Chair’s Corner

What are the key elements necessary to have a first rate Department of Pediatric Dentistry and what are the challenges that will confront us over the next decade? Reasonable questions to ponder, especially for an incoming chair of arguably the most illustrious Department of Pediatric Dentistry in existence.

A decade ago Mike Roberts was faced with these same questions as he assumed the Chair of the UNC Department of Pediatric Dentistry. Although Mike led the department through times of great financial difficulty, his fiscal responsibility and economic skills have left the department stronger and more solvent than ever before. He not only provided leadership for the department, but was a leader nationally, serving in a variety of roles in the American Academy and American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and a leader in the state supporting the North Carolina Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Mike showed his true color and grit as an advocate for children during the extensive and ultimately successful negotiations to improve North Carolina Medicaid reimbursement rates. Mike’s role in developing and refining the UNC Pediatric Dentistry Hospital Program will serve as a legacy to his tireless efforts and his remarkable ability to integrate our role as oral health care advocates and providers with those of our medical colleagues. Fortunately, Mike has agreed to (Chair’s Corner Continued on page 2)

Bon Voyage to the Class of 2004
Graduate Appreciation Banquet

Forty-two members of the Department faculty, staff, and guests gathered on Saturday evening, June 19, in the Morehead State Dining Room in the Morehead Building on the UNC-CH Campus. They came to honor the pediatric dentistry residents and acknowledge their significant contributions to the mission of the Department. Their accomplishments this past year and the announcement of 2004-05 Fellowships are highlighted, but the spotlight shines brightest upon the senior residents who are scheduled to complete their training in a few days.

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The tradition continues as Mike and Matt present the department with a Mike Smith print.

“Prevention and Management of Medical Emergencies in Dental Practice”
Friday, October 15, 2004 8:30 AM-4:30 PM Registration begins at 8:00 AM William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center Dr. Stanley Malamed Six Hours CE Credits
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continue in many of his previous roles and he will continue to spearhead many of our efforts directed at providing oral health care in the UNC Hospital.

So what lies ahead and how do we steer a course that will ensure a strong and dynamic department? One critical issue will be replacing retired faculty over the next several years with experienced and energetic people that can carry on the UNC tradition and keep it moving forward. Despite a national shortage of pediatric dentists entering academic careers, I am confident that we will be able to recruit bright and talented new faculty to this outstanding institution.

I anticipate that the next decade will continue to bring financial challenges for the department as state support continues to diminish, competition for decreasing research dollars increases and funding for graduate stipends remains in jeopardy. The presence of well-funded research faculty and having faculty able to compete and successfully receive training grant awards to support student stipends markedly reduces the department’s fiscal liability. Equally important, and one of the many things I found most impressive about the UNC program when I first joined the faculty in 1990, is the incredible support from the pediatric dental community and our alumni. I look forward to working with the faculty, alumni and pediatric dental community in carrying on the proud UNC Pediatric Dentistry tradition and helping recognize new vistas for the future.

Dental Genetics Specialist

ERIC EVERETT JOINS PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY FACULTY

The UNC Department of Pediatric Dentistry is pleased to announce the addition of Eric Everett to the faculty. The successful recruitment of Eric represents the culmination of an intensive national search for an expert in dental genetics. Eric’s position was one of 40 new faculty lines funded across campus as part of a massive initiative to enhance both clinical expertise and research in the area of genetics. The UNC School of Dentistry received one new faculty position as part of this initiative and we are extremely pleased that we were able to recruit Eric and that his home department will be in pediatric dentistry.

Eric received his Bachelors degree in biology from Jacksonville University, his Masters degree in clinical immunology from the University of Florida and his PhD from the Medical University of South Carolina. He has been on faculty at the Indiana University School of Dentistry since 1996 where he advanced to the rank of Associate Professor. Eric had appointments in the School of Dentistry and in the Departments of Dermatology and Genetics in the School of Medicine. His research interests include craniofacial development with an emphasis on cleft lip and cleft palate. He is also interested in the role of genetics in defining the clinical variability associated with exposure to fluoride. He has published extensively in the scientific literature and has an impressive record for mentoring students (including a winner of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Graduate Research Award in 2003). Eric currently holds multiple grants from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research that fund his clefting and fluorosis research.

Eric will provide a new dimension to the already diverse genetics research being conducted in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. Furthermore, he will continue the Department’s legacy of outstanding research directed at understanding the role of fluorides in mineralized tissue development that reached its pinnacle under the direction of James Bawden and Miles Crenshaw.

Eric Everett, his wife and two daughters will join the Chapel Hill community September 1, 2004 and we hope you will all join us in welcoming them to our pediatric dentistry family.
Up Coming Continuing Education Courses

Get your palm pilots in hand and alert your office appointment staff! We have two super continuing education offerings this fall and the spring of 2005. The first is scheduled for Friday, October 15, 2004, and the second is Friday, April 1, 2005. Both courses will be held at the William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center in Chapel Hill (and, yes, we have reserved the large auditorium!). Both courses are open to dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants and office staff. A continental breakfast, a great lunch and two refreshment breaks will be included in the registration fee. Each course qualifies for 6.0 hours of CE credit.

The October 15, 2004, course features the internationally acclaimed Dr. Stanley Malamed. Dr. Malamed is the premier dental educator in emergency medical management and anesthesia. He is the author of over 120 scientific papers, 16 chapters in various medical and dental reference books, and has authored three widely used textbooks. The title of the course is "Prevention and Management of Medical Emergencies in Dental Practice". Please note that registration for this course will begin at 8:00 AM and the course will begin at 8:30 AM. This is 30 minutes earlier than usual, but we will also complete the course earlier in the afternoon! This course sold out early when we gave it in 2001, so please register early to insure your place to hear this dynamic speaker.

The course is being held in conjunction with the annual Friday evening, October 15, NC Academy of Pediatric Dentistry reception and Annual Session the following Saturday morning. The 14th Annual "Grip-It and Rip-It Golf Event" will follow on Saturday afternoon. There is no Tarheel football game scheduled in Chapel Hill that weekend, so get your sticks out and come prepared to torch the course.

Our spring CE course is scheduled for April 1, 2005. For several years many of you have been asking for a pediatric focused pharmacology course. We heard you and have planned an excellent offering titled "Clinical Pharmacology for Dental Professionals Who Treat Children" with two outstanding speakers. Dr. Ellen Bryne, who holds degrees in pharmacy, dentistry and pharmacology, and is on the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry faculty, and our own Dr. Elizabeth Farrington who holds a PhD in pediatric pharmacology and is on the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine faculty. This course will begin registration at 8:30 AM with the course to begin at 9:00 AM.

Registration or additional information for both of these excellent courses can be obtained by calling the UNC School of Dentistry's Office of Continuing Education at (919)966-2729, or on-line at www.dent.unc.edu/ce/ced. If you have questions you can also get information by emailing the CE office at: CDE@dentistry.unc.edu.

New Adjunct Faculty Members

The Department has recently had several new additions to our Adjunct Clinical Faculty. They are Judy Laxer, Stephanie Lindsey (DDS 1999), Leslee Huggins (2002), David Olsen (DDS 1999), Doug Fry, Stacey Conn, Cynthia Neal (DDS 1996), Kate Pierce (2002), Dan Ravel and Hakan Koymen. We welcome all of them to our department family. They will join our other Adjunct Faculty who contribute 1-2 days a year teaching in our DDS clinics along side our full-time faculty members, and GTAs. We’re also grateful that Adjunct faculty also help us with enrichment seminars for our graduate students. They bring a fresh perspective to our clinics and are greatly appreciated by the DDS students and residents.

Sandy Marks Fellowship Fund is Set in Motion

All alumni and friends should have received a recent letter and prospectus for the Sandy Marks Fellowship Fund that is now off the ground under the leadership of Phil Caldwell (1974) and Gary Hill (1974) as co-chairs with a Development Committee that includes: Larry Dempsey (1975), Eugene Howden (1971), Sonny Long (1978) Ed Miller (1973), Jim Stone (1975), Mike Roberts, Bill Vann (1976), Tim Wright and Paul Gardner.

We hope all of you will respond to the Marks Committee’s requests for pledges and gifts. You’ll hear more about this campaign in the late summer and early fall as we build steam for this Fellowship Campaign.
News of Alumni and Friends

Congratulations to David D. Olson (DDS 1999) of Raleigh who opened his new office in North Raleigh (Raleigh Pediatric Dentistry). He is a graduate of the UNC School of Dentistry and completed his graduate training and MS degree at the University of Iowa in 2002. David is engaged to Shelly Barker, UNC DDS class of 2002.

Congratulations to Pamela DenBesten (1983) of San Francisco who was recently elected Treasurer of the American Association of Dental Research. Pam serves as Chair of the Division of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of California San Francisco.

Faculty member Jessica Lee (2002) has been appointed a five-year Research Fellow at the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research. The Sheps Center seeks to improve the health of individuals, families and populations by understanding the problems, issues and alternatives in the design and delivery of health services. The Center currently houses over 120 fellows from disciplines in medicine, public health, sociology, psychology, economics and dentistry. Jessica has been closely associated with the Center since her arrival in Chapel Hill because she was an HRSA Trainee at the Center during her resident years. Currently Ron Venezie (1994) is also connected with the Center where he is completing his doctoral training in public health as a Fellow.

Jessica Lee (2002) has also recently been reappointed to a fourth-year term as a dentist representative on the Orange County Board of Health after having served a two-year term already. She follows in the large footprints of leadership laid down already by Gene Howden (1971) who served many years prior to Jessica’s appointment. At the same time, Gene Sandler has been a consultant/advisor to the Board for over 20 years.

Faculty member Lorne Koroluk is serving currently as the Chief Examiner of Pediatric Dentistry for the Examination Committee of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada. The Royal College is the organization that administers exams for all dental specialties in Canada. To practice as a dental specialist in Canada, it is mandatory to have passed the Royal College’s Examination in that specialty. The results of the examination are tied to licensure in Canada. The process for the specialty includes a written examination and simulations. Also serving on the Examination Committee for the RCD of Canada is Rocio Quinonez (2000).

Faculty member Rocio Quinonez (2000) served as Visiting Professor this past spring in the Department of Pediatrics for a two-day engagement at the University of Indiana at Riley Children’s Hospital. She was a consultant to the Department’s Pediatric Health Services Research Group as related to pediatricians’ oral health initiative at the University and in the state of Indiana.

Several of our alumni have celebrated exciting life changes since our last Newsletter. On April 4, 2004, Lina Cardenas (2002) and her husband Dimitar Dentchev welcomed Iliana Maria to their family. Iliana weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 21.75 inches long when she arrived at 12:45 PM. LaRee Johnson (1999), husband James and daughter Mia welcomed the arrival of Jameson Johnson Gerds “Jamie” on May 10, 2004. Jamie arrived at 1:54 PM, weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Amazingly, Mia was also born three years earlier on May 10th! How about that for planning! Tegwyn Hughes (2002) was married to Todd Taylor Brickhouse in Toano, VA on May 15, 2004.

We wish the very best to all our new alumni family.

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Mike Rossitch (2004) and Matt Savage (2004) have been friends, classmates, and residents for the past seven years. They, supported by members of their family, were recognized with certificates of outstanding performance, program completion and gifts. Mike and Matt came to the microphone and returned the favor with statements of appreciation and a gift to the Department of a framed Mike Smith print with a plaque that included their names and year of program completion. The print gift has become a tradition over the past five years. It will be hung with pride in the Department office along-side the ones from previous classes.

Matt will be joining the practice of Sonny Long (1978) and Judy Laxer in Charlotte. Matt is a Carolina grad and a former high achieving dental student here at Carolina. Mike, a native of Winston-Salem and also a Carolina grad, was President of the SOD’s Spurgeon Dental Society before joining our graduate program. He and his family will be moving to Woodstock, GA to join the Children’s Dentistry of Woodstock (Todd Asarch). Mike was a superb resident and team player. We are sad that Mike will leave the Tarheel state but Atlanta is a compromise to be close to wife Shannon’s family in Chattanooga, TN and Mike’s family in NC.

We are all very proud of Mike and Matt and wish them much success. There is no doubt that they are prepared for the next step in their professional lives.
Alumni and Friends Shine in San Francisco

San Francisco was a splendid site for the 2004 Session of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry that featured the theme “Connecting Today with Tomorrow.” As has been the case historically, alumni and friends were involved in a variety of roles of leadership in this year’s Annual Session of the Academy.

Bobby Elliott (1998) of Cary was featured in a section of the first day’s Breakfast Rounds, holding forth on “Hanging Your Single Shingle: Starting Your Own Practice From Scratch.” Day one of the meeting also featured Table Clinic presentations by three of our residents including “Confidence Levels of WIC Nutritionists in Providing Dental Screenings for Infants and Children” by Elizabeth Shick (2006) with Jessica Lee (2002); “General Anesthesia Legislation: The Effect of Pediatric Dental Hospital Visits” presented by Halley White (2006) with Jessica Lee (2002), and “Management of Complicated Crown Fractures of Primary Incisors Using Intentional Replantation” by Zhengyan Wang (2005) with M. Heffernenn and Bill Vann (1976).

Friday’s Miniclinics included a presentation by Martha Ann Keels (1990) entitled, “Is the Enamel Loss Due to Gastroesophageal Reflex (GERD), Bruxism, Bulimia or Diet?”

Saturday’s College of Diplomates’ Breakfast and Business Meeting featured Tim Wright in a program entitled, “The Pediatric Dentist as Amateur Geneticist.” During the College of Diplomates Business Meeting New Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry were inducted including Pam DenBesten (1983) and Carrie Arquitt (1999).

The College of Diplomates Business Meeting was the culmination of a year as President of the College of Diplomates Foundation for Jim Congleton (1977) of New Bern. The College of Diplomates also re-elected Diane Dilley of Cary as Secretary/Treasurer and elected Mike Roberts of Chapel Hill as Vice-President of the College. Mike has now entered the leadership ladder that will take him to the presidency in two years.

A major highlight of the College of Diplomates Session was the announcement that Krissy Coffield (2003) of Wakefield won the first James Roche Award recognizing the student scoring the highest grade on the 2002-03 ABPD Comprehensive Written Exam. What an honor!

On Saturday the Graduate Research Award (GRSA) presentations were featured. This year there were eight national GSRA winners, including two from NC. Matthew Savage (2004) of Chapel Hill was a finalist for his thesis research entitled, “Early Preventive Dental Visits: Effects on Subsequent Utilization and Cost.” Krissy Coffield (2003) of Durham was also a finalist for her presentation entitled, “The Psychosocial Impact of Developmental Defects in Amelogenesis Imperfecta.” Also recognized was Susan Bird of Kansas City, a UNC-DDS (2000) alumni and graduate of the program at Ohio State University, for her dissertation entitled, “Effectiveness and Acceptance of Infantile Tooth Brushes.” We were thrilled when the overall winner of the GSRA competition was announced to be Krissy Coffield (2003) who was given the 2004 Ralph McDonald Award for this distinction. This was the second McDonald Award in a row for us. Lina Cardenas (2002) of San Antonio was last year’s winner.

Saturday afternoon’s Foundation Research Award (FRA) presentations included four finalists, one of whom was Rocio Quinonez (2000) of Durham for her study entitled, “Accessing Cost Effectiveness of Sealant Placement in Children.” Rocio’s presentation was the overall winner in the FRA Competition. Congratulations Rocio!

Saturday afternoon’s research presentations concluded with the OMNII Post-doctoral Research Fellowship presentations that included Mike Rosstitch’s (2004) of Chapel Hill study based on his Master’s research program here entitled, “Evaluation of Pediatric Medical Residents Oral Health Education: Effects on Caregivers Knowledge and Self-Reported Behaviors.” Sunday morning’s Breakfast Rounds included a presentation by Krissy Coffield (2003) of Durham entitled, “Is the Enamel Loss due to Gastroesophageal Reflux (GERD), Bruxism, Bulimia or Diet?” The afternoon program featured a program entitled, “Challenges in Behavior Management: Point-Counter Point,” moderated by Bill Vann (1976) and six panelists, one of whom was Jimmy Pinkham (1972) of Iowa City.

Kudos to the many alumni and friends who were working behind the scenes in positions of leadership and committee service for the Academy. This list of individuals is too many to name but stellar among them is Carrie Kiefer Arquitt (1999) of Springfield, MO, who served as this year’s Chair of the Council on Communications and Michael Ignelzi (1992) of Ann Arbor, who served this year on the Academy’s Board of Directors and Executive Committee as the Board’s appointed Parliamentarian. Congratulations to Mike for having been appointed to continue this service for 2004-05.
Alumni and Friends on the Move

Leslee Huggins (2002)
New Home Address:
1920 Kenwyck Manor Way
Raleigh, NC  27612
Phone:  919/781-7805

Leslee is expecting a new baby boy in mid-July and can be reached at Bloomingwhereplanted@hotmail.com

Mary Ann Mills Sheroan (2003)
New Home Address:
179 Camaro Court
Elizabethtown, KY  42701
Phone:  207/763-9471

Reach Mary Ann and Ryan at maryann0228@hotmail.com

Welcome to the Class of 2007

We were pleased to welcome a new class of three students who joined us on June 30, 2004 to begin their Tarheel careers. Thomas Bouwens is a native of Holland, MI. This is also the town from which Ted Oldenburg (1962) hails. Tom graduated from Hope College in Michigan with a BA degree in chemistry and a minor in mathematics with Magna Cum Laude honors. He was team co-captain and a four-time All-American swimmer. He attended the University of Michigan School of Dentistry where he won several awards for his academic excellence including the William S. Kramer Award of Excellence. Tom was also awarded scholarships from the Michigan Dental Association and Omicron Kappa Upsilon in recognition of his being the scholastic number one dental student in his class. He earned an AADR Student Research Fellowship and was an NIDCR Short-Term Research Trainee. Tom’s wife, Teresa, is a Michigan native and an elementary school teacher.

Matthew T. Goslee is a recent DDS Graduate from the School of Dentistry at the University of Connecticut in Farmington, CT. He is a graduate of Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, PA where he received a BA degree in political science with a minor in philosophy. He trained as an ophthalmology technician and worked for two years in that profession and then a year as a Junior Investigator at the Schepen Eye Research Institute in Boston. At UCONN Matt had a keen interest in international health and has been involved in projects in both Haiti and Peru. He was awarded the Gustave Pearl Award for his outstanding original research on a project entitled “Traditional and Modern Forms of Dentistry in Geremie, Haiti.” He won an NIDCR Summer Research Fellowship that supported his project in Haiti in 2001. He married recently and his wife, Julie, will be completing a residency in psychiatry here at UNC-CH.

It will be a homecoming for new resident Jenny Jackson. Jenny is a native of Raleigh who received her BS degree in microbiology at North Carolina State University. She was Valedictorian of the Class of 2000 at NC State where she amassed a long list of academic and leadership honors, including having been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. She also served as both a Jefferson and University Scholar at NC State. She recently graduated from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine where she has been involved in a number of research and community-service related projects. We are pleased also that Jenny’s husband, Rick, will be joining the UNC-CH family in a joint MBA/JD program here at the University. Jenny’s brother is a junior here in dental school.
The 14th Annual Golf Outing – October 16th – The Preserve at Lake Jordan

The 14th Annual Golf Outing will be held on Saturday October 16th following the annual NCAPD meeting. The outing will once again be held at The Preserve near Lake Jordan. Tee times will start shortly after conclusion of the meeting at 12:30PM. As usual, the format will be captain’s choice to allow players of all calibers to come out and join the fun. A box lunch and range balls will be provided to all participants. As in the past, donations to the Ted Oldenburg fund will be suggested in lieu of green fees for participants.

If you attend the annual meeting, plan on spending the afternoon on a beautifully designed golf course with friends. All are welcome to participate.

2003 Winners
Mark Meyer, John Christensen and Dennis Clements

Update
James Bawden Professorship Fund

A few years ago we established the James Bawden Professorship Fund in the Dental Foundation. The professorship in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry honors Jim Bawden for his many years of service to our department, the School of Dentistry, our profession and specialty, and citizens of our state. Our goal for the Bawden Professorship is $500,000. All gifts to this fund are counted toward the School of Dentistry's goal of $30 million as a part of the university-wide Carolina First campaign.

We have reached the minimum required $333,000 of gifts and pledges. This qualified the Professorship to request state matching funds to achieve the $500,000 total. The state has agreed to our request once we have deposited the full $333,000 with the university development office.

To date we have deposited over $275,000 and have an additional $106,000 in pledges. I encourage all who have made pledges to continue to forward those gifts made payable to the "Dental Foundation of North Carolina-Bawden Professorship Fund" so we can bring this fund to full realization as soon as possible. You can mail your gifts (or pay by credit card) to Paul Gardner, Dental Foundation of North Carolina, UNC School of Dentistry, Campus Box 7450, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7450. His phone number is (919)966-2731.


With your help we can put this fund over the top in 2004!
GENEROSITY OF ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Your gifts to the Department of Pediatric Dentistry's various development funds acknowledged below include only those received and credited by the Dental Foundation of NC in the calendar year 2003. We want to express our most sincere "thank you" for your generosity. Your gifts support our residents' training, improve our graduate library, and acquire new technology to enrich our residents' educational experience. Contributions to one of our "Distinguished Professor" funds help support future and present faculty. In a time of continued state and university fiscal crises the value of these gifts cannot be overstated.

Your gifts are invested and the interest from these funds is used to meet our graduate program needs described throughout this Newsletter. Your commitment to improving the graduate program is not lost on our residents, and it continues to help cement the bonds among our past, present and future alumni and friends.

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Update on Residents’ Activities

With our recent graduation of the Resident Class of 2004 and the matriculation of the Class of 2006, the changing of the guard brings us to a total of nine residents. The future plans of Mike Rossitch (2004) and Matt Savage (2004) are detailed elsewhere in this Newsletter as are profiles and backgrounds of our three new residents: Tom Bouwens, Matt Goslee and Jenny Jackson.

Our 2005 Senior Class will include three residents: Martha Hardaway, a native of Newton-Conover who graduated from the University of South Carolina; Elizabeth Shick, a native of Raleigh who completed her dental school training here at UNC-CH and Maria Wang, a native of China who completed her dental school training in her native country.

Martha is completing her program concurrent with a Master’s degree and is working under the research mentorship of Tim Wright of Chapel Hill. Elizabeth is completing a Master’s of Public Health (MPH) degree and is working under the mentorship of Jessica Lee (2002), while Maria is on track to complete her PhD in Oral Biology during this next year. Maria will be on maternity leave for part of the fall semester.

The students who will be assuming their role as second year residents include Ron Hsu, a native of Washington who completed his dental school training at the University of Washington, Kavita Mathu-Muju, a native of Winnipeg who completed her dental school training at the University of Manitoba and Halley White of Durham, who completed her dental school training here at UNC-CH. These three are in the process of completing the very busy first year of the program. Ron is pursuing the traditional Master’s degree program and his research mentor is Carol-Anne Trotman from our Department of Orthodontics while Halley and Kavita are both pursuing an MPH degree under Jessica Lee’s (2002) mentorship in the School of Public Health.

Congratulations to Ron and Halley for the arrival of new family members during this past year. Ron’s son, Wenhsien Ethan was born on September 30, 2003; and Halley’s daughter, Elina Rhodes Grooman was born February 23, 2004.

This past year was another banner year of excellence and achievement for our residents. These accomplishments were recognized at our recent Resident’s Appreciation Banquet held June 19th, 2004 at the Morehead State Dining Room on the Carolina Campus. The 2003-04 residents’ achievements and awards included:

Mike Rossitch (2004) was awarded one of three national Omnii Research Fellowship Awards that support graduate student research activity. This $7500 award helped underwrite his research entitled, “Pediatric Medical Residents’ Oral Health Education: Effects on Caregiver Knowledge and Behavior.”

Mike Rossitch and Matt Savage (2004) were honored as Jim Congleton Fellows.

Martha Hardaway, Elizabeth Shick and Maria Wang were honored as Theodore R. Oldenberg Fellows.

Mike Rossitch and Matt Savage were honored as Jack Menius Fellows.

Matt Savage was named an Ann and Randolph Babcock Fellow, a school-wide graduate fellowship honor.

Mike Rossitch was named as an Elsie and Baxter Sapp Fellowship, a school-wide graduate student honor.

Mike Rossitch was awarded the Turner Award for Outstanding Research at the 2004 UNC-CH School of Dentistry Research in Review Day. He won the Master’s degree category for his research “Pediatric Medical Residents’ Oral Health Education: Effects on Caregiver Knowledge and Behavior.” He received a cash award.

Matt Savage was a first place winner in the Advanced Dental Education Competition in the School’s 2004 Table Clinic Competition. His table clinic was entitled, “Early Preventive Dental Visits: Effects on Subsequent Utilization and Cost.” He received a cash award.

Krissy Coffield (2003) and Matt Savage were both named as Graduate Student Research Award Winners by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry for 2004. They received cash awards and travel stipends to attend the AAPD Annual Session in San Francisco last month.
Sheila F. Harris Dental Assisting Award

**Elliot Establishes Dental Assisting Award**

**Bobby Elliott**, a member of the Pediatric Dentistry Class of 1998, who practices in Cary has endowed the Sheila F. Harris Dental Assisting Student Award. The Harris Award will be given annually to honor a dental assisting student who has excelled both academically and clinically with selection by the Dental Assisting Faculty in consideration of integrity and overall excellence. This award will honor Sheila F. Harris, alumna of the UNC Dental Assisting Program. Sheila also served as Pediatric Dentistry Departmental Dental Assistant Supervisor for many years.

*From left to right: Sheila Harris, Rachel Ruiz, first recipient of the award and Bobby Elliott.*

Venezie to Head NC Dental Medicaid

**Ron Venezie (1994)** has been appointed as the Dental Director for the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA). In layman’s vernacular, Ron is now the dental Medicaid director of North Carolina. He moves into this position after serving as the Acting Dental Director on a part-time basis for the last 12 months during which time he was on loan to DMA from the state’s Oral Health Section. Ron’s departure from the Oral Health Section will be a huge loss in terms of his energy and intellectual contribution to that group, but we are pleased to have a pediatric dentist and a member of our alumni family directing the state’s dental Medicaid program. We know Ron will approach this job in a manner that he has all others by giving it 100% effort and attention.

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2004 Annual Meeting October 16

North Carolina Academy of Pediatric Dentistry News

The NCAPD annual meeting will be held Saturday, October 16, 2004 at the Radisson Governors Inn. Our business meeting will begin at 7:15 AM and the entire meeting will be reserved for the NCAPD business meeting with adjournment by noon. A block of rooms will be held at the Radisson Governors Inn and reservations may be made by calling 919-549-8631 and ask for the UNC Pediatric Dentistry room block.

Our reception with a no host bar will be held Friday, October 15, 2004 from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Radisson Governors Inn. We encourage everyone to attend the cocktail party following the Friday CE course at the UNC Friday Center.

We welcome to the NCAPD membership 2004 UNC Graduate Matt Savage (2004) who will practice in Charlotte with Sonny Long (1978) and Judy Laxer.

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College of Diplomates Corner

UNC alumni Pam DenBesten (1983) and Carrie Kiefer Arquitt (1999) became board certified as Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and Carrie received her pin at the College’s 2004 breakfast in San Francisco. Carrie practices in Springfield, MO and Pam is chair of the UCSF Department of Growth and Development. Krissy Coffield (2003) received the James R. Roche Award of Excellence at this year’s COD breakfast. This award was given to Krissy for the highest score on the Written Section of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry Examination.

The initiative to promote board certification and significantly increase the number of board certified pediatric dentists in the American Academy of Pediatric Dentists continues. Southeast regional leader Mike Roberts and NC state leaders Martha Ann Keels (1990) and Marty Oakes are available to encourage and assist anyone who is working on the process or “just thinking about the boards.” More information on current requirements for board certification can be found at www.abpd.org. Additional mentors are listed in the College of Diplomates link.
WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH YOU?

This Newsletter goes to more than 200 of our Department alumni and friends. We get many comments on how much everyone enjoys keeping up with friends and events through the Newsletter grapevine. But we need you to let us know what is going on in your lives so we can share. Please use this page to pass on news to us that we can include in our next publication!

Please send us personal or professional news that may be of interest to alumni and friends of the Department.

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