



The Newsletter

For Alumni and Friends of the UNMC College of Dentistry's Department of Surgical Specialties

From the department chair

Welcome to the fifth edition of our annual state of the department newsletter; here are some of the past year's highlights.

On a sad note we lost **Dr. Bill Campbell**, a member of the department since 1979. Bill was a kind and gentle man, always with a smile on his face and is missed.

The year 2009 saw the start of the remodel of our clinical area; we hope to be up and running in our shiny new section by the June 18 departmental celebration day. We will, following the remodel, have facilities to match the skills and talents of our faculty, residents and staff.

The other big news is the hiring of **Dr. Fahd Al Salleeh** as the program director for our graduate endodontic section. Many of you know Fahd and would agree we are quite fortunate to have him working with us. He is one of the few board certified endodontists with a PhD in the country, and we expect big things from him. Also please note that **Dr. Tom Gound** will be staying on part time to share his skills, including his unique "no feet on the ground during impact" golf swing technique.

The teaching, research and service mission of the department continues to thrive. We have included the numerous publications and presentations by residents and faculty later on in this newsletter. Many of you have donated both money as well as time to the department; both allow us to continue to be able to do the things that we do. Although the College of Dentistry is a state dental school, I found it quite surprising to learn that presently only about 18% of our total budget comes from state funds. This number was 40% as recently as 10 years ago. Much of the departmental travel and even research is now dependent on donors, and again, I would like to thank all those that have made these worthy enterprises possible. Using funds from donors, our residents are investigating using simvastatin as a bone growing catalyst, and also determining whether bone morphogenic protein (BMP) can induce reparative dentin formation.

On the clinical front, new and exciting areas of investigation include using BMP to reconstruct alveolar bone in anticipation of dental implant reconstructions; we are also using it for ailing and failing implants and in periradicular osseous defects. We increasingly utilize our i-CAT three-dimensional imaging system to treatment plan implants as well as visualize osseous lesions of the maxillofacial region. A project involving a soft tissue laser and periodontal healing has just begun, and we are in the data analysis phase of comparing mercury sphygmomanometers with the popular wrist cuff devices.

I believe you should be proud of what we are accomplishing here at the college and feel you should be equally proud to be a graduate or affiliate of the department of surgical specialties. I hope to see you at our continuing education/celebration day but if not, I look forward to hearing updates from you and am always available to discuss the happenings of the department. ☐

J. Bruce Bavitz

J. Bruce Bavitz, Chair, Department of Surgical Specialties



William Campbell



Fahd Al Salleeh



Surgical Specialties Celebration: Resident/Alumni Day

Friday, June 18, 2010

Continuing Education, Golf & Dinner

Reserve your spot by May 15.

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News of the alumni



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Richard Bradley (former dean and founder of our perio department) was 84 this March. He gives all of us something to strive for. Like his golf



game, his youthful appearance and mostly his professional acumen. Remember, he begat us all and, therefore, we have a gene pool that is second to none. Thanks, Dick for endowing us with a great heritage not only in periodontitis but in life. He and wife Doris spent the cold Nebraska months in warm Arizona and we were envious.

Dave Hoffman (honorary) is moving on with life after the tragic and sudden loss of his life partner and soul mate Phyllis. She passed away while accompanying Dave at the Boston AAP meeting. We can only imagine the shock and pain of such an unexpected loss of a partner. All of us extend our sincere sympathy to Dave and his family and know that their strong faith will support them through their difficult times.

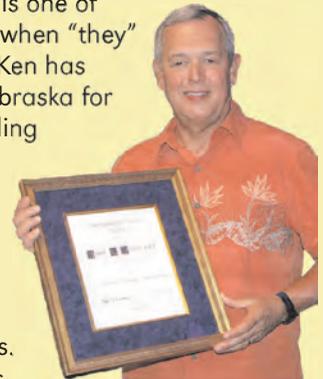
Monica Babbitt-Tanquilut ('97) sent a recent picture of her and the family on a skiing outing at Whistler Mountain. Husband Rene and daughters Chase and Kendall look terrific in their ski outfits. Monica was always an athlete and she remains so today. She claims sports keeps her young and we would agree after seeing the photo. She reminds us that they have moved from Nevada to Illinois this last summer in time for the girls to start a new school. Glad to have you back in the Midwest, Monica.

Sam Passo ('87) needs to be congratulated. He has been promoted to "full bird colonel" in the U.S. Army. Sam has been stationed at Fort Knox for a number of years now

guarding the nations gold supply. With the increase in rank comes some senior officer perks besides a pay hike. For example: special license plates and reserved parking anywhere on base. With promotions come increased responsibilities like having to assume "officer in charge" of the dental command. Sam, we know you can do it and we are so proud of you as a Nebraska alum. Best wishes in your new elevated command position.

Ken Kalkwarf ('73) was honored by the American Dental Association with the 2009 ADA Distinguished Service Award. This is one of those times when "they" get it right. Ken has honored Nebraska for his outstanding

achievements in the dental profession and in our specialty of perio-dontics. He is always quick to publicly thank his Nebraska heritage and mentors for their role in molding his professional career. Thanks, Ken, for all your loyalty to your alma mater and also to your supportive family of Sharon, Kyle, and Kevin.



David Stein ('04) was a participant in the alumni reception and brought baby Bryan and wife Yelena. Practice is growing very well for Dave. He is now a full partner in the practice with a 5 year plan of purchasing the remainder of the practice and practicing solo. By then, he'll need one of our new graduates for an associate.

Jerold Wilde ('01) has made the realization that their youngest child was born in Lincoln but Delaney has no memory of the place. So, they're returning to their roots and reacquaint with her birth city. This will be a great time to visit the college and see the impact of the massive renovation. ☑

Faculty and resident publications/abstracts

Publication/Abstracts

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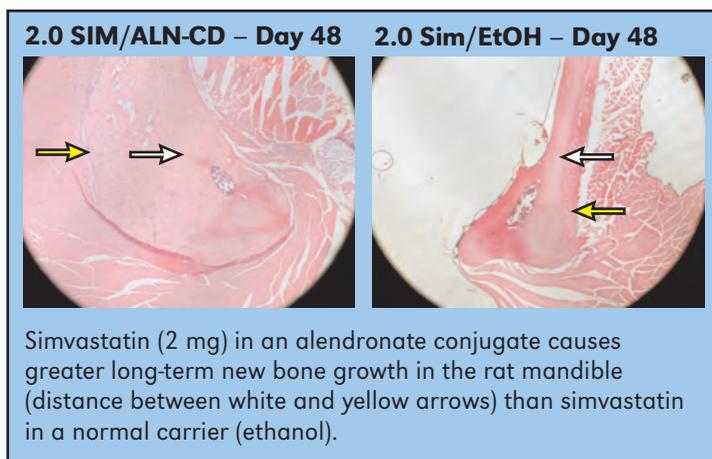
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Abstracts

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postmenopausal-osteopenic-women with periodontitis. *J Dent Res* 88 (Spec. Is.): Abstract 2916, 2009.

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Completed Book Chapter

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Book Chapter Submitted

Glickman G, **Vogt M.** Pathways of the Pulp, Chapter 5, Elsevier.

Presentations

Bavitz, J. Bruce

September 2009: "Bone Grafting for Dental Implants and an Update on Oral Sedation," Dental Study Club, Sioux Fall, S.D.

April 2009: "Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery," Doane College Pre Med/Pre Dent Club, Crete, Neb.

April 2009: "Oral Surgery on the Compromised Patient," Iowa/Nebraska Primary Care Association, Omaha, Neb.

April 2009: "An Update on Local Anesthesia and Conscious Sedation for the Dental Team," ADA CELL Series, Portland, Ore.

March 2009: "An Update on Local Anesthesia and Conscious Sedation for the Dental Team," ADA CELL Series, Wichita District Dental Society, Wichita, Kan.

Byarlay Matthew R.

September 14, 2009: "Interview and Admissions Practices at the University of Nebraska," 95th Annual Meeting American Academy of Periodontology, Boston, Mass.

May 11-14, 2009: "Recent Advances in Technology Utilized at the College of Dentistry or New Cool School Tools," 22nd Annual Cont. Ed. Caravan, UNMC College of Dentistry, Strategic Air & Space Museum (SAC) between Lincoln and Omaha; North Platte, Scottsbluff and Grand Island, Neb.

February 17, 2009: "Recent Advances in Technology Utilized at the College of Dentistry," Hall County Dental Society, Grand Island, Neb.

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Straight from the chief

Your Cornhusker sports update



Gerry Tussing

Who would have thought that Nebraska (the football capital of the world) would ever have a basketball program that was a national power ranked #3 in the nation and a (30-1) record. Seriously, we have accomplished just that. However, it's not the men's team. (They were rather pathetic with only two wins in the conference schedule this year.) Rather, the women's program is out of its mind. Coach **Connie Yori** was named Big 12 and AP coach of

the year and our All-American forward, **Kelsey Griffin**, was named player of the year. It was an incredible season for a team that was picked in the preseason to finish sixth in the league. At the writing of this newsletter, they are headed for Minneapolis as the #1 seed in that region. (Editor's note: The Cornhuskers ended up making it to the NCAA's Sweet Sixteen, winning games against Northern Iowa and UCLA before losing to Kentucky for a final season record of 32-2.)



Coach Connie Yori

The "Bo knows" era is in full swing at Nebraska and the early results are encouraging. After only two years at the helm, our national stock is rising again. Even our losses this year were a bit

of a fluke. Of course, the biggest loss, which many of you probably had an opportunity to watch, was the Nebraska celebration, having beaten Texas in the Big 12 Championship game only to have the officials put one more second back on the game clock at the insistence of Texas coach Mack Brown. You know the results – a successful field goal ... for a 13-12 final score. While we lost the game we gained the



Coach Bo Pelini

respect of much of the country. More good news is the fact that we have zero changes in the coaching staff this year. That's reminiscent of the Osborne years when staff stability was the norm. In this day and age of coaches leapfrogging from team to team, tearing up contracts along the way, it is remarkable that we have avoided that scenario. Several of our assistant coaches have been offered jobs at higher pay and status but have, to date, rebuffed all offers. Osborne and Pelini must be doing something right to keep these qualified assistant coaches. And now that spring has arrived the second most important sports season in Nebraska begins: Spring Football Practice!

Perhaps the most profound news regarding the surgical specialties department is that of the renovation of our clinical area. We have been displaced for several months now while the old digs are getting a total redo. The short-term impact is that all clinical

periodontics/endodontics/oral surgery is being accomplished in the north clinic with the undergraduate students. Obviously, this is not an ideal arrangement, but we are getting the job done. At least one positive spinoff resulting from the temporary location is that our residents are in much closer contact with our undergraduate students. We believe both student groups are gaining valuable educational experiences beyond the usual interaction.

Faculty offices are being renovated as well as the clinical area. That, of course, means most of the clinical faculty have been displaced temporarily to the lower level of the dental college. The actual temporary office space is brand new and more than adequate for most of us. However, the distance from office to clinic couldn't be further away than if we were housed in the dental college east parking lot. The renovation is nearly complete and we would be back in our new digs were it not for some defective materials being used in the renovation. Just to remind you, there has been NO change in the clinical department since the original design in 1967.

Consensus is that we got our money's worth from the original materials. We would like to encourage all our alumni to return to the college one day soon and see the remarkable transformation that has occurred in the entire clinical areas as well as a totally new glass entrance on the east side of the building. With the lights on at night it looks like the Taj Mahal of Holdrege Street. You remember the waiting room that made our patients feel like they were sitting in the Greyhound bus station waiting for you to arrive? Now there is a new attractive waiting area that presents a much more patient friendly environment. Finally, the new intramural faculty practice is to die for. Beautiful décor and cutting edge technology has made it a very desirable clinical environment for our faculty practitioners.



Additionally, we wanted the alumni to know that the chief's oldest son Travis was involved in near fatal auto accident just before Christmas. As a passenger he received some serious injuries, the life threatening injury being a torn aorta. Only by the grace of God did he make it to the ER where vascular surgeons from UNMC were able to place stents into the vessel and seal the artery. Other injuries included a subdural hematoma, nine broken ribs, a left-side hemothorax, a broken right hip, a severely lacerated liver and facial cuts. We are happy to report that after two weeks of hospitalization, he was able to return home and is recovering well. He returned to school at the end of February, albeit on crutches. The most significant issue now is rehabbing the surgically repaired hip. His most significant loss is the emotional issue of his inability to play rugby this spring. We appreciate and are so grateful for all the prayers and good wishes expressed by many of you in his behalf. ☑

The periodontal development fund

Giving back to the program

Considering the general state of the economy, we are very pleased to report that you alumni have been extremely generous in 2009. We do so appreciate your loyalty to your alma mater and encourage you to continue to support our postdoctoral educational efforts. We've said it many times: your donations are directed exclusively toward the graduate program for necessary expenditures that can't be accomplished with state dollars. Your contributions make a significant difference in providing educational experiences for our students. Most of you remember the guest lecturers that provided cutting edge information in a small exclusive setting just for you. That experience came from the **Periodontal Development Fund 3096**, as well as many other benefits you enjoyed as a resident. Please continue to support your program as generously as you are able.



We continue to remind you of "planned giving." It is a painless way of provide a worthy commitment to the institution and department that molded your professional career. See the ad below for Susan Norby who is willing to come visit you in person and assist in answering questions regarding the formulation of any such commitment. ☒

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The alumni reception in Boston

The 2009 Nebraska periodontal alumni reception at the AAP Boston meeting on September 14, 2009, was held at the Renaissance Hotel, Congressional Hall. We want to thank the Nebraska alumni members **Chris Couri** and **Tony Kardelis**, who make up the class of 1999, for sponsoring the galas. Unfortunately, neither Chris nor Tony could be present but their spirit and generosity in providing the *hors d'oeuvres* was much appreciated. The attendance at this year's reception was a little down from our usual numbers which may have been a reflection of the economic climate last year. The weather, however, was superb to have a dinner reception. The joy of meeting and greeting old friends and colleagues is always evident. Additionally, you alumni



Your 2009 Hosts:
Drs. Couri & Kardelis
(Class of '99, file photo)



Back: Sam Passo, Terry Eckles, Matt Byarlay, Daryl Malena, Ken Kalkwarf.
Front: Dave Okano, Stacy Moffenbier, Laura Harris-Vieyra (and baby Matthew Vieyra), Melissa Lang, Dave and (baby Bryan) Stein

seem to really enjoy meeting and talking with our current residents. They are a bright and industrious group and can certainly challenge us old grads and faculty.

This year's meeting will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii. It is our expectation that the upturn in the economy and the lure of the tropical paradise will draw a large contingency of our alumni. ☒

This issue's dental fun fact:
Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different



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Resident/alumni day



Resident Presenter Yeonju Lee



Resident Presenter Mark Auble



Susan Norby, Bruce Bavitz, Lauren Bavitz



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& Adam Retallick



Leah
& Chris Pobanz



Much to the amusement of the alumni and residents, the Bav demonstrates his infamous disappearing hand illusion.



Eunghwan Kim
& Yeonju Lee



Julie &
Bryan Cochran

Fifth Annual Resident/Alumni Day: June 18, 2010

Don't delay! Register today!

Join us in June for the fifth edition of our annual get together. Three hours of approved dental continuing education will be presented at the college in the morning, a "Clash of the Titans" golf tournament will be held in the afternoon, and a departmental celebration will be enjoyed at night!

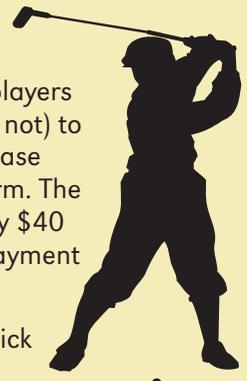
When & Where: Friday, June 18, Lincoln, Nebraska; 8-11:30 am: College of Dentistry; 12:30-5 pm: HiMark Golf Course, 8901 Augusta Drive; 6-10 pm: Wick Alumni Center, 1520 R St.

Specifics: The continuing education 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 approximately \$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 \$40.

How: Please use the registration form on page 12 and mail by May 15. See you then! ☑



endodontics: treating disorders of the pulp...

Endo talk with grad perio director Tom Gound



Tom Gound

I hope you are all well and recovering from our endless winter. We are readying for changes this spring and summer. Our current plan is for me to retire, or decrease work to one day/week, and **Fahd Al Salleeh** to be the new director. His new postgraduate students will include two of our previous dental students: **Chris Weisman**, a 2008 graduate, and **Joel Smith**, a 2003 graduate. The third student will be **Jeff Keippel**, a 2010 graduate of A.T. Still University in Arizona. They will be replacing **Adam Retallick**, who will be practicing in the Kansas City area; **Matt Friedt**, who will be practicing in Alabama; and **Chris Pobanz**, who will stay in Nebraska and go to Kearney.

Another change is that the dental school renovation will hopefully be completed this summer. Many improvements have been made, and I think you will be impressed with all of them.

Our next continuing ed opportunity will be the summer meeting on June 18, featuring presentations in the morning by our graduating students, golf in the afternoon, and dinner in the evening. The annual alumni day will be September 23; our guest speaker will probably be **Dr. Stephen Buchanan**, which should be interesting. We may have additional presentations; details will be sent when available. I hope you all will be able to return for either or both presentations and we look forward to seeing you then. ☺

Pulp fact or fiction: meet the residents



Matt Friedt (second year) is from Bismarck, North Dakota. He attended North Dakota State University for his undergraduate education and graduated in 2006 from the UNMC College of Dentistry. After graduation, he worked for the Indian Health Service for two years in Ford Defiance, Arizona. Matt is married to Sara and they have a two-year-old daughter Katelyn, and a newborn son David. After completing his endodontic residency, Matt will pursue private practice in Alabama and board certification.



Christopher Pobanz (second year) was born and raised in Ogden, Utah. He received his DDS degree from UNMC, and completed a one-year GPR at UNMC. Chris is married to Leah and has a 17-month-old daughter named Kate. Upon completion of the residency program, Chris plans to start a private practice in Kearney, Nebraska.



Adam Retallick (second year) was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and raised in Emporia, Kansas. He received his DDS degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 2008. Adam is married to Kimberly and they have a daughter, Charlotte, who will turn two on May 2, 2010. Upon graduating, Adam will be entering private practice with Bart Putnam in Olathe, Kansas.



Tariq Alsmadi (first year) was born in Egypt and raised in Jordan. He received his DMD degree from the University of Pennsylvania. After graduation, he started his dental practice in Richardson, Texas. Tariq is married to Desiree and they have an eight-year-old son Omar, and a five-year-old daughter Hanan. Tariq is enrolled in the MSIA program for his masters degree and is currently conducting research in regenerative dentistry.



LeeAnn Cote (first year) was born and raised in Lyman, Maine. She received her DMD degree in 2007 from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. After graduation, she worked for two years in southern Maine, both in private practice and in a non-profit dental clinic for the underserved. LeeAnn is married to Michael and they have two very happy dogs: Peanut and Tucker. After completion of her endodontic residency, LeeAnn would like to pursue private practice and serve as endodontic faculty. ☺



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Oral Surgery Fellow



Dan Shaub graduated from Creighton University School of Dentistry. He completed a general dentistry residency at UNMC followed by a fellowship in oral surgery here at the College of Dentistry. He is undecided about his future plans.



John Rutledge and Khristi Poidmore pose at the 2009 graduation party at the Byarlay home.



Drs. Whitney & Payne with new shirts. Dr. Payne is wearing his gift from the departing residents – the only time you will see him in a “McCain-Palin” shirt!!!



Perio princess Melissa Lang wearing her new crown, also a gift from the residents!

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Publications/Abstracts (from page 3)

Payne, Jeffrey B.

May 18, 2009: “Treatment of Periodontitis in Postmenopausal Women with Subantimicrobial Dose Doxycycline (SDD).” University of Nebraska Medical Center Clinical and Translational Research Seminar, Omaha, Neb.

April 22, 2009: “Subantimicrobial Dose Doxycycline Effects on Osteopenic Bone Loss.” Capitol City Study Club, Lincoln, Neb.

April 4, 2009: “Subantimicrobial-Dose Doxycycline Effects on Serum Inflammatory Biomarkers in Postmenopausal Osteopenic-Women with Periodontitis.” International Association for Dental Research Annual Meeting, Miami, Fla.

Reinhardt, Richard

April 4, 2009: “GCF MMP-8 in Post-Menopausal Women: Association with Progressive Attachment Loss.” International Association for Dental Research, 87th General Session, Miami, Fla.

Grant and Contract Support

J. Bruce Bavitz

October 2009: “The Accuracy of Blood Pressure Measuring Devices at the UNMC –COD” J. Bruce Bavitz, Babatunde O. Bamgbose, UNMC Summer Research Fellowship, \$2000.

Reinhardt, Richard A.

July, 2009 to December 2010: Growth & Development Postgraduate Research Fund: Reinhardt RA, Powell S. “Effects of Prophylactic versus Therapeutic Administration of Simvastatin on Alveolar Bone Loss in Endotoxin-Induced Periodontitis Utilizing a Rat Model.” – \$5070.

July 2009 to June 2011: Surgical Specialties Postgraduate Research Fund: Reinhardt RA, Rakes P. “Pharmaco-manipulation of Statin-Induced Bone: Impact of Local and Systemic Alendronate.” – \$6,540.

July 2008 to June 2009: Surgical Specialties Postgraduate Research Fund and College of Dentistry Seed Grant: Reinhardt RA, Killeen A. “Pharmaco-manipulation of Statin-induced Bone.” – \$7,500.

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periodontics: concerned with diseases...

Perio talk with grad perio director Matthew Byarlay



Matt Byarlay Well, it's that time of year again and time for another installment of the fabulous surgical specialties newsletter. I am now completing my second year as program director and continuing to learn the ins and outs of running the graduate program, as well as hopefully making advances and improvements. I've also started to learn more of the local surgical specialties vernacular. From classics like "two things" (Dr. Kaldahl) and "it's all good" (Dr. Bavitz) to more recent ones like "You been tooth-pick'in" and "We're all winners" (Kaldahl and Bavitz, respectively); these are the oft quoted phrases that make surgical specialties a truly unique place to work and learn (and a great place to have the residents come up with an impersonation of you and your catch phrase).

Visiting Professors

As we have done in the past, I would again like to single out a group of local periodontists who voluntarily teach in both seminars and in clinic. They are a tremendous asset to the program and we can't thank them enough, especially during this last winter and the terrible weather, we still had incredible dedication. These individuals are **Drs. Cathy Alley, Dennis Anderson, Barry Feldner, Dave Hoffman, Daryl Malena, Bryan Cochran, Melissa Lang, Steve Gallagher, Scott Morrison, Stacy Moffenbier, Larry Parrish, Van Sanderfer, Takanari Miyamoto and James Walker.** The residents certainly appreciate these individuals.

Construction

The surgical specialties area has been under construction since this last October (at least I think it's been that long). The projected move-in date was originally for January but for different reasons has continued to fly past several other projected move-in dates. I think everyone is ready to get back but no one perhaps more than Dr. Bavitz who has continued to maintain his calm, cool exterior in the face of about 500 "so when do think we're movin' back in" questions. In the end, though, it looks like the space will be a vast improvement and worth the wait.



Clinic under construction or sneak preview of Dr. Kaldahl's new office

Guest lectures from the past year

October 11-12, 2009: Midlands Perio Conference. **Karen Baker**, University of Iowa, presented 12 hours on dental pharmacology, herbal medicine, and oral health care products.

October 23, 2009: **Dr. Lewis Cummings** ('03) private practice Kingwood, Texas, presented an all day special lecture and hands-on demonstration on hard and soft tissue regeneration for optimal implant esthetics.

November 6, 2009: **Dr. John Adcock** ('79), private practice, Tyler, Texas, presented a lecture on implants: success and failures.

Sad and Happy Time of the Year

It is time yet again for two of our residents to leave the nest and blaze their own trails. **Amy Killeen** will be staying in town (husband Marty has a pedo practice in town) and engaging in private practice opportunities in Lincoln and Omaha as well as helping out around the College of Dentistry (all of course pending on the latest round of infectious diseases that tend to thrive in her two boys' upper respiratory systems). So we're all happy we'll still be able to see her smiling face gracing the halls of this fine institution.

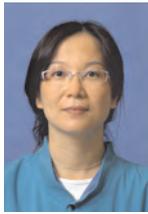
A smiling face we won't be seeing though is that of **Shaun "The Sponge" Whitney** (referring to, of course, the way he sucks up knowledge). Shaun will take his tennis skills, dry cool wit, and faculty impressions with him as he heads to practice in the beautiful Northwest. It will be sad to see them both leave, not only because they were great residents but also because of their extensive knowledge of classic movie quotes which could be woven into any conversation. It was their "special purpose."

We will now be looking forward to the addition of two new residents beginning this July. These individuals are **Rob Cline** and **Mark Terry.**

Rob Cline is a graduate of Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas, Texas. He is married and has three boys. Rob really enjoys rugby, golf, and coaching his kids' different sports teams. Mark Terry is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles School of Dentistry. He, too, is married and has a little boy and girl. Mark also is active in all kinds of sports and coaching for youth teams. These two are both outstanding individuals and we can't wait for them to join us here. ☐

...of the bone and tissue supporting the teeth

Probing the residents



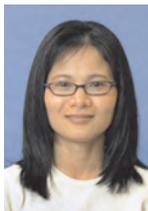
Yeonju Lee (fifth year) is from South Korea. She graduated from Seoul National University Dental College in 1994 and obtained her MS in dental materials in 1997. She trained in the prosthodontic residency program at Ihwa Women's University Hospital and was certified in 1997. She has a daughter Jeewoo (age 12) and a son Alex (age 9). She is married to Dr. Eunghwan Kim who is a prosthodontist faculty member. Yeonju will complete her PhD this summer.



Amy Killeen (third year) is originally from Springfield, Missouri, and attended college at Saint Louis University. She graduated from UNMC College of Dentistry in 2006. Amy and her husband Marty keep busy with their two young children: Peter (age 3) and Patrick (age 1), plus their German shorthaired pointer Chaco. She enjoys running, cooking, and traveling; and will be entering private practice this summer in Lincoln and Omaha, while spending some time here at the College of Dentistry teaching



Shaun Whitney (third 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 in the Pacific Northwest and working part-time at a dental school. Hobbies include tennis, golf, fly-fishing, fly-tying, and watching Gonzaga basketball.



Naomi Nguyen (second year) was born in Vietnam and came to California in 1989. She received her BS degree in biochemistry at the California State University at Long Beach and DDS degree at the University of California at Los Angeles. She loves her family and nature. Her hobbies include playing badminton. Naomi's goals after graduation include: a job, be board certified, and not kill/injure anyone while practicing dentistry. What she likes about Nebraska: Cornhusker sports (a converted fan), traffic, snow, and the winter (just kidding).



Pota Rakes (second year) was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska. Her father, George Rakes, is a pediatric dentist who practices in Omaha. Pota attended Creighton University for her undergraduate studies. She graduated in 2008 from the UNMC College of Dentistry. After graduation, Pota plans on entering into private practice and is also interested in teaching part-time.



Hoang-Oanh Le (first year) was born and raised in Nebraska. She attended UN-L and graduated in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in biology. She received her dental degree from the UNMC College of Dentistry in 2009. Upon graduation, Hoang-Oanh plans on entering private practice and teaching part-time at a dental school. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, shopping and spending time with her family.



Ursula Price (first year) was born and raised in Nebraska. She attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney for three years before moving to Texas in 2001. She received her bachelor's in dental hygiene from Baylor College of Dentistry in 2004 and her dental degree in 2009. She and her husband are expecting their first child in April. In her spare time she likes to read, bake, and spend time with her family. ☐

Please congratulate our most recent Board Certified Alumni!!



Laura Harris-Vieyra ('08)



John Rutledge ('09)

Dental Fun Fact: If you're right handed, you will chew your food on your right side. If you're left handed, you will tend to chew your food on your left side.





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