CHAIRMAN’S MESSAGE

Despite the cyclic nature of the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery, the Department maintains a constant flow of academic activities, patient care, research, administration, and service commitments. With one less faculty, things are more chaotic than usual, especially when the Department is trying to maintain the same level of activities with fewer surgeons. Although the Department is attempting to replace the missing faculty position, budget cuts have taken their toll on the faculty and state support continues to dwindle. The Department functions with four full-time faculty, which means that the student/faculty ratio exceeds 20/1. By no stretch of the imagination can the UNC dental student OMFS experience equate to other universities where the ratio is more favorable. To help support the dental student clinic needs, the Department has requested assistance from the community surgeons who have come together to help keep the student clinics running. We are very grateful to the loyal group who donate their time and efforts.

The residency program is scheduled to undergo accreditation in April, 2013. The self-study assessment looks favorable, but this includes the activities previously generated by the vacant faculty position. How the absent position will be viewed by the accreditation committee remains to be seen.

The resident 80-hour work week limit has also created havoc with the program and the Department’s ability to function. With one less faculty, we are more dependent on resident coverage in the dental student clinics than ever before. Although the teaching and supervising activities are excellent opportunities for the residents, it reduces their ability to function in other areas. Further complicating the resident manpower availability is the five-month anesthesia mandate recently enacted by CODA. Previously, the rotation was for four months. At UNC anesthesia is provided during the first year and with the three interns, this equates to three fewer months of surgical services provided by interns.

On the bright side, the Department continues to thrive, thanks to the efforts of the faculty and the dedicated clinical and administrative staffs. We remain dynamic in patient care, teaching, research, and administration. We are committed to meeting and exceeding the expectations.

This past year, faculty and residents from UNC maintained a high profile at the AAOMS national meeting with four abstract presentations and one poster session (see page 9). Two residents won 1st place accolades for their contributions. The Department continues to maintain a high international presence, with the faculty presenting in Qatar, Colombia, and Austria this past year.

2013 will present many challenges. We remain enthusiastic and are poised to continue to excel.
Despite a depressed economy, many continue to recognize the importance of seeing this campaign meet its goal of raising one million dollars to benefit the Department. To date, more than $150,000 has been contributed and/or pledged. Unlike many other fund raising drives, this endowment will remain in perpetuity in the Department with the principal never to be touched. It is only the interest that is returned to the Department for use to support scholarly activities. The money cannot be used for salaries and will help the Department maintain quality leadership and an excellent national and international reputation as a leader in educating oral and maxillofacial surgeons.

The Department is very grateful to the North Carolina Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons for their continued generous support of this endeavor.

Each five years the Department undergoes an accreditation visit from ADA representatives who verify for the Commission on Accreditation the activities of the Department. The accreditation requirements vary, depending on the number of residents enrolled in the program and are constantly changing. Institutional commitments and support, didactic materials, operating room and clinic activities, etc., are just a few of the parameters to be evaluated. The preparation requires a lot of work and attention to the details to be examined. Ms. Arzina Alani, Department Administrator, and Dr. George Blakey, Director of Residency Training, are spearheading the effort. The visit will occur in April, 2013.

Dr. Raymond White, Dalton L. McMichael Professor of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, was presented the Distinguished Service Award by the NCDS last May. This award is presented to only those who have brought distinction to our profession. As Dean of the UNC School of Dentistry and an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery professor for greater than 35 years, Dr. White was cited for touching and shaping careers of many practicing dentists. His commitment to education and science, and the promotion Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery through exemplary work were other reasons for Dr. White’s selection to receive this award.

The presentation was made at the annual meeting which was held in Myrtle Beach. Fortunately, Dr. and Mrs. White were in the process of sailing the Casa Blanca from Hilton Head to Virginia, so it was easy for Betty to insist that they stop in Myrtle Beach for the night so that Ray could receive this surprise award.
After five years of serving as a clinical associate professor in the Department, Dr. Jan Faulk resigned. Her decision was not easy and was based on family needs. Dr. Faulk was the first woman oral and maxillofacial surgeon to have attained the highest rank of all women oral and maxillofacial surgeons (Colonel) in the US Army prior to joining our faculty.

Dr. Faulk contributed significantly to the education of the residents and students, and her absence will leave a void. She had particular expertise in TMJ surgery and performed numerous total joint replacement surgeries annually. Dr. Faulk was also the course director for the third year dental students’ didactic course on “Introduction to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.” The directorship of this course has been assumed by Dr. Brent Golden.

The Department is attempting to recruit another surgeon, but the recruitment plan has not yet been approved by the administration because of funding issues. Until this is resolved, the Department is in a holding pattern.

We wish Jan well. She is working with the Public Health Service on a Native American reservation close to her family.

Ms. Sally Efird, an administrative assistant in the Department for 20 years, is retiring on January 1, 2013. Ms. Efird was originally employed by the former Department Chairman, Dr. Ronald D. Baker and continued to make the Department her home until retirement. A UNC graduate and native of Albemarle, NC, she has lived in Carrboro since college graduation. At the Department sponsored retirement breakfast many memories of Sally’s history were recalled and photos from the Department’s archives were shown especially those of former faculty and residents. Ms. Efird, is an avid reader, and is very interested in politics. She will be missed by all. The Department presented Sally with an I-PAD as a token of our appreciation for her efforts.
On June 23, 2012, the Department hosted a celebration for new residents who joined the Department and for those who completed the program. The event was held at the UNC George Watts Hill Alumni Center. There were more than 110 in attendance to greet the incoming group of three and to bid farewell to the two departing chiefs, Dr. Evan Chalk and Dr. Esther Oh. The event was attended by families of celebrants, alumni, representatives from the clinical and the administration staff from both the School and the UNC Hospitals. Also in attendance were Dr. Larry Parworth (1996) from Mission Hospitals in Asheville and Dr. Kenneth Pinkerton representing the Durham VA Hospital.

FAREWELL TO CHALK AND OH

Evan Chalk will be moving back to his hometown of Doylestown, Pennsylvania with his wife, Jenna, and joining the group practice of Drs. Tamaroff, Cunning, Slade, Huy, and Land. He will be performing a full scope of oral and maxillofacial surgery procedures at the practice, and is looking forward to enjoying time with his wife.

Esther Oh is pursuing a head and neck fellowship program at Community Westview Hospital in Westview, Indiana. Following completion, Dr. Oh hopes to pursue an academic career in oral and maxillofacial surgery.

WELCOME TO 3 NEW RESIDENTS

Canadian-born Alexander Consky comes to us from Port Jefferson Station, NY. He completed an undergraduate degree in chemistry and an MPH at Dartmouth College. Alex completed dental school at SUNY – Stony Brook.

Caitlin Magraw, a Colorado native, received a BS in Biology from Georgetown University and a dental degree from Columbia University. She hopes to pursue an academic career in oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Bradley Pinker hails from Pennsylvania. He earned a BS in Biology at the University of Florida and received a dental degree from Columbia University. He enjoys long-distance running.
HAIL AND FAREWELL 2012 MEMORIES
Ms. Shawn Wood, a pediatric nurse practitioner, has joined the Department. Her primary duties are to coordinate the admission, hospital care, discharge, and postoperative care of the Department’s pediatric patients. Additionally, she participates in the Craniofacial Center as the OMFS nurse practitioner representative. Because of her pediatric focus, Shawn interacts mostly with Dr. Brent Golden.

Shawn’s career began in Ohio where she received a nursing degree. She later moved to Philadelphia where she completed nurse practitioner training at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. After spending several years working in the emergency room at CHOP, Shawn, her husband, Sjaun and 2 daughters moved to the triangle. She is a needed and welcomed addition to the Department.

Dr. Bryan Bell (2001) is the founder of a new organization called the American Academy of Craniomaxillofacial Surgeons. The inaugural meeting was in Boston in August, 2012 and Dr. Bell was chosen president-elect. Dr. Bell and his family reside in Portland, OR.

Dr. Matt Jacks (2005) and Dr. Michael Gentile (2007) are naval officers currently assigned to the Residency Training Program in Bethesda, MD. They are extraordinarily busy dealing with the war injured, as well as the educational aspects of the Navy’s residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Dr. Larry Parworth (1996) continues to be the Residency Program Coordinator for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill’s Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery program at Mission Hospitals in Asheville, NC.

Dr. Ramon Peleaux (1994) is completing his year as President of the North Carolina Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He practices in Charlotte, NC.

Dr. Ramon Ruiz (1999) has been elected President of the Florida Cleft Lip and Palate Association. He is currently the Director of oral and maxillofacial surgery at the Arnold Palmer Children’s Hospital in Orlando, FL and he is also the Vice-Chairman of Surgery at the same institution.

Dr. Paul Tiwana (2002), residency program director at the University of Texas Southern Medical School in Dallas, was appointed by AAOMS to represent the profession’s interests at the Consensus Conference on Craniosynostosis, held at the National Institutes of Health in Atlanta, GA.

Dr. Ingeborg Watzke who was a fellow in the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in Chapel Hill from 1990-1991, is the current President of the Austrian Association of Maxillofacial Surgeons.

Please send us newsworthy updates for inclusion in the next newsletter. Send these to Ms. Arzina Alani by email at: arzina_alani@dentistry.unc.edu.
Professor Rolf Ewers, Chairman of Craniomaxillofacial Surgery at the University of Vienna retired this past September. Ewers held this position for 2 decades and multiple UNC OMFS residents benefited from rotations at his hospital. During this time frame, multiple residents and younger faculty from the University of Vienna participated in the exchange and rotated to UNC.

Professor Ewers’s relationship with UNC began more than 30 years ago when he visited Dr. Bill Terry as a trainee with Professor Harlé from the Maxillofacial Surgery unit in Kiel, Germany.

The week-end of September 21st – 23rd, 2012 was a gala event celebrating the retirement of Dr. Ewers. Attending the retirement ceremonies in Vienna were Dr. Bill Terry, UNC Professor Emeritus, Dr. Tim Turvey, Dr. Franz Harlé, Dr. Williford Schilli, Dr. Rudi Freis and Dr. John Zuniga, Friday evening at the Strossphoser (Opera House of Vienna) was spent to watching the ballet “Romeo and Juliet.” On Saturday morning, a series of lectures were presented highlighting the latest technology in craniomaxillofacial surgery, which Dr. Ewers was very much a part of developing. On Saturday evening there was a banquet attended by more than 250 people to join in honoring Dr. Ewers and his contributions. On Sunday, Dr. Ewers hosted a brunch at his home where he lives with his wife Hildegund and family.

Professor Ewers’ retirement will leave a void in the leadership of the program in Vienna; however, it was announced that former UNC visiting fellow, Dr. Clements Klug will be the interim department chairman. Additionally, another former UNC visiting fellow, Dr. Ingeborg Watzke, has been named to the search committee to replace Dr. Ewers. There are multiple applications from very capable people. We hope that we will be able to continue this very valuable visiting fellowship experience for our residents.
On September 13, 2012, the Department hosted the 35th annual alumni dinner in San Diego at Roy’s Restaurant. Almost 60 were in attendance, including 5 residents and 1 student. Among the guests were long-time friends of the Department including Professor Rolf Ewers (University of Vienna) and Professor Ritta Seppanen (Institute of Regenerative Medicine in Tampere, Finland. Dr. James Hupp, editor of the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and his wife Carmen attended as did Dr. Cristian Blamey, resident from the University of Valparaiso (Chile) and Mr. Todd Pffeifer from the American Cleft palate-Craniofacial Association.

Representatives from every decade of training were present and the affair allowed old friendships to be rekindled and new friendships to be made.

Many thanks to Ms. Arzina Alani and Ms. Jeneen Williamson for the organization and preparation of this event. Also, many thanks to the generosity of the alumni for supporting resident/student attendance. Without this support, the event could not be possible.

DICUS-BROOKS, MAGRAW WIN AWARDS AT THE MEETING

The 2012 annual AAOMS meeting was a big success for Dr. Carolyn Dicus-Brooks (5th year) and Dr. Caitlin Magraw (1st year), both UNC OMFS residents.

Dr. Dicus-Brooks was presented the Straumann Award for the best scientific abstract session. Her project titled “Removal of Symptomatic Third Molars May Improve Periodontal Status of Remaining Dentition” was co-authored by Dr. Maura Partick (orthodontist), Dr. George Blakey, Dr. Jan Faulk-Eggleston, Dr. Steven Offenbacher (periodontist) Dr. Ceib Phillips (biostatistician), and Dr. Raymond P. White, Jr. Previous recipients of this award include Dr. Michael Jaskolka ’09 in 2007 and Dr. Elda Fisher, Chief Resident, in 2009, Dr. Rachel Garaas, in 2011.

Dr. Magraw won 1st place for the poster presentation titled “Computer Simulated Neonatal Mandibular Distraction Osteogenesis.” This project was completed when Caitlin was a 4th year dental student at Columbia University School of Dental Medicine.

Dr. Carrie Baldwin (2nd year resident) presented the abstract titled “Risk Factors for Third Molars Occlusal Caries: A Longitudinal Clinical Investigation” for Dr. Elda Fisher (6th year resident, who could not be present. The co-authors for this study was Dr. K. Divaries (pediatric dentist), Dr. Dan Shugars (restorative dentist), and Dr. Raymond P. White, Jr.

Dr. Bradley Russell (1st year resident at the University of Cincinnati) presented a poster of a project completed while he was a dental student at UNC. The project titled “The Association Between Removal of Premolars With Orthodontic Treatment and the Angulation of Third Molars Over Time” was co-authored by Dr. Raymond P. White, Jr.

This outstanding representation by UNC OMFS speaks for itself. The common thread of these projects is Dr. Raymond White, whose dedication to scholarly pursuits is unsurpassed. Since the inception of the 3rd molar grant, Dr. White has produced more than 120 publications and/or presentations. All of these projects included UNC OMFS residents, dental students and faculty.
Hamilton, Bermuda will be the site of the next meeting of the Southeastern Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons April 24-28, 2013. The meeting will be dedicated to UNC Professor Emeritus Dr. Bill Terry who will attend with his wife Barbara. The program chairman, UNC alumnus and former President of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, Dr. David Frost, has developed an outstanding meeting agenda including active academic and social programs. Scientific program chairman, UNC alumnus Dr. Paul Tiwana has assembled a group of internationally known lecturers who are also UNC alumni, Dr. Ramon Ruiz and Dr. Bryan Bell. During the meeting, Dr. Tim Turvey will be presented the Outstanding Educator Award, while former faculty Dr. Myron Tucker will receive the Honorable Service Award.

Come join us in Bermuda.

The October 16, 2012 addition of the Wall Street Journal carried an article about wisdom tooth removal and cited Dr. White and his research data throughout the article. The focus of the article was to demonstrate the softening stance of AAOMS's position on the need for third molar removal.

The AAOMS Board of Trustees decided to stop funding the third molar project after June 2013. This brings to an end the era of the UNC OMFS residents readily having projects, funding, and mentorship to support their research efforts.

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On November 13, the Department hosted a recognition and appreciation dinner for the OMFS administrative and clinical staffs. Giovanni, the proprietor of Trilussa, an Italian restaurant in Chapel Hill, agreed to close his establishment and prepare dinner exclusively for the Department’s enjoyment. There were 28 in attendance. During the dinner, Jessica Kiley, patient care coordinator for Dr. George Blakey, was presented with a 20-year appreciation of employment award from the University. Thet Aung and Tasha Curtis, surgical assistants in the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery clinic were presented with 10-year and 5-year employment awards as well.
On Tuesday, April 10, 2012, the Spurgeon Banquet was held at the Friday Center on the UNC Campus. This banquet is for the awards ceremony for the senior dental students. It is an exciting evening of celebration and camaraderie for the students and faculty.

At this year's ceremony, the Department awarded five graduating students for their accomplishments. Two of the awards are sponsored by AAOMS, one by the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology and two are sponsored by the Department. The awardees are selected by the departmental members in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

**Graham Wilson - AAOMS Achievement Award** for outstanding performance in the clinical discipline or oral and maxillofacial Surgery. Graham is pursuing his residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Medical College of Virginia.

**Lily Gilchrist – AAOMS Dental Implant Student Award** for outstanding performance in graduate study and clinical training in the area of implant placement. Lily is in a one year general practice residency program.

**Matthew Willis – Horace Wells Senior Student Award** by American Dental Society of Anesthesiology to recognize the senior dental student who has demonstrated outstanding proficiency in the field of dental anesthesiology. Matthew has joined a private practice.

**Tyler Banachowski – Hillenbrand-Lupton Award** for the senior dental student who has distinguished themselves by going above and beyond the clinical requirements in dentoalveolar surgery. Tyler joined the Airforce on a HPSP (Health Professional Scholarship Program). He is practicing general dentistry for one year and will commence a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery in 2014.

**Shenan Bradshaw – Susan P. Foy Award**, UNC Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Department awarded for to a senior dental student pursuing a career in oral and maxillofacial surgery who best exemplifies the work ethic, desire to succeed, didactic/clinical/research excellence demonstrated by Dr. Susan P. Foy. Shenan has commenced her training in OMFS Residency at Emory.
We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Michael Winkler in March 2012 after a long battle with cancer.

Michael came to the University of North Carolina in 2002 from the Indian Health Service and completed residency training in 2006. He then returned to the community that he loved and demonstrated dedication in providing oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Michael is survived by his wife Mechelle and two daughters. Below is a website which shows the dedication that Michael gave to his community. He was a wonderful alumnus of our program and will be missed.

HTTP://MIKEWINKLERDDS.COM/

Dr. Michael Winkler with his fellow Chief Residents, Dr. Chris Cuomo and Dr. Brian Vandersea at the 2006 Hail and Farewell

Dr. Michael Winkler in 2004 – second year of his residency at University of North Carolina - OMFS
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