Chair’s Corner

Dawn of a New Decade

Here is wishing a happy new year to all of you and hoping you have a healthy and fulfilling one. We are not only starting a new year but have embarked on the second decade of the millennium. Don’t you think 2010 really sounds like we have entered the future? When we think back on the tremendous changes of the past decade that are too numerous and diverse to mention, we see that even our vocabulary has continued to evolve with the emergence of new words such as podcasting, twitter, Vlog and Obamanomics.

While it is difficult to imagine what changes we will experience during this next decade, there will be significant transformations in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and the UNC School of Dentistry (SOD). Bill Vann (1976) and Diane Dilley have both elected to transition from their full-time positions and retire effective June 30th, 2010. These two faculty members have been such an integral part of the Department’s fabric over the past three decades it is difficult to think about UNC Pediatric Dentistry without their leadership. We do, however, plan to keep them engaged in our continued excellence and are actively involved in recruiting new faculty members. Providing appropriate recognition for their uncountable contributions to pediatric dentistry is a challenge, to say the least, but we will feature a special tribute in our next newsletter. Additional accolades will be announced later in the year.

Other key changes that we know will occur during the coming years include having a new Dean of the SOD and completion of the new SOD sciences building. There is little question we will continue to face budgetary challenges in the short term, but the long term outlook for this next decade forecasts continued excellence in our education and research programs, and advancing our collective efforts towards improving oral health for children.

50th Issue

Milestone for Alumni News

This is the 50th issue of Alumni News. When it began in 1984 Tar Heel basketball standouts included Brad Daugherty, Steve Hale, Kenny Smith, Joe Wolf, “Buzz” Peterson, Jeff Lebo and Warren Martin, who was still only 6’11”. Michael Jordan had just turned pro. It was the last year in Carmichael Auditorium and Ted Oldenburg was time keeper and scoreboard operator. The Dick Crum coached Carolina football team beat Clemson, but lost to Duke!

We were the Department of Pedodontics and a year away from becoming Pediatric Dentistry. We are still “Pedo” to many.

Alumni News had its beginning on the desk of Ted Oldenburg. Ted started the newsletter to help keep in touch with UNC alumni and to allow graduates to keep up with the accomplishments of each other and the UNC program. After Bill Vann became chair the publication was expanded and now it is a project for the entire Department. The newsletter depends on you, the alumni and friends, for the information that makes it interesting to you and your staff.
We are extremely pleased that Paul Gardner has returned as the School of Dentistry’s Associate Dean of Advancement. Many of you worked with Paul during the Dean Stamm years and are familiar with his outstanding skills as a development officer and his delightful personal style.

Paul was recruited from a pool of outstanding applicants from across the country. We look forward to working with him and his staff as we continue to strive towards achieving our development goal for the “My Child’s Smile Campaign.”

Although the economy remains fragile, there is hope we have turned the corner and our Dental Foundation investments will return to positive growth. The Department’s total fund portfolio increased slightly over the past year after losses from endowed investments the previous year. Most of you are aware of our push to have the Tom McIver Fellowship Fund reach the $100,000 endowment level by October of this year. I’m happy to say that through the generous response from many of you we are now over half way there and are closing the gap on reaching this goal. Once endowed, interest earned on the invested principal will be used to support resident stipends. Please join me in welcoming Paul back into the fold and please continue your generous support of our program.

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During April 13-15, 2010 the School of Dentistry will be undergoing its ever seven-year accreditation site visit by the ADA’s Commission on Dental Accreditation. The accreditation process is required of all dental schools and advanced education programs in the United States and Canada and assures that they are meeting a set of national standards established by the Commission.

The crux of the site visit is an external review of reflective self-study documents that have been developed by the faculty in preparation for the visit. This accreditation process helps ensure a high quality of dental education that reflects the evolving practice of dentistry. Furthermore, accreditation assures the public and licensing boards and protects the public’s health and welfare. Programs under review will include the DDS, dental hygiene and the nine advanced education programs.

Preparation for Accreditation 2010 began nearly two years ago under the leadership of Janet Guthmiller, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Since then the dental school has undergone a mock-site visit and several retreats that have been helpful to further refine our self-study documents. Specific to pediatric dentistry, the DDS and graduate program have been under the leadership of Rocio Quinonez (2000) and Mike Milano, respectively. We look forward to a successful site-visit as one dimension of our commitment to the highest possible standards in dental education.

The Department of Pediatric Dentistry welcomes Patty Prentice as its Business Manager. Patty comes to us from UNC Hospitals where she worked for twelve years.

Patty grew up in Chesapeake, VA, but has lived in Iceland, Oregon, Washington, Massachusetts, Colorado, and now North Carolina for the past thirteen years. She attended Colorado Christian University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Organization Management and Master of Arts in Education. Patty loves animals and has fostered many dogs and cats until a good forever home could be found for them.

Welcome Patty to the Department of Pediatric Dentistry!
Wow! The response to our October 16, 2009, continuing education course, “An Update on Dental Trauma Management for Children and Young Adolescents” exceeded our expectations! Over 300 enthusiastic participants from four states gathered at the UNC-CH Friday Continuing Education Center for the course. The on-site response was excellent and the course reviews were fantastic.

Asgeir Sigurdsson, an endodontist who practices both in Iceland and Great Britain, provided an overview and update on permanent tooth trauma and decoronation therapy. Jessica Lee, from the UNC-CH Department of Pediatric Dentistry, joined Asgeir to address revascularization treatment. In addition, Jessica provided a review of tooth avulsion management and Bill Vann, also from the UNC-CH Department of Pediatric Dentistry, gave a review and summary of primary tooth trauma management.

Future Continuing Education Courses

Spring 2010

“Monitor, Biopsy, Refer — What’s a Doctor to Do? Oral Pathology from Infant to Adolescent”

Friday, March 26, 2010
9:00 AM-4:30 PM
Registration to begin at 8:30 AM

William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center-Chapel Hill, NC
Continental breakfast items, fruit and juice, coffee and tea will be available at registration.

Featured Speakers:
Valerie A. Murrah, DMD, MAEd, MS
Professor and Chair
Dept. of Diagnostic Sciences & General Dentistry
UNC-CH School of Dentistry

J. Timothy Wright, DDS, MS
Bawden Distinguished Professor and Chair
Dept. of Pediatric Dentistry
UNC-CH School of Dentistry

Valerie is a Diplomate, American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and a Fellow, American Academy of oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. In addition to her School of Dentistry faculty appointment, she holds a joint appointment in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, UNC-CH School of Medicine. She will provide an overview of the features of common and uncommon oral lesions that the health care provider may encounter in the daily practice of caring for children. Techniques will be presented for management of patients with the more common lesions, discuss pitfalls to avoid, and recommend strategies for educating the patients and their parents about the conditions. Specific oral entities will be discussed that may reflect underlying systemic disease.

Tim will discuss the diverse mechanisms that lead to development defects of the craniofacial hard tissues and how understanding of the specific tissue defect is critical for both diagnosis and treatment of these pathological conditions. The course participants will be provide an objective framework and approach for diagnosing defects that affect the dentition and delineating the environmental and hereditary etiologies of these diverse clinical conditions. A variety of practical approaches will be described to treating developmental defects of the human dentition and shed light on future potential treatment approaches including tooth regeneration.

Tuition:
$275 dentist*
$145 staff members*
$160 staff not accompanied by their dentist*

A generous continental breakfast, a fabulous buffet lunch and two breaks with snacks and beverages are included. This course provides 6 hours of CE credit.

(See CE on page 4)
Fall 2010
Yes, he is coming back! Stanley Malamed, DDS, will be here this fall and you will not want to miss this CE which is often sold out early. “Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Including Local Anesthetic and Sedation Emergencies”

October 8, 2010
William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Speakers: Stanley F. Malamed, DDS
Professor of Anesthesia and Medicine
School of Dentistry
University of Southern California

The management of life-threatening emergencies for children can occur in the practice of dentistry and in the waiting room, including parents and grandparents. Such situations are more likely to occur in the dental office due to the increased level of stress, anesthetics and sedative agents used. In this course, Stan will expand upon the areas of prevention, preparation, recognition and management vital to a proper understanding of emergency medicine and appropriate response with an emphasis on children and adolescents.

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News of Alumni and Friends

Kudos to Bill Chambers (1979) of Asheville, who is serving as a member of the UNC-CH General Alumni Association (GAA) Board of Directors.

For those of you headed to Myrtle Beach May 20-23 for the 2010 Annual Session of the NCDS, the program will feature two alumni. On Friday morning, Rocio Quinonez (2000) will be one of three featured speakers for the “Women in Dentistry Workshop.” Martha Ann Keels (1990) will be a featured speaker on Saturday morning. Her lecture is entitled “Top 20 Pediatric Pearls for 2010.”

Congratulations to Lina Cardenas (2002) for having recently been named Chair of the Department Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Tennessee. Previously Lina was a faculty member at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Buddy Hollowell (UNC-DDS 2004) will change the name of his Wake Forest practice to Triangle Pediatric Dentistry (www.trianglepedo.com) with the new partnership of Allen Porter (MDM-Medical University of South Carolina, MS-Medical College of Virginia).

Edward Miller (1973) of Greensboro is now a certified sailor, he has a captain’s license for sail and power. He has completed his licensing for general radio operator with radar endorsement and is also licensed as an extra class amateur radio operator.

New fall arrivals: Matt Goslee (2007) and Julie of Fairfield, CT announce the birth of Josie Carolyn on October 9th. Liz Miller (2010) and Ken of Durham announce the birth of Kenneth Thompson Miller IV on September 26th.

In Service to the Profession

Mark Meyer (DDS 1986) of Winston-Salem is in the final weeks of his year as President of the Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry. He presided over the highly-praised Fall Meeting of the SSPD over Labor Day weekend at the Greenbrier Resort and Spa in While Sulfur Springs, WV. In January, 2010, after presiding over the Winter Meeting of the Society at the Ritz Carlton in Buckhead, GA, he will hand off the SSPD Presidential gavel.

Ron Venezie (1993) of Apex is serving as an Alternate ADA Delegate. For those of you who read the ADA NEWS, you’ll see a good photo of Ron making a point at Reference Committee Meeting at the recent ADA Meeting in Honolulu. We’re told he swayed the jury!

During 2009-10, many alumni and friends are participating in the leadership of the College of Diplomates (COD) of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (COD-ABPD) as well as the AAPD. For the COD, Diane Dilley of Cary is serving as Secretary/Treasurer and Laree Johnson (1999) of Wake Forest is serving as a member of the Board of Directors.

Mike Roberts continues to serve on the Board of Directors for the Foundation of the College of Diplomates of the ABPD. LaRee Johnson (1999) is president of the Foundation.

Scott Cashion (1997) of Greensboro continues to serve as a member of the Academy’s Board of Trustees as well as several committees and councils including the Budget and Finance Committee and the Policy and Procedures Committees. Teresa White (1986) of Oklahoma City is serving on the Council of Communications, Elliott Shulman (1980) of Morganton, WV is serving on the Post-Doctoral In-service Examination Committee; Anne Wilson (1992) of Denver is serving on the Pre-doctoral Educational Resource Content Committee.


Martha Ann Keels (1990) of Durham is serving as a liaison for the AAPD in her role as Chair of the Section of Pediatric Dentistry of the AAP. Jessica Lee (2002) is serving on the Ad Hoc Committee on Residency Standards.

Former faculty member Henry Fields of Columbus, OH is serving on the Editorial Board of Pediatric Dentistry. After serving for 10 years as Dean at the Ohio State University, Henry is current Chair of Orthodontics at OSU. He served as Graduate Program Director in Pediatric Dentistry and as the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs here at UNC-CH.

The Department of Pediatric Dentistry was awarded an AAPD/Omni Postdoctoral Research Award for its 11th year in a row. Current third year resident, Jossein Shahangian is the most recent recipient of this award. His project is titled “Dentinogenesis Imperfecta: Relationship of genotype with clinical and radiographic features.” Dentinogenesis imperfecta (DI) is characterized by abnormal dentin mineralization that can result in teeth that are atypical in morphology, are yellow-brown to opalescent blue gray in color, and are prone to enamel fracturing and severe wear. DI can be associated with systemic anomalies (DI-I, OMIM #166240, 166220, 259420) or be limited to the dentition (DI-II, OMIM#125490, 125500).

Over the past decade, the molecular basis of the DI subtypes have been elucidated with genes including COL1A1, COL1A2, and DSPP coding for the type I collagen and dentin sialophosphoproteins that are involved in the formation of bone and teeth. Type I collagen is the most abundant extracellular matrix component of bone, dentin, and cementum. Mutations in the genes coding for type I collagen are responsible for the associated osseous and dental anomalies in osteogenesis imperfecta (OI). The dental irregularities range from clinically insignificant to severe tooth morbidity, with substantial variation observed even within the families having the same mutation.

The extensive variability in expression of phenotypes and genetic heterogeneity of DI-I and DI-II present major challenges in the diagnosis, classification, and treatment of affected patients. Furthermore our knowledge of the clinical variability and any dental phenotype-genotype relationships remains limited. Jossein’s study will objectively characterize the phenotype-genotype relationships in DI. Tim Wright serves as his research mentor.

Other Research News:
Recent departure from our department: Yoshiyuki “Yuki” Mochida, D.D.S., Ph.D. Assistant Research Professor has relocated his research program to the Department of Periodontology and Oral Biology at Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine. We extend to Yuki and his family best wishes.

This past summer and fall have been busy for UNC-CH faculty researchers in responding to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) opportunities. UNC-CH faculty researchers have attracted over $85M with faculty in the School of Dentistry receiving several awards. Eric Everett, Associate Professor in Pediatric Dentistry and a member of the Carolina Center for Genome Sciences was awarded ARRA funds to provide work and research opportunities to college students during the summer and extending into the fall. This award has permitted Eric’s lab to host four students from UNC-CH and NCSU.

George Mayo Obituary

George E. Mayo (DDS 1966, Certificate 1968) of Goldsboro passed away on December 5th, 2009. He was 72. George received his DDS in 1966 and a certificate in pediatric dentistry in 1968. He was also a graduate of the orthodontics program at Georgetown University. George was a board-certified orthodontist and member of the International College of Dentistry and the American College of Dentistry. He retired as Colonel from the United States Air Force and served his country during Desert Storm.

He will be remembered as dedicating his life to his family, dentistry and the Carolina Tar Heels. George is survived by his wife Rebecca Cole Mayo and three children. Memorials may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church, 204 E. Chestnut Street, Goldsboro, NC 27534 or to the School of Dentistry at the University of North Carolina, P.O. Box 309, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0309.
McIver Mojo

Decades of advocacy for those with special needs
Also answers for every pediatric dental resident please

Have you ever seen McIver in a rush?
No, and he is yet to give someone a hush

The greatest listener he is destined to be
Whether its the words repeated by a special patient, you or me

Did he make your first business card for you?
Guidance given without telling you what to do?

Pictures he takes; he is the Photoshop master
On his watch not one group shot is a disaster

Go Heels go!
For game winning superstitions he is in the know
“Never eat Mexican on game day”
“One stinkin’ tortilla chip can kill a play”

“Pop the popcorn and during the TV time out
Pop some more!”
Sit back and “Watch those Heels score!”

Tennis was his game “back in the day”
Yet even now no one is brave enough to challenge him to
A game on grass or clay

Golf? He has played 18 holes with one club
After all one arm should be kept free for the pub

His heart is with UNC
Unless of course, you speak of ice cream
And in that case he is all Nittany

In his freezer, Peachy Paterno there is always room for
Is 12 gallons enough?
“Well” he says “can you bring more?”

You know Dr. Tom McIver so how can you hesitate?
Give to the fund honoring a great man
&
Let’s get together in October to celebrate!

LaRee Johnson Successful in Ironman

LaRee Johnson (1999) recently competed in the Florida Ironman. The Ironman consists of a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride and a 26.2 mile run. LaRee finished in 14 hours/26 minutes! James, her husband, finished in 13 hours/10 minutes. Congratulations to LaRee and James! We believe that makes her an Ironwoman and James and Ironman!

Make your plans now!

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Tom McIver with the residents who established the Tom McIver Fellowship Fund —Kavita Mathu-Muju, Ron Hsu and Halley White.
Johnny Johnson - Phil Parker

CLASS OF ’85

In our last Newsletter, we introduced a new feature—an in-depth look at an alumni cohort, featuring the Class of ’81 that included Marilyn Goodwin Murphy, Mike Mayhew, and Bob Steele. We liked the response to that piece and this edition we’re featuring an in-depth look at the Class of 1985 that included Johnny Johnson and Phil Parker. Johnny was a native of Florida who hailed from Gator-land, having completed college and dental school at the University of Florida. Phil was a native Oklahoma. He completed college and dental school at the University of Oklahoma and a GPR at the Children’s Hospital in Oklahoma City.

After completing our program, Johnny opened a practice with his brother, Alex, in Palm Harbor, FL. Alex graduated from Washington University’s orthodontic program in the summer of 1985. After a serious bicycle accident forced him to scale back on his patient-care hours, Johnny took on an associate in 2007, Amanda Velazquez (UF ’07). After several surgeries to correct damage to his dominant side wrist, he required full fusion of the wrist in January 2009. Since then, he has had to discontinue clinical practice and has taken on a second associate Maggie Novy (UF ’09).

While being accused of running a Gator outfit in Palm Harbor, he does allow Seminole fans to be patients in the office as well. While clinical practice is out of the picture, he has adapted to an administrative role in the office. He enjoys saltwater fishing whenever he can. Additionally he has been able to pursue a passion of hunting in Florida for wild hog and deer.

During his years in practice, he enjoyed being involved as an officer in the local dental society and as Chair of National Children’s Dental Health Month. Some of his proudest moments have been when his patients have shadowed him and decided that they wanted to pursue a career in dentistry. Most have expressed a definite desire to be a pediatric dentist. He has been active with his church as a lay member and also serving on the Church Council.

Trish, Johnny’s wife of 27 years, retired from the banking business a few years ago. She had started with NCNB while in Chapel Hill and continued to work with them and their successors until she decided to pursue her long-time desire to be a librarian. When Johnny asked about the need to get a Masters Degree to use the Dewey Decimal system, he got a quick and proper education in the full scope of what’s involved in contemporary library and information science. He warned that “if you don’t know this, find out before you make this same mistake!”

The Johnson’s have two beautiful daughters. Kristin is her 2nd year of medical school at Wake Forest, having done her collegiate studies at the University of Florida. She remains a steadfast Gator and Tar Heel fan, but is enjoying WF football. Katie is a high school senior and is currently waiting to hear from the colleges to (See Class on page 9)
Phil has actively practiced both pediatric dentistry and orthodontics in Norman, OK since 1993. For the geographically challenged, Norman is adjacent to Oklahoma City to the south and is home to the University of Oklahoma and the 7-time NCAA football National Champion Oklahoma Sooners. Since living in Oklahoma, Phil has been President of the Oklahoma Association of Pediatric Dentists (twice), District Representative/Chairman of the Council on Insurance for the Oklahoma Dental Association, a member of the American Dental Association's Pediatric Dentistry/Orthodontic Test Construction Committee for Part II of the National Dental Board Examination (5 years), President of the UNC Orthodontic Alumni Association, a part-time instructor at the OU College of Dentistry and has been involved in numerous other local and state committees or boards in, and outside, of dentistry. He became Board certified in Pediatric Dentistry in 1993 and in Orthodontics in 2007. Phil enjoys golfing, listening to most forms of music and plays guitar (kind of).

Ki Lynn, a dental hygienist by training, worked for a Durham orthodontist while the Parker's lived in NC. She has somehow managed to tolerate Phil for 26 years while raising three children. In addition, she is the business/financial manager for the practice. She enjoys exercising on a regular basis and is active with numerous local community entities.

Spencer (22) was born in Durham and has an associate's degree in English from Oklahoma City Community College. He is continuing his education at OU and has his sights set on a career as a university English professor or an attorney. While in college, Spencer works part-time as a 3D digital model scanning technician for Synapsis, an engineering company.

Alex (20) was also born in Durham. He played varsity basketball and was valedictorian of his high school graduating class. After being accepted to Wake Forest University, he elected to attend OU and is now a sophomore honors student. He is currently a zoology major, very active in his social fraternity and hopes to attend medical school.

Claire (16) was born in Norman and is a junior at Norman North High School. She is a member of her high school's Chorale and Chamber Choirs, Oklahoma All-State Choir, National and State honor societies and is active in numerous school, community and church related projects.

Phil, Ki Lynn and all three children are avid Tar Heel fans and proudly wear Carolina blue when not dressed in Oklahoma Sooner crimson!

**Editor's Note**

We're taking the liberty of sharing this humorous communiqué that Phil forwarded to us!!

Phil's tenure in North Carolina was marked by a plethora of 'firsts'! 'First', following acceptance into the program, Phil and his new bride, Ki Lynn, moved to Carrboro, America (aka 'Paris of the Piedmont')! Chapel Hill was a much smaller place than the megalopolis that it is now and it was easier, and generally more financially palatable, to find a place to rent in 'Paris'! Following completion of our program under the leadership and 'caring' guidance of 'first'-time grad program director, Commandant Henry Fields (as many will remember, Hank took over the directorial reins from Mistress of the Dark Diane Dilley...just joking, Henry and Diane...every resident from those days remembers that UNC Pediatric Dentistry graduate training was nothing but butterflies and moon beams),
This past summer we experienced a bitter-sweet day in the life of our department because of the retirement of our long-term departmental manager and keystone staff member, Jo Ann Blalock. On July 31, 2009, Jo Ann had served the University loyally and tirelessly for over 32 years, 30 of those in our department. We are thrilled for her that she now has the time to pursue interests that have long been pushed back due to lack of time. At the same time, her departure left a big hole in our hearts.

Her university service began in 1977, when Jo Ann was employed first with the UNC Development Office and the General College before joining us in 1979 as our Clinic Receptionist. She was a stalwart in every departmental post she held. After mastering the front desk receptionist duties, she assumed the patient care coordinator-position and later was promoted to the top staff position in our department. She excelled in every position she held in the department. In University parlance, she served as a Secretary III, Secretary IV, Clerk Typist IV, Clerk Typist V, Administrative Assistant I, University Administrator I, and Business Manager. That’s a lot of upward mobility!

Jo Ann will be remembered best for her tireless service as our departmental chief-of-staff during the Chairmanships of Bill Vann (1985-94), Mike Roberts (1994-2004), and Tim Wright (2004-current). She had many, many talents but none were more apparent than her genuine interest in the staff who worked under her supervision and the welfare of “her” graduate students and faculty. Her commitment, dedication, and loyalty to the department set a standard that will forever inspire all of us who knew her well. Her warmth and personal interest in her colleagues made her one of the most special employees many of us have ever known.

Where is she now? Jo Ann remains in Durham at her lovely home with her three beloved Boston Terriers. She is volunteering at her church and spending more time with her family. From personal reports, we know she remains a busy lady but loves her newfound freedom. She can be reached at joann.cookiesforyou@gmail.com.
Once again our program had a very successful recruitment cycle. This year we received 49 applications for our four available positions. Deciding who to invite for interviews was a very difficult process for our Department’s Selection Committee as there were so many qualified candidates.

The Committee finally decided on thirteen invitees. Each of the thirteen individuals were outstanding, possessing records of significant achievement. The dental schools represented by this cohort included the University of North Carolina, Harvard University, University of Mississippi, Indiana University, University of Maryland, University of Athens, National University of Singapore, University of Florida and Columbia University. We are all highly anticipating the MATCH results at the end of January.

**Update on Current Residents and Fellows**

3rd Year: Stephanie Jackson-Illinois  
DDS-UNC, 2007

Kimon Divaris-Athens, Greece  
DDS-Athens School of Dentistry, 2005

Elizabeth Miller-Georgia  
DDS-UNC, 2007

Jossein Shahangian-California  
DDS-UCLA, 2007

2nd Year: Shannitta Bridgers-North Carolina  
DDS-UNC, 2008

William Cherry-North Carolina  
DDS-UNC, 2008

Jina Kang-South Carolina  
DMD-MUSC, 2008

Bien Lai-Singapore  
BDS-National University of Singapore, 2006

1st Year: Allison Cavenaugh- North Carolina  
DDS-UNC, 2009

Kerry Dove- North Carolina  
DMD-Boston University, 2009

Marshall Long-North Carolina  
DDS-UNC, 2009

Travis Hicks- North Carolina  
DDS-UNC, 2008

It doesn’t seem possible that the fall semester has already come to an end. The first year residents have successfully completed their introduction to orthodontic and pediatric dentistry courses and are now spending more time in our graduate clinic. Allison, Kerry, Marshall and Travis have had an outstanding first semester and are looking forward to the spring.

Our second year residents have done very well taking on the additional responsibilities that the second year brings. Shannitta, Bob, Jina and Bien have all begun rotating through our Hospital Dental Clinic along with serving as Chief Resident for the Hospital (CRH) as well as Administration (CRA). All have received IRB approval for their research and have their projects underway.

Our third and fourth year residents have continued the high level of achievement they set during their earlier years. Stephanie, Liz and Jossein have all been teaching in our predoctoral clinics and rotating through the Durham and Alamance County Health Departments. In addition, Kimon has successfully completed his PhD examinations. Finally, Ray Tseng is completing his postdoctoral year working on, among other projects, a joint endeavor between pediatric dentistry and nutrition.

**Lisa Mauldin Honored**

We are excited to announce that Lisa Mauldin, Pediatric Dentistry DDS Program Coordinator, was the recipient of the 2009 UNC School of Dentistry Excellence Employee Award and the 2009 Tar Heel Employee Award. Lisa began her tenure in the office of Academic Affairs at the School of Dentistry and joined our Department in 2008. Lisa’s organized style and nurturing qualities are highly valued by dental students and faculty alike. Congratulations to Lisa for receiving such high honor!
RESIDENTS’ CORNER

The residents enjoyed their fall semester. First year residents were busy with intense coursework, taking call and starting in clinics. Second year residents, apart from being busy with clinics and call, made substantial progress with their research projects. Third years spent more time with rotations at Durham and Alamance, teaching in the undergraduate clinic and finalizing their projects.

During the summer, Jina Kang (2011) travelled to Guatemala to do volunteer work and experience a Spanish immersion. Congratulations to Stephanie and Liz! Stephanie Blumenshine (2010) married Al Jackson (DDS 2005) last summer in a wonderful ceremony. Liz Miller (2010) is the newest mother in the department!

Can you guess who is who in Bien Lai’s drawing of Pediatric Dentistry residents? Answer on page 13.

Kang Learns Dentistry and Spanish in Guatemala

In August 2009, our 2nd year resident Jina Kang (2011) had the opportunity to travel to Antigua, Guatemala for a Spanish Language Immersion Elective sponsored by the department. Antigua felt like an old colonial town with a touch of modern city life. Many tourists filled the streets and took in the rich Guatemalan culture around them. Guatemala is a country known for its corn, coffee, textiles, and tourism. Historically, the Mayan civilization flourished in the country’s amazing volcanoes, mountains, and forests. However, the 36-year civil war has left the country in poverty.

During her 3-week stay, Jina had a chance to work for a non-profit organization called Nuestros Ahijados (The God’s Child Project). In the dental clinic, she was able to apply the Spanish lessons she learned in the morning and treat the poorest of poor in Antigua during the afternoon. Many of the children and their families had

(See Guatemala on page 13)
**Irv Sherman Among NJ Top Dentist**

Irv Sherman (DDS 1972) has been named as one of the top 240 dentists in nine specialties in New Jersey by the *New Jersey Monthly*. The survey leading to the listing was sponsored by an independent research firm using survey data from peer-dentists. Congratulations on this nice honor! Irv’s is a founder of Central New Jersey Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics and serves also as the Chief of Pediatric Dentistry at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. He lives in Avon-on-the-Sea, N.J. He and wife Donna have five children and a granddaughter. When he’s not involved with pediatric dentistry or family, Irv loves to restore old automobiles. His current project is a 1965 Pontiac GTO convertible.

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**OKU Honor for 2010**

**Quinonez Wins Craig Teaching Award**

Congratulations to Rocio Quinonez (2000)! Rocio, a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department, has been selected as the winner of the 2010 Omicron Kappa Upsilon Charles Craig Teaching Award. This is the first time a faculty member of the UNC-SOD has been selected as the winner. The Charles Craig Teaching Award recognizes young dental educators who have demonstrated new and innovative teaching techniques into dental education.

The award recognizes individuals who have introduced creative methods that not only educate students but also motivates them to be lifelong learners and dental educators. The award, given to faculty members early in their careers, serves as a formal method for creative teachers to be recognized by peers at the national level. Rocio will be honored at the Annual Business Meeting of Omicron Kappa Upsilon in Washington, D.C. on February 28, 2010.

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**Bobby Elliott Receives Honor**

Robert D. “Bobby” Elliott (1998) of Cary has been honored as one of Triangle Business Journal’s 40 under 40 winners for 2009. The 40 Under 40 honorees are considered the Triangle’s most influential and accomplished young leaders. “Today’s winners are the rising stars in their respective organizations-young stalwarts whose talent has made them stand out among peers” said Publisher Charlene Grunwaldt at the Leadership Awards Gala when the awards were announced.

Cited in Bobby’s nomination were his innovations in office design concepts that earned him a Third Place in the Nationwide Matsco Dental Office Design Competition in 2000, and his role as a dental consultant for other pediatric dental offices around the country. He was also selected as the Boss of the Year in Wake County in 2003.
Tom and Teresa Bouwens with Gabriel and Lydia.

Lily and Jack children of Liz Schick.

The Zukaitis family.

Asher Wesley Seymore, grandson of Patty Prentice.

Zeke, son of Stephanie Forsyth.

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