Memories are fleeting and as a result are delicate and frail. When we fail to hold onto our memories, we lose the things we love, the things that make us who we are, and the things we really never want to relinquish. In American society, we spend a significant amount of time trying to retain our memories by taking pictures, recording videos, telling stories, keeping written records, and retaining mementos. All of these labors are arranged with the idea that the past is never dead. It is amusing to consider that experiences at Ohio State University are some of the strongest memories we carry with us as we age. As we near the 60th Anniversary of the Division of Periodontology, there is a genuine possibility that important portions of the legacy of The Ohio State University periodontics will be lost forever. Since vivid stories and memories were not attached to descriptions found in yearbook or The Cutting Edge, the only way to preserve these images is if alumni provide the context and texture of periodontics during their time at the College of Dentistry. More specifically, you can help to preserve the heritage of OSU periodontics by sending to me anecdotes about your days at the University.

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From the Editor

It has been a beautiful and exciting summer here in Columbus. Many important events have occurred throughout this wonderful time of the year. In May, the Volpe Research finalist competition took place. Dr. Pooja Maney, a 2008 graduate of the program earned second place. The third year residents (Dr.’s Ho, Papapostolou, Kelsey) have graduated and embarked on their long awaited careers. We are all wishing them the best of luck in their endeavors. In addition, The Ohio State University, Division of Periodontology will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in October.

With every departing class brings forth a new incoming group of residents. I am pleased to introduce the new first year residents – Dr.’s Connie Lee, Holly McKnight, Samir Shah and Ioanna Tsolaki.

Looking ahead at the calendar for upcoming events, The American Academy of Periodontology will be holding their annual September meeting in Boston this year. The faculty and residents are looking forward to attending this informative seminar.

I would like to acknowledge a few updates: Dr. Connie Lee is the new Cub-Reporter and Dr. Leblebicioglu is the faculty advisor.

Thank you,
Kevin C. Harrison DMD
The Wonder Years - Cont’d

I would welcome any stories, pictures or memorabilia about 1) professors 2) interactions with classmates, 3) why you choose OSU for your periodontal education and/or 4) special moments for you as a periodontal student. I will take your stories and photos and will incorporate them into a book for alumni at our 60th Anniversary Celebration this October.

Please consider sending me a story about OSU periodontics. No matter the era that you studied or whether your story is happy or sad, paint a picture for all periodontal alumni of your “wonder years” at The Ohio State University. Go Bucks!

IMPORTANT NEWS

Please Join Us

Buckeye Reception on Monday, September 14, 2009 at 5:30 PM in the Alcott Room of the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel.

Hope to see you there!
Dear Alumni and Friends,

In this active academic environment, we have all been quite busy during the last 6 months. Our Buckeye family had the opportunity to host several events, some celebratory, some instructional, some competitive, and all of them fun and worth attending. I am grateful to the alumni who attended these events and showed their support to our residents.

Our 2009 senior residents have either already completed their clinical and MS requirements and have left Columbus or will do so very shortly. Dr. Pat Kelsey, our 2008-2009 Chief Resident, whose MS thesis was on “Comparative proteomic analysis of periodontal ligament and gingival fibroblast cell membranes”, had a manuscript accepted for publication in the Journal of Periodontology and is now in private practice in Nebraska. Dr. Weiting Ho, whose MS research was on “Distribution of macrolides in gingival crevicular fluid and gingival tissues”, presented his research at the IADR meeting in Miami, FL, and is now in private practice in Taiwan. Dr. Anastasia Papapostolou, who was the recipient of one of the 2009 IADR Colgate Research in Prevention Travel Awards, presented at the IADR meeting her MS thesis work on “Genetic determinants of subgingival bacterial colonization”; she is presently in private practice in Cyprus. Dr. Mabel Salas, who presented part of her MS thesis research on “Alveolar ridge preservation: clinical evaluation of treatment outcomes" at the 2009 EuroPerio meeting in Stockholm, will be completing her 36-month residency by the end of September and pursuing an academic career. On June 12, 2009, residents and faculty celebrated the graduation of the Grad Perio class of 2009. We are proud of their accomplishments and wish them all the very best!

Speaking of accomplishments, Drs. Pooja Maney, Vlad Shapiro, and Jessica Stilley, 2008 graduates, and Dr. Hua-Hong “Ben” Chien, our predoctoral director, attained ABP Diplomate status. Congratulations!

Congratulations also to one of our current third year residents, Dr. Chad Matthews, for being a 2009 Orban prize finalist during the upcoming AAP meeting in Boston. Chad, who is the third OSU Orban prize finalist in as many years, and the fourth one since 2004, will be presenting his thesis research work on the effects of smoking on subgingival flora. It is really gratifying to have the research efforts of residents and their faculty mentors recognized by our peers in the Academy.

The Division of Periodontology, in partnership with Colgate-Palmolive, hosted the 2nd VOLPE Prize on May 14-15 of this year. The VOLPE Prize, an international award named in honor of Dr. Anthony Volpe, aims to recognize the best clinical research in Periodontology by pre- and post-doctoral students. This academic friendly competition brought to town
students and periodontal faculty colleagues from several U.S. and Canadian dental schools. It was a pleasure having them visit OSU. Congratulations to our own Dr. Pooja Maney for being the first runner up among twelve worthy finalists!

In late June the program welcomed our four new first year residents: Drs. Connie Lee (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan), Holly McKnight (Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska), Samir Shah (University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark, New Jersey), and Ioanna Tsolaki (University of Athens, Athens, Greece).

We are all very pleased to have them join our Buckeye Perio family as the class of 2012.

I trust that by now all of you have received the announcement for the upcoming 60th Anniversary of the Program, to be held on October 30-31, 2009. This is a significant milestone for an academic program and I hope that very many of you will be able to join us in the festivities and the educational program that will make part of this joyous celebration.

All of us look forward to seeing you, the alumni and friends of the Program, during the annual AAP meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. Please make a note that the OSU Division of Periodontology will host the Buckeye Reception on Monday, September 14, 2009, at 5:30 pm in the Alcott Room of the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel.

The residents and I are always appreciative of 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.

Best wishes,

Dimitris Tatakis
Predoctoral Director’s Report

Lewis J. Claman, DDS

On June 1, 2009 I stepped down as Pre-doctoral Director of Clinical Periodontics as part of completing my career in full time teaching at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry. I returned as an Emeritus Associate Professor, part-time in August.

It was my privilege to turn over my duties as Pre-doctoral Director to Dr. Hua-Hong (Ben) Chien, the new Director. Ben is an exceptionally gifted individual, who has been great to work with, especially during the past 8 months, enabling for a smooth transition of directors. During the transition, we were able to complete the process of approving the Dental Class of 2009 for graduation and track the Class of 2010. Dr. Chien has taken over the responsibilities of the fourth year rotation in periodontics. He has also spearheaded the case-based competency examination in periodontics to test 4th year student knowledge of periodontics and help prepare them for the National Boards, Part 2. The examination has become a Division project with all full time faculty participating in test construction and vetting of test questions before the exam is finalized.

One factor that has made the transition so smooth is the great way in which all faculty in our Division work together. We all have different roles, but mesh together well. I would especially like to thank Dr. Purnima Kumar for assuming responsibility for the periodontal surgery elective course this spring, Dr. Dave Messeick for directing the Dent 3 Competency examination and Dr. Angelo Mariotti, for his outstanding leadership and vision.

As I reflect on my years as Predoctoral Director, I believe our Division has made great strides in establishing a sound mission for predoctoral periodontics at the College. I am honored to have been able to serve the College in this capacity. At the same time, I believe there are many issues that must be addressed before our dental and dental hygiene graduates optimally appreciate the specialty of periodontics. Before Dr. Chien assumed the role of predoctoral director, I was very open with him and all periodontal faculty regarding current unresolved matters at the College. These include dental student requirements, interaction with other College divisions, the Comprehensive Care Clinics and the Screening Clinic. I am confident that with new leadership, many of our concerns will be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,
Lewis J. Claman
Emeritus Associate Professor

New Predoctoral Director’s Report

Hua-Hong (Ben) Chien, DDS, PhD

It is a great privilege to accept the position as the Pre-doctoral Director of Clinical Periodontics. I would like to thank Drs. Mariotti and Claman for their guidance during the past year in helping me transition to the role of Director. It was a pleasure to work together with them. As Director, I hope to address the issues brought up by Dr. Claman and work with all the faculty members to come up with solutions to these unresolved matters in our College.

Beginning in September 2009, we are going to initiate a reward program to all the 3rd year dental students. We will allow them to have three periodontal evaluations (Post Initial Preparation Examination - PIPE) in lieu of four if they can complete them before the date of the Mock NERB exam in 2010. This reward program was discussed and approved in our faculty meeting on August 6, 2009. I am confident that with all the help from our faculty members, most of the 3rd year dental students will complete their three periodontal re-evaluations before the date of the Mock NERB exam in 2010.

Hua-Hong (Ben) Chien
Associate Professor
Recent Awards to Faculty and Students

Awards 2008-2009 Academic Year

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, given at the College of Dentistry Convocation, June, 2009.
- The AAP 2009 Educator Award presented at the annual Division Faculty Retreat, August 2009.

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, and each participant is chosen through a highly competitive process. Fellows who are honored as participants in the program meet with Ohio State President E. Gordon Gee, while also attending three two-day seminars with other deans and senior administrators.

Dr. John Walters recently had laboratory research published with the NIDCR on its "current science news in brief" webpage in April 2009. Please check out the following link: http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/Research/ResearchResults/ScienceBriefs/CurrentSNIB/April/

Congratulations to Our New Diplomates

Dr. Jessica Stilley
Dr. Pooja Maney
Dr. Vladimir Shapiro
Upcoming Event: 60th Anniversary Seminar

Integrating Newer Therapies into Your Clinical Practice

Dr. Paul Fugazzotto

This course is designed for specialists and their referring partners. The goal of this course is the education of referring partners in such a manner as to engender comprehensive treatment planning and patient care, thus increasing the quantity and quality of patient referrals and maximizing patient treatment outcomes. Given at the behest of specialists to their referring partners, or under the aegis of a sponsoring society, this program has always met with an exuberant and positive response. Follow-up discussions with sponsoring specialists have confirmed the consistency increase in quality and quantity of referral patterns following course attendance by referring partners.

Dr. Paul Fugazzotto

Dr. Fugazzotto received his DDS from New York University in 1979 and his Certificate of Periodontics from Boston University in 1981. Dr. Fugazzotto has published over 70 articles in reference journals, a textbook entitled, “Preparation of the Periodontium for Restorative Dentistry”, and a monograph entitled “Guided Tissue Regeneration: Maximizing Clinical Results”. Dr. Fugazzotto lectures both nationally and internationally on the topics of periodontics, dental implants, regenerative therapy, esthetics, and practice growth. He is a fellow of the International Team of Oral Implantology. He currently maintains a private practice limited to periodontics and dental implants in Boston.

For more information about the 60th Anniversary of the Division of Periodontology go to: http://dent.osu.edu/perio/continuing_education.php
### RECENT HISTORY:

**May 15, 2009**

#### 2009 VOLPE Prize Competition

The **VOLPE Prize**, which is named in honor of Anthony Volpe, is an international award presented for the best clinical research in periodontology by students from the United States, Canada and Mexico. Abstracts from dental academic institutions across North America were submitted and 12 finalists were chosen to present their research at The Ohio State University. An international panel of judges (of which our own Purnima Kumar was one) individually scored the finalists on their research protocols and the way they were presented. Once again, one of our students, Pooja Maney, was a runner-up in this prestigious competition. The VOLPE Prize continues to grow and is quickly being recognized as a vehicle to recognize the ground breaking, translational clinical research of periodontal residents.

### Winner:

**Jill Bashutski**, University of Michigan

### Runners up:

**Pooja Maney**, The Ohio State University  
**Herman Thang**, University of Toronto

### VOLPE Prize Finalist

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Party at Dr. Leblebicioglu’s home

Drs. Leblebicioglu and Papapostolou.

Drs. Tatakis and Rotenberg “hard” at work.
Dr. Lai keeping score!

Drs. Iskandar and Maney enjoying the wonderful food!

Drs. Lai, Kelsey and Yu relaxing after dinner!
June 12, 2009

Third Year Graduation Pictures “Roast Festival”

Drs. Iskandar, Rotenberg, and Matthews enjoying beverages.

Drs. Tatakis and Leblebicioglu with fellow faculty and residents.

3rd year residents with Dr. Tatakis and Division Clinic Staff.

Drs. Anderson, Harrison, Kumar, Rotenberg, and Matthews.
Drs. Claman, Chien, Kumar, Tatakis and Leblebicioglu with residents.

3rd Year Residents revealing their “Ohio” spirit!

3rd Year Residents
Drs. Salas, Kelsey, Papapostolou and Ho.

Dr. Tatakis with the 3rd Year residents.
August 6-7th, 2009

Annual Division Faculty Retreat at the OSU Faculty Club

Dr. Claman receiving the AAP 2009 Award for Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring in Periodontics!

Upper Photos: Dr. Claman surprised and honored after receiving the award.

Lower Photo: Dr. Claman addressing and thanking the audience and fellow colleagues.
August 8, 2009

First Year Resident Class “Welcome” Picnic

The “Master Chefs”
Drs. Matthews and Rotenberg working.

Residents, Faculty and Staff enjoying the food.

Drs. Solt, Palermo and Mariotti
kibitzing......

Drs. Mariotti and Emecen.
First Year Resident Class “Welcome” Picnic Cont’d

Drs. Tsolaki, Yu, Lee and Tatakis enjoying the picnic.

Drs. Palermo, Mariotti and Solt.

Drs. Claman and Solt
Our retired faculty.

Staff and residents having a good time!
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 Rachel Childress, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, at (614) 366-1392.

**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.

**Donors to the Periodontal Endowed Chair**

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Dr. Ronald and Mrs. Marcia Garvey

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Total Pledges and Gifts: $221,377
Goal: $1,500,000
Balance: $1,278,623

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact our development office at 614-293-0571 or visit our website at www.giveto.osu.edu/Dentistry.
Upcoming Events

Division of Periodontology
60th Anniversary Event
The Ohio State University
Division of Periodontology
October 30-31st, 2009

It’s Noteworthy

We encourage all alumni to visit The Division of Periodontology on the OSU College of Dentistry Website. The website has been recently updated and is very detailed. The web address of the Division is:
http://dent.osu.edu/perio

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 Division events.

To access current or past the Cutting Edge issues, go to:
http://dent.osu.edu/perio/alumni_the_cutting_edge.php