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First years David Wong and Anne Kelly receive an apple, symbolizing everything from preventative dentistry to the acquisition of knowledge. Dentistry runs in the family for David. His mother, Theresa, is a graduate from the Class of 1976.

Was Your First-Year Orientation Like This?

By Alex Augustyn, Manager of Student Services

With smiling faces and tons of enthusiasm, the Faculty of Dentistry's Class of 2010 started their four-day orientation during the last week of August. The students began their first day with a reception and warm welcome from Dean Yen. Throughout the day students learned about life as a dental student, and heard from alumni Dr. Pommy Hallen and Dr. Candy

Cheung about their experiences when they were dental students.

The first-year class hails mainly from British Columbia but also has students from Iran, Hong Kong, Kenya, Taiwan, Korea and Poland. The class includes an entrepreneur, a piano teacher, and a varsity hockey player.

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Global Oral Health

By Dr. Edwin Yen

The global village has become a reality and with the help of the internet there are tremendous opportunities for students, academics and private practitioners to make contact and even participate in dental education, research and clinical care.

This issue of our newsletter describes some of the international projects in which members of the faculty— from students to part-timers – have been involved.

Besides the obvious concept of dentistry in faraway places, the concept of global oral health also includes issues much closer home. Identifying and resolving oral health challenges of diverse communities with different socioeconomic backgrounds,

language, and cultural values has long been the focus of our researchers.

The faculty continues to explore issues with First Nations communities in British Columbia and Northern Quebec and early childhood caries in Vietnamese populations in Vancouver. We also look at populations from the Downtown Eastside and seniors in residential institutions, in addition to groups in more exotic locales.

Global health will continue to be a growing mission for the profession as a whole. UBC is committed to increasing clinical research for such issues and to serve the profession and the community.

A Presidential Welcome!

It will be an exciting year for UBC Dentistry with the new Nobel Biocare Oral Health Centre open to patients.

This year's annual Dean's Night not only welcomed our new and returning students but it also welcomed UBC's newly installed president, Prof. Stephen Toope. He warmly welcomed the students and introduced the concept of UBC as a global university. Enrolment for our Vancouver campus has grown from 31,000 students in 1995 to more than 45,000 today. Professor Toope said that UBC is the home of thousands of the brightest students that British Columbia has to offer; it is the primary source of leadership for Vancouver, for the Okanagan, and for British Columbia today and tomorrow.

As usual, Dean's Night was the forum where awards, scholarships and prizes were presented to students in all years. We extend a special thank you to all of our donors who support student awards and bursaries. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. For a complete listing of all of the award donors and recipients, please visit our website.



Top: UBC President Stephen Toope and Associate Dean Chris Zed awaiting the Dean's Night formalities.

Bottom: Third-year students pose at Dean's Night.

Presenting the Dean's Office Staff



They're called the dean's office staff but they do so much more than take care of the dean's affairs. From research support, to program support, the dean's office role is very broad. There's a good chance that when you call the Faculty of Dentistry you're calling one of them. There are many new faces, and some new roles for long-time staff. Thank you to all the dean's office staff who work so hard to support the Faculty of Dentistry.

Top: Alex Augustyn, Manager Student Services and Advising; Linda Abbott, Dental Hygiene Program Assistant; Kathryn Myles, Support Secretary for Graduate Studies and Grant Facilitator; Keith Munro, Director, Technology

Support Team; Deborah Byl, Support Secretary in the Dean's Office; Colin Redfern, Facilities Manager; Jay Hilworth, Engineering Technician, Clinic and Facilities; Jennifer Parsons, Alumni Relations Coordinator; Alisma Perry, temporary Student Services Secretary; Maire Skelly, temporary Year 2 Program Assistant.

Middle: Katharine Garcia, Administrative Assistant and Events Coordinator; Nancy Blatchford, Year 2 DMD Program Assistant; Marina Lee, Year 4 DMD Program Assistant; Jane Pillsworth, Senior Financial Assistant; Lesley Branton, Development Coordinator; Jackie Lee, Program

Assistant Undergraduate Admissions and Student Services; Laurie Holst, Assistant to the Dean; Ingrid Ellis, Research Grant Facilitator.

Bottom: Margaret Tufford, Year 3 DMD Program Assistant; Dorothy Stanfield, Manager, Post Graduate and Community Programs; Connie Reynolds, Manager, Admissions and Academic Progress; Elizabeth Mathews, Executive Director; Amina Aziz, Senior Financial Analyst; Linda Gerow, Manager, Clinical Programs; Val Berry, Year 1 DMD Program Assistant.

Not in photo: Vicky Koulouris, Manager, Graduate Studies.

First-Year Orientation, continued

During orientation students learned about their curriculum, an innovative hybrid of problem-based learning (PBL) and more traditional lectures and clinical experiences with an emphasis on self-directed student learning and problem solving in small group settings. To help prepare students for the curriculum and their studies, a series of workshops were held during orientation in which they learned about communication, ethics, professional behavior, small group learning and resources for students.

Students were told to remember to take care of themselves during their studies and beyond. Dr. Michael Myers and Dr. John Palmer spoke about the stresses of dentistry and medicine and the necessity to take care of oneself as a student and a professional. Third-year student Aidin Ghotbi shared his experiences. He reminded students to work hard and to balance their lives by participating in activities, staying in touch with friends, and making the most of their time in the faculty.

Orientation closed with a buddy luncheon in which first-years were matched with a second-, third- and fourth-year dental student to help them acclimate into the program and to help forge a deeper sense of community.

The very next morning, classes commenced and students truly began their journey as a dental student.

Welcome Class of 2010!

General Practice Residents Day

Awards



Associate Dean Dr. Chris Zed congratulates Dr. Ian Matthew
GPR Teaching Award



Dr. Craig Humber
Second Prize for
Study Projects



Dr. Keith Josephson
First Prize for
Study Projects



Marianne Beckett
Staff Appreciation Award

Residents Day was held on Tuesday, June 27 and it was a great success. Residents presented their study projects at B.C. Children's Hospital and awards

were handed out at Brock House. More photos of this event are available at: www.dentistry.ubc.ca/gpr/photo_albums.

Bob Priddy Retires

Throughout his career Bob has been devoted to pursuing excellence in the field of oral and maxillofacial pathology. He is known as a "pathologist's pathologist". He is recognized as a devoted teacher who is passionate about sharing his knowledge and experience with his students.

Bob joined the UBC Faculty of Dentistry in 1980 and was recently inducted into the UBC Quarter Century Club, which honours faculty members with 25 or more years of service.

Over the years he worked tirelessly as an advocate to establish a specialty training program in oral medicine and pathology. The process was at times very long and frustrating, but at the end of the academic day he left a carefully crafted (and fully accredited!) program in good and capable hands.



Bob Priddy (the one with the beard) is surrounded by the next generation of oral medicine / oral pathologists: Lewei Zhang, Catherine Poh and Eli Whitney.

Dr. Eli Whitney and Dr. Catherine Poh carry the torch and are new full-time faculty at UBC. They have arrived to work with Dr. Lewei Zhang as the first fully credentialed specialists from the

Oral Medicine and Pathology Program. Bob the mentor should be proud and satisfied.

FACULTY IMPRESSIONS



Snakes in the Lab



Left: A young python from Dr. Richman's lab.

Right: Marcela Buchtová, a post-doctoral fellow from the Czech republic, examines a python egg.

There are many conditions that affect the number of teeth in humans, indeed extra or missing teeth are relatively common. Since mice and other rodents have only one set of teeth, they cannot be used to study replacement of teeth. In searching for ways to study how the second generation of teeth forms in humans (permanent teeth), Dr. Joy Richman found a rather unusual animal model, the snake.

In a new NSERC-funded grant, Dr. Richman and her team will use the snake, which has an abundance of sharp teeth, as an experimental model to study

tooth replacement, tooth shape and attachment of teeth to bones. The python lays eggs and therefore teeth can be studied as they develop in embryos.

The large tooth-forming region of snakes will make it easier to identify cells that are actively contributing to the next generation of teeth. For every tooth that is present in the mouth at hatching there are another three underneath, waiting to erupt. These replacement teeth come into the mouth in response to tooth shedding. Another curious feature is that reptile teeth attach directly to bone; however

this bony fusion does not prevent teeth from being lost. In humans, when teeth attach directly to bone it is considered a pathological condition (ankylosis) and it interferes with tooth eruption and shedding.

By studying snakes, Dr. Richman hopes to understand more about how the abnormalities in tooth number and tooth attachment arise in humans. These molecular studies will provide some of the first information on snake genes and will significantly increase our understanding of how human jaws and teeth evolved.

New Faculty Profile: Dr. Jolanta Aleksejuniene

Q: What were you doing before you came here?

A: I was at the University of Vilnius in Lithuania (1991-1997) and at the University of Oslo in Norway (1997-2005) where I taught undergraduate and postgraduate students operative dentistry, caries etiology, prevention of oral disease, oral epidemiology, research methodology and critical thinking.



Q: And now what are you up to?

A: I came to UBC in 2005 and tutored the DMD students and was relieved to discover that the teaching philosophy here is focused on continuous improvement! My first year here was pleasant due to kind support from Virginia Diewert, Chris Clark, Ingrid Ellis and other staff and faculty members.

Critical thinking and applied statistics are my favorite fields, so I gladly seized the opportunity to be the course coordinator for the Critical Thinking Module for both undergraduate and graduate students during Don Brunette's sabbatical.

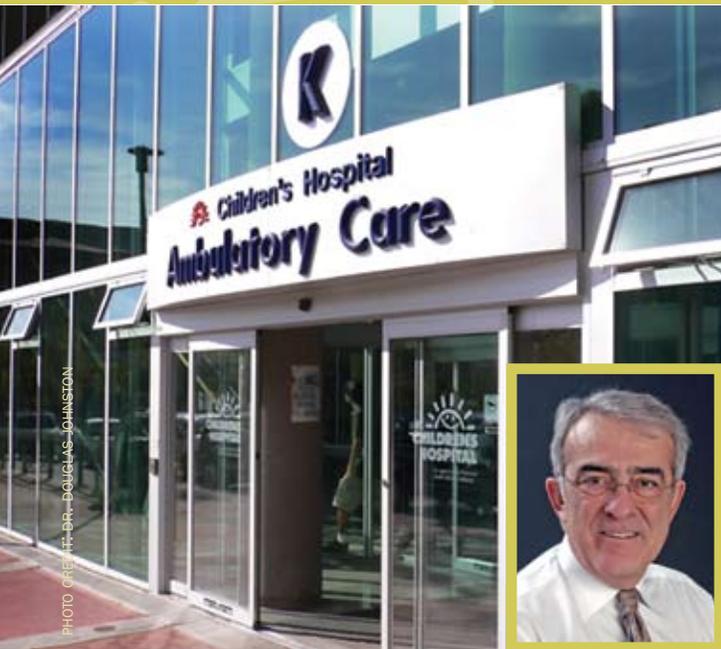
Research is my passion and UBC is a perfect place for this. My future research activities will include caries management and the elderly. I also enjoy helping with analysis, research design and sharing my experience.

Q: How about when you're not at work?

A: I have two grown-up sons, one who lives in Vancouver. Last year I did something really Canadian and learned curling. Given the opportunity, I would like to learn how to sail.

Q: I hear you're a real polyglot.

A: In addition to English I can speak Lithuanian, Russian and Norwegian. As I am looking forward to becoming a real Canadian, I would like to learn French; however, I am not sure how to find time to do that right now.



B.C. Children's Hospital: Dentistry Update

The new Ambulatory Care Building, home of the dental department at B.C. Children's Hospital.

Inset: Dr. Douglas Johnston

The Department of Pediatric Dentistry in B. C. Children's Hospital will be completing its first year under the new leadership of Dr. Douglas Johnston in October, 2006.

Many changes

It has been a busy year with many great things going on in the department that are reflected in patient care, increased staffing, the physical plant and the residency program. The department and the residency program were reviewed by the Commission of Dental Accreditation for Canada in August and received a five-year approval.

Because of staggered start times for the residents this year we currently have two residents: Drs. Vandna Sharma and Karen Stallaert. We also had the pleasure of a visiting professor in pediatric dentistry from New Zealand for six months, Dr. Erin Mahoney.

For the first time in the department's history, dentistry now reviews all patients with hemophilia and other coagulopathies with the hematology staff on a monthly basis. The team includes a hematologist, nurse coordinator, social workers, medical students and the dental resident. These are often very complex patients medically and their dental care is often managed in the hospital setting.

The dental residents are also involved on a weekly basis examining patients with cleft lip and palate and craniofacial anomalies. Other team members include a nurse coordinator, plastic surgeons and orthodontists. Following examination of the patients, the team reviews their findings and a comprehensive report is provided to the families.

As a result of provincial funding restructuring, one of the two dental operating rooms was closed around two years ago. Healthy patients four years of age and older requiring general anesthesia for care were moved into community facilities. Recently a decision was made to redevelop the dental O.R. by replacing the dental equipment, the O.R. table, operating lights and to combine the two O.R.s into one larger space that will meet the same standards as the other O.R.s in the hospital. The redevelopment will provide a much friendlier and ergonomic environment for patients and staff as well as provide additional space for teaching medical, dental and nursing students.

Professorship in Pediatric Dentistry

The concept of a Professorship in Pediatric Dentistry was developed several years ago. The plan was to

raise one million dollars. Through the combined efforts of the dental community, UBC and B.C. Children's Hospital, the target was met and interest earned on the funds will help to support the salary for the new position. Andrea Wink, Director of Development for Dentistry is to be congratulated for leading the fundraising to a successful conclusion. The ad for the professorship position has been posted on the UBC website and elsewhere. The position will focus on research and teaching, and will also provide expertise to assist in the development of a new graduate program in pediatric dentistry at UBC.

We hope the proposed program in pediatric dentistry will be revolutionary in its design and makeup, with considerable clinical exposure to hospital dentistry, and community and international-based care.

These are exciting and changing times for the Department of Dentistry at BC Children's Hospital. We intend to maintain the current momentum into the years to come.

Undergraduate students interested in hospital pediatric dentistry or the residency program are welcome to visit the department at any time. Simply give Dr. Johnston a call at (604) 875-2345 ext. 7067 to set up an appointment.

GLOBAL IMPRESSIONS



The “Coppermine Grind” in bright daylight at 3:00 a.m. on June 20, 2006.

Coppermine, the Tropics of Nunavut

By Dr. Nicki de Francesco, part-timer in the orthodontic clinic

Kugluktuk, formerly known as Coppermine, is located on the shores of Coronation Gulf on the Arctic Ocean. A two-hour flight northwest of Yellowknife, it is the most westerly community of Nunavut.

During my previous years working in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, I saw children who had been flown in from Coppermine with extremely severe malocclusions. This tweaked my curiosity and I became interested in going to Coppermine in search of clues to this orthodontic phenomenon.

This past summer I went on two working trips to Coppermine to examine

school-aged children. My assistant Melanie Bissonnette and I were warmly welcomed and appreciated by everyone in the town.

The children were very excited to see us and there was a dental room set up in the elementary school. We worked until 11:00 p.m. or midnight every night—it was still daylight. We treated our regular patients and screened approximately 250 children.

The scenery around Coppermine is stunning. It is reminiscent of Ireland, with lush green hills and valleys. We hired a guide to take us on a boat trip up the Coppermine River to Bloody Falls, where the rock is very red.

Providing an orthodontic service in Coppermine was life-transforming for me. One person can make a difference in the world. It can even save a life.

When we went to Coppermine in June, we learned that a sad event had just occurred. Two young men had gone duck hunting by snowmobile to a nearby island a couple of days earlier. The ice was still solid when they set out on their return journey, but during the trip, the sun was much hotter than they realized and soon melted most of the ice.

The young men continued by “ice skipping” their snowmobiles but they ran out of ice approximately 50 feet from the edge of town and they both drowned. One of the men was only 22 and the brother of one of our patients. The other young man was 34 and the father of six children.

A mother of a young patient explained to me that her son had planned to go on that hunting trip but because of his ortho appointment he stayed behind. I was truly in awe at the synchronicity of this event.

The Philippines – Gawad Kalinga

By Jane Mellor



The Philippines is not known as a tourist destination, although it boasts some of the finest tropical islands in the world. But our trip was somewhat unique. Spearheaded by my Filipino colleague Cristina Fernando and supported by our boss, UBC Dentistry part-timer Dr. Leo Fung, a dental specialist, we were three unrelated, ethnically mixed people looking for adventure and hoping to make a difference in somebody’s life along the way.

Our adventure was launched under Ancop International, a non-profit that builds GK (Gawad Kalinga – meaning ‘giving care’) villages throughout the Philippines.

We had no idea that the boxes of toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss we had fundraised would barely scratch the surface in even the smallest village. The depth of poverty is deep. With a high population growth rate and a difficult political history, the result has left inequality in the distribution of income that will take years to right. But, a scratch is better than nothing and in the end we understood the impact each small step makes in the long process of change.

Our first day in the field was to help build houses. It was invigorating, even in 40-plus temperatures and operating on four hours sleep, working with people who would one day live in these simple, concrete block homes.

Open Wide Like a Crocodile!

For the past three years, third-year DMD students have travelled to Guatemala during spring break to provide much-needed dental care to the indigenous peoples of the area. The trip is co-ordinated through the non-profit organization Primeros Pasos (“First Passing”) and has been a valuable experience for UBC students. This year, Steven Chau, Jennifer Parrott, Michael Sha, Natasha Tam, and Matthew Witt spent four days seeing patients from the communities of Palajunoy Valley just outside the city of Quetzaltenango.

Working with an international team of medical students and translators, each DMD student performed extractions, glass ionomer restorations, and amalgam restorations for four or five patients per day. Children were treated for free, while adults were charged 10 Quetzales (\$1.61 CAD) for treatment. The clinic was rather rustic, with one dental chair, one table, a bad-tempered air compressor, and occasional running water and electricity. Besides the significant clinical experience gained, all five students are now able to say “Open wide like a crocodile!” in Spanish.

Next we moved on to Bagong Silang Village in Quezon City for our dental mission. We arrived at the small village schoolhouse hot, tired and laden with supplies. Despite stifling humidity, we got through our dental presentation with the help of many hand-held fans (they’re not just a pretty accessory). I wonder how much these people understood when Dr. Fung spoke of oral hygiene and correct brushing and flossing. Looking around I noticed how few of the adults even had a full set of teeth. It would be impossible to do even the most basic dental care without bringing more supplies. We would return, better equipped and more prepared. We had so much to learn.

Outside of the time spent in the clinic, the group explored the towns of Quetzaltenango, Antigua, Panajachel, and Santiago. Highlights were bargaining with the street merchants, sampling the various Guatemalan foods and drinks (including the world’s most amazing hot chocolate), visiting a local dentist’s clinic, and boating across Lake Atitlan.

The group would like to thank Henry Schein Ash Arcona, Patterson Dental, Septodont, Sinclair Dental, and Dr. Jolanta Aleksejuniene for their kind donations of equipment and supplies that made this trip a success. For more information about Primeros Pasos, please visit www.primerospasos.org.

Top: Steven Chau screens a Guatemalan girl for treatment.

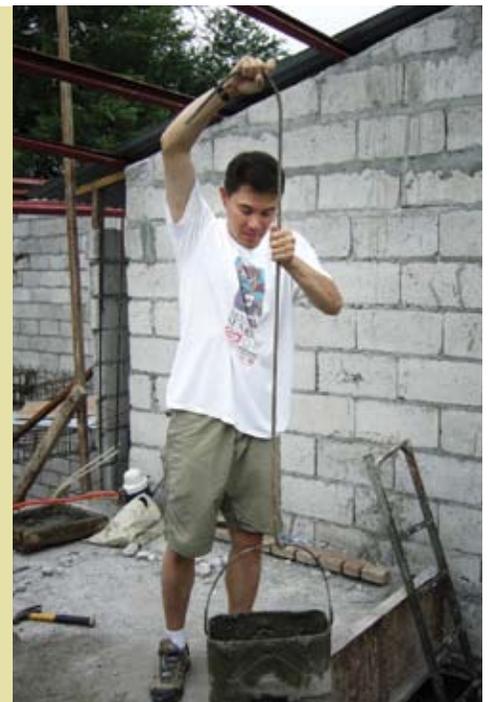
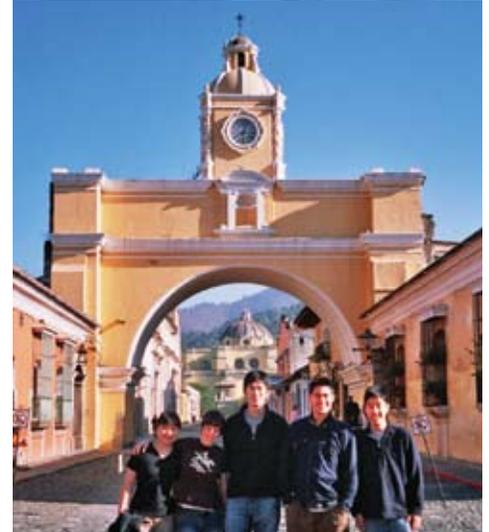
Middle: Two enterprising Guatemalan boys who charged the group for taking photos and spent the money on lollipops.

Bottom: DMD 2007 students Natasha Tam, Jennifer Parrott, Michael Sha, Matthew Witt, and Steven Chau in Antigua.

As a small work team, we experienced so much. At times we slept side-by-side on mats lined up on the floor. We shared one small bathroom with a cold water faucet and a dipping bucket for bathing. We ate from the generous hands of the poorest of poor and danced their dances with them. We endured heat, hugged many, and learned to say salamat-po, thank you.

Please visit www.janemellor.com for the full-length version of this travelogue including meeting the indigenous Aeta people, car trouble and various pit stops.

Dr. Leo Fung makes concrete bricks.



Third-Year Students Go For Gold

By Jane Wong
Director, International Education

From July 10-14, twelve third-year dental students had a unique educational experience learning the cast gold techniques pioneered by Dr. Richard V. Tucker. The course coordinator, Dr. David Thorburn, modeled the program

on the weeklong CDE course, which has been offered by UBC for 27 years. This year the student course was offered at the same time as Dr. Margaret Webb was teaching the program for practicing dentists. Throughout the week and at

the closing party on the last day, dental students had an opportunity to chat with their future colleagues.

Members of Dr. Tucker's study clubs in British Columbia and Washington volunteered their time in the 2006 program. We appreciate the commitment of Drs. Randy Allan, Kevin Doyle, Gavin Forsyth, Ross Fraser, Leslie Gallon, Warren Johnson, Andy Kay, Peter Kearney, Kevin Spence, Mike Thomas, Geoffrey Tupper, David Thorburn, Laurie Vanzella, Lino Vanzella and Ross Wright. We also thank Akos Mankovits and the staff of Garden Court Dental Lab.

Once again, the dental industry supported the program and generously supplied products and laboratory services for the course. The Faculty of Dentistry gratefully acknowledges Brasseler Canada, EC Moore Company, Garden Court Dental Lab, Jensen Premium Dental Products, Patterson Dental Canada Inc., Practicon Dental, Kerr Corporation, and Suter Dental Manufacturing Co. Inc.

"The instructors were excellent—everything was useful!" was the comment on one of the evaluations. Please consider a gift to the Tucker Endowment to make it possible for future dental students to continue to have this opportunity and to honor the contribution of Dr. Richard V. Tucker to the profession. Contact the Dentistry Development Office at (604) 228-5886.

Tucker course participants.



Community Service Volunteers

Trek 2010 Vision

The University of British Columbia, aspiring to be one of the world's best universities, will prepare students to become exceptional global citizens, promote the values of a civil and sustainable society, and conduct outstanding research to serve the people of British Columbia, Canada, and the world.



UBC dental students have volunteered all over the world (a selection from 05/06):

| Volunteer Project or Organization | Dental Student | Location |
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| Bridging the Gap for Downtown Eastside | Mina Kim | BC |
| CHIUS Dental Screening Program | Aldwin Chan Mina Kim | BC |
| Coach, Carson Graham Football Team | Mike O'Brien | BC |
| Crisis Line | Eileen Lo | BC |
| Dental Fair | Cory Brown | BC |
| Dental Missionary Trip | Diana Younan | Mexico |
| Dental Services | Angie Chan | Dominican Republic |
| Dr. Peter Centre (HIV/AIDS) | Darya Dabiri | BC |
| Home Construction | David Johnson | Mexico |
| Primero Paso | Steven Chau Jessica Kuo Trevor Lake Jennifer Parrott Michael Sha Natasha Tam Matthew Witt | Guatemala |
| Smiles Foundation | Maureen Perzan | Dominican Republic |
| Volunteer Trip | Victor Law | Vietnam |
| YouLead Volunteer Program | Robyn Isaacs | Australia |

Giving Back – It's All in the Family

For two generations, the Ng family has had a strong connection with the UBC Faculty of Dentistry.

Dr. George Ng's bond with the faculty dates back to the first dean, Dr. S. Wah Leung. George and Dr. Leung were the founding members of the Chinese Canadian Dental Society of British Columbia (CCDSBC); George was the first president. The society has established bursaries and an endowment to support needy students and promote dental health and education both locally and overseas.



Carter, Karen, George and Vania Ng have “adopted an op” in the new clinic.

Born in Hong Kong, George obtained his DDS, completed postgraduate pediatric training and Master in Dental Science at the University of Toronto. He was in San Francisco when he met and married his wife, Karen. In 1972, George followed his emigrating parents to Vancouver where Vania was born. A graduate in biopsychology at UBC, Vania obtained her DDS at the University of the Pacific in San Francisco. Carter, their second child, would not be far behind, and graduated from Pacific in 2002.

What is so inspiring about the Ng family's support and dedicated interest to the UBC Faculty of Dentistry is that

neither George, Vania, nor Carter is a UBC dental alumnus. However, all three have been part-time faculty members, and are great supporters with both their time and generous gifts. The family recently “adopted” an open operator in the Nobel Biocare Oral Health Centre that will be an important legacy in the great spirit of generosity the Ng family has shared with the UBC Faculty of Dentistry.

In September 2006, George chaired the Campaign Celebrating Commitment

to Cancer Prevention with the UBC Faculty of Dentistry as an honorary patron. The Campaign hosted the BC Chamber Orchestra's 10th Anniversary Concert at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts. Over \$93,000 in proceeds was generated for the BC Cancer Foundation to support its multicultural cancer prevention efforts. Carter is currently president of the CCDSBC and will ask its members to be involved in the promotion of prevention and early detection of oral cancer.

Are You Part of Your Class Legacy?

Congratulations to the DMD Class of 1987 for their generous support in naming an open operator and completing their class challenge. Thank you to class chair Dr. Elaine She for her great initiative and dedication. Elaine and her husband Dr. Andrew Chan have also named an operator in the new clinic.

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What Are They Up To?

Carolyn King, Coordinator, Dental Prevention Program, Fraser Health Authority



Carolyn graduated from the Dental Hygiene Degree Program with her Bachelor of Dental Science (Dental Hygiene) degree in 1998. She was the recipient of the College of Dental Hygienists of BC's Gold Medal for highest overall academic achievement during her time in the program.

Dr. Rosamund Harrison and Carolyn King at one of Carolyn's programs.

Carolyn was recently appointed coordinator for the Dental Prevention Program for the Fraser Health Authority. As the coordinator she provides leadership and support to the staff of the public health dental program across Fraser Health. Carolyn participates in program planning, development, implementation and evaluation and acts as a resource person to all levels of staff in matters relating to prevention dental programs. She also represents Fraser Health on the BC Dental Public Health Committee.

In June, Carolyn coordinated a continuing education day for Fraser Health and invited UBC Faculty of Dentistry's Dr. Rosamund Harrison to speak on Fluoride Varnish. Fraser Health continues to work in partnership with the Tzu Chi Foundation Special Children's Dental Program by referring children who have treatment needs to the UBC Faculty of Dentistry's Nobel Biocare Oral Health Centre.

PDC Alumni Reception Around the Corner

Reserve Friday evening March 9, 2007 for the Annual Alumni Reception at the Pacific Dental Conference. Once again the faculty is hosting this event at the Pan Pacific Hotel. The alumni services office is available to help plan reunions during the PDC weekend. Please contact Jenn Parsons at (604) 822-6751 or dentalum@interchange.ubc.ca.

We'll be taking photos for the following dental and hygiene anniversary classes: 2006, 2002, 1997, 1992, 1987, 1982, 1977, and 1972.

Check out the New Alumni Services Home Page

www.dentistry.ubc.ca/alumni

The screenshot shows the website interface with several callouts:

- Click here to share your story**: Points to the 'Share your story and be proud to be a part of it!' section.
- Click here to stay in touch**: Points to the 'Stay in Touch' section.
- Click here for alumni events**: Points to the 'Upcoming Events' section.

The website content includes sections for 'Welcome to Alumni Services!', 'Faculty of Dentistry', 'About Us', 'Academic Programs', 'Research', 'Alumni Services', 'Professional Practice Services', 'Stay in Touch', 'Upcoming Events', 'Photo Gallery', and 'Online Alumni Community'.

Students and Alumni Golf Together

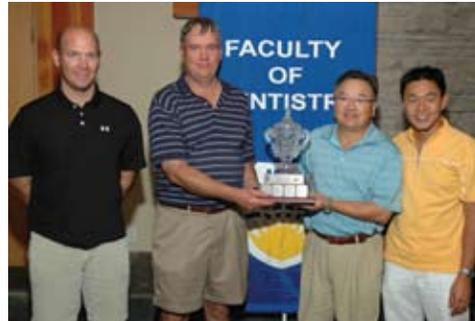


Jod Konner (Scotiabank), Ruby Bhullar (student), Pat Madaisky (student sponsor), and Gerry Chahal (student).

At 12:30 pm on September 24, the sound of the shotgun echoed across Morgan Creek – heralding the start of the Annual Faculty of Dentistry Golf Tournament. It was also the first time that the event included students, or as we say, alumni in training. More than 124 students, alumni, faculty and friends teamed up to earn the honour of adding their foursome name to the inaugural Monarch Trophy, generously donated by Dr. John Hung and the Monarch Pediatric Dental Centre and Orthodontic Center. The winning foursome comes as no surprise: Bob Abercrombie, Greg Chang, Joe Germain, and Allan Woo defended their title, making them the champions for the fourth year in a row! Dr. William King finished off the day as the superb master of ceremonies for the tournament gourmet steak BBQ dinner. We extend a big thank you to all our alumni partners: Scotiabank, Aloha Whistler, Wyeth Consumer Healthcare, Patterson Dental, Dentsply, and Audi for donating prizes, activities and hole-in-one contests on the course. Thank you to everyone.



Student foursome: Ed Cheng, Benson Wong, Aldwin Chan and Zahir Damji.



The perennial winning team: Joe Germain, Bob Abercrombie, Allan Woo and Greg Chang.

Welcome Alumni Partners

Please welcome Scotiabank, Aloha Whistler, Wyeth, Dentsply, Patterson Dental and Audi as the new alumni partners.



OUR DENTAL FAMILY

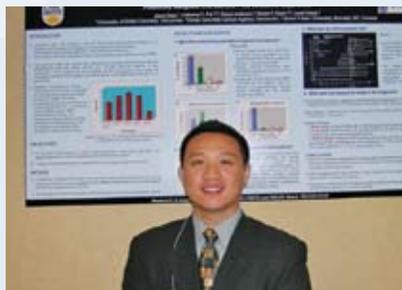
Dear alumni, students, faculty and staff,

Please send us your news about a new baby, a marriage, an award, a practice announcement, an achievement or anything else to tstgroup@interchange.ubc.ca.

Awards

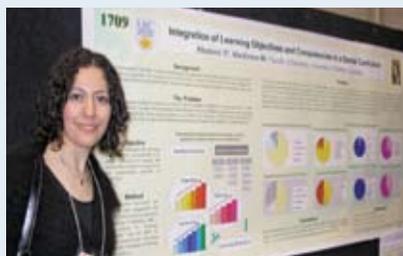


OM/OP resident **Dr. Samson Ng** was presented the Robert L. Schattner Award from the American Academy of Oral Medicine at the annual meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The award is presented to an individual with the most outstanding poster or oral presentation at the meeting. His presentation, "Identification of High-Risk Oral Premalignant Lesions (OPLs) by Direct Multi-Spectrum Fluorescence Visualization (FV)" summarized the results of a study assessing the use of FV in identifying OPLs.



Third-year **Jason Chen** attended the CDA/ Dentsply Student Clinician Program in St. John's and presented, "A Pilot Study of the Initial Clinical Presentations and the Referral Pattern of Potentially Malignant Oral Lesions – The Vancouver Experience".

Dr. Tracy Wong, Clinical Assistant Professor in pediatric dentistry, was awarded the 2006 University Dental Teachers Fellowship by the Dentistry Canada Fund. Dr. Wong used the award to attend The Teaching Professor Conference in Nashville, Tennessee in May. She is enjoying applying what she learned to her teaching at UBC.



PhD student **Shiva Khatami** earned an award from the educational section of the IADR conference in Brisbane, Australia for her poster presentation, "Integration of Learning Objectives and Competencies in a Dental Curriculum".

Diana Lin, dental hygienist and MSc student in OHS, has been awarded the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada (Vancouver Section) Bessie Diamond Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship recognizes the academic achievement of women in part-time graduate studies. Last spring, Diana received a grant from the B.C. Dental Hygienists' Association to support her evaluation research.

Dr. Rosamund Harrison won an AAPD Foundation award for her study. "Poisson Regression to Analyze Outcomes of an ECC Prevention Trial".

Exan's **Axiom** software (initially developed with the cooperation of UBC Dentistry) was the recipient of a 2006 American Dental Education Association Presidential Citation. The Louisiana State University School of Dentistry was completely shut down by Hurricane Katrina and it had to move from New Orleans to Baton Rouge, which is several hours away. **Ted DeVries** and Exan donated the Axiom software to allow the school to resume operations. ADEA President Eric J. Hovland said that their generosity at a time of great tragedy and real need for the School of Dentistry at LSU was both truly extraordinary and deeply inspiring.

Achievements

Prosthodontist **Dr. Ross Bryant** and oral and maxillofacial radiologist **Dr. David MacDonald** are the Academy of Osseointegration's reviewer and co-reviewer respectively of a systematic review of the implant literature. They belong to one of eight groups assigned to answer a specific research question pertinent to implant outcomes. This review and the accompanying consensus report will be published in a supplement of the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Implants.

Dr. Gary Gibson (Professor Emeritus 2000) was re-elected on November 19, 2005 for a second, three-year term to the Board of the Greater Vancouver Regional District. He is the Director of Electoral Area 'A' of the GVRD and represents the taxpayers in the unincorporated areas of the GVRD. This includes the UBC campus and the UEL, which is the largest of the several dispersed constituencies. As director, he is a member of the GVRD/ UBC Joint Committee, the Land Use and Transportation Committee, the Agriculture Committee and the Mayor's Task Force. Recently Dr. Gibson has written in the V6T Community News of his support for a re-look at local governance on the UBC campus and the UEL.

The **BOLD Lab** co-sponsored a disaster response training exercise along with the BC Forensic Odontology Response Team on the Thanksgiving weekend at the RCMP Pacific Region Training Centre in Chilliwack. During this two-day exercise, the 81-member disaster victim identification team from western Canada evaluated the potential to use a new computer database for tracking and comparing antemortem and postmortem dental records. The new software application, which is called DAVID Web (Disaster and Victim Identification - Web) is being tested across various computer platforms and network configurations to simulate its use in events such as Hurricane Katrina, terrorist attacks at the 2010 Olympics, or the "big one" here in Vancouver.

Dr. David Donaldson joins the Tempus Fugit ("time flies") section of UBC's Quarter Century Club, which recognizes members who have reached 35 years of service.

Media Mentions

Dr. David Sweet was interviewed on CBC Radio's "On the Coast" show on September 22. It was broadcast from the autopsy suite at the Vancouver Police Centennial Museum. He commented on a range of topics including bitemarks, personal identification of victims of the tsunami and the emotional impact that cases can have on responders. David has contributed several items to the permanent displays at the Police Museum, including DNA from teeth from the Babes in the Woods case and bitemark evidence from several homicide cases.

Marriages



Christine Lee Kim (DMD '06) and **Hugh Kim** (MSc Perio '04) were married on June 23, 2006 in Vancouver. The Kims now reside in Toronto where Hugh is pursuing a PhD at U of T and

Christine is a dental resident at the Hospital for Sick Children.



Phoebe Tsang (DMD '02, GPR '03) and **Samson Ng** (DMD '02, GPR '03) were married in Vancouver on July 15. Phoebe is a pediatric dentist practicing in the Lower Mainland and Samson is in his final year of OMOP training at UBC.



Fourth-year dental student **Robert Varda** and **Claret Karina Ramos Vecchio** were married on July 22, 2006 in Caracas, Venezuela.



Fourth-year dental student **Nick Cosman** and **Lori Anthony** were married on August 19, 2006 at Acadia University in Wolfville, N.S. Lori is in her fourth-year of a PhD degree in Chemistry at UBC.

Births

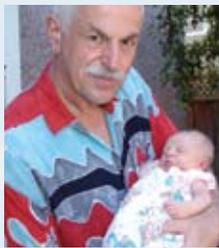


Nikolas. She was born in Nanaimo on January 18, 2006.

Dr. Mario Sertic (BSc '90, BScPharm '94, DMD '99) and **Dr. Renate Simmons** (DMD '99) are thrilled to announce the arrival of Nadia Claire, a little sister for big brother



Mona Sotelecan (DMD '02) and **Ray Makortoff** welcomed their first child, a son they named Gabriel, on July 4, 2006.



In what's becoming an annual event, **Ina** and **Dorin Ruse** are grandparents again! They are delighted to announce the birth of their second granddaughter Eva Gabrielle Ruse, born on August 14, 2006.

Assistant professor in the OBMS department **Dr. Lari Häkkinen** and OBMS research associate **Leeni Koivisto** are the proud parents of Annina Sini Sofia, born Sept 1, 2006. Their 7- and 10-year-old boys are happy to have a little sister.



Dr. Eli Whitney and his wife **Angela** are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Stephen Micah Whitney, born on September 22, 2006.

In Memoriam



Tony Ng passed away from leukemia on July 3, 2006. He was a beloved Faculty of Dentistry staff member. He worked for many years as a research technician on the third floor of JBM. He worked closely with **Joe Tonzetich**, **Jeff Coil**, **Don Brunette**, etc. Tony was also **Colin Ng's** dad. Colin works with TST on software projects in the Nobel Biocare Oral Health Centre and has two brothers, Brian and Francis, who will share in this sad loss. (His mom Margaret died a few years ago.)

Dr. John Spouge passed away on July 14, 2006. He served overseas in WWII and then went to Sheffield University, gaining degrees in both Medicine and Dentistry. With his wife and young family of four children, he emigrated to Manitoba in 1960 and taught oral biology. In 1964 he came to UBC and taught oral pathology first, then oral medicine. He published a book titled Oral Pathology in 1973. He was head of the oral medicine and oral pathology department from 1969 until he retired in 1986. John was a talented man and was well liked by his students.

CALENDAR

| NOVEMBER | | DECEMBER | | MARCH | |
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| 4 | CDE: Occupational Respiratory Infectious Diseases and An Update on Vaccine Recommendations, Dr. John Molinari | 2 | CDE: Managing the Five Primary Practice Drivers, Dale Tucci | 7 | Corporate Reception at the Pacific Dental Conference |
| 9 | CDE: Women's Wellness: An Oral Health Perspective, Susan Isaac** <i>Sponsor: Philips Oral Healthcare</i> | JANUARY | | 9 | Alumni Reception at the Pacific Dental Conference |
| 18 | CDE: Oral Cancer: Prevention, Early Detection and Care of the Cancer Patient, Dr. Michele Williams, Course Coordinator | 26, 27 & 28 | CDE: Crown Lengthening and Periodontal Surgery for the General Practitioner Hands-On Course, Dr. Tassos Irinakis | APRIL | |
| 18 & 19 | CDE: Clinical Techniques in Periodontics – A Hands-On Course, Dr. Frank Roberts and Dr. I-Chung (Johnny) Wang | FEBRUARY | | 21 | BOLD 10th Anniversary Celebration |
| 25 | CDE: Mastering the New Technology in Endodontic Techniques (Lecture and Hands-on Workshop), Dr. Bettina Basrani <i>Sponsor: Tulsa Dental Products and Global Microscopes.</i> | 3 | CDE: Oral Surgery for the General Practitioner (hands-on), Dr. Ian Matthew and Dr. Kenneth Chow | * | Limited Enrolment |
| 30 | CDE: Laser Updates, Dr. Peter Balagh** | 10 | CDE: Anterior Esthetics, Dr. Chris Hooper | ** | Thursday Evening Lecture Series for Dental Hygienists |
| | | 17 & 18 | CDE: Annual Vernon Ski Seminar Oral Health Care Products – An Update, Karen Baker Facial Growth and Orthodontic Success, Dr. Edwin Yen | To register for UBC Dentistry CDE courses, call (604) 822-2627 or visit www.dentistry.ubc.ca/cde | |
| | | | | This calendar is subject to change. | |

Graduate/Postgraduate Studies

Applications are invited for admission to the following programs:

General Practice Residency Program

This one-year dental residency program is offered in conjunction with university-affiliated teaching hospitals. There are 10 GPR positions including community residency positions, one geriatric residency and one pediatric residency position.

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: January 31 (international), February 28 (domestic).

Combined MSc (Dental Science) and Diploma Program in Periodontics

This clinical specialty 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 Oncology Community Residency

This one-year non-rotating dental residency is offered in collaboration with the BC Cancer Agency Division of Oral Oncology. The position offers clinical, educational and research training including the opportunity to participate in numerous

affiliated initiatives including Oral Oncology Clinics, Oral Mucosal Disease Program, Portland Community Clinic, BC Leukemia/Bone Marrow Transplant Program and Maxillofacial Prosthodontics Clinics. Deadline: November 1.

Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology (OMOP)**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 1.

For more information visit www.dentistry.ubc.ca or contact:

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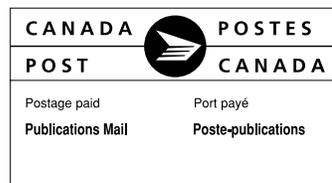
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