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Last summer, the N.C. General Assembly’s budget included funds for the continuation of the planning and design of our proposed dental sciences building. This process has fostered valuable dialogue on where we want to go as a school and the values our school community — alumni, administration, staff, faculty, students and our patients — holds dear.

Here are just a few questions I’ve considered, each critically important in planning for our new building: How best can we engage with our state? How best can we prepare our students for success after graduation? How can we nurture the promising research that occurs within our walls?

To our mission of education, I have directed that, effective this fall, the minimum clinic attendance requirement increase from 70 percent to 80 percent for second-, third- and fourth-year DDS students. Sixty percent of the new 80 percent attendance requirement must come from patient appointments and block rotations (not including credit for assisting in care). I strongly believe in the power of experiential education to build confidence and competence, and I sincerely thank our alumni who have shared their thoughts on this subject with me.

To the mission of engagement with our state, I spent the summer traveling to many sites from eastern to western North Carolina, and I am even more impressed with the commitment our alumni make to encouraging our students and residents in their education and to serving their communities. These visits are vital to my work at the school and send me back to the office even more impressed by our dental colleagues who are engaged within their communities. We are working with Tri-County Community Health Center in Sampson County to institute a pilot educational program by adding two AEGD and possibly a pediatric dental resident to expand patient care at this site.

To our research mission, I have to take a moment to commend our faculty researchers for their dedication to exploring connections that will have tangible benefits for people in our state and beyond, as well as our economy. The National Institutes of Health recently released statistics putting the school at fifth among all dental institutions nationwide in its grant funding totals for fiscal 2005, compared to eighth for fiscal 2004.

Our proposed dental sciences building is being planned with much emphasis on excellence in education, service to North Carolina’s citizens and research. Your insights and observations — your abiding involvement in your School of Dentistry — are vital to our goal of being the leading dental school in the nation. Thank you, as ever, for your support, and please keep in touch.

My warmest wishes,

John
FEATURE

Photo by Will Owens
In the most recent study published in the February 2006 *Journal of Dental Education*, the number of vacant budgeted faculty positions at the nation’s dental schools stood at 275. Ninety-one percent of those positions were for full-time faculty.

Compare this to 2000’s reported 358 budgeted vacancies, and these numbers suggest a step in a positive direction. But between 2003 and 2005, 172 vacant faculty positions were lost to slashed budgets—positions which weren’t included in the 2005 study. Had they been, vacant faculty positions would have stood at a staggering 447.

Now consider that the median age of our nation’s dental faculty stands at 52, 25% of whom are over 60 and retiring within the decade. Only one in four new dental faculty members in 2005 entered the profession directly upon graduation from their dental or post-doctoral program.

The combined bad news begs the question: Is the sky falling on dental education?
“Once people go into private practice, it’s very hard to get them to consider coming back.”

“I became a faculty member because Dr. Cliff Sturdevant called me after graduation and asked me to consider it. I was headed for private practice and had never thought about working at the School before that phone call.”

—KEN MAY, DDS ’73, Vice Dean

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

Over the past 15 years, a number of things conspired to bring about today’s shortage in dental faculty, among them, these three:

• attending dental school became more expensive
• private practice became significantly more lucrative, and
• state appropriations for public dental schools did not keep up with inflation.

How have these factors impacted the number of faculty in our dental schools?

As tuition increased, dental students borrowed increasingly more money and graduated with increasingly burdensome debt. All the while, private dental practices were growing increasingly lucrative, expanding the gap between the salary for a dental faculty member and the dentist in private practice. That gap widened further in the face of leaner state appropriations for dental faculty salaries during the same period of time.

The prospect of acquiring a six-figure debt alongside their new dental degree has many recent graduates with aspirations for a life in the academy opting for private practice instead. And, points out Ken May, DDS ’73 and vice dean of the School of Dentistry, “once they go into private practice, it’s very hard to get them to consider coming back.”

Recent graduates aren’t the only ones to be lured away from academic dentistry by the financial rewards of private practice. Of the 724 dental faculty members who left their respective schools in 2005, the largest portion (260) left for private practice. The second most common cause for leaving is retirement.

It has become increasingly difficult for public dental schools to narrow the gap between faculty salaries and the salary of the
private practitioner. Today, the average salary for new dental faculty is $74,079 according to an ADA survey, while the average salary for a new dental private practitioner is $166,000 per year.

According to Mike Roberts, DMD, MS, UNC’s Henson Professor of Pediatric Dentistry, the challenge is even greater for some of the school’s specialty programs. “I recently saw an advertisement for a pediatric dentist in the western part of the state offering a starting salary of $400,000 with four day workweeks,” he said. “We simply can’t compete with that.”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

North Carolina’s population is expected to increase dramatically in the coming decades, leading it to surpass such states as Michigan and New Jersey in total population by the year 2030. With the state already wrestling with issues surrounding access to dental care, the UNC School of Dentistry is being asked to plan for an increase of DDS enrollment in the coming years.

That enrollment increase will necessitate a faculty increase, particularly in the clinical setting within the School, to maintain the current pedagogical standard of eight to ten students per faculty member in the clinic.

Does the School’s administration anticipate challenges in hiring more faculty?

Indeed, according to Dean John Williams, DMD, MBA. “We’re already feeling the effects of the faculty shortage with our current level of enrollment. The increases are sure to bring us more challenges.”

In recent years, the School has experienced the loss of some prized faculty to private practice, with rumors of more losses to come. Other long-time faculty members have retired.

“Our specialty areas are hardest hit,” says Dean Williams, echoing Dr. Roberts assessment. “In the last few years, we’ve suffered tough losses in our departments of endodontics, oral surgery, orthodontics and prosthodontics, in particular.”

During his 18 months with the School, Dean Williams says UNC has averaged six-to-eight faculty searches underway at any given time.

WHAT NOW?

So, what can we do?

“Money helps, of course,” remarks Dean Williams. “Endowed professorships permit us to offer salary stipends and program support that can make the difference in helping us retain key faculty or in helping to recruit new faculty competitively.”

Creativity helps, too.

“We can be strategic about recruiting new faculty,” suggests Roberts. As an example of potential new recruits, he offers military dentists. “We should contact them several years before they’re due to retire to suggest academia as an option for the second half of their career. They would have continued on next page
“So much of what you read gives the impression that dental faculty are somehow the beleaguered lot of the profession. This couldn’t be further from the truth.”

“Pursuing academic dentistry has given me the opportunity to work alongside the best and brightest minds in the profession.”

— RAY WILLIAMS, DDS, MS, chair of the department of periodontology
and colleagues in points all across the globe.

“This is truly the most exciting life I could have imagined. And the truth is that with the School’s benefits, dental faculty practice, research, speaking engagements and consulting, the financial rewards can compete with private practice.”

Really?

In fact, yes. Among the educational and clinical benefits of teaching faculty who also practice is the fact that faculty can supplement their salaries through their work in UNC’s Dental Faculty Practice (DFP). And as with private practice, the more you work, the greater the income, giving faculty members some control over their earning potential.

Too, faculty members are often asked to speak at national and international conferences and to consult on various research and business projects. Speaking and consulting fees can serve as another source of income.

At the same time, on top of the salary a faculty member receives, the School offers paid vacation and sick leave, along with retirement benefits and health insurance—fringe benefits that private practitioners must provide for themselves.

“We need to do a better job of communicating these advantages to the practicing community,” stresses Williams. “In some ways, being a faculty member now is better than it has ever been before.”

May agrees. “A lot of good can be said for the academic life—the collegiality and interactivity among the faculty, the contact with students, the opportunities to travel—these are all rewarding. And you don’t have the stress of running a business.”

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As the School works to educate potential faculty members about the allurements of academia, it is working hard in other ways to insulate itself against the shortage. Facilities and research space—key attractions when competing for and retaining top faculty—are being upgraded. Part-time faculty are being used to the best advantage and advancements in technology are expanding the reach of the teachers we have (see article on page 29 for more on this).

So, is the sky falling on dental education? It depends on who you ask and, perhaps, where you are. Faculty at UNC acknowledge there are true challenges ahead for the future of dental education, but seem cautiously confident that UNC is taking the steps necessary to weather well the coming storm.

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2006 Best of Dentistry Dinner

The 2006 Best of Dentistry Dinner was celebrated by honored friends and alumni of the UNC School of Dentistry on Friday, April 7, 2006.

Held at Meadowmont’s Paul J. Rizzo Center, the warm spring night featured the recipients of the UNC Dental Alumni Association and Dental Foundation of North Carolina awards. After a delicious four-course gourmet meal, guests were treated to remarks from Dr. John D. Matheson, president of the Dental Alumni Association. At the evening’s close, attendants dug into individual chocolate pies during a laid-back serenade from Carolina’s oldest co-ed a cappella group, Tar Heel Voices.

The night’s Dental Alumni Association awardees included Dr. Kenneth N. May, Jr., recipient of the Distinguished Service Award; Dr. Sandra Madison (who regretfully could not attend the dinner), recipient of the John C. Brauer Award; and Dr. Alec Parker, recipient of an honorary lifetime membership.

The Dental Foundation recognized the student recipient of the Dr. James A. Harrell, Sr. Citizenship and Leadership Award: Bradford Picot, Class of 2006.
This past May, Charlotte Peterson and Vickie Overman, clinical associate professors in the department of Allied Health Education, returned to the eastern European country of Moldova. There, they led a hands-on dental mission for 4,000 of the country’s orphaned children.

Moldova is a landlocked country located between Romania and Ukraine. Moldova gained independence in 1991, following the collapse of the Soviet Union, but, Peterson notes, “when they gained their freedom, they were left with very little.”

Dr. Steven Mackler, DDS ‘69, MS ‘71, has meaningful connections at the State Medical and Pharmaceutical University “Nicolae Testemitanu” of the Republic of Moldova in the capital of Chisnau and recruited Peterson and Overman in 2004 to assess the needs of their dental hygiene and prevention programs. These two educators shared curriculum plans, outlines and course syllabus outlines with the school. “We wanted to show them the concept of a dental health professional who is also a dental health care promoter, educator – someone who is community-based and has expanded functions to meet the needs of those in fairly remote areas,” Peterson says.

In the meantime, they sought a way to provide immediate care to the suffering dental health of Moldova’s children. They drafted a plan to assist in the Moldovan orphanages by providing fluoride varnish, a thin varnish applied to the teeth with a brush to coat the tooth and slowly release fluoride. They presented the plan to the

Below: Moldovan children line up for free fluoride treatments provided by UNC DH faculty.
Department of Defense, and the funding was approved for a return trip to Moldova—this time to get in the children's mouths.

After that trip in September 2005, they quickly submitted the plan for another trip in May 2006. As it stands, they'd love to go every six months. Overman says, “The children as well as the adults were very appreciative of all efforts to provide health care for them. In addition, the dental residents that we worked with were very inquisitive about our educational system as well as our culture. I believe that part of the mission was to exchange information and gain appreciation for each other’s way of life.”

Peterson and Overman go for one week, arriving on Sunday. Upon arrival they get their directions and a debriefing on the situation. By 7:30 am on Monday, they’re in the orphanages. “We visit more than one orphanage a day. We stay in hotels, but the accommodations vary. In the capital city Chisinau the accommodations are more what you would find in America. In other parts of Moldova, they may or may not have hot water.”

The two have established relationships with the Moldovan dental workers and note how connected they feel to these people halfway around the world. “After three visits to Moldova, the most overwhelming thing that I have gained is a great respect for differing cultures. Often, we do not understand just what it is like to be totally out of one’s culture; not speaking the native language, nor even being able to read signs on the road,” says Overman. “Moldova has given this experience to me. This culture is rich in traditions and values that were foreign to me, but gave me a warmth and graciousness that I had not experienced elsewhere.”

Peterson echoes that sentiment. “It’s one of those things which you’re thankful for because it gives a different perspective to the daily things that seem overwhelming, and it makes you realize how fortunate we are as individuals and how fortunate we are as a country.”

Buddy Reception on Brauer Lawn

In May 2006, UNC dental students attended a third annual Buddy Reception on the Brauer Lawn as a part of the Summer Enrichment Preparation (SEP) Program and the Medical Education Development (MED) Program. Dental students were paired one-on-one with 26 undergraduates from North Carolina and beyond for a mentoring session on careers in dentistry and the dental school experience.

Since 1979, the MED program, run by UNC’s School of Medicine, has enrolled more than 2,000 college juniors and seniors preparing for careers in medicine or dentistry. The eight-week “intellectual boot camp” with preclinical courses common to dental and medical students is aimed at preparing junior and senior undergraduate minority and disadvantaged students for dental and medical school applications. SEP’s program is aimed at rising college sophomores and juniors to introduce them to a variety of health fields. The North Carolina Heath Careers Access Program (NC HCAP), under the leadership of Dr. Carolyn Mayo, Patrena Majette and Denise Belle, has brought more than 200 students to the SEP program since 1998.

Tammy Artis, DDS Class of 2009 and Kim Hammersmith, DDS Class of 2008, working as a part of the dental student volunteer group ENNEAD, hosted the event in conjunction with the Robert Wood Johnson Pipeline Project.

WHAT IS THE PIPELINE PROJECT?

In 2002, the School became the recipient of a $1,349,000 five-year grant as part of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s initiative, “Pipeline, Profession & Practice: Community-Based Dental Education.” This initiative now involves 15 dental schools across the United States. The UNC project, led by Dr. Ronald Strauss, seeks to combat the dental workforce shortage in North Carolina through clinical education at community sites in underserved areas, changes in the School’s social science curriculum, and recruitment of underrepresented minority and low-income students. The financial support from this grant has been used to provide twenty additional seats in the MED program and six lots in the SEP program annually.
UNC Ranks 5th in NIDCR Research Funding for 2005

The latest National Institutes for Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) listing of grant support to schools of dentistry was announced by the National Institutes for Health in May. These rankings indicate that UNC stands 4th among schools of dentistry and 5th in overall research grant support to dental institutions for fiscal year 2005 with $8,612,582 in NIDCR support. This is a considerable increase from 2004, when UNC ranked 8th among schools of dentistry and 9th overall in support. “These rankings indicate the faculty, staff, and students here at the UNC School of Dentistry continue to perform outstanding research in oral health, and that our school remains among the elite schools in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of dental and craniofacial diseases and disorders,” said Dr. Pat Flood, Associate Dean for Research. “This continued leadership in research and scholarship is yet another reason why the UNC School of Dentistry is considered among the very best dental schools in the world.”

“...[O]ur school remains among the elite schools in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of dental and craniofacial diseases and disorders.”

DR. PAT FLOOD
Associate Dean for Research

UNC Named a Leader in Providing Access to Minorities

The UNC School of Dentistry has been unanimously voted to receive the NC Health Career Access Program 2006 Leadership Award. The award is given to entities that have proactively sought out and implemented strategies to increase underrepresented minorities in a health sciences discipline and that have worked in partnership with NC-HCAP to support its mission and activities. The UNC School of Dentistry was formally recognized during the Science Enrichment Preparation Program’s closing ceremony on Friday, July 14, 2006 at the George Watts Hill Alumni Center.

Dr. Carolyn M. Mayo, executive director of the North Carolina Health Careers Access Program, presented the program’s 2006 Leadership Award to the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry. Dean John N. Williams accepted the award on behalf of the school. The Leadership Award is given annually to individuals or organizations that have proactively sought out and implemented strategies to increase underrepresented minorities in a health sciences discipline and/or who have worked in partnership with NC-HCAP to support its mission and activities.
Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Division Announces a New Interpretation Service for Cone Beam Computed Tomography Images

The Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology of the Department of Diagnostic Sciences is pleased to announce that it is offering interpretive services for dental practitioners who use cone beam tomography (CBCT) systems in their practice. These services are aimed at the identification of pathological findings in patients undergoing CBCT scanning, also known as Digital Volumetric Imaging (DVI). Current CBCT systems are marked with names such as i-CAT, Mercuray, and NewTom. Additional systems will be entering the market soon and will result in the gradual increase of CBCT technology in dental practices throughout the state and nation.

With the increasing number of dental implants placed as well as the growing interest in use of CBCT for 3-D visualization of the maxillofacial complex for orthodontics and surgery, more and more dental practitioners are purchasing or utilizing CBCT radiographic systems. Because these systems provide so much more information than existing imaging systems in dentistry, it is important to have all of the image data viewed by a specialist in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology for occult, or hidden, pathological conditions. Examples of such findings may include carotid atheromas, cysts, tumors, both benign and malignant, and aggressive inflammation in the sinus cavities. Radiologists at the School of Dentistry have been performing this service on a limited basis during the past year but feel that the time has come to offer these interpretive services to all dental practitioners who are utilizing these (CBCT) devices.

The Radiology faculty, which includes three board certified oral and maxillofacial radiologists, has the expertise, software and experience to provide interpretive services for CBCT exams. Images from any cone beam CT unit can be read by the radiologists. There will be a nominal fee for these interpretive services. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Don Tyndall at (919) 843-4655 or by email at Don_Tyndall@dentistry.unc.edu.

UNC Alumnus and Student Honored in USA Today’s Weekend Magazine

Student Kim Hammersmith, DDS ’08, and Dr. Steven Slott, DDS ’81, were featured in USA Weekend magazine as a part of their annual Make a Difference Day Awards. Hammersmith and Slott were featured for their work on a free MOM clinic. The $10,000 Make A Difference Day Award from Paul Newman benefits Open Door Dental Clinic of Alamance County, N.C.

Photos by Danny Turner (Broken Arrow, Okla) and Charles Ledford (Burlington, N.C.) for USA Weekend.

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DDS students Jeffrey D. Hyde and Trevor M. Jensen, both class of 2007, and Candina A. Bynum, who graduated in May 2006 with a bachelor of science degree in dental hygiene, received scholarships from the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Society at the 94th Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta. This year, the society provided scholarships and gifts totaling more than $250,000 to dental, dental hygiene, laboratory technician and dental assisting students at 37 Southeastern colleges and universities, as well as dental education groups and clinics.

Jonelle Grant, DDS ’06, and a first year resident in the department of pediatric dentistry, was awarded the Boka W. Hadzija Award for Distinguished Community Service, a UNC Chancellor’s Award, at the 8th Annual Graduate and Professional Student Recognition Event in April 2006. Well known as an outstanding scholar, teacher and mentor of students in the School of Pharmacy and throughout the University for nearly three decades, Boka Hadzija established the award in 2000 as a way to recognize the graduate or professional student who has been judged most outstanding in character, scholarship and leadership. Dr. Grant will be completing a Master’s in Public Health concurrently with her master’s degree in pediatric dentistry.

The American Dental Hygienists’ Association (ADHA) has selected Carrie Bigelow, RDH, BS as the recipient of the ADHA Summer Student Internship. Carrie is currently a second year student in the master’s degree program in Dental Hygiene Education at UNC. Carrie completed her undergraduate degree at Texas Woman’s University in Denton, TX. She has practiced in Switzerland, Hong Kong and the United States.

Brad Picot, a member of the DDS Class of 2006, was named the 2006 recipient of the prestigious Dr. James A. Harrell, Sr. Citizenship and Leadership Award, an award created in the mid-1990s to honor Dr. Harrell’s long record of service and dedication to the UNC School of Dentistry and the Dental Foundation of North Carolina. The award is presented to the student who, like Jim Harrell, brings exceptional leadership, extraordinary enthusiasm, keen wisdom, and unceasing service to his or her community, the School of Dentistry, and the dental profession.

As an undergraduate at UNC, Brad held the distinction of being...
Cammie Gray Thompson, DDS Class of 2008, was named the 2006 Zane Eargle Memorial Scholar. Zane was a popular member of the DDS class of 1988 who passed away suddenly in the spring of his senior year of dental school. Classmates, friends and family worked with the Dental Foundation of North Carolina to endow this scholarship fund in his memory. The Zane Eargle Scholarship is given annually to the sophomore dental student who received his or her undergraduate degree from UNC Chapel Hill and was nominated by his or her classmates as best exemplifying Zane’s moral and social characteristics—namely, involvement in community, church and dental school activities. Today, the scholarship carries a cash award of $2,500. Cammie’s nomination states that she is “starkly committed to the dental school and her community”. She has participated in the School’s Mexico Project and Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos providing dental care in underserved areas, “Give Kids a Smile,” disaster relief for Hurricane Katrina victims and Legislative Week. As an ASDA representative, Cammie has educated her classmates on several legislative issues, executed a “Showcase of Offices” event where over 25 classmates visited two area offices and raised awareness of the Free ADA Life Insurance Policy and Free Disability Insurance Policy (where 75% and 85% of students enrolled, respectively). She is a remarkable student who embodies all the qualities the founders of the Eargle Scholarship hoped to recognize.”

The award was presented at the 2006 Spurgeon Awards Banquet in April. The Dental Foundation congratulates Cammie on receiving this honor.

Clarence Tang, DDS Class of 2006, was named the Robert E. "Bob" Tormey Memorial Scholar for 2006. Bob Tormey was a well-loved member of the DDS class of 1990 who passed away suddenly after his graduation. Classmates, friends and family worked with the Dental Foundation of North Carolina to endow this scholarship fund in his memory. The scholarship is given annually to the fourth-year DDS student who demonstrates the traits of sociability, humor, loyalty and caring for others that made Bob’s life so special. Today, the scholarship carries a cash award of $2,000.

Clarence’s nomination states that he “is the most friendly, outgoing person in our class. He can easily get you to crack a smile and rarely speaks negatively about others. He freely gave away patients to classmates for the licensure board exam and went the extra mile to help other students find what they needed. He would give his right leg for anyone. He is dependable, a great husband, father and friend, and the world would be a great place with more people like him.”

The Tormey Scholarship was presented at the 2006 Spurgeon Awards Banquet in April. The Dental Foundation congratulates Clarence on receiving this honor.

Stephanie Manning and Kim Hammersmith, DDS classes of 2007 and 2008, have been awarded an Albert Schweitzer Fellowship for their 2006-07 project “Oral Health and Nutrition Curriculum Implementation in Head Start Special-needs Classrooms.”
His stature suggests a warrior on the field, but former NFL player Michael Morton, BS ’95, DDS ’07, has the gentle demeanor to put many a patient at ease in the chair.

A native of Kannapolis, NC – where he led high school A.L. Brown to a 3A State Championship win in 1989 – Morton served UNC on its varsity football team, as a Morehead Scholar, and as an academic. With medicine on the mind, Morton dreamed of becoming a doctor and settling in Kannapolis with his high school and college sweetheart (and now wife) Alana. He took the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and started making big plans.

But to Morton’s delight and surprise, those plans got bigger. In the fourth round of the NFL draft that year, the Los Angeles Raiders called his name. He played four impressive years before helping the St. Louis Rams win Super Bowl XXXIV in 1999, a moment he calls “unbelievable.” His Super Bowl ring joined all the others in a secret, locked-away place. “My wife calls it my Mr. T starter set,” he jokes. Even with a back surgery tucked in there somewhere, Morton’s athletic career was a perfect success.

The summer of 2000, Morton was lunching at his Lake Norman home and began to experience startling pain in his third molar—a pain so urgent he grabbed his car keys and rushed to the dentist. An exam or two later, the culprit—pericoronitis—was treated. Morton left the office impressed by the quick relief. He continued to play ball, for the Green Bay Packers and the Indianapolis Colts.

His eight-year NFL career ended when a salary deal between the union and the league backfired, leaving a handful of veteran players unsigned. Morton took it in stride, and focused on other career opportunities. “After talking to team doctors about medicine, they would always mention dentistry, too.”

Eighteen months after his bout with pericoronitis, Morton applied to UNC’s School of Dentistry. He was accepted and he and Alana sold their Lake Norman house and moved to the Triangle.

Morton channels his innate drive for competition into academics. “I enjoy it. I like working with people. I like the science of it, but I also like the art. A lot of people don’t think about it that way. But, in football, you are task-oriented—there is a play, and a result from that play. You’re graded on every one. Dentistry has been the same way for me—I get to have that sense of accomplishment.”

After graduation in the spring, Morton, Alana and their son Trey, 4, would like to return to Kannapolis to be near their family. There, he plans to start his own practice and devote part of his time to the health department and volunteer opportunities. “I’m grateful for the opportunity to come back to UNC and be here all over again. I’m very thankful,” says Morton, who says he tried to get into club football at UNC but was shut out due to the “unfair advantage” of a successful professional career. But Morton is still full of the team spirit. “Here, I still get to be part of a team. Dentistry has to happen around people. You can’t do it alone.”

STUDENT PROFILE
Mike Morton, BS ’95, DDS ’07

By Courtney Jones ’01
Kenneth May, Jr., DDS '73, was appointed vice dean of the School of Dentistry in May 2006. As vice dean, he will serve as the School’s chief operating officer under Dean John Williams. This fall, Dr. May will celebrate 30 years of employment at the UNC School of Dentistry.

Deborah “Deb” Saine, AB ’87, was named director of communications of the School in May 2006. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in journalism from UNC and a master of liberal arts degree from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC. After serving many roles in newspapers, public relations, and media strategy, Deb returned to UNC in 2000 as health affairs and science editor for UNC News Services.

Ethel Campbell, BSDATE ’79, MS DATE ’90, clinical associate professor, was appointed interim director of the dental assisting program on June 1, 2006.

Charlotte A. Peterson, BSDH ’91, MS ’94, and Vickie P. Overman, BSDATE ’81, MEd, clinical associate professors, partnered with the North Carolina National Guard, the Moldovan Ministries of Health and Education and Peace Corps volunteers to implement a fluoride varnish program in Moldovan orphanages as part of a preventive dental/medical mission in May 2006. Medical personnel provided approximately 2,710 children with chicken pox vaccinations while dental personnel administered fluoride varnish treatments to more than 4,000 children. This is the second humanitarian mission to Moldova for Peterson and Overman.

Emad A. Khan, a PhD candidate in Oral Biology, was awarded 2006 Fellowship in the Academy of General Dentistry (FAGD) during the 54th AGD Meeting and Exposition in Denver, CO. In addition, he was inducted to the Order of the Grail Valkyries Honor Society, awarded the Advanced Dental Education Award at the 31st Annual Spurgeon Dental Society Table Clinic Day, and listed in the Guide to America’s Top Dentists.

Three members of Dr. Jennifer Webster-Cyriaque’s, PhD ’98, laboratory group at the School are all preparing for events of the Triangle area’s Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Team in Training. Dr. Webster-Cyriaque, associate professor of dental ecology in the School of Dentistry and of microbiology in the School of Medicine will be joined by Dr. Terry Morris of the School of Medicine and Dr. Elizabeth Andrews, an oral and maxillofacial pathology graduate student in the School of Dentistry.

Harald O. Heymann, DDS ’78, MEd, professor and graduate program director, was invited to
serve on the board of directors for the Clinical Research Associates (CRA) Foundation. CRA has been called the “Consumer Reports” of dentistry, drawing on the expertise and experience of dental clinicians to evaluate objectively the use of new techniques and products in a clinical setting.

Andre Ritter, DDS, MS ’00, has been promoted to associate professor with tenure. Dr. Ritter joined the faculty upon his graduation from the operative dentistry program in 2000. Today, he serves as assistant director of the graduate program and as director of the Advanced Operative Dentistry pre-doctoral lecture and lab course.

Joel M. Wagoner, DDS ’75, adjunct associate professor, was awarded the Academy of Operative Dentistry’s Award of Excellence at its annual meeting in February 2006.

Sylvia Frazier-Bowers, DDS, PhD, clinical assistant professor, received the Clinical Research 2006 Outstanding Trainee Award.

Frazier-Bowers received the honor and a $2,000 award at the Clinical Research 2006 annual meeting, held in March in tandem with the General Clinical Research Centers’ Program Directors Meeting. Award recipients are selected by a distinguished panel of clinician-scientists from all over the country. The Outstanding Trainee Award recognizes the most outstanding abstract submitted by National Center for Research Resources-supported trainees nationwide. Frazier-Bowers’ abstract was “Phenotypic and Genetic Characterization of a Common Dentofacial Deformity: Mandibular Prognathism.” This disorder is characterized by an overgrown lower jaw or deficient upper jaw, and both hereditary and environmental factors are believed to contribute to the condition.
Dr. H. Garland Hershey has been named by the NCAA to serve as chair of site visit teams to certify athletic departments and programs at US Division I universities.

The Department welcomed three new faculty to the School this year. Dr. Lucia Cevidanes was appointed in August 2005 after completing her PhD in Oral Biology at UNC and a post-doctoral fellowship in the department with Dr. Proffitt. She is the 2006 recipient of the American Association of Orthodontics Dewel Award. Dr. Ching-Chang Ko has come from the University of Minnesota with a background in general dentistry and engineering as well as orthodontics. The department also recruited Dr. Rose Sheets. Dr. Sheets was the first graduate program director and then vice-chair of the department of dental specialties at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota since 1999.

Department of Pediatric Dentistry

Diane C. Dilley, DDS, associate professor, was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry at their annual meeting in Cincinnati in May, 2006.

Michael W. Roberts, DDS, MS, Henson Distinguished Professor, was elected president of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry at their annual meeting in Cincinnati in May, 2006.

Department of Periodontology

Steven Offenbacher, DDS, MS, PhD, OraPharma Distinguished Professor, has been named the recipient of the 2006 Norton M. Ross Award for Excellence in Clinical Research. The Ross Award, sponsored by the American Dental Association through the ADA Foundation, recognizes scientists whose clinical research has had a meaningful influence on clinical dentistry. Pfizer Consumer Healthcare provides support for the award. Offenbacher will receive the award, and an accompanying plaque and $5,000, in August. Offenbacher, also director of the Center for Oral and Systemic Diseases, based in the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, has been a member of the dental school’s faculty since 1990. He is a past recipient of the International Association for Dental Research’s Basic Research in Periodontal Disease Award and is the first dental scientist to receive the national Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies’ Special Impact Award.

His research focuses on several areas, including the relationship of periodontal disease to premature birth, heart disease, diabetes and atherosclerosis. Offenbacher is the principal investigator on a five-year, multi-site study focusing on whether or not tooth cleaning performed on expectant mothers decreases the rate of preterm deliveries at fewer than 37 weeks and also what effects maternal tooth cleaning may have on the birth weight of infants born at fewer than 37 weeks gestation.

The Ross Award is given in memory of dentist and pharmacologist Dr. Norton M. Ross, who contributed significantly to oral medicine and dental clinical research.

Four School of Dentistry faculty members recently received the Sunstar Award for most outstanding paper on the relationship between periodontal disease and systemic conditions. The Sunstar Foundation for Oral Health Promotion sponsored the award, in collaboration with the Journal of Periodontology, the Journal of Clinical Periodontology and the Journal of Periodontal Research. Co-sponsors are Sunstar Inc. and Sunstar Butler. The Sunstar Award screening committee selected “Relationship of Periodontal Disease and Tooth Loss to Prevalence of Coronary Heart Disease,” originally published in the June 2004 issue of the Journal of Periodontology, for first prize. (continued on next page.)
John R. Elter, DMD, PhD, adjunct assistant professor of dental ecology and of health policy and administration (in the UNC Chapel Hill School of Public Health), was the principal author of the publication. Co-authors were Catherine M.E. Champagne, PhD, research assistant professor of periodontology; Steven Offenbacher, DDS, MS, PhD, OraPharma distinguished professor of periodontal medicine; and James D. Beck, PhD, Kenan professor of dental ecology.

The award was presented to Elter at a ceremony during the recent Europerio 5 Congress, organized by the European Federation of Periodontology and the Spanish Society of Periodontology and Osteointegration. The event was held in Madrid, Spain. The study's findings suggested that tooth loss and periodontal disease are associated with coronary heart disease only when both conditions are present.

David W. Paquette, DMD, MS, MPH, associate professor and periodontology graduate program director, has been named a fellow to the Leadership Institute of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). The year-long program selects promising faculty members at academic dental institutions and guides them through intensive development in leadership and organization theory, higher education management, team and network building and other aspects of personal and professional growth.

Office of Clinical Affairs

Linda Stewart joined the Office of Clinical Affairs on June 1 as director of patient relations. In this new role, she will be responsible for resolving difficult patient problems for all patient care areas, administering the professional liability insurance program, promoting optimal clinical record keeping, chairing the Infection Control Committee, overseeing blood exposure incidents and improving services for non-English speaking patients. Linda comes to this position with over 30 years experience in dental education, and currently serves as a consultant and staff representative for the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation. She received her B.S. in Dental Auxiliary Teacher Education in 1973 and an M.A. in 1986 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

UNC Craniofacial Center

Valerie Miller has joined the UNC Craniofacial Center as manager. She holds a BS in business and has worked in a research environment for 20 years. Most recently she was employed by the School’s Department of Diagnostic Sciences.
Dear Alumni and Friends:

I am just delighted to share that we have raised $38,400,000 in gifts and pledges over the past seven years for the UNC School of Dentistry and its Building on Excellence campaign. We have entered the final 14 months of our campaign and several alumni have recently called the Dental Foundation of North Carolina office to ask how they can make a campaign commitment before the campaign wraps up December 31, 2007. For those of you who have or are contributing to the campaign, once again, thank you! For those of you who are considering a gift, keep in mind:

$1,000 – Dean’s Club: This year alone, I was pleased to learn that 444 alumni and long-time friends made annual gifts of $1,000 or more to the UNC School to Dentistry. With a gift of $1,000 or more, this distinguished group of donors became members of the Dean’s Club. I would encourage each and every alumnus to make an annual gift of $1,000, and you might consider charging your tax-deductible gift to your credit card in monthly installments.

I thank you for helping with the School’s greatest needs. Each fall, there is a Dean’s Club Dinner in Chapel Hill that honors this distinguished group of donors and alumni. I’ll count on seeing you at a future Dean’s Club Dinner if not before.

As a lasting investment, you will watch your scholarship fund grow and touch the lives of our most outstanding DDS students for years to come. For donors interested in establishing a named graduate fellowship, a multi-year, minimum pledge of $100,000 is needed.

$20,000 – DDS Scholarship and $100,000 - Fellowship: With the increasing loan debt for our graduating DDS students, please consider endowing a DDS scholarship with a one-time gift or multi-year, minimum pledge of $20,000. You can fund your scholarship using appreciated securities, cash or real estate. As the donor, you will enjoy naming your scholarship in honor or memory of someone special to you and getting to know the promising DDS students who receive your named scholarship and monetary award.

$333,000 – Distinguished Professorship: As we look toward recruiting and retaining the best faculty members at the UNC School of Dentistry this year, it is a wonderful opportunity for UNC dental donors to consider endowing distinguished professorships. The State of North Carolina generously provides matching funds for donors. With a donor’s gift of $333,000 toward a new distinguished professorship, the N.C. General Assembly will provide a matching gift of $167,000, establishing a $500,000 endowment. With a donor’s gift of $666,000, the N.C. General Assembly will provide a matching gift of $334,000, establishing a $1,000,000 endowment. With a donor’s gift of $1,000,000, there is matching gift of $500,000, establishing a $1,500,000 endowment.

This matching gift program is a fantastic way to leverage state funds and help the School of Dentistry! If you are interested in finding out more about setting up a distinguished professorship, I encourage you to call the Dental Foundation. Like scholarships, you can name your
Jim Ervin has been appointed the new executive director for the Dental Foundation of North Carolina and director of development for the School of Dentistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Ervin, who started work at the school on June 19, is a two-time Carolina graduate, with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism and mass communication (1996) and a master of arts degree in sports administration (1998).

Ervin began his professional career at Carolina in 1997, working for three years in sports marketing in the UNC Department of Athletics. For the past six years, he has worked in development at the UNC School of Public Health, rising through the ranks from assistant director of development to director of corporate and foundation relations and associate director of development.

“Jim brings with him a great Carolina spirit and history of excellent service to his alma mater,” said Dr. John N. Williams, professor and dean of the School of Dentistry.

“Building and sustaining alumni relations is vitally important to the School of Dentistry, and I look forward to working with him.”

Ervin plans to spend much of his first 12 months on the road meeting with alumni, corporations, foundations and good friends of the UNC School of Dentistry throughout North Carolina and beyond.

“It will be an honor to work with alumni and donors who love this school and Carolina and to help them match their interests and generosity with programs that have a lasting impact on oral health care in North Carolina. Alumni and donors have a remarkable tradition of support-

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Sincerely,

James A. Harrell Sr., DDS, Campaign Chair

Foundation Gets New Director

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 Jim Ervin or Kelly Almond at (919) 966-2731.

distinguished professorship in honor or memory of someone special to you and fund the professorship over several years and with tax-deductible gifts of appreciated stock, cash and real estate.

Dentistry has been so good to us, and it is an honor to give back to the UNC School of Dentistry and the dental community of North Carolina. I continue to be amazed by the loyalty and continued generosity of UNC alumni and good friends. On behalf of the Dental Foundation of North Carolina and the School of Dentistry, I thank you for giving back!

Sincerely,

James A. Harrell Sr., DDS, Campaign Chair
A capacity crowd gathered under true blue skies to compete in the 14th annual Dental Foundation Golf Tournament. Held at UNC’s Finley Golf Course, the tournament raised an impressive $15,000 for student scholarships. We are especially grateful to our sponsors for supporting the tournament and the School.
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1st Place
Tim Mann
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Tommy Upchurch
Mike Samuel
Brad Samuel
Jason Herring

CLOSEST TO THE HOLE
Chad Biggerstaff
Scott Erickson
Charles Debnam

LONGEST DRIVE
Wes Overby
Stephen Bartley

RAFFLE PRIZES
Several prizes were awarded in the raffle, including a round of golf and carts for four at Finley Golf Course, dinner for two at Carolina Crossroads at The Carolina Inn, a handpiece and connector from A-dec, Hugh Morton’s North Carolina compliments of the Bull’s Head Bookshop, a $50 gift certificate to Top of the Hill Restaurant and Brewery and golf shirt, a Waterpik Advanced Action Sonic Toothbrush and cordless dental water jet, lunch for two at the Carolina Club, a Waterpik Personal Dental System with a power flosser, and a $50 gift certificate to Chapel Hill Restaurant Group, which includes 411 West, Squids, Spanky’s and 518. Hospitality bags containing a suede golf club cover, a UNC Dentistry water bottle, a sleeve of DFNC golf balls, and coupons to Dick’s Sporting Goods were given to each participant.

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The Richard F. Hunt Memorial Award is the most prestigious teaching award given at the UNC School of Dentistry. Recipients of the awards are nominated and selected entirely by students on the following criteria:

- The recipient must be a full-time faculty member and must be known for
  - fostering intellect
  - demonstrating competence and perspective in all aspects of dentistry
  - respecting patients and students
  - preparing superbly for classes
  - offering appropriate and timely feedback

In short, students nominate professors who represent the very best in teaching. The Hunt Award was established more than three decades ago with gifts from the Loblolly Study Club to the Dental Foundation of North Carolina to honor the memory of Dr. Richard F. Hunt, a member of the DDS class of 1955 who died tragically in a plane crash in 1968. Dr. Hunt’s son Richard, a 1989 graduate of the UNC School of Dentistry, practices dentistry with his wife Amy in Rocky Mount, NC, and currently serves on the Dental Foundation’s Board of Directors. This year marks the 38th time the Dental Foundation has had the pleasure of presenting this award. It carries a cash prize of $2,000.

A nomination for Dr. Reside stated the following: “[Dr. Reside] is very helpful in lecture and in clinic, is always soft spoken and never intimidating. While in the midst of his own private clinic time, he doesn’t mind coming to help a student with a difficult extraction. His generosity, friendliness, willingness to help and interest in having students do well does not go unnoticed.”

Dr. Reside is a clinical associate professor in the Department of Oral Surgery and joined the faculty in 2003. He is the director of Dental Student Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery education and the primary faculty for dental implantology in the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency training program.

After college he entered military service and became a Special Forces Officer assigned to Vietnam, before returning to the states and getting his dental degree. He has enjoyed a long military career, serving as the chief of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at army hospitals in Germany, Virginia, Kansas, and North Carolina. Dr. Reside is a diplomat of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and a fellow of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

The Hunt Award was presented at the 2006 Spurgeon Awards Banquet on April 5, 2006.

Dr. Glen Reside, Hunt Award winner, with wife Karin.
Linwood Marvin “Sonny” Long’s DDS ’76, MS PEDO ’79, relationship with the Dental Foundation is marked by over 20 years of steady support, friendship, and involvement. This spring, the longtime donor made a gift that is a true sign of the times—the technology to be in two places at once.

“I feel that distance learning has tremendous potential for growth and is a great education tool. I’m also on the faculty at the University of Kentucky in their orthodontic program. I have this equipment in my office and for six months I’ve been video conferencing with them,” says Long. He immediately thought of his alma mater. “I started thinking, ‘How can I help? What can I really do?’” says Long.

The department of pediatric dentistry received the equipment in early summer and immediately put it to use. According to Dr. Tim Wright, chair of the department, the distance learning applications have been used mostly to conduct joint seminars with the University of Kentucky. They recently held a seminar led by Dr. John Christensen, MS ’84, ’91 to share information about complex cases that included multi-disciplinary treatment.

“We’re going to use this as a forum to discuss complex cases and teach residents how to manage complex cases. This will help us with access-to-care issues for when we have residents, faculty, or students at Tri County Heath Systems in Durham or when our undergraduate students are on rotation,” says Dr. Wright.

Bolstered by Dr. Long’s gift, the department has since purchased two portable units for on-site clinical use. Just like Dr. Long, the faces of our faculty will be available with an internet connection and a push of a button.

By making a gift of in-kind equipment, Dr. Long was able to bypass the rules of restricted gifts. Instead of waiting for the department to be able to use the money for this intended purpose—after putting out bids and waiting for the installation of equipment—he was able to skip the red tape and donate it himself. After all, he says, he knew exactly what they would need. “I didn’t want them to go through that system, because if I could just give the equipment, the school could enjoy the benefits immediately.”

Dr. Wright says, “Sonny’s vision was that when people think of distance learning and pediatric dentistry, they would first think of UNC.”

Dr. Long knows the day will come when everyone can connect like this. “It’s a very enriching experience. When you’re teaching and giving and being a part of these institutions, what you get back is tremendous. You can provide the very best patient care and train the students into the very best professionals.”
Kenneth N. May, Jr., DDS ’73 is the recipient of this year’s Distinguished Service Award for over 30 years of service to the UNC School of Dentistry and the dental profession. May was born and raised in Alamance County, NC, and received his bachelor’s degree in chemistry from UNC in 1969, followed by his DDS degree in 1973. He and his family spent three years in Hawaii while he served in the U.S. Navy and then returned to Chapel Hill where May began working as an operative dentist and assistant professor at the School. Dr. May’s accomplishments at the School include stints as associate professor and professor in the student and graduate clinics, director of admissions and student affairs, and associate dean for administration and planning, all while practicing operative dentistry in the Dental Faculty Practice until 2000. Since then, he has served as interim dean and, most recently, has assumed the title Vice Dean, serving as the chief operating officer for the School.

May’s honors range from the academic (a recipient of the Highest Academic Achievement Award for the first three years of dental school from Delta Sigma Delta), to the supervisory (a former recipient of the Richard E. Hunt Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching), to the administrative (he has held leadership positions in the Third District Dental Society, Durham-Orange County Dental Society, and fellowships in the International College of Dentists and Academy of Dentistry International). A talented lecturer, May has presented continuing education courses at the local, state and national levels. Associated with a myriad of dental organizations, Dr. May has been on the receiving end of many grants, and contributed to countless committees, publications, and boards.

Dr. John N. Williams, dean of the School, has this to say of Dr. May: “As the Distinguished Alumnus, Dr. Ken May represents the best of the qualities personified in a Carolina dental graduate. His thirty years of service have included his dedication as a teacher and scholar, conscientious clinician, loyal and able administrator, mentor and role model, man of integrity, one who is concerned for others and possesses an engaging sense of humor. It is an honor for his alma mater to recognize him for his many achievements.”
North Carolina native, Sandra Madison, DDS '78, MPH, MS, has been awarded the John C. Brauer Award for her lifetime commitment to dentistry in North Carolina and a relationship with the UNC School of Dentistry that touches four different decades.

Born in Statesville, NC, Madison earned three degrees from UNC—a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene in 1971, master's degree in public health in 1972, and DDS in 1978—before leaving her home state to earn her master's of science in endodontics at the University of Iowa. Madison served on the faculty of the University of Iowa's College of Dentistry from 1981 until she returned to North Carolina in 1986 to serve in the department of endodontics at her alma mater. In her tenure of nearly 20 years in the department, Madison was graduate program director, interim chair, and eventually the chair of the department. In 1992, Madison moved with her family to establish a private practice in Asheville, but continued to serve the School as an adjunct member of the faculty until 2005.

Madison is involved in organized dentistry on local, state, and national levels, including involvement in the American Dental Association and the American Association of Endodontists (in which she held the positions of secretary, vice president and president), the American Association of Women Dentists and medical staff positions at North Carolina Central Prison and Memorial Mission Hospital/St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville, NC. She has received numerous awards, including fellowship in the American College of Dentists and International College of Dentists and today resides with her family in the mountains of Arden, NC.

Alec Parker, DDS, (on the left in photo) is the recipient of the Dental Alumni Association’s Honorary Lifetime Membership Award, awarded for his enthusiasm and love for the profession of dentistry.

Dr. Parker graduated from the University of Alabama with a BS in Biology and obtained his Doctor of Dental Medicine from the University of Alabama Birmingham School of Dentistry in 1979. Though he was educated in Atlanta, Dr. Parker has served the people of North Carolina the majority of his professional life. He has served in all offices of the North Carolina Dental Society’s (NCDS) First District and presently serves as a Trustee of the NCDS Board of Trustees. He is a member of the Dental Advisory Committee to the Buncombe County Health Department and Chairs the NCDS Board of Trustees’ Committee to the Buncombe County Health Training Dental Auxiliaries. He has also been a guest lecturer on Esthetic Dentistry to Asheville-Buncombe Technical College since 1996.

Dr. Parker has been recognized for his professional activities locally, as well as at state and national levels. He has received fellowship in the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists and the Academy of Dentistry International. He spoke in 2001 before the Annual Session of the American Association of Dental Examiners in Kansas City and recently participated in the Task Analysis for Dentistry that will help to define the parameters that may be included in a national licensure examination for dentistry.
The woodworking gives him something to do with his hands now that there are no teeth for him to fix. It’s a creative outlet, untapped for most of his life. What started out after he retired in the mid-1980’s as “something to do with all that time” has transformed the Stricklands’ home into something of a showplace with his ribbon-winning ducks lining the shelves amid his wife Lynn’s photograph-quality paintings on each wall.

Woodcarving isn’t a far cry from dentistry, and it makes sense that the fingers that once flipped the pages of *The Art and Science of Operative Dentistry* would ache and twist for small wood craft. The attention to minuitia is what makes the ducks so life-like. “A dental assistant once said of one of my ducks, ‘How do you glue all those feathers on?’” recalls Dr. Strickland. There are no glued feathers, but the detail in the carving makes it hard to tell.

The judges of the East Carolina Wildfowl Guild Carving Competition obviously agreed: they awarded that piece the Best in Show in the intermediate division.

Most of his ducks sit in an office paired with their corresponding show ribbons. Blues, reds, yellows and purples color the walls like flags. Some competition ducks are “gunning birds” or hunting decoys—smooth, but decoratively painted and bottomed by a keel to make them sit up in water. Others are in the decorative category—each tiny
feather with its quills, barbs, ridges, and curves the end product of 50 to 150 hours of carving and design.

Each one starts as a block of tupelo wood and is given a two-dimensional pattern and then cut broadly with a band saw. “Then, you take off everything that doesn’t look like a duck,” Dr. Strickland says with a straight face. You can tell it’s not that easy. In that office, the artful ducks peek out from any surface flat enough to hold them. Hands in his pockets, Strickland remarks almost to himself, “I think I’m going to run out of room.”

This second phase of life has brought a completely new circle of friends to Strickland. Every Wednesday, he and his carving club gather in the wood shop of their “guru” Mark Strucko in Apex where they carve and chat for three and a half hours before going to lunch. As for Strucko, a carver who makes his sole living from his wood carving, “We feed off him.” Though Strickland has sold his ducks out of his home and at the seasonal store Something Special at Northgate Mall in Durham, he’s quick to say, “I’m not carving for the money.”

So far, he and his ducks have brought home countless ribbons, and five Best In Show titles—two in the novice and then three in the intermediate category. This year, he’ll go on to compete at advanced levels for the first time. “Now I’ll be up against the professionals,” he says.

Seventeen years of award winning carvings would seem “professional” to many, but maybe not to a man who’d already spent 30 years calling himself a professional of a different sort. And with four major competitions a year, including the Ward World Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition held annually in Ocean City, Maryland, Dr. Strickland has perspective on winning and losing: “Every ribbon is worth the trip,” a motto that comes right after the one about taking off everything that doesn’t look like a duck.
In Memoriam

ROBERT PRESTON HAGAMAN, BSDEN ’59, DDS ’62, of Lenoir, passed away on Feb. 22, 2006. He was 69. Dr. Hagaman was in private practice in Valdese, then practiced at medical centers in Morganton and Goldsboro. He served as president of the Southeastern Association of Institutional Dentists and was an Eagle Scout, receiving the Silver Beaver award and four-bead adult Wood Badge. A Boy Scout campsite is named in his honor in the Table Rock district.

JAMES A. LEGGETTE, JR., DDS ’54, MS ’56, of Durham, passed away on July 13, 2006. Dr. Leggette served his country in the Army Air Corp during World War II, and practiced orthodontics until his retirement in 1988.

MAURICE BAKER RICHARDSON, DDS ’55, of Newport, passed away on May 5, 2006. Following his graduation, Dr. Richardson established his practice in Albemarle where he served his neighbors until 1982. He served several terms as a Stanly County school board member and was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Albemarle. He served as president of the North Carolina Dental Society of Dentistry for Children in 1965 and remained active in the NCDS for years to come. Dr. Richardson was an avid gardener and, in 1982, graduated from the NC Agricultural Extension Service-sponsored Master Gardener Program.

CAROLYN COLE WILLIAMS, DH ’56, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, passed away on Mar. 17, 2006. Ms. Williams served on faculty in the dental hygiene department for a number of years and served as president of the North Carolina Dental Hygienists Association. (No photo available)
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.

1962

Henry Clay Jurney, DDS, of Charlotte is retiring from his practice in Huntersville. Jurney, the town’s first dentist, went to Huntersville in 1962 as part of a program to repay his college support by serving as a dentist in a rural area.

1968

Theodore Milton “Ted” Roberson, DDS, received the 2006 Distinguished Service Scroll from the North Carolina Dental Society. The award was conferred at the 150th NCDS Annual Session held in May at Myrtle Beach, SC.

1971

Richard Pence, DDS, of Iron Station, received the Lifelong Learning and Service Recognition Award from the Academy of General Dentistry. Dr. Pence has dental practices in Denver and Lincolnton. To meet the criteria for the award, Pence completed more than 1,600 hours of continuing dental education in 16 disciplines of dentistry, including 550 hours dedicated to hands-on skills and techniques and more than 100 hours of community service.

Dr. Pence is a member of the American Dental Association, Charlotte Dental Society and is a part-time faculty member at the L.D. Pankey Institute for Advanced Dental Education in Key Biscayne, Fla.

1978

Michael Allen Webb, DDS and Marc Edward Allen, DDS ’97, of Charlotte have opened an all-digital facility in Charlotte. Their orthodontics practice, which also has an office in Huntersville, treats patients using Invisalign, an alternative to braces that uses a series of clear aligners.

1983

Todd Leland Hamilton, DDS, of Iron Station and Steven Miller Austin DDS ’94, co-owners of Hamilton and Austin Orthodontics, have opened an office in Denver, N.C., expanding their Lincolnton-based practice. Austin was inspired by Hamilton, his mentor and childhood dentist, to choose a career in dentistry.

1984

Mark Edward Hyman, DDS, of Greensboro, spoke on “ Beauties and the Beasts: The Greatest Hits and Misses of Cosmetic Surgery” as a keynote speaker for the UNC School of Dentistry’s 51st Dental Seminar Day, a benefit for the John W. Stamm Professorship Fund. Hyman was also featured speaker at the 141st Annual Midwinter Meeting of the Chicago Dental Society.

G. Bennett Smith, DDS, became president-elect of the UNC Dental Alumni Association during its annual meeting in May 2006. Ben is also a regent of the Academy of Dentistry International and a member of the ADI Foundation Board.

Lynette Laylon Smith, DDS, was installed as president of the North Carolina Academy of General Dentistry during its annual meeting in February 2006 in Cary, NC.

David John Darab, DDS, of Hickory, has been elected president of the NC Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

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John M. Highsmith, DDS, of Clyde, recently achieved Accredited status in the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, becoming the fifth North Carolina dentist to earn that distinction. He is also a Diplomate of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists. He is married to Sandra Hayes, the original painter of the dancing tooth on the Delta Sig rock in 1983. They have two children, Mark and Becky.

Sharon Harrell, DDS, of Southern Pines, received the 2006 Golden Apple Outstanding Leadership in Mentoring Award from the American Dental Association’s Committee on the New Dentist at their awards luncheon in June. Over the past 14 years, Dr. Harrell has mentored more than 50 students and new dentists, including undergraduate pre-dental, hygiene and assisting students and health occupation students from community colleges and high schools.


Robin Caroline Edwards, DDS, of Kinston, owner of an Affordable Dentures practice, has joined Affordable Dentures’ $1 million hurricane relief services program, offering denture services to people affected by Hurricane Katrina.

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Corie Michelle McRanie, DDS, of Leland, has opened a general practice with Dr. Brandon DeVito in Brunswick County where she cares for all patients, including children whose families don’t have private insurance.
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