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Dean's Message

Making Good Students Better

Former Creighton President the Rev. Michael G. Morrison, S.J., always enjoyed telling the story of his conversation with a Nebraska rancher who was praising the education his daughters were receiving at Creighton.

"Well, we get good kids," Morrison told the father.

"Yes," the father replied, "but you make them better."

Throughout the years, the School of Dentistry, like the University as a whole, has developed a tradition of "making good kids better."

The average test scores posted by our freshman classes typically rank about in the middle when compared to the 55 other dental schools nationwide.

However, by the time our students are juniors and seniors, they are scoring in the upper 20 percent on National Board exams.

The median score posted by our seniors on Part II of this year's National Board exam ranked ninth best in the nation.

Our exceptional and committed faculty deserve much of the credit for this success. It is through their dedication to teaching and individualized care that our students improve so greatly.

As we have shared in previous columns, there is a shortage today of dental educators.

Our School is not immune from this challenge. In fact, recruiting quality faculty may be one of the biggest challenges facing our School now and into the future.

Quality faculty, committed to helping our students learn and grow, are our



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Drs. Bogatz, McKercher Honored with Emeritus Titles

Two longtime School of Dentistry faculty members were honored during the University's Founders Week celebration in February. Dr. Bernard M. Bogatz was named Professor Emeritus of Removable Prosthodontics, and Dr. Theodore C. McKercher received the title Associate Professor Emeritus of Oral Diagnosis and Radiology.

Dr. Bogatz

Dr. Bogatz has been a quiet but powerful force in the School for the past 35 years. His dedication to teaching and his leadership as department chair helped to position prosthodontic education at Creighton University among the very best in the country.

Dr. Bogatz attended Creighton Prep High School and received his undergraduate and doctor of dentistry degrees from Creighton. He served two years in the United States Air Force Dental Corps.

In 1958, Dr. Bogatz joined the Creighton faculty and opened his own practice, which he continued for 15 years. He received additional training in removable prosthodontics at the Walter Reed Institute. He participated in the First International Prosthodontic Congress in 1972.

In 1974, Dr. Bogatz was promoted to professor. He became chair of the Department of Prosthodontics a year later, a position he held until 1986. The student body honored Dr. Bogatz twice with Best Teacher Awards.

Dr. McKercher

Dr. McKercher earned his doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Iowa and opened a private practice in 1958.

He returned to the University of Iowa in 1964 to earn a master of science degree in oral pathology and a doctorate in pharmacology.

Dr. McKercher joined Creighton in 1971 as an assistant professor of oral biology. He spent the next 26 years in service to the School of Dentistry committed to the core values of teaching and learning. Dr. McKercher later expanded his role to include the provision of continuing education to members of the dental profession.

One of the most outstanding characteristics of Dr. McKercher's career is the breadth



Creighton President the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., with Dr. Bogatz.



Fr. Schlegel with Dr. McKercher.

of knowledge and versatility of experience he has undertaken. He chaired, at different times, both a biomedical science department and a clinical science department. This application of his diverse training and talent speaks highly to Dr. McKercher's dedication and commitment to Creighton's School of Dentistry.

Since his formal retirement in 1997, Dr. McKercher has continued to serve the School by developing computer programs to track grades and facilitate the management of the School's Continuing Education Program.

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greatest asset. In order to keep our institution strong into the future, we share in a responsibility to recruit and retain the very best faculty.

We welcome and encourage your assistance in this most important effort. Information about open positions is posted on our website, <http://cudental.creighton.edu>.

We thank you for your continued support in all that you do for the Creighton School of Dentistry. Thanks to your contributions and involvement, the School continues its tradition of "making good kids better."

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Dean, School of Dentistry

Alumnus Installed as Dental Association VP

John E. Roussalis II, DDS'71, who practices orthodontic dentistry in Casper, Wyo., was installed last October as Second Vice President of the American Dental Association. Dr. Roussalis' installation took place in New Orleans at the ADA's 143rd Annual Session.



Dr. Roussalis

As Second Vice President, Dr. Roussalis serves on the ADA Board, which formulates and reviews policies and programs and makes recommendations to the 427 members of the Association's governing body, the House of Delegates. In this capacity, he plays a major role in the ADA's overall objective of protecting and improving the public's oral health and promoting advances in dentistry.

Dr. Roussalis' previous service with the ADA includes serving as chairman of the Council of Government Affairs and as a delegate. He is also a past president of the Wyoming Dental Association and the Central Wyoming Dental Society. Throughout his career, he has advocated at the local, state and national levels for the best interests of dentists and their patients.

The Creighton alumnus is a Fellow of the International and American Colleges of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Dr. Kreski Receives 2003 Alumni Merit Award

Dr. Harold P. Kreski, DDS'53, received the School's 2003 Alumni Merit Award at the Spring Dental Assembly Reunion on April 11.

The award is conferred annually upon an outstanding graduate.

Dr. Kreski has been a longtime member of the School's Alumni Advisory Board. He has served both the Omaha and Creighton communities in the 50 years since his graduation.

He taught periodontics at Creighton from 1958 to 1974, serving as Chair of the



Dr. Kreski

Department of Periodontics from 1961 to 1968. Since 1979, he has practiced periodontics in Omaha.

In 1987, he earned Fellowship distinction in the American College of Dentistry. He also is past president of both the Omaha District Dental Society and the Nebraska Society of Periodontists. Dr. Kreski is a member of the American Dental Association.

Dr. Kreski has contributed to and supported many community organizations. He helped found the St. Appollonia Guild for Creighton dental alumni, and he served as president and a member of the board of directors for the Madonna School for Exceptional Children. He also is an active member of St. Margaret Mary's Parish.

Dr. Kreski and his wife, Joyce Bruckner Kreski, have four children: Phillip, Joseph, John and Christopher.



Students Dine on National Board Success

Dr. W. Thomas Cavel, Chair of the Department of General Dentistry, hosted 31 students at his home for a special recognition dinner party. The students scored 90 percent or better on the Dental Anatomy Section on Part I of

the National Boards. The School's performance ranked fifth in the country out of the 55 dental schools. Dr. Cavel, pictured in the front row at right, has been hosting these parties for more than a decade.

Dr. Shaddy Receives Teaching Award

Dr. R. Scott Shaddy, Assistant Professor of General Dentistry, was selected as the recipient of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon's national Charles Craig Teaching Award. The award recognizes young dental educators who have demonstrated new and innovative techniques in teaching the art, science and literature of dentistry. Dr. Shaddy received his award at OKU's annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas, on March 9.



Pictured at right, Dr. Shaddy (left) receives the award from Dr. Indru Punwani, 2001-2002 President-elect of the Supreme Chapter.



Photo by Mark Romesser

For these freshmen, Creighton dentistry is a family affair

Fifteen of the 84 members of the 2002-2003 Freshman Class followed in a parent's footsteps to the Creighton School of Dentistry. Pictured are members of the freshman class who have had at least one parent graduate from Creighton's School of Dentistry. Pictured are: **Front row**, from left, Juli M. Padula, daughter of Adolph Padula, DDS'64, Pueblo, Colo.; Katherine A. Coffey (sitting), daughter of Stephen Coffey, DDS'76, Omaha; Shane T. Ness, son of Arne Ness, DDS'77, Kirkland, Wash.; Vince Pietro, son of James Pietro, DDS'78, Omaha; Brooke M. Baker, daughter of Roger Coffey, DDS'89, Fargo, N.D.; Marie C. Halbur, daughter of Martin Halbur, DDS'76, Carroll, Iowa; Brady C. McDonald, son of Michael McDonald, DDS'76, Olympia, Wash.; J.R. Chidley, son of Craig Chidley, DDS'77, Riverside, Calif.; Sara E. Blome (sitting), daughter of Gregory Blome, DDS'78, Lincoln, Neb.; and Christopher J. Edgerton, son of John Edgerton, DDS'77, Arroyo Grande, Calif. **Back row**, from left, Paul M. Mendes, son of Charles Mendes, DDS'73, St. Paul, Minn.; Thomas O. Rudersdorf, son of Thomas E. Rudersdorf, DDS'76, Omaha; John D. Millea, son of David Millea, DDS'77, Omaha; Patrick Kelsey, son of W. Patrick Kelsey, DDS'76, Omaha; and Patrick B. Ryan, son of Kevin P. Ryan, DDS'82, Columbia, Mo.

Fr. Holbrook to Retire as Dental Chaplain in May

The Rev. John G. Holbrook, S.J., chaplain at the School of Dentistry for 20 years, plans to retire at the end of this year.

Fr. Holbrook came to Creighton in 1964. From 1964 to 1972, the affable Jesuit served as chaplain of the dental school, as well as chaplain of Swanson residence hall and Student Counselor.

In 1972, he was named Director of Pastoral Care at Saint Joseph Hospital. He continued in that position until 1986. He also served as Rector of the Jesuit Community from 1982 to 1989 and Minister to the Jesuit Community from 1989 to 1991.

In 1991, he rejoined the School of Dentistry as chaplain and has continued to serve in that capacity.

Fr. Holbrook plans to move to the St. Camillus Jesuit Community in Milwaukee

on May 19. Father turns 83 in July.

Born and raised in Des Moines, the son of a family physician, Fr. Holbrook attended Campion Jesuit High School in Prairie du Chien, Wis., entering the Society of Jesus in 1938. He celebrated 50 years in the priesthood last June.

Throughout his 39 years at Creighton, Fr. Holbrook has lived in the residence halls, first in Swanson, then in Kiewit and now in Deglman.

He is known among students, faculty and staff for his friendly smile and acts of kindness.

Fr. Holbrook also volunteers at Creighton University Medical Center, counseling surgery patients, and says daily Mass at Mercy Villa, a retirement community for nuns.

But the dental school holds a special place

in Fr. Holbrook's heart. He counts among his greatest accolades being named an honorary member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU), the national dental honor society.

Dr. Kelsey Chosen for E-Fellowship

Dr. W. Patrick Kelsey, Professor of General Dentistry and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, was one of 12 full-time Creighton faculty members appointed to an e-fellowship for 2003-2004 by the Academic Development and Technology Center at Creighton. These e-fellowships are designed to assist Creighton faculty members in infusing the latest technology into their classrooms and teaching.



Giving Kids a Smile ... Dental student Katerina Robinson provides care to a patient March 22 as part of Creighton's participation in the American Dental Association's inaugural "Give Kids a Smile" access-to-care campaign. Some 50 children received care at Creighton's clinic through the outreach effort.

OKU Honors Gehred, Elects New Members

The Creighton chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU), the national dental honor society, presented junior dental student Cornelius (Neil) Gehred with the Dr. William S. Kramer Award for Excellence and elected new members during its annual banquet this spring.

Gehred of Fort Atkinson, Wis., was chosen for the Kramer Award based on his demonstrated scholarship, character and his potential promise for the advancement of dentistry and service to humanity.

In addition to Gehred's award, several senior students and faculty members were inducted into OKU.

Selected from the senior class were Andrew G. Boyce, Andrew C. Dreyer, Erin E. Elliott, M. Susie Kruse, Shannon E. Lacey, K. Chad Lambourne, Jed O. Ledesma, Matthew A. Moss, Jarom J. Ray and Hilary I. VanHole.

The faculty members elected for membership were Dr. Gregory L. Davis, Dr. Michael G. Kreekos, Dr. Terry F. Lanphier, Dr. James J. Lukas and Dr. John W. Shaner.

Dr. McVaney Inducted into American College of Dentists

Dr. Timothy P. McVaney, Assistant Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, was inducted into the American College of Dentists during the ACD's annual meeting last year in New Orleans.

Faculty Publications

The following papers were presented by Creighton University School of Dentistry faculty, staff and students at the 2003 meetings of the American Dental Education Association and the American Association for Dental Research. Presenters are marked with an asterisk.

American Dental Education Association

•Romito, L.M.* The Prevalence of Dietary Counseling Activities in North American Dental Schools. *J. Dent. Ed.* 67:206 (Abstract 91), 2003

American Association for Dental Research

•Naughton, W.T.*, Latta, M.A. and Barkmeier, W.W. Bond Strength of Composite to Dentin Using Self-Etching Adhesive Systems. *J. Dent. Res.* 82:A (Abstract 30), March 2003

•Hagge, M.S., Di Lorenzo, S.C.*, Lindenmuth, J.S., Latta, M.A. and Smith, J.W. Retarding Composite Resin Polymerization with Yellow Plastic Food Wrap. *J. Dent. Res.* 82:A (Abstract 40), March 2003

•Erickson, R.L.* and Barkmeier, W.W. Effect of Pulse-Delay Curing on Wear Resistance of Composite. *J. Dent. Res.* 82:A (Abstract 41), March 2003

•Wilwerding, T.M.*, Latta, M.A., Barkmeier, W.W. and Erickson, R.L. Effect of Curing Time on Hardness and Wear of a Resin Composite. *J. Dent. Res.* 82:A (Abstract 273), March 2003

•Latta, M.A.* and O'Meara, J.D. Degree of Conversion of Composite Resin Polymerized with High-Output Lights. *J. Dent. Res.* 82:A (Abstract 282), March 2003

•Romito, L.M.* The Prevalence of Tobacco Cessation Activities in North American Dental Schools. *J. Dent. Res.* 82:A (Abstract 470), March 2003

•Meng, T.R.*, Nilsson, D.E., Smith, J.H., Latta, M.A. and Wedel, G.I. Effect of Mechanical Retention on the Bond Strength of IPN Teeth to Two Denture Base Resins. *J. Dent. Res.* 82:A (Abstract 586), March 2003

•Shaddy, R.S.*, Goren M. and Latta, M.A. The Effect of Saliva Contamination on Adhesive Shear Bond Strength. *J. Dent. Res.* 82:A (Abstract 799), March 2003

•Kelsey, W.P.*, Latta, M.A., O'Meara, J.D. and Barkmeier, W.W. Accelerated Model for Adhesive Testing: A Pilot Study. *J. Dent. Res.* 82:A (Abstract 928), March 2003

•Murdock, C.M.*, Latta, M.A. and Fimple, J.L.

Effect of Surface Sealer on Composite Wear. *J. Dent. Res.* 82:A (Abstract 952), March 2003

•Latta, M.A., Fimple, C.M.*, Murdock, C.M. and Barkmeier, W.W. *In vitro* Localized Wear of Hybrid Composite Resin. *J. Dent. Res.* 82:A (Abstract 956), March 2003

•Westerman, G.H.*, Latta, M.A., Ellis, R.W. and Powell, L. An *in vitro* Study of Enamel Surface Hardness Following Argon Laser Irradiation and APF Treatment. *J. Dent. Res.* 82:A (Abstract 1552), March 2003

•O'Meara*, J.D., Latta, M.A. and Naughton, W.T. Polymerization Conversion of a Light-Cured Cement Through a Restorative Ceramic. *J. Dent. Res.* 82:A (Abstract 1654), March 2003

Youth Explore Dentistry

Eleven faculty members and two students participated in this year's Exploring Program in Dentistry, which exposes high school students to careers in dentistry.

Participating faculty members were Dr. Frank J. Ayers, Dr. Valmont P. Desa, Dr. Scott C. Di Lorenzo, Dr. Steven J. Hess, Dr. Margaret A. Jergenson, Dr. Marvin O. Ludlow, Dr. Carol M. Murdock, Dr. Dennis E. Nilsson, Dr. Jared H. Smith, Dr. Terry M. Wilwerding and Raymond L. Zdan.

Creighton dental students who participated in the program were Jennifer A. Jerabek and Neil J. Gehred. The School weekly hosted eight to 12 high school students who had an interest in dentistry.

Students Inducted into ASN

Two dental students, Andrew C. Dreyer and Shannon E. Lacey, were inducted into Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit honor society, during a ceremony in December.

Dr. Cerutis Receives Grant

Dr. D. Roselyn Cerutis, Assistant Professor of Oral Biology, has received grant funding of \$20,000 from the Health Future Foundation. The funding is for two years for a project entitled "EDG Growth Factor Receptors: Effects in an *in vitro* Oral Wound Healing Model."

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