

The Newsletter

For Alumni and Friends of the UNMC College of Dentistry's Department of Surgical Specialties

The Chair Report



Bavitz

Although it is hard to believe, this is the 10th Department of Surgical Specialties newsletter that I've written. During that time the college has produced about 450 general dentists, 25 endodontists, 20 periodontists, and 10 oral surgery interns. The Newsletter has gone from black and white to color, with all 10 editions now archived and available on the College of Dentistry's web page. We have seen two new red UNMC logos during the decade, the latest of which is above; I have noticed my hair, however, has gone from color to mostly grey.

The past year was highlighted by a successful accreditation, both for our undergraduate and graduate programs, and witnessed the inauguration of a new university president, **Dr. Hank Bounds**; a new medical center chancellor, **Dr. Jeffrey Gold**; and a new dean of the dental school, **Dr. Janet Guthmiller**. Perhaps even more on the national radar is the new football coach, **Mike Riley**, with the early reports of all four key positions both positive and favorable.

The college is now definitely more focused on "fiscal responsibility" and although no reductions in faculty were made, 2014 did bring some reductions in support staff, with several positions eliminated. Our educational mission will never make us as efficient as a private practice, but our clinical budget is definitely being tightened and we are being pressured to do more in a more cost-effective manner. We will likely see some tweaks in our clinical model, but I am confident that we will continue to graduate extremely competent general dentists and surgical specialists. This tightening of the belt is the main reason we decided not to have an evening event during our May 29th surgical specialties celebration/resident/alumni day, but we still plan to do the morning continuing education followed by the optional golf outing. For the CE, our own graduate programs are presenting and we will once again be hosting our colleagues from the general practice residency program in Omaha and our orthodontic residents from here on the Lincoln campus. As always, you may register for this course at no cost by writing or emailing Ms. Deb Dalton at the address to the right.

I think we should all be proud to be affiliated with this institution. The recent accomplishments of our department are listed within. I hope to see or hear from many of our alums in the upcoming year, and want to thank you all again for your financial and time/expertise contributions you have made. INI

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Award Winner



Congratulations to **Amy Killeen** for being selected as the 2015 ADEA /ADEA Council of Students, Residents and Fellows/Colgate-Palmolive Co. Junior Faculty Award winner! This award recognizes junior faculty who demonstrate excellence in teaching, research and service. She was acknowledged at the 2015 Annual Session & Exhibition in Boston. INI

**Surgical Specialties Celebration:
Resident/Alumni Day**

Friday, May 29, 2015

Continuing Education & Golf Outing

For registration and info, contact Ms. Deb Dalton at 402.472.6205 or ddalton@unmc.edu. Details on Page 11.

News of the alumni

Ken Kalkwarf ('73)... We just can't keep Ken out of the news. For a retired guy, he is one active person. Ken is current President of the American College of Dentists. He and his wife, Sharon, are incredible ambassadors for Nebraska and our periodontal program. Just as a reminder, Sharon was the first dental hygienist hired by the Chief to "teach dental students clinical periodontics" (unthinkable).

Craig Hovick ('87) received the very prestigious 2014 Humanitarian Award from the Academy at the annual meeting in San Francisco. This award is presented to a member who has given selflessly through extraordinary actions that benefit a deserving population. Craig has volunteered his time and expertise to third-world countries for over a decade. His humble response to this award is "I receive more from the experience than I give."



Hovick

Ryan Gifford ('07) is another of our Nebraska family who was prominent at the San Francisco meeting. He lectured on the Nobel Biocare implant system which included live demonstrations. Ryan enjoys a growing specialty practice in Las Vegas.



Gifford

Jim Hinrichs ('79) brought still more exposure to Nebraska periodontics by receiving the R. Earl Robinson Periodontal Regeneration Award. This award is presented by the AAP foundation for a recent outstanding scientific published article. Jim participated in a collaborative study published in the *Journal of Periodontology* in 2013 on platelet-derived growth factors.

David Okano ('85) continues to be active in the American Academy of Periodontology. Currently, he serves on the Board of Trustees for District 6. Obviously, that district recognizes talent since it politically is difficult to crack with California overpowering over the rest of the district. Having an "outsider" from Wyoming in a leadership role is a special achievement.

Brad Crump ('00) is very active in the dental politics of Dallas. This young man is on a path to control all of periodontics in Texas, and that's big! He presently is serving as President of the Southwest Society of Periodontology. "Don't mess with Crump."

Jody Vance ('94) is a longtime resident of Springfield, Missouri. He has involved himself in various leadership roles in the dental community. He currently is a trustee on the board of the Missouri Dental Association. His run through the chairs of that organization is a foregone conclusion. Jody recently has moved in to a new office as his practice continues to grow, but still finds time to visit his house on Table Rock Lake.

Amy Killeen ('10) Our very own Amy Killeen has received the prestigious Junior Faculty Award for 2015 from the ADEA Board of Directors sponsored by Colgate-Palmolive Co. The award was presented in Boston at the annual ADEA convention. This award not only brings Amy to National attention but also the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry. Congrats, Amy!!!

Alumni Member Announcements

Chris Couri ('99) was just admitted into the American College of Dentists at their fall meeting in San Antonio.

Dick Metcalfe ('74) and **Jim Walker** ('77) have both retired from active practice within the last year. Enjoy the fruits, gentlemen.

Naomi Nguyen ('11) continues her full-time teaching experience at the University of Southern California in the Department of Periodontology. **NI**

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Recent Presentations

Bavitz, JB:

"Updates on Nitrous Oxide for the Dental Team," Hastings, Nebraska, May 2014.

"Oral Maxillofacial Surgery" for Osher Life Long Learning Institute," Lincoln, Nebraska, February 2014.

"An Update on Local Anesthesia and Sedation for the Dental Team," Sioux City, Iowa, January 2014.

Byalay, MR:

"Periodontal and Soft Tissue Grafting Update" Siouxland Dental and Implant Study Club, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, February, 2015.

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Straight from the chief

Your Cornhusker Sports Update



Gerry Tussing

Great news! We have a new dean, **Dr. Janet Guthmiller**, serving for approximately eight months now, and all indications are that she is coming up to speed very quickly. But, no surprise. After all, she is a periodontist. The first and clearly most formidable challenge as dean, was to shepherd us through the dental accreditation process. It

appears that only minor alterations will be required and Nebraska is, once again, a duly accredited dental college. This accrediting process occurs in a seven-year cycle. So we can take a deep breath before beginning the process all over again. While the transfer to a new administration has been relatively seamless, there are predictable budgetary shortfalls that will require new strategies with which to manage these problems. Most significantly, is our need to bolster our clinic income which supports many things, most of which are salary lines not on state support. Many of us are hard at work on various ad hoc committees attempting to find solutions and maximize clinic revenue and alternative income sources, all the while, being faithful to maintaining patient-centered care.

These budgetary issues only magnify the importance of your continued support of Surgical Specialties programs

Husker News



Coach Riley

Perhaps the biggest news in the Husker athletic world is the departure of **Coach Bo Pelini** and the hiring of a new football coach, **Mike Riley**. This name admittedly was not on the radar screen of most football pundits. It appears, however, that it will be a great fit for Nebraska. His head

coaching career spans the Canadian Football League, the National Football League, and most recently, Oregon State University. The coaching staff that he has compiled seems to embrace the tradition of Nebraska football. They have invited virtually any and all who have ever been involved in Nebraska football over the years, players and coaches alike. One thing is a certainty; Mike will not embarrass our university in the national media as has happened in the recent past. Now, all they have to do is **WIN** and we will be (living the dream).

Men's Nebrasketball took a downward turn this year after having an unexpectedly successful run in 2014 where they finished fourth in the Big Ten and garnering an NCAA tourney berth. This year Coach **Tim Miles'** team just couldn't win a close game and finished at the bottom of the conference. Haven't we been here before? The women's basketball program, on the other hand, continues to exceed expectations, finishing near the top of the conference the last three years and have become a fixture in the NCAA tournament.

Baseball is a newfound strength of the major Nebraska sports. **Darin Erstad** is in his third year as head coach. You remember him as the kicker on the national football championship team of 1997. He was also the first player chosen in the baseball draft that year and has had an all-star career, primarily with the Anaheim Angels. When he speaks, players listen. When he recruits, players come to Nebraska. We could have a serious run at the College World Series in the near future. Women's softball under the leadership of **Rhonda Revelle** advanced to the Final Four in the College Softball World Series last year. They know what it takes to win.



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All of the athletic facilities are rated at the top in the college world of sports. An example is the new Pinnacle Bank Arena. It is a state-of-the-art performance facility that was a unique cooperative alliance with the city of Lincoln and the university. There were many residents who feared that it would become a major boondoggle. It turns out it is thriving in the new downtown Haymarket District and is capturing big-name performers away from the Omaha area. **INI**

Publications **continued from pg 3**

Ebke, DJ:

"Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office: Hands On With SimMan." UNMC College of Dentistry, Lincoln, Nebraska, November 2014.

Killeen, AC:

"My Story." Christian Dental Association, Lincoln, Nebraska, February, 2015.
"Soft Tissue Grafts." UNMC General Practice Residency Seminar, Omaha, Nebraska, January, 2015.
"Periodontal Disease." Introduction to Dentistry. University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Nebraska, October, 2014
"Surgical Periodontology." Summer Medical Dental Education Program, Lincoln, Nebraska, July, 2014
"Diabetes and Periodontal Disease." Summer Medical Dental Education Program, Omaha, Nebraska, June, 2014.
"Non-Surgical Periodontal Therapy, Part II." UNMC General Practice Residency Seminar. Omaha, Nebraska, April 2014

"Soft Tissue Grafts." UNMC General Practice Residency Seminar. Omaha, Nebraska, March 2014.

Payne, JB:

"The link between periodontitis and rheumatoid arthritis." UNMC Department of Surgery Seminar Series, Omaha, Nebraska, December, 2014.

Reinhardt, RA:

"Animal Models for Simvastatin-Induced Craniofacial Bone Regeneration." Surgery Research Forum, Omaha, Nebraska, November, 2014.
"Impact of Local Steroid or Statin Treatment of Experimental Temporomandibular Joint Arthritis on Bone Growth in Young Rats." International Association for Dental Research, 92nd General Session, Cape Town, South Africa, June 2014.
"Inflammation Control During Periodontal Maintenance." Creighton Periodontics Symposium, Omaha, Nebraska, June 2014.

Tussing, GJ:

"Periodontal Health & Systemic Health" Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Nebraska, April 2014. **INI**

Dr. Riggs, perio resident, takes first!




At the twenty-ninth annual Professionals Day Student Scientific Program, our perio resident **Chad Riggs** placed first in the postgraduate division competition. His presentation was entitled "Effect of Chemical Pocket Disinfection as an Adjunct to Non-surgical Maintenance Therapy of Inflamed Periodontal Pockets." Congratulations, Chad! **INI**

After you've read about all the great things happening at the **UNMC College of Dentistry...** help make it even greater.

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Kudos to our most recent board certified alumni!



Dr. Robert Cline, Jr.
Class of 2013



Dr. Mark Terry
Class of 2013



Dr. Jared Roberts
Class of 2014

Postgraduate Periodontics

Program updates from Director Matthew Byarlay



Byarlay

After another beautiful Nebraska winter, we can always count on two things, an equally beautiful Nebraska spring and the fabulous Department of Surgical Specialties Newsletter. I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the much anticipated spring weather wherever that might be. It was great to see so many alumni at the annual meeting this last fall in San

Francisco and we hope that everyone stays in touch with the program and comes to back to visit whenever you like.

This last fall we had the fine folks from CODA (Commission on Dental Accreditation) visit the school after a long awaited seven years. The commission adopted a resolution to grant the programs of the College of Dentistry, including periodontics, of course, the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements." This process entails an exhaustive look at our program by ourselves and then ultimately the site examiners. After all this preparation and then scrutiny, the examiners did have many positive comments on the program as well as a few suggestions for improvement. All in all, it was a very successful site visit and as always we will look to continue to make improvements to the program in the coming years.

Visiting Professors

It is important each year to acknowledge the outstanding group of local periodontists who voluntarily teach in both seminars and in clinic. They are a tremendous asset to the program and we can't thank them enough. These individuals are **Drs. Cathy Alley, Dennis Anderson, Barry Feldner, Daryl Malena, Melissa Lang, John Rutledge, Hoang-Oanh Le, Natalie Frost, Scott Morrison, Stacy Moffenbier, Larry Parrish, Van Sanderfer, Takanari**




Graduate Josh Nehring (left), Dr. Byarlay, and graduate Jared Roberts pose for a "timely" photo.

Miyamoto, and Pat Kelsey. The residents and I certainly appreciate these individuals and their commitment to the program.

Changing of the Guard

Once again, it is time to bid farewell to our third-year residents as they embark on a new journey. **Aaron Bradley** and **Chad Riggs** have been outstanding residents and have bright futures ahead of them. Chad will be heading west to join a practice in Colorado and Aaron will be staying here in Lincoln to join the practice of **Drs. John Rutledge** and **Hoang-Oanh Le.** We will all miss these guys and wish them the best of luck.

We will now be looking forward to the addition of two new residents beginning this July. These individuals are **Bryan Saunders** and **Zackery Krei.** Bryan is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry. He is originally from Virginia and has a master's degree from James Madison University in immunology and parasitology. Zach is a graduate of UNMC College of Dentistry and is currently in the UNMC GPR program in Omaha. He is from Osmond, Nebraska, and has a degree in nutrition science from UN-L. These two are both outstanding individuals and we can't wait for them to join us here. 

Meet the perio residents



Aaron Bradley (third year) grew up in Aurora, Nebraska. He received his B.S. degree from Wayne State College and graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry in 2012. He is married to Mikala, who is a chemistry teacher at Lincoln Pius X High School. They are expecting their first child in July. Aaron will join the periodontal offices practice in Lincoln, Nebraska, upon completion of his residency in June.



Chad Riggs (third year) was born in Utah and raised in Hawaii, Japan, and Texas. He received his B.S. in business management from Brigham Young University. Chad graduated from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio with a D.D.S. in 2012. He is married to Lyndsay and they have four children: Kate, Rachel, Benjamin and newborn Jeffrey (April 2015). He will be practicing in Colorado.

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Elisabeth Easley (second year) was raised in northern California and attended UC Davis where she obtained a B.A. in comparative literature with an emphasis on Spanish. She attended A.T. Still University in Mesa, Arizona, for dental school and graduated with a D.M.D. and M.P.H. She and her cats are happily enjoying the unpredictable weather here in Lincoln, Nebraska, and will return to California to practice after residency.



Jeffery Jensen (second year) grew up in Kaysville, Utah. He attended the University of Utah and received a B.A. in English. For dental school, he attended the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. Jeff and his wife, Alison, have three children: a son, Quinn, who is six years old; a daughter, Ella, who is three years old; and a son, Briggs, who was born in February 2015. Those three keep them very busy and entertained. Ali and Jeff have enjoyed Nebraska and their time here in Lincoln.



Paul Johnson (first year) was raised in Brookings, South Dakota. He received his B.S. in biology from South Dakota State University. Paul graduated from dental school at the UNMC College of Dentistry in 2014. He is married to his wife Molly, who is an ER nurse with the Bryan Hospital system in Lincoln. Paul and Molly enjoy having their chocolate Lab, Bo, who takes them on frequent walks around East Campus. They both enjoy spending time with family and friends in South Dakota.



Art Salinas, Jr. (first year) was born and raised in McAllen, Texas. He graduated with a B.S. in civil engineering from the University of Texas in 2006 and completed his B.S. in biology from the University of Texas Pan-American in 2009. For dental school, Art graduated with his D.D.S. in 2014 from Texas A&M Baylor College of Dentistry. He and his wife, Nicole, have been married for six years and have identical twin daughters, Madison and MacKenzie, born in March, 2015. ❏

Perio development fund

Thank you again for giving back to the department. It seems so repetitious each year, but it is so genuinely appreciated by all of us who strive to keep the graduate program moving forward and continuing its relevance in the national arena. We would like to remind you that your contributions are dedicated monies used exclusively for resident education, exhibited in multiple forms: invited expert guest speakers, research pursuits, resident travel for scholarly events, instruments, and expenditures for which state funds are not available or allowed. Please see the list of the 2014 donors. Your contributions are important to our program. ❏



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Postgraduate Endodontics

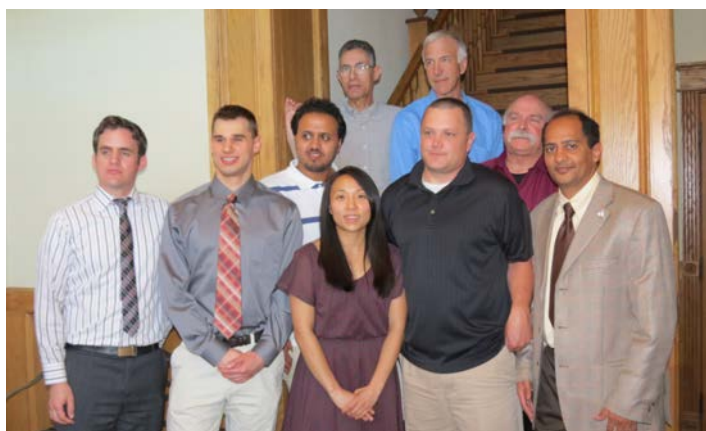
Program updates from Director Fahd Alsalleeh



Alsalleeh

Welcome to the 2015 postgraduate endodontic program updates. Starting in July, we will be joined by two outstanding residents: **Drs. Hunter Bennett** and **Dylan Downs**. Hunter is graduating from Midwestern University with a G.P.A of 3.78. Dylan finished his dental degree from Southern Illinois in 2013 and completed a GPR residency program from Meriter Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. It is with mixed emotions that **Drs. Gavyn Smith** and **Matthew Kruszewski** take the next step to become endodontists with the Big Red signature. They both have made a positive impact on the program. We are fortunate to have **Drs. Jaclyn Rivera** and **Gregory Nielsen** on board to lead the new rookies. Please join me in congratulating all of them.

Our guest speaker for the September 25, 2015, alumni day is still to be determined. For the time being, we look forward to seeing all of you. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all of you that the endodontic development and Campbell funds need your support to continue their mission. They fund speakers, purchase textbooks, and pay for resident's travel. We all enjoyed it as residents. Our alums are growing, yet the donors' list is not. The program has made a tremendous effort to be recognized at both local and national levels. Last year at the AAE meeting in Washington DC, Nicole Chung was chosen for the AAE/DENTSPLY Student Award. We have launched a new web site that aims to foster evidence-based endodontics. It will be featured at the AAE meeting in Seattle, Washington, by Gavyn Smith (www.endodontic-




2014 endodontic graduation party! Front row: Gavyn Smith, Matt Kruszewski, **Nicole Chung**, **Nick Lyons**, Fahd Alsalleeh. Back row: **Mazen Alkahtany**, Hany Makkawy, Bruce Bavitz, Lane Stephenson (**2014 graduates in bold**).

resource.com). We need your support to help make it even greater.

Maintaining and improving the quality of advanced education in the nationally recognized specialty area of dentistry is a primary aim of the Commission on Dental Accreditation. The postgraduate endodontic program at UNMC was elated to complete the Accreditation last October with no recommendations. As mentioned in our last newsletter, we were able to achieve this goal because the perfect 4Gs recipe; good residents, good faculty, good administration, and good alumni.

We would like to thank our endodontic volunteer faculty for providing excellent clinic instruction and guidance. They are **Drs. Chris Pobanz, Patrick Haffey, Jeri Rush, Tom Beeson, Corey Karimjee, Toby Comer, Chris Wieseman, Dave Maixner, Tom Gound, Stephen Pryor, Cliff Leffingwell, Michael Hermesen** and **Jay McConnell**.

The new dean, Dr. Janet Guthmiller is taking the dental college from excellence to eminence. Dr. Bruce Bavitz has continued his support in making sure "it is all good." Dr. Stephenson is getting younger and smarter by completing the ABE certification. Dr. Makkawy continues to be the most amiable faculty among students and residents. Dr. Gound is hardly attending the classic literature. With that, I wish all the best. 

Meet the endo residents



Matthew Kruszewski (second year) completed a seven-year combined B.S.-D.D.S. program at the University of Maryland, College Park and the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. He received his B.S. degree in 2008 and his D.D.S. in 2012. Matthew completed a general practice residency at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and received his G.P.R. certificate in 2013. Upon graduating from the endodontic residency program, he plans to practice in the Washington D.C. or Tampa, Florida, areas.



Gavyn Smith (second year) graduated with a B.S. from the University of Utah in 2009. He attended Creighton University School of Dentistry and received his D.D.S. in 2013. Gavyn and his wife, Eliana, have been married for eight years. They have two daughters: Daphne (two years old) and Cozette (eight months old). Upon finishing the program in

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June, he and his family are planning on returning to Utah to take on an associate position.



Greg Nielsen (first year) grew up in a suburb of Denver, Colorado. After receiving a B.S. degree from Brigham Young University, he was able to return to Colorado for dental school. In 2004 he received his D.D.S. from the University of Colorado and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, with his new wife to start their new lives. Four kids and ten years later, Dr. Nielsen is back in school with great anticipation of practicing endodontics with his previous experience of owning a practice.



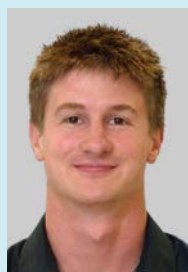
Jaclyn Rivera (first year) graduated from the University of Central Florida in 2004. She attended Midwestern University in Phoenix, Arizona, and received her D.M.D. in 2013. She completed a general practice residency at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City and received her G.P.R. certificate in 2014. Upon graduating from the endodontic residency program, Jaclyn plans to return to the Tampa Bay Area. 


Oral surgery fellows



Tate Vanicek was raised in Lincoln and graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2010 with a B.S. in Biology. He then attended UNMC College of Dentistry where he received his D.D.S. in 2014. Currently Tate is working at the College of Dentistry as the Oral Surgery Fellow and also in private practice on the weekends. He is married to Jenn and they have one daughter, Madison.

Upon completion of the program, Tate will be entering private practice in Lincoln, Nebraska.



Brandon Mizner will be our new oral surgery fellow, starting July 1, 2015. Brandon graduated from our own College of Dentistry in May 2014. 

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Resident/Alumni Day

June 20, 2014



Nicole & Art Salinas, with Elisabeth Easley




J. Bruce Bavitz warms up the crowd



The crowd waits for Bavitz to finish talking so they can start eating and drinking.

A special thank you!



We would also like to again give special thanks to **Dr. Brad Crump** ('00) for sponsoring the third-year residents Aaron Bradley and Chad Riggs to attend the Southwest Society of Periodontology meeting in Dallas last February. The residents were able to attend CE and interact with residents from other programs in the region. They found the experience enlightening and enjoyable; we hope to continue our relationship with this organization. Thanks again, Dr. Crump! 

Perio alumni reception

The 2014 year marked the 100th anniversary celebration of the American Academy of Periodontology. San Francisco was a fitting setting in which to celebrate our birthday. The Nebraska alumni reception was hosted by the class of 2004:




Byarlay




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Matt Byarlay and **David Stein**. And while the alumni numbers were smaller than usual, the quality was outstanding. Of course, we had our resident periodontist, **John Dollard**, who has lived, practiced and taught periodontics in the bay area since his graduation in 1969. An added attraction at the reception was our Aussie representative from Sydney, **Paul Sibraa**, and his daughter, Amy. Those who attended the reception reported that the hors d'oeuvres were both outstanding and plentiful, thanks to the generosity of the 2004 class.

This year's AAP meeting in Orlando, Florida, should be a fun family affair. Our expectations are for you to be royally wined and dined by the graduating class of 2005 (**Bryan Cochran** and **Jennifer D'Costa**). Bring the family and have a memorable reunion with old and new friends. The current Nebraska periodontal residents will be attendance at the reunion. If you have any potential interest in an associate in the foreseeable future, one having a similar philosophical approach to periodontics as yours, you might make a great connection at the Orlando reunion. 

IN MEMORIAM

The graduate program lost a friend with the unexpected passing of **Dr. Mick Dragoo** on March 17, 2015. Although he had received his D.D.S. from Nebraska, but not his periodontal training, over the years as an adjunct professor he touched the program on several occasions—lecturing, surgical demonstrations, a donation and research involvement with the residents. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Mary, and family.

Dr. Bill Hollander ('67) died December 21, 2014. We have very little information regarding his passing other than to know his illness was thankfully brief. Bill was a D.D.S. graduate of Iowa. After practicing general dentistry for seven years in Sioux City, Iowa, he began his periodontal training in 1965. He returned to Sioux City and was a practicing periodontist for 35 years. 

Tenth Annual Resident/Alumni Day: May 29, 2015

Register today!

Join us **May 29, 2015**, for the tenth annual get together. Three hours of approved dental continuing education will be presented at the College in the morning. The Bradley Memorial Golf Tournament will be held in the afternoon.

When & Where: Friday, May 29, Lincoln, Nebraska; 8:00-11:20 am: College of Dentistry; 12:30-5:00 pm: HiMark Golf Course, 8900 Augusta Drive.

Specifics: The continuing education will involve the residents presenting some of their research and unique

clinical cases in classroom 1213. 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 (or wish not) to play with anyone in particular, please specify that on the registration form. The cost for this event is approximately \$45 per person (cart included), with payment due at the golf course.

How: Please use the registration form below and mail by **May 15. !!!**



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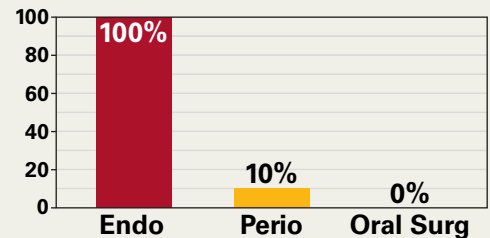
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Alumni pose for group photo at the AAP in San Francisco. Back row: John Lane, Wayne Kaldahl, Jerold Wilde, Cherie Brown, Tony Kardelis, Kyle Smith. Front row: Craig Hovick, David Okano, Paul Sibraa, Jody Vance, Matt Byarlay, Laura Harris-Vieyra, Jared Roberts, Ryan Gifford, Truman Johnson. Story on page 10. ❏

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