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## Ready. Set. Putt!

The first annual UBC Dentistry Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament took place on Friday, September 19, at the University Golf Club. In perfect golfing weather, the tournament participants drove, chipped and putted their way through a relaxing morning of golf followed by a BBQ lunch.

The tournament was in "best ball" format, giving equal opportunity to all levels of golfers. Highlights included a chipping contest, some famous UBC cinnamon buns, and champagne on route! Unfortunately no one claimed the \$50,000 hole-in-one prize offered by Aurum Ceramic. In case you are wondering what you missed, please visit [www.dentistry.ubc.ca](http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca) for action shots.

Top honours of the day go to the fabulous alumni foursome of Allan Woo (DMD'78), Robert Abercromby (DMD'78), Robert (Joe) Germain (DMD '72), and Greg Chang (DMD '86) who scored a remarkable 11-under-par. Please contact them directly regarding private lessons! Kudos go to powerhouse Rita Chu (DDHg'75, BDSc'97) who claimed both the Women's KP and Longest Drive contest. Greg Chang won the Men's KP and Mark Wilson won the Men's Longest Drive.

There was also an award for the team that exhibited the greatest opportunity for growth. However, since that team consisted of tournament sponsors we will protect their identities from the public.

We would like to extend a very special thank you to the sponsors of the tournament for their continued support of the faculty. We would also like to thank everyone who participated in the tournament and look forward to welcoming even more of you next year.

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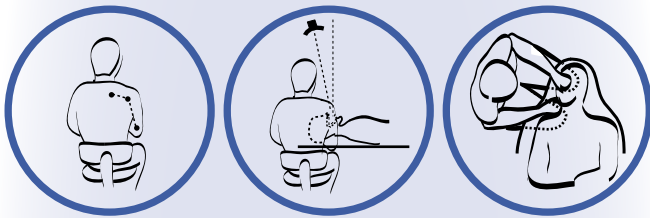
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Allan Woo and Greg Chan from the winning foursome at the UBC Dentistry Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament.

# Researchers Win Grant for Ergonomics Health Promotion



Dr. Lance Rucker and Dr. Carl Cramer from the UBC Faculty of Dentistry and Dr. Susanne Sunell from Vancouver Community College have been given an opportunity to assess the best methods for encouraging and helping B.C. dentists, dental hygienists, and assistants to improve their musculoskeletal health, quality of life, and productivity. Their new Workers' Compensation Board grant builds on an earlier WCB grant to Rucker and Sunell (described in the summer 2001 issue of *Good Impressions*) that detailed how dentists and dental hygienists could identify whether they were at risk for developing various ergonomically-based strain injuries while working in their clinical professional practices.

The 2001 WCB research report identified certain profiles of practice behaviours, as well as equipment layout and usage that were associated with increased risks to dental office personnel for experiencing musculoskeletal pain. The new project is directed toward the development and testing of specific ergonomics health promotion materials and voluntary guidelines (both written and web-based) that will effectively transfer this ergonomics knowledge into the clinical workplace, and determine whether this knowledge can reduce or eliminate high-risk practice profiles.



# Financial Support for Students from the Profession

By Dr. Edwin Yen, Dean

The cost of dental education is rising and this has been reflected in significant increases in tuition and clinic fees in universities across the country. The financial plight facing the majority of university students (Arts or Science), and the professional students (Medicine, Law and Business) is often featured in the media.

Provincial governments do not place dental education at the same level of priority as medicine and nursing education. University budgets are never increased in response to the cost-intensive dental programs. Dentistry is the only clinical program that is required to support its own infrastructure (in terms of the clinic) and its students have historically absorbed the costs of specialty items such as instruments, equipment and supplies.

*Today, our students must pay at least \$32,000 per year in tuition and clinic fees. How much did your education cost?*

UBC is one of the few universities that have a board policy to ensure that no student will be denied an education because of a lack of financial means. To this end UBC has a system of bursaries and internal loans to assist the most needy. The Faculty of Dentistry has negotiated a dental student line of credit program with Scotiabank and other banks to provide up to \$160,000. However, the combined support of UBC and private loans is not enough for some students.

It is especially encouraging that the alumni and friends of the faculty continue to donate to the bursary funds that help dental students. I want to congratulate the Chinese Canadian Dental Society for their leadership in sponsoring the November 22 concert at the Chan Centre as a fundraising event to help dental students. This is not the first time that the CCDSBC has fundraised for a UBC project and we look forward to their continuing vision and support.

On behalf of the students, thanks to all members of the profession and community who will be attending this concert or supporting other faculty financial aid efforts.

# ADA International Faculty Advisor Award Goes to Dr. Ravi Shah



*Dr. Ravi Shah brings home the prizes.*

Dr. Ravindra M. Shah received the 2003 International Faculty Advisor Award from the International Association of Student Clinicians - American Dental Association. Dr. Shah was bestowed this honour as a result of his long-time work with international students in our faculty.

Dr. Shah has provided leadership to our undergraduate dental student international relations program for the past 19 years. Through his efforts, we have developed a very successful and enterprising international student education program with countries of the Asia Pacific region (Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Thailand) as well as Europe (U.K., Germany, Sweden, Denmark), New Zealand and Australia.

The program runs year round. Each year, approximately thirty students from various countries come to UBC at different times of the year for one week to three months, and gain experience in the undergraduate or graduate programs. Dr. Shah has been the mentor-host for all the visiting international students, guiding them in organizing their academic pursuits as

well as social and cultural programs. Through this program, we have attracted several graduate students to our faculty.

In addition, Dr. Shah has regularly organized our dental students' academic visits to Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, Thailand, Vietnam and Taiwan, etc. Some of these are individual student-tailored programs. Others, such as the one with Nippon Dental University in Japan, are student exchange programs.

And if that's not enough, Dr. Shah has been on the lecture circuit at various universities. Also, scientists and students from many countries have been working in his lab for one to two year periods.

Besides his work with international programs and students, Dr. Shah has been our faculty's advisor and coordinator of the Table Clinic Program since 1980. During this period, he has organized and conducted the annual Table Clinic competition for over 240 students. The top ranked student represents our faculty at the national table clinic competition in Canada or the U.S. Students are also selected to represent our faculty at the Table Clinic presentation at the NIH, Hinman Student Research Symposium in Memphis, Tennessee, or at the annual meeting of the IADR.

During the past 23 years of Table Clinic competitions under Dr. Shah's leadership, eight students from our faculty have been winners at the national Table Clinic competition in Canada and the U.S., as well as at the international level.

Since 1990, Dr. Shah has been the chair of UBC's interdisciplinary Health Care Team Challenge. This annual competition among students from various health sciences disciplines (Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy, Speech Sciences, Nutrition, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Psychology, etc.) is organized and conducted by Dr. Shah, and is rated as one of the most successful and widely attended student activities on campus.

Congratulations and thank you to Dr. Shah!



# Farewell Mate: Dr. Christopher Peck

By Dr. Alan Hannam, Associate Dean

With considerable regret, the faculty has said farewell to Dr. Christopher Peck, now appointed as an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Sydney, where he will continue working in the area of orofacial pain.

Chris joined us as a PhD candidate in 1994. By then he had obtained a University Blue award for Rugby Union, and BDS and MSc degrees from the University of Sydney. He had been a Senior Dental Officer in the Royal Australian Navy, and a tutor and clinician in the Orofacial Pain Clinic at the University of Sydney.

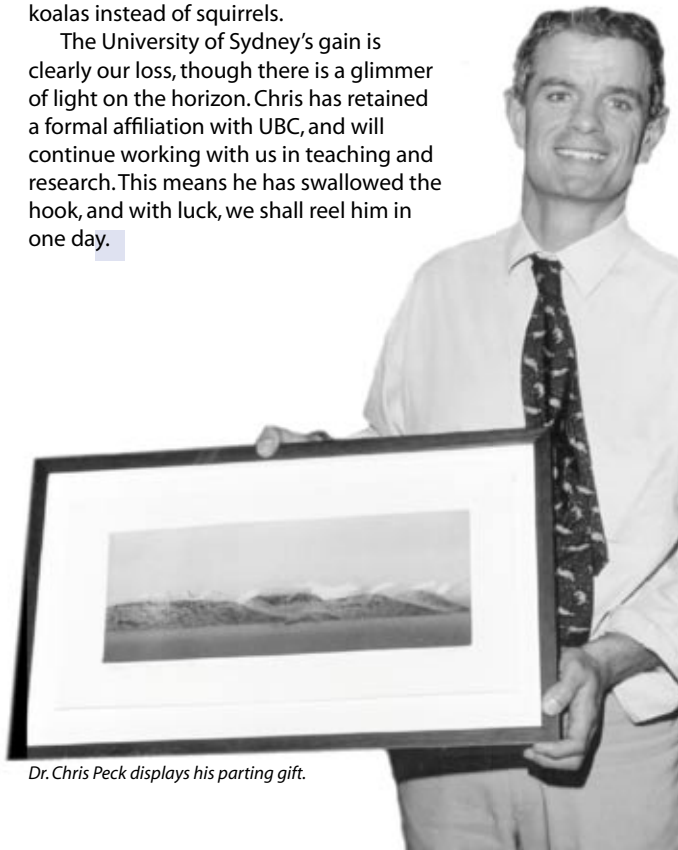
As a graduate student here in oral biology, Chris was awarded an S. Wah Leung Scholarship for excellence in research, a Bisco Graduate Scholarship for innovation, and a UBC Graduate Teaching Award. On completion of his PhD, he was appointed Assistant Professor in Oral Biological and Medical Sciences.

Chris accomplished a great deal here. Various, he taught prosthodontics, occlusion, evaluation of dental research, and local anaesthesia. He coordinated our second-year undergraduate dental program, and was a coordinator in the brain and behaviour block of PBL. He taught functional anatomy, orofacial pain and temporomandibular disorders, and he was the director of our Orofacial Pain and Temporomandibular Disorders Clinic. Chris supervised graduate students and clinical rotations in our GPR. He wrote PBL cases, and became an accomplished user of WebCT, our educational software. While at UBC, he was granted a Graduate Diploma of Science in Medicine (Pain Management) by the University of Sydney.

It's easy to see why Chris will be missed; certainly he made many friends in and outside our faculty. His equanimity, tact, professionalism, kindness and understated humour brightened our working days, and enhanced the faculty's reputation and working relationships off-campus.

Chris, Debbie and their dog Lucy have set up a new home in Sydney. Lucy, conditioned by miles of walking along Spanish Banks, is now chasing koalas instead of squirrels.

The University of Sydney's gain is clearly our loss, though there is a glimmer of light on the horizon. Chris has retained a formal affiliation with UBC, and will continue working with us in teaching and research. This means he has swallowed the hook, and with luck, we shall reel him in one day.



Dr. Chris Peck displays his parting gift.

## CDE Impressions



The class of the 26th Orthodontic Module.

# Ortho Module Gives Straight Goods

By Donna Dainius, Director of CDE

The 26<sup>th</sup> Orthodontic Module for certified dental assistants and registered dental hygienists was held from June 4 – 18. We plan and prepare for months to ensure that all criteria are met, and that participants leave feeling confident to use their new skills. We are very grateful for the commitment and dedication of the orthodontists and certified orthodontic assistants who take time out of their busy schedules to be involved in the teaching, coaching, and fine-tuning of this program.

Many instructors have been teaching in the module for a number of years. One of them is Dr. Paul Witt, who first became involved in the Orthodontic Module in 1987 and has been key to the success of this program. Through the years he has worked to ensure that the next program is even better than the last. Dr. Witt provides the first two and one-half days of lectures prior to the clinic portion of the program, in which he is also involved. In 1996 he went to the University of Bristol to implement a pilot of the UBC module as a framework to train orthodontic assistants in Great Britain. In addition to the Orthodontic Module, Dr. Witt also runs our annual Basic Orthodontics for the General Practitioner Study Club that meets once a month at the dental school. His support and dedication to CDE is greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank the following people for their help with this year's module:

Ms. Kim Antignani	Dr. Young Kuah
Ms. Denise Baker	Dr. Edward Mah
Ms. Dawn Ellis	Dr. Ritchie Mah
Ms. Gail Furlong	Ms. Lynne McArthur
Ms. Victoria Gracey	Ms. Annette Nelson
Dr. Alexa Herbertson	Dr. Jiang Su
Ms. Brenda Herbst	Dr. Linda Taylor
Ms. Denise Howell	Ms. Rita Tremewen
Ms. Suzette Jestin	Ms. Dawna Werbeski
Ms. Bette Joyce	Dr. Paul Witt
Dr. Bill King	

We are pleased to offer 2003 UBC Graduates a \$100 reduction on all unlimited enrolment courses for the 2003/2004 academic year. The Frequent Attendee's Program continues – anyone registering for two courses within the upcoming academic year can attend a third course at a \$50 reduction (non-transferable).

To view the course calendar or to register, visit: [www.dentistry.ubc.ca](http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca), click on "Continuing Education" and then "Calendar of Courses".

## Graduate Students

# Graduate Students in The ELDERS Group: An International Endeavour



Alnor Altani



Shiva Khatami



Mario Brondani



Matana Pruksapong



Eduardo Ghaname

*By Dr. Michael MacEntee, Professor and Chair, Prosthodontics*

The ELDERS group in our faculty thrives on the interaction of a multidisciplinary group of academics from the faculties of Applied Science (Nursing), Arts (Social Work and Sociology), College of Health Disciplines, Education, Graduate Studies (Institute of Health Promotion Research), Medicine (Health Care and Epidemiology, Geriatrics), and Science (Biomaterials, Microbiology). The uniqueness of this group, especially in an era when "cooperative research" appeals to most granting agencies, attracts interest far and wide from potential graduate students.

**Rachelle Weiss** from Ontario was our first graduate student. She began with us as a research assistant, registered as a graduate student, and explored in her MSc thesis the self-assessed role of dentists in dental geriatrics. Her work pointed the way for another MSc student, **Ross Bryant**, who came as a dentist from Alberta to explain the nature of the barriers and the scope of ethical issues confronting dentists who work in nursing homes. Ross, by the way, proceeded to do a PhD with clinical training in prosthodontics at the University of Toronto, and returned two years ago as a member of our faculty with a leading role in the ELDERS group. Our first international student, **Andrea Esteves**, arrived from Brazil in 1992. She completed her MSc on the quality of bone supporting implants. Subsequently, she joined the faculty as clinic manager, and continues as an active member of the ELDERS group in one of our clinical trials. A counselling psychologist, **Dianne Marshall**, connected with the group through her interest in treatment avoidance, and she produced an MA thesis that explained the depth of some very debilitating dental phobias.

The first dental hygienist and PhD student, **Shafik Dharamsi**, joined the group after completing an MSc thesis on the development and impact of our new PBL curriculum. He expanded on his MSc thesis by probing deeply into the philosophical basis for the dental profession's sense of social responsibility. **Alnor Altani**, another dental hygienist, demonstrated as part of her MSc a significant improvement in the oral health of frail elders following dental scaling.

The success of the research supervised by members of the ELDERS group served well to attract numerous applicants in recent years for research training. Consequently, we have had

five new graduate students join us during the last two years. **Eduardo Ghaname**, a dentist from the University do Estado de São Paulo, Brazil, is an MSc student nearing the end of a dissertation on the fracture toughness and bonding potential of composite restorative materials to old and young dentine. His aim is to help resolve the difficulties of restoring dental cavities caused in old age by root caries. At about the same time, **Shiva Khatami**, a dentist from the University of Shahid Beheshti in Iran, joined us. She enrolled in our MSc programme but transferred recently to the PhD programme so that she could explore the process of clinical reasoning used by dentists in geriatric care. She follows the research leads provided by Rachelle Weiss, Ross Bryant and Shafik Dharamsi.

Another dentist, **Mario Brondani**, also comes from Brazil. He obtained an MSc from the Geriatric and Gerontological Institute of PUCRS University, Porto Alegre, and joined the PhD program here with an interest in the quality of life of elders. He hopes to unravel the complexity of psychometric instruments used to measure the impact of oral health in old age. **Matana Pruksapong** is our first graduate student from Thailand. She graduated as a dentist from Thammasat University and worked there as a member of the faculty before enrolling in our MSc program last year. Following a very successful first year of course work she transferred, like Shiva, to the PhD program. She is studying the development and impact of our dental geriatric program. Her dissertation will be one of the first extensive studies of its kind in dentistry and should serve with broad applications internationally as a role model for health services research in dentistry. Our most recent MSc student is **Nelson Hui** (no photo available), a local dentist. He is studying the oral health needs and behaviours of Chinese elders who are in long-term care, and will help to set the stage for an extensive collaborative study of oral health-related issues among elderly Chinese immigrants in Canada, the U.S., Australia and New Zealand.

The international origin and eclectic interests of our graduate students are integral to the vitality and progress of this academic group within the Faculty of Dentistry. They bring a perspective that promotes exploration beyond our traditional boundaries, and they contribute substantially to our reputation within Canada and abroad. We are very pleased to have them.





Students visiting UBC Dentistry enjoy the many sites of Vancouver including False Creek, above.

## Waking the Dead: A BOLD Elective

By Heidi Bateman, 5<sup>th</sup> year at Newcastle Dental School

Do you fancy dealing with dead bodies as part of your elective? That's what I did when I visited Vancouver and got acquainted with Forensic Odontology.

At last I was flying to Vancouver. I was leaving behind English weather and my exams were just a distant memory. My elective was just beginning.

### Campus unlike anything I have ever seen

My elective period was to be two weeks at the Bureau of Legal Dentistry (BOLD) in Vancouver. BOLD is a full-time forensic odontology laboratory, responsible for all forensic odontology casework in the province of British Columbia. The laboratory is situated on the campus of the University of British Columbia. The campus is unlike anything I have ever seen. There is a tremendous selection of restaurants and cafés offering cuisine from many cultures. There are shops, a cinema, a theatre, museum of anthropology and even botanical gardens.

Vancouver is an absolutely amazing city. In downtown Vancouver, people go out in the evening and then stay late in the cafés and bars. One of the best experiences of the trip was renting bicycles with the three other UK students who were sharing my "forensic experience" and cycling around the seawall in Stanley Park.

### Forensic casework

The director of BOLD, Dr. Sweet, made us feel at home immediately. Everyone treated us with tremendous kindness. Dr. Sweet arranged a program of events for us, with opportunities to include any additional items we thought were useful.

One of the aims of my elective was to gain an understanding of the role of a forensic odontologist. This, and more, was achieved by exposure to a wide range of forensic applications including:

- forensic identification
- comparative identification
- forensic DNA extraction and profiling
- bitemark evidence collection and analysis
- post-mortem reconstructive profiling (Anthropology)
- forensic art

Each subject was introduced with a presentation, illustrating examples and followed by exercises to put our new knowledge into practice. We participated in real forensic casework by assisting in a comparative identification of a decomposed body. Charting of teeth and taking radiographs of a dead body is obviously slightly different from what we do in dental school. Taking a bisecting angle will never seem the same again; things are a little more challenging when you don't have your patient's cooperation. Using cryogenic grinding we were also able to obtain DNA from extracted teeth. We were even able to profile our own DNA and marvel in our uniqueness.

### One of my best experiences

The elective was one of my best experiences of my time as a Newcastle undergraduate. The opportunities presented by the elective period are unique and I would thoroughly recommend it to anyone.

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# Class of 2007: Who are you?

Applications received: 211  
 Applicants accepted: 40  
 Men: 20  
 Women: 20  
 Overall GPA: 82.3%  
 DAT academic average (/30): 20.4



*The Class of 2007, the first years, gather for a photo at Dean's Night.*

Besides the great marks, students in the Class of 2007 have some interesting backgrounds. Five of them have Masters or PhD degrees and 35 of them have completed four or more years of undergraduate studies. One student worked as an HIV/AIDS educator in El Salvador. Another student worked with mentally ill people at a half-way house in Malaysia. There is an occupational therapist and a ballroom dancer. One member of the Class of 2007 spent eight months completely refurbishing a van and then drove it across Canada.

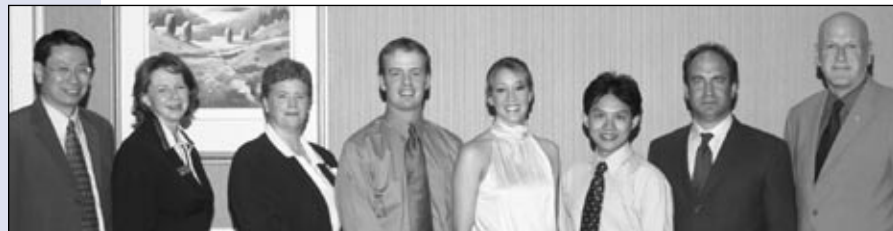
They are from Quesnel, Prince George, Trail, and other communities around British Columbia...and we welcome them to UBC.

## Dean's Night: Good to be Back!

The second year class may have welcomed the first years with a bowling night but the faculty stuck with tradition and welcomed all of the undergraduates with a Dean's Night reception at the University Golf Club. Faculty, staff, students and donors attended the evening of celebration to welcome back students and honour award winners.

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, many students walked away with awards at the end of the evening. The big winner of the night was Mark Casafrancisco, who was this year's winner of the Dentsply Student Clinician Research Competition. Mark will participate in the national competition at the CDA meeting in 2004.

Congratulations to all of the award winners and a warm welcome to our new students! For a complete list of all 2003 award recipients and photos of the evening please visit [www.dentistry.ubc.ca](http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca).



*Lots of smiles at Undergraduate Dean's Night.*





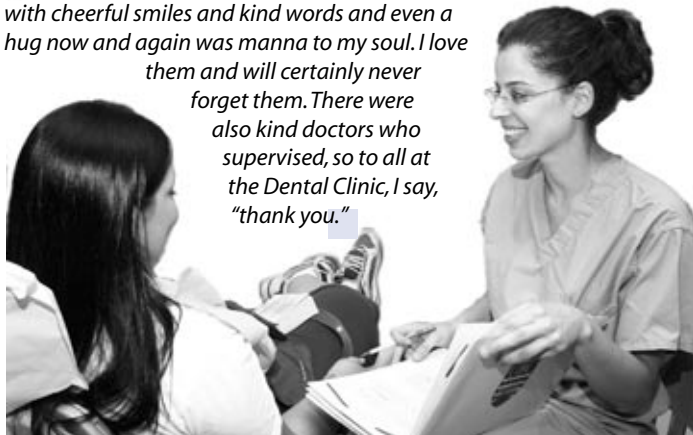
## In Praise of Dental Students

Here is a sampling of the glowing letters the clinic received at the end of the term.

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*I am a life skills worker. I recently had the pleasure of visiting the UBC Dental Clinic with a gentleman who I assist. This gentleman does not cope well under stressful circumstances. Your dental student did an excellent job at maintaining his professional demeanor by being patient and lighthearted with this gentleman. This little bit of care and consideration minimized the stress for this gentleman and in turn he has gained a positive experience.*

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*I have been a patient of the clinic for about 22 years. This year during my routine check-up I was very pleased with a clever and gifted student dentist. He did an excellent job. He was eager, hard working, gentle and very proper. He was consulting, asking questions and listening carefully to all the advice of his supervisor, who is also a very nice man and, in my opinion, an excellent teacher. I am 69 years old and I like to see this new generation of fine young men and women become good professionals. Since my retirement I have time on my hands to go to the clinic and be there for them. I went through a few dentists in my life—average or good ones. I believe I can recognize in the young students who are going to become exceptionally good professionals because of their eagerness, gentleness, diligence and the flawless job they perform. I would like to express my gratitude to them and your dental clinic.*

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*Thank you for my “new teeth”! I’m in my 91st year and now possess teeth that you just pop in and they stay. No more sticky adhesives—ugh. The students, apart from doing a wonderful job, were the highlight of last winter to me. To be greeted every Thursday at 9 a.m. with cheerful smiles and kind words and even a hug now and again was manna to my soul. I love them and will certainly never forget them. There were also kind doctors who supervised, so to all at the Dental Clinic, I say, “thank you.”*



## Life After Dental School... In Medical School

Dear Friends,

It has been some time since I’ve seen most of you. The opportunity to write a brief note for this newsletter seems ideal to let you all know what I’ve been up to. Since graduating from UBC Dentistry in 2002, I’ve continued my studies by enrolling in medical school at the University of Calgary. I’m now in the second year of the program, and have been having a wonderful time.

My class is a great group of people with an amazing array of backgrounds and interests, though I’m the only dentist in the class.

The curriculum here is somewhat more clinically relevant and applied than it was during the preclinical years at UBC. Teaching is done in lectures, in small group tutorials, and at the bedside. I especially enjoy the bedside teaching where I can be involved in patient care. Though there are many things I miss about dentistry, it sure is nice not to be worried about whether my patient will show up, or whether the crown will fit.

Having a background in dentistry has given me tremendous strengths in medical school: academically, on the wards, and in the operating room. I’m very thankful for the tools that dental school at UBC has given me. I don’t know what my future may hold, but I feel certain that I’m on the right track.

Best regards,  
Kevin Lobay



Kevin Lobay, DMD '02, with his classmates, Jamie Yu and Sally Clark, cheering on their University of Calgary medical school class hockey team.



# We need your support!

As a central link between the community and the dental profession, the UBC Faculty of Dentistry plays a critical role in advancing the oral health of the population through education, research and community service. As the only dental school in British Columbia, we understand that the reputation of our faculty within the province is inextricably linked to the quality of our educational programs. We also understand that the highest level of educational programs requires a vibrant and growing research culture and a commitment to serve the public.

Thanks to gifts from alumni and the community, we are able to realize many outstanding projects and establish UBC as one of Canada's pre-eminent universities. Making a gift will allow UBC to continue its tradition of excellence through unique, leading edge programs, state of the art educational resources and diverse research opportunities. A commitment to UBC's Faculty of Dentistry is a commitment to the success of our students, past and present, and to the future oral health and wellness of our communities.

**Yes! I would like to support the Faculty of Dentistry.** Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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*First prize winner  
Dr. Mike Jaskolka*



*Dr. Phoebe Tsang won  
second prize.*

## General Practice Residents Day

The Annual General Practice Residents Day took place on June 11. Our General Practice Residents presented their study projects at the Vancouver Hospital auditorium. The day culminated with a dinner at Brock House celebrating the residents' achievements.



Nav Mann and his bride, Raj Toor.



Dr. Matthew Ng and his bride, Emily Ho.



Tim Bollans examines a patient in a makeshift Guatemalan clinic.

## Our Dental Family

Alumni, students, faculty and staff... see your name in *Good Impressions*. Send us your news about: a new baby, a marriage, an award, a new job, an achievement, etc. Email [tstgroup@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:tstgroup@interchange.ubc.ca).

### Appointments

There have been a few changes in the Graduate Periodontics Program. **Dr. Ira Sy** has been appointed Director of Implant Surgery. His responsibilities include educational and clinical teaching of dental implants in the Graduate Periodontics Program. **Dr. Hannu Larjava** has returned to the position of Director of the Graduate Periodontics Program.

**Dr. David Sweet**, director of the faculty's BOLD forensic laboratory, has been identified by the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva as one of the world's leading forensic odontologists. As such, David has been appointed to the committee to help develop a protocol for use during investigations into war crimes and crimes against humanity. David's combined background in forensic dentistry and forensic medicine, along with his specialization in DNA evidence, provide the expertise to identify bodies found at mass fatality sites. The Red Cross has commenced a world-wide program entitled "The Missing" in which forensic odontologists and other experts are attempting to provide answers to the families of the persons still missing in various theatres of war, including Kosovo, Bosnia, Croatia, Rwanda, Nigeria, East Timor, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan.

### Service

On their own initiative some of the second year dental students in CHIUS (Community Health Initiative by University Students) participated in a children's dental fair at Maclean

Park in the Downtown Eastside over the summer. Over 200 prizes were awarded to children participating in the dental games. The following donors contributed to make Dentistry in CHIUS a valuable learning experience: Ms. Kathy Bespflug, Dr. P.Y.K. Chan, Dr. W.S. Cheung, Dr. Chris Clark, Prof. Bonnie Craig, Dr. Andrea Esteves, Dr. Ros Harrison, Dr. Joy Richman, and Dr. Lance Rucker. Every month, first and second year dental students volunteer to provide oral screening, dental hygiene instructions, and referral service to residents of the Downtown Eastside under the supervision of dentists in the GPR program. In September, the UBC dental hygiene students joined CHIUS for the first time. For more information about CHIUS, please visit [www.chius.ubc.ca](http://www.chius.ubc.ca).

UBC Bold Lab's **Dr. David Sweet**, retired homicide detective Sergeant Brian Honeybourn, and author Timothy Taylor gave a talk at the Vancouver Public Library on the "Babes in the Woods" crime. This is the 50th anniversary of the finding of the Babes in the Woods in Stanley Park. Timothy Taylor has published a book called "Stanley Park" and mentioned the Babes case in it, and the library is using the book in its "One Book, One Vancouver" program. Sergeant Honeybourn, the mounted policeman from the Vancouver Police who found the remains on January 14, 1953, and is still investigating the case even in his retirement, has been a staunch supporter of BOLD as a result of this case and Dr. Sweet's work.



A long line of children at the CHIUS information table.

Following in the footsteps of alumni before them, **Tim Bollan** and **Gurjit Gakhal** from the Class of '04 went to the highlands of Guatemala to do volunteer dentistry in villages around San Lucas.

### Comings

**Jackie Lee** is the new program assistant in Student Services.

New postdoc, **Dr. Willium Wei Qian**, DDS, PhD, and periodontologist from Capital University in Beijing, began working in Dr. Ken Yaegaki's lab in July and will stay for a year to study cartinogenic toxicity of hydrogen sulfide.

Visiting professor, **Dr. Yasuhiro Ikeda**, DDS, PhD and prothodontist from Hokkaido Health Science University in Sapporo, visited Dr. Yaegaki's lab for four months to study the UBC Breath Testing Clinic in order to establish such a clinic at his university.

### Marriages

Fourth year DMD student **Nav Mann** married Raj Toor (BSc Nursing '00) in Prince George on June 29.

Part-time clinical instructor **Dr. Matthew Ng** (DMD '01) married Emily Ho on September 6. They both graduated from UBC Pharmacy in 1997.



Baby Zachary Maurice, Sean's new son.

### Births

**Sean Maurice**, a graduate student in Clive Roberts' lab, and his wife Andrea (in Education at UBC) have a new baby boy, Zachary Francis, born on August 23.

**Teresa Mellish**, dental assistant in the clinic, had a baby girl in May named Kim.

### In Memorium

**Susan P. Foy** (DMD '98) died in a car accident in Florida where she had been doing a fellowship in maxillofacial surgery at the University of Florida College of Dentistry. A eulogy in her honour is at [www.dent.unc.edu/news/current/2003-07-25\\_Foy.htm](http://www.dent.unc.edu/news/current/2003-07-25_Foy.htm).

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### Calendar

#### NOVEMBER

- 6 CDE: SARS: Health Care Workers at Risk, Dr. Rick Mathias
- 13 CDE: Endodontic Diagnosis for Dental Hygienists, Dr. Hugh Maguire\*
- 15 CDE: Advanced Rotary Nickel Titanium Instrumentation, Drs. Jeff Coil and Bob Augsburg
- 20 UBC Alumni Association Achievement Dinner, Waterfront Hotel
- 22 Chinese Canadian Dental Society Fundraising Concert (proceeds to UBC Dentistry)
- 22 CDE: Advanced Local Anaesthesia: What you Need to Know, Dr. David Isen  
A portion of this program is being sponsored by an unrestricted educational grant from Septodont of Canada, Inc.
- 29 CDE: Practical Periodontics and Implants for Your Dental Practice: Hygiene, Esthetics, Regeneration and Implants, Dr. Henry Takei

#### DECEMBER

- 4 CDE: The Bill Scott Lecture: Facial Pain and Temporomandibular Disorders, Dr. Bruce Blasberg

#### JANUARY

- 31 CDE: Esthetics: Pearls for Your Practice, Dr. Joseph A. Blaes  
A portion of this program is being sponsored by an unrestricted educational grant from Kerr Corporation

#### MARCH

- 3 UBC Dentistry Corporate Reception at the Pacific Dental Conference, Pan Pacific Hotel
- 5 UBC Dentistry Alumni Reception, Pan Pacific Hotel

\* Thursday Evening Lecture Series for Dental Hygienists

\* Limited enrollment.

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This calendar is subject to change.

## Graduate/Postgraduate Studies

Applications are invited for admission to the following programs:

### MSc and PhD in Dental Science

These programs are research-oriented and do not include clinical training. The MSc degree normally requires two years full-time study, and can also be taken part-time. The PhD degree requires a minimum of three years. Both offer research training in various oral and dental sciences. Deadline: March 1.

### Combined MSc (Dental Science) and Diploma Program in Periodontics

This program offers an MSc degree and a diploma in graduate periodontics. The three-year program is recognized by the American Dental Association. Deadline: October 1.

### Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology Postgraduate Program

This postgraduate residency training in oral medicine and oral pathology is offered in conjunction with university-affiliated teaching hospitals. It consists of a three or four-year hospital-based, stipended residency in one of three pathways: oral medicine, oral pathology, or both specialties combined. Deadline: November 30.

### General Practice Residency Program

This one-year dental residency program is offered in conjunction with university-affiliated teaching hospitals. These residency positions include one opening in pediatric dentistry. Deadline: November 1.

For more information visit [www.dentistry.ubc.ca](http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca) or contact:

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