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## Ortho Alumni Honor Drs. Moore and Riedel with Professorship

On June 2, 2000 the alumni of the UW graduate program in orthodontics will officially kick off a campaign to raise \$1.5 million to fund an endowed professorship to be called "The Alton W. Moore and Richard A. Riedel Professorship in Orthodontics."

The purpose of the endowment is to enhance the School of Dentistry's ability to attract and retain distinguished faculty in the specialty of orthodontics, thereby enriching the teaching, clinical and research programs in orthodontics. The endowment will be used to support the research, teaching or other professional activities of a full-time faculty member who is nationally recognized as a scholar in orthodontics and/or craniofacial biology.

### UW Ortho Alumni Association Makes \$250,000 Gift

In June 1999 the UW Orthodontic Alumni Association made the first gift, \$250,000, toward the Professorship fund. The Association supports graduate student research and other graduate student activities in the Department of Orthodontics.

### State of Washington Matches

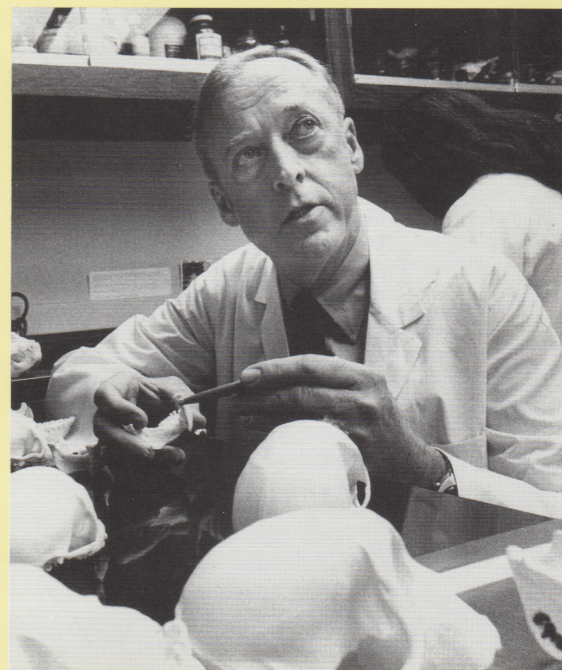
The School of Dentistry received \$250,000 in matching funds for the new Professorship. The matching funds were allocated to the UW by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, and awarded on the basis of their strategic importance in recruiting and retaining faculty in critical academic areas.

With the kick-off of the campaign still months away, eight alumni of the program

have already announced pledges of \$50,000 each, payable over five years. One alumnus made a pledge of \$100,000. Dr. Alton Moore was the first to contribute to the fund that will bear his name. He generously contributed \$50,000.

Individuals wishing to join the \$50,000 club should contact Dr. Peter Shapiro at (206) 543-5788 or (206) 526-0502. Other gifts and pledges

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Dr. Alton Moore in the 1970's participating in dental research in the area of cranial development in primate skulls.



# Ortho Alumni Honor Drs. Moore and Riedel with Professorship

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may be sent to the School of Dentistry Development Office, Box 357137, University of Washington, Seattle, 98195.

## **The Ortho Department at the UW**

The Department of Orthodontics was founded in 1948 in conjunction with the establishment of the Schools of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Washington. Drs. Alton W. Moore and Richard A. Riedel served as its chairmen for the next twenty-seven years during which time the department became the model for orthodontic graduate education and research throughout the world.

Central to the principles upon which the department was founded was the integration of physical, biological and clinical sciences in its research and teaching programs. Investigation in areas as diverse as creation of radiographic cephalometric standards and techniques, analysis of orthodontic and orthognathic surgical treatment outcomes, experimental facial growth modification, and study of temporomandibular joint and pathology has contributed significantly to the advancement of knowledge about craniofacial systems. Drs. Moore and Riedel structured the graduate orthodontic curriculum with the recognition that the program could never presume to provide a complete education, but could only produce a "safe beginner" who was prepared for a professional life of critical analysis and continual learning.

The close personal relationship that Al Moore and Dick Riedel fostered among students, faculty members and professional colleagues were central to the department's success and its far-reaching impact on the orthodontic specialty. Graduate students and junior faculty members were given the freedom to pursue their own interests in a non-competitive, non-hierarchical and mutually supportive environment. This tradition produced a generation of leaders in academic and administrative orthodontics, including over twenty graduates who founded or chaired orthodontic departments worldwide.

These precedents have been continued under subsequent department leadership, positioning the University of Washington Department of Orthodontics to sustain its contributions to academic, investigative and clinical excellence in the twenty-first century.



Alton W. Moore

## **Alton W. Moore, DDS, MSD**

Dr. Alton W. Moore received his dental degree from the University of California at San Francisco in 1941; served an internship at Zoller Memorial Dental Clinic, University of Chicago; and launched his academic career at the University of Louisville where he taught in the Department of Oral Pathology and Oral Diagnosis from 1942 to 1944. Dr. Moore completed his orthodontic education at the University of Illinois in 1945 under the late Dr. Allan Brodie. He then served for three years on the University of Illinois Orthodontic faculty while simultaneously earning a Master of Science degree.

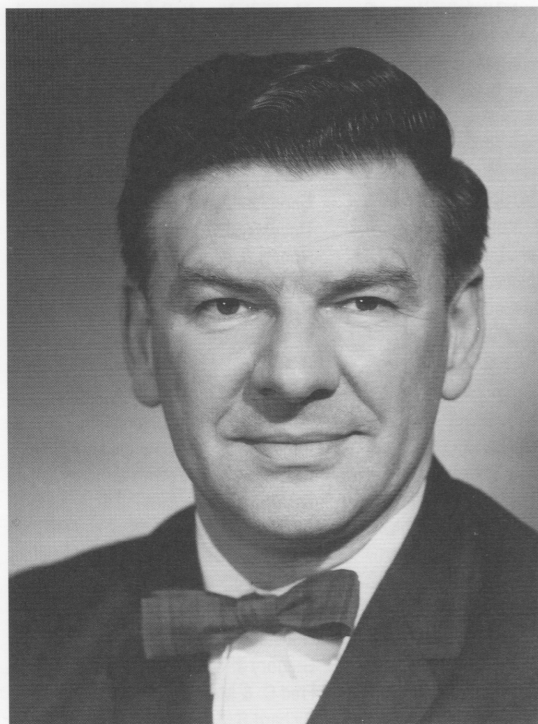
In 1948 Dr. Moore was appointed Associate Professor and Chairman of the UW Department of Orthodontics. In this capacity he was charged with designing and implementing undergraduate and graduate programs in the art and science of orthodontics. As a core faculty member of the newly established School of Dentistry, Dr. Moore played an important role in the integration of dental education into the broader health sciences curriculum.

Alton Moore served as Department of Orthodontics Chair until 1966, Associate Dean of the School of Dentistry through 1976, and Dean from 1977 to 1980. According to Dr. Peter Shapiro, the Moore/Riedel Fund Chair, "Although Dr. Moore had a profound influence on the specialty of orthodontics, his most important role was that of mentor. His encouragement, support and stimulation of students, junior faculty members and professional colleagues have contributed immeasurably



to the advancement of orthodontics. Further, he has enhanced the personal lives and professional careers of those who have been fortunate enough to have come under his influence."

Dr. Moore is now Dean Emeritus of the School of Dentistry and Professor Emeritus of its Department of Orthodontics. Currently he resides with his wife, Myrna, in the Sand Point neighborhood of Seattle.



Richard A. Riedel

### **Richard A. Riedel, DDS, MSD**

Dr. Richard A. Riedel received his dental degree from Marquette University. After serving in the United State Navy at the end of World War II, Dr. Riedel attended Northwestern University where he completed his orthodontic graduate training and earned a Master of Science in Dentistry degree.

In 1949, Dr. Riedel moved his young family to Seattle where he was recruited by Moore to the faculty in the Department of Orthodontics. He was appointed Chair of the Department in 1966, Associate Dean of the School of Dentistry in 1977, and was Acting Dean from 1979 through 1981.

According to his previous students, Dr. Riedel was the "consummate orthodontic clinician whose practical, straightforward approach to patient care served as a paradigm for his many admiring students. He was

critical of dogma, suspicious of teaching based on anecdotal information, and tirelessly supportive of the scientific method in documenting orthodontic treatment results."

Dr. Riedel had a keen interest in the long-term treatment outcomes for patients that led to the accumulation of an extensive archive of patient records. The study of these records has had a major impact on orthodontic theory and practice.

Of Dr. Riedel, it is said that only his high level of personal values, integrity and honesty surpassed his extraordinary skills as a teacher, critical thinker, researcher and clinician. He passed away on August 10, 1994. His wife, Marie, survives him.

### **Alton W. Moore Lecture**

The Alton W. Moore Lecture is an annual event in Seattle sponsored by the Department of Orthodontics that features a keynote speaker of worldwide renown in the specialty. In addition, graduate students from the department present their research to the orthodontic faculty and to the practicing orthodontists in the community.

In 1980 the name of the event was changed to honor Alton W. Moore for his many contributions to the department. The 20th anniversary of the lecture will occur on June 2, 2000. Dr. Moore will be the keynote speaker for the event.

A reception and dinner at the Seattle Yacht Club will follow the day of lectures. At that time, the Ortho Alumni will make the formal announcement of the new Alton W. Moore and Richard A. Riedel Professorship in Orthodontics.