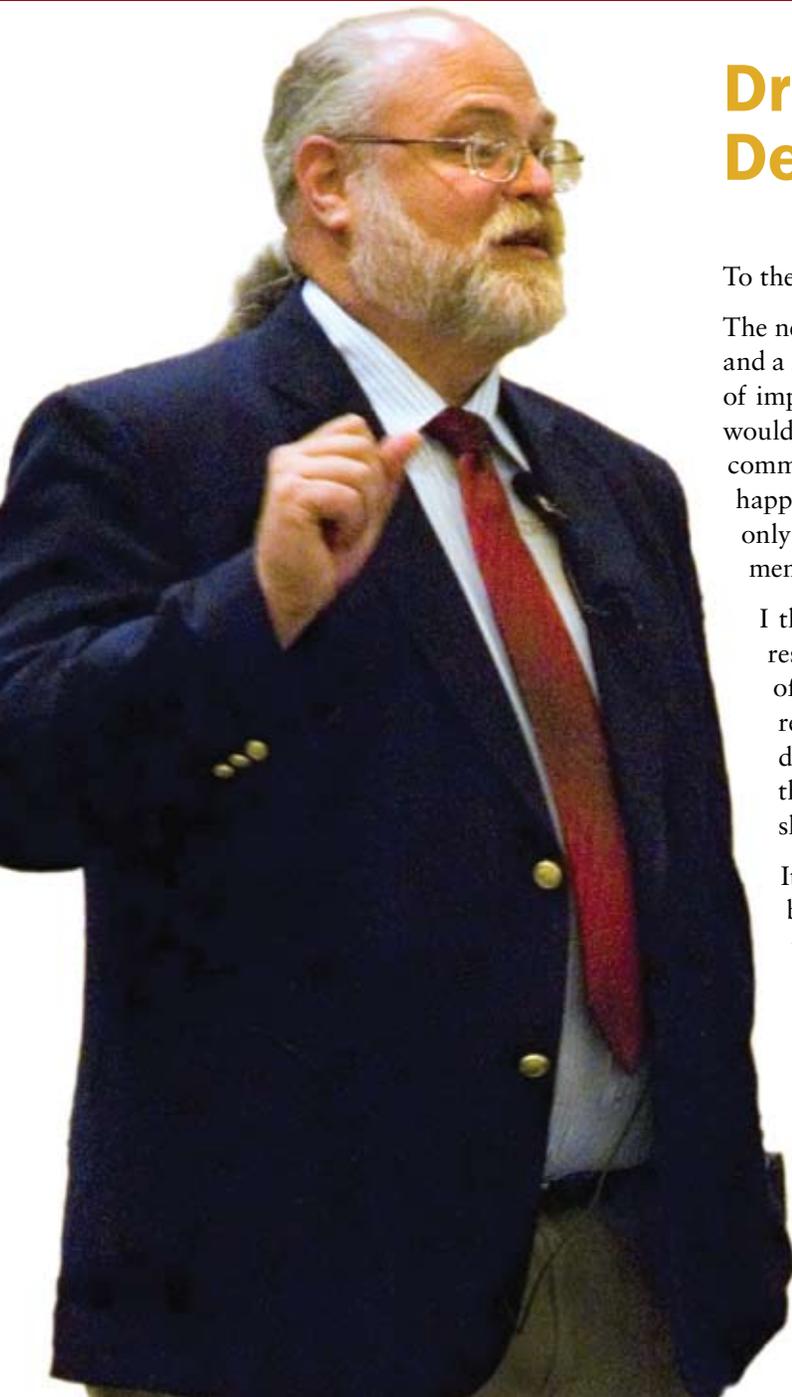




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Dr. Charles Shuler, Dentistry's New Dean

To the UBC Faculty of Dentistry Community,

The new year is traditionally a time for resolutions and new initiatives and a new dean certainly represents a major change with a broad range of implications. I would predict that the appointment of a new dean would produce both excitement and concern for every member of our community. What will change? How will it be different? What will happen to me? These are all questions that naturally arise, and can only be addressed over time and through contributions from every member of the UBC dental community.

I think it is important for me to state that the opportunities and responsibilities associated with the position of dean of the Faculty of Dentistry have led me to raise the same set of questions. I recognize the importance of the position and the impact that the dean's actions can have on the entire community. It is also clear that the UBC Faculty of Dentistry has numerous strengths that should be maintained.

It is an honor to follow Dean Edwin Yen in this position. He has been an outstanding dean and the faculty is very well positioned to continue to move forward. Learning about the Faculty of Dentistry is one of the first goals that I need to accomplish. I hope that everyone will be patient as I acquire the knowledge necessary for effective leadership. This learning achievement will provide the necessary background for the most productive pathways in the future and will involve broad participation. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and gaining their insights into the future of the UBC Faculty of Dentistry. I hope that the excitement of our future opportunities quickly dispels any concerns related to the change in leadership.

– Chuck Shuler

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Thank You

By Dr. Edwin Yen

In December, I had the distinct pleasure of introducing our incoming dean, Dr. Charles "Chuck" Shuler, who hopes to arrive from his current position as associate dean at the University of Southern California sometime in the spring. I hope to facilitate many initial contacts for Chuck in the next few months because the strength of the Faculty of Dentistry lies in our people.

Publications, educational materials, new courses, renovated labs and classrooms, new clinics, and the Nobel Biocare Oral Health Centre are, in the end, all products of the vision, innovation, collaboration and hard work of people committed to the Faculty of Dentistry.

The balance between focusing on immediate goals and long-term developments will continue to be the challenge for any dental school. The need to constantly ensure a pipeline of knowledge-driven, patient-centred members of the academic community

is the basis of all our achievements, now and in the future.

The oral health professions face challenges of improving the oral health status of high risk populations, more effective qualification of clinicians, refining quality assurance, improving access for students, and management of knowledge explosion over a lifetime of learning.

I want to thank all members of our dentistry family: students, staff, faculty, alumni, professional societies, donors and sponsors. You have contributed tremendously in shaping our vision, providing guidelines and support and celebrating our successes.

I know that Dean Chuck Shuler will be able to call on your continued participation in providing excellence in lifelong learning, generating new knowledge and advancing the oral health of our extended community.

Thank you again.



We thank Dr. Edwin Yen for providing outstanding leadership to the Faculty of Dentistry during the more than two terms (13 years) of his appointment as dean, and his willingness to continue until Dr. Shuler joins the faculty.

The many accomplishments of Dean Edwin Yen will be celebrated in the next issue of Good Impressions.

Dr. Charles Shuler Brings Exceptional Background to UBC

Dr. Shuler received his BSc in Biochemistry from the University of Wisconsin, his DMD from Harvard School of Dental Medicine, his PhD in Pathology from the University of Chicago and his Oral Pathology specialty education at the University of Minnesota and the Royal Dental College of Copenhagen, Denmark. He was a member of the Oral Biology and Medicine-2 Study Section of the NIH.

His participation on the editorial boards of journals includes: the *Journal of Oral Pathology*, the *Journal of Oral Surgery*, *Oral Medicine*, *Oral Pathology*; the *International Journal of Oral Biology*, the *Journal of Dental Research*, and the *Journal of*

Periodontology. He has participated as a reviewer for several other journals including *Cancer*, *Developmental Biology*, *Archives of Oral Biology* and the *International Journal of Developmental Biology*.

Dr. Shuler has served in several capacities at the University of Southern California, most recently as Associate Dean, Student and Academic Affairs; as Director, Centre for Craniofacial Molecular Biology; as the George and Mary Lou Boone Professor of Craniofacial Molecular Biology; and as the Director of the Graduate Program in Craniofacial Biology.

Dr. Shuler has enjoyed an active research program as a faculty member

for more than 22 years, based on his passion for scientific investigation of basic processes of craniofacial development. Currently his research interests include craniofacial development, oral carcinogenesis and gene therapy.

Dr. Shuler recognizes the significance of scholarship aimed at improving patient care so that clinical practice is not separate from scholarship, but the venue for direct application of evidence-based approaches to treatment. At USC, he played a leadership role in the planning and implementation of the program in dental education that uses problem-based learning as the primary pedagogy.

Detecting Oral Cancer



Dr. Samson Ng and Dr. Catherine Poh screen for oral cancer at the SUCCESS Health Fair.

In October, Dr. Catherine Poh, Assistant Prof. in Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology led an oral cancer screening team at SUCCESS's Health Fair for the Chinese community in the Downtown Eastside. This is one of the many community initiatives of the BC Oral Cancer Prevention Program (BC OCPP).

The oral cancer screening team included Dr. Samson Ng, Chief Oral Medicine Oral Pathology resident, Jason Chen, a third-year dental student, and three student trainees from the BC OCPP.

Seventy patients were screened and nine were identified to require further assessment, including one possible precancerous patient. This patient was referred to the Oral Mucosal Disease Program at the UBC Specialty Clinic for a biopsy.

Back in September, Dr. Poh and Dr. Ng gave a CE course at Courtenay/Comox. It was an annual local charity event for special needs children. They were warmly welcomed and their lecture was well received.

Dental Hygiene Expands

By Prof. Bonnie Craig, Director, Dental Hygiene Degree Program

Once again dental and dental hygiene students will have opportunities to study together and share clinical and community-based learning activities. Many readers will recall that dental and dental hygiene students studied together at UBC from 1968 until the Dental Hygiene Diploma Program was discontinued in 1986.

In September 2007, the Faculty of Dentistry will begin educating 24 new dental hygienists per year in addition to the existing dental hygiene degree completion options.

The new dental hygiene students will complete their studies entirely at UBC and graduate with a science degree, equipped for a career in the dental hygiene profession. The recently completed Nobel Biocare Oral Health Centre offers the increased clinical capacity to help train these new dental hygiene students.

We expect that these additional graduates will help fill spaces in clinical practice, administration, teaching, and research.

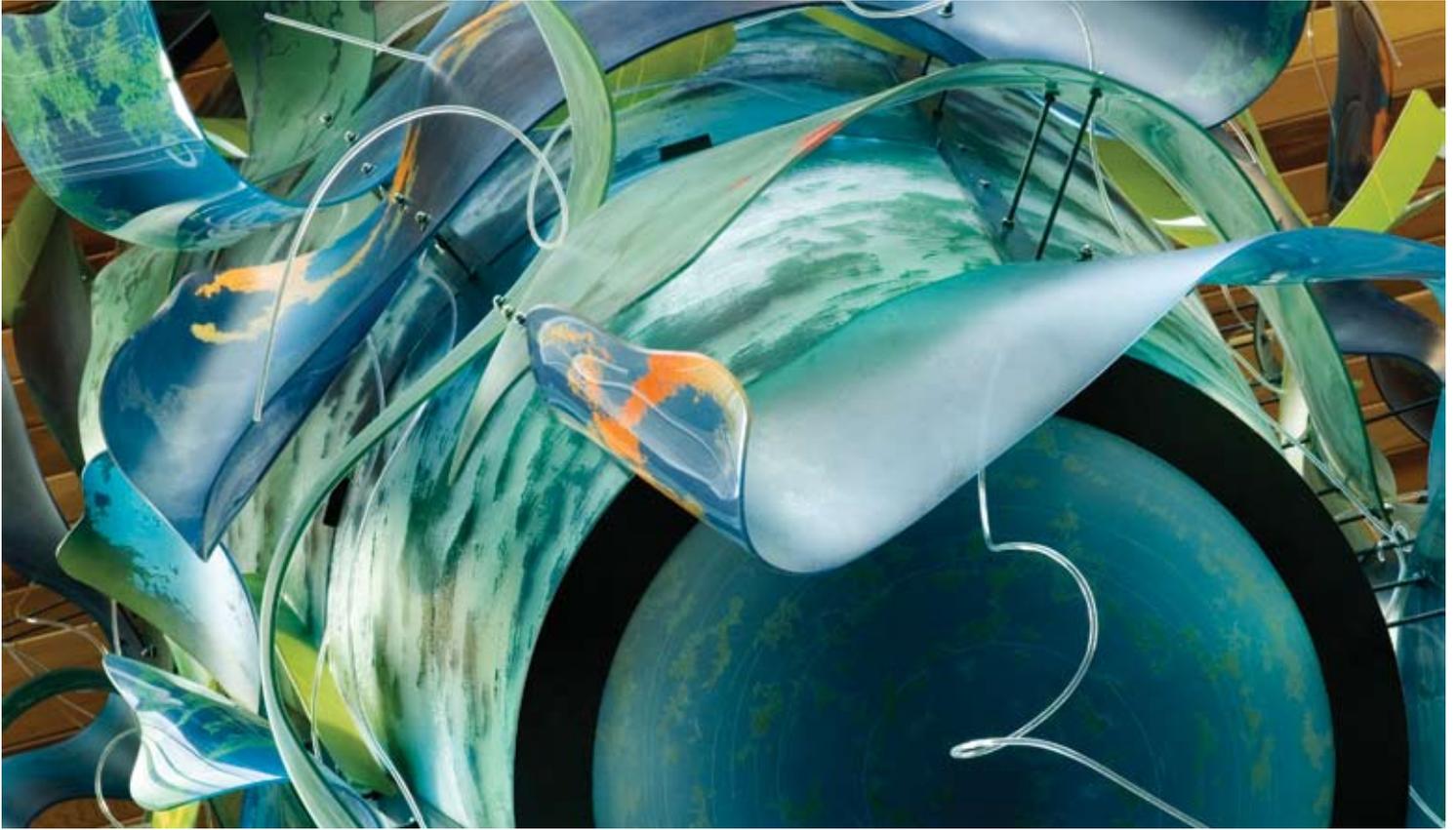
The Faculty of Dentistry at UBC is unique in Canada when it comes to dental hygiene educational opportunities. We offer two ways to become a dental hygienist and several options for dental hygienists to earn their Bachelor's degree in Dental Hygiene.



Part-timer, dental hygienist Linda Talbot (at right), instructs dental students.

In addition, qualified dental hygienists holding a Bachelor's degree can continue and earn a Masters degree in Dental Science. In fact, 50% of our current Masters students are dental hygienists. Dental Hygienists holding a Masters degree are eligible to take the PhD in Dentistry program. Last September the first dental hygienist was accepted into the PhD program, with a focus on geriatrics.

Art Soothes in the Waiting Room



Looking up into Markian Olynyk's glass chandelier at the entrance of the Nobel Biocare Oral Health Centre.

In March 2006, The Nobel Biocare Oral Health Centre opened at UBC with state-of-the-art technology, 144 operatories, and a very special art collection.

Embracing the rising trend in hospitals to create a more humane environment for patients, the Faculty's art selection committee sought works by local artists that would enliven the spirit of the new facility. They found the perfect grouping in a mixture of paintings and sculptures by Ross Penhall, Jack Darcus, Patricia Johnston, Sam Clemens, Sabina Hill and Markian Olynyk.

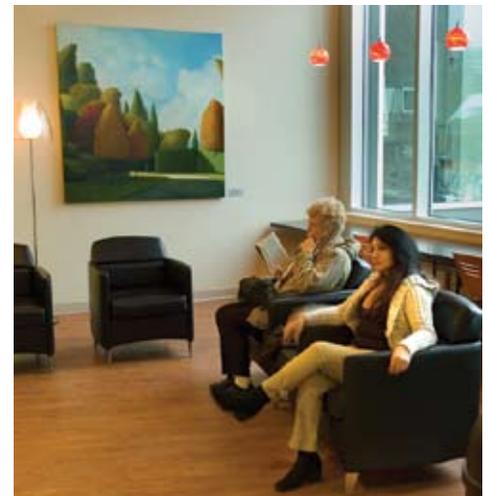
Natural settings have been acknowledged to have the effect of soothing away stress. With this in mind, the committee chose works that bring the outside of the West Coast "in."

Patients and staff are treated to sweeping views of the Pacific in *Nootka #4*, which

is an oil on canvas quintet by Patricia Johnston. Jack Darcus transports visitors across the wings of a crow soaring in the dawn light in a classic egg-tempera on panel called *Jericho Morning*.

A more familiar setting to UBC people is captured by Ross Penhall in *The High Road*. His evocative oil on canvas winds viewers through a path hugged by sun-soaked trees and a rich blue sky. Sabina Hill's *Eagle with a Human Figure* is a welcoming icon, formed in anodized aluminum, frosted glass and backed by a warmly polished fir base.

And lastly, if patients are tired, they can rest on the great douglas fir and river stone benches by Sam Clemens, while being transfixed by the dancing light and colours cast by Markian Olynyk's capricious glass ceiling work, *Vortex*. The overall experience at the



Patients wait near *The High Road* by artist Ross Penhall.

clinic is a profound one. It reveals the wonderful possibilities when science and art are combined.

Exploring Cambodia

By Dr. Karen Stallaert, Pediatric GPR

Right: Angkor Wat Temple was built in the early 12th Century.

The purpose of our trip to Siem Reap, Cambodia was to explore future dental externship opportunities at the Angkor Hospital for Children (AHC). From the moment we flew over Lake Tonle Sap, Southeast Asia's largest lake, I realised it was different from any country I had visited before.

The AHC is a full-service pediatric hospital providing free medical assistance to the underserved population of Siem Reap. David Shoemaker, a Canadian director at the hospital, gave us a tour and explained to us that the hospital has treated over 375,000 Cambodian children and performed more than 6,000 surgeries in the past seven years. He also noted that dehydration is so prevalent that 30% of children who go to the hospital are simply treated with clean water to rehydrate.

One of the greatest challenges facing Cambodia is the lack of well-trained health professionals. Cambodia's infant mortality rate is 14 times higher than it is in the United States. Inadequate quality of service and limited human resources have prevented this statistic from improving. The AHC is an officially recognized teaching hospital that trains thousands of Cambodian health professionals each year.

What impressed me most about the hospital was its community atmosphere. The AHC not only treats sick children but it also teaches the families of the sick children how to grow vegetable gardens and gives them cooking classes. The kitchen is communal and each family can cook their own meals with the allotted food.



Dr. Karen Stallaert, and fellow GPR resident, Dr. Adam Pite.



A typical operatory.

Although the AHC has a two-chair dental clinic, it leaves much to be desired. The AHC directors are looking for donations to fund equipment for their dental clinic. They are also looking to hire at least one full-time dentist.

Khmer is Cambodia's official language and not many people speak English. Having said this, the Cambodians I met were very hospitable and we found ways to communicate without words or in broken English. In recent years since the end of Cambodia's civil war, tourism has become increasingly popular. It is very inexpensive to travel in the country and there are many breathtaking Buddhist and Hindu temples to explore.

Despite the economic rewards of tourism, there are still an astonishing number of very poor people in Cambodia who beg or sell anything they can on the streets to foreigners. The most desperate example I can think of is a young boy on Lake Tonle Sap, floating in a wash basin and trying to sell snakes.

There are many widespread problems in Cambodia that require international attention. The AHC is a great avenue to helping Cambodian children. It is a well-managed, forward-thinking group that is determined to make a better future for the children of Cambodia. If you would like any further information about the AHC, please visit www.angkorhospital.org.

Grad Student Dean's Night

Dean's Night for graduate students was held in November and hosted by Dean Edwin Yen. It was a resounding success. Congratulations to the following graduate student award recipients:

Award	Recipient	Program
George S. Beagrie Scholarship	Brenda Currie	MSc
William W. Wood Memorial Scholarship	Shiva Khatami	PhD
Dr. S. Wah Leung Scholarship	Jessica Dube	MSc
Bisco Dental Products (Canada) Inc. Award in Dentistry	Matana Pruksapong Maryam Sharifzadeh-Amin	PhD PhD
Joseph Tonzetich Fellowship	Bahador Baharloo Ameneh Eslami Sean Maurice Saloumeh Pourmalek Yi Yang	PhD PhD PhD PhD PhD
Joseph Tonzetich Scholarship	Pauline Imai Mandana Nematollahi	MSc MSc
Kathleen McAnulty Memorial Prize in Graduate Periodontics	Farzin Ghannad	MSc/Dip Perio
Nobel Biocare Achievement	Farzin Ghannad	MSc/Dip Perio
3i Implant Innovations Canada Inc. Prize in Graduate Periodontics	Robert Straga	MSc/Dip Perio

The faculty appreciates the award sponsors for their kind and generous support and wishes our graduate students continued success in all of their programs.



Top: Dr. S. Wah Leung's son, Ken Leung, and MSc student, Jessica Dube.

Bottom: Faculty member, Dr. Tassos Irinakis, and MSc/Dip Perio student, Dr. Farzin Ghannad.

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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Maria Bouwman, Global Citizen at Large

There is a sense of familiarity and great warmth when you meet Maria Bouwman. Her life as special educational teacher has taken her all over the world and she has certainly made a difference in many people's lives. She has helped schools and parents learn more about how to work with children with special needs. It is Maria's great spirit of tenderness and kindness that draws you in to want to know more about her. She's an extraordinary woman who starts her day at 3:00 a.m. and does not sleep until she feels a sense of fulfillment for the day.

As a patient of Associate Dean Dr. Christopher Zed, Marie learned about the Vietnam General Practice Residency Program—the only training experience of its kind offered among Canadian dental schools in which general practice residents observe oral health conditions at unheard of levels of severity. This international experience is designed so that dental postgraduate students learn about regional diseases, treatment modalities and gain an understanding of unique cultures.

Combined with Maria's devotion to education and her great compassion, she has become an advocate of the Vietnam GPR. Maria strongly believes that UBC dental students are the leaders of tomorrow and that with their knowledge, expertise and dedication there is an opportunity to make a difference to the people in



A busy street in Ho Chi Minh City.

Ho Chi Minh City where the residency program takes place.

Maria's goal is simple: she has vowed that every two weeks she will educate four new people about the Vietnam GPR. Believing that, like love and death, giving and suffering is universal, Maria now asks everyone from her bus driver to the branch manager at her local Vancity to support the Vietnam program. She invites these people to her home for a meal and describes the program and the need to financially support UBC students to be able to make the trip to Vietnam. She asks that people "give from their heart, to give graciously and generously." Maria credits Dr. Zed for building a bridge between UBC Dentistry students and the community. She is committed to making sure that bridge continues to be well traveled.

Not Just Drops in the Ocean

Raising four children in today's world can be a challenge for any family. For the Mansoor family the word 'challenge' has a much greater definition. Tahir Mansoor and his wife Nafeesa arrived with their three daughters (and a fourth on the way) at the Douglas border crossing on December 30, 2003. The family had been living in California and after 9/11 they felt Canada would be the place to continue to raise their family. They now live in Port Coquitlam.

As landed immigrants currently seeking Canadian citizenship, the family has limited options when it comes to healthcare. Tahir has been working intensely to establish an import company called Fruit Experts Inc. which has grown from originally selling mangos from Pakistan and now offers a variety of other imported specialty items including juices, jams, and chutneys. It is hard work setting up sales contacts and, as president of a one man operation, the hours are long but the dedication to succeed is great.

When it became evident that both daughters (Hiba, 7 and Misha, 4) were in need of dental care, the challenge of being self-employed and not having a healthcare benefit plan became a serious issue for the family. Through the Fraser Health Unit, the family was put in touch with the Tzu Chi Foundation Special Children's Dental Program at UBC. Through the generous support of the Tzu Chi Foundation and individual donors, the program provides free care to children in need. Both Hiba and Misha were eligible patients and have been receiving treatment at the UBC Faculty of Dentistry's Nobel Biocare Oral Health Centre.



Tahir Mansoor with daughters Misha and Hiba with 4th year DMD students Manny Gill and Ann Sahota; Dr. Tracy Wong is behind them.

The story does not end here. Tahir strongly believes in supporting the community and the importance of giving back. He sought support from friends, family and business contacts to provide donations to the UBC program that has provided much needed dental care to his own children. "If you want something there can be no barriers to stop you," says Tahir, who brought his girls to a recent appointment at the clinic. He may feel that the donations he brings in are "drops in the ocean," however his noble spirit and ambition are far greater than anyone can measure.

"If you want something there can be no barriers to stop you"

Thank you Tahir, Nafeesa, Hiba and Misha for reminding us of the importance of community and compassion and becoming one of the recognizable faces benefiting from Tzu Chi Foundation Special Children's Dental Program.

30th Reunion for Class of '76

By Dr. Gerry Chu (DMD '76)



Members of the Class of '76 at their 30th Reunion.

Sixteen classmates and spouses descended on Osoyoos from September 21 to 24 for a great time getting reacquainted. Most stayed at the brand new Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort and Spa. The golfers challenged the lightning fast, undulating greens of Fairview Golf Course on Friday and tried to keep out of rattlesnake territory on Nk'Mip Golf Course on Saturday. Others did wine tours, biked, walked, visited and just chilled out.

Dr. Terry Curran, a neurologist-turned-investment advisor gave a presentation on investing for people in our position of life (the 55 pluses). He's been lecturing on both neurological movement disorders and financial management for physicians at medical conventions for years.

This was followed by happy hour and a great Italian dinner. After dinner, the spouses spoke about their lives. While most were enjoying a new phase of life with no children at home, Ken Brown's wife Shannon talked about their 16 month old baby.

Some retirees were pursuing other interests: Dale Sellers has become an artist and John Fraser has become a massage therapist and yoga instructor. Some of us (including yours truly) are still enjoying dentistry so much that, like a hobby, we can't imagine fully retiring. It's just too much fun! Most felt that 30 years of dentistry had been very good to them.

Saturday we enjoyed dinner at the beautiful Burrowing Owl Restaurant perched on the hill of its vineyard. What an incredible setting!

The next morning while saying our goodbyes, everyone talked about getting together more often like this, perhaps every two years. It was great to be where everyone was away from home, far from other commitments. We were there for each other.

Reunion Planning 101

Can you believe it? It's time for your class reunion. If you are the organizing type and your classmates keep nominating you to pull the reunion together, we want to pitch in. So, to help all you class keepers, here are five easy steps to help plan a successful reunion:

- 1 Pick a date (around the Pacific Dental Conference might be best as this is when most of your class is in town).
- 2 Find a great location (within walking distance of the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre might be a good idea).
- 3 Call the alumni office for a class list (Jenn Parsons at (604) 822-6751).
- 4 Invite your guests.
- 5 Plan for a safe ride home.

Attention Class of '82 – It's Your 25th Reunion!

If you are from the Dental Hygiene or DMD class of 1982, please contact Jenn Parsons to find out more about what your class is up to. Rumor: it will be fun!

Alumni Whistler Getaway Contest

Faculty of Dentistry alumni are invited to enter the 2007 Alumni Whistler Getaway Contest. To enter, go to the Alumni Services home page at www.dentistry.ubc.ca/alumni. The getaway package includes the use of an Audi for a 2-3 day trip to Whistler at an Aloha Whistler premier suite. The winner of this grand prize will be selected at the Annual Alumni Reception at the Pacific Dental Conference on March 9, 2007. Watch the mail for your invitation to this special event, held again this year at the Pan Pacific Hotel from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

A Night to Remember

UBC Dental Hygiene alumnae from the past 35 years attended a reunion at the Nobel Oral Health Centre with a tour and reception on October 18, 2006. With the chocolate fountain flowing, participants reconnected with each other and faculty.



Dental Hygiene alumnae catch up around the chocolate fountain.

Photos from the evening are available on the Alumni Services homepage in the photo gallery at www.dentistry.ubc.ca/alumni.



A stop at the sterile supplies area on a tour of the Nobel Biocare Oral Health Centre.

Wanted: Dental Hygiene Graduates

As the Dental Hygiene Degree Program continues to grow at the Faculty of Dentistry, it will need volunteers to help support and encourage students. If you are a UBC dental hygiene graduate, we encourage you to become a volunteer. For more information, please contact Jenn Parsons, Alumni Relations Coordinator.

We have part-time teaching opportunities beginning in September 2007. For more information please contact Prof. Bonnie Craig, Director, Dental Hygiene Degree Program at (604) 822-4680 or bjcraig@interchange.ubc.ca



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Where Are you?

If you have not updated your mailing address recently, you may not have received an invitation to this event. Please go to the Alumni Services web page and click on "Keep in Touch." This is the easiest way to help us mail invitations directly to you. There will be more events next year, so keep in touch!

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Announcements



Robin Mak, DMD '06, opened a dental practice at 209-2223 West Broadway (one block west of Arbutus). She is running the show in a charming two-chair office. She invites readers to stop by for a visit.

Awards and Achievements

Director of the Dental Hygiene Degree Program, **Bonnie Craig**, Dip DH, MEd, RDH has been promoted to Full Professor.

A number of faculty members were honored with fellowships to the American College of Dentists: **Chris Wyatt** (full-time faculty), and part-timers **Wa Sham Cheung**, **Tony Gill**, **Terry Kline**, **Mel Sawyer**, **David Tobias**, and **Michele Williams**.

In January **Ernie Lam** (DMD, '89, MSc '91) became the president of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (ABOMR). The ABOMR is one of nine ADA-recognized specialty certifying boards. Residing in Toronto, he is the second Canadian and the first non-U.S.-based oral and maxillofacial radiologists to hold this position.

Doctoral student **Maryam Amin** has been awarded the first prize in the CADR -IMHA research competition in the senior clinical category. She will present her research at IADR meeting in New Orleans.

Masters student **Jessica Dube** was invited to present her poster on "Challenges experienced by older adults in the care of their dental implants" at the IADR.

Dr. Catherine Poh won a Brigid G. Leventhal Scholar Award in Cancer Research from the American Association of Cancer Research (AACR). She presented her community work in the Downtown Eastside, entitled "Integration of new technology into a high-risk underserved community: pilot studies within an oral cancer screening program" at the AACR annual meeting in Boston.

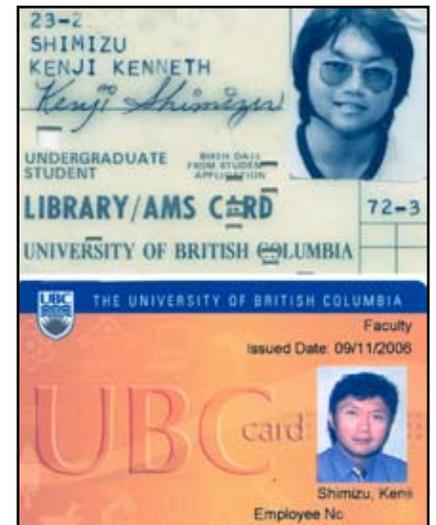
Media Mentions

The Globe and Mail, "This dentist is taking a bite out of crime: **Dr. Sweet's** work helps put criminals behind bars," December 10, 2006.

Journal of the Canadian Dental Association, "**Dr. David Sweet**: Canadian Forensic Odontologist Makes an Impression on the Global Scene" www.cda-adc.ca/jcda/vol-72/issue-9. (Dr. Sweet is on the cover.)

British Columbia Ministry of Health Dental Health Newsletter Dec 2006, "Increased Community Dental Services" This article described the funding for UBC community dental residents. It reported, "These practitioners provided targeted dental treatment services to vulnerable people in Prince George, Kamloops, Victoria, Vancouver, (downtown Eastside, Vancouver Hospital, Grandview School) and at the Haida Gwaii Dental program and the Provincial Oral Oncology program. The program is continuing this year."

Dr. Kenji Shimizu '79 recently had his photo taken for his UBC identity card. It reminded him of having his photo taken the very first day of the 1972-73 academic year when he started his undergraduate studies at UBC as a Science student. He's been at UBC for 34 continuous years, first as a student and then as a faculty member. **Kenji** says, "UBC feels like my second home and I'm still enjoying it."



OUR DENTAL FAMILY

Marriages

Cliff Leachman, DMD '91 married May Ngo on August 5, 2006. She's a CDA and they started a new practice in a gorgeous office in Victoria, with a focus on implant dentistry.



Births



Jessey Minhas (DMD '05) and Kiran welcomed their first child, a son they named Sean, on February 11, 2006 in Prince George.



Faculty member **Dr. Fernanda Almeida** and Fabio Levy are proud to announce the birth on November 3, 2006 of Gustavo, a "big" (9.5 pound) brother for big sister Paula.



Chair of the orthodontics division, **Dr. Alan Lowe** is the proud grandfather of Nadia Maria Ray Lowe, born to parents Christopher and

Kamala on November 27, 2006 in Victoria. Sorry, Alan, she's just a bit cuter than you!

Visitors



Anu Keto and Marja Roos, from Helsinki

The faculty has been welcoming colleagues from near and far:

- Annemieke IJpenberg, PhD, from the Netherlands Cancer Institute, Department of Molecular Genetics gave a talk.
- A group from the Dental Hygiene Degree Program at Helsinki Polytechnic, Finland enjoyed sharing info and touring the new clinic.
- Colleagues of **Dr. Jolanta Aleksejuniene** from Vilnius University.



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6:20pm	DMD & BDSce (DH) 1997
6:30pm	DMD 1992
6:40pm	DMD 1987
6:50pm	DMD & DH Dip 1982
7:00pm	DMD & DH Dip 1977
7:10pm	DMD & DH Dip 1972

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9	Alumni Reception at the Pacific Dental Conference	MAY / JUNE		SEPTEMBER	
24	CDE: Hot Topics in Periodontics, Dr. Winthrop Carter	May 30 - June 13 CDE: Orthodontic Module for CDAs and Registered Dental Hygienists		23 Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament at Morgan Creek	
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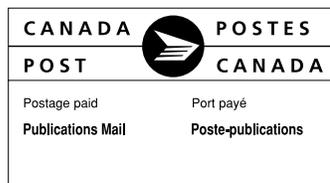
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