From the Editor

Ana Valverde, DDS, Editor

It has been a year since our first issue. This third edition is full of new announcements and new information. Let's begin by presenting our new cub reporter Dr. Joe Will, one of our first-year residents and son of Dr. Pete Will, who graduated from this program. Joe came all the way from Colorado, and he is very eager to work with us to put together this newsletter—thank you for your effort Joe.

Another important news item is that the Class of 2002 has been chosen and next year we are going to start with four first-year residents. The class consists of: Gila Pourheidari, Ralph Wilson, Karam Haghighat and James Chou (more details in the Director's column and in the announcements section).

The most important event for this year will be the 50th anniversary of our Graduate Periodontics Program. This is a very important event and we will celebrate it on September 17-19, 1999, so come to Columbus and visit OSU again. A complete agenda is currently being developed.

So, enjoy The Cutting Edge with all the up-to-date information concerning our program. If you have any questions or suggestions or any announcement that you want to include in our next issue please contact me, Dr. Ana Valverde (valverde.2@osu.edu) or Dr. Joe Will (will.45@osu.edu), the future editor of this newsletter. You can also reach us at 614-292-4927 or FAX 614-292-4612.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS !!!

The Roads We Travel

Angelo Mariotti, DDS, PhD

Badness you can get easily, in quantity; the road is smooth, and it lies close by. But in front of excellence the immortal gods have put sweat, and long and steep is the way to it, and rough at first. But when you come to the top, then it is easy, even though it is hard.

Hesiod, Works and Days, c. 700 B.C.

For the 49th time we have selected a class of graduate students to matriculate to The Ohio State University for their periodontal education. For the first time in my 12 years of graduate education, we have recruited our top selections, without losing one to another institution. This is a significant accolade, one that speaks to the high quality of education we offer our students at an affordable cost and our preeminent faculty, alumni and staff.

The education of our graduate students is one of the core missions of the Section of Periodontology. The investments you make in their education provide a significant contribution to the future of our graduate program, the periodontal profession and our society. Whether your investment is in time you give to the College to teach, monetary donations or gifts-in-kind, our graduate students are connected to a proud heritage which dates back to 1949. Your gifts support a quality graduate program and allow us to do things that

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Voice of the Director
Leo Kupp, DDS, PhD

We are rushing out this edition of The Cutting Edge for three reasons. First, you must block out your schedules for September 17-19, 1999 so that you and your family can come to Ohio State and help us celebrate our graduate program’s 50th anniversary. I will provide more details later-but let me assure you that it will be an event worth attending. You won’t want to miss it! Second, this issue allows me to encourage more of you to send in the Alumni Survey form found at the end of this newsletter. Approximately thirty surveys have been received so far (and my thanks to those that have participated), but considering we have over 190 alumni, I really need more responses to make this process valid (notice the subliminal messages throughout this newsletter). Third, this edition gives me the opportunity to wish you and your family a joyous holiday season and I hope the New Year brings you continued health and prosperity.

An important event is our accreditation in April of 1999 and I would like to remind everyone that I need your responses to the attached Alumni Survey as soon as possible. I promise that this will be the last time (for a couple of years anyway) I bother you for this data—so come on and help me out! Take a few minutes to fill out the survey and mail it back to me (at the address on the form) or FAX it to 614-292-4612. As I said in the last issue, and at the Buckeye Reception in Boston, our alumni are a point of great pride for us, and I need to document your success. It is no longer sufficient to document your training, now we must demonstrate that your training led you to become successful members of our profession. The questions are aimed at documenting your success and to point out any possible deficiencies in the program. I thank you in advance for participating in this survey. This is a totally anonymous process and I will report back on the survey results, and of course, the outcome of our accreditation in the July issue.

For those of you that missed our Buckeye Alumni Reception at the AAP meeting in Boston you missed a good time. The food was excellent, the speeches were short and I was able to meet more of our alumni and their spouses. Ang Mariotti welcomed our alumni to the reception, followed by Winfield Meek (’72) who presented the "Buckeye Bowl" to Tim Rose (’72, outgoing president of the AAP). I want to thank David Sinar (’75), James Shaffer (’67), Tim Rose, Robert Ferris (’65) and Winfield Meek for their fund raising efforts in connection with our planned Periodontal Learning Center. Thanks.

With business out of the way, it’s time for some program news. Dr. Sheng-Hao Huang has finally reached the conclusion that it’s time to move on and he was presented his certificate this December. I hear that he wants to spend some time on the West Coast before heading back to Taiwan, and we all wish him success. Dr. Griselle Ortiz is now in her fourth year and concentrating full-time on her research efforts to finish her PhD program. Our first year residents (Dave Cachillo, Russ Hatfield and Joe Will) are surviving. The curriculum has changed quite a bit this past year with an increase in the level of science and evidence-based treatment decisions in the program. The second year residents (Jason Augustine, James Brayton, Jason Stoner and Ana Valverde) are finally starting to think like periodontists and are generally a pleasure to work with. Their difficult course work is over and they are able to focus on clinic and research efforts. Our third year residents (Steve Bounds, Teresa Conway, Rupa Hamal, and Heather Jones) are just a pure delight. I’m not kidding, they are all working at an incredible level in the clinic. Ridge augmentations, sinus lifts, implants and IV conscious sedation surgeries are becoming rather routine procedures for this group (although Lew still worries that they may be forgetting the basics). If I could only persuade this group to place sharpening stones on their bracket tables when they are working I could die a happy man. Basically, I am very pleased with the efforts and skill level of all the residents.

This past September the third year residents presented three table clinics at the Ohio Academy of Periodontology meeting in Columbus, and they also submitted three research abstracts to the Midwest Society of Periodontology-Graduate Student Research Competition. The second year residents have begun putting their table clinics together for their turn on the lecture circuit. I’m sure you will all join me in wishing the residents good luck.

As I finish my column, I would like to remind our alumni of the Periodontal Achievement Award sponsored by the Section of Periodontology. Continued on page 3
It is your opportunity to nominate a fellow alumnus for their contributions to our program and profession. FAX or mail your nominations anytime, but I hope to make this award at our 50th Anniversary Celebration. As usual, I also want to remind you of the continuing need for your financial contributions to make the Periodontal Learning Center a reality for our students. Our 50th anniversary would be excellent time for you to become a part of the exciting plans for the future. Please consider giving this year and hope to see you in September. Thanks!

WEBPAGE UPDATE
(by LIK)

For those of you who are “wired” to cyberspace I would like to take a moment and give you a tour of our web page. There are one or two pages still under construction but a great deal of effort has gone into our webpage. I want to especially thank Terry Haugen (one of our top-notch lab technicians) for his design and tireless work on the webpage. For those of you that haven’t quite figured out computers, get your kids (or grandkids) to help. Just follow my clues as you navigate through our site:

- First, use your favorite browser (I may be assuming too much already so get help if you need it) and access the OSU-College of Dentistry website at http://www.dent.ohio-state.edu.
- Now click on “Advanced Education” and you will see the links to all of our graduate programs.
- Click on “Periodontology” and bingo you’re home! I would advise you to bookmark this page (get help if that statement leaves you perplexed).
- You have just entered the wonderful world of “The Section of Periodontology”. Now carefully look over your choices. I suggest that we go through a few pages so you can get a feel for the site.
- Click on the “Residents” button. Presto—all of our residents’ names are there. Try clicking on the chief resident and you’ll be taken to her biography with her photo. Pretty cool—huh? You can also send her some email by clicking on her name. The same thing happens in some of our other pages—by learning a few simple maneuvers you can move around the whole website.
- Click on the “Back” or “Previous” button on your browser until you get back to the main perio page. There are other ways to return to the main page but I don’t have time to tell you here. You will have to repeat this procedure several times during your tour.
- Let’s click on another button “Faculty”. It’s similar to the Residents page and may I suggest that you click on me. Yes, that’s what I look like—rather charming fellow don’t you agree? After you surfed that page let’s get back to the main perio page again.
- Try clicking on the “Alumni” button. You will see the names of all of our graduates by year. Please send us your email address and let us know if we can include it on our alumni page.
- Click on the “News & Events” button. I want you to visit this site often as we approach our Golden Anniversary. We will be posting news about the gala event beginning in January 1999. Presently you can open, read and print all of the issues of The Cutting Edge. We will be posting all of the issues so you can access them anytime you want. We have saved all the issues in .pdf format, which means that you will need a free piece of software named Adobe Acrobat Reader to manipulate the newsletters. Don’t worry if it’s not on your computer because we have included the link to download it. If you need the software just click on “Adobe Acrobat Reader” button and wait for the download. You’re all set!
- Finally try the “Links” button. You’re on your own—see if any of the topics appeal to you and give it a click. If you happen to know of any outstanding web sites that you feel may be of interest to our group please let me know. I’ll include them in future updates.
- Please look over the other pages and remember that we are always open for suggestions.

DON’T FORGET TO FAX OR MAIL IN YOUR ALUMNI SURVEY (see the last two pages of this issue)

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We wish to thank our donors for contributing to the Section of Periodontology and the future of the graduate program. We will be publishing contributions for the 1998-1999 academic year (ending June 30) in the next newsletter!

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Listed below are descriptions of the four funds to which gifts to the Section can be conferred.

**The Periodontal Learning Center:** This fund is to be used to renovate existing facilities to create a state-of-the-art Periodontal Learning Center for the education of students in the art and science of periodontology.

The present seminar room will be renovated to accommodate a periodontal library, computer facility to do medline searches and prepare multimedia presentations and individual student study areas devoted to the education of postgraduate students.

Additional rooms will be dedicated to create a modern, multipurpose conference room in the Section of Periodontology for predoctoral and postdoctoral education seminars, faculty in-service meetings, continuing education classes and a faculty conference room.

Funds can be used for the construction and renovation expenses, the purchase of carpet, equipment, furniture and other necessary items to establish and maintain this Periodontal Learning Center.

The projected costs from University architects to renovate and equip rooms for the Periodontal Learning Center are $199,364. The Periodontal Learning Center represents a major commitment of the Section to improving the educational environment for our graduate students. Alumni interested in supporting this important renovation of periodontal graduate facilities should contact the Director of Alumni Development (Ms. Betty Farmer) to find out how they can contribute to this endeavor.

**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
Periodontal Research and Training Fund: This fund is used to support a wide variety of periodontal activities by the Section of Periodontology in 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.

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From the Residents—we’ve been on a sinus lift kick lately, but we promise this will be the last on this topic for awhile. Let us know if you want a particular topic researched. Dr. Kupp would be more than happy for us to read more literature.

**TITLE:** The use of osteotomes for sinus augmentation at the time of implant placement.
**AUTHORS:** Horowitz RA
**AUTHOR AFFILIATION:** College of Dentistry, New York University, New York, USA.
**SOURCE:** Compend Contin Educ Dent 1997 May;18(5):441-7, 450-2; quiz 454

**ABSTRACT:** The placement of endosseous dental implants is often hampered by the loss of alveolar bone. In the posterior maxilla, the presence of the maxillary sinus and less-dense bone present additional obstacles to successful implant placement. Existing methods of subantral augmentation require extensive surgical manipulation, often including a second surgical site for harvesting autogenous bone. The development of surgical osteotomes has facilitated the placement of implants in areas of minimal alveolar bone height in the posterior maxilla. This article describes the osteotome technique for sinus augmentation at the time of implant placement and presents a short-term evaluation of 34 implants placed in 18 patients.

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**TITLE:** A four-year study examining the results of indirect sinus augmentation procedures.
**AUTHORS:** Coatoam GW; Krieger JT
**AUTHOR AFFILIATION:** Graduate Department of Periodontics, University of Florida, Gainesville, USA.
**SOURCE:** J Oral Implantol 1997;23(3):117-27g

**ABSTRACT:** Pneumatization of the maxillary sinus compromises available bone for maxillary posterior implant placement. Subantral augmentation, using indirect sinus lift procedures, can successfully increase the available bone for implant placement. These procedures are safe and predictable. New implant designs are now making it easier to do indirect sinus augmentations as immediate implant cases. This study examines the results of indirect sinus augmentation procedures.

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**TITLE:** Bone formation and osseointegration stimulated by rhBMP-2 following subantral augmentation procedures in nonhuman primates.
**AUTHORS:** Hanisch O; Tatakis DN; Rohrer MD; Wohrle PS; Wozney JM; Wikesjo UM
**AUTHOR AFFILIATION:** Department of Prosthodontics, University of Aachen, Germany.

**ABSTRACT:** The purpose of this study was to evaluate bone formation and osseointegration using titanium dental implants in the subantral space following surgical implantation of recombinant human bone morphogenetic protein-2 (rhBMP-2). In each of four cynomolgus monkeys, one subantral site was treated with rhBMP-2 (0.19 mg per implant) in an absorbable collagen sponge (ACS). The contralateral site was treated with vehicle in ACS (control). Three months later, two screw-type titanium dental implants were placed into each augmented sinus, and one additional implant was placed immediately anterior to the sinus. Thus, each animal had three experimental sites: rhBMP-2, control, and nonsinus. Animals were sacrificed after an additional 3 months, and block sections were harvested and prepared for histometric analysis. Analysis of variance and t tests were used to evaluate differences between experimental conditions. Mean (+/- SD) vertical bone gain was significantly greater in rhBMP-2 than in control sites (6.0 +/- 0.3 versus 2.6 +/- 0.3 mm; P < .002). Bone density in rhBMP-2 sites averaged 14.4 +/- 2.9% versus 13.9 +/- 4.6% and 14.1 +/- 3.6% for control and nonsinus sites, respectively, without significant differences between experimental conditions. Bone-implant contact in rhBMP-2 sites (41.4 +/- 7.7%) was not significantly different from that in control (38.9 +/- 12.4%) and nonsinus sites (46.8 +/- 10.6%).
The present study provides evidence for considerable vertical bone gain in the subantral space following surgical implantation of rhBMP-2, thus allowing placement of dental implants. The newly formed bone appears to be of similar quality and to be as suitable for osseointegration as the residual bone in this nonhuman primate model. Thus, surgical implantation of rhBMP-2 appears to have clinical utility and may provide a realistic alternative to autogenous bone grafts for subantral augmentation procedures.

**TITLE:** Unsplinted crowns on implants in the subantral augmented region: an evolution.
**AUTHORS:** Bender MF
**AFFILIATION:** Department of Prosthodontics, Univeristy of Pittsburgh, School of Dental Medicine, USA.
**SOURCE:** J Oral Implantol 1995;21(2):121-30

**ABSTRACT:** Excluding the wisdom teeth, the average human being is supplied by nature with a total of 42 tooth roots (24 in the maxilla and 18 in the mandible). After the loss of any tooth root, bone resorbs at that site due to the lack of endosseous stress. With this article, the author supports the idea of a new concept: keeping the individual alveolar bone site alive with endosteal root-form implants by imitating the natural dentition as closely as possible--even in the subantral region.

**TITLE:** Endosteal implants and iliac crest grafts to restore severely resorbed totally edentulous maxillae--a retrospective study.
**AUTHORS:** Misch CE; Dietsh F
**AFFILIATION:** University Oral Implantology Center, University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, Pennsylvania 15261.
**SOURCE:** J Oral Implantol 1994;20(2):100-10

**ABSTRACT:** Autogenous grafts in conjunction with endosteal implants may be indicated in conditions of severe atrophy of the maxilla. From July, 1984, to December, 1990, 20 severely atrophic arches were restored with iliac crest onlay block grafts, subantral augmentation, and 148 endosteal root-form implants. Twenty-one implants were placed at the same time as the graft to stabilize a corticotrabeclular bone block. Two implants were lost (90% implant survival). One hundred twenty-seven implants were placed after graft maturity, and one implant was removed (99% implant survival). Thirteen fixed restorations and 7 completely implant-supported overdentures were fabricated. Follow-up evaluation of prostheses and implants ranged from 26 to 97 months. All the implants used for initial prosthesis fabrication and all initial prostheses remain in function. The advantages of implant placement after graft maturity and subantral augmentation are addressed. One year after implant placement, the amount of additional bone lost around the implants placed in grafted bone is similar to the bone loss around maxillary implants inserted into non-grafted bone.

**TITLE:** Root-form implants placed in subantral grafted sites.
**AUTHORS:** Lozada JL; Emanuelli S; James RA; Boskovic M; Lindsted K
**AFFILIATION:** Oral Implantology Center, LLU School of Dentistry, CA 92350.
**SOURCE:** J Calif Dent Assoc 1993 Jan;21(1):31-5

**ABSTRACT:** Life-table analysis of survival data of implants placed in subantral grafts reveals a high rate of survival, particularly in comparison with implants placed in non-grafted subantral sites. However, sample size (158 grafted, 140 non-grafted, in a total of 120 patients) and follow-up time remain insufficient to reach a definite conclusion. Results also appear improved over other reports in which the sinus was penetrated by the implants, possibly because the procedure has become more standard over the years.
This Award honors periodontal alumni or individuals with close ties to the College of Dentistry who have made significant contributions to science, education, organized dentistry, community organizations and/or the Section of Periodontology. Although the Periodontal Achievement Award is not necessarily an annual award, for nominations to be considered in an academic year (July – June), they must be received by the President of the Periodontal Alumni Committee prior to March 1. Mail all nominations to: President, OSU Periodontal Alumni Committee, Section of Periodontology, The Ohio State University, 305 W. 12th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210.

I would like to nominate Dr. ___________________________, because of the following accomplishments:

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Nominated by: __________________________    Year of Graduation:________
Announcements

• Congratulations to Drs. Herb Abrams ('66) and Richard Tavtigian ('69) for celebrating their 25th year as Diplomates of the American Board of Periodontology. They were honored for their accomplishments at the AAP meeting in Boston.

• Dr. James Burch ('66) has announced his retirement from the College of Dentistry. Jim plans to leave the college in late March 1999, and spend some time in Florida. Take care Jim---you will be missed!

• We were happy to host Dr. Elisabeth Westfelt from Goteborg, Sweden. She presented a series of interesting lecture and shared her wisdom with us in the clinic.

• Dr. David Cacchillo of the first year class was married on September 5th to Renee LaBelle. Congratulations Dave and Renee.

• Former resident and PhD candidate Dr. Griselle Ortiz recently announced her engagement to Jeff Ramsey. We’ll keep you current on any more news.

• American Dental Technologies donated a Pulsemaster 600 IQ Nd-YAG laser to the department. We anticipate this new piece of equipment to become a “hot item” around the clinic.

• We will be hosting an anniversary party celebrating 50 years of a continuously operating graduate periodontal program at The Ohio State University. Be there!

• Four new residents have been selected for the class of 2002. The new residents are Dr. Gila Pourhedari from Louisville, Kentucky, Dr. Ralph Wilson from Columbus, Ohio, Dr. Karam Highihat from Liverpool, England, and Dr. James Chou from New York, New York. We are looking forward to working with them over the next three perhaps four years.

• Under the guidance of Dr. Kupp, we have increased the number of IV sedations performed in the graduate periodontal clinic.

• Dr. Claman with the collaboration of Drs. Hefti and Hamal has started a measurement calibration program to ensure accurate measurements in the clinic. He had previously participated in a multicenter program and will be calibrating all the residents. The program is designed to optimize the accuracy and reliability of clinical attachment levels.

• A new Kavo brand implant motor is on loan to the department for a trial run.

• Perhaps most importantly, the Buckeyes defeated... no destroyed... the “Team Up North” after four years of less that perfect performances. We would like to offer our sincere condolences to Dr. Jim Brayton from the second year class who is a fan and native of Michigan. We know it hurts to be a fan of that other team.

• The third year residents presented table clinics this September at the OAP meeting. Dr. Jones presented a poster detailing research she is doing for her Masters project, Dr. Hamal discussed the topic “Gingival reconstructions”, and Drs. Bounds and Conway discussed optimal implant site preparation.

• Chief resident Dr. Heather Jones presented her research on the affects of acoustic energy on fibroblast proliferation in France over the summer. Aside from the unfortunate “Tanning Accident” and the realization that sometimes you need money to go to the bathroom her trip went beautifully.

• Our flag football team started off with a 2-0 record but then the season bottomed out. Coach Terry Haugen is presently recruiting for next year but blames poor officiating for many of the losses this season.

• Congratulations John Walters! John won the college Distinguished Researcher Award.

Who’s New in Graduate Periodontics?

We are happy to welcome our new receptionist Susan Toft to the family. She has been with us since July of this year and has proven to be a valuable member of the team in the short time she has been here.

We are delighted to have Dr. Jorg Kleinfelder as a visiting assistant professor from Munster, Germany, who began in October 1998. Dr. Kleinfelder earned his dental degree from the University of Heidelberg, Germany, in 1984, and completed his Dr. med. dent. at the University of Erlangen-Nurnberg in Germany. From 1986 to 1989, he did clinical training in periodontics at the University of Munster, and in 1990 he became a certified specialist in periodontology.

We need your photos!!! Send us your pictures when you were a grad student in periodontology! We’ll make a copy and send them back to you.
We decided to list all of our email addresses again, just in case you may have missed our last issue. Don't be shy to contact us—we would like to hear from you!

Here are the addresses for the Faculty:

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Here's a list of our recent publications—just so you can see what we have been up to! As you can see we keep pretty busy around here.

- Philip Preshaw, Brenda Lauffart, Philip Brown, Elena Zak, and Peter A. Heasman; Effects of Ketorolac Tromethamine Mouthrinse (0.1%) on Gingival Crevicular Fluid Prostaglandin E2 Concentrations in Untreated Periodontitis. J Perio 1998;69:777-783

Alumni '99

May 14, 1999

All of our colleagues are cordially invited to Alumni '99 which will be held in conjunction with our Thirteenth Annual Periodontal Research Day on May 14, 1999. All of the residents will present their research proposals and findings. This is an opportunity to see current research projects in the department and discuss current issues in periodontal biology and clinical treatment. The Section of Periodontology will provide 8 credits of CE free of charge.
Can you name the senior residents and the year?

Nixon was President --- a gallon of gas was $0.55, the minimum wage was $1.60 --- American Pie and I Am Women topped the pop charts --- the Godfather II was given the Oscar for Best Picture --- the Oakland A’s won the World Series --- the Lakers won the NBA title --- and the Cowboys were the Superbowl Champs.

Who are the residents and was it 1972, 1973 or 1974?

The answer in the next Cutting Edge.
OSU Graduate Periodontic Visiting Professor Program

During the month of November, Dr. Elisabeth Westfelt visited the Section of Periodontology and provided lectures to the graduate students as well as her clinical expertise in the graduate periodontal clinic. Dr. Westfelt, is the Associate Head, Department of Periodontology, Public Dental Service in Goteborg, Sweden where she works with Drs. Wennstrom and Lindhe. She has published many articles dealing with surgical treatment of periodontal patients (i.e. “Critical Probing Depths” in Periodontal Therapy) and periodontal management of patients with diabetes. She is currently on sabbatical at the University of Florida where she is working in the Periodontal Disease Research Center. During her 3-day visit to OSU, Dr. Westfelt provided lectures on periodontal surgery to the graduate students and provided input to graduate students in the clinic. Dr. Westfelt’s interaction with our graduate students was supported by the App Endowment Fund. Almost 2 years ago, Dr. App agreed that in addition to supporting the travel of third year graduate students to a meeting that the App Fund should also support educational experiences for all graduate students at the College of Dentistry. Your continued support of the App Endowment Fund allows the principal to continue to grow and the Section to use the interest from the principal to support such activities.

Future Research Opportunities for our Alumni

Introducing

DR-Net

The World Wide Web has created previously unknown opportunities for information retrieval and communication. With a click of a button, it is now possible to access data stored in a database anywhere on the Globe. On-line shopping and banking have become a reality. College students can take advantage of a continuously growing number of distance learning offerings. The Web has changed the way we use information.

In an effort to stay on top of this development, the OSU College of Dentistry has quietly re-designed its Web page (have you had time to check out the site of the Periodontology Section?). One of the novel features of the College’s home page will be the “Internet-based dental research network” (DR-Net). DR-Net will be a comprehensive information system for clinical research. Besides being a resource for news on research activities at our College, DR-Net will host a network that connects private practices and the Office of Clinical Research in the College. Once established, such a network will permit practitioners and faculty at the College to collaborate in a multitude of research projects, especially clinical trials. It is our goal to have DR-Net in place by the year 2000.

Anybody interested in participating in DR-Net should contact the Office of Clinical Research at the College at 614-688 8277 (Beth Eslick).

Arthur F. Hefti
Assoc. Dean for Research and Graduate Studies.
ALUMNI SURVEY
Graduate Periodontics Program-The Ohio State University
(1998)

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   □ Part-time private practice
   □ Full-time faculty
   □ Part-time faculty
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   □ Partnership
   □ Associate

2. If a partner or associate, do you share patient care with the other doctor(s) in the practice?
   □ Yes □ No

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   □ Yes □ No

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   □ Yes □ No

7. Did you attend any continuing education courses last year?
   □ Yes □ No
   If yes, how many? ________________
   Total hours (approximately): ________________

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9. Have you taken Part I (written) of the ABP examination?
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10. Are you certified by the American Board of Periodontics?
    □ Yes □ No

11. Does your state have specialty licensure?
    □ Yes □ No
    If yes:
    □ Licensed □ Not licensed □

12. Have you ever been required to appear before your state board or dental association based upon alleged professional actions?
    □ Yes □ No

13. Have you ever had a malpractice suit filed against you?
    □ Yes □ No

14. Are you involved in local community activities
    □ Yes □ No

15. Are you on any committees (at the community level)?
    □ Yes □ No

16. Have you ever invited dental or Periodontic students to visit your office?
    □ Yes □ No
17. Have you ever treated a case *pro bono* (no charge)?
   - [ ] Yes  [ ] No

18. Is your source of new patients predominantly from:
   - [ ] Referral by dentists in the community
   - [ ] Referral by patients you’ve treated
   - [ ] Advertising

19. Do you believe you received a good education at OSU?
   - [ ] Yes  [ ] No

20. Would you recommend the program to prospective candidates?
   - [ ] Yes  [ ] No

21. Have you published an article or manuscript?
   - [ ] Yes  [ ] No
   If yes: please reference your work by listing title, authors, journal, and page numbers.

22. Do you feel your residency did not adequately prepare you for (please check all that apply):
   - [ ] Patient care/procedures
   - [ ] Implantology
   - [ ] ABP written examination (if taken)
   - [ ] Office personnel management
   - [ ] Office personnel training
   - [ ] Financial management
   - [ ] Other:
   Please feel free to elaborate on the above: __________________________________________________________
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20. We appreciate any additional comments about your Periodontics specialty training: ________________________
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