

# THE NEWSLETTER

News From, Of, and About The Department of Surgical Specialties

**W**elcome to the inaugural newsletter of the Department of Surgical Specialties. The goal of this memo is to inform friends and alumni about what is happening in our department. As many of you know, we were formed in 1991 by amalgamating the departments of endodontics, oral surgery, and periodontics, with Dr. Gerry Tussing being appointed the first Chair. Under Dr. Tussing's leadership, the department flourished, and hopefully I can continue this tradition. Gerry stepped down as chair in July 2005, but is still "the Chief," and fortunately continues

to work part-time in the department. Besides having a new chairperson, this Newsletter and our first annual Resident/Alumni day are several examples of recent departmental changes. I welcome your comments and suggestions on how we might continue to strengthen the department, and look forward to seeing many of you June 9th.

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## The Inaugural Resident/ Alumni Day: June 9, 2006

**J**oin us in June for the Resident/Alumni Day. Three hours of approved dental continuing education will be presented at the college in the morning, a "Battle of the Specialties" golf tournament will be held in the afternoon, and a departmental celebration will be enjoyed at night!

**When & Where:** Friday, June 9, Lincoln, Nebraska; 8-11:30 am: College of Dentistry; 12:30-5 pm: HiMark Golf Course, 8901 Augusta Drive; 6-10 pm: Wick Alumni Center, 1520 R St.

**Specifics:** The CE will involve the endodontic and periodontal residents presenting some of their research. There is no cost for this, but pre-registration is requested

The exact format of the golf will be determined by the number of players registering. If you wish to (or wish not) to play with anyone in particular, please specify that on the registration form. The cost for this event is \$40 per person (cart included), with payment due at the course.

The semi-formal dinner at the Wick Center will honor Dr. Gerry Tussing, recognizing his accomplishments and 37 years of service to the college. We need a head count for this, so an RSVP is requested. The cost per person is \$35.

**How:** Please use the registration form on page 12 and mail by May 30th. See you then!

## Meet the Department Faculty & Staff Members



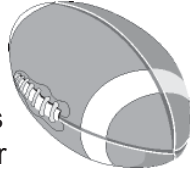
**Front Row:** J. Bruce Bavitz, Deb Dalton, Trudy Meinberg, Gerry Tussing, Kristin Armstrong, Andy Schwartz, Darrel Ebke. **Second Row:** Tom Gound, Jenny Harn, Rick Reinhardt, Jeffrey Payne. **Back Row:** Wayne Kaldahl, Dick Bradley, Merlyn Vogt, Darlene Mundt.

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## Husker News

Who would have thought that an 8-4 season in Nebraska football would bring such joy to the ever faithful Husker fans. Seems, I recall that Frank Solich was fired after a 9-3 season. Interesting? Yet, somehow a 32-28 victory over a less than invincible Michigan team in the Alamo Bowl has cast a long, warm winter shadow over the Husker Nation. Maybe it was the wild eight-lateral final play of the game that made a pretty average season, by Nebraska standards, seem like a super bowl victory. One thing is certain, it took Coach Bill Callahan out of the frying pan at least temporarily. That debacle in Lawrence, Kansas, about brought an abrupt end to his reign at Nebraska. The recruiting is continuing to bring outstanding athletes into the program which was absolutely necessary following Solich. After a stellar year of recruiting last year in which they focused on skill players, this year was a year devoted to finding an offensive line and a defensive backfield. Apparently, job accomplished! Are they ready to play with the big boys? Probably not, but we should have a barometer reading as to the direction we're headed after games with USC and Texas in this 2006 season. NU prominence may be a couple of years away if reality slaps us hard in those games.



Winter athletics at NU are following a very predictable course. The basketball teams are ho-hum. They have a way of getting you really excited about the possibilities of participating in March Madness only to produce a clinker at the most inopportune times.



The women's coach appears to have earned job security (standards are not as high for women's basketball) and the men's coach had better polish up the resume because he's in a world of hurt. Nice man, good coach but when you are averaging only 6,000 to 7,000 warm bottoms in the 14,000 capacity arena, it appears to be obvious that fans aren't buying tickets. The bottom line is upon which most athletic directors make major decisions. Bye bye, Barry?

While football garners most of the attention, it should be noted that Nebraska volleyball was the usual powerhouse being undefeated and ranked No. 1 for the entire season. Then it happened - the

championship match was a disaster for Nebraska, losing in three straight games to the University of Washington. The Huskies put a whoopin' on the Huskers. Look for NU to come back next year with a vengeance. They don't rebuild, they reload. By the way, Rachel Schwartz (daughter of former secretary Andy) played a fair amount considering she was a freshman libero. More fun next season.



On the other hand, the men's and women's track team are on a mission to win still another Big 12 indoor and outdoor track championship. All of our athletic programs and coaches should enjoy the success that our track and field teams and Coach Gary Pepin do. He has won so many Big 8/Big 12 championships that they are running out of wall and ceiling space to hang all of the championship banners. Oh, and the women's bowling team won another national championship. Whoopee!!



## The Budget

Nebraska, like many of our neighboring states, are enjoying an economic rebound. As such the tax revenues are consistently meeting or exceeding projections and all of that means that the University budgets are relatively stable. There is even a bill currently being debated in the legislature which would



provide improvements in buildings for the first time in many, many years. If it is enacted, the College of Dentistry is in line to be a benefactor in receiving support in our ongoing remodeling efforts. It is hard for some of us old timers to believe that the "new" dental school is nearly 40 years old and in much need of rejuvenation. As reported previously, the north clinic has been renovated into a beautiful patient/student friendly environment. Currently, the Growth and Development Department (orthodontics and pediatric dentistry) are undergoing significant construction. The Department of Surgical Specialties is lobbying hard to get the grad periodontics, endodontics, and oral surgery areas next on the "to do" list. It is a relief not to be required to make lists of potential budget reductions for a change but rather focus on our teaching/research potentials.

## Alumni News & Activity

**Truman Johnson** ('96) has informed us through Betty Shestak that he and wife Vicki are expecting their first baby in May 2006. Just to make it interesting, they are expecting two babies. And rumor has it that they are expecting two boys. We are further expecting that Truman will name them Truman 1 and Truman 2. Congratulations to you and hope you are as successful with this family venture as you have been in growing your professional practice.

**Eric Bernzweig** ('96), the other half of the 1996 class, also has great news. The confirmed bachelor has taken a bride named Julie in March of 2005. Actually, she is the brains behind a successful practice in Las Vegas as office manager. Recently, they have opened a second office across town as further evidence of a growing professional career. Continuing with the "new" theme they have a new house that he described as big as a barn. The next "new" report will be the start of filling that barn with a family. How does that sound Bernzie?

**George Robeson** ('75) writes that he, too, was excited about the Alamo Bowl win and the wild fourth quarter. He informs us that wife Susi had a hip replacement surgery in December and was rehabbing very well in January. We wish her well and you take good care of her, George. She's your living annuity.

**Stan Kull** ('84) sends holiday greetings and best wishes to the Chief on his new professional adventures. He reports spending a fair amount of time outside Eugene, Oregon, at his ranch. Actually, he would like to spend even more time home on the range if he could make time to do so. Toward that end, he is talking with one of our current graduate students regarding coming into his practice. We always enjoy the opportunity to match our residents with alumni. It usually is a good marriage.

**Sam Passo** ('87) is so regular about keeping in touch with his alumni family. We wish we could share with you some of the funny outrageous stuff he e-mails the Chief. Those army guys get their hands on some unique material which unfortunately is not all printable in this newsletter. Sam is a

lieutenant colonel and stationed with wife Karen at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

**Art Harris** ('83) sends holiday greetings to all. It has been an especially joyous year for his family because for the first time in some years everyone is healthy. He always has great intentions to visit Nebraska but time and distance make it challenging. Art, you have an even more important reason to return other than just visiting with us; you have your niece Laura and her husband Rick in the perio program. It's almost a must that you come and visit and evaluate their progress.

**Paul Sibraa** ('89) sends holiday greetings to all from "Down Under." He and wife Pam have a fond affection for Nebraska and only distance keeps them from regular visits. It is unique for us when Paul describes Christmas as "hotting up" with their summer temperature peaking. They are now grandparents for the first time with another in the oven. Congratulations folks! Hope to see you in San Diego.

**Raynor Harmeson** ('86): he did it again! The famous and anticipated staff Christmas card with the office beauties (except for Raynor) arrived right on time. Actually, he admitted that this year they had great difficulty in assembling the entire staff at one time and therefore this year's photo is the result of computer wizardry. He is especially proud that his children are doing so well. Son Jacob is in the Army for two more years and daughter Anne is a computer software engineer. Raynor, it sounds like the kids are gainfully employed - a dream all of us parents entertain.

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### Susan McCoy Joins the Staff



Susan McCoy came to the College of Dentistry from the College of Education and Human Sciences at UNL. She has been with the university for 15 years. Susan is married to Dave McCoy, a service technician with Sears. They have a blended family: four children and seven grandchildren. Two black Labs - Scarlett and Rhett - complete the family. Welcome to the college!

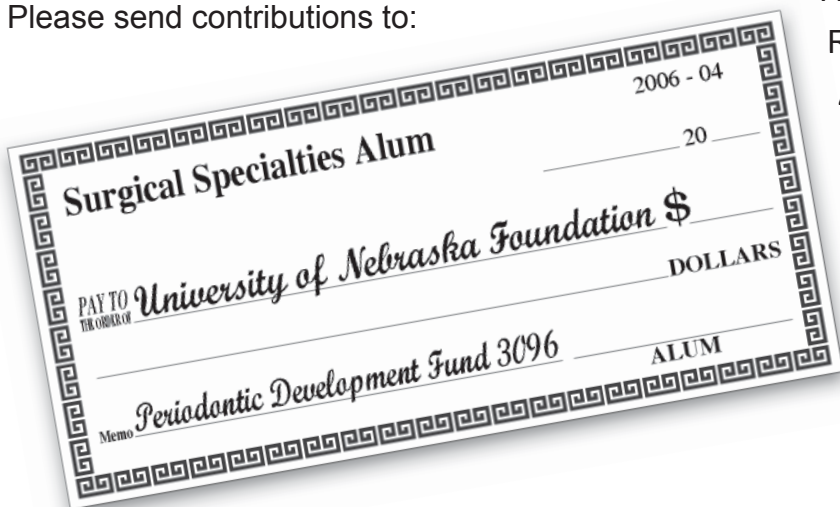


# Periodontal Development Fund

A special thanks to of you loyal alums who so generously contributed to the Periodontal Development Fund in 2005. We want to recognize all of you in this newsletter and are, as usual, listing your names as they are reported to us by the Nebraska Foundation records. It has been called to our attention that discrepancies have occurred in the past and individuals have not been credited appropriately. Should this occur to you, please let us know and we will rectify the error along with our apologies.

Remember, we use these donations exclusively for graduate student activities. Research, travel, equipment, etc. are the primary expenditures supported by these funds. Wherever we can enhance the educational experience of our residents, that is where we allocate these funds. The commitment of these resources is done only after we have exhausted all state support avenues.

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We are again reminding us “old guys” about planned giving. This is an enormously successful and painless way of giving back to your program without the necessity of committing current discretionary dollars. Endowed professorships (can be named for the contributor) and many other forms of charitable giving are all available. To remind you, our College of Dentistry foundation contact individual is Susan Norby. She is a bundle of energy and information which she will happily provide for you in helping with the planning process. Personal consultation visits are welcomed by Susan.

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## News from the Residents

By Grad Perio Section Dir. Wayne Kaldahl  
**Already Published!**

**Dr. Rhonda Preston** (third year) had a case report published in December. She worked with **Dr. Nagamani Narayana** who is one of our new oral pathologists. Dr. Narayana is great with our residents in both their course work and oral pathology rotation. Nagamani is also most helpful with the practicing dentists in consultation besides running the biopsy service...a plug for the biopsy service here!



**Dr. Narayana**

Their paper: Preston RD, Narayana N. Peripheral odontogenic keratocyst. *J Periodontol* 2005;76(12):2312-5.

As you all know **Dr. Randy Harris** ('88) has been involved with his studies, publishing, and lecturing in the past. For personal reasons, he has had to limit that activity but yet he had material that needed to be published. Therefore, he recruited his daughter, **Laura Miller** (first year) and son-in law, **Rick Miller** (first year) to help him with the data assessment and writing. They recently had two publications: Harris R, Miller R, Miller L, Harris C. A comparison of three techniques to obtain root coverage on mandibular incisors. *J Periodontol* 2005;76(10):1758-67; and Harris R, Miller R, Miller L, Harris C. Complications with surgical procedures utilizing connective tissue grafts: a follow-up of 500 consecutively treated cases. *Int J Periodontics Restorative Dent* 2005;25(5):449-59.

**Dr. David Stein** ('04) recently had his master's research published which was performed under the tutelage of **Dr. Richard Reinhardt**. Also, **Yeonju Lee** (first year) was involved in working with several aspects of the research protocol and data analyses. This research theme of Rick's is in an innovative area that may someday have clinical implications. Stein D, Lee Y, Schmid M, Killpack B, Genrich M, Narayana N, Marx D, Cullen D, Reinhardt R. Local simvastatin effects on mandibular bone growth and inflammation. *J Periodontol* 2005;76(11):1861-70.

### **Volunteer Periodontal Faculty**

The residents are so appreciative of the volunteer faculty who take time out of their offices and busy academic schedules to come in weekly and present a noon-hour seminar and teach in the clinic. All that for a crummy, cold lunch. They provide a broader prospective that the residents would otherwise not receive.

This past year's list includes: **Dr. Dennis Anderson** (Hon), **Dr. Barry Feldner** ('92), **Dr. Steve Gallagher** ('78), **Dr. Dave Hoffman** (Hon), **Dr. Daryl Malena** ('73), **Dr. Van Sanderfer** ('02), **Dr. John Mattson** (Hon), **Dr. Scott Morrison** (Hon), **Dr. Stacy Moffenbier** ('94), **Dr. Larry Parrish** (Hon), and **Dr. James Walker** ('77). To each of them: Thank you!

### **They're in the money now...**

The 20th annual Professionals' Day was again a rewarding experience for two of the periodontal residents. **Melissa Morris** (second year) and **Mark Lavin** (third year) won the graduate students' category for the best table clinic. The presentation was entitled "Effects of Local Simvastatin Injections on Periodontal Clinical Parameters in Dogs." This is part of the research that Melissa is working on for her M.S. and Mark has been quite helpful with performing some of the research protocol such as surgeries, etc. This research is being directed by **Dr. Richard Reinhardt**. They received a check from the College of Dentistry that no doubt puts them in a higher tax bracket.



**Dr. Melissa Morris**

News from the Residents (Continued from Page 5)

### ***Out with the Old, in with the New...***

Spring is both a sad but also an exciting time to listen in on the future plans of the third year residents as they will be leaving at the end of June: exciting, but at the same time also stressful for them. **Dr. Rhonda Preston** will return to Canada, although on the opposite side of the country than where she is from, and set up practice in Kelowna, British Columbia. It is definitely a beautiful place.

**Dr. Mark Lavin** will return home and set up practice in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. His brother Marshall, whom some of you probably remember, is an endodontist and his sister and brother-in-law are general dentists there. So, he already has a reference source or is it "nepotism in practice." Rhonda and Mark are both sharp and personable folks who will do well. We certainly wish them the best.

As we are sad to see Rhonda and Mark leave we are looking forward to working with our two new residents scheduled to start in July. **Khristi Poidmore** is a senior at Creighton Dental School and received a BA in biology from University of San Diego. Khristi is from Villa Park, California, where her father is an oral surgeon, so she is quite familiar with dentistry. **John Rutledge** is a senior dental student at our dental school. He has somewhat of a unique background. Before dental school, John received a master's in education and taught high school science for one year. Hopefully, someday he will have a bend for dental education. He is from Lincoln, married with two young daughters.

### ***Special Education Experiences***

- Last October the residents attended the Midlands Periodontal Conference. Dr. Seb Ciancio from S.U.N.Y.-Buffalo spoke all day Sunday and local talent presented the following Monday morning. **Drs. Dennis Anderson (Hon)** and **Barry Feldner ('92)** were two of the speakers. This clearly demonstrated that we often overlook good folks in our midsts and think we have to have the big names. They did a wonderful job and received great feedback.
- November 22: **Dr. Randy Harris ('88)** spoke on many aspects of esthetic surgery. He is a real pro

with great material as you all know. As always, he donated his time and travel expense. Randy has some health problems that have forced him into early retirement. This is a great loss to our profession but hopefully he will find ways to stay involved as well as enjoy Maui where he has a condo.

- February 3: The second- and third-year residents spent a day in **Dr. David Hoffman's** (Hon) office. They received a great practical education in practice administration such that they want to return. Talk about wearing out their welcome with Dave.
- February 10: All the residents attended a College of Dentistry continuing education course by **Dr. Robert Fazio**. The C.E. department which received a grant from P and G paid for the residents to have a mighty fine dinner with Bob. There was good exchange that was quite educational, maybe even more so than the course.
- February 17: **Dr. Barry Feldner ('92)** presented a seminar on esthetic surgery in the morning and he operated two cases which was also recorded in the afternoon. This was followed with a discussion. The residents were so impressed that they think Barry can do no wrong.
- April 7: **Dr. Bill Binnie**, oral pathologist from Baylor School of Dentistry, will be presenting a critique on oral pathology. Bill and **Dick Bradley** (Hon) are good friends and this should also be enjoyable for both of them, exchanging tales and all.

### ***Other Tidbits...***

- Implantology continues to be a bigger and bigger part of our specialty which translates into what the residents and prospective periodontal students emphasize. **Dr. Dan Assad** (Hon) put together a very viable implant program here and since his leaving last summer, **Dr. Bryan Cochran ('05)** has continued to make it a stronger educational experience. **Dr. Bruce Bavitz** (Hon) also has become more involved



which gives the residents an even greater educational breadth. The third-year residents will have placed over 120 implants each, many “immediately” after an extraction, and often into grafted ridges and maxillary sinuses.

• **Dr. David Stein** ('04) just passed the board exam and is now a Diplomate. Congratulations to Dave!! This is truly a great accomplishment and honor.

• **Dr. Glenn Maze (Hon)**, past periodontal faculty and postgraduate director, has left Iowa and is assuming the Directorship of the postgraduate program at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. Does he really think the caliber of golf at the Masters in Augusta will rub off on his game? We certainly send our best to him in this new adventure. (Please note that objects in this picture may appear younger than they actually are.)



**Dr. Glenn Maze**

## Probing the Residents

### Rhonda Preston (third year)



Rhonda came to us from Canada where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, and a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia.

She has successfully completed the Canadian periodontics board examinations and will receive her board certification when she completes her periodontal residency requirements in June. She and her husband Todd have truly enjoyed their time in Nebraska and highly recommend camping at Niobrara and Fort Robinson state parks. Some other highlights of her time here have included excursions to Yellowstone and Grand Tetons National parks, the South Bend Testicle Festival, and season tickets to the Huskers home games. She is planning to pursue a career in private practice in Kelowna, British Columbia, and hopes that some warm Nebraska summer weather will follow her so that they can enjoy the trip home on their Harley Davidsons.

### Mark Lavin (third year)

Mark will be setting up a private practice in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, following completion of the



periodontal program in June 2006. Sioux Falls is home to many family members including Dr. Marshall T. Lavin, a practicing endodontist; and Drs. Molly and Corey Karmazin who are practicing general dentists. Dr.

Lavin is excited about returning to where he calls home as well as the opportunity to work with family members and friends in the area. Outside of the practice of dentistry, it is his hope that he can reacquaint himself with his golf swing, continue with the sport of triathlon, and pick up hunting where he left off. It has been a great seven years here in Nebraska, many things will be missed, but it is time for Dr. Lavin to go home.

### Ryan Gifford (second year)

Ryan was born and raised in Henderson, Nevada. He received his BS from the University of Nevada, Las



Vegas, and is a 2004 graduate from the University of Colorado School of Dentistry. Ryan and his wife Jena have two sons: five-year-old Harrison and three-year-old Stephen. Dr.

Gifford enjoys basketball, softball, and spending time with his family. His future plans are to enter private practice in southern Nevada, teach part time, and become board certified.

### Melissa Morris (second year)

Melissa comes to us from Independence, Kansas.

She is a 2004 graduate from our own UNMC College of Dentistry, after having earned



her BS degree at Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas. Melissa is a member of the ADA, AAP, and Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society. Her hobbies include cooking, baking, fishing,

cycling, running, and aerobics. After graduation, Melissa would like to obtain board certification and enter private practice, while teaching part-time at a dental school.

**More Resident Probing (continued on Page 8)**

**Probing the Residents (Continued from Page 7)**

**Yeonju Lee (first year)**



Yeonju is from South Korea. She graduated from Seoul National University Dental College in 1994 and obtained a MS in Dental Materials in 1997. Dr. Lee trained in the Prosthodontic Residency Program at Ihwa Women's University Hospital and was certified in 1997. She has one daughter, Jeewoo; and one son, Alex; and is married to **Dr. Eunghwan Kim**, who is a prosthodontist on faculty. Yeonju wishes to continue her career in academics following board certification and receiving a PhD in Oral Biology.

**Laura Miller (First Year)**



Reno, Nevada, is Laura's home. She graduated with a BS from the University of Nevada at Reno and attended Marquette University School of Dentistry in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, graduating in 2005. She is married to Richard Miller, another first-year perio resident. Her father, Randall Harris, did his perio training here at Nebraska. Laura enjoys spending time with family, traveling, cooking, reading, step aerobics, and doing crafts. After completion of perio school she wants to become board certified, open a practice with her husband, begin writing articles, lecturing, and teaching.

**Rick Miller (First Year)**



Rick's home is Carson City, Nevada. He received his BS in 2001 from the University of Nevada at Reno and graduated from Marquette University School of Dentistry in 2005. He is married to one of our other residents, Laura. His hobbies include basketball,

golf, automobile repair, and hockey. After graduation, Richard plans on opening a perio practice with his wife and obtaining board certification.

## Faculty Appointments

**Dr. Matthew Byarlay**



Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas, is home for Dr. Byarlay. He attended the University of Texas at Austin, Texas, where he played soccer for the University of Texas Longhorns while in college. Later, Matt attended dental school at the University of Texas HSC at San Antonio. At the end of his training he was inducted into OKU. His next stop was the periodontal residency at the University of Nebraska. While living in Lincoln, he met his future wife Jina. They were married at St. Mary's in downtown Lincoln. Soon after, they both completed their studies and moved to Texas. He practiced in Dallas, Texas, and Omaha, Nebraska, before accepting a full-time faculty position at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry, beginning May 1, 2006. He has a new son, Hayden, who is 11 months old and a dog who is six.

**Dr. Bryan Cochran**



Dr. Cochran is a 2005 graduate of periodontics from the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry. He is in private practice with Dr. Wayne Kaldahl and Dr. Jim Walker in Lincoln. He also serves as a part-time faculty member at the college joining the department in August 2005. He is working with the residents in all aspects of dental implant therapy. Bryan's wife's is Julie and they have two children: ten-year-old Brianna and seven-year-old Brayde. His hobbies include spending quality time with his family, golfing, and art work.

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## Alumni honor Bradleys through periodontic endowment fund

Dick and Doris Bradley were surprised and elated when they found out a fund for periodontics had been established in their honor.

As one of the foremost names in the field of periodontics, Dick Bradley has dedicated his career to bettering the people and places around him. By establishing the Dr. Richard E. and Doris I. Bradley Fund for Excellence in Periodontics through the University of Nebraska Foundation, alumni of the program made a commitment to the continued success of periodontics at their alma mater.

Bradley, a 1952 alumnus of the dental program, is a pillar of the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry. In 1959, he was hired to teach at the college where he founded the Periodontics Department and served on the faculty for many years. He served as the dean of the college from 1968 to 1980.

“Dr. Bradley is one of the most famous dentists ever to be affiliated with Nebraska,” said Bruce Bavitz, Chair of the Department of Surgical Specialties. “He has been a role model for many people, including myself.”

Bradley is a nationally recognized leader in professional dental and periodontics organizations. He has served as treasurer, regional regent, and president of the national honorary dental organization, the American College of Dentists; he is a past-president of the American Academy of Periodontology Foundation; and was the 2000 recipient of the academy’s Fellowship Award.

Doris Bradley was recognized for her service in 2002 through the UNMC College of Dentistry Alumni Association’s Honorary Membership Award.

“The periodontics program has had a long history of excellence,” Dick Bradley said. “However the program needs extra help from its alumni to maintain that excellence.”

The Bradley Fund will exclusively benefit the periodontics program as a permanent endowment. The net income from the Bradley Fund will be used to support a wide array of priority needs in the periodontics program. Unlike an expendable fund, an endowed fund is invested and exists in perpetuity, providing ongoing financial resources well into the future. As more gifts are given to the fund, the spendable income will grow. In the case of the Bradley Fund, this will provide increased funding exclusively for periodontics.

Some areas the Bradley Fund will support may include resources for guest lectures, student scholarships, equipment and clinical facility improvements, periodontics research and conferences, and continuing education programs.

“I would like to see the money from the fund go directly to areas of greatest need in the periodontics program, whether that’s for research or directly to the students,” Bradley said.

Those interested in supporting the Bradley Fund for Excellence in Periodontics may send their gift or pledge made payable to the University of Nebraska Foundation. A contribution card and return envelope are enclosed. Gifts to this fund are fully tax deductible. For more information about contributing to the College of Dentistry please contact Development Director Susan Norby at 402-472-0430 or snorby@foundation.nebraska.edu

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## Pulp Facts: Meet the Residents & New Faculty

### Salwan Adjaj (second year)



Salwan comes to us from Lake Oswego, Oregon. He received a B.S. in zoology/biology from Portland State University. Soon after he received his DMD from Oregon Health and Sciences University. Salwan is

opening a private practice in Sherwood, Oregon, in July 2006.

### Randy Heiman (second year)



Randy was born and reared in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Prior to beginning his residency, he practiced general dentistry in Salem, Oregon. He is a 1982 graduate from Oregon Health Sciences University. Randy and wife

Sarah have one son, thirteen-year-old Jacob. The Heimans are expecting an addition to their family in August. Randy will be entering private practice in McMinnville, Oregon, upon completing his residency training in June. He plans to teach part-time at Oregon Health Sciences University and to become board certified.

### Cameron Oler (Second Year)



Born in Virginia, Cameron has lived in Lincoln for the last six years while attending UNMC College of Dentistry and its endodontic program. He is happily married to wife Keri. They have a happy and healthy daughter

Olivia with another baby on the way. Future plans include enjoy life, practice, and hobbies with the family.

### Brad Laird (first year)



Olathe, Kansas, is the home of Dr. Larid. He received a BA in Biology from Chapman University in Orange, California and then graduated from Creighton University School of Dentistry in 2002. Brad spent three

years in the U.S. Army (HPSP Scholarship). Brad and his wife Giselle have 2 daughters: four-year-old Gabi and eight-month-old Lauren. Brad enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family. His future plans are to enter private practice and become board certified.

### James (Mike) Strand (First Year)



Mike grew up in southern New Mexico and received a B.S. in biology from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. He attended the University of Missouri-Kansas City and received his D.D.S. in 2003 and spent two

years in private practice in Albuquerque. Mike has three children with wife Cheri, two boys and a girl. Hobbies include bow hunting and fishing. Dr. Strand's plans include entering private practice back in the southwest, most likely Phoenix.

## Endo Faculty Appointment



Dr. Merlyn Vogt is a Bancroft, Nebraska, native and a UNL graduate with a BS in Life Sciences. Dr. Vogt graduated in 1983 graduate from the UNMC College of Dentistry and practiced for eleven years in Henderson, Nebraska. He received

his certificate in endodontics from UNMC in 1996 and practiced in Lincoln until November 2005. In January 2006, he sold his practice to Dr. Cliff Leffingwell and has joined the faculty as a clinical instructor. He and his wife Bette have three daughters, Megan, MacKenzie, and Mallory. His long-term professional goal is to be as "cool" as Dr. Bavitz.

### Rod Griffith (Oral Surgery Fellow)



Rod graduated from the UNMC College of Dentistry in 2005. He is married to Stephanie and has two children: three-year-old Audra and six-month-old Gabe. This summer he will be moving to La Crosse, Wisconsin, to complete a four-year oral maxillofacial surgery residency program.

**By Grad Endo Director Tom Gound**



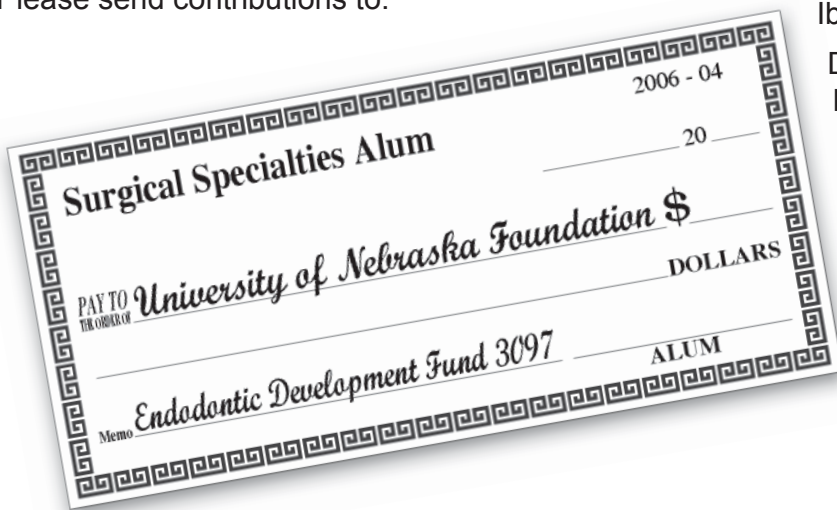
I hope you have survived the winter, are in good spirits and are ready for some extra C.E. and recreation. We are hoping our spring alumni idea will become as well attended and appreciated as our Fall Alumni Day. I think it is a

great idea to have our residents present results of their research, hopefully it will be of interest to all.

Our fall Alumni Day will be Friday, September 29, 2006. I do not have a speaker yet, but will advise you when I do. Any suggestions will be appreciated. The football game will be with Kansas, and we have a lot of reasons to seek revenge against them.

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**Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery Talk**

**By Section Director J. Bruce Bavitz**

Our one-year postgraduate oral surgery internship/associateship began in 1992. We desired to have a person within the college with the ability to perform surgical procedures beyond the level of the dental students, and possibly prepare these interns to pursue advanced specialty training. We have succeeded on both accounts, with seven graduates specializing in oral/maxillofacial surgery, two in endodontics, and an impressive quantity and quality

of advanced anesthetic and surgical procedures performed every year. Our 2005-2006 I.V. anesthesia procedures performed by this year's associate will approach 250, with the majority done for third molar procedures, complicated exodontia, or implants. I wish all the past interns well in their present endeavors, and thank them for efforts here at the College of Dentistry.



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