

# Third Annual Resident/Alumni Day: June 13, 2008 Mark Your Calendars! Details on Page 7 & 12!

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## THE NEWSLETTER

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

## The Chair Report



**Bruce Bavitz**

Welcome friends to our third annual newsletter from the department of surgical specialties. There is change in the prairie wind.

**Dr. Wayne Kaldahl**, who first became program director in 1987, is handing the reins over to Dr. Matt Byarlay, effective July 1, 2008. Fortunately, Dr. Kaldahl will still be

full-time at the college and we certainly look forward to Matt building on the many successes Wayne instilled here at Nebraska. **Dr. Tom Gound**, program director since 1992, will be cutting back to 60% and will have the title of interim program director. A national search is underway to find his replacement, and I would certainly welcome any suggestions or nominations. The recruitment and retention of quality faculty is a problem nationwide. Fortunately we have been able to avoid any vacant lines, and I'm confident that we will have a full-time director hired in the near future.

As always, we continue to produce outstanding clinicians trained in all aspects of specialty care. New procedures for 2007 include the use of platelet-rich plasma to augment healing following periapical surgery, as well as the use of computer-aided implant treatment planning and surgical guides. Our current oral surgery fellow, Dr. Nate McConnell, performed three tooth transplants on one patient, and we are currently waiting for a call from Guinness World Records to determine if this is in fact a new record.

We certainly appreciate the support from alumni, whether it is volunteer teaching here at the college, monetary donations to the department, or simply friendly advice to our faculty, staff, and residents.



**Wayne B. Kaldahl**



**Tom G. Gound**

Our "Adopt a Resident" program has been a success and we are currently funding second-year periodontal resident Dr. John Rutledge's study, "Pharmacomanipulation of Statin-Induced Bone," through these departmentally controlled funds. The promulgation of this and other research helps us forge a strong national reputation. A list of our publications and presentations may be found on page 3.

One of my other goals as chair has been to increase the percentage of graduates achieving board certification, and thanks to generous contributions from alumni, we are currently covering the costs of part one of the written boards for our graduating endodontic residents.

I feel you should be proud of graduating from this program and I would be happy to brag about our accomplishments any chance I get. Towards that goal, we are continuing our tradition of having the departmental celebration day, this year on June 13, 2008. Our format appears to be working well with three hours of no cost continuing education in the morning, followed by an informal golf tournament in the afternoon, and a semi-formal dinner at the Wick Center at night. Please see pages 10 for details and 12 for registration. I welcome comments and suggestions towards the goal of improving our department. As always, I look forward to seeing many of you back at this alumni reunion and look forward to working with you in the future. ☺

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Chief Tussing

It seems like such a short time ago we were writing about the NEW beginnings of the return to football prominence with the Callahan era. When was that? 2004? Well, you must admit we were right. It was the beginning of a new LOW in Nebraska football history. Between an athletic director (Steve Pederson) who was hell bent on eliminating the Nebraska legacy so his own legacy would shine brighter and a coaching staff that was second to none in the area of X's and O's but couldn't communicate with college athletes – We Crashed Big Time. The sad part of the whole issue was that both Pederson and Callahan got huge raises and contract extensions just weeks prior to total disintegration of the football program and their firings. It is widely held that universities possess the greatest minds in the community, however, those moves didn't demonstrate a lot of smarts on the part of our leaders. Big donors, who were thoroughly disgusted with the whole mess, stepped up big time and paid the freight to just get them out of town fast. Interestingly, both individuals landed on their feet with new high paying jobs and millions in the bank. Now who's the dummy?

Who should step in and save the day? A very familiar name: Dr. Tom Osborne. He was appointed interim athletic director within hours after Pedersen was relieved of his position. Obviously, this was a most strategic move on the part of the administration. They needed a miracle and they needed it quickly to heal the bleeding alumni/donor base. Also, there was a significant feeling of disenfranchisement by former players who were no longer encouraged to be around the program. Finally, just us ordinary Nebraska folk who buy tickets and fill that stadium every weekend needed encouragement. No one could do that better than Dr. Tom. Even before Osborne as interim athletic director fired the coaching staff, there was a feeling that a positive change was inevitable. Now that the new coaching staff is



Coach Bo Pelini

in place it reminds us of our glory days with many former Nebraska coaches on the staff headed by another former coach: Bo Pelini. We seem to be on the right track back to prominence (didn't we say that three years ago)? There are those who fear that we are "rushing backward into the future" by trying to recapture our "Osborne glory years." Only time will tell. One thing you can make "book" on is that they will play hard and be physically fit unlike the recent past. Current players report that winter conditioning is the most strenuous they have ever encountered.

Other Husker news involves an improving men's basketball program under Doc Sadler. If only he proves to be as capable of recruiting studs to the Nebraska program as he has been in lighting a fire in his charges, he'll be great. They do play with passion even if severely outgunned by the likes of Jayhawks and Longhorns. He did get them into the second round of the NIT this year which is a step forward. Women's basketball, under Connie Yori, is significantly outdistancing the men's achievements. They advanced to the third round of the NCAA women's tournament before losing to a very good Maryland team.



Coach Doc Sadler

Our shining example of superior athletic consistency goes to the Nebraska volleyball program. They were 2006 national champions and 2007 runner-ups in the national championship. In addition we have had the national player of the year the last three years. What could be better? However, not all is as rosy as we would like to think. Our sophomore All-American setter just up and quit volleyball in January and transferred back home to Alabama. Sarah Pavan, who was national player of the year and three time All-American, revealed in a candid interview that she felt isolated and unloved at Nebraska. This caused such a furor that the coach banned her from working out in the team facilities. My...my...things are not always as they appear.

But, who cares? It's spring football season and "Bo knows." This is evidenced by a stadium sellout for the spring game, like 80,000. Actually, they were scalping tickets such was the demand. **N**

## 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, 68583-0740** or call us at **(402) 472-6205**. Contact Bavitz in cyberspace at **jbavitz@unmc.edu**. We welcome your submissions of

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

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## national/international presentations

**B**avitz, J. Bruce  
*February 2007*: "Contemporary Sedation Techniques." UNMC Alumni Day, Phoenix, AZ.  
*February 2007*: "Useful and Pragmatic Oral Surgery for the General Dentist." ADA CELL Series, Youngstown, OH.

*May 2007*: "Useful and Pragmatic Oral Surgery for the General Dentist." ADA CELL Series, Springfield, PA.

*November 2007*: "Contemporary Oral Surgery for the General Dentist." Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Newark, NJ.

*November 2007*: "Useful and Pragmatic Oral Surgery for the General Dentistry." ADA CELL Series, Rochester, NY.

**Byarlay, Matthew R.**

*October 2007*: "Implants." Capitol City Study, Lincoln, NE.

**Gound, Tom G.**

*September 2007*: "Horizontal Root Fractures."

Postgraduate Student Lecture, Case Western University, Cleveland OH.

**Kaldahl, Wayne B.**

*April 2007*: "Non-surgical Periodontal Therapy in the Practice of Dentistry." Nebraska Dental Association Annual Meeting, Lincoln, NE.

**Lee, Yeonju Lee**

*February 2008*: "Local simvastatin delivery effect on mandibular bone strength and retention *in vivo*." American Association of Osseointegration meeting, Boston, MA.

**Payne, Jeffrey B.**

*March 2007*: "Subantimicrobial-Dose Doxycycline in Postmenopausal Osteopenic Women with Periodontitis: Radiographic Outcomes." International Association for Dental Research Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

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# Periodontal Alumni News & Activity

**Dick Bradley** (founder) received two prestigious awards at meetings held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the ADA in San Francisco this past year. Dick received the American College of Dentists William John Gies Award and the Pierre Fauchard Academies Gold Metal Award. Both awards are presented for outstanding contributions to the profession of dentistry. We at Nebraska are very biased, however, it couldn't happen to a more qualified person. Dick is the epitome of the professional in dentistry. And to think he begat all of us because "In the beginning, Bradley."

**Charlie McCann** ('98) is trying hard to get around the Minneapolis/St Paul metro-plex without crossing and bridges. You all remember the incredible highway bridge collapse last year that killed several and injured many. What you don't know is that Minnesota, while the land of 10,000 lakes, it's also the land of 10,000 rivers and streams. It is impossible to go



anywhere without crossing bridges. Good luck, Charlie! The practice is busy but he finds time to return to Lincoln and do seminars for our residents. They are very well received and he surely enjoys coming back and sharing his wisdom and experience with these young periodontists.

Charlie was part of the sponsoring class for the alumni reception at the recent Washington, D.C., AAP meeting.

**Bob Ferrell** ('98) was the other half of the Washington, D.C., sponsoring class. Bob reports that the practice is going well and approximately 70% of his clinical activity is in implants. This seems to be a recurring theme with many of our alumni, that implants are a significant part of their practices. Bob reports that one of his biggest battles is that of the laser people, trying to undo their outrageous claims regarding treatment of periodontal diseases. In case you are keeping count, Lori Ann and Bob are now the proud parents of seven beautiful offspring.

It is hard to believe that the daughter of **Alan Dowling** ('91), the one born as a Husker here in Lincoln, is now 17 and well on her way through high school and looking for a golf scholarship to attend college. Son Scott is 14. He and wife Patti (Husker endodontist) have one office and two practices and they are both flourishing. You can tell Alan has an educated referral base because he reports doing a great deal of pre-prosthetic surgery. He is another of our alumni who just loved Lincoln and his graduate training at Nebraska. Loved school but hated being broke all of the time.

**David Hinkson** ('94) reports that his practice continues to grow slowly in Logan, Utah, and loves living in that area of the country. David and wife Christy were so blessed with their first born being twins that they have continued to rear children and are now the proud parents of eight children. You guys may hold the record for numbers of children in the periodontal alumni family. David speaks with pride of his eldest son embarking on a two-year church mission to Russia. Christy, in addition to rearing a large family, continues with her love of music both performing and composing.

As his tradition, **Raynor Harneson** ('86) sends a great annual photo of him and his staff ... a holiday greeting that he sends to all his referring dentists and to us at Nebraska. He reminds us that this is his 20th year of taking staff photos and can't believe how quickly the time has passed. Just 20 more, Raynor, and you can hang 'em up. You probably ought to begin shopping for an associate in the near future. Happy 20th!

**Bill Ahrens** ('71) has finally retired from this third and final professional position, that of periodontal insurance consultant for Ameritas. He retired from private practice and the College of Dentistry a number of years ago. While his health has been problematic from time to time, it hasn't stopped him from his first love: golf. Have a great time in retirement, Bill, and hit 'em straight.



What an incredible year for **David Stein** ('04)! First, his practice has really taken off with emphasis on implants and plastic procedures. Then, he took the plunge and married his sweetheart in an enormous wedding attended by some of the Nebraska family. The partying went on and on with enough food to feed all of New Jersey for weeks. He loves Nebraska so much

he came here on his honeymoon! No, we are kidding! But he did return to visit us and to do some pheasant hunting this last fall. Congratulations, David, and best wishes to his bride Yelena. 📍

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# Periodontal Development Fund

We, again, wish to thank all of you loyal alums who so generously contributed to the Periodontal Development Fund in 2007. We want to recognize all of you in this newsletter and are as usual listing your names as they are report to us by the Nebraska Foundation records. Once in a while we mess up and

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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. Just contact her at the address below.

## Alumni Reception

The seed of government, the hub of political power: what a great place to hold the Nebraska periodontal alumni reception. Approximately 75 alumni, spouses and guests were imbibing in food and drink sponsored by the class of 1998: Robert Ferrell and Charlie McCann. As always, the real treat is in the renewing of old acquaintances, the opportunity to remember “when.” A true family spirit continues to define the Nebraska periodontal program. What is most encouraging to the people who were directly involved in your education, is the pride with which you talk about “your school,” “your program,” “your state,” even if only adopted. We at Nebraska are



2007 Hosts:  
Drs. Ferrell & McCann

truly blessed with the quality of students that continues to pursue Nebraska for their specialty training in periodontics. The resident in turn, is fortunate to have such a gifted and committed faculty and staff with which to work and develop the enormous skills you now possess.



Daryl Malena ('73)  
& Rich Gartner ('74)



Sam Passo ('87),  
Randy Harris ('88),  
& Paul Sibraa ('89)

The next alumni meeting is in September of 2008 and will be held in Seattle, Washington. The sponsoring class is the 1997 graduating class of Alex Bankhead and Monica Babbitt. Be sure to block out that appointment book and make your way to the awesome Pacific Northwest. **N**

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# Resident/Alumni Day Photos



Susan Norby and Dick Bradley (standing)  
and Doris Bradley and Salwa Jabro



Susan McCoy, Trudy Meinberg, and Deb Dalton



Chris Hahn, Bruce Bavitz, and Nate McConnell



Trudy Meinberg and Melissa Morris



Fahd Alsalleeh (standing), with Kathy Gregg,  
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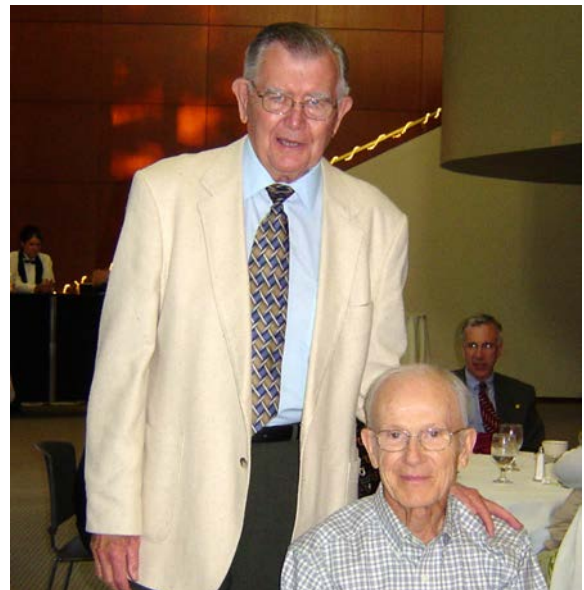
Kent & Trudy Meinberg



Mike Hermsen, Elizabeth Hermsen,  
and Jina & Matt Byarlay



Karole and Wayne Kaldahl



Dick Bradley and Bill Campbell

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## Third Annual Resident/Alumni Day: June 13, 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 13, 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 June 2nd. See you then! **N**

## By Grad Endo Director Tom Gound



I hope you are all well and enjoying the change of seasons, and for Midwesterners some warmer weather. We are still searching for my replacement, but have some prospects in mind, including Dr. Mian Iqbal from the University of Pennsylvania, who will be our guest speaker for Alumni Day, October 3, 2008. Dr. Iqbal has published several papers recently, and was one of the featured speakers at the upcoming AAE Meeting. He would not be available for consideration as a replacement in the near future, but hopefully he, his wife, and you will be impressed. An additional incentive for attending is that Bo's Huskers opponent on Saturday, October 4 will be the Missouri Tigers. I will send details on the program in late summer, and I hope you all can attend.

We also have our summer Alumni Day scheduled for Friday, June 13, 2008. The format will include presentations by endo and perio postgraduate residents in the morning, golf in the afternoon, and dinner that evening. Details are included in this newsletter, and again I hope you all can attend. There will be a drawing to see who gets Tom Beeson as a golf partner. Bill Campbell and I will pull the names from the hat and let you know who won.

Another news item concerns our masters program. During the past 12 years, five of our 32 postgraduate endodontic residents were in the masters program and three completed the program and received their master's degree. I discussed this record with Dean Reinhardt and Dr. Bavitz, and we decided to make the master's program a minimum of 2.5 years, while the certificate program will remain a two-year program.

At the same time we discussed our endodontic boards performance. Nine of the last 32 postgraduate residents have taken the written board, but only three have com-

pleted the requirements to become board certified. Last year the AAE started allowing graduating students to take the written exam in June, and now they can complete their oral exam and submit their cases during the first year after graduation. Both Drs. Brad Laird and Mike Strand took and passed the written exam in 2007, and our current graduating class is planning to take it in 2008. I am hoping that these changes will result in a much higher percentage of our graduates becoming board certified. I think that would benefit our specialty and our university, and would increase the pool of eligible replacements for aging program directors who should be put out to pasture.

Three students will graduate July 1, 2008. James Sather who will be going to Tucson, Tae Kong to Chicago, and Mike Hermsen to Omaha.

I want to thank all of you for your support last year. The endodontic faculty, students and staff appreciate your generosity!

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## Oral Surgery Fellows



**Nathan McConnell**, oral surgery fellow, graduated from UNMC College of Dentistry in May 2007. He is originally from Paxton, Nebraska, and has attended school in Lincoln for the past eight years. He enjoys traveling and recently returned from a vacation to Thailand where he spent time scuba diving, rock climbing, and jungle trekking. Nathan will finish his fellowship in June and plans to enter private practice in Lincoln in July.



**Mark Auble**, newly elected oral surgery fellow, just graduated from the UNMC College of Dentistry in May of 2008. He is from Lakewood, Colorado, and received a BS degree in biochemistry summa cum laude from Colorado State University. He has conducted research in head and neck squamous cell carcinoma, multiple sclerosis, and he has completed an oral surgery externship at the University of Texas-Houston. Mark will be getting married to his fiancée Cassie in late May. He enjoys bicycling, traveling, reading, and computer networking. Mark is planning on applying to OMFS residency programs in the fall. **N**

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## Pulp Facts: Meet the Residents



**Ammon Anderson** (first year) was born in Logan, Utah. He received his DDS from UNMC in 2005. He spent two years working here in the adult restorative department. Ammon is married to ShaRee and they have two children: five-year-old Macady and two-year-old Ben. They are expecting a boy in August. Future plans include pursuing board certification and working in academics.



**Jay McConnell** (first year) was born and raised in Grand Island, Nebraska. He received his BS from UNL and DDS from UNMC. He did a one-year OMS internship at UNMC COD and spent three years in private practice in St. Louis, Missouri. He was an assistant professor in adult restorative dentistry for one year. Jay is married to Justina and they have two children: five-year-old Max and 16-month-old Lyla.




**Michael Hermsen** (second 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 program. Upon completion of the residency, Michael will join Heartland Endodontics Specialists in Omaha and pursue board certification.



**James Sather** (second year) is from Sioux Falls, SD. He graduated from the UNMC College of Dentistry in 2005. After completing a GPR at UNMC in Omaha in 2006, he returned to the College of Dentistry for his endodontic residency. After completing his endodontic residency, James will enter private practice in Tucson, Arizona.



**Tae Kong** (second year) was born in Incheon, South Korea, and raised in Kansas City, Missouri. He attended Creighton University for his undergraduate education. He 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 in Chicago, Illinois and academia upon completion of the endodontic post-graduate program. 

## Presentations, From Page 3

### Payne, Jeffrey B.

*May 2007:* "Subantimicrobial Dose Doxycycline Effects on Osteopenic Bone Loss." University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine, Department of Biology Seminar, Buffalo, NY.

*October 2007:* "Periodontitis in Postmenopausal Women with Osteopenia: Treatment with Subantimicrobial Dose Doxycycline." University of Nebraska Medical Symposium, Omaha, NE.

*October 2007:* "Treatment of Periodontitis in Postmenopausal Osteopenic Women with Subantimicrobial Dose Doxycycline." Midlands Periodontal Conference, Omaha, NE.

*November 2007:* "Periodontitis in Postmenopausal Women with Osteopenia: Treatment with Subantimicrobial Dose Doxycycline" Creighton University Medical Center, Osteoporosis Research Center, Omaha, NE.

### Reinhardt, Richard A.

*March 2007:* "Subantimicrobial-Dose Doxycycline in Postmenopausal Osteopenic Women with Periodontitis: Clinical Outcomes." International Association for Dental Research Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

*June 2007:* "Impact of Local Simvastatin Application on Bone Growth and Inflammation." Heraeus Scientific Group, Zell am See, Austria.

*September 2007:* "Impact of Local Simvastatin Application on Bone Growth and Inflammation." Pharmaceutical Sciences Seminar, Omaha, NE.



Zell am See, Austria


### Vogt, Merlyn

*March 2007:* "Local Anesthetic Failure." UNMC GPR Residency, Omaha, NE.

*May 2007:* "Mechanisms and Management of Local Anesthetic Failure." UNMC College of Dentistry Dean's Caravan.

*October 2007:* "Achieving Effective Local Anesthesia in the Hot Mandibular Molar." Lincoln District Dental Association, Lincoln, NE.

*October 2007:* "Achieving Effective Local Anesthesia in the Hot Mandibular Molar." University of Iowa Graduate Endodontics Program.

*November 2007:* "Mechanisms and Management of Local Anesthetic Failure." Faculty In-Service, Creighton University, Omaha, NE. 

## By Grad Perio Director Wayne Kaldahl



W. Kaldahl

### Accreditation

As many of you know, Nebraska's College of Dentistry had our accreditation site visit last October. Every section of the college passed. When the examiner and I met to review the reported findings, he mentioned, off the record, that when he was with the residents, they were, "sharp with good comments, productive with fine educational experiences and ... happy." "Hopefully that sounds like the program you also experienced."

### Visiting Professors

Again this year, we want to single out a group of local periodontists who voluntarily (except for a crummy cold sandwich) teach both seminars and clinic. Although said in the past, they broaden the residents horizons in not only clinical training but in matters of practice administration, patient management and the "general meaning of life." We extend a special THANK YOU to Drs. **Cathy Alley, Dennis Anderson, Barry Feldner, Dave Hoffman, Daryl Malena, John Mattson, Scott Morrison, Stacy Moffenbier, Larry Parrish, Van Sanderfer** and **James Walker**. The residents certainly appreciate these individuals.

### Congratulations

**Rhonda Preston ('06), Angela Wilson ('01)** and **Mark Edwards** (DDS from Nebraska '85 and a good friend of the program) passed the oral examination and are new Diplomates of the American Board of Periodontology. Since our board is not a "cake walk," it is a true accomplishment of which to be proud. Taking the board is certainly not a must to practice periodontics, but demonstrates a drive to continue to learn and refine our skills and be evaluated by our peers. Congratulations Rhonda, Angela, and Mark!!!

### Guest Lectures

The following are some of the special guest lectures we have had this past year.

*July 6, 2007:* **Dr. Randy Harris ('88)** presented on "Esthetic concerns in perio." Over the years Randy has been so willing to contribute to the program.

*August 21, 2007:* Mr. Dan Walker presented on "Financial considerations for the young professional." This was in conjunction with the endo residents. If only we all can follow the good advice.

*October 5, 2007:* The residents attended a conference at the University of Nebraska Medical Center entitled "Inflammation and chronic diseases: treatment with tetracyclines." Speakers included Drs. L. Golub, J. O'Dell, B.T. Baxter, **J. Payne**, and R. Robbins.

*October 20, 2007:* Drs. **John Adcock ('79)** and Dennis Stansbury presented on 1) Long-term periodontal success and 2) How successful are dental implants? They certainly challenged the residents about several aspects of implantology. It is always good to be with John as he definitely is an independent thinker and so well read. All of us benefited from being with him.

*October 22, 2007:* **Dr. Angela Wilson ('01)** presented a seminar "Taking the periodontal boards" which was appropriate since she recently passed.

*November 14, 2007:* **Dr. David Stein ('04)** presented on "Practice administration-starting up with an associateship leading to a buy-in."

*February 21, 2008:* We had a special seminar at the University of Nebraska East Union with the endo residents. **Dr. Paul Hansen** (prosthodontist on our faculty) presented "Dental treatment for the patient who has had head and neck radiation therapy." Dr. Elizabeth Hermsen, (Antimicrobial Specialist and Research Associate, University of Nebraska Medical Center) presented "Antibiotic therapy and standards in health care."

Our faculty and the few attending guests comments that we don't have to go far for some of the best lecturers we have had commented that we don't have to go far for some of the best lecturers we have had providing such excellent information. As an aside, Elizabeth is the wife of Mike Hermsen, second-year endo resident.

*March 6, 2008:* Dr. Gregory Seymour from the University of Otago, New Zealand, presented on "Infection or inflammation? The relationship between periodontal disease and cardiovascular disease." His wife, Dr. Mary Cullinan, also on faculty at the University of Otago, presented "Bacterial genetic and environmental risk factors in periodontal disease."

### Sad and Happy Time of the Year

**Laura Harris-Vieyra ('08)** is completing her residency. **Randy Harris ('88)** is her dad. From now on Laura will not be known as Randy's daughter, but Randy will be known as Laura's dad. The sad time is seeing individuals of whom we become fond leave but the happy time for them is in reaching their goals (and no more seminars to prepare). The good news is that it appears Laura will be staying in the area. Her biographical sketch gives more information on her plans.

Also a happy time is looking forward to the two new residents who will be starting July 1st. The new members to be in the Nebraska periodontal family are:


**Naomi-Trang Nguyen's** history is not the usual for Nebraska students. She fled Vietnam when she was 15 years old because of political persecution. Obviously with much hard work with language, cul-

ture shock, etc., she graduated from California State University, Long Beach, California, with a BS in biochemistry. She received numerous academic honors. Naomi worked for five years in the biotechnology industry before focusing on dentistry. She is presently a senior at the UCLA School of Dentistry. Naomi has not been in snow, so her culture shocks are not yet over.

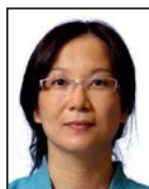
**Pota Angie Rakes** is from Omaha and attended Creighton University for three years before beginning dental college here at the University of Nebraska Medical Center where she is a senior. Pota is familiar with dentistry as her father is a pedodontist in Omaha. She likewise has great academic credentials and a great personality.

We think these two will be a good team, complementing each other, and will truly be an asset to periodontics in Nebraska.

**Thank You!**

As stated in the chairman's section of this newsletter, I will be stepping down as graduate director officially July 1st and Dr. Matt Byarlay will be taking over the helm. He will be great. I want to thank those who allowed me to be graduate director and especially all the residents who had to put up with me. Knowing each of you has been a true privilege and honor for me, which I certainly appreciate and cherish. 

## Probing the Residents



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



**Laura Harris-Vieyra** (third year) is from Reno, Nevada. She graduated with a B.S. from the University of Nevada, in Reno. Laura then attended Marquette University, School of Dentistry in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and is a 2005 graduate. She recently got married in January to Stephen, a landscape designer. Additionally, she enjoys spending time with family, traveling, cooking, reading, and doing crafts. Her future plans include becoming board certified, writing and lecturing, and she is currently pursuing a job opportunity in Omaha, Nebraska, as an associate.



**Khristi Poidmore** (second year) is from the sunny state of California—home of the "fruits and nuts"!!!! She attended college at the University of San Diego where she received her BA degree in biology. Continuing on to Creighton Dental School in Omaha, Nebraska, she became interested in the fabulous world of periodontology and pursued her post-graduate passion for gums. Khristi is going to be in her third year of periodontal residency and will go into private practice in Tucson, Arizona, when completing the program. She recently became engaged and is planning to tie the knot during the summer of 2009. She is looking forward to practicing with her husband, an endodontist and a University of Nebraska graduate, where endo and perio can finally unite!!!




**Amy Killeen** (first year) is originally from Springfield, Missouri, and attended college at St. Louis University. She graduated from UNMC College of Dentistry in 2006. Her husband, Marty, is a 2004 graduate of the COD and is a pedodontist in south Lincoln. Their little boy, Peter, will be turning one year old in May and is keeping his parents extremely busy. Amy enjoys traveling abroad and cooking Thai food for her family.



**Shaun Whitney** (first year) was born and raised in Spokane, Washington. He attended Gonzaga University in Spokane on a tennis scholarship and graduated in 2003 with a biology degree. He received his dental degree from Creighton School of Dentistry in Omaha. Future plans include entering private practice back in the Northwest and working part-time at a dental school. Hobbies include tennis, golf, fly-fishing, fly-tying, and watching Gonzaga basketball.



**John Rutledge** (second 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 energetic children, Maria (age 4), Lucia (age 3), and Isaac (age 1), and one on the way in October. John is studying the local effects of simvastatin on bone growth for his thesis. He enjoys spending "relaxing" time with family, racquetball, studying theology, and pheasant hunting. After graduation, he plans on opening a private practice in Lincoln, pursuing board certification, and teaching part time. 

**Please congratulate our most recent Board Certified Alumni: Rhonda Preston ('06),** Diplomate, American Board of Periodontology; and **Angela Wilson ('01),** Diplomate, American Board of Periodontology

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