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# NEWS

The Oregon Health Sciences University News is published to inform students, employees, faculty, and friends of the institution's programs, activities and events.

## Friends, colleagues praise Terkla's work as dean

"He stands so tall the likes of him may ne'er be seen again."

OHSU President Leonard Laster's final words of tribute capped an evening filled with testimonials of warm affection, good humor, professional respect and admiration for Louis G. Terkla, D.M.D., who steps down July 1 after 17 years as dean of the School of Dentistry.

Nearly 300 colleagues, alumni, students, friends and family members gathered May 10 to celebrate the career of the man whose tenure was second longest among active U.S. dental deans.

The evening was highlighted by the announcement by James Cain, D.M.D., president of the School of Dentistry Alumni Association, of a Louis G. Terkla Fund for the Advancement of Dental Science. (See related story in this issue of the OHSU News.)

The program began with "Images" of the dean, a slide show presented by Associate Dean Bob Bruckner, D.D.S., who drew wide laughter with humorous one-liners describing the dean in a variety of familiar situations. The slides were copies of photographs that have been compiled into a "Lou" scrapbook.

Dental students were highly visible at the celebration. Neil Gray, student body president for 1984-85, took photographs for the scrapbook; Robert Leon, D.M.D., '83, played piano during the reception hour; and Randy Rabe, a senior dental student, spoke on behalf of the student body and attested to the open door policy that provided students with easy access to the dean.

Alumni from Hawaii unable to attend the event sent anthuriums, a lei of maile leaves for Dean Terkla and one of orchids for his wife, Phyllis. Master of Ceremonies Sebastian Campagna, D.D.S., professor and chairman of removable prosthodontics, saluted Phyllis, as did the dean and other speakers throughout the evening,

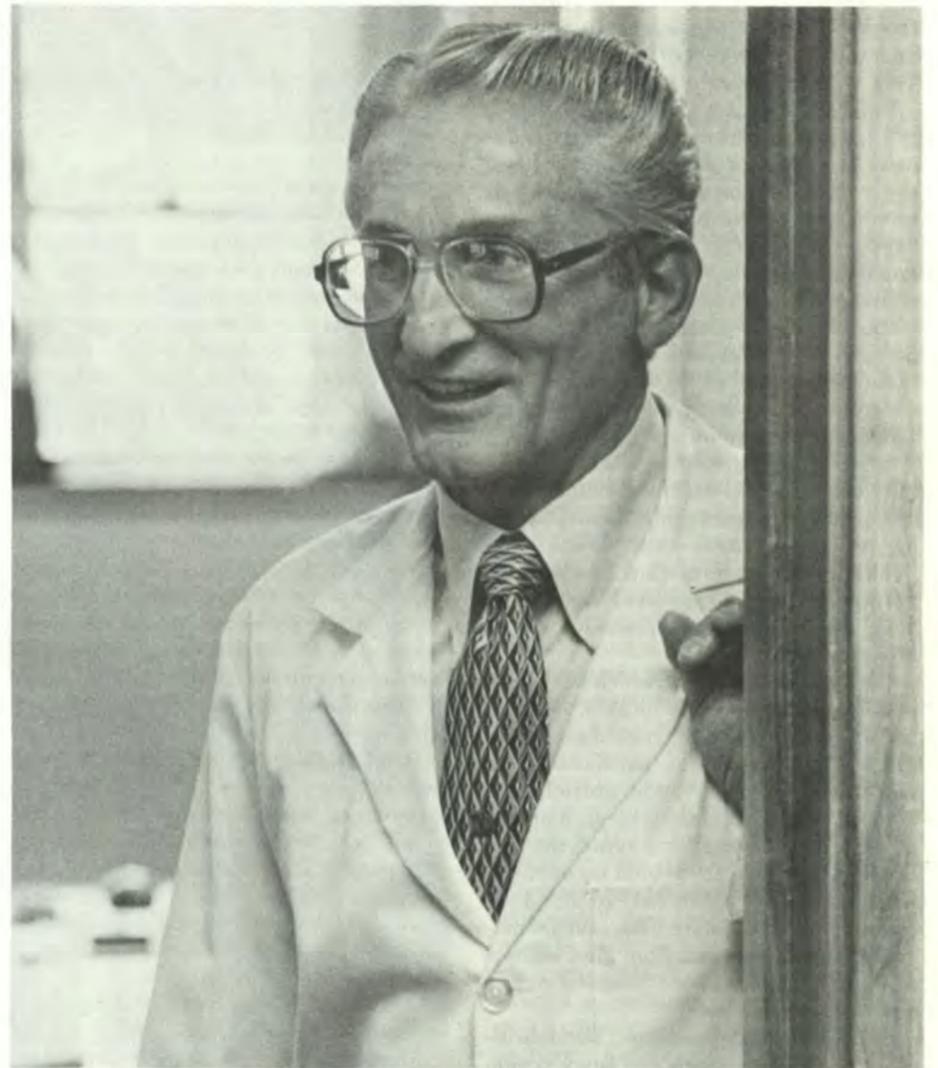
for helping and encouraging her husband to accomplish so much.

Terkla's service to the people of Oregon was the central theme of remarks by the guest speakers. He was described as "one of the state system's most successful executives" by Loren Wyss, vice president of the State Board of Higher Education.

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"One of the things the board has admired about his leadership has been his willingness to balance the needs of the school with the needs of the community," Wyss told the audience. "A process of teaching and training and serving the public is funneled through a political system that sometimes threatens the quality of its final product. The only thing that saves the process is good people, especially good leaders. The alumni, faculty, students and friends of the School of Dentistry have been blessed with the remarkable luck of having a leader who not merely kept it together but made it much better. From the people of Oregon to Lou Terkla, our thanks, our admiration and our hope that you will be here to help us for many more years."

The chancellor of the Oregon State System of Higher Education (OSSHE), William Davis, Ph.D., was unable to attend the dinner but sent a letter with William Lemman, Jr., vice chancellor for administration, in which he told the dean, "... We salute you on this occasion. We are grateful for the years of splendid leadership you have given to your profession and our state, cheer the impact you have made on



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the enrichment of the lives of generations of students and take pride in our association with you as friend and colleague."

Benjamin Curtis, D.M.D., president of the Oregon Dental Association, spoke of the dean's ability to maintain the power

balance between the State Board of Dental Examiners, the ODA and the school. The ODA adopted a resolution which said, in part, "Dr. Terkla has upheld the highest ethics and professional conduct as a practicing dentist, teacher and citizen of the state" and commended him for "his contribution to the dental professional and for his service to the people of Oregon."

Peg Ryan, chairwoman of the Department of Dental Hygiene, presented excerpts from testimonials and resolutions honoring the dean.

The House of Delegates of the Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association elected Terkla to honorary membership, recognizing his "continuous and strong support of dental hygiene and the favorable influence he has had on dental hygiene education and practice in Oregon and throughout the United States.

"At times," the ODHA said, "(his) support has been the pivotal influence in the favorable outcome of policy making bodies' deliberations on dental hygiene education, licensure and practice."

"How fortunate for Oregon that (the dean) chose to remain in Oregon, to give leadership to its dental school," wrote Miles C. Romney, former vice-chancellor of the OSSHE.

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## Hatfield speech to highlight commencement

Senator Mark Hatfield, whose long-standing interest in and commitment to the OHSU have contributed immensely to the stature of the state's only academic health institution, is the featured speaker at the all Hill commencement June 8 at the Civic Auditorium.

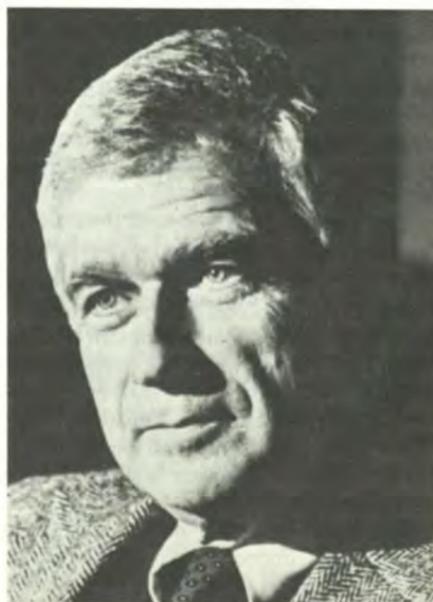
The 1984 commencement features two milestones; it will be the first for new School of Medicine Dean John Kendall, M.D., and the last, as dean, for Louis Terkla, D.M.D., of the School of Dentistry. Kendall was chosen last November to lead the School of Medicine. Terkla retires in July as School of Dentistry dean after 17 years of service to the OHSU. He will remain on the school's faculty.

The ceremony also will inaugurate the first Excellence in Teaching Awards given by OHSU President Leonard Laster, M.D., to two outstanding faculty members from each school after nominations were re-

ceived from the deans. This year's winners are from the School of Dentistry, J. Henry Clarke, D.M.D., director of behavioral science, and Howard Creamer, Ph.D., associate professor and chairman of microbiology; from the School of Medicine, Karen Ireland, M.D., assistant professor of pathology, and David Nardone, associate professor of medicine, Veterans Administration Medical Center; and from the School of Nursing, Deborah Leiber, instructor, Department of Community Health Care Systems, and Barbara Stewart, Ph.D. associate professor of research and family nursing.

A total of 367 students will graduate from OHSU programs this year, the largest share of those (137) from the School of Medicine; 110 of those will earn medical degrees, eight leave with doctorates of philosophy and 19 with medical technol-

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# New payment plan reverses incentives for hospitals

Medicare's recent facelift has University Hospital administrators and health professionals, alike, bracing for the challenge promised by a dramatic change in the manner in which hospitals are reimbursed for services.

After July 1, University Hospital will be reimbursed for Medicare claims through the Prospective Payment System (PPS) in which rates have been pre-determined for 468 categories of treatment. Nearly one third of the nation's 7,000 hospitals were introduced to PPS in October with the start of their fiscal years.

Hospitals no longer will be reimbursed for whatever costs they incur during treatment of a Medicare patient. Now, they will be paid only the amount specified for the particular diagnosis category, the so-called diagnosis-related group (DRG), into which a patient's health problem and treatment fall.

"The incentives for hospitals have been turned completely upside down," said David Witter, deputy director of University Hospital, whose Medicare patients accounted for 29 percent of its total census in 1983.

Indeed, Medicare's previous structure offered few incentives for hospitals to conserve resources or shorten hospital stays; the more a hospital spent, the more it was reimbursed. But hospitals now will have to keep a watchful eye on resource use and lengths of stay in order to keep costs below each particular DRG reimbursement rate. If, for example, a hospital can perform appendectomies at a cost less than the amount of reimbursement, the difference is theirs; if they cannot, they will swallow any additional expense.

Prospective payment was developed by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to remedy the financially-ailing Medicare system. With national expenditures for hospital care climbing 600 percent since the inception of Medicare in 1965, the program was predicted to go broke by 1990.

The DRG methodology, which was developed at Yale University in 1975, is based on an assumption that, regardless of locale, patients within a particular DRG should be receiving approximately the same care in terms of tests, surgical procedures, lengths of stay, etc.; hence, the cost of providing that care should be uniform. The rates established by HHS for the diagnosis related groups are based on 1.4 million discharge abstracts from the Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities' national data base.

Some 10,000 diagnoses have been divided into 23 major organ and body system categories, then sub-categorized by the patient's principal and secondary diagnoses, the treatment procedures performed and the patient's age, sex and discharge status. In incorporating the DRGs into prospective payment, HHS added "outlier" reimbursement categories to



Patricia Justice, director of Hospital Analytic Services, has had her hands full helping to prepare employees of University Hospital for a dramatic change in the Medicare reimbursement system.

allow for patients with unusually long or expensive hospitalizations.

Full prospective payment, which applies only to Medicare inpatients, will be phased in over three years. In the first year, only 25 percent of Medicare payments to hospitals will be based on the national DRG price schedule, with exceptions made for wage and other regional differences. By 1987-88, the system will be based 100 percent on the uniform national rate for each DRG.

Those uniform rates, it is anticipated, will pose difficulties for teaching institutions, such as University Hospital, which traditionally incur costs higher than other hospitals by providing extensive specialized services and high levels of indigent care and medical education.

"Most university teaching hospitals, including ours, will eventually lose a lot under straight DRG reimbursement," Witter said.

To compensate, PPS includes an adjustment for medical education and case complexity costs, additional reimbursement based on direct intern and resident expenses and the ratio of housestaff to hospital beds. But, while that element of the system will help teaching hospitals defray their unique costs, its longevity is uncertain, Witter said.

Implementation of prospective payment will change substantially the roles of hospital administrators and care providers, according to Patricia Justice, director of Hospital Analytic Services. One of the leading roles will belong to the Medical Records Department. "They have a key function in revenue generation," Justice said. "They use the information in the medical records to determine the DRGs and how much money we are reimbursed."

In preparation for July, medical records personnel already are venturing onto the hospital units to expedite the task of analyzing patient charts. Medical records staff now must match cases with DRGs within five days of discharge.

Admitting staff will help reinforce the need to schedule as many tests and other

procedures as possible prior to admission to lessen the likelihood of delays during hospitalization. "They're going to have to ask a lot more questions when the physicians call to admit patients," Justice said. "It's imperative that we know why the patient is coming, what procedures need to be scheduled, if certain tests might be done before the patient is admitted . . . A premium is going to be placed on making hospital stays as short as possible without compromising the quality of care."

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That will be the primary responsibility of the Office of Quality Assurance, which will grow from two to nine persons to handle the extra workload generated by prospective payment. Staff will evaluate patient records to determine the appropriateness of admission, necessity of continued stay, need for resource utilization and the discharge plans.

The office will include a person to oversee discharge planning and another to serve as DRG coordinator. The former's responsibility will be to monitor patient movement out of the hospital; the latter will analyze hospital services to determine the "winners" and "losers," programs or procedures which are faring well or poorly under the Prospective Payment System. "After the information is compiled, that person will be working with hospital staff to determine how they can turn the losers into winners," said Ed Cochrane, director of Quality Assurance.

The nursing staff will continue its heavy involvement in patient education, the benefits of which have proved to include

reduced hospital stays. Nurses also will work closely with staff physicians to ensure that Medical Records is supplied with the documentation necessary to assign the DRG.

Cooperation of physicians could be the ultimate determinant of success or failure of PPS, according to Justice. "If the physicians can watch their consumption of resources and avoid duplicate or unnecessary procedures, hospitals will have a much better chance of succeeding in the Prospective Payment System," Justice said.

Justice, who has been kept busy educating University Hospital staff about prospective payment, sees a "closer hospital community," developing from the system. "Different components of the hospital are going to have to cooperate more in order to make PPS work," she said. "People are going to have to work closely together in order to get the job done. I see that as one of the positive things that is going to come out of this."

Justice also anticipates closer relationships with nursing homes as hospitals move to shorten lengths of stay. There will be an increase in hospice and home health care programs. Hospitals slow to implement alternative programs, geared to the outpatient side of care will be forced into action because, Witter said, there will be "serious disincentives" not to.

Prospective payment promises to cause disruption among the country's hospitals, and there are predictions from the Health Care Financing Administration that the system will force as many as 10 percent of them to close their doors. But Witter is optimistic of its potential, and he sees it as a harbinger of other third-party payers, such as Blue Cross and the Medicaid systems, many of which already are pursuing similar methods of reimbursement.

"I think it will result in the most significant change in reducing inflation in health care costs," Witter said. "The hospital that can provide the best care at the least expense is going to prosper. The hospital that doesn't monitor its expenses and services is going to be in jeopardy."

## School of Nursing Ph.D. program gains final approval

The final hurdle was cleared in the effort to initiate a graduate program in the School of Nursing when the proposal was approved in February by the Oregon Educational Coordinating Commission.

The School of Nursing will begin accepting up to 10 students each fall into the new Ph.D. program in 1985.

Doctorally prepared nurses, according to Lindeman, improve the quality of health care. Those who move into teaching and research positions enhance the quality of education nursing students receive. Those

who enter practice "make better judgments in hospital care," the dean said.

"The more doctorally-prepared nurses there are, the more research will take place, and the quality of patient care will be higher," Lindeman added. "Nursing research has resulted in shorter hospital stays and has helped patients be able to prevent illness," both cost-saving benefits.

As well as helping to lower the costs of health care, the Ph.D. program is expected to broaden the scope of job opportunities for nurses.

Among western states, Oregon is ranked lowest in the number of working nurses who have completed graduate education. Nationally only one in 400 nurses holds a doctoral degree. The OHSU program will become one of only 23 of its kind in the nation and one of only six in the western states.

Currently, doctoral nursing students who want to stay in the western states must travel to universities of Arizona, California at San Francisco, Colorado, Utah and Washington.

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# 'There's never been a dull moment'

Toward the end of Leonard Grubowski's 35-year stay on the Hill, they took to calling him "Short-timer." Before retiring in March, the OHSU's Physical Plant superintendent directed six employee service pins sporting three different names for the same university and he still exited to the echoes of "How many minutes to go, Short-timer?"

What's a guy have to do?

Well, of course, they were only kidding. You don't spend your entire professional career with the same employer just looking for ways to kill time. When Leonard says it's been fun, you believe him. "It doesn't seem like 35 years," he says. "When you're interested in your job, you don't watch the clock."

But it has indeed been that long since Grubowski packed up and moved from Baltimore to Portland. He found a job on the Hill as a plumber and liked it so much he just never got around to leaving; he couldn't think of a reason to.

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When Grubowski started, Doernbecher Memorial Hospital for Children, the Library and auditorium, Mackenzie Hall and the Outpatient Clinic comprised the University of Oregon Medical School, which later became the UO Health Sciences Center and finally the Oregon Health Sciences University. Baird Hall was under construction and Gaines Hall was a nurses residence not yet owned by the state. The Physical Plant was in 1162 Mackenzie Hall, which is now a classroom. Grubowski was one of six members of the maintenance staff. By the time he retired, the maintenance crew he supervised had grown to some 75 persons.

"It was quite a challenge growing up with the institution," Grubowski says. "If I were to walk into this place today and have to manage its maintenance, it might be a little confusing. But growing up with it, I felt like I was a part of it."

The OHSU used to operate its own construction department. "We did a lot of remodeling and alteration work," Grubowski remembers. "We used to do practically everything."

Now there is little time for the Maintenance Department to do anything other than maintain. The telephone in the Physical Plant dispatch office rings 300 to 350 times each day.

"There has never been a dull moment working here," Grubowski says.

Odds are there won't be many dull moments away from the Hill, either. Grubowski has 10 acres and an unfinished home in Sherwood to attend to, not to mention a wife with "kind of a long wish list."

There will be fishing and woodworking — Grubowski is a self-proclaimed "wood

butcher" — and just plain resting, a pastime which often eluded him during his years at the OHSU. "Leonard was always here when you needed him," says Ralph Tuomi, assistant vice president for facilities management and Grubowski's boss. "He wasn't the type of guy who would say 'You're only paying me so much, so I'm only working so many hours'. He always treated working as a privilege rather than a right. Leonard didn't think anyone owed

him a living."

Grubowski will miss the institution to which he devoted 35 years, and the feeling is mutual. He is as modest as they come, but a man knows when he has friends. "I kind of feel there will be some people who hate to see me go," he says.

There will be, Short-timer.

"We can all be replaced," Tuomi says. "But the spirit that man gave to this institution can never be."



Leonard Grubowski spends a moment outside Mackenzie Hall, one of only four buildings on campus when he joined the OHSU.

## Two alums receive Preuss awards

Two OHSU School of Medicine graduates were honored this spring with the first Charles E. Preuss Distinguished Alumnus Awards presented at the annual alumni association meeting.

Eldon Chuinard, M.D., '29, received the award for his broad contributions to medicine and the community. A past president of the Multnomah County Medical Society and the Oregon Medical Association, Chuinard is chief surgeon emeritus at the Shriners Hospital. He also has been honored as Oregon Doctor-Citizen.

A true pioneer of family planning, Jessie Laird Brodie, M.D., '28, was the second recipient of the award. Brodie specialized in pediatrics, adolescent gynecology and marriage counseling.

Also named at the annual meeting were the alumni association officers for 1984-85. They are: Dr. Gary Rothenberger, Portland, president; Dr. Robert Miller, Portland, vice president; Dr. James Gilbaugh, Portland, treasurer; and Dr. Kathrine Avison, Portland, secretary.

## High drama marks resident match

This June, 110 students from the School of Medicine earned degrees which, for most, capped at least 20 years of schooling. But, for high drama, even commencement was hard pressed to top a tense Wednesday last March known among the nation's medical schools as Match Day.

That is the day the nation's senior medical students find out where they will spend the next one to seven years of their lives continuing their training in hospital residency programs.

Since 1952, medical students have received notice of their residencies through a uniform appointment mechanism now known as the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP). In the fall of their senior years, students from the OHSU and other medical schools across the country interview for several residency positions.

"The interview plays a significant role in the selection process," says Michael Miller, M.D., assistant dean for academic affairs. "It's the sales process. The program directors want to see what the students are like beyond their records, and the students want to learn more about the programs. It's a competitive process; so many students are graduating, and there are becoming fewer residency positions available to them."

Following their interviews, both the students and residency program directors rank their choices in descending order. Then the job of matching students with programs is turned over to a computer in Evanston, Ill., which performs its task in less than a minute and simultaneously notifies the nation's medical school graduates.

There were 16,112 graduates of U.S. and foreign medical institutions competing for 18,457 residency positions this year. Of the 110 OHSU medical students, 97 participated in the match; 10 students entered military programs and three will pursue graduate studies. Of those students matched, 41 obtained their first choice; 22 received their second or third selection.

Five students were unmatched by the computer, but received assignments after the match.

"It was a good match this year," said Michael Miller, M.D., associate dean of student affairs. "A lot of the students got into good, solid training programs."

Thirty-seven OHSU graduates will be staying in Portland; 25 of those will enter the residency program at University Hospital. Seventy-four graduates will remain on the West Coast.

The programs most frequently selected by School of Medicine students continued to be in the four primary care specialties, internal medicine, which 32 OHSU graduates chose; family practice, 16; pediatrics, 14; and obstetrics and gynecology, six.

## MRF honors Mason, Metcalfe for research

Two respected OHSU scientists have been honored by the Medical Research Foundation of Oregon (MRF) for outstanding contributions to the advancement of medical science in the state.

Howard Mason, Ph.D., professor of biochemistry, and James Metcalfe, M.D., professor of medicine and director of the Heart Research Laboratory, are the first recipients of the Discovery Award which was presented, along with \$5,000 to each OHSU researcher, in May.

Mason has an international reputation as a researcher of one of the most fundamental aspects of biology — how oxygen supports life. His basic work, pioneered in the mid-1950s, has led to the investigation of how cells change chemically when they become cancerous or are affected by heart attack or stroke.

Metcalfe holds the American Heart

Association, Oregon Affiliate, Chair of Cardiovascular Research at the OHSU. He is principal investigator of a research project funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development for about \$3.6 million over the last eight years.

Metcalfe is interested in how the health of an expectant mother influences the growth and development of her baby. He serves as a consultant to women with heart disease who are pregnant or want to become pregnant.

Nominations for the Discovery Award were provided by Oregon research, educational and health care institutions and by individual researchers, practitioners and educators. They were evaluated by the MRF's Education and Research Committee; final selection was made by the MRF Executive Committee.

According to Discovery criteria, the

award goes to individuals "judged to have made major contributions to original medical research."

Other considerations include "the significance of contribution to new knowledge and the nominees' professional excellence."

"Because of the nature of basic medical research work, these scientific investigators often remain unsung heroes," said Forest Amsden, executive vice president of MRF. "They often persevere quietly, anonymously, along a line of inquiry in which they firmly believe, but without dramatic announcements of medical triumphs and new cures."

"The Discovery Award recognizes their quiet, vital work and honors those advancement which may serve mankind in dramatic ways, but which may never be announced in the general media."

# Swank gift establishes neurology research chair

A map on a wall in the office of Roy Swank, M.D., charts the location of all the multiple sclerosis (MS) patients he follows. There are some 1,500 pins stuck in every state in the country, in Canada and as far off as England, Switzerland, Israel and Saudi Arabia.

Swank officially retired from the School of Medicine in 1974 after 20 years as head of the Department of Neurology. But on virtually any given weekday 10 years later

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the professor emeritus can be found in his office in the basement of Mackenzie Hall helping the victims of a devastating disease.

A decade ago, Swank was seeing about 50 new patients each year. Now that he has "retired," about 200 new MS patients, who suffer from progressive nerve damage which can lead to paralysis and death, come to receive care.

This day, Swank is on the telephone with a man from Bogota, Colombia, who wants to bring his wife to the Oregon Health Sciences University to be cared for by one of the major contributors to the fight against MS.

Swank has given much to these patients, and he has given much to science and to the OHSU. But he feels the return has been equal, and last November he exhibited what he calls his "strong commitment" to the university by establishing the Dr. Roy and Eulalia Swank Family Research Professorship in Neurology with a gift of \$800,000. When the endowment reaches

between \$1,050,000 and \$1.5 million, the income will be used to support the research of a Swank Professor in the School of Medicine.

Income from \$50,000 of the endowment will be used to permanently support the Stephen Wilmer Swank Memorial Lectureship at the OHSU. The lectureship was begun in 1973 in memory of the son of the Swanks, who died in an automobile accident in 1960. Eulalia Swank died in October 1983.

"Roy and Eulalia Swank and their family have provided a magnificent boost to the feeling of good will on the campus with this endowment gift," said John Kendall, M.D., dean of the School of Medicine. "For its own sake, the opportunity provided by this chair to enhance research in the neurosciences at the Oregon Health Sciences University will bring an enduring benefit to the people of Oregon. Additionally, the Swanks have given a clear message to the university and the community that the OHSU is a good place to invest research resources. This is a living gift which all of us will appreciate for years to come."

Swank's research on MS began in 1948 when he joined the Montreal Neurological Institute. His early studies led to the conclusion that a high fat intake could be a factor in developing MS, as well as heart disease and stroke. In 1977 Swank published and received worldwide attention for "The Multiple Sclerosis Diet Book," which promoted a low-fat diet intended to help patients with MS lessen their symptoms.

Studies since have shown that, while Swank's diet cannot cure MS, if patients are diagnosed and placed on it early enough "We have a 95 percent chance of keeping them from developing any signifi-

cant disability," he said.

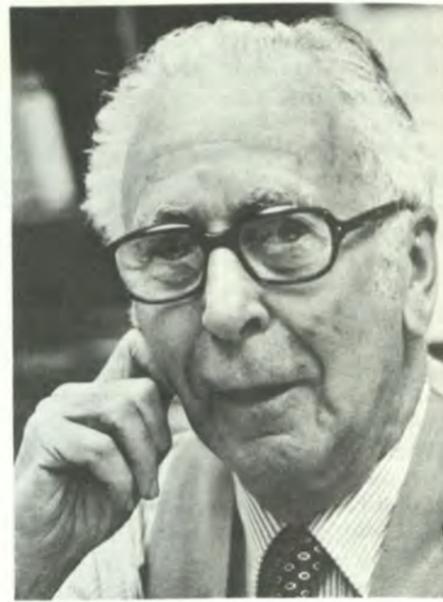
Also from his research Swank observed that "something was wrong with the vascu-

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lar system associated with the disease." This led to the observation that platelets, blood elements which help initiate clotting, and leukocytes, white blood cells, aggregated spontaneously in stored blood, in blood moved through a heart-lung machine and in trauma victims who had drastically low blood pressure because of bleeding. Swank then worked to develop an apparatus to remove these small emboli (clots) from blood prior to transfusions. In the early 1960s, he discovered these microemboli were adhesive and would wrap themselves around fibers of polyester wool (dacron).

He designed a tubular filter of this material and began manufacturing it in the basement of his home; the device now is made at Pioneer Filters, a small plant in Beaverton, and sold all over the world.

Working with Geoffrey Seaman, Ph.D., professor of neurology and biochemistry, and Cherry Tamblyn, research associate in neurology, Swank demonstrated that there is an abnormality in the blood plasma of MS patients. Using a test that measured the electrical charge of red cells, Swank found the levels were 10 percent lower in MS patients than in normal patients. When MS red blood cells were placed in normal plasma, they recovered their charge; conversely, when normal red cells were



Roy Swank, M.D.  
professor emeritus, neurology

placed in MS plasma, they lost their charge.

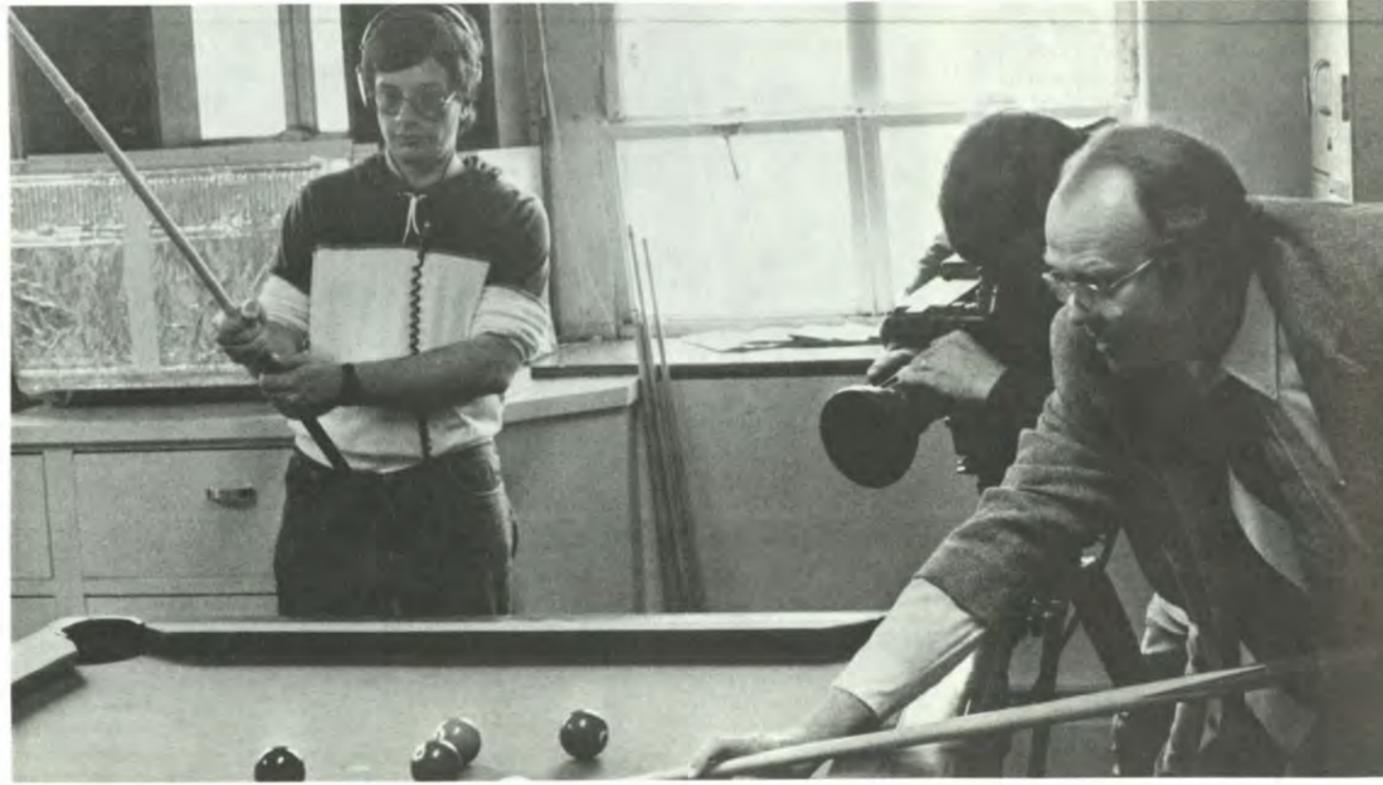
Swank now is treating MS patients with infusions of fresh frozen plasma which have proved effective in promoting quick recovery from disability occurring in the early stages of MS.

Before he sold his plant in 1977, Swank earmarked three-quarters of the royalties on sales of his filters for the Swank Research Professorship at the OHSU.

"My hope is that this professorship will permanently benefit the medical school and the university," Swank said. "And I would like this to be a visible gesture to my colleagues and the people of Oregon that the faculty supports the university and believes in contributing to its future."



One of the telethon special events held at the OHSU to raise money for Doernbecher was a chocolate baking contest held at the OHSU. Entries were judged by telethon co-hosts Kathy Smith and Bill Lagattuta (center), by Chef Ivan Runge of Rose's, (left) and by S.D. Dean Lou Terkla. At right, a telethon producer George Beiber lines up a shot for KGW cameraman Doug Vernon and audio technician Dave Slay during the filming of a promotional segment at Doernbecher.



## Telethon helps make miracles for children of Doernbecher

Oregonians were given the opportunity to help their special young neighbors recently through the participation of Doernbecher Children's Hospital in the Second Annual Children's Miracle Network Telethon.

Produced by the Osmond Foundation, a non-profit organization founded by the performing Osmond family, the telethon raises money for children's hospitals across the United States and Canada. It is the only national telethon in which all of the money raised by local communities stays in the area to benefit the local pediatric hospital.

The Children's Miracle Network Telethon was broadcast live on KGW-TV, channel 8, June 2 and 3 and raised some \$170,000 for Doernbecher. The local show

featured KGW news anchors Kathy Smith and Bill Lagattuta, PM Magazine co-hosts Cheryl Hansen and Dave Sullivan and Newscape host Larry Blackmar.

Twenty minutes of each hour were devoted to local programming. Channel 8 broadcast remotes from Pioneer Courthouse Square.

The national show originated from Osmond Studios in Provo, Utah, and was co-hosted by Marie Schneider, "Dukes of Hazard" star John Schneider, singer Marilyn McCoo and Merlin Olsen, a sports announcer and a member of the National Football League Hall of Fame. The telethon was carried by 89 markets in the United States and Canada.

Doernbecher Children's Hospital is the major pediatric care center in the state,

having cared for the children of the region for nearly 60 years. As an integral component of the OHSU's University Hospital, Doernbecher is staffed by full-time specialists in cardiology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, hematology, immunology, infectious disease, nephrology, neurology, neurosurgery, otolaryngology, oncology, ophthalmology, orthopedics, plastic surgery, pulmonology, surgery and urology.

The hospital has the Northwest's largest neonatal intensive care center and programs unique in the state for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, portable kidney dialysis, cancer and cystic fibrosis.

Doernbecher receives only 14 percent of its funding from the state and must otherwise be self-sufficient in what has evolved into a costly endeavor.

The Children's Miracle Network Telethon is different, according to Margie Lyman, coordinator/producer of the Doernbecher telethon, because "others raise money for children with a specific disease. But all of the children with these diseases will be treated at children's hospitals," she said. "Helping the children's hospitals helps all children."

Organizers of the local telethon held several events prior to the telecast, and more will be held after the event, to raise money for Doernbecher. Events already held or planned for the future include a square dance marathon at Pioneer Square, a chocolate baking contest at the OHSU, a golf tournament at Sunriver, a gourmet Chinese dinner and an "Evolution of Dance" marathon at Beaverton Mall.



The CCD's Speech and Language Treatment Program is co-directed by Daryl Anderson, who in top picture videotapes a work session involving Julie Isom and her son Jimmy, and Christie Barkost, shown above demonstrating techniques of the Adult's Game portion of the program. Parents and the co-directors later review and critique the videotaped sessions.

## CCD speech program helps parents be trainers

In a small room at the OHSU's Crippled Children's Division, Lara Chang and her mother, Sharon, play a game. Lara, 3, rummages through a box of toys, examining on some, discarding others; commenting on some, ignoring others. Sharon watches her daughter. When Lara speaks, Sharon responds.

"Doll," Lara says.

"That's right, that's a doll," her mother responds.

For two minutes Sharon lets her daughter play, explore, speak, be silent. No questions asked; no commands given. This is Lara's game.

Now, the ring of a bell reverses the roles. Sharon places several toys before her daughter and asks her if she can find the ball and put it in a box beside her. Lara can, and her mother offers encouragement. At her mother's request, Lara finds dolls and spoons and blocks and puts them all in the box. For another two minutes, she has a great time, and she works hard.

Speaking is not coming easily for Lara or any of the other five pre-school children enrolled in the CCD's Speech and Language Treatment Program. They all have communication difficulties which need attention, and they are receiving it from their own parents who, through the CCD's unique program, are being taught to be trainers.

Parents and their children attend class at the Child Development and Rehabilitation Center once each week. Each session includes a demonstration of the techniques they have learned the previous week through the Child Language Program (Child's Game), in which the child leads the play session, and the Adult Language Program (Adult's Game), in which the parent is the director. The sessions are videotaped, then critiqued by the co-directors of the program, Daryl Anderson, Ph.D., and Christie Barkost, an educational consultant.

During each two-hour session, children also participate in a pre-school classroom setting and parents receive additional training from John Hale, a social worker at CCD.

At home, parents continue the training with their children once a day, five days a week.

The program began in January 1983. "We found that among parents whose children have developmental problems, speech and language is the area that concerns them most," Anderson said. "Even though speech and language services are

often provided for these children, parents often want to provide additional therapy at home. This is a real do-it-yourself program. We are essentially making the parents clinicians."

Children with communication handicaps often feel shut out, Anderson said, because of the manner in which their parents attempt to communicate with them. "Parents, when speaking with their children, will constantly ask questions. They'll say 'What are you doing? Is that a ball? Can you say ball? What are you going to do with the ball?' They'll fire all these questions at a child, and really not even be aware that they are doing it. But they don't get any response, because the child has been given so many verbal commands that

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he or she can't carry out any of them."

During the Child Language Program, the parent takes a passive role and acts "pretty much like a sportscaster," Anderson said. "The parent discusses what is happening and focuses on the play, not on the child. The child directs the play. The only rules are: no questions and no commands." In the Adult Language Program, the parent directs by asking a question, then waiting for a response before asking another.

The length of each session depends on the child's language level. "We have to individualize the programs for each parent and child," Barkost said.

Julie Isom's son Jimmy has stopped "80 percent of his whining" since beginning the program. Her relatives all are aware of the techniques and use them when they play with Jimmy, she said.

Marilyn Lacy's son Chad is "understanding more concepts," she said. "And he tries to speak more, now. That's a big step."

The Speech and Language Treatment Program not only has proved to be time and cost effective for children's language development, Anderson said, it also has enhanced the interactions between parents and child.

"Chad really enjoys the one-on-one," Marilyn Lacy said. "I have other children, and sometimes it's hard to give them all equal attention. This is a constant reminder for me to do that."

## Newsmakers

Elected to the Western Society of Clinical Investigation was **Susan Bagby, M.D.**, associate professor of medicine. By election to membership, the WSCI honors outstanding West Coast clinical investigators.

The new president-elect of the Oregon Society of Hospital Pharmacists is **Bill Butcher**, director of University Hospital Pharmacy Services.

Recipient of the 1983 Council of High-Risk Perinatal Nurses Award is **Mary Ann Curry, D.N.Sc., R.N.**, associate professor of family nursing. The award is given to a family nurse who is involved directly in high-risk perinatal nursing and has had a documented effect on raising the quality of nursing care provided to the high-risk perinatal family through scholarly pursuits.

**Bruce Dana, M.D.**, assistant professor of hematology and medical oncology, has been awarded a first-year Junior Faculty Clinical Fellowship by the American Cancer Society.

Three Public Safety officers were com-

mended recently for outstanding performances on the job. Officer **Shirley Dean** resuscitated a person she discovered unconscious at the traffic circle; Sergeant **Ray O'Driscoll** peacefully resolved a situation in which a patient threatened his court worker with a weapon on a crisis unit; and Lieutenant **Lloyd Young** successfully convinced a distressed patient to return to her room from a second-story ledge of University Hospital.

**William Drips, M.D.**, a 1958 graduate of the School of Medicine, has been reappointed by Gov. Victor Atiyeh to the state Board of Medical Examiners. The board administers the Medical Practice Act and prescribes rules and regulations pertaining to the practice of medicine in the state. Drips has a private practice in Salem.

**Gary Gabor, M.D.**, senior fellow in Immunology, Allergy and Rheumatology, received a fellow award from the American Rheumatology Association for his research on DNA receptors.

The new chair-elect of the Western Interstate Council for Education in Nursing

is **Carol Lindeman, Ph.D.**, dean of the School of Nursing. Dean Lindeman will serve a one-year term as chair-elect before becoming full chair in February 1985. The dean also has been presented with the Outstanding Achievement Award of the University of Minnesota which recognizes alumni who have attained distinction and honor in their fields.

**Stephen Miller, M.D.**, professor and head of plastic and reconstructive surgery, has been elected national chairman of the Plastic Surgery Research Council. The council is composed of more than 450 plastic surgeons involved in research at academic health centers.

**Ralph Munson**, director of respiratory therapy, and **Dan Wilkins**, operations manager of animal care, are award recipients in the 1984 Governor's Management Service Recognition Program.

**Thelma Roose**, formerly manager of accounting operations, was promoted to head the reorganized Office of Accounting Operations in Budget and Finance. This office replaces Supporting Fiscal Serv-

ices and Accounting.

President-elect of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons is **Albert Starr, M.D.**, chief of cardiopulmonary surgery.

**Keith Stenshoel, D.M.D.**, a 1955 graduate of the School of Dentistry, has been appointed by Gov. Victor Atiyeh to the State Board of Dentistry. Board members examine and license dentists and dental hygienists, supervise the work of auxiliary personnel, issue certificates and suspend or revoke licenses.

Elected to the Student Nurses Association of Oregon were the OHSU's **Ruth Voelz**, second vice president; **Ellen Radakovich**, bachelor of science in nursing representative; **Marci Delfeld**, secretary; and **Lori Fox**, outreach editor.

**Beverly Ward, R.N.**, has been appointed to the Advisory Group to the Task Force on State Compensation and Classification Equity which is conducting a comparable worth evaluation study of state jobs.

# Steps taken to ease university parking problems

Some major steps have been taken toward alleviating the frustration which, among employees, patients and visitors, has long been synonymous with parking at the Oregon Health Sciences University.

Implementation of new parking regulations, which took effect May 14, is the latest effort made by the OHSU to better accommodate parkers on the Hill and follows on the heels of two physical additions to the parking program. Last fall, construction was completed on a \$2.6 million, three-story addition to parking structure No. 2 (lot 8). The project contributed 450 new spaces to a then crowded employee parking program and created a situation in which all campus parkers now can be accommodated, with space still available for future additions to the program.

In April, a new parking and visitors' information booth was installed at the entrance to campus on Sam Jackson Park Road. Representatives of the Parking Office staff the booth from 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Monday through Friday and provide an array of services to campus parkers. From the booth, visitors can obtain one-day parking permits or directions to OHSU facilities. Personnel in the booth also can contact mobile parking staff around the campus to locate the best available parking. Daily, more than 100 visitors to campus are taking advantage of the service, according to Frank Hillman, director of campus parking.

The new parking regulations were compiled with input from the Campus Parking Committee, a group composed of employees representing various components of the OHSU, and from other individuals on campus who attended any of 14 meetings held in a four-month period prior to a public hearing.

"We got a lot of feedback concerning people's parking needs on this campus, and we were able to implement many of the suggestions," Hillman said.

Among the rule changes is a ban on employee parking in public meters until after 5 p.m. on weekdays. Previously employees were allowed to park in the meters after 2:30 p.m. which often eliminated convenient spaces for patients and visitors. "Patients would come up to the Hill, the meters would be full with staff, and the patient would get angry, maybe not show up for an appointment, and maybe never



A recent addition to the OHSU's parking program is the parking and visitors' information booth, staffed by Larry Martin. From the booth, campus maps, directions and other services are offered to visitors and employees.

come back," Hillman said. "By eliminating employee parking in the meters until after five and by adding the parking and information booth, we hope to be making a very important improvement for our patients and visitors."

More parking options are now available to staff. Swing and night shift personnel will have access to a special lot (No. 10) on the fifth floor of parking structure No. 2 which will be equipped with surveillance cameras and be patrolled, between 10:30

p.m. and 12:30 a.m., by a security officer. "There was a lot of concern expressed at our meetings about safety for the workers starting or ending their shifts at night," Hillman said. "Now swing and night shift employees will be able to buy a permit for Lot 10 and be able to walk right out the front of the structure and into the hospital without using the elevators or stairs or the tunnel to the hospital."

Parking structure 2 also has been equipped with new sodium vapor lights which roughly double the brightness in the building.

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The Parking Office also has adopted the OHSU standard for part-time employees. Prior to implementation of the new rules, the Parking Office charged full-time rates for employees working more than two days. That standard has been raised to include .5 FTE positions, cutting in half the parking rates for a large number of part-time workers.

Carpools of three or more persons now will receive preferential parking in lots across campus; motorcycle owners can park in special lots and also can obtain the same type of parking assignments as automobile drivers; and the time limit for pass permits, which allow parkers to change lots temporarily if needed, has been lengthened from two to three hours.

The regulations also established a parking appeals board through which parkers can appeal citations. The Parking Office had been averaging some 35 requests a day to void tickets. "A lot of staff time was devoted to handling just those," Hillman said. The board will consider appeals by written request or in person.

"We made a lot of small changes and a few major ones," Hillman said. "We think the new rules are going to make it a lot easier for people coming to campus to find a good place to park and for people working here to find a parking option they are happy with."



Jane Clark-Lassen plants a tree at the School of Dentistry in memory of her husband, Paul Lassen, a former student of the dental school who died of cancer shortly after graduating with honors in June 1983.

## Bagby receives first Slocum Research Award

A research award honoring a School of Medicine graduate who became a pioneer in sports medicine has been established at the OHSU.

The Dr. Donald B. Slocum Medical Research Award of \$10,000 will be given yearly for five years. The award was created by William Bowerman, former University of Oregon and U.S. Olympic Team track coach and now a businessman and member of the OHSU Board of Overseers, and by the Nike Corporation in honor of Slocum, who died in August 1983.

A 1935 graduate of and clinical professor of orthopedics in the School of Medicine, Slocum founded in 1946 the Orthopedic and Fracutre Clinic in Eugene. The clinic, specializing in athletic injury, particularly to the knee, served various University of Oregon athletic teams and provided consultation to many other athletic departments around the state. Slocum's work earned him the reputation as "Mr. Sports Medicine" among his colleagues in the practice of orthopedics and by the many athletes who were rehabilitated through his care.

Recipient of the first Slocum Award, is Grover Bagby, M.D., head of the Hemopoiesis (blood-forming) Research Laboratory at the Veterans Administration Medical Center and director of the OHSU Osgood Leukemia Center.

Bagby was selected for the award by a faculty committee as one of the most productive young researchers at the university. A hematologist working on the under-



Grover Bagby, M.D., (far right) converses with (from left) William Bowerman, Wade Bell and OHSU president Leonard Laster, M.D., before receiving the first Dr. Donald B. Slocum Medical Research Award. Bowerman, a member of the OHSU Board of Overseers, created the award.

standing and treatment of leukemia, a group of diseases of blood and the bone marrow, he was chosen this year to membership in the prestigious American Society for Clinical Investigation. His research is aimed not only at understanding why bone marrow cells turn malignant, but how to reverse the cancer process once it has begun.

The result of one aspect of his research has allowed Bagby to reliably diagnose the presence of leukemia, which in many of its forms is difficult to detect until it is far advanced and thus is difficult to treat.

Bagby also is able to predict a leukemia patient's response to newer, non-conventional forms of treatment. His studies justify the use of some substances which otherwise might be considered too dangerous for clinical use.

(Bagby's work was featured in the March 1984 issue of the OHSU News.)

The Slocum Award was announced last fall at the Second Annual Research Convocation, which drew an enthusiastic crowd of some 1,500 to learn about the wide array of research being performed on the Hill.

# Terkla fund established to honor retiring dean

A Louis G. Terkla Fund for the Advancement of Dental Science has been established at the OHSU in honor of the man who will retire in July after 17 years of service as dean of the School of Dentistry.

The endowment was made by the School of Dentistry Alumni Association in order to "perpetuate Dr. Terkla's commitment to close professional relationships between the faculty and staff of the OHSU School of Dentistry, the alumni and the various professional groups and organizations of Oregon devoted to the provision

of dental care."

The endowment is to be funded for \$1 million as a result of a five-year effort by the alumni association.

"The fund will support a variety of activities that will benefit its constituents and, ultimately, the general public," said James Cain, D.M.D., president of the School of Dentistry Alumni Association.

"For example, it will support lectureships and symposia which will be available to practitioners, faculty and students. It might provide support for a distinguished

visiting professor or clinician."

In the area of clinical or clinically-related research projects, Cain said, the fund will be used to support the purchase of research equipment, provide funds for start-up grants and support the conduct of research by interested dental practitioners.

The initial phase of the endowment will be the establishment over five years of a \$250,000 contribution from alumni annual fund solicitations. The second phase will be an effort to develop deferred gifts and contributions from other sources to even-

tually bring the fund to \$1 million.

In announcing the formation of the fund at a dinner honoring the dean (see related story in this issue of the OHSU News), Cain thanked Terkla "for your wisdom and leadership, for your dedication to excellence, for striving for perfection, for your optimism for the future of dentistry and for the many years of your own time that you contributed to our alumni association."

"It is our hope," Cain added, "that this fund will serve as a permanent memory of your deanship at the School of Dentistry."

## Former Bowman Gray professor new Family Practice head

Robert Taylor, M.D., has joined the OHSU as professor and chairman of the Department of Family Practice, succeeding Laurel Case, M.D., who retired from the position last spring.

Most recently, Taylor was professor of family and community medicine at the

Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Wake Forest University.

Taylor brings a broad range of experience to the OHSU. After graduating from Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, he served an internship at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in

Norfolk, VA. He was a family practitioner in rural New York for 14 years, 10 of those as the only physician in his town. He treated patients from newborn stage to the elderly, making house calls, visiting nursing homes and giving personal service.

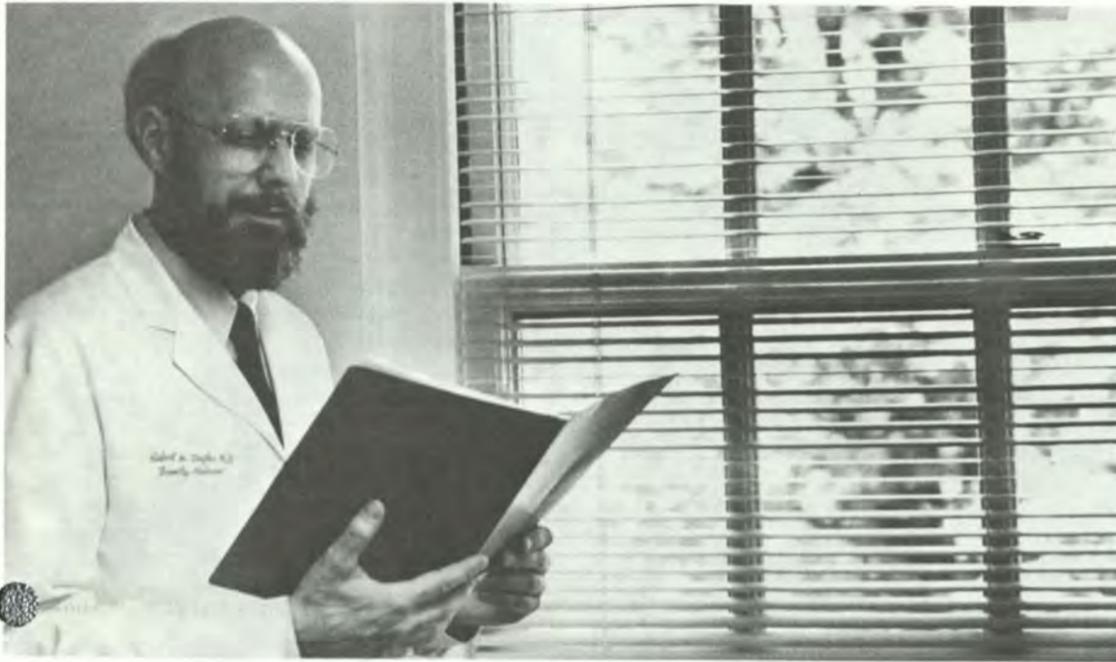
Taylor will soon publish his seventh

medical textbook; he also has published five popular self-help medical guides for lay people.

A charter fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians and a fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine, Taylor is board certified by the American Board of Family Practice. He has won the American Medical Association's Physicians Recognition Award five times. In 1982 he was recognized for the Best Research Paper in an Academic Setting by the American Academy of Family Physicians.

"I have a strong commitment to training young physicians who can provide personal health care to all family members," Taylor said. "Young family physicians should be prepared to assume leadership roles in emerging areas of primary care, such as disease prevention, health promotion and care of the elderly. Within the department, I hope to expand the spectrum of health care services provided while reinforcing ties to the community and to our professional colleagues in the city and state."

The subject of research performed by Taylor concerns the integration of health promotion into clinical practice, especially in regard to exercise, weight control and other aspects of physical fitness.



The new chairman of the Department of Family Practice is Robert Taylor, M.D., formerly professor of family and community medicine at Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Wake Forest University. Taylor has spent 10 years as the only physician in a small town in rural upstate New York.

## Award-winning resident uncovers nature of rare skin disease

Larry Peterson, M.D., whose research documents, for the first time, the mechanism by which the antibodies of patients with a potentially fatal dermatologic disease are triggered to react against their own skin, is the winner of the 1984 School of Medicine Alumni Association's Resident's Paper Award.

The award is presented annually by the alumni association for the outstanding research paper by a resident at the OHSU.

The winning paper submitted by Peterson, a resident in the OHSU Department of Dermatology and a 1980 graduate of the School of Medicine, describes his study of pemphigus vulgaris, an uncommon skin disease which strikes persons in their 50s or 60s. The cause of pemphigus is unknown. Its sufferers (the disease afflicts about one in 100,000 persons) produce

auto-antibodies against their own skin, which have been implicated as the cause of blisters in the mouth and other areas of the body. The blisters enlarge and break, leaving open sores.

Pemphigus has been treated successfully with cortisone since the 1950s, but some of its victims still die from secondary infections of the open blisters.

Peterson and Kirk Wuepper, M.D., professor of dermatology, were the first to isolate and purify the protein that the auto-antibodies of pemphigus victims are directed against. Once the protein had been isolated, it was injected into laboratory rabbits. The rabbits produced an antibody to the protein that was similar to the human pemphigus auto-antibody. The rabbit antibody then was injected into mice which produced pemphigus.

This study proved that pemphigus vulgaris is, indeed, a disease caused by auto-antibodies, a so-called auto-immune disease.

Although pemphigus is a comparatively rare disorder, one should not look on these studies as merely a solution to an uncommon problem, according to School of Medicine Dean John Kendall, M.D. The work by Peterson and Wuepper has provided a laboratory model to study pemphigus and auto-immune diseases in general. Peterson plans to use this model to investigate the cause of pemphigus and to test different types of therapy against the disease.

"One should view these studies as an example of an approach which might be generalized," Kendall said. "These investigators have taken advantage of newer

immunological tools to identify and isolate one of the causal factors in this disease and then gone on to develop an antibody with potential therapeutic value. This approach has applicability to a number of disorders with underlying immunologic causes and thus represents a very exciting advance."

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Peterson's winning paper appeared in the April 1984 issue of "The Journal of Clinical Investigation." He was previously honored for another project with the Stelwagon Award for the outstanding resident research presentation at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology in New Orleans.

## Hatfield featured at OHSU commencement

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ogy certificates. Graduating from the School of Nursing with baccalaureate degrees are 90 students from the Portland campus and 13 from Eastern Oregon State College in LaGrande. Nursing's degrees will be awarded to 23 nursing students.

Among the 105 graduates of School of Dentistry programs, 73 have earned doctorates in dental medicine, two will graduate with Master's degrees and 10 will receive postgraduate specialty certificates. Twenty students will graduate with bachelor of science degrees from the Dental Hygiene Program.

A week of graduation events will culminate with the All Hill Commencement. The event's featured speaker has played a

major role in revitalizing the OHSU. Sen. Hatfield was instrumental in securing federal funds to augment a \$5 million gift from a Portland couple donated for the purpose of building an Institute for Advanced Biomedical Research (IABR). Last year, the senator's actions made it possible for the Health Sciences University to begin planning to expand and upgrade its library to become a national prototype biomedical library of the 21st century.

Sen. Hatfield, who served as Oregon's governor for two terms (1959-67) and has been a member of the U.S. Senate since 1967, also has aided significantly the creation of University Hospital on the OHSU campus, the Oregon Regional Primate Research Center, the Oregon Graduate Center and the forthcoming Veterans Ad-

ministration Medical Center on Marquam Hill.

In addition to his roles as senator and governor, Sen. Hatfield has served as Oregon secretary of state (1957-59), state senator (1955-57) and state representative (1951-55). After graduation from Willamette University in 1943 and Stanford in 1948, he taught political science at Willamette and also served as dean of students (1948-56).

For his continued support of the Oregon Health Sciences University, he has been honored with an annual Mark O. Hatfield Research Lecture endowed by three Oregon benefactors. The first lecture was given last November at the OHSU's annual Research Convocation and featured Edward Herbert, Ph.D., director of the IABR.

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# Colleagues honor Terkla's service as dental dean

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"Your tremendous vitality and enthusiasm for the building of a distinguished school of dentistry in Oregon vitalized the school and infused its faculty and administrative personnel, as well as its students and alumni with an ardent commitment to excellence in every aspect of the school and dental practice of the school's alumni." Romney's letter read. "... Your influence will go on and on ... Happily, your wisdom and stature will not be lost to Oregon, but will bless the lives of countless students and researchers who will come under your tutelage and influence in the years ahead."

The dean's national stature was underscored when Ryan told the audience that, while it is unusual for national dental organizations to specifically recognize deans of dental schools, in Dean Terkla's case they departed from policies because of their respect for him and desire to express appreciation ... for his unique contributions to dentistry and dental education.

Both the Academy of General Dentistry

and the American Dental Association passed resolutions commending the dean for fostering the partnership between dental education and dental practice. The latter praised him for "his dedicated service, selfless commitment and outstanding achievements in furthering the ideals of the profession and the art and science of dentistry."

Writing on behalf of the dean's peer group, William Brown, D.D.S., current president of the American Association of Dental Schools, said his peers describe him as "the best dean in the country, a man of courage and strong will, a terrific professional role model, thoughtful and thorough and a magnificent president of the AADS (1975-76)."

"The dean's finest hour came in those early years of deanship," according to Fred Cowan, Ph.D., professor and chairman of pharmacology.

Quoting faculty meeting minutes of January 20, 1971, Cowan read, "The faculty voted by acclamation its complete support and encouragement of Dean Terkla in his efforts to remedy the injustice

of the withdrawal of our Basic Improvement Grant in the final year because we did not accept the additional expansion of our enrollment."

**Dr. Terkla was described as 'one of the state's most successful executives.'**

"This handling of the capitation problem was most courageous and catapulted (the dean) to national prominence as a leader in dental education," Cowan said.

President Laster, acknowledging personal and professional gratitude, presented Dean Terkla with a black wooden chair, adorned with the OHSU emblem, and a plaque commemorating his service as dean. Laster, whose office contains a myrtlewood clock handcrafted by the dean, presented him with a marquetry saw to be used in his woodworking hobby and a stipend toward classes on how to use it.

In a rare moment during which words

came with difficulty, Terkla told the audience he was accepting the evening's honors on behalf of everyone present, because all had helped him fulfill the responsibilities of his deanship.

The program ended as it began, with an image of the dean, a photographic portrait that was unveiled and presented by Cowan and Gene Clinton, building maintenance superintendent, as a gift from the School of Dentistry faculty and staff. The portrait will hang in the school's conference room, along with portraits of previous deans.

Clinton spoke in admiration of the dean for "your open door policy to your office, to all classified staff, whether hearing complaints, giving recommendations, commendations, castigations or advice on catching fish. We will miss you as dean. To quote Emerson: 'The only way to have a friend is to be one.' And in no way could that ever be a problem for Lou Terkla."

The staff will miss Lou Terkla as dean, Clinton said. But they will not be losing him as a colleague. He will remain on the faculty to teach and conduct research.

Michele Wiley

## OHSU supporters join board

Two more prominent citizens of Oregon have shown their commitment to the state's only academic health institution by joining the Oregon Health Sciences University's Board of Overseers.

Portland attorney Brian Booth and Cynthia Jackson Ford of Medford are the latest additions to the board, which is a group of business and civic leaders comprising the OHSU's primary citizen's support organization.

Booth is a partner in the law firm of Tonkon, Torp, Galen, Marmaduke and Booth. The firm represents businesses in corporate, tax, financing, securities and real estate matters as well as commercial litigation. Booth specializes in corporate and securities law.

He is the corporate secretary of the Orbanco Financial Services and Methus corporations and has served as president of the Oregon Securities Law Association and as chairman of the Oregon State Bar Securities Section and the Oregon Securities Conference. Booth's community activities include service as president of the Board of Trustees of the Portland Art Association and the Carol Morrison Center for Youth and Family Service. Currently, he is a member of the Board of Trustees of Reed College, the University of Oregon Art Museum and the Oregon Community Foundation.

## Higher ed board adds 2 members

Gov. Victor Atiyeh has appointed Gene Chao, Ph.D., of Portland and Janet Nelson of Coos Bay to the Oregon State Board of Higher Education. The governor also re-appointed James Petersen of La Grande to another term on the board.

Chao, chairman and chief executive officer of Methus Corporation in Hillsboro, replaces Loren Wyss of Portland. He earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of California, Berkeley, a master's degree from San Jose State and a doctor of philosophy from Stanford. From 1973 to 1981 he held the posts of senior engineer, manager of the Instrument Research Group and director of the Applied Research Group at Tektronix, Inc.

Nelson succeeds Robert Ingalls, Corvallis, on the board. She is a homemaker, real estate licensee and community volunteer. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Oregon, she has served on the budget committee of the Coos Bay School District, in the Coos Bay Kindergarten Association and on the Oregonian Publishing Company Scholarship Advisory Council.

Both new members will begin their terms July 1, 1984.

"As the metropolitan area's fourth largest employer, the Oregon Health Sciences University has a profound impact on the local and state economies," Booth said. "Yet it has remained a well-kept secret among many sectors of the community. Through my involvement with the Board of Overseers, I hope to be able to help this institution achieve one of its objectives of becoming more visible to, and in, the business community. I believe that there are many opportunities for obtaining private funding for research and other activities at the university once its role and its research capabilities are better understood."

"I served as president of the Portland Art Association, which has a structure similar to the Health Sciences University on a smaller scale, and I have experience in working to pull together various components of one organization to work toward a common goal."

"I see the OHSU as a dynamic and vital member of this community, and I am looking forward to my association with it."

Ford is director of the Southern Oregon Regional Services Institute in Ashland. She is a member of the Willamette University Board of Trustees and the Jackson County Library Foundation Board and an associate board member of the Britt Music Festival, for which she served as coordinator from 1973-75.

"I have been associated with development at Southern Oregon State College, so I am familiar with the problems of fundraising. I think all of us who are in the position of raising funds have essentially the same problems," Ford said. "I am a native of Jackson County, and I intend to work with some of my contacts in this area to help increase support of the Health Sciences University. I'm thinking of myself as the university's ambassador to southern Oregon."

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