Cornhusker Impressions
for alumni and friends of the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry

Dental student Paul Johnson with his Genesis headlights system.

From ‘sticker-shocked student to proud inventor’
Paul Johnson’s ‘little light project’ finds way into COD clinics  see page 4
This has been another summer of hammers and cranes. Those of you returning to Lincoln this fall will find that the east side of Memorial Stadium has been transformed, with the addition of the third-tier seating and a new entrance. The increased crowd noise (now 92,000 fans) and “wow” factor will change the game-day experience.

The Pinnacle Bank Arena, West Haymarket district, and Canopy Street developments are also impressive new construction projects. The arena, Memorial Stadium, and Haymarket Park baseball and softball complex create a unique sports and entertainment core that is reshaping downtown Lincoln. Tickets for the entire Husker men’s basketball season (to be played in the new arena) sold out more than six months before the season. Even the previous basketball venue, the Bob Devaney Sports Center, is undergoing a dramatic renovation to become the new home of Husker volleyball.

Less dramatic, but very important to our college, is the “final” major renovation during my tenure as dean. While our project involved hammers, not construction cranes, it will have a positive impact on our faculty and students. The renovation of our full-time faculty offices in the Department of Adult Restorative Dentistry is described elsewhere in this issue.

From the time I interviewed as an applicant for the dean’s position in 1999, I have been concerned about the full-time faculty who had to share office space. That situation compromised both privacy and work productivity. Dividing the space into private offices not only corrects those problems, it should also help recruitment and retention of faculty. We received partial support from Chancellor Harold Maurer and UNMC to make this project possible, but we could not have completed this renovation without private financial support from alumni and friends. Thank you for helping us complete what will be (I hope!) my final renovation project as dean.

Speaking of final projects, I want you to know that Chancellor Maurer has named a Faculty Advisory Search Committee and selected an executive recruitment firm (Korn/Ferry International) to assist that committee in seeking candidates for the position of dean of our COD after I step aside from that position on June 30, 2014. I’m confident the college will attract a very strong leader to take us to ever-higher levels of excellence.

This issue of Cornhusker Impressions once again highlights not only proud accomplishments of the college, but also the donors who have made many of those accomplishments possible. The annual honor roll of contributors is published to recognize and thank all those whose generosity is making our college ever better. Our loyal contributors are true partners in our present and future successes. On behalf of all our faculty, students, and staff, I thank you for your generosity!
2013-2014 Calendar

October 3
Dean’s Club Dinner
Nebraska Champions Club
707 Stadium Drive

October 4
2013 Dental Reunion
Continuing Education
“The Synergy of Esthetics and Function”
Dr. Michael Sesemann, Nebraska Institute of Comprehensive Dentistry
8:30-11:45 a.m.
Embassy Suites

October 4-5
2013 Dental Reunion
Embassy Suites

October 18
Richard A. Reinhardt Lecture
Dixon Lecture Hall
12 noon

October 23-27
American Academy of Gold Foil Operators Annual Meeting
Embassy Suites
UNMC College of Dentistry

November 1
Practice Opportunities Fair
8 a.m.-2 p.m.
College of Dentistry

November 1
American Dental Association
Annual Session
UNMC College of Dentistry
Alumni Reception
Hilton New Orleans Riverside
New Orleans, La.
5:30–7 p.m.

November 7
SHARING Clinic
UNMC College of Dentistry
6 p.m.

November 15
Continuing Education
“Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office: Hands on with Sim Man”
UNMC College of Dentistry
1:15-4:30 p.m.

December 5
Clinic Transition Ceremony
UNMC College of Dentistry
Dixon Lecture Hall
4 p.m.

December TBA
“Radiology for Dental Auxiliary”
UNMC College of Dentistry, Lincoln
West Nebraska Dental Hygiene Program, Gering
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

January 10
Weeth Lecture 2013
“Bleaching Techniques”
Dr. Van Haywood
Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center
8:15 a.m.-4 p.m.

January 21
OKU Annual Meeting
UNMC College of Dentistry
12 noon

January 24
Rocky Mountain Dental Convention
Denver, Colo.
Alumni Reception
5:30-7 p.m.

February 7
Dental Day XXV
Interprofessional Education Day
UNMC College of Dentistry

February 14
What’s New in Dentistry 2014
“Topics in Pain Management”
East Campus Union
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

March 27-29
Nebraska Dental Association Annual Meeting
Hilton Hotel, Omaha

April 4
Professionals’ Day
Wentz Student Scientific Program
Richard E. Bradley Memorial Lecture
East Campus Union
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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When Paul Johnson walks through the clinic where his fellow dental students are working, he can’t help but notice the shine from his Genesis dental headlights.

“It’s pretty humbling to see my headlights scattered about the clinic,” said Johnson, a fourth-year dental student. “It’s very flattering to see that students trust me, that they know that I will give them a good light, and that I will fix it if it breaks.”

Johnson designed and built the Genesis LED headlight system two years ago after discovering the high price of dental headlights on the commercial market. He sells his headlights at a discounted price for students through his website, www.johnsondentallabs.com.

Johnson estimates that 20 percent to 25 percent of his UNMC dental student classmates have purchased his headlights. He says his satisfaction comes not from the number of headlights sold, but rather from the sense that he is creating something his colleagues consider useful, now and in their future dental practices.

“Within one year, I have gone from sticker-shocked student to proud inventor of a product designed for quality and affordability,” Johnson wrote in the draft of an article published about his project in the April 2012 issue of American Student Dental Association News.

In a recent interview, Johnson said, “At first, I just wanted to see if I could put the light together and see if it worked, but my classmates encouraged me to keep on going with it to put together a commercial product that they could use.”

Feedback and moral support from fellow dental students, as well as faculty and family, including his wife, Molly, kept him going as he developed and refined the LED headlight, custom mounting bracket, and special filter that are part of the Genesis system, he said.

His father, Dr. Geoffrey Johnson of Brookings, S.D., Class of 1978, assisted with the final design; helped incorporate the company, Johnson Dental Laboratory, Inc.; and provided business advice.

In his first year of dental school, Johnson said he was shocked when he set out to purchase a dental headlight and discovered the price ranged from $500 to $1,200 with student prices starting at $400.

Convinced he could build his own headlight for far less, he visited a Radio Shack store to search for the necessary electronics and a hardware store to purchase brass tubing. He figured out the battery system and the lighting system in one night, but it took him hours of research on optics, electronics, engineering, CAD (computer-aided design), and 3D printing to create a reliable and economical product.

“I had the confidence that I could build something myself that would work just as well” as the high-priced commercial dental headlights, but “my research took in a lot of different disciplines to bring everything together,” he said.

Some of the challenges, he said, were dealing with delays in parts arriving from China, discovering how to make the headlight compatible with the wide variety of loupes, and creating his own custom bracket using CAD technology. He currently is working with a professor in optical engineering in Arizona and an electrical engineer in New York to develop more advanced products.

Coming from a long line of dentists, Johnson said his headlight project has shown him that he is a good fit for the life-long learning, methodical approach, and patience dentistry demands. He would like to study periodontics after graduation, and he sees himself continuing with this “knack for exploring new technology and figuring out ways to make it happen” throughout his dental career.

Other dentists in the family, in addition to his father, are his sister, Dr. Anne Johnson Harris, ’06, and her husband, Dr. Christopher Harris, ’03. Both practice in Brookings with the senior Johnson. Paul and Anne’s grandfather, the late Dr. Max Johnson, also was a dentist in South Dakota.

“I plan to practice dentistry and just seeing where this little light project takes me,” said Johnson.
Coming home to UNMC College of Dentistry

The UNMC College of Dentistry 2013 Alumni Homecoming Reunion will be Oct. 4-5 with events at the Embassy Suites and at the College of Dentistry. The Dental Museum will be open the week of Homecoming.

Presenting this year’s continuing education program on Oct. 4 is Dr. Michael Sesemann, a 1981 College of Dentistry graduate. He will explore functional esthetic techniques to define proven systems for predictable success when designing and competing comprehensive restorative dental cases. He believes the dentist, laboratory technician, and patient must work in a “concerted, tri-partisan effort” in these cases.

Sesemann is a general, cosmetic, comprehensive and restorative dentist who is in private practice. He was president of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry in 2009-10 and was inducted into the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry. He is on the editorial boards of various industry publications and lectures nationally and internationally.

The schedule for the weekend includes the following:

**Friday, Oct. 4**
Continuing Education – 8:30 -11:45 a.m.
Dr. Michael Sesemann, “The Synergy of Aesthetics and Function”
Embassy Suites

Luncheon – 12 noon
Speaker, Shawn Eichorst, University of Nebraska Athletic Director
Embassy Suites

2 - 4 p.m. - Student-guided tours
UNMC College of Dentistry

5 p.m. - Cocktail Hour, Banquet, Awards and Recognition
Embassy Suites

**Saturday, Oct. 5**
8 -10 a.m. – Pregame festivities and tours of the college
UNMC College of Dentistry

11 a.m. – Football game: Nebraska vs. Illinois

Dental Museum Hours
Sept. 30, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Oct. 1, 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Oct. 2, 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Oct. 3, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Oct. 4, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Oct. 5, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Celebrating friendships, honoring dental leaders

The 2013 Homecoming Reunion sponsored by the UNMC College of Dentistry Alumni Association is an opportunity to celebrate long-standing friendships as well as to honor alumni, faculty, and friends who have provided distinguished service to the college and the dental profession. The 2013 honorees being recognized at the awards dinner Oct. 4 at the Embassy Suites are as follows:

Distinguished Service Award
Dr. Paul Swanson, DDS, 1958

Dr. Paul Swanson was born and reared on a farm near Wausa, Neb., where he attended a one-room country school. He received a BA from Wayne State Teacher’s College. Following graduation from dental school, he was assigned to the Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino, Calif. He began his own private dental practice in 1961 in Redlands, Calif., where he practiced for 33 years until retirement.

He was chair of the Peer Review Committee for Redlands-Yucaipa area and was a volunteer dentist for the Assistance League of Redlands. A past president of Californians for Nebraska, he was a member of the UNL Alumni Board and regional director of the Far Western States. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the UNL Alumni Association in 2001.

Dr. Swanson and his wife, Marcia, are members of the President’s Club, the Chancellor’s Club, and the Dean’s Club. They have established an endowed scholarship for pre-dental students at Wayne State College and an endowed scholarship for dental students at UNMC. Their two children have University of Nebraska degrees, and their grandson, Seth, is a third-year dental student at the College of Dentistry. Their son, Dr. Randel Swanson, is a 1990 College of Dentistry graduate.

Alumni Achievement Award
Dr. David Neumeister, DDS, 1969

Dr. David Neumeister was born in Lincoln and graduated from the University of Vermont. After graduating from the UNMC College of Dentistry in 1969, he established a practice in Brattleboro, Vt. Despite the distance, he has taught sessions in the College of Dentistry’s practice management courses for 20 years, donating his time and expenses. He has written a chapter in the textbook, Dental Practice Transition: A Practical Guide to Management, and has written articles for the Journal of the American College of Dentists. He has lectured across the United States.

In Brattleboro, Dr. Neumeister founded and developed the business plan for a for-profit, Medicaid driven, access dental office, the Estey Dental Center. He is a former vice president of the American Dental Association and was chair of the ADA Strategic Planning Committee and Council on Dental Practice.

Outside of dentistry, Neumeister has guided the strategic planning for the United Way of Windham County, schools, a hospital, and a nursing home. He also coached the Brattleboro Union High School to four state high school skiing championships.
Honorary Life Membership Award
Dr. John W. Reinhardt, DDS
Dean of the College of Dentistry

Dr. John Reinhardt was born and reared in Nashville, Ill. He received his BS from Illinois Wesleyan University and his DDS from Loyola University School of Dentistry in Chicago. He also received a MS in Operative Dentistry from the University of Iowa, where he served on the faculty for 23 years, and an MPH degree from Harvard University while there on a Robert Wood Johnson Fellowship.

He received a Certificate of Proficiency from the American Board of Operative Dentistry and the Award of Excellence from the Academy of Operative Dentistry. He has served as president of the Supreme Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon and also as president of the Academy of Operative Dentistry. Since 2000, he has been dean of the UNMC College of Dentistry.

Outstanding Teaching Award
Dr. Eric Fung, PhD

Dr. Eric Fung, a professor in the UNMC College of Dentistry’s Oral Biology Department, received his BS degree in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin and his PhD in pharmacology from The Ohio State University. He has worked at the college since 1984 where he teaches pharmacology to graduate students, dental students and hygiene students.

He has received six teaching recognitions, including the UNMC Outstanding Teaching Award in 1992, and he is a speaker in the ADA's Center for Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning seminar series.

Dr. Fung’s research activities include the role of mercury in neurodegenerative disorders, the effects of nicotine on central neuronal systems, the effects of nicotine on bone remodeling, and the pharmacokinetics of bisphenol A release from dental sealants. His research has been highlighted in the American Dental Association News and The New York Times. He has published 73 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals and has participated in research funding projects exceeding $2 million.
Henry St. Germain, a servant leader, steps down as chair to teach, write, conduct research

After 16 years, Dr. Henry St. Germain Jr. has stepped aside as chair of the Department of Adult Restorative Dentistry at the UNMC College of Dentistry to devote more time to teaching, scholarly writing, and research.

The New Hampshire native and retired U.S. Navy captain says his tenure as chair may be a record for the department. For sure, he says, it is far longer than the 10 years he anticipated. “Before I knew it, 10 years had gone by, and lots of things were going on, and I was enjoying being the servant leader,” St. Germain explained.

He said he developed his leadership style around the idea of the servant leader who is called upon often to make quick decisions, based on the input and talents of others. He sees himself as a leader who facilitates decision making and who provides time and resources for faculty and staff to be successful.

“I didn’t want to dictate. I am not that kind of person,” he said. “I wanted to let them do what they do best, to create an environment where faculty members and staff could apply their skills and flourish.”

At the same time, St. Germain kept busy with scheduling faculty and lecture halls, overseeing student clinics and preclinics, his own teaching and mentoring of student researchers, and caring for patients in his faculty practice. As department chair, he responded to patient care matters daily and often found himself calming a frustrated student or mediating differences of opinions about treatment options.

At the top of his mind always “was doing the best we can for students,” he said, adding that, as chair, he appreciated the counsel and mentorship of Dean John Reinhardt.

Reinhardt described St. Germain as a “tireless” leader who not only led the department, but also contributed significantly to the college’s teaching, research, and service missions. “Henry has been a leader in many ways, rarely saying no to any opportunity through which he felt he could make a difference in service to the college and profession. As a result, he had a great run as a department chair and faculty member, but also at the same time as a leader in local, regional, and national dental organizations.”

As for disappointments, St. Germain said those mainly involved times he felt he wasn’t successful as a communicator or wasn’t able to make the department as “student friendly” as he believed it should be.
As for highlights, the list is far longer. He cited the following milestones:

- Hired new faculty and established a department structure. Half of the 17 full-time faculty members and 15 part-time faculty members now teaching in the department were hired by St. Germain. ARD is one of the larger departments in the college.
- Encouraged faculty members to keep up with modern dentistry and dental materials in class, labs, and clinics and to be innovative in their approach and technique.
- Introduced the CEREC CAD-CAM technology allowing students to design and mill restorations at chair side.
- Maintained a high level of care for patients and a strong educational program for students in the midst of major construction at the college during 2008-2011. Some adjustments that were made included scheduling additional clinic hours to make up for a limited number of chairs available during regular clinic hours.
- Was named UNMC Outstanding Teacher in 2003 and received the Ferguson Faculty Fellowship in 2005. He completed a term as president of the Nebraska Dental Association in 2013.

One of the greatest highlights, he said, was watching his son Tom, the second oldest of his four children, go through four years of dental school and graduate with a DDS degree in 2010. Being the parent of a dental student gave him greater compassion and understanding for all students, he said. Being a parent also helped him realize that dental students, while smart and motivated, are still students who need guidance.

St. Germain said support from his family, particularly “the consistent support and love of my wife, Ellen,” saw him through the challenges and enabled him to enjoy the successes of his tenure as chair.

Now that he will be devoting more time to teaching and writing, he also plans to focus on his own research. He is interested in multiple research topics, including porcelain veneer restorations, the best instruments for finishing and polishing tooth-colored materials used in restorations, and the best practices to use in repairing porcelain veneer restorations. He also is interested in investigating new computer software that analyzes student work in preclinical labs.

Dr. Julie Marshall
named interim ARD chair

Dr. Julie Marshall, associate professor, was named interim chair of the Department of Adult Restorative Dentistry effective July 1. She succeeds Dr. Henry St. Germain who has retired as chair, but will continue to teach and conduct research.

“I am very pleased Dr. Marshall has taken on this responsibility,” St. Germain said. “She is reasonable, knowledgeable, experienced, a people person, energetic, positive, everything I would look for in a successor.”

“Dr. St. Germain has given many years of service to this department. I am so glad he will still be here,” Marshall said.

Marshall received her bachelor’s degree in dental hygiene from the UNMC College of Dentistry and her DDS degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. She also received a master’s degree and certificate of specialty in prosthodontics from UNMC. She has been on the prosthodontics clinical and preclinical faculty and has been course director for Preclinical Fixed Prosthodontics I, Fixed Prosthodontics II, and Advanced Topic in Prosthodontics.
Five new ASI endodontic carts arrived in the post-graduate endodontic clinic at the UNMC College of Dentistry in June, much to the pleasure of students and faculty alike.

“We are happy and feel fortunate that we can offer our residents the use of these carts,” said Fahd Alsalleeh, PhD, assistant professor and director of the post-graduate endodontics program.

His colleague, Dr. G. Lane Stephenson, assistant professor, said the new carts work so well that he might consider taking his residency again.

The ASI carts are specialized mobile, integrated endodontic carts that allow instruments to be integrated into one system to be controlled with a single foot pedal. The new carts replaced older models that were bulky and hard to repair. Those carts will be kept for parts.

Alsalleeh said endodontic faculty members and maintenance staff at the college worked with the manufacturer in Englewood, Colo., to design the new units. The carts, which cost about $10,000 each, were paid for by private donations as well as Endodontic Development funds and a contribution by the manufacturer, ASI.

When the manufacturer built the carts, College of Dentistry staff asked the manufacturer to assemble them in a way that parts could be easily removed for maintenance purposes, said Mike Rosenboom and Troy Stevens, dental maintenance technicians. They said repairs had been a struggle with the older carts.

Without the carts, residents have to operate several instruments and tools, each of which is connected and mounted separately, Alsalleeh said. With limited space available in the dental office, the use of many instruments during endodontic therapy can be difficult. The new carts also provide better visibility of instrument control panels and increased worktop and storage space.

Alsalleeh mentioned other features of the new carts:

- Integration of wide variety of instruments that operate from a single foot pedal
- An internal air compressor and vacuum
- Three pneumatic handpiece connections, an air/water syringe, saliva ejector, straight titanium high volume evacuator, and Endodontic Air Syringe for Stropko™ adapter
- Electric handpiece for rotary instruments
- Ultrasonic handpiece
- Aseptic clean, closed water system
- Paint and solid-surface material that complement clinic decor
Meeting NFL stars Helu and Amukamara

It should be easy from now on for Dr. Jim Jenkins to get volunteer dental students to help prepare mouth guards for Husker athletes.

That’s what fourth-year dental student Emily Tschetter concluded after a chance meeting this summer with former Husker stars Roy Helu, now a running back for the Washington Redskins, and Prince Amukamara, a cornerback for the New York Giants, in the George Sullivan Training Room in Memorial Stadium.

Tschetter and three fellow dental students showed up in the training room July 9 to help Jenkins, assistant professor, take impressions to make dental casts for incoming freshmen football players. By chance, the two NFL players were there and struck up a conversation with the dental students.

“They said they remembered having this done too,” Tschetter said. “They were both down-to-earth and very friendly. You could tell they had a great relationship between the two of them and great respect for their experience at Nebraska. They are good strong role models for little-boy Huskers in Nebraska.”

Asked about his 2012 Super Bowl ring, Amukamara told the dental students he didn’t have it with him, Tschetter recalled. “You can’t wear it everywhere,” he told them.

Tschetter said the partnership between the NU Athletic Department and the College of Dentistry is unique. “We take the impressions and provide the casts. The Athletic Department has tools and equipment to make the mouth guards.” Jenkins and his student volunteers provide the service for UNL’s football and basketball players and wrestlers.

For Tschetter, the encounter with two NFL players wasn’t her first. Her second-cousin Adam Timmerman played for the Green Bay Packers and the St. Louis Rams in the 1990s and is now retired from professional football. He played college football at South Dakota State University in Brookings.
Kudos

The Dental Hygiene Class of 2013 achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the National Board Dental Hygiene Examinations and on the clinical regional licensure exam. The passing licensure exam score was 75 percent, and the Class of 2013 averaged 98.3 percent. Dean John Reinhardt congratulated the recent graduates and their faculty for the outstanding results.

Thank you to the students, faculty, staff, and alumni who volunteered May 31-June 1 at Dental Day XXIV in the Nebraska Panhandle. About 250 children received dental care in Gordon, Chadron, Alliance, and Sidney. David Brown, PhD, executive associate dean, and Stan Harn, PhD, provided organizational oversight; Tony Brown helped transport, install, and maintain portable dental units; and pediatric residents under the guidance of Dr. Nick Levering assisted. Also involved were Rhonda Simpson and the Instrument Management staff who packed equipment, instruments, and supplies. The Box Butte General Hospital in Alliance provided surgical space for cases needing hospital support.

Dr. David Brown, executive associate dean, received the 2013 Community Public Health Award from the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. The award honors outstanding community service contributions to promote public health. Brown was recognized for his collaboration and work with the Community Dental Health Committee.

Dr. Gerald Tussing, M.S. ‘67, was inducted into the Nebraska Dental Association Hall of Fame during the NDA’s 2013 Annual Session in Lincoln. Tussing has been a faculty member at the COD since 1967 and served as a department chair for 37 years.

Dr. Peter Spalding retired in June after nearly 30 years of service to the UNMC College of Dentistry. A reception was held in his honor at the college.

Dr. Sreenivas Koka, Ph.D. ‘99 and former faculty member, has accepted the inaugural position of executive director of the Foundation for Oral Rehabilitation (FOR) in Zurich, Switzerland. FOR (www.for.org) is a new, independent, international initiative that unites professionals from various disciplines to improve oral health care and support humanitarian leadership. FOR connects its participants, allowing them to globally share their expertise and extend their professional profiles. Young participants can benefit from the personal mentorship and support in advancing their careers as emerging leaders in science, education and humanity. Koka has been a faculty member at the Mayo Clinic Department of Dental Specialties in Rochester, Minn., for the past nine years and served as chair of the department for five years.

Congratulations to Dr. Sheela Premaraj for receiving a grant award of $25,000 from Align Technology. She has received a total of $50,000 from Align Technology for her research, “Shift in Species Composition of Supra and Subgingival Gingival Microbiome as a Risk Factor in Dental Caries/Periodontal Disease – a Comparative Study with Braces/Invisalign Treatment.”

Lisa Moravec, RDH, was installed as the 2013 -14 president of the Nebraska Dental Hygienists’ Association. She is an assistant professor in the Department of Dental Hygiene and coordinator of the West Division Dental Hygiene Program.

Jenna Hatfield, a fourth-year dental student, has been chosen as an alternate delegate to the American Dental Association’s 2013 House of Delegates representing the American Student Dental Association. She will represent and advocate for her fellow dental students at the American Dental Association House of Delegates meeting in November in New Orleans.

Liz Hungerford, a second-year dental student, is the author of a paper that has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Dentistry. She did a research project with Dr. Mark Beatty for her biomedical engineering degree on pigment changes and stabilization of prosthetic noses and ears.
Faculty leading by example

Featured here are examples of leadership and service by members of the UNMC College of Dentistry Department of Surgical Specialties, led by Dr. J. Bruce Bavitz.

This feature highlighting significant faculty accomplishments in individual departments was introduced in the Winter 2013 issue of Cornhusker Impressions and will continue until all departments have been presented.

Faculty members at the College of Dentistry provide excellent examples of service and outreach for their students by being involved in dental and community organizations while maintaining full schedules of teaching, consulting, studying, research, and patient care.

The Department of Surgical Specialties is comprised of three sections: Endodontics, Periodontics, and Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery. In addition to training and educating dental students and residents in those disciplines, the faculty is actively engaged in consulting, research and continuing education. Here are examples of leadership shown by the Surgical Specialties faculty including recent regional and national presentations, appointments, and awards.

Dr. Fahd Alsalleeh, member of the American Association of Endodontists Foundation, Research and Scientific Affairs Committee.

Dr. J. Bruce Bavitz, coordinating editor of Practical Reviews in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery; member of Case Construction Committee, National Board of Dental Examiners; and recently presented “Anxiety and Pain Control” to the Wyoming Dental Meeting in Sheridan and “Contemporary Oral Surgery for the General Dentist” to the Alaska Dental Society in Sitka.

Dr. Matthew Byarlay, consultant for the Commission on Dental Accreditation and reviewer for the Journal of Periodontology.

Dr. Jeffrey B. Payne, reviewer for the Journal of Periodontal Research, the American Journal of Veterinary Research, the Journal of Periodontology and the Journal of Dental Research; presented “Association between Longitudinal Changes in Clinical and Radiographic Periodontitis Measures” at the AADR annual meeting in Tampa, Fla.; co-investigator on an American College of Rheumatology grant and principal investigator on a National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research grant subcontract.

Dr. Richard Reinhardt, examiner for the Central Regional Dental Testing Service.

Dr. Lane Stephenson, new course director for Endo 605, a junior undergraduate course, and course director for Advanced Pre-Clinical Endodontics/Orientation Course for post-graduate endodontics.

In Memory

Dr. Fred W. Hecox, 88, DDS ‘48, of Cozad, Neb., died July 1, 2013. He began practicing with his father, Dr. Rexford Hecox, and formed the Cozad Dental Clinic in 1964. He practiced for 47 years before retiring, some of that time with his son, Dr. Michael Hecox. He was inducted into the Cozad Community Hospital Health Care Hall of Fame and the Nebraska Dental Association Hall of Fame. He received the Alumni Achievement Award from the College of Dentistry Alumni Association in 1995.

Dr. Paul J. Henningson, 56, DDS ’96, of Baxter, Minn., died April 5, 2013. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in biology and a master’s degree in plant pathology from North Dakota State University where he worked as a microbiologist before attending dental school. After graduating, he relocated to the Brainerd Lakes area of Minnesota where he practiced dentistry.

Dr. Gordon G. Pejsar, 85, DDS ‘55, of Lincoln, died July 8, 2013. He practiced dentistry in Lincoln for 50 years, the last 20 years with his son, Dr. Steven Pejsar. He retired in 2005. He was president of the Lincoln District Dental Association and the Nebraska Dental Association and first vice president of the American Dental Association. He was elected to the Nebraska Dental Association Hall of Fame and was a founding member of the Capital Study Club. He was dental consultant and vice president of Ameritas and was a member of the CRDTS.

Dr. Kelly Ann Soder-Blackman, 44, DDS ’06, died June 4, 2013, in Colorado. She was born at Sewart Air Force Base in Smyrna, Tenn. She practiced general dentistry in Longmont, Colo., where she was a partner in the Longmont Comfort Dental Office until she retired in 2011. She was active at Niwot Elementary School and with the Girl Scouts of America.
Brace yourself for great news:

Grateful orthodontic alumnus gives back to honor Dr. Sam Weinstein

By Susan Norby
Excerpted from Tightly Wired, the newsletter of the UNMC College of Dentistry Orthodontic Department

A number of years ago, I met Dr. Clark L. Jones while visiting alumni in Arizona with Dean John Reinhardt. He invited us to see his Phoenix orthodontic practice, and I vividly remember his enthusiasm for the profession and dedication to optimizing ways to serve his patients.

He spoke candidly about his appreciation for the education he received at the University of Nebraska, especially about the positive impact faculty had on his education. Although he received outstanding clinical instruction, he said his faculty instructors and mentors also taught him to think analytically and creatively in a constant effort to improve oral health care. He earned his D.D.S. at the College of Dentistry in 1970 and a M.S. in orthodontics in 1972.

Dr. Jones has a long and generous history of giving back to support the college that helped launch his career; his first gift to the University of Nebraska Foundation was received in 1975. Steady gifts from him and his wife, Pat, have supported both the D.D.S. program and the post-graduate orthodontic program. Then, this spring they made a gift of more than $50,000 to the Dr. Sam & Helen Weinstein Memorial Fund as a tribute to the orthodontic faculty member who Dr. Jones said profoundly affected the trajectory of his entire career.

Upon making this significant gift, Dr. Jones asked me to relay a message to Sam and Helen’s two children, Drs. David and Laurie Weinstein: “Please tell Sam and Helen’s children that I owe almost everything I have in life to Dr. Sam Weinstein. ... I just wish I could give more.”

Dr. Clark L. Jones, Post-graduate Orthodontic Residency Program, UNMC College of Dentistry, Lincoln, Neb., c. 1972.

Dr. Sam Weinstein, Boys Town Clinic, Omaha, Neb., c. mid-1950s
“Dr. Weinstein and the University of Nebraska was the opening of the door to my whole career. Without Dr. Weinstein I would never have had the career that I have had. He was the one that believed in me enough to give me the opportunity to become an orthodontist,” Dr. Jones said.

Dr. Jones added these thoughts about great teaching: “I have come to admire many people, including Dr. Weinstein, who are great orthodontists and also great teachers. During an entire career an orthodontist can treat possibly 10,000 patients and improve their lives a great deal, but in a career of teaching, being a great teacher and teaching other orthodontists how to do better treatment and make better decisions and get better results for their patients has a multiplier effect that can be absolutely huge. The number of lives that can be influenced by a great teacher is orders of a magnitude greater than the number of lives that can be influenced by a single practitioner alone. We should always honor and appreciate the value of great teachers.”

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Private offices created for ARD faculty

Dr. Larry Haisch moved into his new office off the west hallway of the south wing in August, his fifth move in his 34 years at the UNMC College of Dentistry. It will be his first move into an office intended just for him; for most of those years, he has shared an office with a colleague.

Haisch and his full-time colleagues in the college’s Department of Adult Restorative Dentistry settled into new quarters late this summer after a renovation project, which began in April, created 11 private offices out of seven previously shared offices. The $236,600 project was supported by private funds and UNMC.

Dr. Julie Marshall, interim ARD chair, said the new arrangement gives faculty members more “quiet time for professional development and writing.” Scholarly writing and study require concentration without distractions, she noted.

Haisch, associate professor and the college’s construction coordinator, said the single offices also give faculty members greater privacy when meeting with students or colleagues or talking on the phone.

The ARD office remodeling was the eighth construction project Haisch has overseen at the college, including the major $8.9 million construction and renovation project authorized by the Legislature in LB605 and completed in 2010. His role, he said, has given him a broad picture of all the varied aspects of construction and the impact on faculty, staff, students, and patients.

“He’s done a great job,” said Marshall. “I want to take him to my home and redecorate.”

Haisch credited Brooke Hay, UNL Facilities project manager, for her role in the ARD office remodeling project and other construction projects at the college. “The college is fortunate to have her as project manager. She is very familiar with the physical layout and knows many of the faculty and staff and their needs and concerns,” he said.

Changes in office arrangements were necessary, Haisch said, because of growth in the Adult Restorative Dentistry Department. Faculty members in most other departments already have private offices. One shared office remains and will be used for part-time ARD faculty.

Faculty members were very accommodating during the construction, working out of temporary quarters in offices and classrooms on the lower level, Haisch said. The project involved removing existing walls and building new walls, as well as installing new carpeting and lighting in the rooms. The offices were freshly painted, and new modular furniture was installed in most rooms.

Dr. David Covey, however, kept his original steel desk, shelving, and filing cabinets, which date to the 1960s when the East Campus College of Dentistry building was constructed. Covey chose the old furnishings, not for style, he said, but for practicality. He knew exactly where to find his files, and he said he “didn’t see any need to change” his system. A few other faculty members also kept the familiar furnishings they had used in their shared offices.

Some approached the move with mixed feelings. “I have always gotten along well with the people I have shared offices with, and I will miss the camaraderie,” said Dr. Paul Hansen before the move. “I was incredibly fortunate to have shared an office with Dr. (Richard) Bradley for six to nine months, just listening to him and talking to him.”

In the small office Bradley and Hansen shared at the college, the former dean told stories of the school and former faculty members. “That time with him was priceless,” Hansen said.
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1978 Corcoran, William C.
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1984 Goodrich, John L.
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1987 Durham, Timothy M.

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1959 Mannis, Lightie Y.
1960 Gaylord, John P.

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1970 Davis, Leon F.
1972 Morgan, James G.
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1985 Irvine, N. Ross
1986 Simmons, Joyce D.
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1957 Pike, J. Sanders (dec.) & Mary Upshaw Pike
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