Thank you for inspecting this edition of the Newsletter from the Department of Surgical Specialties at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry.

At the top of my list of things to do for 2012 was to recruit and hire a new full-time endodontic faculty member, and after a rigorous national search, we are pleased to have “signed” Dr. Lane Stephenson. He has already made a positive impact teaching our undergraduate and graduate students; this should be of no great surprise as he graduated from our endodontic residency program in 1994. His diverse private practice experience has been an asset, as is his affable nature, and overall we couldn’t be more pleased. I believe this is the first time in the history of the college that we have had three full-time endodontists, especially impressive as the state’s funding to the university slowly dwindles. Also, in the endodontic world, under the direction of Graduate Program Director Dr. Fahd Alsalleeh, we continue to take our research game up a notch. Our graduate students presented at the last two AAE national meetings, and we look for increased grant applications and papers in the near future.

As can be seen in the presentations and publications areas of this newsletter, other people in the department have been busy as well. With the relatively small amount of time our faculty have devoted towards research, I am always impressed by our productivity. Other accomplishments for 2012 included the integration of the SimMan simulator into our medical emergencies course for our undergraduates; we are also having a SimMan continuing education course for practicing dentists in the fall of 2013. It is certainly plausible that the practice of mock emergencies on our SimMan can significantly improve outcomes and possibly even save a life in the advent of a medical emergency in the dental office.

I would like to call everyone’s attention again to this year’s departmental celebration day, Friday, June 14. Our time tested format seems to be working well with morning continuing education, afternoon golf and evening semiformal dinner.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention something about the financial and scholarly contributions of our alums, many of whom have donated both money and their time/expertise teaching within the department. I hope to see many of you on June 14 and as always, I always look forward to your cards, letters, emails and phone calls. ☺

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Before we share our report on the activities of our alumni, we are making one small request: We would like each one of you to send your email to Deb Dalton (ddalton@unmc.edu). This will give us an electronic alumni roster which would allow us to send you lots of goodies from time to time quickly and cost effectively. Please flood her with your emails. Thanks.

Ken Kalkwarf (’73) has been nominated President-Elect of the American College of Dentists. Ken continues in the tradition of outstanding Nebraska periodontists leading the way on the national scene. Dick Bradley was president a few years back so Ken is in great company. Ken is serving as interim chancellor for the Texas Health Sciences Medical Center. We thought he was going to retire from the deanship at San Antonio which he held for many years. Somehow this new appointment doesn’t sound like retiring but if anyone can retire to the top of the pyramid, it’s Ken Kalkwarf. Congratulations!

David Okano (’85) has been elected by his peers to represent the sixth district of the American Academy of Periodontology as their trustee. That speaks volumes for Dave’s influence and prestige in which he is held. Dave also continues to be extremely active in organized dentistry, including several positions within the American Dental Association. Congratulations, Dave, and protect us from the politicians.

Jody Vance (’94) has been elected from the Springfield district of the Missouri Dental Association as a legislative representative to the American Dental Association. We are confident that the Nebraska periodontists are soon to rule the world.

A general dentistry before coming to Nebraska, Raynor Harmeson (’86) has decided that after 44 years of dentistry, he is looking to move on to retirement. He has a wonderful and rewarding practice and would love to find a Nebraska-trained periodontist to assume command knowing he would be turning it over to someone well-trained and with a similar periodontal philosophy. So, all you who have been eager to move to northern California, now is the time. Raynor and Pam have plans to retire in the Orlando area.

Naomi Nguyen (’11) has secured a position on the faculty of the University of Southern California, College of Dentistry. Naomi always had great hands and now she can hopefully show the arrogant USC folks how it’s done. Additionally, she is starting a private practice in the LA area. The pictures of the alumni reception in Los Angeles are compliments of Naomi. We thank you very much.

Scott Manhart (’93) sent Christmas greetings to the department from the frozen tundra. Scott is one who vehemently disagrees with the concept of global warming. Damn, it’s cold in Montana. He reports all is going well with family and practice.

Art Harris (’83) sends warm holiday greetings to everyone in the Nebraska family. This year was especially hectic for Art when the state of Vermont acquired the property on which his office was located and booted him forthwith. All is good now that they are relocated in a new facility.

George Robeson (’75) was back in Nebraska not long ago and he and the Chief tipped a couple while sharing one outdated lie after another. He is so proud and grateful of his Nebraska heritage and the superb training he received in Lincoln.

Lewis Cummings (’03) was back in Lincoln last fall to spend a day with the residents and some alums presenting cutting edge clinical therapy. Lewis has become a regular on the speaking tour and even on Web continuing education, presenting tissue engineering concepts. Lewis and Kyle Smith – the class of 2003 – will be hosting the Philadelphia alumni reception.

Lou Klemme (’72) flew into Lincoln on private aircraft with a rich cousin to attend the Wisconsin football game last fall (that was the “good” Wisconsin game). He remains one of the funniest guys around, always with a joke and the timing that it takes to pull it off. We hope the rich cousin has another appointment in Lincoln soon so Lou can return.

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Recent Publications


Recent Abstracts


Recent Presentations

Alsalleeh F: “Clinical Applications of Endodontic Regeneration” (1.5 CE), What’s New in Dentistry 2012, University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry, Nebraska East Union, Lincoln, Nebraska, February 17, 2012.

Byarlay M: “Guided Bone Regeneration” (1.5 CE), What’s New in Dentistry 2012, University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry, Nebraska East Union, Lincoln, Nebraska, February 17, 2012.


Professionals Day 2013 Table Clinic Winners


2nd place dental: Christina Carter (D3), “Bacterial Analysis of Endodontic Infections.” Faculty Mentors: Drs. Sheela Premaraj and Hany Makkawy. [IN]
Amy Killeen (‘10) is our newest faculty member and has gotten very involved in the total triad of scholarly activity. She is involved in didactic education, clinical teaching and is developing a significant research component to her faculty activities. She has been honored to receive the D.H. Reinhardt scholar award which is one of our most prestigious awards and is accompanied by a $10,000 grant to research periodontal maintenance using minocycline. Outside research awards are also being directed toward Amy. We are very proud of her accomplishments to date. This is a great addition to our already outstanding faculty.

Gerald Tussing (‘67) was selected by the Nebraska Dental Association for the Nebraska Hall of Fame, an award for outstanding contributions to the dental profession. It is a wonderful recognition for his 40 plus years of educational and practice contributions to the state of Nebraska.

Laura Harris Vieyra (‘08) and her husband, Stephen, welcomed their third child, Jessica, on June 12, 2012. Congratulations Laura and Stephen!

Pota Rakes (‘11) and her husband, John Nesiba, welcomed their first child, Angelina, on October 6, 2012. Congratulations Pota and John! ☺

Nebraska is NCAA national champions again!!!! Isn’t this exciting? In case you missed it, the Nebraska women’s bowling team has won the national championship for the fourth time in the last eight years. This is the most successful athletic program that the university sponsors. They really do have great coaching and they recruit well and even more important, they become tournament tough. That is important in championship events where they have to bowl multiple times a day over the entire week. It is a very taxing experience, both physically and mentally. The rest of our athletic programs should be so successful.

Would you believe the highlight of the entire spring football camp was a 69-yard TD run by a seven-year-old boy in the spring game? What a heartwarming story of a young man that has had two invasive brain surgeries and dozens of chemotherapy sessions in an attempt to eradicate a severe pediatric brain cancer. The young man, Jack Hoffman, was adopted by the Nebraska football team last year under the mentoring of Rex Burkhead, our All-American running back. Coach Bo and the team made the surprise move to have Jack run the ball on fourth and one in the second half of the spring game. Incidentally, the score was recorded on the big board and the entire team carried him off the field on their shoulders. In this day and age of massive negativity about college athletics (see Rutgers, Auburn, Miami, Penn State, etc.), it is special to have some positive national exposure. However, Jack will not be eligible in the fall so we have to find a new super running back from the ranks of the team and we are loaded at running back. The quick capsule of the team is super offense and questionable defense. This year, unlike the first two years in the Big 10, is a much more favorable schedule that should put some W’s on the record.

As for the rest of Husker nation, the men’s basketball is very average and the women are very good and nationally ranked. Next year, however, is our breakout year with basketball. The basketball games are moving to the plush new Haymarket arena and it is gorgeous. We have convinced ourselves that this will be the cure to all our many years of basketball woes at Nebraska. You alumni must come back to Lincoln if for no other reason than to see the transformation that has taken place in the Haymarket area. Lincoln is finally arriving on the national scene where we have the facilities to host regional and national events in the new arena and the adjacent hotel complexes.

This year, we have all good news, unlike the last alumni report regarding our periodontal family. We have terrific postdoctoral students doing exemplary work. We have great accomplishments to report regarding faculty and staff. We have every reason to believe we will graduate all of our students come May. We have a hundred percent passing record on the national boards for our undergraduates and, except for one very unfortunate error, the entire senior class passed the central regional boards. ☺

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The annual Nebraska periodontal alumni reception held in Los Angeles and hosted by the class of 2002 (Van Sanderfer and Cherie Brown) was a great success. As usual, it was a joyous event. Attendance was down a bit from the usual numbers but that didn’t dampen the spirit of the evening. Reconnecting with faculty, classmates, staff and our current residents is both nostalgic and informational. One can learn much about the current state of graduate education by conversing with the residents. Perhaps most enjoyable is the “remembering.” Staying in touch seems to be very difficult in this day and age with everything moving so rapidly. These receptions are intended to make contacting valuable colleagues possible. We thank Van and Cherie for their efforts in providing the scrumptious hors d’oeuvres. We sincerely appreciate your commitment to the alumni family.

Don’t forget Philadelphia in 2014. The class of 2003 (Kyle Smith and Lewis Cummings) will be hosting the event. Put it on your calendar to attend!

Back Row: Tom Kassube, Josh Nehring, Mark Terry, Mark Lavin, Van Sanderfer, Matt Byarlay, Kyle Smith, Chad Riggs and Aaron Bradley. Front Row: Jared Roberts, David Okano, Monica Babbitt, Rob Cline, David Stein, Naomi Nguyen, (unknown person), and Amy Killeen.
With each new spring comes the much anticipated Department of Surgical Specialties Newsletter. I believe last year I commented on how warm and pleasant our spring was, but what a difference a year makes. As I write this today we still have snow on the ground in mid April and we just can’t seem to shake the winter here. These long winters seem to have a strange effect on the reproductive systems of our residents: Dr. Mark Terry and his wife Jennifer just brought home their new daughter Eliza, and a few months ago Dr. Jared Roberts and his wife Mikail welcomed their first daughter Eden. I’m also told two of the other residents are expecting new arrivals at the end of summer. Congratulations to all of them and their families. We may need to bring back the construction crew and find some space for a nursery. None the less, these spring semesters tend to go by very quickly as our residents have a lot to accomplish before having a little break, or in the case of the third years, a permanent break. If anyone is ever in the Lincoln area, or Nebraska, or within a few hundred miles, please stop by say hello, or if you would like to give advice to and spend time with the residents, we can arrange that too.

Visiting Professors
I would again like to acknowledge the outstanding 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. These individuals are Drs. Cathy Alley, Dennis Anderson, Barry Feldner, Daryl Malena, Melissa Lang, John Rutledge, Scott Morrison, Stacy Moffenbier, Larry Parrish, Van Sanderfer, Takanari Miyamoto, Jim Walker, and Pat Kelsey. The residents and I certainly appreciate these individuals and their commitment to the program.

Changing of the Guard
Once again, it is time to bid farewell to our third-year residents as they embark on a new journey. Rob and Big, I mean Rob and Mark, have been outstanding residents and have bright futures ahead of them. Dr. Rob Cline, who will be traveling a few miles north is in the final stages of opening a practice in Fremont, Neb. Dr. Mark Terry will be traveling a few more miles north and will be joining a group practice in Sioux Falls, S.D. It has been a pleasure to have these guys in our program, they have always been great to work with and we will all miss them.

We will now be looking forward to the addition of two new residents beginning this July. These individuals are Jeff Jensen and Elisabeth Easley. Jeff is a graduate of the University of Michigan, School of Dentistry, Ann Arbor. He is married to Alison and has a little boy Quinn (four years old) and a daughter (18 months). Elisabeth is a graduate of A.T. Still University, Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health. These two are both outstanding individuals and we can’t wait for them to join us here.

Meet the residents

Robert Cline (third year) was born and raised in Arkansas and attended the University of Dallas, receiving a BA in history. He then worked as a chemist/manager for six years at the Valspar Corporation in Dallas, Texas. Rob graduated from Baylor College of Dentistry with a D.D.S. in 2010. He and his wife Kelly have three boys: 14-year-old Dalton, 11-year-old Jarrett, and eight-year-old Carter. They currently live in Wahoo, Neb. After graduation Rob will stay in Nebraska and plans to practice in Fremont and Bellevue.

Born in Minnesota and raised in Utah and Arizona, Mark Terry (third year) received his bachelor of science degree in accounting from Brigham Young University in 2005 and received his dental degree from the UCLA School of Dentistry in 2010. In his free time Mark enjoys reading, sports, and spending time with his wife Jennifer and their four children: Davis, Kate, Colin, and Eliza. After graduation he is joining Midwest Periodontics in Sioux Falls, S.D.
Joshua Nehring (second year) graduated from Brigham Young University in 2005 with a degree in marriage, family, and human development. He later attended Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry, receiving his D.D.S. in 2011. Stacy and Joshua have four children (ages 8, 6, 4, 2) that keep them smiling, busy, and amazed. The Nehrings look forward to finding a private practice opportunity and will miss “the good life” in Nebraska when that time comes.

Jared Roberts (second year) received his B.S. degree from Brigham Young University in 2005. He attended the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and received his D.D.S. in 2011. Jared is married to Mikail and they have three children: William, Wesley, and Eden.

Aaron Bradley (first year) grew up in Aurora, Nebraska. He received his B.S. degree from Wayne State College and graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry in 2012. He met his wife, Mikala, in San Diego and was married in July of 2011. She currently teaches chemistry at Lincoln Pius X High School. They enjoy playing sports together and visiting her family in California and his family in Aurora.

Chad Riggs (first year) was born in Utah and raised in Hawaii, Japan, and Texas. He received his B.S. in business management from Brigham Young University and later graduated from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio with a D.D.S. in 2012. Chad is married to Lyndsay and they have two daughters: Kate and Rachel.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Dr. Naomi-Trang Nguyen
Class of 2011

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GIVING BACK TO THE PROGRAM

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Thanking you for giving back to the department; it seems so repetitious each year but it is so genuinely appreciated by all of us who strive to keep the graduate program moving forward and continuing its relevance in the national arena. As usual, we remind you that your contributions are dedicated monies used exclusively for resident education. That is exhibited in multiple forms. Invited expert guest speakers, research pursuits, resident travel for scholarly events, and instruments: expenditures for which state funds are not available or allowed. Please see the list of the 2012 donors. Thank you very sincerely for your contributions.

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University of Nebraska Foundation
The postgraduate endodontic program at UNMC strives to be the best nationwide. To achieve this goal, we continue to select the best residents. Our upcoming class residents for 2013-2014, are Drs. Matthew Kruszewski and Gavyn Smith. Matt completed his dental degree at the University of Maryland and is doing a GPR residency program at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Gavyn is completing his dental degree at Creighton University. As a trade-in deal, Drs. Adams and Wilbur, second-year residents, will depart from the program, with honor, to join two successful endodontic practices. Fortunately, we have Drs. Lyons, Chung, and Alkahtany on board to lead the upcoming class.

Our last alumni meeting was another success. Drs. Law and Nixdorf gave outstanding lectures which were well received. Our guest speaker for October 4, 2013, alumni day, will be Dr. Anibal Diogenes from the University of San Antonio, Texas. He has worked very closely with Dr. Kenneth Hargreaves regarding the pharmacology of endodontic pain and endodontic revascularization/regeneration. More importantly, he went to the University of Nebraska at Kearney for undergraduate studies before moving to UTHSC for his D.D.S., endodontic certificate and Ph.D. studies. We look forward to seeing you.

Our “Friday’s Clinic for Alums” is all good. We look for more participation as residents take a transient break from my face. In the same regard, I would like to express my special thanks to Dr. Stephenson for his involvement in our program. He definitely has a great positive impact and has given us more push to move forward to achieve our goals.

Finally, I would like to thank you all, especially who responded to our call and Dr. Stephenson’s email by donating money to purchase new ASI carts. The total purchase price was $28,000 and our dean generously also contributed towards the purchase. So, on behalf of all of us, I would like to thank him and you for the support. I strongly believe that this will have a positive impact and shows everyone’s commitment to make our program the “best in the nation.”

2012 Endo Grads: Keippel, Whitney, & Wieseman

Jeff Adams (second year) received his B.S. degree from the University of Utah in 1998. He attended the Indiana University School of Dentistry and received his D.D.S. in 2002. Jeff is married to Amy and they have three children: Alyssa, Sydney and Emily. He spent nine years in private practice in Gilbert, Ariz., and will be joining Nate Schwardt at Black Hills Endodontic Associates.

Eric Wilbur (second year) received his B.S. from the Utah Valley University in 2007. He attended the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, School of Dental Medicine, and received his D.M.D in 2011. Eric is married to Raquel; they have three children: Ava, Dresden, and Nora. He plans to practice in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Nicholas Lyons (first year) is a 2008 graduate of the University of Missouri-KC. He spent the last four years working as a staff dentist for the Indian Health Service in Crow Agency, Mont. Married for six years to Laura, the Lyons hope to return west after graduation, preferably somewhere near good skiing and camping.

Mazen Alkahtany (first year) is a 2009 graduate from King Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He worked as a demonstrator (teaching assistant) for three years at King Saud University. He is married to Jawharah. They just had a beautiful baby girl and they named her Wasm.

Nicole Chung (first year) graduated with a B.S. in human biology from the University of California, San Diego, in 2007. She attended the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health and received her D.M.D in 2011. She completed a general practice residency at the University of California, Los Angeles, in 2012.
Eighth Annual Resident/Alumni Day: June 14, 2013

Don’t delay! Register today!

Join us June 14th for the eighth edition of our annual get together. Three hours of approved dental continuing education will be presented at the college in the morning, the Bradley Memorial Golf Tournament will be held in the afternoon, and a departmental celebration will be enjoyed at night!

When & Where: Friday, June 14, Lincoln, Nebraska; 8:00-11:20 am: College of Dentistry; 1:00-5:00 pm: Holmes Golf Course, 3701 S. 70th Street; 6:00-10:00 pm: Wick Alumni Center, 1520 R St.

Specifics: The continuing education will involve the residents presenting some of their research and unique clinical cases in the Dixon Lecture Hall. 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. Cost per person is $40.

How: Please use the registration form on page 10 and mail by May 30. See you then!
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