I Count My Blessings Instead of Sheep

Last night I was at a stage performance of Irving Berlin’s White Christmas and the song “Count Your Blessings (Instead of Sheep)” caused me to think about my good fortune at OSU. I am blessed to have a world class faculty that are professors by vocation and lifelong students by avocation, thoughtful and serious about education but always able to enjoy a good joke, and even thought they are focused on completing tasks, like to linger at the end of work to mull over the events of the day. I am blessed with staff that are professional, dependable, honest, and productive individuals who are always looking to make OSU periodontics better. I am blessed with periodontal residents who are intelligent, industrious, clinically gifted, polite, inquisitive and fun-loving; they are a part of the reason why coming to work everyday is so gratifying. I am blessed with alumni who are supportive and loyal and want what is in the best interest of the world’s oldest, most prestigious, periodontal program in the world. I have been blessed to see the periodontal program mature in ways I never thought was possible as our faculty and students continue to win awards and bring national recognition to OSU.

I have been counting my many blessings during this holiday season and I hope you are doing the same.

From the Editor

The summer and fall months have passed too quickly and the winter season is approaching. The 3rd year residents, Dr. Irma Iskandar, Dr. Chad Matthews, Dr. Shaun Rotenberg, Dr. Janel Yu have graduated and embarked on their careers.

With every departing class brings forth a new incoming group of residents. I am pleased to introduce the new first year residents – Dr. Suzanne Delima, Dr. Mariana Gil Escalante, Dr. Hsiu-Wan Meng, and Dr. Alexandra Tsigarida.

The American Academy of Periodontology held their annual meeting (October 30-November 2) in Hawaii this year. The faculty and residents had a great time attending this informative seminar.

I would like to acknowledge a few updates: Dr. Connie Lee is the new Editor and Dr. Delima is the new cub-reporter.

Thank you,
Kevin C. Harrison DMD

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Graduate Student Research Forum: congratulations to Dr. Shaun Rotenberg, who presented his thesis research on “Blood flow and dimensional changes of connective tissue grafts” and was the 1st runner-up! Shaun also did a terrific job representing OSU as one of the four finalists (clinical) for this year’s Orban competition prize at the 2010 AAP meeting in Hawaii.

The newest ABP Diplomates among our graduates are Drs. Huei-Ling Chang (’08), Weiting Ho (’09), Pat Kelsey (’09), and Mabel Salas (’09) Congratulations!

The annual OSU Perio Research Day was held on April 16, 2010. Those who attended had an opportunity to learn about the latest research efforts of our third and second year residents and to enjoy a timely presentation by Dr. Laurie K. McCauley, Chair of Periodontology at the University of Michigan, on the periodontal implications of therapeutics for metabolic bone disease. Dr. McCauley, a 1988 graduate of this Program, was honored for her research accomplishments with one of the inaugural OSU Periodontal Achievement Awards. Dr. Purnima Kumar (’05), who headed the award committee, made the presentation during the special dinner that followed the Research Day activities. Congratulations to Dr. Laurie McCauley!

Residents and faculty had the opportunity to attend presentations by two internationally known periodontists hosted by the Division. In June, Dr. Giulio Rasperini, of the University of Milan, Italy, spoke on periodontal and peri-implant regeneration. This past month, Dr. Thomas Van Dyke, Vice President of Clinical Research and Chair, Department of Periodontology, The Forsyth Institute, Cambridge, Massachusetts, spoke on the biology of accelerated osteogenic orthodontics.

This past September we honored another Program alumnus, Dr. Timothy S. Rose, a 1972 graduate. Dr. Rose, a former AAP and ADA president, among his other accomplishments, was honored with one of the inaugural OSU Periodontal Achievement Awards for his outstanding and continuing service to the profession. Dr. Kumar made the presentation during the celebratory dinner that followed Dr. Rose’s lecture to residents and faculty. Congratulations to Dr. Tim Rose!

It was a pleasure having many of you take part in these special events that were hosted by the OSU Division of Periodontology during this past year and I look forward to seeing many more of you participate in the future.

We celebrated the accomplishments of our third year residents during the annual graduation event, which took place on June 11, 2010. Dr. Shaun Rotenberg, our 2009-2010 Chief Resident, whose MS thesis was on “Connective tissue graft early healing”, is in private practice in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Irma Iskandar, whose MS research was on “Clarithromycin accumulation and release by myeloid lineage cells”, is now in private practice in Longview, Washington. Dr. Chad Matthews, who also did a marvelous job representing OSU at the 2009 AAP meeting in Boston as an Orban competition prize finalist (clinical), defended his MS thesis on the “Effects of smoking on bacterial acquisition and colonization” and moved to Rock Hill, South Carolina, where he started his own practice. Dr. Janel Yu defended her MS thesis research on “Patterns of utilization of periodontal services”. Dr Yu, who recently became a Fellow of the Canadian Board of Periodontology, is back in her
native Canada and in private practice in Edmonton. We congratulate our 2010 graduates for their achievements and we wish them all the very best!

This past June we welcomed the newest members of our Buckeye Perio family, the class of 2013. Dr. Suzanne Delima (OSU), Dr. Mariana Gil (Universidad Latina de Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica), Dr. Hsiu-Wan Meng (Kaohsiung Medical University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan), and Dr. Alexandra Tsigarida (University of Athens, Athens, Greece) represent the 61st entering class of our program and the first all female class.

Congratulations to Dr. Ioanna Tsolaki, a second year resident, for being the 2010 recipient of the AAP Educator Scholarship! AAP Educator Scholarships were created to stimulate the development of periodontal educators by providing financial support to students intending to pursue a career as full-time faculty at U.S. periodontal programs upon graduation from U.S. periodontal postdoctoral training programs. Ioanna is diligently preparing to become the latest in a long and successful line of OSU graduates who have joined the ranks of full-time faculty at various institutions around the country. I would like to recognize here the most recent members of this select group: Dr. Pooja Maney ('08) at Louisiana State University, Dr. Mabel Salas ('09) at University of Missouri-Kansas City, and Dr. Weiting Ho ('09) at Marquette University. This past August brought what I consider to be seismic changes to the Program. The changes have to do with the decision of the Dean, Dr. Carole Anderson, to withdraw all financial support from the Graduate Program. I believe that the aftershocks of the loss of stipends and tuition waivers will be felt for a long time, and will impact all aspects of this Program, from clinic to teaching to scholarly activities. These changes have already had a severe impact on our recruiting for the class of 2014 and I suspect they will continue to do so in the future. Under this new institutional paradigm, I believe we, the faculty and residents, will need to work much harder to be able to recruit the most qualified candidates to OSU. We will also need to have your full support in every aspect of the recruiting process, as we try our best to maintain the excellence of this program.

The residents and I always appreciate your continuing support of the Program as we keep on receiving referrals for patients who cannot afford periodontal treatment in a private practice setting. Should you need to contact the clinic for a patient referral or any other reason, please call 614-292-4927. You can always reach me at tatakis.1@osu.edu or at 614-292-0371.

My warmest wishes to you and yours for the upcoming Holiday season and the New Year.

Dimitris Tatakis
Hua-Hong Chien, DDS. PhD

Our predoctoral program continues to help dental students perform well on National Board and Regional Board examinations. For the NERB/ADEX Exam, held on February 6-7, 2010, 89 of the 90 graduating students taking the exam passed the clinical periodontal exercise, giving our College a 98.9 pass rate. For students who graduated in 2009 and took the National Board, Part II, the overall standard score average for the exam was 84 (National average 80.9).

Each year, three awards for excellence in periodontics are given to graduating dental students and are presented at the convocation ceremony. This year, we have selected Aditi Savla as our award recipient for all the 3 awards, including the American Academy of Periodontology Award, the Quintessence Award, and the Northeast Society of Periodontology Award. She plans to join a private practice in Columbus, Ohio.

According to our data from the Classes of 2009 and 2010, about 70% of the students have completed three or more periodontal re-evaluations (perio re-evals) prior to the Mock NERB, Clinical Periodontal Examination during Autumn Quarter. Therefore, we have modified the periodontal requirement for the Class of 2011. Students who have completed their 3rd perio re-eval before the Mock NERB and successfully pass the examination on time will be exempted from the 4th perio re-eval requirement. We have also made changes for the fourth-year mini-residency rotation in Periodontics. All students will be required to view an online lecture presentation and pass a written examination before the end of winter quarter.

We have established guidelines for using pharmacological agents for local anti-infective therapy (Arestin). Third and fourth year dental students are allowed to place Arestin as an adjunctive agent in the Graduate Periodontics clinic under the supervision of a periodontal faculty member or resident.

Drs. Claman, Kumar and I have made three video-clips for dental students. The video-clips include demonstrating the use of the 11/12 explorer to detect calculus, the periodontal probe to measure pocket depth and the Nabers furcation probe to detect potential sites for furcation involvement. These video-clips were made using typodonts with clear silicon “gingiva”.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Claman for his continued guidance in helping me strengthen our predoctoral program, and Dr. Mariotti for his enthusiastic support of predoctoral periodontal education.
Recent Awards to Faculty and Students

Awards 2009-2010 Academic Year

Dr. Laura McCauley received the Periodontal Achievement Award for Research

Dr. Timothy Rose received the Periodontal Achievement Award for Service

Dr. Lewis Claman received the following awards:

- The 2009 OSU College of Dentistry Student Government Teaching Award which was presented at Student Government Awards reception in May, 2009.

- The Dental Class of 2009 Outstanding Instructor Award College of Dentistry, June 2009.

- The AAP 2009 Educator Award presented Division Faculty Retreat

Dr. Binnaz Leblebicioglu received the following award:

- Induction into the 2009 Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Dental Society Theta Chapter.

Achievements

Dr. Lewis Claman was invited to be a ABP Board Examiner 2009.

Dr. Angelo Mariotti, Division of Periodontology Chair is one of five Ohio State faculty members chosen as a Fellow of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation’s Academic Leadership Program (CIC/ALP), which hosts seminars for all fellows on topics such as human resources, budgets, and strategic planning. The CIC/ALP program is sponsored by Executive Vice President and Provost Joseph A. Alutto.

Congratulations to our New Diplomates

Dr. Weiting Ho
Dr. Mabel Salas
Dr. Patrick Kelsey
Dr. Huei-Ling Chang
2010 Periodontal Achievement Award for Research

Dr. Laura McCauley

Dr. Laura McCauley
University of Michigan, School of Dentistry
Department Chair

Research Interests

- Hormonal controls of bone remodeling
- Anabolic actions of parathyroid hormone (PTH), parathyroid hormone-related protein (PTHrP) and their dependence on the PTH-1 receptor and AP-1 transcription factors to evoke their anabolic actions
- Impact and therapeutic potential of PTH in craniofacial osseous wound healing
- The role of PTHrP and the bone marrow microenvironment in the pathophysiology associated with skeletal metastasis
- Interactions of hematopoietic cells and PTH/PTHrP actions in the bone microenvironment
2010 Periodontal Achievement Award for Research

Dr. Laura McCauley

Dr. Laura McCauley accepting the Periodontal Achievement Award in June at the Blackwell.

Dr. Laura McCauley with OSU Faculty at the Award Ceremony.
2010 Periodontal Achievement Award for Service

Dr. Timothy Rose

Dr. Rose receiving his Award from Dr. Mariotti.

A fabulous OSU shirt for the guest of honor!
2010 Periodontal Achievement Award for Service

Dr. Timothy Rose

Folks mingling prior to dinner…….

Pleasant company all around.

Perio Faculty, Alumni and Residents joined Dr. Rose for wonderful conversation and dinner.
Welcome First Year Residents

Dr. Suzanne Delima

Dr. Hsiu-Wan Meng

Dr. Mariana Gil

Dr. Alexandra Tsigarida

IMPORTANT NEWS

Please Join Us

VOLPE Prize Research Competition

May 20th, 2011
The Blackwell and Pfhal Hall
Columbus, Ohio
Third Year Graduation Pictures “Roast Festival”

June, 2010

Faculty members ready to present awards to graduating residents.

Right to left: Drs. Chad Matthews, Irma Iskandar, Dimitris Tatakis, Janel Yu, Shaun Rotenberg.
Third Year Graduation Pictures/ “Roast Festival”

June, 2010

Dr. Shaun Rotenberg gave a tear-dropping speech.

Dr. Holly McKnight presenting graduating residents.
First Year Resident Welcome Picnic

Dr. Tatakis with the new 1st year residents.

The first year residents.

Dr. Tatakis and Dr. Mariotti.

Dr. Chien with faculty and students.
First Year Resident Welcome Picnic

“Group Photo”

Dr. Chien making awesome spring rolls.

Dr. Emecen and Dr. Mariotti.

Dr. Kumar and Dr. Tatakos with residents and staff.
OSU Alumni Visiting the Department

Dr. Suchada and Dr. Solt

Drs. Suchada, Solt and Alger.

Drs. Suchada, Leblebicioglu, and Alger.
By Dr. Lewis Claman

The Division of Periodontology would like to honor Leonard Kenneth Ebel, D.D.S., M.S., former Chair of the OSU Section of Periodontology and Emeritus Associate Professor, who passed away on October 8, 2009 at the age of 69. Dr. Ebel was the chair of the Section of Periodontology at the Ohio State University College of Dentistry from 1977 to 1980.

Dr. Ebel enjoyed a meteoric rise at the OSU College of Dentistry. Although his academic career was unfortunately brief, it is highlighted by many accomplishments during the 1970’s, culminating in his being appointed Section Chair.

Leonard Ebel was born on February 3, 1940 and grew up in Lorain, Ohio. In 1963 he received his Baccalaureate Degree from The Ohio State University with a major in Comprehensive Sciences. He then attended the OSU College of Dentistry from 1963 to 1967, receiving his D.D.S. in 1967. Following graduation from dental school, he served for two years as a Captain in the U.S. Army at Fort Hamilton, New York. From 1969 to 1970 he taught removable prosthodontics half-time, while concurrently teaching periodontics part-time at Ohio State. From 1970 to 1971 he was a full-time instructor in the Section of Periodontology. He began the Advanced Training Program in Periodontics at OSU in 1971, completing the certificate program and Masters Degree in 1973.

Upon completion of his training, Dr. Ebel began full time teaching with the rank of assistant professor in the Section of Periodontology in July, 1973, where he rose to the rank of associate professor with tenure in 1978. In 1977, he became the acting chair and was subsequently appointed as Chair of the Section of Periodontology. Dr. Ebel had strong interpersonal and organizational skills and worked to improve the image of Periodontology in the College of Dentistry. One of his early decisions was to appoint Dr. Charles Solt to be the program director for the advanced training (graduate) program. He restructured the didactic and clinical predoctoral periodontal program, and was instrumental in emphasizing current periodontal concepts. Dr. Ebel was very supportive of his faculty and endeavored to bring together a diverse group of individuals. He established excellent relationships with Chairs of other College of Dentistry Sections. His leadership and initiative was the start of a new era of periodontics at Ohio State.

Dr. Ebel was very proud that the College of Dentistry achieved high scores and very high pass rates for the Endo-Perio section of the National Board, Part II examinations during the time he was chair. In 1980 there was 100% pass rate on Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners Periodontal Examination.

Dr. Ebel was an active member of many local, regional and national organizations. While on faculty, he directed several continuing education programs and was a featured speaker at 15 meetings in the State of Ohio.

He also was actively involved in dental research and was the author of several chapters, abstracts and publications in refereed journals.

Dr. Ebel was a leader in the Ohio Academy of Periodontists (OAP), having served on the OAP Public and Professional Relations Committee. In 1976, he received the Periodontal Education Award, presented by the Ohio Academy of Periodontists. He also received a service award plaque presented by the Columbus Dental Society. In 1977, he received a certificate of appreciation by the Columbus Dental Society. He was a representative to the Council on continuing Education of the Ohio Dental Association (OAP representative) and Program coordinator, then Secretary/Treasurer of the AADR (Columbus Section). In 1979, Dr. Ebel was a consultant to the State of Ohio, Office of the Attorney General.

In 1981, Dr. Ebel entered full-time private practice, and after leaving full-time teaching, he continued to teach part-time. The Ohio State University promptly appointed him as an Emeritus Associate Professor. In 1999, Dr. Ebel retired from private practice, whereupon he subsequently focused intensely on his love for cultural activities including opera, topiaries and English gardens. He remained very close to his family and friends.

On a personal note, Dr. Lewis Claman will always remember Dr. Ebel’s kindness. When he arrived at Ohio State in June 1972, Dr. Claman was entering the graduate program and Dr. Ebel was a rising second year resident. Dr. Ebel welcomed Dr. Claman, invited him to stay at his home while he was settling-in and helped orient him to the program. As Section Chair, Dr. Ebel showed confidence in Dr. Claman, gave him many responsibilities and frequently consulted him on College and Section issues. Most significantly, as chair, Dr. Ebel provided unbelievable support for his attaining tenure in 1980. Therefore Dr. Claman will always be greatly indebted to Dr. Ebel for making his academic career at Ohio State possible. Dr. Claman fondly remembers Dr. Ebel’s wonderful sense of humor, good natured teasing during his first years of teaching and the many Saturday afternoons when he stopped by the College to find Dr. Ebel busy at work while listening to Saturday afternoon WOSU broadcasts of the Metropolitan Opera.

Dr. Ebel lives proudly on in the presence of his two children, Heidi Ebel-Triplett and Peter Ebel, and his grandchildren Hunter, Isabella, and Audrey, who currently live in Columbus. Whether remembered in the community as Dr. Ebel, Len, or “Doc”, he loved and was loved, as spoken in his own words, “profoundly and passionately.”

Eulogy: Dr. Leonard Ebel (1940-2009)
**Honor Roll of Giving**

Gifts to the Division of Periodontology can be conferred to the following funds:

**Endowed Chair for Periodontology:** To help ensure the long-term health and stability of the Division of Periodontology at the OSU College of Dentistry, alumni and friends of the section have established a Campaign to raise $1.5 million to create an Endowed Chair in Periodontology. For the division to not only retain outstanding faculty, but to also recruit new faculty to fill the open positions today and in the future, it must distinguish itself even further from the other periodontal programs across the country. One of the best ways to do this is through the establishment of an endowed chair. For more information on what an endowed chair is and does or to talk about your interest in supporting this campaign, please contact Colleen Garland, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, at (614) 366-4990.

**The George R. App Periodontal Endowment Fund:** Interest from the Endowment is used to support graduate student education and development with special interest in providing funds for travel to meetings by Ohio State University periodontal graduate students.

**Periodontal Research and Training Fund:** This fund is used to support a wide variety of periodontal activities by the Division of Periodontology in the College of Dentistry. More specifically this fund is used for but not limited to the purchase equipment for the graduate program, support of alumni activities (e.g. the annual AAP Buckeye Reception, CE courses, mailings, etc.), endowment of graduate research projects, purchase of food for graduate student activities, etc.

**Center for Research in Periodontology:** Periodontal research in the Section of Periodontology involves both basic science and clinical science research projects.

**The Lewis Claman Periodontal endowment Fund:** Interest from the Endowment will be used to support an award for OSU dental students who exhibit clinical excellence in periodontics. Special consideration will be given to students who want to choose a career in academic periodontics.

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**Goal: $1,500,000**

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Upcoming Event

May 20, 2011
The Blackwell and Pfhal Hall
Columbus, OH

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American Board of Periodontology

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2. Click on Academic Sections
3. Click on Periodontology and you will be on Periodontal Homepage

You can then navigate to the Division of Periodontology’s History, Faculty, Staff, Predoctoral Program, Postdoctoral Program, Research, Service, Continuing Education, Alumni, Patients and the upcoming Volpe 2011 competition.

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