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Q: Share a little bit about your background.
I was born in East Tennessee, grew up primarily in the Midwest, and spent a fair amount of time in Kentucky. I came to Lexington, Kentucky to attend Transylvania University and graduated in 1974. I graduated from dental school at the University of Louisville in 1980, was in private practice for six years, and involved in public health dentistry. I had an opportunity to do some part-time teaching at the University of Louisville and a full-time position opened up. I joined the faculty in 1986.

Q: What brought you to the profession of dentistry?
I was interested in a health profession, and I was interested in the surgical aspects of dentistry. I considered the possibility of a research career with a PhD, but I enjoy the richer, deeper interpersonal relationships in this profession.

Q: You went back and got your MBA. What led you to do that?
Early on in practice, I realized that I didn’t have enough business experience and that is part of a dental practice. I applied and was accepted, and I did the MBA on a part time basis while I was in practice.

Q: What was your focus as a faculty member at Louisville? Were you primarily teaching, or did you split your time between teaching and research?
I was in the department of Community Dentistry, which is much like Dental Ecology. I had my first teaching job, as well as a major role in addressing dental workforce issues. Starting in the late 1970s early 1980s, there was tremendous concern over the supply—and now distribution—of dentists within the state. As the co-principle investigator on a statewide oral health study, we examined patients across the state. Not surprisingly, we found that there was a tremendous need in the population—not unlike what North Carolina is facing now. But we found that the need for oral healthcare and the demand were not the same.

Q: Louisville was your alma mater and you were the dean there. What would cause you to leave your home and come here?
I wasn’t particularly looking for a change, so when I was contacted by the search committee, I had to be convinced that there were challenges at Carolina that I felt I could help address.

Q: Tell us a little bit about your family:
I have a lovely wife. We’ll be married 31 years in December. We have a daughter who is 20 and living in Kentucky, and we have a yellow lab.

Q: What can UNC-Chapel Hill do to help tackle the need in the state?
Well, that’s a huge issue that requires a thoughtful, complex answer, but immediately we need to focus on encouraging individuals to distribute themselves once they graduate to meet the oral health care needs of the state.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?
We enjoy outdoor activities: boating, water activities. My wife enjoys gardening. I do some singing from time to time. I hope to get back into it here . . . .
choral music. I sang in college and sang quite a bit at church.

Q: Are you settling into the community?
Chapel Hill is extremely welcoming. The people have been very warm. I very much appreciate that. The community is very charming, so we’re settling in.

Q: Walk us through your plan as you come into the school for your first three to six months.
It’s important to listen to a variety of constituencies. I’ve met with a number of the deans, several of our donors and supporters and I want to continue to do that. I am focusing on the administrative structure and gaining a better understanding about the ongoing issues and certainly will focus on the DDS curriculum, education, the research agenda and the service component. Carolina is in very good shape. With declining state resources, we have to sustain our budgets and seek other sources of support in order to continue the excellence that has been here. There’s a tremendous need to have contemporary education and research facilities, but it’s going to take some time to put together a plan and make that happen.

Q: What are some first impressions that you have of the School?
It’s very solid. There are emerging areas—pain, neurosciences, craniofacial genetics, and chronic inflammatory diseases. We need to build structures around these areas, and invest the resources not only in facilities but also in people. An important element will be for all of our research programs to be richly integrated with the rest of the University because oral health is a manifestation of general health.

Q: In terms of your vision for the future, what do you want to achieve here?
My commitment is to work diligently with faculty, alumni, students, staff, and the University Administration to achieve not only the academic plan of the University, but also really focus on what it means to meet your public mission as a state-supported institution. I think this is the nature of Carolina as the first publicly-funded University in the country.

“We need to focus on encouraging individuals to distribute themselves once they graduate and meet the oral health care needs of the state.”
Listed among the key components of the mission of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is this grand goal: “to improve the condition of human life through service.” The School of Dentistry is itself a testament to the University’s dedication to that goal, as its founding was prompted by the demonstrated need of North Carolinians for better oral healthcare in the run-up to World War II.

Today, the people of the state are once again calling on the School to help address a demonstrated need: this time, the lack of access to dental care for many of our citizens. In response, the School is working diligently to achieve its purpose of once again improving the condition of the lives of North Carolinians.
A DENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

The 1970s ushered in an era of considerable growth in North Carolina. School systems, neighborhoods and roadways groaned under the demands of an increasing and changing citizenry. The state’s health care system likewise felt the strain as more residents required the services of the area’s hospitals, physicians, pharmacists and dentists.

As the state’s population boomed, the population of physicians boomed along with it. In 1979, there were 124 medical doctors for every 100,000 North Carolina citizens. By 1998, that number had grown to 200.

The same rate of growth was not seen among dentists. For every 100,000 North Carolina citizens in 1979, there were 38 dentists. Only 40 by 1998—well below the nation’s ratio of 58 dentists to 100,000 people.

The stasis of the dental workforce made obtaining access to dental care difficult for many North Carolinians living in smaller towns and rural communities. Local media began to document the issue in town newspapers.

By the mid-1990s, the number of North Carolinians lacking access to dental care was sufficient to capture the attention of members of the health care community and the Legislature. In 1999, the North Carolina Institutes of Medicine (NCIOM) developed the Task Force on Dental Care Access to assess the state of access to dental care in North Carolina.

The Task Force findings were grim. In dentist to population ratio, the state ranked 47th out of 50, and 79 counties in the state were documented as federal-ly recognized “Health Care Shortage Areas.” Many rural communities had or were losing dentists to retirement and many of the new graduates who could replace them were opting to establish practices in the state’s more urban communities.

In a report to the NC General Assembly, the NCIOM documented the burgeoning crisis and recommended immediate action to increase the number of practicing dentists in the state, as well as to lure new or incoming dentists to the state’s rural communities to establish their practices.

The Legislature responded in its 2001 Session, enacting Senate Bill 861. In it, among other things, the Senate looked to the University of North Carolina to help the state solve the access to care problem. The bill called upon the University’s Board of Governors to study the feasibility of establishing an additional state dental school versus increasing enrollment in the School of
Dentistry in Chapel Hill.

The study was to include an analysis of the feasibility of establishing a new school, including costs, possible locations for the new facility, and a proposed timeline for implementation. At the same time, the study was to assess the impact a second school would have on access to dental care in North Carolina.

MEANWHILE, IN CHAPEL HILL...

Before the issue of dental care access garnered the attention of legislators and members of local media, the UNC School of Dentistry was aware that the supply of dental care in many areas of the Old North State was not sufficient to meet the need for it. Patients in some remote eastern and western counties were traveling upwards of an hour one-way for dental care. And retiring dentists were struggling to sell their practices.

School administrators made efforts large and small to address the problem. Obvious issues were addressed immediately: no empty seats were allowed in DDS classes. If attrition occurred, seats were promptly refilled with qualified transfer students. More ambitious programs were also instituted. Dental students had long been sent on rotations in the state’s rural communities and to community health centers to provide care to the underserved. In a short time, Carolina’s became one of the most active dental rotation programs in the country.

The School also teamed with the federal government’s Bureau of Primary Health Care to direct financial incentives to graduating students who would practice in the federally designated Health Care Shortage Areas.

At the same time, the School expanded the capacity of its dental hygiene program by 20% and worked with the North Carolina Community College system to seek funding for a distance education program, allowing UNC’s resources to train hygienists around the state.

Other measures had been taken to ensure that the School remained abreast of the issue and involved in its solution: then dean, Dr. John Stamm, served on the 1999 NCIOM Task Force on Dental Care Access and also presented a proposal to Chancellor James Moeer to consider a long-range plan to increase DDS enrollment at the School to help address the growing dental workforce shortage.

FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

In response to Senate Bill 861, UNC’s Board of Governors hired a panel of out-of-state consultants, all of them dentists, to conduct the required feasibility study for establishing a second school of dentistry in North Carolina.

The team offered their findings in a June 2002 report, noting in their introduction: “We are convinced that North Carolina has a serious dental care access problem for lower income populations, and especially those living in rural areas.”

The study reviewed a number of options aimed at increasing access to care for lower income and rural populations, foremost among them establishing a second school of dentistry in North Carolina or, as an alternative, increasing the size of dental classes at UNC.

During their study, the panel noted the following findings as outlined in their report:
Patients in some remote eastern and western counties were traveling upwards of an hour for dental care. And retiring dentists were struggling to sell their practices.

Each year, nearly 250 North Carolina residents apply to the DDS program at the UNC School of Dentistry. Currently, each DDS class at UNC is made up of 80% in-state residents (or approximately 65 of the 81 students in each class). The panelists’ considered it “unlikely” that many of the remaining NC applicants qualified for acceptance to a dental program, causing a second state school to recruit a large percentage of out-of-state students.

Due to the national shortage of qualified, full-time dental faculty, it would be appreciably more difficult to attract faculty to a new school than to an established one.

In the panelists view, “the impact that (a second school of dentistry’s) graduates will have on providing care to underserved populations is likely to be limited. While UNC reports that 85% of its graduates (73% of its DDS and post-DDS graduates) remain in the state, these figures may not hold for a school that is expected to have a higher percentage of non-resident students.”

“After careful review,” the study concluded, “A (second) School of Dentistry should not be established at this time.”

Instead, the panel recommended the Legislature increase the number of dental students at UNC Chapel Hill.

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

In the three years since the feasibility study, School of Dentistry administrators have worked to craft a response to the Legislature that will help solve the state’s access to care woes without flooding the dental workforce.

“No one wants North Carolina to go from 47th out of 50 states in dentist to population ratio to top-ten,” says associate dean for administration and planning, Dr. Ken May. “We feel if we can work our way to the middle, say the mid-to-low 20’s, we’ll be meeting a critical need of North Carolinians while keeping the profession healthy.”

What will the School’s response look like? In a word: construction. At least for the short term.

Currently, UNC’s facilities are a limiting factor to increasing enrollment. No lab or classroom in any of the School’s five buildings allows for more than 81 students at one time. The School increased enrollment to 81 in the fall of 2003, but can do no more until a new building is built to allow for more bodies—200 more bodies to be exact.

The School is proposing to

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increase annual DDS enrollment from 81 to 130, meaning 200 more DDS students attending the School at one time.

Why 130? There are three primary reasons. First, the number is based on North Carolina’s projected growth over the next 25 years. According to an article printed in the Raleigh News & Observer in April 2005, the US Census Bureau sees North Carolina as the seventh most populated state by 2030, with an estimated population of 12.2 million—a staggering 51.9% increase over the year 2000’s statistics. In the process, North Carolina is expected to pass New Jersey, Michigan, Georgia and Ohio in total population.

Second, according to a study conducted by the American Dental Association, the most efficient, cost-effective number of dental students to educate at one time in one place is 140 per class. An enrollment of 130 new dental students per year brings UNC much closer to that number than would its current or smaller enrollments.

And finally, the additional 50 students represents the number a second school of dentistry would likely graduate in a class year.

To be sure, UNC School of Dentistry administrators took a deep breath at the thought of more construction. Only a few short years from the completion of Tarrson Hall, the expectation was at least a decade’s respite from hard hats and hammers.

Indeed, the University had identified the corner of South Columbia and Manning Streets as the site of a future Dental.

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DEAN JOHN WILLIAMS
Sciences Building some years before, but work was not planned until some time in the second phase of construction of UNC’s campus master plan. In other words—a good 10 years.

Instead, the respite was cut in half as preliminary planning began in late 2002 to identify what specific facilities would be needed to meet the School’s legislative mandate. In 2004 the University and the School identified $500,000 to begin architectural drawings for the new Dental Sciences Building.

Today, after review by the campus facilities and planning board, the Dental Sciences Building will be larger than originally foreseen. Projected to cost roughly $100 million, the facility will include the expected laboratories, classrooms and auditoriums to accommodate the increased enrollment, but will also replace the School’s research facilities currently housed in the Dental Research Center (DRC).

Determined by UNC’s facilities consultant group, Eva Klein & Associates, to be the poorest quality construction on campus, UNC administrators determined it would cost less to raze and rebuild the DRC and its neighbor, the Dental Office Building, than to renovate them with the funding set aside for them through the Higher Education Bond Referendum.

Rather than construct three distinct buildings, campus officials determined the three buildings could best be combined into one larger complex that would allow for state-of-the-art, environmentally responsible research space, as well as the facilities required for the increased enrollment.

The University is now working with the Legislature to secure the funding necessary to construct the building. Some funding will come from the higher education bonds, as they were intended for use in the renovation of the DRC and the Dental Office Building. Private funds, including a pledge of $2 million from an anonymous donor, will also be used. But the majority of the funding is expected to come in the form of state appropriations.

At the same time, School administrators have begun working with UNC’s Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) administrators to expand an organized community-based dental education program that will export DDS students to proposed sites in rural eastern and western NC counties to provide dental care as part of the DDS curriculum.

Despite their efforts, School administrators concede there are no quick fixes to North Carolina’s access to care issue. Neither the Dental Sciences Building construction nor a new community-based component of the DDS curriculum can be implemented tomorrow.

Still, there is hope that the community-based curriculum component will be in place in a few years, helping provide immediate relief to those in the state’s neediest areas. And, assuming the Legislature approves funding for construction, the School hopes to graduate its first expanded DDS class in eight to 10 years.

“Our goal,” says Dr. John Williams, dean at the UNC School of Dentistry, “is to be useful to the people of North Carolina. It was for this purpose we were founded and in responding to the Legislature’s call to help combat this critical issue we only build upon that legacy.”

“We must respond to the people’s investment in us by continuing to provide them with the quality dental professionals we have been known to graduate. It is also our duty to provide them with enough dentists to meet their needs. We take that responsibility seriously and will endeavor to do it as well and as rapidly as possible.”

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April 2005
The 2005 Best of Dentistry Dinner

The 2005 Best of Dentistry Dinner was celebrated by friends and alumni of the UNC School of Dentistry on Friday, April 15th. Set in the beautiful Old Well Room of the Carolina Inn, the night featured honors for the recipients of awards presented by the UNC Dental Alumni Association and Dental Foundation of North Carolina. Guests were treated to a talk by Dr. Christopher Armitage, UNC Distinguished Professor of English, and a few surprises along the way.

The night’s Dental Alumni Association awardees included Dr. Charles Willis, recipient of the Distinguished Service Award; Dr. John Stamm, recipient of the John Brauer Award; and Dr. Karl Leinfelder, recipient of an honorary lifetime membership.

The Dental Foundation recognized the student recipient of the Dr. James A. Harrell, Sr. Citizenship and Leadership Award: Robert Curtis Sanborn, Class of 2005; and the Dr. Henry Zaytoun, Sr. Award: Mari Hull, also Class of 2005. The Foundation’s highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, was conferred upon Carol Stamm and Linda Tarrson in a surprise presentation.
The Dental Alumni Association welcomed Dean John Williams to the School by sponsoring a barbecue luncheon for faculty and staff on June 14, 2005.
School Congratulated for Clinical Excellence

July 11, 2005

Dr. Ed Swift  
Chair, Department of Operative Dentistry  
UNC School of Dentistry  
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Dear Dr. Swift:

On behalf of the NC State Board of Dental Examiners, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your colleagues for a job well done. Deputy Examiners and Board members agree that the work done on the clinical operative portion of the recent Dental Board Examination was among the best seen in recent memory. Now that the post-exam analysis is complete, we know that UNC students were well prepared, selected good cases, and exhibited the skills necessary to serve them well in the practice of dentistry.

The faculty involved in bringing this class to this level of performance should take justifiable pride in a job well done. Work of the caliber we saw does not occur unless students are guided by a committed faculty dedicated to their success and skilled in the fine art and science of dentistry. As a Board, and on behalf of the citizens of North Carolina, we look forward to welcoming members of the UNC Dental School Class of 2005 into the dental profession. If they continue to do as well in private practice as they did on this exam, we know they will remain a source of pride for UNC and will uphold the fine ideals of the practice of dentistry in this state.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Dr. Benjamin Brown  
President, North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners
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### Continuing Dental Education Course Calendar

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### UNC FOOTBALL HOME SCHEDULE
- Sept. 17 Wisconsin
- Oct. 1 Utah
- Oct. 22 Virginia
- Nov. 5 Boston College
- Nov. 12 Maryland
- Nov. 19 Duke

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The School of Dentistry boasts four North Carolina Schweitzer Fellows for 2005-2006:

**Christopher Durham**, DDS Class of 2007, will conduct an oral hygiene education program for teens in Vance, Durham and Guilford counties.

**Brandi Jackson**, DDS Class of 2006, will perform an oral health education program for new mothers in Orange County.

**Jin Yi Kwon and Nozomu Yamauchi**, both DDS Class of 2007, will provide oral hygiene education and fluoride applications for residents of a nursing home in Chapel Hill.

The Schweitzer Fellows Program supports students in health professions and related fields in carrying out direct service projects in underserved communities in the United States. To date, more than 1,000 Fellows have contributed over 200,000 hours of service at hundreds of domestic community agencies.

**Kattie M. Boles**, BSDH Class of 2006, and **Jason Pollei** and **Darice Witherspoon**, both DDS Class of 2006, were awarded 2005 Hinman Scholarships at the 93rd Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta in March 2005. Hinman Scholars are selected by the dean and must be junior student members of the American Dental Association as well as in the top 10 percent of their class.
UNC had a strong showing at the 2005 American and International Associations of Dental Research meeting held in March, 2005 in Baltimore, Maryland. In addition to winning the National Student Research Group awards for “most new AADR members” and “greatest percentage of dental school AADR members in 2004, the following students won individual awards for their research endeavors:

**Julia Richman**, DDS Class of 2006, won the IADR behavioral science section Best Poster Abstract Award and was a finalist for the AADR Pfizer Hatton Award in the junior category for her poster: “Evaluation of Oral Health Literacy Reading Recognition Instrument.”

**Juanli Guo**, an Oral Biology PhD student, was an AADR Pfizer Hatton Award finalist for her work: “Influence of Lrp5 signaling in Osteoblastic Cell Culture Mineralization.”

**Jason Gladwell**, DDS Class of 2005, won the AADR National Student Research Group Caulk/Dentsply competition in the clinical science category for his poster: “Remineralization Potential for Whitening Gels.”

**Stephanie Manning**, DDS Class of 2007, was selected by the American Student Medical Association (AMSA) to participate in their 2005 Primary Care Leadership Training Program held in July at the University of Texas Health Science Center.

**Yiorgos A. Bobetis**, DDS. Bobetis is completing his Periodontology Certificate and Oral Biology PhD training in the School’s Department of Periodontology where he will graduate in December 2005. Dr. Bobetis intends to become full-time faculty in a Department of Periodontology.

**Kaushal Gandhi**, BSDH Class of 2006, was welcomed into the Alliance of Volunteers for Service, Action, and Reform Volunteer/Internship Experience of Service in March 2005 for a one month public health internship. Gandhi also received a C. V. Starr International Scholarship to work with a non-profit organization assisting children and teenagers in the slums of Mumbai, India. Gandhi developed an oral health education program involving Indian dentists and hygienists that she hopes will have long-term positive effects.
Faculty Notes

Department of Pediatric Dentistry

Diane Dilley, DDS, associate professor, was elected Secretary-Treasurer at the annual meeting of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry held in Orlando, FL.

Jessica Lee, DDS, MPH, MS ’02, PhD, assistant professor, received the 2004 Best Paper award from the Journal of Public Health Dentistry for the paper entitled “The effects of the Women, Infants, and Children’s Supplemental Food Program on dentally related Medicaid expenditures.” Dr. Lee also received the International Association for Dental Research 2005 Giddon Award for Distinguished Research in the Behavioral Sciences for the paper “Effects of WIC Participation on Children’s Use of Oral Health Services.” Both papers were co-authored by Bill Vann, DMD, MS ’76, PhD, distinguished professor.

Michael Milano, DMD, clinical assistant professor, became the new Graduate Pediatric Dentistry Program Director on July 1, 2005. Dr. Milano joins the UNC faculty from the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston where he was an Associate Professor and the Graduate Program Director in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. A native of Connecticut, Dr. Milano received his DMD degree at the University of Connecticut in 1988 and completed his specialty training at Eastman Dental Center.

Michael “Mike” Roberts, DDS, MS, Henson Distinguished Professor, was elected President-elect at the annual meeting of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry held in Orlando, FL.

William F. “Bill” Vann, Jr., DMD, MS ’76, PhD, Demeritt Distinguished Professor, stepped down as Graduate Pediatric Dentistry Program Director on June 30, 2005, a post he held since 1994. Dr. Vann remains the Director of UNC’s federally funded Maternal and Child Health Bureau’s Center for Leadership in Pediatric Dentistry.

DEPARTING FACULTY

Dr. Linda Levin, former Chair of the Department of Endodontics left for private practice on July 31, 2005.

Dr. Ike Aukhil, of the Department of Periodontology left on July 31, 2005 to become chair of the department of Periodontology, University of Florida.

Dr. Jeff Thompson, of the Department of Operative Dentistry left on July 31, 2005 to join the faculty at the School of Engineering at the University of San Antonio. He will have an adjunct faculty appointment at the School of Dentistry at the University of San Antonio Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Carolyn Bentley of the Department of Diagnostic Sciences retired on June 30, 2005.

Dr. John Moriarty of the Department of Periodontology retired on August 31, 2005.

Dr. Alessandra Ritter of the Department of Endodontics left the School to gain further education on August 1, 2005.
The Dr. Richard F. Hunt, Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence in Predoctoral Teaching was presented at the annual Spurgeon Awards Banquet held on Wednesday, April 13th in Chapel Hill. This year’s recipient is Dr. John Sturdevant, who receives the award for the first time.

Dr. Sturdevant is a true UNC dental legacy. His father, Dr. Cliff Sturdevant, was among the first faculty members at the School of Dentistry. John received both his undergraduate and DDS degrees from UNC before joining the faculty at the School. Dr. Sturdevant has a reputation among students for fairness, kindness and a love for the traditions of the dental profession.

Dr. Sturdevant, who was nominated for the award by students, received this commendation: “He is always serious and professional in his teaching style while allowing humor to slip in to his lectures on occasion. He is an expert in his realm of study and is excellent at transferring that knowledge to students. He seems to genuinely care about our class and wants to pass on the traditions associated with our profession.”

Since 1969, the Hunt Memorial Award has been bestowed each year to a member of the faculty of the UNC School of Dentistry who merits recognition for significant contributions to excellence in pre-doctoral teaching. It is the highest honor bestowed by the School on a faculty member and comes with a $1,500 stipend. The award is sponsored by the Lobolly Study Club through the Dental Foundation of North Carolina and was established in memory of Richard F. Hunt, DDS ’55, who died in a plane crash in 1968.

John B. Ludlow, DDS, MS, professor, received the Clinical Excellence Award during the 15th Congress of the International Association of Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology held in Cape Town South Africa in late May. The award was presented for the best scientific paper presented at the meeting. The paper was entitled “Dosimetry of 3 CBCT Units for Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology.”

Glenn Reside, DDS, MS, clinical assistant professor, along with Lyndon Cooper, DDS, PhD, Stallings Distinguished Professor in the Prosthodontics Department, has received funding from Astratech to study immediately loaded implants in fresh extraction sites and other edentulous areas of the anterior maxilla.

Timothy A. Turvey, DDS, professor and chair, was invited to present a lecture at the annual meeting of the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons on “Bone Graft Construction of the Cleft Maxilla and Palate in the Adult.” The meeting was held in Halifax, Nova Scotia in June 2005.

Raymond P. White, Jr., DDS, PhD, professor, received another award from the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Foundation which will allow him to continue studying the efficacy of 3rd molar removal. Now in the 7th year of funding, this grant has permitted UNC collaborators from multiple departments including orthodontics, periodontics, and biostatistics to demonstrate the strength and value of our Dental Research Center in addressing a common clinical problem for our patients.

John Zuniga, DMD, MS, PhD, professor, stepped down as Residency Program Director in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery on June 30, 2005 after 13 years of commitment and dedication. During this time the OMFS residency training program grew and changed substantially both quantitatively and qualitatively.
Department of Orthodontics

Garland Hershey, DDS, MS, professor, served as a member of the Steering Committee and chaired the Committee on Governance and Rule Compliance for the 2005 NCAA Athletics Recertification of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Department of Operative Dentistry

Ted Roberson, DDS ’68, professor and former chair, retired from the UNC School of Dentistry on June 30th. Dr. Roberson has been on a phased retirement program for the last three years, and maintains a part-time private practice in Durham.

Dr. Roberson has had a long and distinguished career at the UNC School of Dentistry. Following graduation in 1968, he immediately joined the department as an instructor. He rose through the academic ranks, becoming a full professor in 1985. In addition to serving as Chair of the department for several years (1979-1988), he also served as the School’s Director of Student Affairs and Director of Admissions. As a faculty member in the department, he was an instructor and course director (primarily in Conservative Operative Dentistry), clinical research investigator, and active Dental Faculty Practice participant. He received the Richard F. Hunt award, the School’s top teaching award, three times.

Dr. Roberson’s most noteworthy academic accomplishment is his role as senior editor of the department’s textbook, which has been the top-selling dental textbook in the world. Under his leadership, the fourth edition was published in 2002 and the fifth edition will be published next year.

Stephen C. Bayne, PhD, professor, received the 2005 ADEA/GlaxoSmithKline-Sensodyne Award for Teaching Excellence in March. The award, selected from among 57 schools of dentistry each year, recognizes dental educators who “demonstrate exemplary standards and promote excellence in dental education through scholarship and innovation” and comes with a $2,500 stipend to enhance teaching efforts.

Department of Dental Ecology

Linda Stewart, ’73 DATE, clinical assistant professor, will serve as the 2005-06 chair of the Council of Allied Program Directors for the American Dental Education Association.

John W. Stamm, DDS, was named an Alumni Distinguished Professor by the University of North Carolina. His appointment began July 1, 2005.

Dr. Jack Menius, dedicated friend of the UNC School of Dentistry and former teacher of many DDS and specialty students on external rotations, was honored this May at the 13th Razor Walker Awards for Distinguished Service to the Children and Youth of North Carolina. Menius’ trailblazing advocacy for the neglected oral health needs of North Carolina’s handicapped children inspired former School Dean Ben Barker to nominate Dr. Menius for the award.

“I believe that long ago (Jack) recognized that a life devoted to self-interest is limited—limited in influence, limited in achievement, limited in personal reward,” Dr. Barker stated in his nomination. “The answer for him became a life of service and a splendid example for so many young people everywhere.”

Dr. Menius served mentally and physically challenged young people in North Carolina from 1961-1988 as head of the dental clinic at the Murdock Center in Butner, NC. A large number of disabled children and young adults in North Carolina were suffering from rampant, untreated dental disease and associated dental pain, and his sense of humor, persistence and eternal optimism created an atmosphere of love for a population that many practitioners had once considered difficult to treat.

Dr. Bill Vann, MS ’76, said he was privileged to participate in a one-year externship with Dr. Menius at Murdock. “Dr. Menius knew every syndrome under the sun and had treated kids with most of them. His zeal for children and adolescents and his compassion for treating those with disabilities set a high standard.”

The Razor Walker awards are given annually by the Donald R. Watson School of Education at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.
In a four-year funded project by the National Institutes of Health’s National Institutes for Dental and Craniofacial Research, faculty members in the School of Dentistry are taking a team approach to developing an exciting new means of drug delivery for patients with some oral diseases: mouth guards.

The mouth guards, made of an FDA-approved substance called EVA, will be designed to deliver therapeutic levels of antifungal, antibacterial and antiviral compounds at the site of oral infections in patients with severely compromised or suppressed immune systems. The expectation is that the continuous release of drugs at the site of infection over an extended period of time will be more effective in lower doses in treating periodontal and other oral diseases than systemic drug therapies and mouthwashes.

“Our goal is to realize the advantages of delivering drugs to the site of infection.”
Dr. Sid Kalachandra in the department of periodontology heads the study: “Our goal is to realize the advantages of delivering drugs to the site of infection. Currently available treatments deliver higher and more frequent doses to the patient systemically and often result in adverse effects that can lead to fatal incidents. We have undertaken the development of the mouthguards as a means to deliver drugs locally in therapeutic concentrations that fall far below toxic levels than those used in today’s systemic doses.

Dr. Kalachandra and his team of researchers, Dr. Padmavathy Tallury, Nazila Alimouhammad, and Dr. Anuradha Prakki have successfully developed techniques for the fabrication of the drug-loaded mouth guards with the assistance of John Jordan of the UNC dental lab. The team is joined by School co-investigators, Dr. Roland Arnold of Diagnostic Sciences, Dr. Jennifer Webster-Cyriaque of Dental Ecology, and Dr. Steven Offenbacher of the Center for Oral and Systemic Diseases, who are variously involved in determining the efficacy of such drugs as chlorhexidine diacetate, acyclovir and nystatin in combating the oral diseases the mouth guards would be used to deliver. In vitro studies are currently underway and will be completed soon, after which the team will commence clinical trials.

In time, the use of mouth guards as a drug delivery system could be applied to other patient populations, including oral cancer patients.

School Ranked 8th in Research Funding

The UNC School of Dentistry ranked 8th nationally in overall research funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in 2004, garnering $7.4 million in grants.

All five of UNC’s health affairs schools—dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy and public health—ranked within the top 20 of public and private institutions, according to the NIH.

“Across the board, our faculty in the health sciences continue to demonstrate that they are among the best in the nation,” said Dr. Tony Waldrop, vice chancellor for research and economic development at UNC. “Numbers like these are possible because a great many Carolina researchers are working very hard to improve people’s health.”

The new mouthguards can deliver drugs locally in therapeutic concentrations, lowering the potential for adverse effects.
In Memoriam

Dr. Murry W. Holland, a former faculty member and 1956 graduate of the UNC School of Dentistry, died on Friday, June 3, 2005, at Durham Regional Hospital.

Dr. Holland attended Atlantic Christian College for two years before serving in the Army under General George Patton for two years. In 1949 he married the former Helen Horrell of Dunn.

A 1952 graduate of Elon College, Dr. Holland earned his DDS degree from the UNC School of Dentistry in 1956, finishing in the top five of his class. He also earned a Master's in Education from Duke University. After graduating from the School of Dentistry, Holland joined the faculty of the Fixed Prosthodontics Department at the School. In 1973, Holland retired from teaching and opened a dental practice in Chapel Hill.

Holland was one of the five chosen fathers of the year in 1972, and served one year as president of the Chapel Hill Merchants Association. He was a member of the Durham-Orange Dental Society, the North Carolina Dental Society, Delta Sigma Fraternity, and a Life member of the American College of Dentistry.

Ethel McKee Earl, former director of the Dental Assisting Program for 19 years, died May 29, 2005. She was 85.

Ms. Earl was named Dental Assisting Program Coordinator in 1966 and became the Director in 1973. She retired in June, 1985. During her years of service at the UNC School of Dentistry, Ms. Earl served as a faculty member in the Dental Auxiliary Teacher Education Program, Teacher Training Institutes for Dental Assisting, and was a contributing author to a series of dental assisting manuals which accompanied the textbook The Dental Assistant by Roger Barton. These manuals were used extensively over two decades in the Dental Assisting Correspondence Course. Ms. Earl also served as Secretary-Treasurer of the American Dental Assistants Association and as a consultant to the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation.

Ethel M. Earl
March 27, 1920 – May 29, 2005
Dear Alumni and Friends:

Thank you.

By mid-September 2005, we have raised nearly $34,000,000 in gifts and pledges on behalf of the UNC School of Dentistry and have shot past our campaign goal of $30 million by 13%. This is truly exceptional progress and speaks volumes about the support of the dental community in North Carolina for the UNC School of Dentistry.

Your support is critical and sincerely appreciated as the School recently absorbed another round of State budget cuts and faces a future of even leaner State appropriations. Currently, the State’s appropriation for the School makes up approximately 32% of its annual budget—enough to cover faculty and staff salaries and the telephone bill. All other expenses must be covered by other sources of funding, which is what makes the success of the Carolina First Campaign: Building on Excellence so critical.

Without the gifts and pledges you have made and continue to make to this campaign, the School would be in danger of losing its academic stature due to lack of funds—funds necessary to attract and retain the high quality faculty essential for the training of future generations of dentists; funds necessary to attract the best students in North Carolina and the nation who might be discouraged by the high cost of dental education; funds necessary to conduct the research that will inform and shape the practice of dentistry for the next generation.

In truth, the success of this campaign will make the difference for the School of Dentistry in the decade to come. The funding provided to the School through the endowments this campaign establishes will mean $650,000 in aid to students annually versus the $200,000 available to them today. It will mean $600,000 in annual support to faculty versus the $87,500 available today. Our facilities will have $350,000 available each year to support necessary maintenance and technological upgrades. Programs will see a five-fold increase in the support provided them from the Dental Foundation. All of these things will ensure that future UNC School of Dentistry degrees will have behind them all the excellence with which they have been associated for years.

So, while we take the moment to celebrate an achievement worthy of celebration, we’re aware that, goal or no goal, we still have a great deal of work to do. The Carolina First Campaign continues through June 30, 2007, and our job will be to seek and obtain the support of those who haven’t yet contributed to the campaign. If you haven’t made a gift or pledge to your alma mater, won’t you consider doing that now?

Every dime is needed and much appreciated.

For those of you who have given, once again, thank you. The Dental Foundation Board of Directors and the School’s administration work hard to put your dollars to the best possible use, investing them carefully and distributing them judiciously. We know that you have many competing causes for your charitable donations and that the gifts you give are hard-earned. We do not take your support lightly and endeavor in every way to remain worthy of it. Thank you again!

Sincerely,

James A. Harrell Sr., DDS, Campaign Chair

For more information about how you can participate in the Dental Foundation of North Carolina and the School of Dentistry’s Carolina First Campaign: Building on Excellence, contact Kelly Almond at (919) 966-2731.
The Dental Foundation of North Carolina Honors Carol Stamm and Linda Tarrson

The Dental Foundation awarded its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, to Carol Stamm and Linda Tarrson in a surprise presentation at the 2005 Best of Dentistry Dinner on April 15th. The Best of Dentistry Dinner is the UNC School of Dentistry's annual alumni awards banquet.

Dr. Chuck Norman, president of the Foundation, served as master of ceremonies for the dinner and presented the awards with these words:

“Tonight’s presentation is a particularly special and fitting one as it recognizes not one, but two of the School’s greatest friends and champions over the last decade and a half. Not only have tonight’s winners been great friends of the School; they are dear friends themselves.

“Our winners tonight are not dentists, though few outside the profession have given so much of their time and devotion to it. They are not UNC alumni, though few bleed bluer or cheer harder for this School and its great University. Neither are they dental educators, though few have invested more of themselves for the cause of dental education.

“Our winners tonight have not distinguished themselves by their leadership roles in organized dentistry, nor by their membership in professional dental organizations, nor by their publications or research contributions. Rather, they have distinguished themselves by their wholehearted devotion and commitment to the work and success of the UNC School of Dentistry. They have given richly of their personal resources to this institution, bettering it by their involvement, energy and enthusiasm. And making our lives richer by knowing them.

“It is my singular privilege to present the Dental Foundation Distinguished Service Award to Linda Tarrson and Carol Stamm. Two dear friends who have been great friends to all of us.”

The Distinguished Service Award is presented at the determination of the Foundation’s Board of Directors to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry, the Dental Foundation of North Carolina, as well as to the improvement of health and the quality of life of the people of the state of North Carolina. Some years ago, Dean Emeritus Ben Barker stated ‘This award may be said to be distinguished by the company it keeps, as it has not come calling every year since its inception... That company for the most part is shared by individuals who have, through their commitment to service and their belief that when men and women come together around the common purpose of improving the institutions in our society, they can make a lasting difference in our opportunities for a better life.’”

Past recipients of the award include Dr. Jacob Freedland, Dr. C. Lee Sockwell, and Dr. Zyba Massey among others.

Our congratulations and thanks to both Carol and Linda for all they have done for the School and Foundation.

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...Two dear friends who have been great friends to us all.”
When Robert Bass, DDS ’67, left his High Point, NC, practice in the care of his daughter Lee Bass Nunn, DDS ’95, in 1997, the nimble fingers that fashioned his life’s work of dentistry helped him build an artful hobby.

A woodworker since his teen years, Dr. Bass had always loved birds, blue bird houses, and small wood crafts. Though he still runs his mobile dentistry unit to serve NC school children, the retiree had time on his hands.

On a visit to Chapel Hill, he took a walk around the Old Well. He thoughtfully considered size and scale. At home, he put those idle hands to work. He patiently labored over his new construction, trying to scale it as close as possible. “It took me months to get it right,” he said. “The roof was a big problem.”

For Dr. Bass, dentistry and the art of wood working went hand in hand: the dexterity and care, the attention to detail and bent for craftsmanship, the unwavering eye and patience for a perfect product. Woodworking seemed a fitting extension of his life as a practitioner.

Though he’d made many birdfeeders in his time, the finished product has become his favorite piece of art to date—an Old Well birdfeeder crafted meticulously in the image of one of UNC’s greatest historical landmarks. His daughter and wife saw something special, and made an important phone call to The Carolina Inn.

This spring, the Old Well birdfeeder was selected for the annual Birdhouses on Parade—a celebration at The Carolina Inn centered on a display of one-of-a-kind birdhouses crafted by serious N.C. artisans. During the three weeks the birdhouses are on prominent display, the Inn hosts a series of programs to usher in the new season.

Dr. Bass’s feeders have done much more than feed his winged friends. The Old Well birdfeeder was such a hit, and so close to his heart, that Dr. Bass started to make more of them, spending weeks at a time on each replica. In a carefully orchestrated surprise, he snuck one into the office of former Dean John Stamm. “Carol and I cherish the Old Well birdhouse,” says Stamm. “The structure is a piece of art, a beautiful sculpture, which we proudly display in our home.” The modest Dr. Bass explains, “He was a good dean and I wanted him to have something to remember us by.”

Since his Old Well feeder had such a welcoming response at Birdhouses on Parade, Dr. Bass had donated the replicas to various charity auctions where they have raised from $700 to $2,000. One such auction was BirdFest, a birdfeeder auction in Winston-Salem which supports Habitat for Humanity, one of Dr. Bass’s favorite causes.

The original sits in his old practice, in the office of his daughter, who first had the idea to call The Carolina Inn and suggest her father’s feeder. A proprietor of so many of his works, Dr. Nunn says she will always be fond of her father’s craft. “I like to have it where I can see it,” she beams, adding, “It’s not up for auction.”
Jeremy Fry

The Frys want to provide a “worldly experience”... knowing that when students are in school, they often don’t have the time or financial means for global experience and service.

By Courtney Jones, UNC ’01

Jeremy Fry, DDS ’03, and his wife Nicki, have a lot of logical reasons to put off a major giving relationship with the School, at least for a few years.

For one, they live clear across the country in Manhattan Beach, California. Not to mention that Jeremy is still in school; an orthodontics resident at the University of Southern California. He and Nicki, an orthopedic surgery nurse at Torrance Memorial Medical Center, have a busy toddler, Caroline, and all the joys and responsibilities of young working parents.

But for the Frys, all those logical reasons have only sharpened their desire to be stewards for their beloved blue and white school on the opposite coast.

Jeremy and Nicki caught the giving bug before they crossed the graduation stage. Together, they had the opportunity to take their school rotations overseas in Cambodia. The experience of bringing the health care many Americans take for granted to a less-fortunate community was life-altering.

“When we were in Cambodia, we felt so lucky and we thought ‘How can I do something for these people in my little way?’ You could just give money, or donate dental supplies, but the best way is to facilitate other young people to get there to help.” They immediately began brainstorming to see how they could make that happen.

In February 2005, the family brought their plans to reality when they made the first steps to establish and endow the Fry Family Rotation Award. The award will be used to help a third-year DDS student travel to provide dental care, education, and service in a country other than the United States. The Frys want to provide a “worldly experience” as one of the student’s rotations, knowing that when students are in school, they often don’t have the time or financial means for global experience and service.

“If you don’t have a lot of money, you can still be good stewards,” Jeremy said. “You can give little by little now, build an endowment, and give more later, when you can.”

The trip to Cambodia did more than instill a sense of duty in the couple. It also sparked their wanderlust, leading them out to California for Jeremy’s residency. Upon graduation, Jeremy plans to return to Kansas to join his father’s orthodontics practice and wanted to experience more of the country before the family settled there. His father is orthodontist Robert Fry, MS ’77, who he credits with giving him a good foundation for stewardship and giving, and a great love for UNC.

“A lot of students carry with them a burden of debt and are trying to start their own practices. The last thing they can think about is giving money away. My parents gave when they didn’t have much. It was a great example.”
The changing of the guards at the UNC School of Dentistry would commence with little pomp and circumstance if up to former dean John Stamm. But as alumni, donors, and friends warmly welcome a new dean they are polishing one last tribute to Stamm: the highest honor of a permanently endowed professorship established in his name.

The School and Dental Foundation of North Carolina have established the John W. Stamm Distinguished Professorship to honor Stamm, who stepped down from the deanship on December 31, 2004 to return to a faculty position at the School.

As dean, Stamm was not only a magnetic leader, but dear personal friend to many donors and alumni who came to know him and his wife Carol throughout his 15-year turn as dean. It’s his dedication to these friendships, along with his dedication to the School’s programs, technology, research, and educational excellence that has made his bond to UNC so extraordinary and worth celebrating in such a permanent way.

Supporter and friend Bobby Raynor, DDS ’67, said Stamm quickly brought the School to a new level. “When he came, the school had a new research building and had renovated a clinic in one area, but it was mostly the same as it was in 1950 when the School started. Dean Stamm set out on a new course to build a new building and bring everyone up to date. He started the Campaign for Excellence with a goal of 6 million. He raised twelve. He’s not only a man who can lead the School in academics, but he can raise the money.”

Though $286,000 has been contributed to the professorship, the School will need $333,000 to qualify for the matching grant of $167,000 from the State of North Carolina. The School hopes to close the $47,000 by the close of the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

Dr. Stamm bolstered the School’s use of technology, increased annual dental research funding, and led the School through two capital campaigns. Under his care, the School was brought up to international recognition and passed through two accreditation cycles with ease. In the process, alumni and friends contributed more than $40 million to support the School through the DFNC, growing its assets from $3.3 million to nearly $28 million—an increase of 882 percent.

His extraordinary commitment to the School as dean, and again as faculty in the Dental Research Center, is his lasting gift to the School. The professorship will forever link his name and his legacy of excellence with the School of Dentistry, and will provide critical funds to retain and recruit an excellent faculty member who mirrors Stamm’s values and resolve.

For more information, or to help this professorship meet its goals, please contact Kelly Almond, Interim Executive Director of the Dental Foundation of North Carolina, at (919) 966-2731.
Paul Gardner, Director of Development and Executive Director of the Dental Foundation since September 1998, has accepted the position of Director of External Relations at the Washington & Lee University School of Law. His last day at the School of Dentistry was August 31.

“I’ve been in Chapel Hill half my life, and it is difficult to leave this town, University and School of Dentistry, all of which I love dearly,” Gardner said. “For several years, my wife and I have talked about our desire to raise our two children in a smaller community, and Lexington, VA, is one of the communities we have always considered. It has been a real pleasure working with Dean John Stamm, the faculty and staff, and countless alumni and friends of the School. I wish Dr. John Williams continued success as he takes over the dean’s responsibilities.”

Paul, along with Kelly Almond and Jennie Boone (and earlier with Tina CoyneSmith), oversaw the planning and launching of the School’s Carolina First Campaign: Building on Excellence that now stands at nearly $34 million, topping our goal of $30 million with two years remaining in the campaign. More than 35 student aid funds and 11 faculty support funds were established or are currently being funded during the Building on Excellence Campaign. At least two more faculty support funds are included in donors’ estate plans. Another $2 million commitment was made for the proposed new building on the corner of Manning and Columbia Streets.
JT Grubbs, DDS ‘64, stumbled into the service project of a lifetime when he accepted a spot on a church mission trip in 1985 to Uganda’s Mengo Hospital. Mengo was a fenced-in compound with hospital wards, staff houses, a guest house, a chapel and maintenance buildings in ruins. Though still standing at the then-recent end of a 20-year civil war, the hospital’s equipment was useless, supply cabinets were empty and its staff hungry. “Like the people of Uganda,” he says, “the hospital was war-weary, too.”

Grubbs immediately befriended Dr. Ken Chapman, a dentist from Texas and the lone American on staff at the Mengo Hospital. Through this friendship, Grubbs became a much bigger part of the Mengo Hospital project than he envisioned. Though Grubbs supported the hospital through the years by sending supplies, equipment, and salary supplements, and by visiting every two to three years, Dr. Chapman called on him to assume a bigger role: raise the $100,000 necessary to revamp the dilapidated dental clinic at Mengo. He admits he “was not very good at raising money,” but threw himself into the project, deciding the clinic would have no cast-off or used equipment and even garnering donations of an air compressor and a generator from fellow dentists Ken Owen, DDS ’63, Gary Heesman, DDS ’63 and J.W. Barts, DDS ‘63.

Ten years, an ever-increasing goal that ultimately reached $600,000, and 4,800 brand-new square feet later, a new dental building was given to Mengo Hospital on March 12, 2005.

“Like the people of Uganda, the hospital was war-weary, too.”
Hygiene Alum Serves Orphans in Jamaica

Barbara Moore Smith, ’79 BSDH and full-time faculty at Wake Technical Community College in their department of Dental Hygiene, provides volunteer dental services through Mustard Seed Community in Kingston, Jamaica. “Mustard Seed includes orphanages for handicapped and abandoned children that otherwise would be forgotten by the society in which they were born. Mustard Seed also provides a home for HIV-positive children who have lost parents to HIV, as well as a home for pregnant teens who have nowhere to go,” explains Smith. She has provided dental education to the care givers of Mustard Seed Communities, dental assessments to the children of Mustard Seed, served on the Health Care Network trying to set long term goals for the medical and dental needs of Mustard Seed Jamaica and cleaned, painted, inventoried, and provided need assessment and goal setting for the dental clinic at Mustard Seed Jamaica. Dental equipment continues to be a need for Mustard Seed, and Smith is always looking for donations. She plans to return in March 2006 and is currently working to get their dental clinic facility fully equipped and functional. Anyone interested in making a donation to the clinic or joining Smith on her trip can email her at hokies3@charter.net. For more information about Mustard Seed Communities, please visit www.mustardseed.com.

Hyman Presents Keynote at Discus Dental Extravaganza

Mark E. Hyman, DDS ’84, served as the Keynote Speaker at the 10th Annual Discus Dental Extravaganza in Las Vegas, NV at which Dr. Phil McGraw and Dr. Bill Dorfman of ABC’s “Extreme Makeover” program were also featured. Dr. Hyman’s presentation “Practice Leadership—A 360 Slam Dunk Evaluation,” was a highlight of the event which attracted over 3000 participants supporting the Discus Dental advocacy of dental research and technological innovation in cosmetics and reconstructive dental care.
Dr. James Bickle Houser, III, 77 of 223 Manning Drive, Charlotte, NC, 28209 died peacefully at home on Sunday, September 19, 2004 after an extended illness.

Born in Cherryville, NC to Lorene Parks Nelson and James Bickle Houser, Jr., Dr. Houser was predeceased by his parents and infant sister.

An Eagle Scout, Jim graduated from Gastonia High School in 1945, proudly served as a corpsman in the US Navy during WWII on the USS Tidewater, taught and coached at Oak Grove High School in Durham County, earned a BS in Chemistry ('52), an MA in Education ('53), and his DDS from UNC in 1957, taught Periodontics at the School of Dentistry, and practiced dentistry in Charlotte, Gastonia, and Wadesboro. He enjoyed volunteering with the Dental Clinics at Charlotte Memorial Hospital (Carolinas Medical Center) and the Charlotte Uptown Shelter, and with Head Start and Cities in Schools programs.

Dr. James Lloyd Cox, 74, of Goldsboro died Friday, July 6, 2005 at his home.

Dr. Cox was born January 5, 1931 in Richlands, North Carolina to the late Norwood and Hazel Nicholson Cox. He was an undergraduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a 1956 graduate of the School of Dentistry. Dr. Cox began practicing dentistry in Goldsboro in 1958 and served the citizens of Wayne County for 44 years, retiring July 1, 2002.

He was a member of the Dental Foundation of North Carolina, Inc., the American Dental Association, the North Carolina Dental Association and the Wayne County Dental Society. Dr. Cox was a founding and faithful member of the Loblolly Dental Study Club, where he served for many years as Secretary and Treasurer.
Class Notes

We want to hear from you! Please keep your fellow classmates, colleagues and friends informed of your news. Drop us a note in the enclosed envelope or send us an email at alumni@dentistry.unc.edu and we’ll include your news in the next issue of the North Carolina Dental Review.

1968
Gene A. Holland, DDS, received the North Carolina Dental Society’s Meritorious Achievement Award in May 2005.

Theodore “Ted” Roberson, DDS, was named one of two American Dental Association Delegates at Large at the North Carolina Dental Society meeting in Myrtle Beach, S.C. in May 2005.

1969
Stephen B. Mackler, DDS, MS ’71, will be presented the American Academy of Periodontology’s Humanitarian Award at the fall meeting in Denver, CO.

1970
Dudley Carlyle “Chan” Chandler, Jr., DDS, MS ’72, received the North Carolina Dental Society’s Distinguished Service Scroll in May 2005.

1980
P. Ray Chavis, DDS, was elected Vice President of the North Carolina Dental Society.

1985
William Litaker, Jr., DDS, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the North Carolina Dental Society.

1986
Mark L. Meyer, DDS, was elected Secretary for the Southeast Society of Pediatric Dentistry. The election was held at the annual meeting in Savannah, Georgia on April 2, 2005.

1988
C. H. “Bert” Jones, Jr., DDS, was elected County Commissioner of Rockingham County, NC in November 2004. Dr. Jones is a twice past president of the Rockingham County Dental Society and has served several times as a delegate for the Third District. He serves on the Boards of Directors of the Rockingham County Board of Health and the Free Clinic of Reidsville and Vicinity. He and his wife Susan have two children, David (10) and Caroline (8).

1989
Richard F. Hunt III, DDS, was elected President-Elect of the North Carolina Dental Society.

1993/94
Henry “Hap” J. Pierpan III, DDS, Commander, US Naval Reserves, was recalled to Active Duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. As of February, he was stationed in Camp LeJeune. His wife, Monica Pierpan, DDS ’94, remains busy at their practice in Hampstead, North Carolina and raising their two sons, Reid (8) and Landon (5).

Alicia Rodriguez, DDS, received the North Carolina Dental Society’s Commendation Award in May 2005.

1999
Andrew R. Oblinger, DDS, and his wife, Brooke, announce the birth of their first child, a son, Charles Atwater Oblinger, 7 lbs. 3 oz.

2001
Mark Kozacko, MS, and his wife announce the birth of their son, Christopher James Kozacko.
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