medicine leadership, we transformed into a 6-year MD/OMS certificate program, effective July, 2015. Special thanks to Drs. Ellen Cosgrove, former Dean of Education, Suzanne Allen, Dean of Education, Carol Teitz, Dean of Admissions, Karen Horvath, Program Director, General Surgery, for streamlining a challenging process. Together, we crafted a curriculum that includes OMS internship, admission with advanced standing to UW School of Medicine, general surgery internship, and OMS training at the junior and senior resident levels. Dr. Jasjit Dillon, Program Director, and Susan Lael, Program Manager, deserve special recognition for the immense effort it has taken to implement this program working collaboratively with School of Medicine staff.

2) Beginning July, 2015, we enrolled the first cohort of residents into our new MD/OMS certificate program. We are pleased to have Drs. David Ludwig, Rodney Nishimoto, and Karen Zemplenyi, with us.

3) Late breaking news . . . I was appointed Acting Chair of Pediatric Dentistry, effective July 1, 2016 pending the search and recruitment of a new Chair. (cont’d on page 2).
4) We have been very pleased to have **Drs. Melanie Lang** and **Srini Chandra** join our full-time faculty as assistant professors. Harborview Medical Center (HMC) is clearly a valuable asset to our program, having both a beautiful, expansive OMS clinical space as well as significant demand for OMS services. **Drs. Lang** and **Chandra** have joined **Dr. Dillon** at HMC to help us to realize its potential as a center for delivering excellent care and teaching. We have driven outpatient clinical volume successfully from 1671 patient visits in fiscal year (FY) 2013 to 5450 visits in FY 2016 while also increasing our operating days by 1.5 days per week. The in-patient volume increased from 348 cases in FY14 to 631 in FY16. Our new junior faculty bring excellent skills to the mix. **Dr. Lang** was in practice in Spokane, Washington with affiliate faculty member, **Dr. Mark Paxton**. She brings to HMC a heightened sensitivity to clinical efficiency and complements the team with her training in facial plastic surgery. **Dr. Chandra** completed a head and neck fellowship at University of Florida-Jacksonville and adds to the HMC team skills in the management of vascular malformations, skull base operations, and microvascular reconstructive surgery.

5) Because of our success in beefing up the volume, intensity of our footprint at, and the diverse skill mix of our combined faculty at HMC, we were successful in weaning ourselves ahead of schedule from the need to send our residents to Oregon for a 3rd years clinical rotation in head and neck pathology and trauma. I would like to thank **Drs. Brian Bell, Bryce Potter** and **Eric Dierks** of Head and Neck Surgical Associates for supporting our residents during the past years. Their involvement with our program helped to create an excellent experience for our residents at Emmanuel-Legacy Hospitals in Portland until we finished growing out that clinical and teaching expertise here at home.

6) The Department has completed successfully the 5-year CODA accreditation process. Special thanks to **Dr. Dillon, Susan Lael, Bridget Doyle** (Departmental Administrator), **Char Bell-Younger** (OMS Clinic Nurse), and the faculty, staff, and residents for their focused efforts.

7) **Dr. Jasjit Dillon** was promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor, recognizing her excellent clinical, research, and teaching contributions.

8) We have been actively working to establish a positive footprint for OMS at UW Medical Center (UWMC). Our increase in activity has resulted in the hospital’s doubling the OR time for our service. We also obtained dedicated OR time for the GPR service to provide dental services to medically complex and disabled patients.

9) Our faculty practice and resident clinic have increased significantly in terms of volume and mix. The outpatient volume in the School's faculty/resident clinic has increased to 7,000 patient visits in FY16.

10) Our OMS Grand Rounds Lecture Series, initiated January, 2014, has presented an interesting array of invited speakers on various topics of interest to OMS and the local dental community. Grand Rounds is held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. There is a light meal served starting at 5:30 pm for sustenance and conversation. The presentations begin at 6:00 pm and finish by 7:00 pm. CE credits are available.

11) Our very popular Worthington Lecture, underwritten by an OMS alumni-driven fund, has been transformed into an annual event. Recent Worthington Lecturers were **Drs. Peter Moy** (October, 2014) and **Michael Block** (September, 2015). The 2016 Worthington Lecturer was **Dr. Anthony Sclar**, who presented an all-day symposium on the Art of Aesthetic Implant Dentistry on June 25th, 2016. The Worthington Endowment continues to grow to realize the School of Dentistry’s goal of creating the Philip Worthington Chair of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

12) Kudos to **Dr. John Evans** for his leadership in implementing a new predoctoral curriculum. A major change is we now host a clerkship experience for the 3rd year dental students. Every 6 weeks, a group of 6-8 students spend a concentrated effort on learning the basic principles and practice of OMS. Through the hard work of Dr. Evans, and with support from affiliated faculty members, the clerkship is the highest rated clinical educational activity for the entire 3rd year class. This was an important and challenging project that is helping to change the nature of education at the School of Dentistry. I would like to thank personally all the affiliate faculty who give their time to support the Department’s teaching efforts of the predoctoral students and OMS residents. (cont’d on page 3).
13) We bid a fond farewell to Dr. Lisa Kinney, who as retired as Director of Dentistry at the VA Medical Center, and Dr. Libby Kutcipal, who has left her full-time position at Seattle Children’s Hospital to join the practice of affiliate faculty, Dr. John Tidwell in Seattle. We wish them both the best. We welcome the new VA Director of Dentistry, Dr. Gregg Hyde and Dr. James Closman as the OMS attending.

14) Congratulations to Dr. Ross Beirne, who was elected to the first cohort of Fellows of the American Association for Dental Research. As many of you may be aware, Dr. Beirne had a serious health event in Autumn, 2015. We are pleased and delighted to have him back at work, full-time . . . and thriving.

15) Congratulations to Dr. David Ludwig, who was elected to the inaugural class of the Husky 100. Dr. Ludwig is currently an OMS intern and a 2015 graduate of UW School of Dentistry. The Husky 100 recognizes 100 undergraduate and graduate students from Bothell, Seattle, and Tacoma in all areas of study who are making the most of their time at the University. Read more at http://www.washington.edu/husky100/#name=david-ludwig.

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Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Alumni Dinner and Reception

Wednesday, September 21st, 2016

7:00 PM: Cocktails and Reception
8:00 PM: Dinner Program

We are hosting our Annual Alumni Dinner and Reception at Bobby Flay’s Mesa Grill during the AAOMS 98th Annual Meeting in Las Vegas.

If you plan to attend, please respond to Sheena White at sheenaw@uw.edu or write the department.

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For more information on the 98th Annual Meeting, click here.
Registration begins in April.
OMS RESIDENCY PROGRAM
Dr. Jasjit Dillon

We had a highly successful site visit in August of 2015 with full accreditation and no reporting requirements.

Our first double-degree cohort – Drs. David Ludwig, Rodney Nishimoto, and Karen Zemplenyi – have gotten off to a flying start, passing their part I OSCE examinations and will shortly enter into medical school. Their medical rotations collectively cover all the WWAMI states; they were very excited to be shipped off to the boonies.

We will be welcoming 9 new residents July 1st:

- Drs. Philip Hurst (Baylor), Jesse Han (University of Pacific), and Nicholas Smiley (UW) will enter our 6-year program. Drs. Michael Tsai (University of British Columbia), Joey Garcia (UW), and Lucas Lai (UCLA) will enter our 4-year program as we transition to our 6-year track. Drs. Kevin Huang (UW), Joshua Brandner (LSU Shreveport and New Orleans), and Kyle Tyler (Tufts) will be our non-categorical interns.

Of our graduating chief residents, Dr. Tyler McDonald will enter private practice in Wenatchee, while Drs. Chris Brown and Mehdi Matin hope to stay in the area and are currently interviewing.

Congratulations to Drs. Preston Gomez, Michael Wasson, and Seung Yu (all 2014 graduates) for becoming diplomates of the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. Finally, we have our first resident since I have been program director to enter full time academics: Dr. Michael Han will join the faculty at the University of Chicago.

For information about the OMS Residency Program, visit https://dental.washington.edu/oralsurgery/residency/.
A year ago the School of Dentistry implemented a new curriculum. The new curriculum is a product of three years of planning by the faculty of the School of Dentistry. One of the major changes with regard to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery is the OMS Clerkship. It is one of eight clerkships that comprise the third year of dental school. The others are, Oral Medicine, Pediatric Dentistry, Endodontics, Oral Diagnosis and Treatment Planning, Prosthodontics and Operative Dentistry. Each clerkship runs for six weeks and immerses students in specific disciplines. Students do nothing else in the third year.

The Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clerkship contains the information and clinical experience that used to be presented in five courses. It is concentrated and demanding but it is quite efficient both didactically and clinically. Small group instruction is used throughout the clerkships eliminating the need for large group lecturing. Learning is enhanced by an instructor to student ratio of eight to one. At the end of eight iterations of the OMS clerkship it has been rated by students as being the best of the eight clerkships. This high ranking is due in no small part to a superb group of affiliate faculty who are very generous with their time and talent. Dental students know good teaching when they see it and there is no doubt that it is evident in our clerkship.

Students are sent to the fourth year of dental school having the same (and in many cases more) experience than students had a graduation in the old curriculum. Fourth year dental students are expected to perform oral surgery throughout their fourth year in the General Practice Clinic, thus adding to their undergraduate surgical experience. Overall, students graduating from the University of Washington School of Dentistry are among the best trained, non-specialist dentoalveolar surgeons in the nation.
GERIATRIC DENTISTRY PROGRAM
Dr. Susanne M. Kolare Jeffrey

As part of the School of Dentistry’s honor and awards ceremony last Friday, I was happy to honor one of our 4th year international students, Puja Agarwal, with the Brian D. Stone Award in recognition for her volunteerism and effort to help people with special needs. Congratulations Puja!

We are working with exceptional dental assistants! Our work study student DA, Jangsu “James” Kiyoshi, who has worked with me at the Senior Center since 2012, was accepted into dental school, and will join our first year students at UW SoD this summer. Also, Gavin McNeil, dental assistant working with Dr. Allison Legendre at FOSS, was accepted to UW SoD. Congratulations James and Gavin!

As part of my work with Geriatric Dentistry and Salivary Gland Biology, I was able to organize a Saliva Symposium at UW SoD in December of 2015. I was co-organizing the 3-day symposium with Dr. Paul Slowey, the CEO of a WA-based saliva diagnostics company, Oasis Diagnostics Inc. The symposium hosted three sessions: Oral Cancer: From bench to bedside (and back again), Salivary Diagnostics, and Salivary Gland Biology and Involvement in Disease. Dr. Dolphine Oda, Oral Maxillofacial Surgery, moderated the Oral Cancer session, featuring Dr. David Wong, UCLA as key note speaker, Dr. Adel Assaad from Virginia Mason, and Dr. George Laramore from UW. Additional UW scientists were involved in the symposium: Dr. Alireza Sadr, Restorative, spoke on roles of saliva in maintenance and repair of tooth enamel; Dr. Jing Zhang, Professor of Pathology, UWMC, spoke on potential salivary biomarkers in neurodegenerative disease, and Dr. Richard Presland, Oral Health Sciences spoke on salivary biomarkers associated with oral chronic graft-versus-host-disease. One of our UW graduate students, Dr. Basma Tamasas, won the poster competition with her poster: Salivary Gland and Tooth Abnormalities Massively Increase Caries Susceptibility in a Mouse Model of Cleft Palate. The symposium was fully catered for breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks, and gave 16 CDE credits. The symposium was a great success, and I am grateful for our volunteering dental and graduate students for helping us run the event.

ORAL PATHOLOGY
Dr. Thomas B. Dodson

I am delighted to welcome Yeshwant B. Rawal, BDS, MDS, MS in joining Dr. Dolphine Oda in the department’s Oral Pathology team. Dr. Rawal joined the faculty in July of 2015, prior to which for 10 years he was a full-time faculty member at the University of Tennesse Health Science Center (UTHSC) in Memphis, TN. A Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Dr. Rawal brings his interests in mucosal soft tissue tumors and gnathic bone lesions along with over 25 years of experience in diagnostic clinical patholody and histopathology to the UW’s Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology biopsy service. His instruction of the graduate-level OS 547 Clinical Stomatology course this Spring Quarter was a huge success. We are grateful to have Dr. Rawal with us in OMS.
GENERAL PRACTICE RESIDENCY PROGRAM
Dr. Robert Nieman

Our UW General Practice Residency (GPR) program is now 40-plus years in operation, providing a robust clinical and academic experience for our residents with rotations through three area hospitals: University of Washington Medical Center (UWMC), Veteran’s Health Administration (VA) and Harborview Medical Center (HMC), as well as rotations at the Center for Pediatric Dentistry (CPD) and the Advanced General Dentistry Clinic (AGD) in the UW School of Dentistry.

Our residents obtain experience in hospital-based comprehensive dental care with emphasis on serving medically compromised and special needs patients. For UWMC, our residents provide primary dental care for all inpatients, with emphasis on serving patients undergoing solid organ transplants, cardiac procedures and devices, head and neck radiation patients, as well as Seattle Cancer Care Alliance patients. Residents provide 24/7 home call for the UWMC Emergency Department. 6-week rotations at the Center for Pediatric Dentistry for both clinical and Operating Room (OR) experience with children remain another highlight of our program. 6-week rotations at Harborview, with full emersion into the realm of hospital based Oral Surgery working with oral surgery attendings, residents, and interns, allows our residents a unique once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Our residents experience advanced topics and procedures in general dentistry with rotations to the VA hospital and Advanced General Dentistry Clinic, both of which are staffed with attending specialists in endodontics, periodontics, oral surgery, oral medicine, as well as fixed and removable prosthetics. Experience managing dental implant cases, with both surgical placement and implant retained restorations is a resident favorite. Clinical experience and academic training in moderate sedation with parental agents is provided to the standard for licensure in the State of Washington.

Finally, a 6-week combined medical and anesthesia rotation in UWMC Pre-Anesthesia Clinic and the VA Anesthesia Service tops off our 1-year GPR experience.

This diverse and extensive scope of advanced general dental training at the UW GPR is the main reason large numbers of dental school graduates seek admission to our program. Currently we have 9 residents in our program. Our current 8 R-1 residents are from different dental schools around the US. Seven of our current R-1s are planning on entering private practice next year and are interviewing presently. Again this year many of our out-of-state residents have fallen in love with the Seattle area and are looking to make Seattle their home.

Dr. John Camba (Georgia Regents U.) is returning to Georgia Regents for his specialty degree in Endodontics. Dr. Josh Heimerdinger (U. of Southern Illinois) is going into private practice in Columbia, Missouri. Dr. Lee Zamos (U. of Kentucky) is going into general dental practice, employed by Tulalip Dental Clinic here in Snohomish County. The remaining 5 GPR residents are all entering private dental practice and all want to remain local to Seattle area and are interviewing currently for positions: Dr. Kavita Sainanee (UCLA), Dr. Joseph Vaughn (U. of Alabama), Dr. Triet Vuong (U. of Ca, San Francisco), Dr. Norah Hoverson (Marquette), and Dr. Tim Hung (U. of Michigan). Dr. Ashland Doomes is our R-2 completing her year with us with emphasis on Special Care Dentistry in the DECOD clinic. We are excited Dr. Doomes has decided to stay at UW gaining a faculty position in the Department of Oral Medicine beginning July 1!

Next year we have another high quality, diverse group of nine residents joining our program including eight R-1’s and 1 R-2. We are excited to note that two of our eight R-1’s next year, Dr. Casey Jacobsen and Dr. Colleen Hennessy, are from our UW Dental Class of 2016! We welcome Casey and Colleen to our GPR program next year! The six from out of state are: Dr. Danielle Ploussard (UCLA), Dr. Amir Nojoumi (Roseman College of Dental Medicine), Dr. Elizabeth Ott (Marquette), Dr. Christopher Carlson (U. of Colorado), Dr. Haley Hoffman (Baylor College of Dentistry), and Dr. Tyler Hesselgesser (Midwestern University/Illinois). We also have an R-2 entering our program with emphasis in Special Care Dentistry working in DECOD program named Dr. Keturah Lowe. She is from SUNY Buffalo and did her PGY-1 in Brooklyn, NY.

For information about the OMS GPR Program, visit https://dental.washington.edu/oralsurgery/gpr/.
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