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By Dr. Stephen Glenn

“The purpose of this Association shall be to promote public health and health services in the State of Oklahoma, to advance the art and science of dentistry, to represent the interest of the members of the dental profession and the public which it serves, and to foster an awareness of the obligations and responsibilities of the dental profession to society.”

These words from the ODA Bylaws set forth, in plain and simple terms, the purpose of our Association. How do we measure up to those standards? Do we sometimes become so focused on the challenges we face as dentists that we neglect to attend to our obligations to the public and society at large? How do we stay on course?

I would like to suggest four principles which I believe can serve as guideposts as we journey along the road to our future.

First, I believe we can never lose sight of the underlying foundations of our profession: Science and Education. Dentistry is grounded in scientific knowledge and dependent upon the perpetuation of that collective wisdom through the educational process. We must be certain our public positions are supported by scientific findings as opposed to being guided by self-interest. We have to be committed to supporting basic research and be willing to critically evaluate the outcomes of treatment in order to identify the most effective therapies and provide the best care possible. The discipline of dentistry is very demanding, and therefore, the educational requirements are necessarily rigorous and exacting. We should oppose any changes which would have the net effect of diminishing any of the educational requirements for any aspect of the profession. This covers public education, dental school education, auxiliary education and continuing professional education.

We are sometimes forced to compromise in the political arena, but we can never compromise on science and education.

Science is the tool that advances our knowledge, but that tool is useless without the second principle, the ethical and clinical standards of everyday practice. We must be diligent in our efforts to assure the well-being of the patient as the foremost consideration when rendering care. Our obligation to diminish the financial considerations surrounding treatment involves not only the secondary nature of the practitioner’s self-interest, it also requires limiting external intrusion into treatment decisions by third parties. We’re talking about patient-centered treatment, health-based treatment and “access to care” for all citizens. And we are talking about a self-regulated profession which is willing to maintain standards and police those standards.

The third principle is advocacy. Our association must be an active advocate for the profession and the public we serve. We must assure that the public receives the best and most accurate information available so they might make informed decisions about their oral health. We must fashion our own public image, lest someone else do it for us. We must be willing to fight for our scientific, educational and ethical principles and utilize the strength of those values when crafting our positions before legislators, regulators and in the public arena. We must guard against self-serving motivation even as we strive to provide our members solutions for the problems they face in their practices. And we must accept the fact that we make progress through collective action, not as isolated voices.

Finally, we must create an open, inclusive and accepting environment for all dentists. We must strive to maintain an open and fair process in all our deliberations, recognizing that no one has a corner on truth or wisdom. The demographic composition of the profession is in the midst of a long overdue transition. We must foster an
atmosphere of collegiality and mutual respect. In a very real sense, we are all members of an extended family, bound together by our common interests and daily professional endeavors. We should extend to one another the embrace of acceptance and understanding. Respectful consideration for one’s peers is the basis of fellowship and teamwork. It’s called an Association.

**editor’s message**

By Dr. David B. Shadid

“But, there are times when suddenly you realize you’re nearer the end than the beginning. And you wonder, you ask yourself, what the sum total of your life represents. What difference your being there at any time made to anything. Hardly made any difference at all, really, particularly in comparison with other men’s careers. I don’t know whether that kind of thinking is very healthy, but I must admit I’ve had some thoughts on those lines from time to time.” (Col. Nicholson, Bridge on the River Kwai)

When you look back at the end of a day, or week, or year, as they pass you by in a blink of an eye, do you ever stop to wonder if you make a difference? Dentists are not movie stars or famous inventors for the most part. Nor are we heads of state who will go down in history as the great minds of the 21st century. We are healers. Patients come to us seeking relief from pain, a more attractive smile, or to have a cleaning and checkup. I guess if you look at it from some viewpoints, you would have to say that we don’t make a huge difference. People are not touched by our great performances. They don’t run out to purchase our biographies, nor are they willing to wait in line overnight to see us.

However, I like to think that at the end of the day, I do make a difference. When a patient thanks me for my kind chairside manner, or takes the time to write a short note, because they were able to retain their natural dentition along with a healthy diet, that’s what keeps me going, and makes it all worthwhile. It is then that I know I have made a difference in someone’s life.

So the next time you see a famous actor on the big screen, or a sports hero on some late night talk show, remember that you too are a star in your own right. You make a difference in people’s lives every day. Whether it be a grandma who needs her tooth fixed before her granddaughter’s wedding, an attorney who has to be in court before the jury, or a single mother of three who needs her teeth fixed so she can secure a job, you do make a difference in their lives. Even if no one asks you to be on the Today Show or honor you at the Kennedy Center, don’t despair. When the time comes for you to answer for your deeds, you can stand up tall and proud saying, “I made a difference, I did help others and I am proud of my accomplishments”.

“I really like what I am. I’m very proud of what I’ve accomplished. I have tremendous esteem and great pride. Hey, it takes a lifetime to be able to say it, more importantly it takes almost as long…to believe it.” (Jerry Lewis)
More Help with HIPAA compliance

The ADA is developing guidelines to help members comply with HIPAA security regulations that have a compliance date of April 21, 2005.

The security regulations, which the Department of Health and Human Services released February 29 under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, reflect many of the comments and recommendations that the ADA and other health care organizations submitted to HHS.

Robert Lapp, Ph.D., director of the ADA Department of Dental Informatics, says dentists should keep in mind that security measures required under the new regulation must be reasonable and appropriate for the dental office.

“The ADA will help dentists comply with these new regulations,” says Dr. Lapp. “Each office has considerable latitude in meeting these requirements that were set up to protect against threats that can reasonably be anticipated. The primary requirement is to document what you did to protect electronic patient records.”

Like the other HIPAA regulations, the security regulations apply only to dentists who transmit protected information electronically using HIPAA standard transactions, or to those who have someone else, such as a clearinghouse or practice management vendor, transmit information on their behalf.

“The security standards will help safeguard confidential health information as the industry increasingly relies on computers for processing health care transactions,” explained HRSA Secretary Tommy Thompson in announcing the security standards.

The security standards require health insurers, certain health care providers and health care clearinghouses to establish procedures and mechanisms to protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of protected electronic health information.

For those dentists who transmit protected health information electronically and therefore are covered entities, requirements include:

- appointment of a security officer who may also be the privacy officer and contact person and may be the dentist;
- administrative safeguards, such as security policy and procedures;
- physical safeguards, such as locking doors when no one is in the office;
- technical safeguards, such as password protections and back-ups of patient records.

The security standards are now consistent with the final privacy standards that HHS adopted last year. The two sets of standards use many of the same terms and definitions in order to make it easier to comply, an HHS press release said.

The ADA Council on Dental Practice encourages members to seek clarification from the ADA on questions concerning HIPAA or any of the regulations that have been promulgated. E-mail the ADA at hipaa@ada.org or call Dr. Lapp toll-free at 800.621.8099, extension 2750.

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As of June 10, 2003 our reserve level stands at 31%! Much of this happened due to a resigning bonus from Citibank, moving Publishing Division of ADABEI into the ADA, and operating efficiency of the ADA from 2002.

The Board of Trustees has authorized the use of SNODENT codes as the ADA diagnostic coding system. This is in response to some fast track issues that have been happening at HHS.

Many states “for profits” are partnering with ADABEI in using WebMD.

The first class for the Diversity Leadership Training Class was selected from over 120 applications. There will be eight people in the first class.

The Board of Trustees passed a resolution for the ADA and CODA to work in a collaborative group of three people from each group for discussion of issues surrounding the creation of an international accreditation program.

Florida is the only state left with a lawsuit against the ADA over amalgam issues. Suits in New York, Georgia, Maryland and California have been dismissed.

Have you seen our “in network” class action lawsuit against Cigna, Mutual of Omaha and Met Life? We allege that they conspired to deny, delay and reduce payments to dentists under contract. This was filed under RICO in Florida. We have every confidence we will prevail for our members in this action.

In 2002 our membership initiative produced 3,818 new members with 1,200 of these being full active dues paying members.

Council on Governmental Affairs will have a resolution requesting we revisit the manpower issue and re-evaluate our data. Are we having a mal-distribution or shortage of dentists?

A list of dental practice management consultants is now on ADA.org along with contact information, a description of services and basic information about each consultant’s experience and training. Members can download the directory free. This list should help answer tough business questions such as staff training options, marketing strategies, personnel matters, billing, scheduling and how to respond to regulatory requirements. (Taken out of the ADA EDU April 25, 2003)

The Council on Dental Practice has published the Directory of Dental Practice Appraisers and Brokers as free resource for those seeking assistance in valuing a dental practice for sale, retirement, estate planning, returning to school, insurance purchase and associateship/partnership formation. To obtain a free copy contact the ADA at (312)440.2895 or log onto www.ada.org.
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Dentist Picks His Favorite Software

Everyone has a short list of computer programs that make life easier and computing more secure, writes John Flucke, DDS, in the January/February Focus MDA, a publication of the Missouri Dental Association.

Flucke presents his list of favorite programs he uses on a regular basis, programs that he says make his life easier and more organized.

Intego NetBarrier 2003

With more and more “always on” connections such as cable and DSL, Flucke writes that the potential for an attack on a system becomes a real concern. The Intego NetBarrier 2003 is a “firewall” software that allows access to the Internet while preventing anyone on the Internet from accessing your computer. According to Flucke, the program prevents and blocks all attempts to break into a computer.

Norton AntiVirus

Going hand in hand with a firewall is a good antivirus program, Flucke writes. In addition to scanning all inbound and outgoing e-mail, the program runs a full-system check on all available drives for viruses.

Trillian

Flucke notes that if you are running more than one instant messaging program at the same time, this program allows you to log into all programs simultaneously. He says it is a stable, intuitive and easy-to-use program.

CompuPic Pro and ThumbsPlus

Dentists who use digital cameras in their practice can use these two programs to organize and quickly identify pictures. Both programs provide basic graphic editing tools as well as the ability to publish the images to the Internet and create slideshows.

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The Oklahoma Dental Association’s “new” website is up and running! The new site is sponsored predominately by ODASCO, your for-profit subsidiary of the association.

Currently, the website in place is a basic design that incorporates information about the ODA, its purpose, committees and councils, and integrates a basic member search for the general public. Over the years, our site has served us well; however, the new web site will not only be a site for the general public, but our members as well, delivering all the information and services that the ODA, ODASCO, and the ODF offer. We will, at later dates, continue to update our site by creating or linking to other affiliated web sites, such as the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry, the hygiene association, and the ODA alliance, just to name a few. The website will be built in phases and sections will be added on a regular basis. So check back often to see the new items and pages as they arrive!

Operationally, the web site is designed to be all-encompassing for all your supportive needs. For example, next year you will be able to register for the Oklahoma Dental Association State Meeting online, and for those out-of-town, a link to the hotel for reservations will be provided. Or perhaps, you need a direct link to your ODA-sponsored companies for a service at your office.

Need dental research on a certain topic? Need to know what occurred at the last House of Delegates or Board of Trustees Meeting? How about writing an email or note to the President or Executive Director? Who is my senator or representative, or what is my district for that matter? All of these items and more will be at your fingertips and just a click away.

Of course, there will be sections that will require a password that you select for access. Password protection must be in place to offer you, the member, all of these fantastic items. Again, this is a site for the general pub-
lic and members as well.

Additionally, in our latter phases, we will begin to offer “domain-based” email. This system allows you, the member, to establish an email address via the ODA. Thus, the beauty of this system is that you can select any Internet provider company that you wish, or even change at your leisure; the mail address that you establish through the ODA will forward the mail to your new Internet service company. The bottom line - you won’t have to notify any individuals that you routinely mail. Your address to them stays the same. Just a note on privacy: the ODA will never distribute e-mail addresses to any outside party.

Have we missed something that you may want? Possibly. How can you help? It’s easy. Just let one of your staff at the ODA know what you would like to see the website offer. We have been in the design stage for a while and have created a large laundry list to include, but let us know, in case we miss that “one” item you’re looking for.

In the next issue of the journal, we will be giving you all of the details of the website and projected phases of installation of modules. We here at the ODA are very excited about our future and the instant services that we will be able to offer to you! For now, keep checking okdentassoc.org on a regular basis and look for a new fresh appearance. All are a part of “your new ODA,” so stay logged on! •

in memoriam

Dr. Bill Campbell
Birth: December 25, 1922
Death: February 10, 2003
Ardmore, Oklahoma

Dr. Richard McConkay
Birth: January 21, 1935
Death: January 21, 2003
Tulsa, Oklahoma
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California
August 6 - 9
American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry
Annual Meeting
Dana Point

September 21 - 24
American Academy of Periodontology
Annual Session
San Francisco

October 1
American Academy of the History of Dentistry
Annual Meeting
San Francisco

October 22
American Association of Dental Editors
Annual Conference
San Francisco

October 22 - 23
American Association of Dental Examiners
121st AADE Annual Meeting
San Francisco

October 23 - 29
American Dental Association
Annual Session
San Francisco

November 25 - 29
Pierre Fauchard Academy
Annual Board Meeting
San Francisco

Illinois
September 5 - 7
Illinois State Dental Society
Annual Session
Oakbrook

Louisiana
August 1 - 6
National Dental Association
Annual Session
New Orleans

September 24 - 27
New Orleans Dental Association
New Orleans Dental Conference
New Orleans

Maryland
August 21 - 23
Conference on the New Dentist
ADA Membership and Dental Society Services
Baltimore

September 19 - 21
Maryland State Dental Association
Chesapeake Dental Conference
Ocean City

North Dakota
September 12 - 14
North Dakota Dental Association
Annual Session
Grand Forks

Ohio
September 11 - 14
Ohio Dental Association
Annual Session
Columbus

Oklahoma
August 2
South West District Dental Society
Annual Meeting
Quartz Mountain

September 6
Oklahoma Academy of General Dentistry
Continuing Education Course at OUHSC
Oklahoma City

September 9
Tulsa County Dental Society
Dr. Daniel Tyka
Tulsa

September 25 - 27
Oklahoma Dental Foundation
ODF Fall Meeting
Tulsa

October 14
Tulsa County Dental Society
Dr. Jim Kessler
Tulsa

Pennsylvania
August 27 - 31
American Student Dental Association
Annual Session
Philadelphia

Virginia
September 10 - 14
Virginia Dental Association
Annual Meeting of the Virginia Dental Association
Richmond

International Meetings
August 7 - 9
New Zealand Dental Association
Regional Conference
Queenstown, New Zealand

August 15 - 17
International Congress of Oral Implantologists
ICOI/TSOI World Congress XXII
Istanbul, Turkey

September 4 - 6
Greek Stomatological Society
38th Odontostomatological Session
Alexandroupolis, Greece

September 10 - 13
American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
Annual Meeting
Toronto, Canada

September 25 - 25
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Oklahoma Dental Association President
Dr. Stephen Glenn

Stephen (Steve) Glenn, a general dentist practicing in Tulsa, is the Oklahoma Dental Association President for 2003-04. He served as the President of the Tulsa County Dental Society in 1984-85 and has been a long-time member of the Executive Committee of Tulsa County Dental Society. In addition, Steve has been a Delegate to the ODA House for over twenty-five years, as well as serving stints on the ODA Board of Trustees. He has chaired more than one ODA Council and has served on several others. Steve is probably best known for his work on the Council on Constitution, Bylaws and Policy. In 1989, Steve received the Thomas Jefferson Award from the ODA, citing his contributions to his community, and the Seids Cup, for the outstanding Table Clinic at the 1991 ODA Annual Meeting. Tulsa county has honored him with the A.L. Walters Award as its outstanding dentist in 1985-86 and the James A. Saddoris Award, recognizing his contributions to dentistry. Steve is a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy as well as a Fellow and Past President of the International College of Dentists, where he continues to act as the Secretary for the Oklahoma Chapter. He has served as a dental forensic consultant to the Office of the Assistant Chief Medical Examiner in Tulsa since 1977 and has testified in several criminal and civil court cases. He is a Member of the American College of Forensic Examiners and a Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Dentistry. Dr. Glenn was also a long-time Board Member and Officer of the Oklahoma Dental Foundation. He has been appointed by Governor Keating, on two separate occasions, to serve as a pro tem member of the Board of Dentistry. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Delta Dental Plan of Oklahoma, serving as Chairman of the Board from 1992 to 1995 and on the Board of Trustees for the Delta Dental Foundation.

Q. First, tell us a little bit about your background.

A. I grew up in Bartlesville and except for the years I was in dental school, have lived in Oklahoma my entire life. Both sides of my family go back to Indian and Oklahoma Territory days, so I really can’t deny being an Okie. As a matter of fact, my father, Otho Glenn, was the third of five children and was born Cloud Chief, Oklahoma Territory. My grandfather Glenn was a blacksmith and my father was born November 8, 1907, eight days before statehood. On my mother’s side, my great-grandfather Ball was a druggist who staked a claim in Lincoln County during one of the land runs. He had to run a “Sooner” off by threatening gunplay. While I was in dental school, I was hunting on my uncle’s property and noticed the outline of what looked like a building in the dirt. When I asked about it, I was told it was the remnant of the dugout they occupied, a fact no one had ever bothered to

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share with me. I have a news clipping in which my grandmother recalls arriving at that spot in a covered wagon. My Mom was born and married in the house on that property (it has since burned down) and my cousin still owns the land.

Q. So what attracted you to the profession of dentistry?

A. Bartlesville was a great place to grow up in the 50’s and 60’s because there were thousands of employees with Phillips Petroleum and a large number with Cities Service. Many were PhD’s or involved in research and it was a natural place to develop a love of science and a fascination with the workings of the world. I think that attraction led me to dentistry, a profession grounded in the discipline of science and the mystery of the human body. Dentistry combines both biological and physical science and I love both. It includes so many different aspects: design, engineering, teaching and healing. The artistic side of dentistry was something I never appreciated until I started my dental education and now it provides me some of the most fulfilling aspects of my daily endeavors. I decided to pursue a career in dentistry when I was a junior in high school. My family dentists were always encouraging of my interest in the profession. Dr. William (Bill) Hiatt was my dentist at the time. He was always so positive about my aspirations and remains a friend to this day. Actually, I think a lot of my colleagues probably have pretty similar stories.

Q. Where did you go to school?

A. I attended undergrad at Oklahoma State and I remain a devoted supporter of the school and all the Cowboy athletic teams. My two sons are also OSU grads. I attended and graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry in Memphis. I always took course work during the summer sessions at OSU and was enrolled in a program that allowed me to transfer credits back from dental school to complete my bachelor’s degree. Tennessee was operating a year-round program, so I graduated and started my practice shortly after my twenty-fourth birthday.

Q. From a personal standpoint, when and why did you get involved with organized dentistry?

A. I attended my first ODA Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City, at the Lincoln Plaza Hotel, while I was still in dental school. It was such an eye-opening experience and, at that stage in my career, I was fascinated with all the equipment and techniques, so the Exhibit Hall was a totally new experience. All the dentists in attendance seemed to go out of their way to be friendly and I was really impressed with it all. I knew I wanted to practice in Oklahoma, but I hadn’t determined where, and then after I graduated from dental school, I decided to practice in Tulsa. That way, I could stay close to my parents, who were already retired by that time. Plus, I really love Tulsa. Getting involved in the Tulsa County Dental Society and the ODA was something I felt was important, if for no other reason than to meet my colleagues and learn from them. I enjoy the fellowship and the exchange of information. A lot of people don’t enjoy “meetings”, but I never fail to come away from a dental society, not to mention a Council or Board meeting, without acquiring a new insight or perspective.

Q. Give us some examples of how your colleagues have influenced you.

A. I began my dental career in 1974 in Tulsa, practicing for
thirteen years in a small office on South Yale Avenue. Even though it was a solo practice, there were four other dentists in that same building. Those four guys were great to me. I never could have made it without their patience and willingness to help. We were constantly visiting each other’s offices and we even got to where we made some communal supply purchases. Joel Woodburn really helped me get started. Rex Smith and I went out to lunch together almost daily and I can’t tell you how many hands of gin rummy we played. Sperry Zervas, an orthodontist, taught me a lot about his specialty and we remain close friends and hunting buddies to this day. A number of dentists from Tulsa who didn’t even know me sent patients my way just because I was a new guy in town and they were busy. But my biggest booster was Dan Slanker from Catoosa. I worked as an associate in his office for a year. I learned a lot and was able to put some food on the table until my own practice got going. Dan had been an associate himself and knew what it was like, so he was great.

In 1987 I really got lucky. Seeking a larger space, I was invited to share an office with Jim Saddoris who had just been elected President-elect of the American Dental Association. I had known Jim and his wife, Wanda, for a long time, but I never imagined I would be practicing with him. What a privilege to share a partners desk with a man who has the wisdom, experience and insight of a Jim Saddoris. When Jim decided to retire, I went to visit with Nick Hunter, who was (and still is) the Editor of the Tulsa County Dental Society Newsletter, figuring he would know of anyone looking to share space. Nick said he was looking for someone himself, so we shook hands that day. We’re still working together. Nick’s daughter, Kathy, a dentist, will be joining us soon. We’ve got a great staff. Without their support and sacrifice, I would never be able to fulfill my obligations to organized dentistry.

Q. What organizations are you involved with outside of the ODA?

A. Over the years, I’ve been fortunate to have been asked to act as a dental consultant with other dental benefits organizations, including Blue Cross and Community Care. Like a lot of dentists, I have seen a number of patients referred by D-Dent, SrDent and CareDent. I went to the OU College of Dentistry last February for “Give Kids a Smile” Day, which also gave me the opportunity to interact with the students there. One of my proudest contributions was serving with Nick Hunter on the committee that helped direct the implementation of the Dental Hygiene program at Tulsa Junior College (now TCC).

I’m very active in Southside Rotary Club of Tulsa and they elected me President in 1985-86. I was a District Governor Representative for six years and supervised the operations of eight different clubs in Rotary District 6110. And I am currently serving my second term as Trustee on the Southside Rotary Foundation and I’m the Secretary of the Liberty Towers Homeowners Association, where we live.

Q. Tell us about your family.

A. My wife, Mella, and I have a blended family with a brood of five, three daughters and twin sons. Three of us are involved in dentistry. Mella is the Office Manager for a specialty dental practice. She supports my involvement in organized dentistry and is herself
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the President-elect of the Alliance. My eldest, Amy, is a chairside assistant for an endodontist. Tricia also works in the healthcare field and Mary is starting work on her Masters degree, but has her hands full with our two and a half year-old grandson, Jack. One of the twins, Christopher, is an accountant in Mobile, Alabama. Michael has finished his second degree and is living in Stillwater. All of our ‘kids’ are between the ages of 25 and 28, so we are just one big happy family and I couldn’t be any prouder or more fulfilled. I couldn’t do what I do without their love and support.

Q. What about your spare time?

A. ODA Presidents don’t have much spare time, but when I do I like to play golf, read, do a little fishing and hunting, listen to music, watch sports and travel. Every Thursday night, my schedule permitting, I get together with my old friend and colleague, Craig Dudley. Along with my good friend from dental school, John Nelson, we are the founding members of the Willie-Waught Declamatory Society, an organization devoted to the love of the written word, appreciation of the well-turned phrase, etymology, storytelling and other silliness.

Q. Why is it important to be a member of the ODA?

A. Well, I mentioned how I felt about the need to network with other dentists and I have always been struck with how isolated from each other we are as dentists. Providing treatment in small settings is a great way to insure personalized care for our patients, but we pay a price as individual dentists in the form of limited professional interaction. So fellowship and collegiality are important. Furthermore, while we are great at providing oral health care to our patients, there are a lot of things we could never hope to accomplish as individuals. I’m not just talking about dealing with legislative and regulatory issues. Everyone knows how the ADA has been a genuine player in the arenas of national health insurance, OSHA, ergonomics, HIPAA, wastewater management, the amalgam controversy and countless other issues. They sometimes fail to appreciate the fact that were it not for the activities and support of the ODA, the OU College of Dentistry would not exist. Dentists who came before us paved the way for our position and we can only repay them by accepting our obligation to the future of dentistry. Our members’ dues support accrediting activities, basic research in dental materials, lawsuits against third-party payer abuses and things as basic as the CDT. Can you imagine what the CDT would look like if there was no dental association? Some dentists have told me they
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didn’t feel like they were getting their money’s worth for their dues dollars, but look at that list and start to add up what these things save each of us every day. And that list is just the tip of the iceberg.

Q. What needs to be changed about the ODA?
A. Not a lot, actually, because I think we already do a pretty good job of offering services and representing the members. Which is not to say we can afford to be anything less than vigilant in examining how we expend our member’s volunteer time and their dues. Our members, first and foremost, want the ODA to stand for something. In that vein, on my list of priorities for going forward, I would have to list two things. First, I think we have to look at assuring an atmosphere of openness, acceptance and inclusiveness for all dentists. I think we often spend too much time quibbling over our differences or worrying about the dentist down the street instead of appreciating our similarities. Every dentist shares one tremendous accomplishment: he or she graduated from dental school. I fear we have lost some of the respect for one another we all deserve. Sometimes dentists perceive a sense of judgment when they participate and that’s a shame, because it has left some of our colleagues feeling as if they do not fit into the dental society, which is a place they have already earned.

Secondly, I feel we have worried about ourselves too much and neglected our obligation to public health issues. I have asked the Chairs of our Councils this year to place a priority on the issue of the exclusive soft drink contracts our public schools have signed. I’m not willing to stand by while our children’s health is damaged in return for scoreboards or even computers. The soft drink companies already own other brands of drinks that represent healthier alternatives and I think we can partner with the schools and force the liquid candy peddlers to substitute water, fruit juice, milk and unsweetened drinks without giving up their profits. We will be partnering with the Oklahoma Academy for State Goals, dental hygienists and our physician colleagues in this effort. I also would like to see us start an education push to make the general public aware of the damage that is occurring to toddlers’ teeth when they are allowed to sip out of no-spill cups all day long. Some kids are never more than an arm’s length away from another slug of sucrose.

Q. That’s a pretty aggressive list of goals. Do you think you will get it all done during your term in office?
A. I’m going to give it a shot, but you have to look long-term. The governance changes I’m proposing are a continuation of a process begun by Raymond Cohlmia. Scott Waugh did an incredible job developing a resolution to the issues surrounding supervision and scope of practice for dental hygienists, the culmination of a process measured in years. Lee Beasley has been untiring in his leadership of the search for our new Executive Director, Dana Davis, and now he is expending tremendous energy chairing the Building Committee. My wish would be for that project to be finalized during his term in office, so he can cut the ribbon. If he gets it done this year, he’s going to cut the ribbon anyway. We have a great staff and that’s crucial. I’m blessed to be sandwiched in a line of extremely capable people and we have managed to reach a consensus on our course and maintain our focus. Foremost, I look on it not as “my” year. It’s everybody’s year. I don’t look upon it as a sacrifice in any sense of the word. I really, really enjoy being involved and the time I devote is simply the result of a decision I made many years ago. I have no doubt it is worthwhile.
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The 2003 Oklahoma Dental Meeting was “A Time to Shine” in Downtown Oklahoma City at the Cox Convention Center and Renaissance Hotel. The ODA Board of Trustees and House of Delegates began the meeting on Thursday, April 24.

Among the highlights, the House had 83 percent attendance with three districts having 100 percent attendance; they included Eastern District, Oklahoma County and Tulsa County. Dr. Keifer Fisher, president of Eastern District accepted the Whiteneck Tray for having 100 percent attendance and for driving the furthest to the meeting. The House approved the 2003-2004 operating budget with an amendment suspending approval of the 2004 PR budget until the 2004 plan is presented at the next House meeting. A Board resolution to support a $1 tax increase on cigarettes to help fund Medicaid was approved. The House adjourned into Executive Session to discuss resolutions concerning the ODA purchasing the ODF building, building renovations and building financial arrangements. These resolutions were
substituted with a resolution to undertake further study of all the building issues. More information will be coming in the next TalkBack. It was also resolved that 30 percent of the annual operating budget be placed into a reserve fund. If the fund does not meet the required percentage, the House is to be notified at the spring meeting.

Over 1,500 dentists, hygienists, assistants, lab technicians and exhibitors attended the annual meeting. Up to 18 hours of continuing education were available for attendees. The courses ranged from Ms. Michelle Burris’ “Jungle Nutrition: Primal Care and Feeding for the ‘Metabolically Unique’ Animal in You” to Dr. John Wright’s “A Review and Update of Clinical Oral Pathology for the Practicing Dentist and Dental Hygienist” to CPR courses to hands-on courses regarding implants. The ODA was proud to have such noted speakers as Mr. Jim and Naomi Rhode. The ODA also held its annual Eat and Learn Breakfast, which allows many of our members to share their research and discoveries with their colleagues in the state. In addition to the ODA, the Oklahoma Dental Assistants Association, which holds its annual meeting in conjunction with the Oklahoma Dental Meeting, had several continuing education opportunities.

Drs. John F. May and Oren Bush were honored as 50-year members of the ODA.

Dr. Raymond Cohlmia presents Dr. Jim Limestall with the James A. Saddoris Award.
education programs and social functions.

This year’s Early Bird Party was held at the Untitled Gallery in downtown Oklahoma City. The evening included a jazz band, wonderful food and great fellowship. Breaking away from the normal on Friday nights, this year the Related Organizations receptions were held at the Omniplex. Attendees got to enjoy the fun and festive atmosphere and see the new and updated look of Mighty Mouth. Many dentists worked very hard to update Mighty Mouth and it looks wonderful.

In addition to Mighty Mouth, the Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry’s traveling exhibit was at the Omniplex. Branches, Bristles and Batteries: Toothbrushes Through Time was displayed at the Omniplex between April and May. The exhibit showed toothbrushes throughout history, while also educating children on the need for good oral health. The Friday night event allowed alumni of Baylor, UMKC and OUCOD to get together and visit. D-Dent also helped to sponsor the event.

Several related organizations held breakfast meetings and receptions throughout the week including Baylor, D-Dent, the American College of Dentists, the Pierre Fauchard Academy, UMKC, OUCOD and the International College of Dentists. The Awards Luncheon honoring 25, 35 and
50-year members was held on Friday, April 25. The 50 year members were awarded commemorative pins.

Doc Blakely blew away the crowd at Opening Session, which included the Edmond North Show Choir, the Douglas High School JROTC, Brent Starkey as MC and a patriotic theme. All awards were given at the Opening Session: Dentist of the Year was awarded to Dr. Steve Hogg, Young Dentist of the Year was presented to Dr. Jeffrey Danner, Richard T. Oliver Award was awarded to Dr. Jimmy Lloyd, the Presidential Leadership and Robert K. Wynne Award was received by Dr. Kevin Haney, the Benjamin Franklin Scroll
Award was awarded to Drs. Glen Houston and David Lewis, Dan E. Brannin
Professional Award was given to Dr. Allen Keenan and the Thomas Jefferson Citizenship Award was presented to Dr. Tamara Berg. Congratulations to all the award winners! Also, on Friday the ODA was proud to host the Past Presidents Luncheon.

This year’s annual meeting was filled with everything from social events to continuing education. We hope you all enjoyed the meeting and are looking forward to next year. See you in Tulsa in 2004!

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Case history
A 30-year-old white male presented with a firm, non-mobile mass of the right mandible. The lesion has been present for greater than one year and is increasing in size. There is no facial swelling. However, the area is palpable as a non-tender fixed mass firmly attached to the right inferior border of the mandible. Examination of the panographic radiograph revealed a radiopaque, pedunculated mass of the right mandible, multiple impacted teeth, and areas of sclerosis.

Differential diagnosis
An appropriate differential for a radiopaque mass of the submandibular region should include calcified lymph node, peripheral osteoma, sialolith, foreign body, phlebolith, arterial calcification, and fibrodysplasia ossificans. Calcified lymph nodes are the most common calcification of the head and neck area. They can be the result of an infectious disease or a neoplastic process. Infectious processes that can result in calcified nodes are tuberculosis, histoplasmosis, coccidiomycosis, and filariasis. Neoplastic processes include metastatic thyroid carcinoma, metastatic osteosarcoma, and lymphoma.

Solitary peripheral osteoma appears as a well circumscribed radiopaque mass that is attached to the mandible by a sessile base or stock. Sialoliths commonly occur in the submandibular gland or Wharton’s duct and appear as elongated radiopacities medial to the mandible. They are often associated with swelling and pain. Phleboliths are calcifications of a thrombus in the venous vascular circulation caused by stasis. They can also be associated with hemangiomases. Radiographically they appear as oval to round opacities 1-5 mm in diameter or larger and they show concentric calcification. Calcification of the facial artery has been reported.

Fibrodysplasia ossificans (myositis ossificans) is a rare condition where bone forms in soft tissues including muscle and can involve the muscles of mastication or of the neck. It may occur as a result of repeated trauma, tetanus, paralysis secondary to neural trauma, or infection.

Because the lesion in the current case was intimately attached to the lower margin of the mandible soft tissue lesions can be excluded. The possibility of a parosteal osteosarcoma is not likely with the slow or static growth pattern and the lack of symptoms, but it can only be ruled out with biopsy.

Diagnosis
Based on the clinical history and radiographic appearance the most likely diagnosis is peripheral osteoma. Biopsy of the lesion showed mature can-
cellous bone and fibro-fatty marrow confirming the diagnosis of peripheral osteoma. Subsequent clinical work up was negative for Gardner’s syndrome.

**Discussion**

Peripheral osteomas are considered benign neoplasms composed of mature compact bone or cancellous bone and fibro-fatty marrow. They are almost exclusively restricted to the craniofacial skeleton and rare in other bones.² Because many osteomas are small, asymptomatic, rarely reported lesions there is little reliable information on their true frequency. The term osteoma has also been used in the past to inappropriately describe fibrous dysplasia, ossifying fibroma, cementifying fibroma, osteochondroma, and condylar hyperplasia.³,⁴

The common palatal and mandibular tori and buccal exostoses are not considered to represent osteomas, although they are histopathologically identical to osteomas. Peripheral osteomas occur most frequently in the sinuses, most frequently the frontal sinus followed by ethmoidal and maxillary sinuses.⁵ Peripheral osteomas have also been described in the external auditory canal.

Excluding those cases associated with Gardner’s Syndrome there are 45 reported cases of solitary peripheral osteomas of the jaws in the English Language literature over the past 40 years.³,⁵-¹⁷ Of these 62% were in males and 38% in females. The mandible had 83% and the maxilla 17%. The most common location in the mandible was the lower border at 50%. Other locations include:

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Figure 3. Occlusal radiograph of patient in figure 2, showing lingual osteoma with pedicle attachment in 1st molar area

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lingual premolar/ramus area 14%, coronoid 14%, buccal 12%, and condyle 10%. The ages ranged from 16-65 with a mean of 35 years. Of the seven cases that reported race only two were reported in a black.

One fourth of the reported cases were associated with trauma. Peripheral osteomas appear to be slowly growing masses on the surface of the maxilla or mandible that may reach considerable size and have been reported as huge, gigantic, massive, and large. They may cause facial defects and loss of function. The duration of these lesions is variable with one documented at 30 years. There are no reports of osteomas undergoing malignant transformation and only one case of recurrence has been reported at nine years after surgical excision.

The pathogenesis of osteoma is controversial and can be divided into three theories: developmental, neoplastic and reactive. The developmental theory seems unlikely since most cases develop in adults, not during childhood or adolescence. Since the majority of osteomas appear to have a limited growth rate and growth potential with very low recurrence rates, the neoplastic theory is not well supported. However, a few do grow to extreme size and occasionally recur and have extremely slow rates of growth. There are no reports of malignant transformation of peripheral osteomas.

Patients with osteomas should be evaluated for Gardner’s Syndrome. The triad of colorectal polyposis, skeletal abnormalities, and multiple impacted or supernumerary teeth is consistent with this syndrome. The disorder is an autosomal dominant trait with near 100% penetrance and has been mapped to chromosome five. Onset occurs in the second decade with malignant transformation of the colorectal polyps approaching 100% by age 40. The skeletal involvement includes both peripheral and endosteal osteomas frequently in the skull, sinuses, and jaws. The osteomas are usually noted during puberty and precede development of the bowel polyps.

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Extra colonic polyps can occur anywhere in the upper gastrointestinal tract except the esophagus. Duodenal polyps are present in 25-65% with 4-12% resulting in duodenal carcinoma. In female patients 10% will develop desmoid tumors of the skin and have a 100-fold increased risk of thyroid carcinoma. Dental abnormalities include odontomas, supernumerary teeth, and impacted teeth in 11-19% of patients. Pigmented lesions of the ocular fundus are present in up to 90% of patients.

Treatment of osteomas consists of complete surgical removal at the base where it attaches to normal bone. Large osteomas are best visualized with computed tomographic scan in addition to plain films. With no evidence of malignant transformation, rare recurrences and slow growth rate, periodic clinical and radiographic follow-up after surgical excision is recommended.

References
Dr. Sumner Russman wrote *Stop! Think! The Future and You* originally in 1957. Since then the article has been reprinted seven times in multiple journals. Dr. Russman has kept copies of the article and gives them out to encourage others to get their affairs in order. Recently, he gave the article to a friend, who passed the article on to another.

Dr. Russman joined the ODA in 1938 and has been an active member since then. This year marks his 65th year as a dentist. However, Dr. Russman has been retired for 25 years. He regularly attends the retired dentists meetings and remains very active.

**SCAVENGER HUNT**

Ever been on a scavenger hunt where you go from place to place looking for a variety of unique and interesting items just so you can be the first to find all the items on your list? Well, what if someone told you that there is a list of information you needed to collect in order to get financial assistance, proper healthcare, and to help your family and caregivers arrange for your care more easily, quickly, and affordably. Organizing your health care and financial records can be like that. It’s helpful, beneficial, and a practical search that can make a measurable difference. It is imperative, that one should be prepared for the inevitability of death or even to be able to find a record, that a system be utilized to know the whereabouts of your personal records and the necessary information concerning yourself.

A very efficient system of keeping records is in a “PERSONAL RECORD BOOK”. This book can be indexed as to its contents, in a loose-leaf notebook. The reason for the loose-leaf notebook is that if a change of information is required in any section of the book, only one or two sheets would have to be remade and not the entire contents of the book.

We have listed an index of subjects designed to aid you in organizing your records and to update your vital documents. Under each subject listed, there will be questions and statements that you should consider, answer or list in order to have a comprehensive list of data for that subject. There are many subjects applicable to one person, but not another, so the listing of subjects can be adjusted to your personal life. The index of contents should be on a separate sheet of paper in front of your PERSONAL RECORD BOOK. You can list the subjects in order of their importance or alphabetically.

If you come up with most of the items on this list and assemble your information in a file or notebook, you are a step ahead of many people, and well prepared for the paperwork requirements of everyday life. You have just made life easier for you and your family members. Give yourself a nudge, get started, and celebrate when the game is done. Who knows, you might also enjoy the journey along the way.

**PERSONAL RECORD BOOK**

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You may want to include the original documents/statements in your Personal Record Book. If not, make a copy for your book and specify where the original documents/statements may be located.

Section I - Purpose
State the purpose of this book. A suggested statement would be “Realizing the uncertainty of life, and wishing to make things as easy for my family, executor, attorney or trust officer as possible, I am leaving the following information.” You should sign and date this page. We suggest you review and update your personal record book annually.

Section II - Personal Information
1. Name, middle name, maiden name and nickname.
2. Phone(s), home, cell, work, beeper, fax, email, passwords (or location)
3. Social Security number
4. Medicare number
5. Medicaid number (if applicable)
6. Voter registration information
7. Military identification number
8. Drivers license number
9. Credit cards with account numbers. Customer service phone number if lost or stolen
10. Bank account numbers including name, address and phone of bank
11. Debit card number including name, address and phone of bank. Customer service phone number if lost or stolen
12. Telephone calling card number
13. Motor club memberships
14. Business credit cards with account numbers
15. Cards other than credit cards

Section III - Contacts and Support System Names, Addresses and phone numbers of:
1. Family
2. Neighbors and friends
3. Clergy
4. Attorney
5. CPA or tax consultant
6. Insurance agents
7. Financial advisor
8. Location of address book

Section IV - Healthcare Information and Support
Names, addresses and phone numbers of:
1. Primary doctor
2. Specialists
3. Pharmacist and pharmacy
4. Medications (name, dosage, reason for use, side effects and reactions)
5. Dentist
6. Optometrist, Ophthalmologist
7. Audiologist
8. Hospitals
9. In-Home caregivers
10. Social Service Agency contacts and Case Managers
11. Blood Type

Section V - Will or Trust
1. Will or trust agreement including date and location of original
2. Person(s) with copy of will or trust document
3. Name, address, phone and firm name of attorney
4. Name, address and phone of Executor/Trustee
5. Person(s) with whom you have discussed your estate plan

Section VI - Finances
1. List accounts in banks, savings and loan associations, and other financial institutions with account numbers for each
2. State whether the account is for business, personal, savings or checking
3. State name(s) on account and if joint, payable on death, transfer on death
4. State the location of checkbook(s) and who can sign on each account
5. State location of canceled
Thanks for all of the hard work to Dr. Mark Hanstein and his committee. The Exhibit Hall was a place full of interest and activities. Thermo-guard™ nightguards, Vitallium 2000™ partials with Esthetic clasps, implants and Flud’s UCLA trained technicians for the Reliance® Captek™ restorations were some of the main topics of discussion. Education, food drink, entertainment and camaraderie, who could ask for more? What a wonderful time to see all of the old friends and make new friends. DENPAC’s annual silent auction was a big success...a lot of fun for a good cause. Thanks to everyone for supporting the Oklahoma Dental Association.

Winners of the door prizes at the Flud Dental Laboratory Booth were:

Dr. C. H. McKee – Romeo’s Italian Express
Dinner and Dessert
Dr. Alan McQuigg – Triad Material Kit
Dr. Steven Strange – Linkmax Cement Kit
Dr. Pragna Suthar – Captek Burr Kit
Dr. Floyd Sellers – All Ceramic Prep Kit
Dr. Ron French – All Ceramic Prep Kit
Dr. Raymond Clock – Membership in the Ritz/Wolf Frequent Foto Club
Dr. George Bussman - Frequent Foto Club
Dr. Mike Howl – Frequent Foto Club
Dr. Mike Shepherd – Frequent Foto Club
Colleen McFarland – Frequent Foto Club
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checks
6. Trust officer and name of bank or trust company if estate will be in trust
7. Cash to meet immediate expenses will be provided by:
   a. Social Security, pension or retirement benefits
   b. Charitable Gift Annuity or Remainder Unitrust payments
   c. Bank accounts
   d. Lump sum life insurance
   e. Other funds

Section VII - Bills, Loans and Liabilities
1. Utilities
2. Medical expenses
3. Taxes
4. Loans (home, car, boat, personal, business) loans, notes, payoff information
5. Credit cards
6. Obligations and pledges (personal, charity)

Section VIII - Insurance
Divide this section into the following categories and list policies under each heading:
1. Homeowners Insurance
2. Car Insurance
3. Tenants Insurance
4. Health Insurance
5. Life Insurance
6. Business Insurance

Information to list for each policy:
1. Name, address and phone of company and agent
2. Policy number
3. Amount
4. Benefits or type of coverage
5. Beneficiaries
6. Location of policy and identification cards

Section IX - Vehicles
List the following for each car owned or leased:
1. Registered in whose name
2. Purchase date and price
3. Make, model, year and vehicle identification number
4. Title and registration - where located
5. Mortgaged or secured by loan - give details. Attach lien release to car title, if applicable
6. Insurance policy - company, policy number, agent, description of coverage, premium due date and location of policy and identification cards
7. Where car serviced

Section X - Care of Children
1. State who would care for minor or disabled children
2. State other information concerning children
3. Any statement made in will concerning care and welfare of children takes precedence over the above directions, if they are in conflict

Section XI - Real Estate
Include all residential and commercial properties. Factors to consider:
1. Legal description, location of property
2. State whether advisable to keep, sell or rent
3. Homestead
4. Mortgage obligations. If yes what company, mortgage insurance, payments
5. Name on title, location of mortgage, deed, abstract and title insurance policy
6. Mortgage paid in full - location of Lien Release
7. Insurance company, policy number, agent, location of policy, coverage, premium due date
8. Tax year appraised value from County Appraiser’s Office
9. Business information - partnerships/rentals - location of records and receipts

Section XII - Investments
1. State name, address and phone of financial advisor, firm name, account name, number, type of account (IRA Roth, Individual) and contact person
2. List individual investments including name, certificate number, number of shares, tax cost, purchase date and location of securities.
3. Copy of year-end statements

You may keep your yearly transactions for each security in this section as to purchases, sales, dividends, interest and gains for current year. If filed separately, where are the files located?

Section XIII - Financial Statements
1. Make a financial statement annually
2. List of assets, liabilities, home and car

You may want to note death/cash benefits from insur-
ance policies, pension/social security/retirement benefits anticipated.

**Section XIV - Inventory**

Make inventory of your home and office
1. Review annually including date of review
2. Copy of inventory list in book and safe deposit box
3. Video home, office and contents and put in safe deposit box
4. Inventory should consist of:
   * Contents by each room including art, antiques, jewelry and collectables.
   * Indicate whether purchase price or replacement cost of contents
   * Indebtedness of equipment and furnishings or debt-free
   * Disposition of home, office, business

**Section XV - Safe Deposit Box**

Make inventory of contents of safe deposit box
1. Location of box, keys, box number, and bank location
2. Co-signer(s)

Most banks allow the co-signer to open the safe deposit box after your death. If you are the only signer, the box will be sealed at your death and cannot be opened without a court order or legal documentation. Include copy of Personal Record Book. Who has keys and where are they located?

**Section XVI - Taxes**

1. Name, address and phone of tax consultant
2. Location of tax records by year for last 5 years- most recent in book
3. Social Security number and Federal Employer’s ID, if applicable

**Section XVII - Personal Contracts or Leases**

Include copies of executed contracts or leases. Briefly describe contract and include location of original.

**Section XVIII - Office Contracts or Leases**

Include copies of executed contracts or leases. Briefly describe contract and include location of original.

**Section XIX - Military Service**

1. Location of discharge papers
2. Serial number
3. Give short description of military service as to dates served, rank attained, companies served and decorations earned.
4. Contact Veterans Administration Offices to:
   * Receive a U.S. flag for casket
   * Burial in U.S. cemetery
   * Pension or compensation for spouse and/or children
   * Other benefits (medication)

**Section XX - Directives**

1. Advance Directives
2. Living Will
3. Power of Attorney (health care, financial)
4. Will or Trust (location of original)
5. Funeral/burial plan

**Section XXI - Burial Information**

1. Name, address and phone of mortuary desired
2. Location of burial plot
3. Funeral service desired
4. Selection of palbearers, music, vocalist, etc.
5. Pre-burial arrangement
6. Memorial designation to church, charity or foundation
7. Veterans Administration or Social Security benefits
8. Biography/obituary
9. Birth certificate
10. Marriage certificate
11. Divorce decree

**Section XXII - Miscellaneous**

1. Contents of purse
2. Contents of billfold

A contented mind is the greatest blessing a person can enjoy. To have peace of mind knowing your loved ones, attorney and executor know about your PERSONAL RECORD BOOK makes you realize that an essential duty has been performed. •
By Thomas Murdoch, DDS

The F-4 tornado that tore through the north side of Moore about 5:00 pm on May 8 severely damaged the ADVANCED DENTAL offices located there. “We are lucky the building withstood the pounding. Most of the windows were blown out, the roof sheathing ripped, ceilings and lights badly damaged. A steel door on the south popped out allowing debris to be blown about the inside. Miraculously, we found our patient records intact beneath the dirt and broken glass. The equipment in our dental operatories sustained some damage, but not as much as you would think,” Mark Hay, General Manager said. “We are working now in our I-40 and Meridian offices—one advantage of having a group practice with multiple offices. I don’t know how long it will take to get this location back in operation. I estimate we will lose $25,000 to $30,000 a month while this clinic is being repaired.

“I am most thankful that none of the eleven people in the building was injured. We heard the warnings on the radio. I have to say that before this storm I never was too excited about the disc jockey predictions, but when I went outside and peeked round the southeast corner of the building and saw the dark cloud and debris whirling in the air about a half mile across the Interstate, I ran in and joined everyone in the utility room in the middle of the building. There were eleven of us huddled in this small room when things began to pound against the building — including some of the cars in our parking lot we learned when we were able to get outside. All of the eleven or twelve autos were totaled — turned upside down and piled against each other. The church south of us is demolished. The storm skipped over some houses behind us and continued toward the GM plant. The CNN mobile disaster truck set up in our lot and broadcast nationwide pictures of our place.”

“During the short period we were huddled in the utility room we never heard a roar—only the telephones with battery backups ringing in the front offices and the sound of objects striking the cement outside walls. This building was constructed as a commercial structure several years before we took it over. It is almost total concrete. I have to say it saved our lives.”

Dr. Mike Steffen, CEO of the Advanced Dental Corporation that operates six group dental practices in the Oklahoma City area, estimates the loss at $700,000. The single-story building housed 12 operatories, 3 business offices, a waiting room and a large storage area.

No other dental offices in the area of the storm reported any significant damage. Over 800 homes lost roofs and windows, or were totally destroyed. About 50 businesses were blown away in the Moore storm.
Eastern District News
By Dr. Sid Nicholson

The EDDS will have a day summer meeting the last weekend in July in McAlester. For information and reservations contact Dr. Jack Sheets at 1-918-426-4844. The day will include golf, continuing education and dinner at Pete's Place in Krebs, Oklahoma.

Buccal Pit Study Club News: LeBiew found!! Details to follow.

Northwest District News
By Dr. Larry Kiner

Northwest District Dentists have been active in the past few months in providing a voice for Dentistry to people in our district. In visiting with dentist all across the district I learned that a sense of volunteerism is alive and well in our area. For example, Erin Roberts here in Enid worked with others very hard to put together a Give Kids A Smile Day, but somehow communications did not get out, and so that effort will be pursued again next year. However in that time Erin was also involved in screening children at Kids Day America where the participants were also finger printed for identification purposes. And she has also relocated her office to 523 W Broadway, Enid, with a new telephone number of 580.237.0694.

Kurt Gibson in Guymon visited two elementary schools during Children's Dental Health Month, and a Montessori School as well. He also attended a Career Day at Panhandle State College with a hygienist and dental assistant from his office.

Karen Cox in Hennessey usually has prekindergarten children in her office in September or October. She also does some screening at the school there.

Trent Yadon in Woodward reports that the dentists in Woodward have the opportunity to volunteer at their Health Clinic which is equipped with an operatory, where they see children and others in need in their community. They have a traveling assistant who also works in the Guymon Health Clinic. The Woodward Study Club will start again in September. Their last meeting this spring was a teleconference with Mary Martin giving a class on HIPAA from the Dental School to the Career Tech School in Woodward. They were very pleased with this option for providing Continuing Education.

Jeff Pierce in Alva spent three days in Garden City, Kansas working in a Kansas Mission of Mercy where there were over 100 dentists and 300 volunteers who saw 1800 patients and provided every kind of dentistry for people in that area of Kansas. Jeff also has an office in Coldwater, Kansas and so became involved through colleagues in Kansas.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
Take a few minutes to let us know what your district members and their families are doing.

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Mori and Terri White in Woodward also provided programs for the Horace Mann Elementary school in Woodward. Mori has just returned from an implant course at the Misch International Implant Institute in Michigan.

Tim Fagan’s office in Enid provided Children’s Dental Health Programs for schools in Enid, Medford, Wakita, Waukomis, and Drummond. Tim has also just been elected a District Trustee for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. He will represent nine states and the country of Mexico for this professional association.

Jim Highfill was pleased to announce that the Kay County Dental Group is up and going again. They have programs scheduled for all of next year. They will also begin again in September. It was also very good to learn that the dentists in Ponca City are good Samaritans as well.

June Hiebert in Fairview enjoyed spending some time with a third grade class at the Fairview Cornelsen Elementary School. She also notes that she helped sponsor a Relay For Life Team recently and their community effort raised nearly $3000 for the cause. Good job June and Staff!

And I spent an afternoon at Garfield Elementary in Enid with kindergarteners showing that always popular video of Dudley the dinosaur visiting the dentist. We had a good time.

That’s the report from Northwest Passage. Have a great summer!

Oklahoma County News
By Dr. Tamara Berg

The Oklahoma County officer installation banquet was held April 4th, 2003 downtown at the Beacon Club. Dr. Mary E. Martin was the installing officer. Attendees were greeted with valet parking and escorted to the top of the Oklahoma Tower to an evening of fabulous food and relaxation. Live music and a dance floor were an addition to this year’s event.

The following officers and delegates were installed:

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The Oklahoma County installation.

Dr. Mary Martin installed the new officers.

Dr. Raymond Clohnia.

Dr. Scott Waugh at the installation

Vann Greer, Dennis Leseberg, Mitchell Kramer, Terry Cotterell, Mark Hanstein, David Shadid, Alan Owen, Raymond Clohnia Jr., and Robert Phillips.

Plan to join OCDS at one of our 2003-2004 events:

Sept 4 Spouse Night - Sherri Coale (OU Women’s Basketball coach)

October TBA Golf Tournament

Nov. 13/14 Dr. Jaíme Morgan “Putting Pizzazz in your Cosmetic Dentistry with Direct Bonding” Location: Homebuilders Association

Jan. 22/23 Bethany Valachi
(Posturedontics) “Smart Moves for the Dental Team” Location: Homebuilders Association

Feb. 12 Business Meeting
Location: Homebuilders Association

March 11/12 Dr. Dan Poticny
“Wow Your Patients, Please Yourself...Aesthetic Ceramic Dentistry” Location: Homebuilders Association

Tulsa County News
By Dr. Jeff Parker

TCDS wants to commend Dr. Todd Johnson for a successful year and a job very well done as President this past year. President Dr. Doug Kirkpatrick,

President-Elect Dr. Mike Kincaid, and Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Wade Sessom are very excited about the upcoming year and the excellent speakers we have coming to Tulsa. Mark the following dates on your calendars and make plans now to attend our 2003-2004 outstanding programs:

Saturday, July 12, 2003 Dental Arena Football Night with the Tulsa Talons
Tuesday, September 9, 2003 Evening Meeting featuring Dr. Daniel Tylka
Tuesday, October 14, 2003 Evening Meeting featuring Dr. Jim Kessler
Tuesday, November 11, 2003 Evening Meeting featuring Dr. Donald Mitchell
Tuesday, December 4, 2003 Holiday Party at the Oklahoma Aquarium

Tulsa Golf Tournament.

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Dr. Jim Saddoris received a special appreciation award.

Wednesday, January 27, 2004 Evening Meeting with Table Clinics & Elections
Friday, January 30, 2004 All Day Meeting featuring Dr. William Robbins
Tuesday, March 9, 2004 Evening Meeting - Awards Banquet & Installation of Officers
Friday, March 26, 2004 All Day Meeting featuring Dr. John Burgess

We want to say congratulations to the following Tulsa County members on their recent inductions: The new ODA President Dr. Stephen Glenn and Dr. Jim Torchia to serve another term as ADA Delegate.

Also, we want to say congratulations to our members who received TCDS Awards at our March banquet:

Dr. Brenda Chockley received the A.L. Walters Award for our TCDS Dentist of the Year for 2002.

Dr. Steve White received the John Gawey Award for 25 years or more of exemplary service to the dental profession.

Dr. Pam Low received the James A. Saddoris Award for outstanding contributions to organized dentistry.

Dr. Gary Smith received the
President’s Distinguished Service Award in appreciation for his high ethical standards and commitment to the Mediation Review Program.

Dr. Gary Burnidge, Dr. Allen Keenan and Dr. J im Saddoris received Special Appreciation Awards for their time and efforts spent on the Dan Brannin Memorial that was dedicated October 6, 2002.

Dr. Ray Beddoe won the McBride Memorial Table Clinic Award for the Most Innovative Table Clinic - “Use of Complex Motion Tomography to Aid in Sizing, Angulation & Placement of Implants”.

Dr. Bernie Wynn won the Rush Memorial Table Clinic Award for the Outstanding Table Clinic - “Periodontal Plastic Surgery”.

Dr. Todd Johnson received the 2002-2003 TCDS President’s Plaque.

Congratulations go out to Dr. Steve Hogg who received the ODA Dentist of the Year Award, and Dr. Allen Keenan who received the ODA’s Dan E. Brannin Professionalism Award at the April 2003 state dental meeting! Also, we would like to recognize our TCDS members who received membership certificates:


Jade Certificate - 35 consecutive years: Drs. Gary Burnidge, Eugene McCormick, J im Patterson, Kent Shacklef

Tulsa Golf Tournament.

Ronald Shipman, Fred Sims, J r., and Jerry Smith.


ODA State Life Members:

Drs. Bill Goodwin, J r., Donald Ray, and J im Whitehead.

Congratulations to the following with the “lucky bids” for the three ODA DenPac Silent Auction certificates that were donated by TCDS:

Dr. K. D. Parks - Round trip airfare for two to San Francisco, California for the ADA’s 144th Annual Meeting that will held October 23-26, 2003. And C.E. Package: Free tuition to our three all day meetings this year - Friday, November 14, 2003, Friday, January 30, 2004, and Friday, March 26, 2004.

Dr. Ray Smith - C.E. Package: Free tuition to our three all day meetings this year - Friday, November 14, 2003, Friday, January 30, 2004, and Friday, March 26, 2004.

Thanks to all who attended David Meinz’s awesome program on March 7th and the 82 people who came to our March 14th Dental Hockey Night with the Tulsa Oilers! A great time was had and some serious golf played by the 44 participants at our 2nd Annual Molar Classic at Forest Ridge on May 9th. We are looking forward to another fun get-together - our July 12th Dental Arena Football Night with the Tulsa Talons! All dentists, their families and dental teams are invited to this fun event! A BIG THANK YOU to Dr. Mike Kincaid for his time and efforts this past year in organizing the two golf tournaments, the dental hockey night and arena football night!

Congratulations to Dr. J . Dan Moore recipient of the annual Sand Springs Herbal Affair Hometown Hero Award; Dr. Ron Lamb recipient of the ADA’s Certificate of Recognition for Meritorious Service to the People of Antigua & Barbuda, Bolivia, Honduras & Peru in sharing with them the benefits of Modern Dentistry; and to Dr. George Menkoff retiring as Tulsa’s oldest practicing dentist.

We were saddened with the passing of one of our finest Dr. Lloyd Barron on May 18th. Dr. Barron made a difference in our dental community and we will miss him.

In closing, congratulations go out to newlyweds Dr. April Chaufty and Dr. Joe Lai! •
The Annual breakfast meeting of the Oklahoma Section of the ACD was held on Saturday, April 26, 2003 in conjunction with the ODA meeting. It was held at the Renaissance hotel in OKC. New members inducted in New Orleans were recognized, Drs. Tim Fagan and Lee Beasley. A twenty-five year pin was given to Dr. J. Dean Robertson and fifteen-year pins were given or mailed to Drs. Manville Duncanson, Ron Winder, Neil Glass, and Ben Johnson.

Two OUCOD students received awards. Geoffrey Sparks received the Outstanding Senior Award with a $300.00 check and plaque. LaTonya Shelton received the ACD Recruitment Award and a $300.00 check. Dr. John Haynes, ACD President-Elect, gave greetings and a brief report. Dr. Scott Waugh reported on the Ethics Seminar for junior students at the OUCOD.

Dr. Steven Ralls, Executive Director of the ACD, was our speaker. He presented an informative speech on ethics and the state activities of the ACD.

The new officers for 2003-2004 are Chair - Dr. Ron Winder, Chair-Elect - Dr. Vann Greer, and Secretary/Treasurer - Dr. Krista Jones. Camaraderie was enjoyed by all.
BCD volunteers turn out for Special Olympics Special Smiles

Special Olympics Special Smiles was a rousing success for athletes and volunteers alike. Baylor College of Dentistry sponsored the event for the fourth year in a row on May 3 at Bishop Lynch High School in Dallas. 

Dr. Silvia King, assistant professor of pediatric dentistry, served as coordinator of the event.

"We value the opportunity our participation in Special Olympics Special Smiles has given our dental and dental hygiene students," said Dr. N. Sue Seale (BCD ’70, ’72, ’79), Regents professor and chair of pediatric dentistry. "They interact with the athletes and become more aware of the oral health needs of this special patient population."

BCD volunteers included 41 students, 33 staff members, eight faculty members and 23 others from participating organizations. The event drew 328 Special Olympics athletes who were given dental screenings by student teams of two (one to screen and one to record the findings). The information collected will be sent to the University of Maryland to be included in a national study of special needs patients.

Staff volunteers registered the athletes, escorted them through the event, and gave them a T-shirt and an assortment of gifts including hats, toothbrushes and coloring books. An education table staffed by dental hygiene students gave the athletes a chance to practice their skill with a toothbrush using puppets and oversized toothbrushes.

T-shirts were provided by donations from Delta Dental (which also provided toothbrushes and coloring books), Dentsply, Baylor Oral Health Foundation, Crest, J B Dental Supply Company, BCD Alumni Association, Oral B and The Grottoes of North America Humanitarian Foundation. The Grottoes organization, a major national sponsor of Special Smiles events, provides dental care for children with special needs. Alan Betker, a trustee of the Grotto Foundation, attended the BCD event, and local Grotto members also served as volunteers. Members of Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity provided balloons and helium. Gracie Perez, administrative assistant in clinical services, and Hagerty Advertising provided Jarito soft drinks for the volunteers and many of the athletes.

Children’s Sealant Day attracts 95 patients

Healthier smiles and a pleasant dental experience are the benefits for children who participated in Children’s Sealant Day sponsored by the Asian-American Dental Society at Baylor College of Dentistry March 29. Supported by the college’s pediatric dentistry and public health sciences departments, the free program helped 95 children, 91 of whom received prophylaxis and/or sealants in addition to a dental exam. Sealants were applied to 318 teeth.

The event was staffed by 52 dental students, many of whom are members of ADS or the Texas Association of Women Dentists-BCD Chapter. “Our students were efficient, enthusiastic and focused,” said Dr. Loulou Moore (BCD ’93, ’94), assistant professor of restorative sciences and faculty adviser to ADS and TAWD. “It was a truly wonderful learning experience for all of us, and our young patients received important oral health education and valuable preventive care.”

BCD students were supervised by Moore; Dr. George Cramer (BCD ’75), clinical assistant professor of restorative sciences; Dr. Stephen Crane (BCD ’73), clinical assistant professor of public health sciences; Dr. Dan Hong, clinical assistant professor of restorative sciences; and Dr. Steve Karbowski, assistant professor of restorative sciences. Dr. Dana Ly (BCD ’02) and Dr. Simon Kolath (BCD ’02), former ADS members, also worked with students in the clinic. Jackie Vo (D4), ADS parliamentary chair, coordinated the event.

Ultradent provided all sealant materials. Dr. W.R. DeBrucque (BCD ’57), dental director of Delta Dental Insurance Company, and Edwin Gonzales, educational consultant with South Texas Dental, donated gift-bag items to the children. Alison Crane, Crane’s daughter, provided breakfast items. Dr.
Phuong Nguyen, spouse of first-year dental student Khoi Nguyen, assisted in the clinic and Dr. Son Tran sponsored lunch. BCD facilities services and security staff also supported the event.

BCD hosts Family Day April 5

More than 200 family members, friends and faculty of first-year dental and dental hygiene students gathered for Family Day April 5 at Baylor College of Dentistry. The annual event gives families the opportunity to learn firsthand about the BCD experience.

The day began with a coffee reception where families met with faculty and administrators. Next, Dr. Robert Spears (BCD ‘02), assistant professor of biomedical sciences, moderated the program. Keynote speaker Dr. Gary Coleman, associate professor of diagnostic sciences, presented “Dental School: The First Year (What Just Happened and What Will They Come Up with Next?).”

A first-year student slide show titled “A First-year Perspective” was introduced by class presidents Jason White (D1) and Emily Whittington (DH1). Students then took their families to participate in interactive activities in both the lab and clinic, where family members learned that it isn’t as easy to “cut a prep” as it first appears to be.

After a barbecue lunch, Dr. Thomas McKinney, associate professor of restorative sciences, and Dr. Margaret Yanus, assistant professor of restorative sciences, showed the families the inner workings of BCD’s new Dental Simulation Lab. The event concluded with a tour of the facilities.

“The families always enjoy getting a taste of their students’ experiences here at BCD,” said Moira Allen, director of student affairs in student and alumni services. “Family Day gives them a better understanding of both the college and the career their students have chosen.”

BCD faculty, staff, students receive kudos

The Baylor College of Dentistry Alumni Association announced the Teacher-of-the-Year award winners in March. Dr. Stan Ashworth (BCD ‘71), assistant professor of general dentistry, is the dental honoree; Marylou Gutmann, professor in BCD’s Caruth School of Dental Hygiene, is the dental hygiene honoree.

Ashworth and Gutmann were selected by students to receive the awards. The Alumni Association recognized them during a pre-commencement dinner and dance for senior students May 21. They also carried the BCD ceremonial mace during the commencement’s processional and recessional May 22.

Susan Gerding Bader, assistant director for public services in the Baylor Health Sciences Library, was one of 30 fellows selected from across the nation to attend the National Library of Medicine’s course in medical informatics at the end of May.

Desinger for physicians, researchers and librarians in the health sciences, the weeklong program was taught at the Marine Biological Laboratories in Wood’s Hole, Mass.

Andi McPhillips (D2) and James VandeBerg (D2) were award winners in the American Association for Dental Research’s Caulk/Dentsply Student Research Competition, which took place during the AADR’s annual session in San Antonio in March. McPhillips took second place in the basic sciences division; her mentor is Dr. Robert Spears (BCD ‘02), assistant professor of biomedical sciences. VandeBerg was a finalist in the clinical sciences division; his mentor is Dr. Bob Hinton, associate professor of biomedical sciences.

Sarah Pollan (D1) was named a winner of the 2003 Summer Dental Student Award from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research in March. She will spend eight weeks at NIDCR in Bethesda, Md., this summer, conducting research under the guidance of an institute mentor.

Joe Rawlins (D2) received one of the prestigious 2003 AADR Student Research Fellowship awards during the association’s annual session. Dr. Lynne Opperman, assistant professor of biomedical sciences, is his mentor.

Dr. Eric S. Solomon, executive director of institutional research, received the 2003 Service Recognition Award from the Texas Dental Association.
May 1. The award recognizes Solomon’s volunteer assistance in designing, analyzing and presenting the TDA 2003 Pre-legislative Survey.

Dr. Claude Williams, director of community outreach in communications and development, received an award from the Minority Affairs Section of the American Dental Education Association in March. Given in recognition of Williams’ “valuable contribution in support of diversity in the dental profession,” the award was presented at the association’s annual session in San Antonio.

Dr. Rosemarie Zartman (BCD ’91), assistant professor of pediatric dentistry, was lauded for the “Outstanding Manuscript for 2002 in the Category of Educational Methodologies.” Presented by the Journal of Dental Education during the ADEA annual session in March, the award was presented for “Using OSCE-based Evaluation: Curricular Impact Over Time.” Published in the journal’s December 2002 issue, the manuscript’s co-authors are: Dr. William Boone; Dr. Alton McWhorter, associate professor and director of the predoctoral program in pediatric dentistry; and Dr. N. Sue Seale (BCD ’70, ’72, ’79), Regents professor and chair of pediatric dentistry.

BCD faculty, staff tapped for leadership

Dr. Roger Alexander, professor and director of the predoctoral program in pediatric dentistry, and Dr. Bob Schow, professor and director of the graduate training division in OMS/P, were invited to participate in the Task Force on Faculty Recruitment and Retention. Sponsored by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, the group met March 18-20 at the association’s headquarters in Chicago.

Alexander and Schow joined 36 other task force participants to discuss possible solutions for faculty shortages in oral and maxillofacial surgery education at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The shortages are expected due to the retirement of current faculty members.

Susan Gerding Bader, assistant director for public services in the Baylor Health Sciences Library, is president-elect of the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association. Her term as president will begin at the close of the 2003 SCC/MLA annual meeting in October, followed by another term as past president. The association comprises health sciences librarians from Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

Dr. Stanton W. Cobb (BCD ’83), assistant professor of restorative sciences, was selected for membership at The Center of Bioethics and Human Dignity April 14. The invitation came following a meeting Cobb hosted for the center at BCD April 4 that featured Dr. John F. Kilner, president of the Chicago center. The meeting included selected physicians, dentists, residents and guests. Kilner, also chair of ethics at Trinity International University in Deerfield, Ill., invited Cobb to study at Trinity as well.

Dr. Bill Harman, associate dean for student and alumni services, was elected chair of the Section on Student Affairs and Financial Aid at the American Dental Education Association’s annual meeting in San Antonio March 11.

Dr. Miro A. Pavelka (BCD ’77, ’81), clinical professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, is a board member of the newly established Texas A&M University System Health Science Center Foundation. Dr. James S. Cole (BCD ’75), dean of the college, is an ex officio member of the board. The foundation will hold quarterly board meetings, which will be rotated among the HSC components. BCD will host the board in October.

Steve Willis, supervisor of network services in information technology services, was invited to join the North Texas Regional Technology Consortium in March. He will serve on the 25-member panel for three to five years.

Funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation, the consortium promotes broad-spectrum reform in technical education. Members develop and recommend changes in information technology skills curricula for colleges and universities. Willis will provide expertise in the area of high growth, special security problems and other
aspects inherent to health care.

In addition to his responsibilities at BCD, Willis has taught computer networking courses in the Dallas County Community College District in the evenings and on weekends for the last five years.

BCD students receive scholarships

Julie Harkins and Adrien Hodges, senior students at Baylor College of Dentistry's Caruth School of Dental Hygiene, each received a $750 scholarship from the Beta Chapter of Sigma Phi Alpha, a national dental hygiene honor society. Jill Hawkins (BCD '96), dental hygienist in periodontics, made the presentation April 7.

Sigma Phi Alpha promotes and recognizes scholarship, service and character among dental hygiene students and professionals. Harkins and Hodges were the only two students to receive the Dallas chapter scholarship, which supports the education of dental hygiene students who demonstrate high professional standards.

"These scholarships recognize Julie's and Adrien's commitment to their education and to the dental hygiene profession," said Kathleen Muzzin, clinical associate professor of dental hygiene at BCD and Beta Chapter liaison. "Their dedication here at BCD has prepared them to be assets to the profession and the communities they will serve."

Shelli Minshew-Ryczek, a junior dental hygiene student, received a $1,000 scholarship from the BCD Women's Club. Carol Libby, administrative assistant I in periodontics and club president, presented the scholarship to Minshew-Ryczek during the group's May meeting.

"The Women's Club hosts several fund-raisers each year to earn the money for this scholarship," Libby said. "We are pleased that we can help Shelli reach her goal of becoming a dental hygienist."

The scholarship is given annually to either a junior dental hygiene student or a third-year dental student. Women's Club members donate time and supplies to the fund-raisers that include the Chili Cook-off, a sandwich sale and the Valentine's Day Bake Sale. For more information about the BCD Women's Club or the scholarship, contact Lori Dees, administrative assistant I in communications and development and club secretary, at Ext 8214.

Pamela Nicoara, a fourth-year dental student, is one of only five students nationwide to receive an American Academy of Periodontology Student Scholarship for $5,000. Awarded by the AAP Foundation, the scholarship was created to encourage outstanding dental students to consider a future in periodontics. Recipients must have been accepted to a post-graduate periodontal program; Nicoara will begin her three-year residency at the University of Washington Graduate Periodontics Program in June.

In the notification letter to Nicoara, Dr. Sebastian Ciancio, chair of the foundation's Student Scholarship Selection Committee, wrote: "Our committee was most impressed with not only your academic background, but also the career goals and passion for periodontics that you shared with us. We look forward to the future contributions you will make to the specialty of periodontics."

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By James A. Sparks

As the new president of the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry, I would like to commend both Associations for new legislation enacted May, 2003 to ensure that residents in nursing homes have access to dental hygiene care. As a state agency we appreciate the efforts displayed by the entire team to help eliminate the dental crises among our senior citizens. We challenge all dentists and dental hygienists to work in the facilities across the state to provide an example to the public regarding our great profession.

Due to this new legislation, a dentist may now authorize procedures to be performed by a dental hygienist provided (a) the dental hygienist has at least two years experience in the practice of dental hygiene. Recipients must have been accepted to a postgraduate periodontal program; Nicoara will begin her three-year residency at the University of Washington Graduate Periodontics Program in June.

In the notification letter to Nicoara, Dr. Sebastian Ciancio,
available on our web site for your review. Log on to www.dentist.state.ok.us We can accomplish great things together.

On November 1, 2003, a new law (H.B.1140) becomes effective to establish a special volunteer dental license for dentists who are retired from active practice and wish to donate their expertise for the dental care and treatment of indigent and needy persons of the state. The new law prohibits a dentist from receiving or having the expectation to receive any payment or compensation, either direct or indirect, for any dental services rendered under the special volunteer dental license. For those dentists who are retired, here is your chance to “give back”. Just call the Board office to find out more information.

The Board of Dentistry has recently established a Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee. Ms. Louenda Nesbit, R.D.H., current Member of the Board, will chair the seven-member Committee. This Committee will be submitting recommendations to the Board regarding the need for new rules. Hopefully, the creation of this Committee will complement the efforts made on behalf of both Associations.

New laws and rules will make a difference, but we have a lot of work yet to do. We trust you will support the Board in its effort to protect the public health and safety while providing public access to dentistry.

OKLAHOMA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION
By Linda Bilby, CDA

The Oklahoma Dental Assistants Association elected officers for the 2003-2004 year during the 63rd Annual Session in OKC at the Renaissance Hotel.

The newly elected officers are:
President- Linda Bilby CDA Tulsa
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We would like to send a BIG THANK YOU to Dr. Mary Martin and Dr. Frans Currier for presenting CE for our Eat and Learn Breakfasts. The Association presented the following awards:
Dental Assistant of the Year, Carol Focht, OKC
Dental Assisting Student, Accredited School, Jamie Violette, Metro Tech
Non-Accredited School, Kristine Maxwell, Francis Tuttle Tech

Congratulations!
The American Dental Assistants Association Annual Conference will be held July 16-19 in Nashville, Tennessee with the American Academy of General Dentistry. Your delegates traveling to Nashville will be Linda Bilby and Becky Streeter. We will be able to participate in the business of moving our profession forward. We will have seven members traveling to Nashville to help congratulate our Oklahoma Assistant Kay Mosley into office of NATIONAL PRESIDENT! We are very proud of Kay and her accomplishments!

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY
By Frank J. Miranda
Senior Associate Dean

COMMENCEMENT 2003
On Friday, May 30 a Senior Dinner and Awards Recognition was held at the Petroleum Club for the Class of 2003, OUCOD’s 28th graduating class. Formal commencement exercises were held the next afternoon at the First Baptist Church of Moore. The following members of the Class of 2003 were recognized for their accomplishments over the past four years:

LINDA BIRD-LOVEJOY: Dentsply Student Clinician Program Award [2002]; Oral Biology Award
AMY BOWEN-STONE: Graduating with Outstanding Distinction; American Association of Endodontists Award; Eleanor J. Bushee Senior Student Award; Omicron Kappa
Upsilon Dental Honor Society

**STEFANIE CLARK:** Graduating with Distinction; American Academy of Oral Medicine Award; Donald C. Graves Prize in Microbiology Award; Operative Dentistry Departmental Award

**MELODY FARROW:** American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award; American Association of Orthodontists Award

**SCOTT HUBBARD:** Graduating with Distinction; Robert G. Gerety Scholarship in Orthodontics; J. A. F. Anderson Award in Periodontics [2002]; Michael Louis Backowske Award of Excellence in Anatomical Science; William S. Kramer Award of Excellence [2002]; Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society

**DREW JAMISON:** Jerome B. Miller Family Foundation Scholarship Fund Award

**SPENCER KEMP:** American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award

**TY KING:** Charles E. Hurlburt Radiology Award; Southwest Academy of Restorative Dentistry Award

**RAY LAVERDIERE:** American Academy of Dental Practice Administration Award; Quintessence Award for Research Achievement

**MICHAEL LEAVITT:** Graduating with Special Distinction; Robert G. Gerety Scholarship in Orthodontics; Academy of General Dentistry Award; Academy of Operative Academy Award; American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Predoctoral Student Award; Golden Key Award for Mastering the Art and Science of Communication; Hanau Waterpik Prosthodontic Award; Herbert T. Shillingburg, Jr., D.D.S. Award; International College of Dentists Award; International Congress of Oral Implantologists Award; J. A. F. Anderson Award in Periodontics; Oklahoma Association of Pediatric Dentists Award; Quintessence Award for Achievement in Periodontics; Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry; Restorative Dentistry Award; Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society

**CHRIS MASTIN:** Graduating with Distinction; American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Implant Student Award; Michael E. Lindley American Student Dental Association Award; Southwest Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Award

**ZACH McNICKLE:** Pierre Fauchard Academy Scholarship Award; Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities Award

**JOHN MOSE III:** American College of Prosthodontists Award; William E. Wood Memorial Award

**JUSTIN POWER:** Graduating with Special Distinction; American Academy of Periodontology Award; American Association of Public Health Dentistry Award; American Equilibration Society Award; American Student Dental Association Award of Excellence; Don M. Ishmael Scientific Essay Award; Pierre Fauchard Academy Award; Richard L. Reynolds Award of Excellence; Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society

**RODNEY SANDBURG:** Dentsply International Award

**LANCE SCHMIDT:** William E. Brown Service Award

**LaTANYA SHELTON:** American College of Dentists Recruitment Scholarship Award; F.C. Seids Award in Pediatric Dentistry; John N. Miles Memorial Award

**GEOFF SPARKS:** Graduating with Outstanding Distinction; Alpha Omega Award; American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Achievement Award; American College of Dentists Award; Don M. Ishmael Scientific Essay Award [2002]; Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society

**RHYS STRASIA:** Graduating with Special Distinction; American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Award; Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society

**CHRISMA WARNER:** Academy of Dental Materials Award; Don M. Ishmael Scientific Essay Awards [2001, 2002]; Organization of Teachers of Oral Diagnosis Award; Student Research Group Award of Distinction

**MARK WARREN:** Graduating with Distinction

**DREW WENDELKEN:** Graduating with Distinction

DH CONVOCATION

During commencement exercises on May 10 on the OU Norman campus, thirteen members of the Dental Hygiene Class

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of 2003 were recognized for their academic achievements. Graduating with Distinction (GPA = 3.50 to 3.74) were Amy Airington, Kayla Edelen, Brooke Garriott, Brooke Good, Sarah Kessler, Gretchen Kohlbacher, and Becky Smith. Graduating with Special Distinction (GPA = 3.75 and above) were Melanie Ball, Melanie Bone, Reynolds Gawey, Julie McClung, Katie Miller, and Jessica Oman. Later that evening, a special dinner/convocation ceremony was held at the Petroleum Club for the graduates and their families and friends. Special awards were presented to the following graduates for their accomplishments during their two-year program:

**MELANIE BALL:** Clinic Coordinators’ Award

**MELANIE BONE:** Sigma Phi Alpha Honor Society, Hu-Friedy Golden Scaler Award, Oklahoma Dental Hygienists’ Association Award

**REYNOLDS GAWEY:** Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals S.T.A.R. Award

**CHRISTINA HARROZ:** 2003 Personal Achievement Award

**JULIE MCCULNG:** Procter & Gamble Preventive Dentistry Award

**KATIE MILLER:** Sigma Phi Alpha Honor Society

**JESSICA OMAN:** Sigma Phi Alpha Honor Society

**DANA SIMEK:** Community Dental Health Award, Student American Dental Hygienists Association (SADHA) Award (for service as 2002-03 SADHA president)

**BECKY SMITH:** Sharon Barton Faculty Award

The evening ended with formal presentation of diplomas to all 25 graduates, a brief class video presentation, and a special musical performance by graduates Julie McDonald, Karel Mitchell, and Kara Ross. Congratulations to the DH Class of 2003!

**SCIENTIFIC DAY 2003**

Our 22nd annual Scientific Day was held on April 15 at the Meridian Convention Center in west Oklahoma City. This year, we had thirty-three outstanding table clinics and five oral essays presented to well over 300 faculty, students, residents, alumni, community dentists and dental hygienists, and other guests. Nearly 30 cash prizes, gift certificates, and dental equipment/supply donations were awarded to numerous student, resident, and faculty clinicians. There were too many winners to list all of them individually, but special acknowledgement is given to Pete Moore (DS-3) for winning the Dentsply International Award, traditionally regarded as the top table clinic award, for his clinic on “Stimulation of Cell Growth by Laser Irradiation in vitro”. Pete will represent the College in the national table clinic competition during the ADA’s Annual Meeting in San Francisco this coming October.

Fifteen papers were submitted for the annual Ishmael Essay competition, from which five were selected for oral presentation. Following a tally of all scores for oral and written presentations, there was a rare tie for first place — co-winners were Pete Moore (DS-3) and Greg Segraves (DS-3). Other award winners were Gayla Winters (DS-3) - third place; Justin Power (DS-4) - honorable mention; and Amy Roberts (DH-2) - honorable mention.

Again, space prohibits listing all those who contributed to the success of Scientific Day 2003, but they included 16 poster presentation judges, eight Ishmael Essay judges, five staff volunteers, and an Organizing Committee of 12 members. To these individuals, to the 27 organizations whose generous support provided the means to recognize our participants, and of course to all the students, residents and faculty presenters who donated their time to share their research with us, grateful thanks for helping make this year’s Scientific Day one of the most important events on our calendar.

**OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON**

Six members of the Class of 2003 were inducted into Omicron Kappa Upsilon (the national dental honor society) by the College’s Omicron Pi chapter during its annual Convocation and Banquet at the Petroleum Club on April 5. OKU’s newest members are Amy Bowen, Scott Hubbard, Michael Leavitt, Justin Power, Rhys Strasia, and Geoffrey Sparks. Also inducted as an honorary
faculty member was Sharukh Khajotia (Chair, Dental Materials). The William S. Kramer Award of Excellence, presented to a junior dental student for outstanding scholarship, service and professionalism, was awarded to Adam Pitts. The evening ended with an enjoyable and informative historical reenactment by Constance Shillingburg as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth I, describing both her reign as monarch and the living conditions in England during that period of history.

STAPLES SOCIETY

The Staples Society held its 2002-03 year-end annual banquet on March 7 at the Petroleum Club. Ninety-four students, faculty and guests attended the event, including special guests Al Staples (for whom the Society is named) and his wife. Also in attendance were Rick Freeman (DDS’01) and his wife; Rick served as Staples Society president during the 2000-01 year. The evening’s featured speaker was senior dental student Lance Schmidt who gave an inspiring presentation on his mission trip experiences. The Albert F. Staples Award for outstanding service to the Society was presented to Parul Dua (DS-4).

Staples Society faculty advisor John Dmytryk (Associate Dean, Research) reviewed the Society’s accomplishments during the past year and recognized the services of outgoing officers: co-presidents (and husband-wife team) Chasity Carper (DS-4) and Jason Carper (DS-3); vice president Drake Sellmeyer (DS-3); and secretary LaTonya Shelton (DS-4). New officers for the 2003-04 year will be Deborah Butler (DS-2); president; Lauren Avery-Miranda (DS-1), vice president; and Beth Bohanon (DS-2), secretary.

EMINENT SCHOLAR 2003

As reported in the last issue, OUCOD’s Eminent Scholar Program has been moved to the fall effective this year. Program coordinator John Dmytryk (Associate Dean, Research) has announced that the 2003 Eminent Scholar will be Harald O. Heymann, Professor and Director of Graduate Operative Dentistry at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry. Dr. Heymann is a well-known clinician and scholar in the area of esthetic dentistry and is the author of over 150 scientific papers and textbook chapters. His visit to OUCOD (November 20-21) will include a half-day CE course on Friday, November 21 which will be open to practitioners in the community. Further details will be forthcoming as this event approaches.

FACULTY RECOGNITION NIGHT

The 16th Annual OUCOD Faculty Recognition Dinner was held on May 17 at the Westin Hotel. Three special awards were presented: Herbert Shillingburg (Chair, Fixed Prosthodontics) received the Outstanding Professorial Achievement Award; Harry Heget (Endodontics) received the Outstanding Part-Time Faculty Achievement Award; and Edwin Wilson (Chair, Occlusion) was recognized with the Dean’s Service Award.

Numerous faculty also received time-of-service plaques for their tenure with the College: 5 years - Kay Beavers (Oral Diagnosis/Radiology), Andrew Goldbeck (Endodontics), Robert Jennings (Oral Diagnosis/Radiology), Frank Lipsinic (Fixed Prosthodontics), and Lynn Montgomery (Operative Dentistry); 10 years - Vicki Coury (Dental Hygiene) and Steven Reagan (Director, AEGD); 15 years - Robert Carson (Chair, Periodontics), Susan Settle (Chair, Oral Diagnosis/Radiology), and Theresa White (Pediatric Dentistry); and for 30 years of service - Kevin Avery (Chair, Dental Services Administration).

Academic promotions (effective July 1, 2003) were announced for the following eight faculty members: Emile Farha (Oral Diagnosis/Radiology) to Clinical Assistant Professor; Jane Bowers (Dental Hygiene), Andrew Goldbeck (Endodontics), Kevin Haney (Pediatric Dentistry), Susan Settle (Chair, Oral Diagnosis/Radiology) to Associate Professor; Fred Benenati (Co-Chair, Endodontics) to Clinical Professor; and Robert Carson (Chair, Periodontics) and Ed Wilson (Chair, Occlusion) to Professor.

Lastly, retirees Dan Dalzell (Chair, Pediatric Dentistry) and
Herb Shillingburg (Chair, Fixed Prosthodontics) were recognized for their outstanding contributions during their tenures with the College of Dentistry.

Many thanks to Diana Stone (Dean’s Office) and Frans Currier (Orthodontics) for their superb efforts in organizing this special event.

OTHER FACULTY/STAFF HONORS

During graduation ceremonies on May 31, Class of 2003 President Zach McNickle presented the following faculty/staff awards on behalf of the class: Outstanding Clinical Instructors - Dan Dalzell (Chair, Pediatric Dentistry) and Raleigh Holt (Removable Prosthodontics); Outstanding Classroom Instructor - Glen Houston (Chair, Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology); Outstanding Part-Time Instructor - Richard Drew (Operative Dentistry); and Outstanding Staff Person - Pamela Kirk (Dental Support Laboratory). The Department of Endodontics received the Outstanding Department Award.

At the 2003 Spring HSC Faculty Awards Presentations held on April 28, OU President David Boren presented Frank Wiebelt (Chair, Removable Prosthodontics) with a President’s Associates Presidential Professorship for his outstanding teaching and mentoring of students. Frank is OUCOD’s sixth faculty member to receive this honor. Also, Sharukh Khajotia (Chair, Dental Materials) was recognized as the incoming chair of the HSC Faculty Senate for the 2003-04 year.

During the 2003 Annual Session of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA), Pat Nunn (Chair, Dental Hygiene) was elected Vice President for Allied Program Directors by the Council of Allied Program Directors.

The annual Employee’ Recognition Luncheon sponsored by the OUHSC Staff Senate was held on April 24 at the Meridian Convention Center to honor employees for their service to the University. Seventeen OUCOD staff were presented plaques of appreciation for their years of service (5-40 years). These included: Carla Lawson (Dean’s Office), Jo Rumley (Clinic Operations) and Dixie Thomas (Clinic Operations) for 15 years; Darla Hall (Student Store), Julie Hall (Fixed Prosthodontics), Bobbie Rodriguez (University Dental Faculty Group), and Diana Stone (Dean’s Office) for 25 years; and Geri Stevens (Oral Pathology) for an amazing 40 years! Retirees Sue Flynt (Clinic Operations) and Dea Whittlow (Restorative Dentistry) were also recognized for their 18 and 35 years of service, respectively. Diana Stone (Dean’s Office), who helped organize and arrange the luncheon as a member of the Employees’ Recognition Committee, was also honored as the recipient of the HSC Staff Senate Appreciation Award.

During the Annual Session of the American Association of Endodontists in Tampa, Florida last April, David Clement (Endodontics) was awarded Diplomate status by the American Board of Endodontics.

Jan Fortelney (AEGD) was recognized as March Employee of the Month for the entire OU Health Sciences Center. A reception for Jan was held at the dental school on March 27.

A number of OUCOD faculty received recognitions during the 2003 ODA Annual Meeting held April 24-27 at the Cox Convention Center. Kevin Haney (Pediatric Dentistry) was a dual awardee, receiving both the President’s Leadership Award and the Robert K. Wynne Award for his outstanding service contributions during the 2002-03 year. Glen Houston (Chair, Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology) and David Lewis (Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology) received the Benjamin Franklin Scroll for their series of oral pathology articles in the ODA Journal during the past year. Recognized for 25 years of continuous ODA membership were Joseph Cain (Removable Prosthodontics), William Kent (Fixed Prosthodontics), and Russell Stratton (Dental Informatics). Donald Mitchell (Chair, Oral Implantology) was inducted as a new fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Receiving his 15-year American College of Dentists membership pin was Manville Duncanson (Professor Emeritus, Dental Materials). The College is also proud to note that three other
major ODA awards were presented to OUCOD alumni: Young Dentist of the Year Award — Jeff Danner (Class of '01); Thomas Jefferson Award — Tamara Berg ('95); and Oklahoma Dentist of the Year — Steven Hogg ('80).

Luis Blanco has been named Interim Chair of the Department of Fixed Prosthodontics to replace Herbert Shillingburg who retired on June 30, 2003. New Interim Co-Chairs of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry are Kevin Haney and Theresa White. They succeed Dan Dalzell who also retired on June 30.

At the April 13 meeting of the Southwest Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Steven Sullivan (Chair, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery) was elected president for the 2003-04 year. The Southwest Society is the oldest regional OMS organization in the United States.

STUDENT NEWS

New OUCOD Student Council officers for the 2003-04 year will be: Gayla Winters (DS-3), president; Sarah Vannatta (DS-3), vice president; Jennifer Matousek-Ronck (DS-1), secretary; Mike Wallace (DS-2), treasurer; and David Horn (DS-2), social chair/special events coordinator. Senators serving on the HSC Student Senate will be Chase Dighton (DS-1) and Cindy Espinoza (DH-1). G. Frans Currier (Orthodontics) and Frank Miranda (Senior Associate Dean) have been re-elected as faculty advisors to the Student Council. Outgoing Student Council President Lance Schmidt (DS-4) was selected to receive the 2003 William E. Brown Service Award for his four years of outstanding service activities.

The 4th annual Robert G. Gerety Scholarship in Orthodontics luncheon was held at the Petroleum Club on April 14. Scholarship recipients Scott Hubbard (DS-4) and Michael Leavitt (DS-4) were recognized for their “sustained interest in orthodontics and superior performance in academic and clinical orthodontics”. Sponsored by the American Orthodontic Society, the $3,000 scholarships were presented by the award’s namesake Dr. Robert Gerety, past president of the AOS and a member of its Board of Governors. Also attending the luncheon were AOS Executive Director Tom Chapman, numerous orthodontics faculty and representatives of the OUCOD administration.

Hugh McDougall (DS-3) will be OUCOD’s first student to participate in the International College of Dentists’ (ICD) student foreign exchange program. Funded by both the U.S.A. section and local component chapter of ICD, Hugh will travel to Helsinki, Finland for a two-week period of study early this August.

During the Department of Periodontics’ annual awards luncheon held April 30 in Nicholson Tower on the HSC Campus to recognize selected senior students for their achievements in periodontics (see “Commencement 2003”), Nathan Parrish (DS-3) received the Jay F. Anderson Award in Periodontics.

On May 1, the OU Health Sciences Center held its 2003 Campus Awards Ceremony for all HSC colleges on the Robert M. Bird Library Veranda. Reynolds Gawey (DH-2) was recognized with the Parents’ Association Outstanding Student Award. Cindy Espinoza (DH-1) received the Walter Mason Scholarship for academic excellence and community/cultural involvement. Also recognized for their various achievements were the following nine senior dental students: Amy Bowen; Scott Hubbard; Michael Leavitt; Zach McNickle; John Mose; Justin Power; Lance Schmidt; Geoff Sparks; and Rhys Strasia. Their awards are listed in the “Commencement 2003” section of this report.

The Crimson Club serves as the official student ambassador organization at the University of Oklahoma. Established in 1987 on the Norman campus, the Crimson Club formed an HSC Chapter this year with an inaugural class of six students, one of which is Adam Pitts (DS-3).

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

After several years of traveling to Bolivia, more than fifty health care workers joined together over Spring Break for a medical/dental mission trip to Guatemala. The volunteer group included eight physicians, three dentists, ten dental students, twenty medical students, and a
small contingent of pharmacy and nursing students, physician's assistants, and spouses. Sponsored by the Christian Medical Dental Association (CMDA), the group provided basic medical and dental care to needy people in remote Guatemalan villages. The dental team included Ken Coy (Dental Services Administration) and OUCOD graduates John Geasland (DDS'89) and Brent Spear (DDS'00). They supervised the efforts of junior dental students Jacob Hager, Chris McKinney, Lindsay Smith and Gayla Winters, sophomores Deborah Butler, Lori Holden, Scott Renfrow, Will Robinson and Nikko Vanderburg, and freshman Neil Hasty. The group was divided into four working teams, three of which worked in mountain villages and one in an orphanage close to the small town that served as headquarters. One mountain team spent 3-5 hours each day hiking to remote villages while the other mountain teams rode in the back of pick-up trucks through some pretty treacherous terrain. Each team extracted literally hundreds of teeth during the week without benefit of electricity or radiographs. Summing up the experience, Dr. Coy said, “It’s a real sacrifice for students to spend Spring Break, pretty much at their own expense, treating patients who have no other access to health care. The culture shock of going from U.S. affluence to areas of abject poverty was not only sobering but inspiring. As an example, most of our meals consisted of tortillas and black beans or peanut butter and jelly! At the same time, however, the level of gratitude of those we treated was enormous — the less you have, the more you appreciate what’s given. Going on such a trip may seem “exotic” but in reality it is very hard work. I continue to be impressed and inspired by the sacrifices our students make to help those in need.”

RETIRED DENTISTS - ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS
By Sunshine Sullivan-Myers, DDS

Thank you to all retired dentists who have been attending our monthly meetings. We are now meeting on the third Monday of the month at the Oklahoma Dental Association Office. We begin at 11:30 a.m. This is a wonderful time to see old friends, eat great food, discuss dentistry and reminisce. Any retired dentist is invited to attend. To receive more information or directions please call the ODA at 800-876-8890.

At our last meeting we enjoyed the beautiful day with a cookout at the ODA. We had hamburgers, hot dogs, a lot of fun and festivities. At our upcoming meetings we will be inviting recent graduates from OUCOD to attend. This will give us a wonderful opportunity to share with them the history of dentistry. Who knows, maybe we will learn something new?

We will also be having a speaker on Oral Pathology and how it may affect us.

If you have any news to share, we would love to hear from you. Send in your news to Megan at the ODA.

OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
By Michael L. Morgan, DDS, MPA
Chief, Dental Health Service

Legislation restricting smoking in most public places may become a reality during this 2003 legislative session. The bill would become effective September 6, 2003, but would give restaurants a phase-in period until March 1, 2006. Passage of this legislation would be a significant victory for the health of Oklahomans. The ODA supports clean indoor air legislation and is a member of the Oklahoma Alliance on Health or Tobacco.

The month of April certainly proved to be very busy with both the Oklahoma Dental Association Annual Meeting and the Oklahoma Public Health Association Annual Conference, in addition to our normal duties. Several Oklahoma State Health Department staff members attended and participated in the ODA meeting and enjoyed the scientific sessions.

A program about the “FISH Philosophy” was presented to the Oral Health Section of the Oklahoma Public Health Association. Kym Fleshman was the chairperson of the sec-
tion and the speaker was Paula Post who is an independent trainer. The “FISH Philosophy” is a motivational training presentation that helps people to enjoy their work and provide better service to their patients. The program was excellent and was well received by everyone attending. The Oral Health Section also presented the “Preventive Dentistry and Public Health Award” to Linda Bilby, president of the Oklahoma Dental Assistants Association.

Susan Potter received the OSDH Family Health Services Employee of the Quarter Award from Dr. Leslie Beitsch, Commissioner of Health (left) and Dr. Edd Rhoades, Deputy Commissioner for Family Health Services (right).

Linda Bilby received the “Preventive Dentistry and Public Health Award” during the Oklahoma Public Health Association Annual Conference.

Linda Bilby (left) and Susan Potter (right) look over the Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry traveling exhibit during the ODA reception at the Omniplex.

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS
By Dr. Allen Keenan
The Oklahoma Chapter of the International College of Dentists met for their annual luncheon during the Oklahoma Dental Meeting April 26, 2003 in Oklahoma City.

A full house was entertained by our Secretary and ODA President Dr. Steve Glenn’s jokes as he chaired our meeting.

Representing the OU College of Dentistry Dr. Don Mitchell introduced Michael Leavitt, DSIV as the recipient of the USA Section ICD Senior Dental Student Award.

Dr. Mitchell has been actively promoting the University of Oklahoma’s participation in the ICD’s Student Exchange Program. He presented Hugh McDougall, DSIII as the student who will represent the OUCOD in Helsinki, Finland the first two weeks of August. Our chapter is one of three participating in this program.

Our thanks to Dr. Scott Russell for arranging the Oklahoma ICD Summer Continuing Education Retreat in Ruidoso, New Mexico. It was held June 13-15, 2003. The event was well attended and all participants are looking forward to the retreat again next year.

Our President and OUCOD Dean Dr. Steve Young concluded our meeting by announcing Dr. Bruce Scott President Elect of our chapter for the coming year.
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