

# Second Annual Resident/Alumni Day: June 15, 2007 Mark Your Calendars! Details on Page 7!

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# THE NEWSLETTER

News From, Of, and About The Department of Surgical Specialties

**W**elcome all to the second annual Department of Surgical Specialties Newsletter. As you recall from last year, The Newsletter is designed to update alumni and friends about "what's new" in the department. I believe we can all be proud of what is happening here at the College of Dentistry, as we strive to continue the tradition of excellence.

There are many ways to measure the quality of a residency program and a department, but certainly the gold standard involves publications and national presentations. Because of this, we've included what our residents and faculty have done in 2006.

Another measure of quality involves Board Certification of our graduates. One of my goals, as I mentioned to those of you who attended last year's resident alumni day, is to increase the percentage of our graduates taking and passing their respective boards. I would like to offer our graduates use of

help give back for all the generous contributions you have made over the years.

Although Nebraska is a state supported institution, we like many other professional schools, see a dwindling percentage of our overall budget coming from the tax payers of Nebraska. Right now the College of Dentistry is only receiving approximately 20% of our budget from the state and must depend on clinical income, grants, tuition, and donations from alumni for the balance of our operating expenses. The financial support from our alumni has been outstanding and has allowed us to keep our department competitive with other universities throughout the country. Most recently, your donations have helped the college purchase an i-CAT cone beam scanning machine which has certainly improved our ability to treatment plan implant cases, diagnose intrabony lesions and aid in detecting aberrant root canal morphology. I would also like to thank the alumni who are volunteering their time to teach in our classes and clinics; without them our full-time faculty would have very little energy to pursue our research endeavors.

Relative to faculty, 2006 was an outstanding recruiting year as we "signed" two quality full-time people: Dr. Matt Byarlay, section of periodontics; and Dr. Merlyn Vogt, section of endodontics. Besides being gifted educators and clinicians, their positive attitudes have energized our department and we are most fortunate to have them.

I am attempting to continue the precedent of my role model and predecessor Dr. Tussing, in fostering a sense of a departmental family here at Nebraska. The cordial relationship that exists between faculty,



**Technician Karen Knap (left), the i-CAT machine and our new radiologist Dr. John Brand**

the resources of the college to help attain this goal. We have electronic access to many journals and books, and may be able to send you reprints via regular or electronic mail. Let us know if there is a specific article you are looking for, and we will try to help. We are also offering, in conjunction with our second annual resident alumni day, three hours of free C.E. This is another small thing that we can do to encourage people towards taking the boards and

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While the whole world was in the throes of "March Madness," the real news in Huskerville is who signed on the dotted line of the official football signing day. And the answer to that is that Nebraska was ranked 10th nationally in signing recruits, not bad. It would have been higher except for two high profile recruits that reneged in the eleventh hour and signed with another university. Still, Coach Callahan appears to be a magnet for quality players. The bad news is, two of our best recruiting coaches have moved on and they will leave big shoes to fill by their successors. We all know the fragility of the "can't miss franchise athlete." A perfect example is quarterback Harrison Beck who epitomized that label in the 2005 recruiting class that now takes up residence at North Carolina State. So, go figure. But, National Championship caliber teams require high profile athletes and a national recruiting program is a requirement. It does compromise



the time tested "walk on" program made famous by Nebraska and to a certain degree Nebraska high school football players in general. So, with a good recruiting class, a high profile quarterback transfer from Arizona State and a bevy of high quality running backs we should be in good shape for 2007. The next football season at Nebraska starts in March and is called "spring practice."

The opening of the multi-million dollar "Tom and Nancy Osborne Athletic Complex" is a significant advantage in recruiting for all sports. Located just north of the stadium, it is a state of the art sports facility. The baseball team has been using it all winter to get ready for the upcoming season. The new weight facility is measured in acres not square feet. It is mammoth! A part of the new sports complex is an addition to the north stadium with sky boxes and increased seating

that now allows attendance to surpass 85,000 on any given Saturday. Add to that, a huge megatron television that is so large that it required a whole new foundation to support it and has its own air conditioning system to cool the thing and you have big time "Big Red."

The nationally important news in sports at Nebraska is the volleyball team that captured the imagination of the state and the nation by winning the national championship trophy. It was particularly thrilling for us in that the final four was played at the Quest Center in Omaha.

You can believe they had 18,000 red clad fans making life difficult for the other final four teams. Of particular interest to the periodontal alumni family is that Rachel Schwartz (daughter of long-time departmental secretary Andy Schwartz) played a key role all season and, in the final games. Just a sophomore, Rachel will have two more years to give us a special interest in Nebraska volleyball. By the way, the national player of the year is a Nebraska athlete. The national player of the 2005/2006 season was also a Nebraska player and will return next year after setting out an injury red shirt season. Now, that makes for the potential of an awesome 2007/2008 season with another national championship on the horizon.



We would be remiss if we didn't mention Nebraska basketball. Okay, the woman's team is good. The men's team is bad. Probably, that is all that is necessary for you to know. However, to give you some insight on how special our new men's basketball coach is (Doc Sadler), he can smile and be positive after Kansas races out to a 43-8 lead in the first half and wins handily and then turns around three weeks later and gets beat by the same team 92-39 in Lawrence. Now, it takes a special breed to endure that kind of embarrassment and still think he has a basketball team that can win a game or two. **N**

### Alumni Day (Continued from Page I)

students, residents, and staff simply does not exist in many other places throughout the world. I'm asking the Surgical Specialties "Husker Nation Family" to help me identify potential full-time faculty for both our endodontic and periodontic sections. As many of you know, lack of full-time faculty is an acute problem throughout the country and we are in competition for a small number of academicians. If you or anyone you know is interested, please inform me at the e-mail or phone number listed below. Obviously, without quality faculty our programs will slip from their current premier status.

I hope to see many of you on June 15, and note that this newsletter is available in an electronic form at the following link: [http://www.unmc.edu/dentistry/departmentscenters/surg\\_spec/newsletter.pdf](http://www.unmc.edu/dentistry/departmentscenters/surg_spec/newsletter.pdf). If any of you would prefer to receive this newsletter electronically in the future, please let us know. This would save the department a few dollars each year in mail costs and would be more environmentally friendly. **N**

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## THE NEWSLETTER

THE NEWSLETTER is dedicated to communication among the friends and graduates of the Surgical Specialties Program of the University of the Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry. Please contact us; we love to receive news about you, your family, and professional endeavors. Send snail mail to the College of Dentistry, 40th & Holdrege Streets, Lincoln, NE, 68583-0755 or call us at (402) 472-6205. Contact Bavitz in cyberspace at [jbavitz@unmc.edu](mailto:jbavitz@unmc.edu). We welcome your

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submissions of feature articles, photographs, comments, and critiques. Unsolicited articles and letters gives the staff a tingly, anesthetic like feel. We'll consider all for publication, however, we reserve the right to edit all submitted material.

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**Payne, Jeffrey,** March 6, 2006: "Low-Dose Doxycycline Effects on Osteopenic Bone Loss." Data and Safety Monitoring Board Meeting, Orlando, Florida.

**Bavitz, J. Bruce,** April 2006: "A Comprehensive Review of Oral Surgery, Advanced Sedation, and Medical Emergencies for the Dental Team" (20 hrs) Academy of General Dentists, Gainesville, Florida.

**Bavitz, J. Bruce,** April 2006: "An Update on Local Anesthesia and Conscious Sedation for the Dental Team" (7 hrs) ADA CELL Series, North Coast Dental Society, Cleveland, Ohio.


**Bavitz, J. Bruce,** July 2006: "An Update on Oral Surgery and Sedation for the General Dentist" (7 hrs) Medora, North Dakota.

**Bavitz, J. Bruce,** October 2006: "An Update of Local Anesthesia and Conscious Sedation for the Dental Team" (2½ hrs), ADA Annual Session, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Byarlay, Matthew,** October 20, 2006: "Diagnostic, Surgical and Restorative Considerations for Mandibular Anterior Implants and Overdentures," (3 hrs) CE Course, UNMC College of Dentistry.

**Bavitz, J. Bruce,** November 2006: "Dental Implications of Bisphosphonate Use," Norfolk, Nebraska.



**Preston, Rhonda,** July 2006: "Inflammatory Mediator Release Following Bone Grafting in Humans, present at International Student Research Forum, Beijing, China. 

# Periodontal Alumni News & Activity

This edition of the Periodontal Alumni News has both good news and bad news. Let's start with the "good." We at Nebraska could not be more proud of one of our native sons than we are of...

**Ken Kalkwarf** ('73) is beginning his reign as President of the American Dental Education Association as we write this newsletter. In his acceptance address to the membership, in addition to outlining his direction and goals he was setting for the organization, he recalled his past and the people who helped mold the farm boy from Waverly, Nebraska. Dick Bradley and Gerry Tussing were singled out of several who helped start him on his academic journey to excellence. Congratulations, Ken! May your presidential year be filled with goals achieved, dreams fulfilled and the joy in knowing that you, a Nebraska alum, made a difference.

On the bad/sad side of the alumni news, I regret to inform you that **Bob Stultz** ('75) passed away this last July 11, 2006. **John Dollard** ('69) reported to us that Bob suffered a massive heart attack and was gone immediately. Bob was a super active periodontist with a huge practice in Marin County across the bay from San Francisco. During his professional life he was always a continuous student and teacher. He was a pioneer in implant dentistry and sinus lift surgeries in the United States. He shared that knowledge to the profession in countless CE courses on the subject. Bob had an academic appointment to one or more dental colleges in the Bay area nearly continuously for 30 years in the periodontal departments. He was a generous supporter of the Periodontal Development Fund and was constantly recruiting dental students to apply to Nebraska for graduate periodontal training. We send out deepest regrets to his wife and soul mate Wendy. Bob will be missed by all of the Nebraska alumni family.

**David Okano** ('85) sends greetings from Rock Springs, Wyoming, however, it is obvious he spends an enormous amount of time away from home participating in organized dentistry both in the ADA and the AAP. His AAP activity includes a major role in the committee on clinical practice where he chaired that committee. He has also been appointed to the membership committee of the AAP and he recently completed his membership on the AAP Task Force on Management of Periodontal Diseases. Yet he finds time to service a growing practice. It is hard to believe that his son is in Hofstra Law School and his little daughter is in the process of applying to colleges. David, we're extremely proud of you and how you represent Nebraska on the national and regional scene.

**Alex Bankhead** ('97) has been out of touch for a while but now we caught up with him and find he is thriving in Utah. He reports that he's building a dental clinic with some 31,000 sq ft. No, it's not all for him. Ten GPs and specialists will share the dental space along with a commercial dental lab. Always a car guy, he reminds

us that he's currently driving a Benz but aspires to the Chief's Porsche.

**Truman Johnson** ('96) Well he did it! Actually Vicki did most of the work but the results were the birth of two beautiful twin boys, Brady and Tory, on May 13, 2006. The proud parents report that the guys are doing great but are definitely a handful. With a growing family and a growing practice Truman will certainly be a busy man.

**Tom Kassube** ('81) sends greetings from South Dakota and verifies that he and partner **David Lankford** ('81) have a thriving practice that requires 6 hygienists to manage the maintenance program. It's not all business, however. He and wife Kay are enjoying their Black Hills cabin immensely. Unfortunately, he works too hard around the acreage as evidenced by nearly amputating his middle finger while driving fence posts. Come on Tom. Hire it done! Stop this rush to destruction.

**Mansoor Jabro** ('67) reports that retirement is playing well for he and wife Salwa. They have moved to San Diego to be closer to their two sons both of whom live and work in the area. If the weather is always the way it was during the recent AAP meeting, we all should consider moving there. We wish you all the best, Monz and thank you for all that you have done for Nebraska periodontics.

**Lewis Cummings** ('03) when last sited looked happy and prosperous to which he confesses correctly to both conditions. When he is not placing Alloderm® in all those Texans and participating in CE programs with father-in-law Pat Allen, he's a super busy guy with a large growing family. Keep charging Lewis.

**Sam Passo** ('87) makes all of us proud with his many accomplishments in the United States army. Perhaps all of you will sleep better tonight knowing that your retirement investments are safe. The gold standard in which our economy is based is now under the watchful eye of Sam since he has been assigned to Fort Knox, Kentucky. He admits his clinic is right next door to the gold cache. Thanks Sam, for taking your commission so seriously.

**David Stein** ('04) reports the world is good on the right coast. The practice is progressing well and is beginning to finally take the shape he chooses for his professional future. The big news is he is planning a June 8 wedding to Yelena Folk. You are all invited to attend and make this an awesome party. David, the picture is nearly complete professionally as well as personally. What's next, little Steins?

**Angela Wilson** ('01) reports the family and the practice is growing in a very positive way. The only visual difference in Angela, five years post Lincoln, is that beautiful engaging smile is now filled with silver hardware. Angela figures she had better get her orthodontics done before she has to start on the kids. Good plan, Angela! **N**

# Periodontal Development Fund

We, again, wish to thank all of you loyal alums who so generously contributed to the Periodontal Development Fund in 2006. We want to recognize all of you in this newsletter and are as usual listing your names as they are reported to us by the Nebraska Foundation records. It has been called to our attention that discrepancies have occurred in the past and individuals have not been credited appropriately. Should this occur to you, please let us know and we will rectify the error along with our apologies.

Remember, we use these donations exclusively for graduate student activities. Research, travel, equipment, etc. are the primary expenditures supported by these funds. Wherever



we can enhance the educational experience of our residents, that is where we allocate these funds. The commitment of these

resources is done only after we have exhausted all state support avenues. Your contributions make a difference!!

We are again reminding the "old guys" about planned giving. This is an enormously successful and painless way of giving back to your program without the necessity of committing current discretionary dollars. Endowed professorships (can be named for the contributor) and many other forms of charitable giving are all available. To remind you, our College of Dentistry Foundation contact individual is Susan

Norby. She is a bundle of energy and information which she will happily provide for you in helping with the planning process. Personal consultation visits are welcomed by Susan. She will visit you and your financial planner at your office if you wish.

**Contact Ms. Susan Norby, Director of Development, University of Nebraska Foundation, 1010 Lincoln Mall, Suite 300, Lincoln, NE 68508, (402) 458-1183, (800) 432-3216 snorby@foundation.nebraska.edu**

## Alumni Reception



**L to R: Paul Wilson, Angela Wilson, Cherie Brown, Pam Bilek, Tony Kardelis, Melissa Morris, Betty Shestak, Stacy Moffenbier, Matt Byarlay, Dave Stein, Jina Byarlay, John Rutledge, and Ryan Gifford**

What a great place to have a meeting. San Diego was superb both in the accommodations they were able to provide and with weather to die for. That was the setting for the Nebraska Periodontal Alumni Reception. And it was, as usual, outstanding! About 75-80 of the alumni family enjoyed the ambience and the *hors d'oeuvres* sponsored by the Class of 1996 – Eric Bernzweig and Truman Johnson. While they treated all of us, it was unfortunate that neither Eric nor Truman was able to attend the meeting/reception. We have it on certifiable information that both had excusable absences. Truman was busy changing diapers on his twin boys only two months old and Eric had new in-laws visiting from back



**Hosts Bernzweig & Johnson (File photos courtesy FBI's "Most Wanted" Periodontists)**

east (we told him not to get married – he was such a happy carefree bachelor). Their absence, however, did not stop the rest of us from having a great time visiting and lying about the past, present and future. The concept of "family" really prevails in settings like this where we can be eye-ball to one another and truly share our thoughts and feelings.

We look forward to the reception next year in Washington, D.C. We hope entire families will come to the meeting with a deductible opportunity to visit the Nation's Capital. Great stuff for the kids! ☺

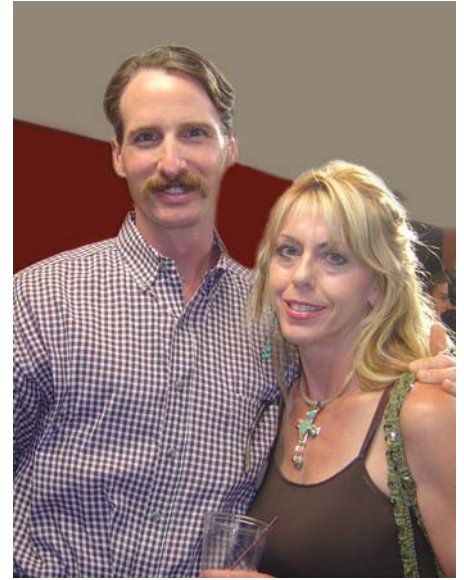
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## Tussing Honored



Robin and Tom Gound



The Inaugural Resident/Alumni Day honored Dr. Gerry Tussing (pictured here with wife, Connie) for his 37 years of outstanding leadership and service to the College of Dentistry.

## Second Annual Resident/Alumni Day: June 15, 2007


Join us in June for the Resident/Alumni Day. Three hours of approved dental continuing education will be presented at the college in the morning, a "Battle of the Specialties" golf tournament will be held in the afternoon, and a departmental celebration will be enjoyed at night!

**When & Where:** Friday, June 15, Lincoln, Nebraska; 8-11:30 am: College of Dentistry; 12:30-5 pm: HiMark Golf Course, 8901 Augusta Drive; 6-10 pm: Wick Alumni Center, 1520 R St.

**Specifics:** The CE will involve the residents presenting some of their research and unique clinical cases. There is no cost for this, but pre-registration is requested.

The exact format of the golf will be determined by the number of players registering. If you wish to (or wish not) to play with anyone in particular, please specify that on the registration form. The cost for this event is \$40 per person (cart included), with payment due at the course.

The semi-formal dinner at the Wick Center will honor our graduating residents. We need a head count for this, so an RSVP is requested. The cost per person is \$35.

**How:** Please use the registration form on page 12 and mail by May 30th. See you then! 

## By Grad Endo Director Tom Gound



I hope you have been able to put your snow shovels away and turn your attention to lawn and garden. I also hope you will have time to visit us again for either or both of our upcoming C.E. programs. Last years initial Spring Alumni Day went well and attendees enjoyed the CE and recreation. I'm hoping


for an equally fine C.E. program and a change in the golf outcome.

Our fall Alumni Day Program will be Friday, September 21st and we are happy to announce that our guest speaker will be a familiar one, Dr. Jim Roane. The September 22 football game will be against Ball State.

The postgraduate program is continuing to improve with the addition of new ASI units and the availability of the new i-CAT Cone Beam system, which has been used successfully on selected cases to locate missed canals.

Our postgraduate students are doing well. Last year's graduates Drs. Randy Heiman and Salwan Adjaj are practicing in the Portland, Oregon, area and Cameron Oler is in Twin Falls, Idaho. Drs. Brad Laird and Mike Strand will take the AAE written exam in June and graduate July 1. Brad is going to Joplin, Missouri, and Mike to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Our new residents are both already here; Drs. Ammon Anderson and Jay McConnell (both UNMC graduates) are both currently employed as faculty members at the College of Dentistry.

Our faculty is busy preparing for the upcoming ADA Accreditation Committee, which will be completed this October. Assuming that we will remain accredited, I am planning to begin phasing out of teaching, by going to 0.5 FTE January 1, 2008. We will look into having a dual directorship or finding a replacement, depending on what it takes to remain accredited. Anyone interested in becoming a faculty member should inquire.

I want to thank all of you for your exceptional support over the years and especially last year. By my figures we received \$12,450 in cash donations and Dr. Chris Hahn donated \$14,000 worth of endodontic equipment. All the endodontic faculty, students and staff appreciate your generosity. 

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## Pulp Facts: Meet the Residents



**Brad Laird (Second Year)** comes to Lincoln from Olathe, KS. He received a BA in Biology from Chapman University in Orange, Calif., and then graduated from Creighton University School of Dentistry in 2002. Brad spent three years in the U.S. Army (HPSP Scholarship). Brad and his wife Giselle have two daughters: five-year-old Gabi and 18-month-old Lauren. Brad enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family. He plans to open a practice limited to endodontics in Joplin, Missouri, and become board certified.



**James (Mike) Strand (Second Year)** Mike grew up in southern New Mexico and received a BS in biology from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. He attended the University of Missouri-Kansas City, received his DDS in 2003 and spent two years in private practice in Albuquerque. Mike has three children with wife Cheri: two boys and a girl. Hobbies include bow hunting and fishing. Dr. Strand is opening an office in the Tulsa area.




**Michael Hermesen (First Year)** was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska. He received his DDS degree from Creighton University and completed a one-year AEGD residency at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. After practicing in Minneapolis for one year, he and his wife returned to Omaha. He was an associate dentist in a group practice in Missouri Valley, Iowa, for the two years preceding his acceptance into the post-graduate endodontic program.



**James Sather (First Year)** was born and raised in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He attended UNL for his undergraduate education. James received his DDS from the UNMC College of Dentistry and completed a one-year UNMC GPR prior to entering the endo post-graduate program. He plans on entering private practice upon completion.



**Tae Kong (First Year)** was born in Incheon, South Korea, and raised in KC, MO. He attended Creighton University for his undergraduate education and received his DDS from the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Dentistry and completed a one-year GPR at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. He plans on dividing his time between private practice and academia upon completion of the endodontic post-graduate program. 



## Alumni honor Bradleys through periodontic endowment fund

Dick and Doris Bradley were surprised and elated when they found out a fund for periodontics had been established in their honor.

As one of the foremost names in the field of periodontics, Dick Bradley has dedicated his career to bettering the people and places around him. By establishing the Dr. Richard E. and Doris I. Bradley Fund for Excellence in Periodontics through the University of Nebraska Foundation, alumni of the program made a commitment to the continued success of periodontics at their alma mater.

Bradley, a 1952 alumnus of the dental program, is a pillar of the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry. In 1959, he was hired to teach at the college where he founded the Periodontics Department and served on the faculty for many years. He served as the dean of the college from 1968 to 1980.

“Dr. Bradley is one of the most famous dentists ever to be affiliated with Nebraska,” said Bruce Bavitz, Chair of the Department of Surgical Specialties. “He has been a role model for many people, including myself.”

Bradley is a nationally recognized leader in professional dental and periodontics organizations. He has served as treasurer, regional regent, and president of the national honorary dental organization, the American College of Dentists; he is a past-president of the American Academy of Periodontology Foundation; and was the 2000 recipient of the academy’s Fellowship Award.


Doris Bradley was recognized for her service in 2002 through the UNMC College of Dentistry Alumni Association’s Honorary Membership Award.

“The periodontics program has had a long history of excellence,” Dick Bradley said. “However the program needs extra help from its alumni to maintain that excellence.”

The Bradley Fund will exclusively benefit the periodontics program as a permanent endowment. The net income from the Bradley Fund will be used to support a wide array of priority needs in the periodontics program. Unlike an expendable fund, an endowed fund is invested and exists in perpetuity, providing ongoing financial resources well into the future. As more gifts are given to the fund, the spendable income will grow. In the case of the Bradley Fund, this will provide increased funding exclusively for periodontics.

Some areas the Bradley Fund will support may include resources for guest lectures, student scholarships, equipment and clinical facility improvements, periodontics research and conferences, and continuing education programs.

“I would like to see the money from the fund go directly to areas of greatest need in the periodontics program, whether that’s for research or directly to the students,” Bradley said.

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By Grad Perio Section Director Wayne Kaldahl



**T**hank you to a great group of individuals! Again this year we had several volunteer periodontal faculty give seminars and teach in the clinic. They add so much good diverse educational exposure for the residents. The past year's group includes: **Drs. Dennis**

**Anderson** (Hon), **Barry Feldner** ('92), **David Hoffman** (Hon), **Daryl Malena** ('73), **Van Sanderfer** ('02), **John Mattson** (Hon), **Scott Morrison** (Hon), **Stacy Moffenbier** ('94), **Larry Parrish** (Hon), and **James Walker** ('77). To each of them: Thank you! The residents appreciate you.

#### Oh for Another Exam!

We also want to thank, in advance, **Drs. Brad Crump** ('00) and **John Mattson** (hon) serving as examiners during the upcoming final oral examination of the third-year residents. Having outside respected boarded periodontists participating in the orals impart a more serious complexion on the process. After three years, the residents become familiar with us, the faculty, and it is easier to slough the preparation off some. This is all in preparation for their hopefully taking the periodontal boards. While here, Brad will also have a seminar with the residents. Again, thanks to Brad and John.

#### Remodeling

The dental college has a long-range program of remodeling and updating the school, one section at a time. Several areas have been completed. In time (don't hold your breath for this one though, at the rate this project is moving), the surgical specialties' section will have it's face lift. But we could not wait, so they finally consented and put computers in each operatory of the grad periodontal clinic. Not only are they for accessing the college's computer system, but they have word processing, Powerpoint, spread sheet, and internet capabilities. Also the residents' room was enhanced with more computers and printers, and the surgical suites also now have digital radiography. So, we are moving out of the dark ages...at a mule's pace.

#### Graduate Perio Program Change

We have made a change in the amount of time a resident is here for their education. The accreditation guidelines state that a program has to be three academic years (30 to 36 months). The faculty, after all the usual paper work and touching all the bases was completed, voted this winter to change our minimal educational time requirement. Instead of everyone being here for 36 months, now the certificate only resident's required time here is 34 months and the certificate plus masters resident's required time is 36 months. Because the masters candidates are out of the clinic some extra time working on their research while the certificate residents are still in the clinic treating folks, the proposed system seems a bit more equitable on time allocation for all. As always, these are minimum time requirements.

#### A Changing of the "Guard"

This time of year is both very exciting as the third-year residents make plans for their future but also is a bit

sad knowing they will be leaving as the faculty becomes very attached to them and the daily interactions. Both **Drs. Melissa Morris** and **Ryan Gifford** have been great residents and are most talented and pleasant to be with. They have worked great as a team. Their plans are enclosed in the biographical sketches so will not be repeated here. We wish them the best of everything life has to offer.

But to brighten our day, we think of the excitement of getting to know and work with our new incoming residents.

**Amy Killeen** is originally from Springfield, Missouri, and attended college at St. Louis University. This was followed with her dental education at the University of Nebraska, receiving her DDS last year. Since then, she has been practicing in Lincoln and teaching part-time (2½ days/week) on our undergraduate floor in periodontics. Her husband Marty finished a pedodontic residence in Omaha last summer and is now building a practice in Lincoln. They are presently expecting their first child, due sometime mid-May. They are so excited.

**Shaun Whitney** is originally from Spokane, Washington, and graduated from Gonzaga University. Besides being a fine student there, he played tennis for Gonzaga and is a tennis teaching pro. Gerry Tussing has his rackets out and ready to go. Presently, Shaun is a senior at Creighton School of Dentistry in Omaha with expected graduation this May.

Both these individuals are sharp and have the potential of being mighty fine residents and periodontists. We look forward to their being a part of our periodontal community.

#### A Two-Year Periodontal Reign On the Nebraska Dental Political Scene

Last year, **Dr. Scott Morrison** (Hon) was the president of the Nebraska Dental Association. After doing a great job, he handed the president's gavel over to **Dr. James Walker** ('77) our current president. He likewise is doing a superb job with some difficult state issues. Unless one has done that job (as some of you also have), one does not realize the humongous amount of work that is involved as both Scott and Jim would attest. The AAP is pleading with the membership to be more politically involved; these two have stepped up to the plate and served.

**Dr. James Hinrichs** ('79) is currently serving on the in-service examination committee. That exam continues to improve and that is due to the hard work of this committee. Every resident would like to pick his brain the night before taking the in-service exam, as you remember no doubt the highlight of your education. ☺

#### Adopt-A-Resident

**Ed Schoenenberger** ('89) is the first major donor to the Adopt-a-Resident Program. This is a tremendous step in the development of the postgraduate periodontal research program. We hope that others of you will consider making this significant step. ☺

## Probing the Residents



**Ryan Gifford (Third Year)** was born and raised in Henderson, Nevada, received his BS from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and is a 2004 graduate from the University of Colorado, School of Dentistry. Ryan's wife Jena and he have three sons: Harrison, age 6; Stephen, age 4; and Benson, 3 months. He enjoys basketball, softball, and spending time with his family. Ryan is entering private practice in southern Nevada.



**Melissa Morris (Third Year)** is from Independence, Kansas. She is a 2004 graduate from our own UNMC College of Dentistry. Melissa earned her BS degree at Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas, and is a member of the ADA, NDA, AAP, and Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society. Her hobbies include running, cycling, cooking, crafts, cake decorating, and fishing. After graduation, Melissa would like to obtain board certification and enter private practice, and teach part-time at a dental school.



**Laura Harris (Second Year)** calls Reno, Nevada, home. She graduated with a BS from the University of Nevada at Reno. Attended Marquette University, School of Dentistry in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and is a 2005 graduate. Her father, Randall Harris, did his perio training here at Nebraska. Laura enjoys spending time with family, traveling, cooking, reading, step aerobics and doing crafts. After completion of perio school she wants to become board certified, open or join a practice and begin writing articles, lecturing and teaching.



**Yeonju Lee (Second Year)** is from South Korea. She graduated from Seoul National University Dental College in 1994 and obtained her MS in Dental Material in 1997 and trained in the Prosthodontic Residency Program at Ihwa Women's University Hospital and was certified in 1997. She has a daughter Jeewoo and a son Alex. She is married to Dr. Eunghwan Kim who is a prosthodontics faculty member. Yeonju wishes to continue her career in academics following board certification and receiving a PhD in oral biology.



**Khristi Poidmore (First Year)** hails from Villa Park, Calif., where her father is an oral surgeon. She received a BA in biology from the University of San Diego and attended Creighton Dental School. Khristi plans to enter private practice after graduation.



**John Rutledge (First Year)** is from Lincoln, Nebraska. He received his BS and MST from UNL and DDS from UNMC. John is married to Jillian and they have three children: Maria, age 4; Lucia, age 2; and Issac, age 8 weeks. He enjoys spending time with family, racquetball, studying theology and pheasant hunting. After graduation he plans on pursuing board certification, opening a private practice in Lincoln, and teaching part-time.



**Nathan McConnell, Newly Selected Oral Surgery Fellow.** will graduate from UNMC College of Dentistry in May 2007. He is from Paxton, Nebraska, and completed undergrad in Hastings and Lincoln. Nathan has been practicing dental hygiene for seven years. He enjoys traveling, running, sports, Chinese food, and Husker football. Nathan is planning on applying for OMS residency in the fall.



**David Cleverly, Oral Surgery Fellow.** David graduated from UNMC College of Dentistry in May, 2006, and is originally from Idaho. He enjoys fly fishing, water and snow skiing, etc. He is married to Ashley and has three children: Dallin, Hallie, and Haden. They are expecting their fourth by the beginning of May, another boy. David has been accepted to an OMS residency and will be moving in June to Wisconsin. He will begin his residency at Gunderson Lutheran Hospital in La Crosse. They are excited for new beginning in Wisconsin but will miss their friends in Lincoln.

**Please congratulate our most recent Board Certified Alumni: Matthew Byarlay ('04),** Diplomate, American Board of Periodontology; **Jennifer D'Costa ('05),** Diplomate, American Board of Periodontology; **Ravi Koka ('98),** Diplomate, American Board of Endodontics

## oral/maxillofacial surgery talk

By Section Director J. Bruce Bavitz



It's hard to believe that our current oral maxillofacial surgery intern/fellow, Dr. David Cleverly, is the 15th person I've had the pleasure to know and work with. David was one of the biggest users of the college's new toy, the i-CAT Cone Beam scanner. The convenience of having this on-site is hard to overestimate and we've used it to delineate the size of oral antral communications, diagnose subtle mandible fractures, determine the size and invasiveness of various intraosseous pathology, and certainly help treatment plan implants. Sometime within 2007 we will be using this in conjunction with computer generated surgical stents for "one-day" implant surgery.

Over the last year I've had the pleasure to communicate with Drs. Melanie Lange, Pete Staub, David Gryzick, Toby Comer, Brian Kelly, Rod Griffeth, Corey Auch, Chris Harris and Jay McConnell. I'm happy to say all are doing well in their various professional endeavors. I've received a question from many of you about supporting the department but not knowing the best place to contribute. Either of the enclosed periodontics or endodontics development funds help the department as a whole and certainly would help the oral surgery internship program. We have selected another quality person for the 2007-2008 internship with his brief biosketch enclosed. I'd like to invite all of you back to our second annual resident alumni day and hope to see you on June 15. ☺

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