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Dear Alumni and Friends:

One of the most valuable educational experiences I have had came last May, when I traveled more than 1,000 miles throughout North Carolina with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's annual Tar Heel Bus Tour.

More than 30 faculty members take this weeklong tour to listen to the people of our great state explain the opportunities and challenges they face within their communities. Throughout this week, I found myself thinking about the students who leave these communities to come to Carolina – and, in some cases, to the School of Dentistry. How proud their communities and families are that “their students” are going to UNC and the dental school. How hard these students have worked to get to this school.

My thoughts that week usually led me to think about our responsibilities to our students: Do we have the level of instruction and learning to truly prepare our graduates to be competent beginning dentists? Several of our alumni have indicated that Carolina could do more to prepare our graduates to be clinicians, and we are in the beginning stages of a robust process to do so.

Earlier this year, as you may be aware, our School of Dentistry embarked on a major DDS curriculum revision. The first of several workgroups to be formed centers on clinical education and is led by Dr. Ed Kanoy. The curriculum revision

is beginning with the fourth year of DDS education, and through this highly collaborative process involving a number of faculty, we have put in place a clinical mentoring program to make much more of the learning opportunities available within fourth-year clinical education. You will hear more about this in the coming months, when we have this initiative fully

installed. The early reports from students and faculty are favorable to these changes.

Education in ethics and professionalism is central to the first-year experience, and I have asked faculty members to serve as mentors in a new program focused on the crucial first-year transition. More than a dozen faculty members have volunteered for this program, I am



Dean John N. Williams and Lynn Fox, clinical assistant professor of dental ecology, were among the 34 participants in the 2007 Tar Heel Bus Tour. They are pictured with Teck Penland, president and chief executive officer of Mountain Area Health Education Center in Asheville. The group visited MAHEC on the fourth day of the tour, and Penland demonstrated an interactive video system the center uses to reach out across the state.



pleased to say, and I am grateful to Dr. Mike Roberts for assisting me with activities related to this initiative.

Dr. Janet Guthmiller, associate dean for academic affairs, joined us in early July and is leading our curriculum revision. Please read within the following pages a compelling interview with Dr. Guthmiller, where she shares her thoughts on this important process.

You'll also hear more about our Dental Sciences Building, a project that will enable the School of Dentistry to expand the DDS class to up to 100 students and that will greatly inform our missions of education and research. The budget bill N.C. Gov. Mike Easley signed into law in late July includes \$25 million for the planning, site development and early construction of the building project, and the state's investment underscores its significant

commitment to dental education in our state. Construction could begin as early as summer 2008.

I am very grateful to the N.C. General Assembly and Gov. Easley for this crucial financial support.

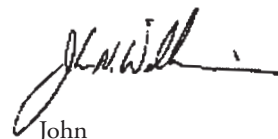
The Dental Sciences Building—space shared by dental education and research—will feature cutting-edge technology and public spaces that encourage both small discussion groups and large lecture audiences.

While my formal bus tour is over, I will continue to get out and meet more of our friends and alumni throughout the state in the coming year. I want to share these wonderful developments in the life of our School. I'm delighted to report that Dr. Ted Roberson will accompany me on many of these visits in his new role as director of professional relations for the School. Dr. Roberson served with

distinction in his 30-plus years at the School, and it will be a privilege to work with him.

Thank you for all that you do to support and advance the mission of our School of Dentistry. We are working hard to keep our School of Dentistry on the leading edge of excellence in education, patient care and research. The citizens of North Carolina and our patients expect no less, and the Tar Heel Bus Tour certainly affirmed that truth for me.

With warmest wishes,



John

Calendar

CONTINUING DENTAL EDUCATION COURSE CALENDAR

<p>■ DECEMBER 2007</p> <p>December 7</p>	<p>Risk Assessment for Periodontal Disease: A New Era in Patient Management</p>
<p>■ JANUARY 2008</p> <p>January 7 & 8</p> <p>January 11</p> <p>January 20 – 27</p>	<p>Database Decision Making: 3rd Molar Study Seminar with Dr. Ray White</p> <p>Risk Prevention and Management in the Dental Office</p> <p>Eastern Caribbean CE cruise featuring Dr. Allen Samuelson and Dr. Camilla Tulloch</p>
<p>■ FEBRUARY 2008</p> <p>February 8</p> <p>February 15</p> <p>February 29</p> <p>February 29</p>	<p>Lotions, Potions and Pastes featuring Dr. Sebastian Ciancio</p> <p>Dental Hygienists and Dental Implant Therapy</p> <p>Esthetics and Conservative Operative Dentistry for General Practitioners: Anterior Composites</p> <p>Interpretation of Cone Beam Computed Tomography Imaging in the Age of Digital Equipment</p>
<p>■ MARCH 2008</p> <p>March 15</p> <p>March 28</p>	<p>Coronal Tooth Polishing for the Dental Assistant II</p> <p>The Dental Team Versus the Reluctant Dragon: Pediatric Dentistry CE program</p>
<p>■ APRIL 2008</p> <p>April 4</p> <p>April 4</p> <p>April 11</p> <p>April 18</p> <p>April 25</p> <p>April 25 & 26</p>	<p>Annual Harrell Symposium: The Joy of Dentistry featuring Joy Millis</p> <p>4th Annual Shankle Lecture featuring Dr. Leif Tronstad</p> <p>Update in Oral Surgery for General Dentists</p> <p>Annual Straumann Lecture featuring Dr. David Cochran</p> <p>Annual Dental Hygiene Lecture featuring Dr. Esther Wilkins and Ms. Anna Pattison</p> <p>DA II Prep Course: Advanced Functions for the Indispensable Assistant</p>
<p>■ MAY 2008</p> <p>May 2</p> <p>May 2</p> <p>May 2</p>	<p>OSHA and Infection Control Annual Update Training (morning)</p> <p>Records, Documentation and Consent: Lessons Learned the Hard Way featuring Dr. Sam Nesbit (afternoon)</p> <p>2nd Annual Pankey Lecture: Comprehensive Care and Bite Splint Therapy featuring Dr. Gary DeWood</p>

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Dental Sciences Building Funding Enables Start of Project in 2008



“This building will support our School’s leadership in education and research and will really put us in the forefront of academic dentistry nationwide.”

DEAN JOHN N. WILLIAMS

The corner of Manning Drive and Columbia Street may change quite a bit within the next year, and that is good news for the UNC School of Dentistry — and, more specifically, for the School’s missions of education and research.

The N.C. General Assembly appropriated \$25 million to the School of Dentistry for the final planning and design, site development and early construction of the Dental Sciences Building. N.C. Gov. Mike Easley signed the budget bill into law on July 31.

The \$25 million is the first state appropriation directed to construction of this building. UNC Chancellor James Moeser and School of Dentistry Dean John N. Williams have expressed their hopes of securing additional funding in future legislative sessions toward a projected \$96 million total appropriation.

School of Dentistry officials are currently identifying temporary space to relocate staff and faculty of the Dental Research Center, Dental Office Building and other areas that may be affected by the construction. Plans call for demolition of the Dental Research Center and Dental Office Building in summer 2008 and the building’s groundbreaking in early 2009.

With the creation of the Dental Sciences Building, the School of Dentistry will be able to expand its DDS class size to up to 100. As currently planned, the new building will feature more than 200,000 square feet. Space devoted to education will include a 220-seat auditorium, 105-seat lecture halls and 32-seat seminar rooms. Distance learning technology will be incorporated into educational space, allowing for innovative opportunities in contin-

uing dental education and outreach to programs statewide, Williams said.

More than 80 percent of existing research space will be replaced, with state-of-the-art space incorporating the latest in technology. The current Dental Research Center, built in 1967, has been deemed a structure not worth the cost of renovation, and more flexible research space will make the School even more attractive to national leaders within patient-centered oral health research, Williams said.

“This new building will give a tremendous boost to our efforts to retain and recruit the nation’s best teachers, researchers and clinicians,” Williams said. “This building will support our School’s leadership in education and research and will really put us in the forefront of academic dentistry nationwide.”

The School of Dentistry’s Dental Sciences Building and expanded class size are part of the Joint Plan for Dentistry in North Carolina, a cooperative effort between UNC and East Carolina University. The plan was approved by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors in fall 2006.

Moeser Announces Decision to Leave Chancellor Post in June

James Moeser, the University's ninth chancellor and nationally recognized for launching an innovative program to graduate deserving low-income students debt-free, will leave his post next summer.

Moeser, in his annual "State of the University" address in September, announced his decision to relinquish the chancellor's job on June 30, 2008, the end of the academic and fiscal year. He said the decision did not signal his retirement. After a year's research leave, Moeser said he would return "with the most exalted title this University can confer on an individual—professor."



The chancellor said the announcement gives the UNC Board of Trustees time to begin a search so a successor could begin July 1, 2008. At 68, he is Carolina's longest-serving chancellor since Christopher Fordham, who retired in 1988 after more than eight years in office. The UNC Board of Governors unanimously elected Moeser April 14, 2000, and he started Aug. 15. He succeeded Interim Chancellor William McCoy, tapped after Michael Hooker's 1999 death.

Under Moeser's leadership, Carolina has aspired to become the nation's leading public university. He has championed a program to provide a Carolina education debt-free to deserving low-income students. He leads an effort to strengthen the University's commitment to serving North Carolina. He has overseen the most successful private fund-raising campaign in University history and an unprecedented physical transformation of the main campus. The chancellor has managed growth in faculty research funding, adoption of an academic plan, enhancements to undergraduate education and extensive globalization efforts.

Moeser pledged to bring "the same level of passion, energy and commitment in my last year as I did in my very first year as chancellor. Let us set the course so that a hundred years from now, historians will agree that Carolina's third century was her best, a true renaissance of the human spirit."

School of Dentistry Dean John N. Williams said Moeser had demonstrated tremendous support

for the School, exemplified in many ways but most recently in his establishment of the planned Dental Sciences Building as a top capital construction project for the University. This year, the N.C. General Assembly appropriated \$25 million for the building project in the state budget, and Gov. Mike Easley signed the budget into law last July.

"Chancellor Moeser has demonstrated unwavering support for the School of Dentistry—that was evident from the first time that I met him, and it has certainly been evident throughout the years after that meeting," said Williams. "I will miss the opportunity to work with him when he leaves office but I am grateful for the ways in which his leadership has informed the mission of our School and has benefited me personally."

To view a full transcript of Moeser's "State of the University" address, please visit http://www.unc.edu/chan/speech_archive/stateofuniv.2007.html

Other information—including Moeser's accomplishments as chancellor, and comments from leaders within higher education, state and campus leaders—is available at <http://www.unc.edu/chan/special/index.php>

School Hires First Full-Time Spanish Language Interpreter

In her first month-and-a-half on the job, Amanda “Mandy” Black estimates she provided interpretation and translation services for 100 patient visits.

She quickly became accustomed to leaving her office to assist clinic staff and returning to find requests for interpretation assistance taped to her door, on her desk or in her voicemail system.

Black is the UNC School of Dentistry’s first full-time Spanish language interpreter, and she has high hopes for this newly created position.

“My main project is being available for whatever clinics might need me,” Black says. “I am trying to prevent bilingual employees from leaving their administrative roles and desk while they translate for someone.”

Before Black was hired, in March 2007, the School’s Office of Clinical Affairs met the needs of the growing Latino non-English-speaking population through voluntary efforts of the clinics’ bilingual staff, says Dr. Douglas Solow, associate dean for clinical affairs.

“I am still grateful for the help these employees continue to provide,” he says. “However, the surge in this population has continued, and so we need to bring our interpretation services to the next level.” Black’s responsibilities at the dental school include coordinating and providing interpretation and translation services, as well as providing telephone follow-up for Latino patients with limited proficiency in English. She also will serve as a liaison to student volunteer groups



Mandy Black, the School of Dentistry’s first full-time Spanish language interpreter, talks with Victor Cornejo. He is a patient of Deana Cook (also pictured), a third-year dental student.

who sponsor outreach programs for the Latino community. In time, Black will develop cultural awareness programs for the School community.

“It’s not just a matter of providing language services,” Solow says. “We need to think of this as improving access to care. While we need someone with excellent language skills, we also need someone who understands the culture of the people we are serving and can identify barriers to receiving care.

“As a native North Carolinian who has lived in Mexico, Mandy comes with the needed skills and experience that are helping us in our mission.”

Black graduated with highest honors from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, with bachelor’s degrees in studio art and Spanish. During her last year of college, she studied 11 months at the University of Guanajuato in Mexico, where all classes were taught in Spanish.

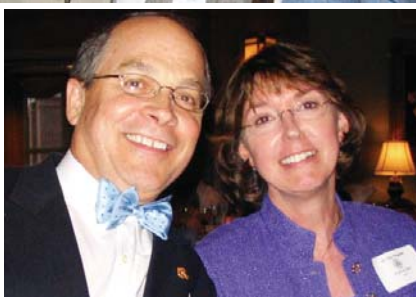
Black says she has been impressed with the way dental professionals within the clinics engage with their patients and with the warm reception the School community has given her.

“I like walking through the halls, meeting people, and I want people to stop in my office and say ‘hi’ to me anytime.”

AEGD Celebrates 20th Year; Dozens Return to Honor Program

Leaders from the UNC School of Dentistry and Tri-County Community Health Council Inc. stood at a Carolina blue ribbon back in February 2007 and officially dedicated Tri-County's new 18-operator family dental center.

They also celebrated a new chapter in the School of Dentistry's Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) program — a postdoctoral residency program that marked its 20th year in 2007.



The AEGD program celebrated its 20th anniversary in style, with a Carolina Club dinner. Pictured, from the top: Kalisha Cotton, AEGD class of 2005-06, and her fiancé, Edward Jordan. Drs. Leland Webb, Bruce Barker, Frank Brantley and Kenneth Hornowski, all AEGD faculty. Dr. Kenneth May, the School's vice dean, and his wife, Dr. Kay Wagoner.

Two AEGD residents are now providing dental care at Tri-County four days a week, as part of a pilot partnership with the Sampson County health-care organization.

"Early assessment of the extramural rotation to the Tri-County facility has been very encouraging," says Dr. Frank Brantley, director of the AEGD program and Jim and Isabel Harrell Sr. distinguished professor of family dentistry.

"It appears that this extramural site will offer exceptional learning opportunities for our residents with respect to both real-world clinical experiences and development of an appreciation for service to those in need. There is no doubt that our residents will be a positive factor in helping Tri-County address the oral health needs of an underserved population in a rural setting."

Brantley adds that this latest development in the life of the AEGD program reflects its 20-year focus on responding to the state's needs and ensuring that future practitioners have the option of that "fifth year" of dental education to enhance their skills and knowledge in providing patient care.

Dr. Amy Henderson Williams, AEGD class of 2004-05, says she remembers her residency as a very busy year and one in which she made professional connections that she continues to draw upon today.



Williams

"I knew I wanted to go in private practice," says Williams, who now practices in Asheboro, "but I was nervous and not confident in my abilities. The great thing about the program is that there are faculty members to help you, but they are there to put you on your own."

Close to 70 AEGD alumni, representing 13 classes of residents, gathered in June to celebrate the program and reconnect with their colleagues and instructors at a Carolina Club dinner. Brantley and AEGD staff members Barbara Hutcherson and Pam Barker had contacted 118 out of the 119 former residents. "I think half of our graduates are in frequent contact with us. We had a tremendous response to this milestone, everyone wishing us good luck," Brantley says.

Brantley adds that the majority of AEGD alumni are in general practice within North Carolina, but that the group's careers have spanned the spectrum of dentistry. He mentioned the generosity of alumni, who supported the campaign for Brauer Hall and the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment for the AEGD clinic. "The program's graduates have been exceedingly generous in their support, and they have helped place our program's capabilities among the best in the country, really."

It's likely that alumni remember the personal support they received and continue to receive from AEGD faculty and staff. "Many times that first year of practice, if I had a question, I would call Dr. Brantley, Dr. [Bruce] Barker and Dr. [Kenneth] Hornowski. You felt like you had instructors you could call on at any time with anything," says Williams.

She went on to buy a practice from a dentist who retired shortly before she began her first day — she and her husband, Brandon (DDS '04), are now the owners. "I didn't once question my ability clinically," she says. "I was ready to go."

WOWS Program to Support Female Faculty

*From UNC News Services
Sept. 10, 2007*

UNC has launched a program to recruit and support female faculty throughout its sciences and health affairs divisions.

The program, called Working on Women in Science (WOWS), is designed to foster the careers of women in science through financial support, public recognition, leadership training, mentoring and networking.

The program has been endorsed by UNC's Office of the Provost and all of the schools having female sci-

ence faculty, including the School of Dentistry.

More than \$110,000 has been committed so far by UNC's science and health divisions to support the following initiatives:

- WOWS Scholars: salary supplements to five women scientists in the College of Arts and Sciences and the Schools of Medicine and Dentistry. WOWS scholars will explore new ways to support the advancement of women scientists at UNC; they also will serve on search committees that recruit new faculty in the sciences.
- Support temporary instruc-

tional and administrative personnel to replace women on leave for family responsibilities.

- Lectures by visiting scholars, dramatic performances and other special events.
- Women's leadership luncheons and other networking and training opportunities.

The number of women in faculty positions in the sciences nationwide lags well behind the proportion of undergraduate and graduate degrees granted to women, according to studies by the National Science Foundation and others.

University, School Research Revenue Increases in Fiscal 2007

As federal funding for research stalls and competition for investment from other sources heats up, UNC has again grown its research revenues.

Growth hit 2.9 percent in fiscal 2007, putting UNC above \$610 million in total grants and contracts. That's \$17 million more than last year's record of \$593 million, and more than twice the revenue reported just 10 years ago.

The School of Dentistry received \$12,591,809 in total grants and contracts for fiscal year 2007, and \$11,762,535 for fiscal year 2006, representing a 7 percent increase in revenue for 2007.

"Our growth in sponsored funding reflects the high quality of innovative faculty who are finding solutions to some of the most pressing problems facing us

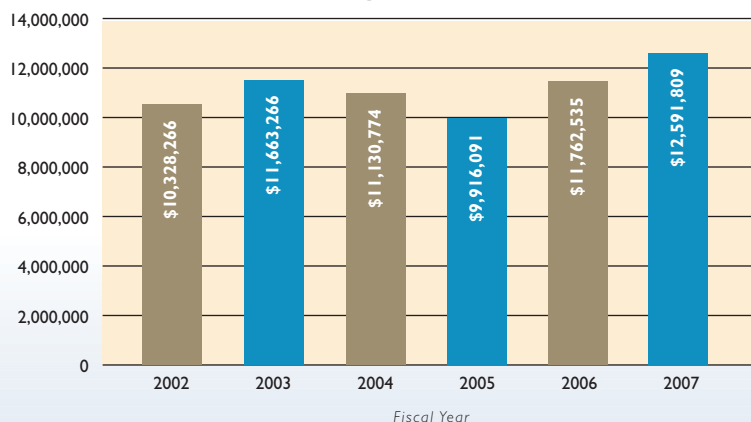
today," said Chancellor James Moeser.

While competition for funding from the National Institutes of Health has increased sharply, UNC's share of those funds rose 6.6 percent to \$314 million, accounting for 51 percent of overall investments. The School of Medicine attracted \$298 million in 2007, almost two-thirds from the NIH.

"Our faculty members are to be commended for their dedication to discoveries that will advance oral health and also have significant implications for overall health," said School of Dentistry Dean John N. Williams. "Our School's research community is deeply collaborative and centered on improving human life — reflecting the robust spirit of research throughout our University."

— UNC News Services contributed to this story

UNC School of Dentistry Contracts & Grants Revenue



“You Can Have it All,” Harrell Tells Graduates

Dr. Sharon Nicholson Harrell, DDS '87, gave the commencement address at the May 13, 2007, School of Dentistry ceremony. Harrell is director of the FirstHealth of the Carolinas Dental Care Centers (Southern Pines, Raeford and Troy, N.C.). Here are excerpts from her remarks:

To Dean Williams, Vice Dean [Ken] May, faculty, distinguished platform guests, family, friends and the Class of 2007, good afternoon!

It is especially meaningful to me to be asked to give your commencement address because:

Twenty years ago to the day, I was sitting where you are, and it was the culmination of a dream—the dream of my father who never finished high school, the dream of a man who worked in factories all of his life, but who had a vision for his three little girls: Tammy, Wanda and me, Sharon. (I'm the oldest.) He told us, he said, “For the first time in history, unlike me, you can go to any college you want and achieve anything you desire. The sky is the limit.”

So on the wings of a father's dream, I graduated from the UNC School of Dentistry in 1987 and became a dentist. My middle sister, because of that same dream, is an ob/gyn, and my youngest sister is a lawyer—all of us, UNC alumni. America is a wonderful country, and UNC is a wonderful university. The sky truly is the limit.

I want to follow up on that theme of “the sky is the limit” and tell you that my commencement topic this afternoon is “You Can Have it All.” You can have it all.

Twenty years ago, when I graduated, we were in the aftermath of the feminist movement. In fact, at that time, our entering class of 26 women was the largest number of women in a class who had ever matriculated at the UNC School of Dentistry. Twenty years ago, “you can have it all” meant that women could have a career and a family. ...

So, just what do I mean in 2007 when I say you can have it all? I mean that you can have it all in that you can have a successful practice and still give back to your community. You can have a successful practice and still provide dental health care to underserved popula-

Journal reports that out of the 100 counties in North Carolina, there are many as 40 counties where there is no dentist willing to serve a Medicaid patient.

Dental Medicaid, as you know, is the dental insurance program designed by the state and federal government to pay for dental treatment for low-income individuals.

Fewer than one in three Medicaid recipients sees a dentist each year.

Why don't more dentists sign up for Medicaid? One of the reasons that dentists don't sign up for Medicaid is because of the low reimbursement rates, which range from 35 percent to 85 percent of what the dentist charges based on the 2007 National Dental Advisory Service median.

An active Medicaid dentist (as defined by the Division of Medical Assistance) is one who receives at least \$10,000 in Medicaid reimbursements per year.

Jennifer Bell charged you to give four hours per month to serve communities with limited access to care. I have even a bolder charge this afternoon. Before I give you my charge, let me tailor it a bit. I know that many of you will be in associateships where your owner dentist decides your patient make-up. I know that many of you will be in specialty programs and residencies. But when the time comes that you are the decision-maker, I boldly charge you to consider providing at least \$10,000 per year in care to Medicaid recipients in the state of North Carolina.

What a wonderful way to say thank you to the citizens of North

BY THE NUMBERS

Degrees awarded May 13, 2007:

- 73** Doctor of Dental Surgery
(with two additional degrees conferred in August)
- 39** Dental Hygiene
- 19** Dental Assisting
- 18** Advanced Education

tions. “You can have it all.” ...

Your class made history by being the first dental school nationwide to “give back.” I applaud [Class of 2007 DDS graduate] Jennifer Bell and your entire class for signing a pledge that affirms your commitment to provide dental health care to underserved populations for at least four hours per month.

The North Carolina Medical



UNC Chancellor James Moeser recently visited FirstHealth of the Carolinas as a part of his Carolina Connects initiative, which takes University officials around North Carolina to highlight the ways in which Carolina serves the state's people and its communities. An estimated 20 UNC dental students have gone to FirstHealth since 1999 for rotations. In 2002, the UNC School of Dentistry received a five-year grant as part of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Pipeline, Profession and Practice: Community-Based Dental Education initiative. This grant has supported UNC in sending dental students to facilities focusing on

underserved populations — including FirstHealth in Southern Pines — for training and service. Pictured are, left to right: UNC Vice Chancellor for Public Service and Engagement Mike Smith; Chancellor Moeser; Yanci Evans, who directs health careers workforce diversity and dental continuing education for Southern Regional AHEC; FirstHealth Dental Care Centers Director Dr. Sharon Harrell; School of Dentistry Dean John N. Williams; N.C.AHEC Program Associate Director Jacqueline Wynn; and FirstHealth President and Chief Executive Officer Charles T. Frock.

Carolina who have made it possible for you to receive the most premier dental education in the nation.

In the examples that follow, I'm using the DDS class. However, I would also challenge specialists who are graduating to do the same, because if patients have trouble accessing a general dentist, they really have problems accessing a specialist. For the dental hygiene and dental assisting graduates, consider joining a practice which allows you to give back to the community.

Well, just imagine what happens if you accept my charge! That means that this class alone would provide over \$800,000

worth of care to Medicaid recipients in a year's time.

Since the average Medicaid patient receives about of \$467 worth of dental treatment each year, your class would increase access to care for over 1,700 additional persons. Assuming the classes below you did the same, you would increase access to dental care for almost 7,000 more Medicaid patients. What a wonderful legacy to leave. ...

I can hear you saying: "Dr. Harrell, this all sounds good and altruistic, and it's giving me warm fuzzies, but you must be going bonkers! How can I make my annual production goals if I see any

Medicaid patients? How would I combat the no-show problem? I can't do it, I have too much debt."

And I know, I know, some of your mentors have warned you against taking Medicaid, but if the tide against providing access to care is to change, it must change with you!

According to the 2005 American Dental Association Survey of Dental Practice, the average U.S. dental office has almost \$600,000 in gross billings per year. Providing \$10,000 in Medicaid care would come to less than 2 percent of gross charges per year.

You can have it all and still give back to your community! ...

Miller Had “Ducky” Time with Craniofacial Center Effort



Left to right: Kakki Barnard, Jennifer Strickland, Valerie Miller and Sharon Gaillard (seated) of the UNC Craniofacial Center take the Rubber Duck Race motto of “Leave No Duck Behind” very seriously. Doug Pletcher, manager of the DISC Rotations Program, kindly volunteered as the duck mascot during the School’s Rubber Duckie Day in May.

On July 9, 2007, 187 School of Dentistry-sponsored rubber ducks raced down the Eno River to raise money for the UNC Craniofacial Center. Though an easy breeze carried them to the finish, center manager Valerie Miller worked overtime to get the ducks in the water.

The idea came from Center director Dr. Amelia Drake. She attended her regular Chapel Hill-Carrboro Sunrise Rotary Club meeting, where the Rotary Club’s fourth annual Rubber Duck Race was being discussed. Participating local charities sell the rubber ducks for \$10 each — half the proceeds go to Rotary and half to the Center. The first 13 ducks across the finish line grab prizes for the duck’s sponsor. Drake proposed the idea of using the duck race to support the Center and Miller ran with it.

Miller quickly decided to hold an event at the School to get faculty and staff involved as the deadline approached. Though limited time and resources prevented Miller from doing all the publicity she’d hoped to do, faculty and staff turned out for the

afternoon party where Miller and her staff sold rubber ducks. With enough help and interest, she says they could make their involvement with the race an annual event.

“The Center needs ongoing financial support. We have longstanding crucial needs. We still have to moderate our operations in terms of manpower versus effort. We’re still looking for that balance.”

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VALERIE MILLER

Miller and her staff raised \$1,000 for the UNC Craniofacial Center. The money raised will provide one underprivileged craniofacial patient with an aspect of his or her treatment — anything from orthodontics to diagnostic visits. Miller estimates that 95 percent of money raised came from the School’s faculty and staff.

Though Miller has been in her role at the Center for only a year, she says she’s “in it 150 percent.”

“It’s a great place to work. I didn’t know anything about craniofacial before I got here,” says Miller, who previously worked in the School’s Department of Diagnostic Sciences and General Dentistry. “When it comes to cleft palate and cleft lip, there’s no excuse to let a child go untreated. The difference surgeries can make in the life of a child is monumental.”



Guthmiller Brings Energy, Vision to New Academic Affairs Role

The North Carolina Dental Review sat down with Dr. Janet Guthmiller, the School of Dentistry's associate dean for academic affairs, soon after her arrival in July. She comes to the School from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, where she was an associate professor and director of one of the largest dental student research programs in the country.

Q: Tell us a little about yourself and your family. Where you are from originally?

A: I was born and raised in Orange City, Iowa, and still have family there. My husband's name is Scott, and I have two daughters: Katie, who is nearly 13 and has just entered the seventh grade, and Emily, who is nearly 5 and has just entered kindergarten.

Q: Where did you go to school?

A: I did my dental hygiene training at the University of South Dakota and my pre-dental work at Northwestern College. I received my DDS from the University of Iowa and did my periodontal training and received my Ph.D. in cellular and structural biology from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA).



Q: What made you decide you wanted to pursue dentistry as a career?

A: My father was a physician, and my mother was a nurse, so I grew up with an interest in the health professions. Dentistry appealed to me but because I didn't know a lot about the profession and wanted to see if it was something I wanted to pursue, I decided to enroll in a dental hygiene program. I obviously enjoyed it and wanted to learn much more and went on to dental school and periodontal specialty training.

Q: What led you into a career in academia and, ultimately, into administration?

A: I first thought about becoming an academician when I was a DDS student at Iowa. After beginning my periodontal specialty training, I gave it much more consideration and with much faculty counsel entered the dentist/scientist program at UTHSCSA to better prepare me for life as an academician. My first faculty position was at the University of Maryland in Baltimore, where I participated in predoctoral and postdoctoral

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Profile

THE CLASS OF 2011

Total accepted: 82

N.C. residents: 74

Out-of-state: 8

Women: 42

Men: 40

Caucasian: 60

African American: 10

Asian Pacific Islander: 9

Latino: 2

Other: 1

Science GPA: 3.50

Non-science GPA: 3.57

DAT academic average: 20.1

Top majors represented:

Biology (29)

Chemistry (8)

Psychology (4)

Art (3)

Nutrition (3)

Zoology (3)

Electrical engineering (3)

N.C. counties represented: 22

education, conducted research and maintained an intramural practice in periodontics. After four years at Maryland, I received a call from Iowa, where I spent nearly 10 years in teaching, research and practice and the last five years as director of the dental student research program, until I started here in July.

Q: What attracted you to the position at Carolina?

A: The position of associate dean for academic affairs was very interesting to me as it would allow me to continue to work with students, which is something I really enjoy,

in a much more global way than my previous position. I was excited about the opportunity to work with faculty and students to strengthen the educational experience of our future graduates. In addition, UNC is a great school and one that I have aspired to be a part of. Finally, I have found that I have grown a great deal, both professionally and personally, from past moves, and this particular move seemed like a very good one to make at this time.

Q: What exactly does a dean for academic affairs do?

A: One of my main tasks is oversight of the curriculum. The School is undertaking a review of the DDS curriculum and is in the first steps of its revitalization. I’m looking forward to working with the faculty and students in the curriculum review efforts. One additional goal is to better integrate the dental assisting and dental hygiene programs with the DDS program, allowing for more team teaching and team practice concepts.

Q: What do you see as the greatest challenges to your position?

A: I think the biggest challenge is the fear of “change.” Revitalizing the curriculum will mean significant changes for students and faculty. Change always brings a certain amount of discomfort, so it will take some effort to bring everyone to a place where they are

comfortable with the direction we’re taking. Ultimately, our goal is to enhance the educational experience of our students in graduating a competent dentist.

Q: What do you see as the greatest positives to your position?

A: Carolina has a reputation for having an incredibly proud and supportive alumni base—with good reason. As an institution, Carolina is held in very high esteem in the academic community, and it’s a privilege to be associated with it. I will be a part of introducing change, but on a very solid foundation, which is appealing and energizing. And I very much enjoy the faculty, staff and students I’ve had an opportunity to work with so far.

Q: And how have you found North Carolina? Are you settling in?

A: Oh yes! We love Chapel Hill. Coming from Iowa, one of the big positives is the climate. While the town is very quaint, it’s right in the midst of so much activity. We are thrilled to have so many eclectic dining options, and we keep discovering new things all the time. The rumors about Southern hospitality are true—we have felt very welcome in the community and in our neighborhood. We look forward to getting better acquainted with Chapel Hill and North Carolina in the coming months.



Faculty & Staff Notes



Dental Foundation

Kelly Almond, who has served as executive director of the School of Dentistry's Dental Alumni Association since 2004, has been named interim executive director of the Dental Foundation of North Carolina.



Almond

Her Dental Foundation role is in addition to her continued responsibilities with the Dental Alumni Association. Almond came to the School of Dentistry in July 2001.



Office of Academic Affairs

Matthew Morano, PhD, has joined the Office of Academic Affairs as director of academic services. Morano previously was a counselor within the East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine's Academic Support Enrichment Center. Morano has a doctorate in educational psychology from the University of Connecticut and a master of education degree from George Mason University. His responsibilities in his new role will include coordinating student advising, and personal and academic counseling; monitoring and enhancing student progress;



Morano

recruitment; and oversight of DDS student organizations, management of residency status, financial aid, student aid, student scholarships and fellowships, and student travel.



Department of Allied Dental Education

Rebecca S. Wilder, MS, associate professor and director of graduate dental hygiene education, has been named a fellow to the Leadership Institute of the American Dental Association (ADEA).



Wilder

The yearlong program selects promising faculty members at academic dental institutions and guides them through intensive development in leadership and organization theory, advocacy, higher education management, team and network building and other aspects of personal and professional growth.



Department of Dental Ecology

James Beck, PhD '69, Kenan professor in the Department of Dental Ecology, was named interim associate dean for research in July 2007. He succeeds Patrick Flood, PhD, who had served in

that role since 1994. Flood stepped down from this position at the end of June to concentrate on research and teaching. Beck is co-director of the Comprehensive Center for



Beck

Inflammatory Disorders and of the Center for Oral and Systemic Diseases. (**Steven Offenbacher**, DDS, PhD, OraPharma distinguished professor of periodontal medicine, is the director.) Beck also directs the School of Medicine's General Clinical Research Center, which is focused on advancing patient-centered research.

Lynn Fox, MA, MEd, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Dental Ecology, was among the 34 participants in the Tar Heel Bus Tour, a five-day statewide UNC initiative designed to provide faculty members



Fox

with the background they need to conduct research and public service that serve the people of North Carolina. **Dean John N. Williams**, DMD, MBA, also was a participant in this year's bus tour. For 10 years, the privately funded tours have covered about 1,100 miles each from the coast to the mountains, stopping at a cross-section of sites important to North Carolina's history, economy, culture and environment.

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Since 1997, the tour has rolled every year except 2002, when it was cancelled in light of deep state budget cuts.

Ronald Strauss, DMD, PhD, dental director of the UNC Craniofacial Center since 1977, has been named the recipient of the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association's highest honor: the Honors of the Association award. Strauss also is chair and Dental Friends distinguished professor within the Department of Dental Ecology, as well as a professor in the UNC School of Medicine's Department of Social Medicine. The American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association (ACPA) presented the award in April 2007 at the organization's annual meeting in Broomfield, Colo.



Strauss



Department of Diagnostic Sciences and General Dentistry

Valerie Murrah, DMD, MS, MEd, chair of the department, ran the Maui (Hawaii) Marathon in September 2007.



Murrah

Completion of this 26.2-mile marathon marked the last of the 50 states in which Murrah ran at least one marathon. She placed first in her age group, with a recorded time of 4:14:13. Her first marathon was Big Sur International Marathon in California in 1991.

Glenn Minsley, DMD, associate professor of prosthodontics, received the 2007 Richard F. Hunt Memorial Award for Excellence in Predoctoral Teaching at the Spurgeon Dental Society annual awards banquet in April 2007.



Minsley

The Hunt Award is the most prestigious teaching award given at the School of Dentistry. Recipients are nominated and selected entirely by students. Minsley, who joined the School of Dentistry faculty in

1982, directs the preclinical complete denture course. He also is director of the Maxillofacial Prosthetics Division at UNC, chief of the Division of Maxillofacial Prosthetics in the Department of Hospital Dentistry at UNC Hospitals and a practicing prosthodontist. Dr. Albert D. Guckes, an associate professor of prosthodontics and assistant dean for predoctoral education and admissions, said Minsley is a wonderful teacher and clinician. "The majority of the patients he rehabilitates are severely handicapped in daily activities due to a loss of portions of the face and jaws due to surgery for cancer or other conditions. The care he provides has a large and immediate impact on the quality of their lives."



Department of Prosthodontics

Greg Essick, DDS '79, PhD '83, professor of prosthodontics,



Essick

with **Grace Baranek,** associate professor of occupational science at UNC, and **Carissa Cascio,** research assistant professor of psychiatry at Vanderbilt University, received a three-year grant in July 2007 from Autism Speaks for their proposal titled "Multi-sensory Perception in Autism." The study will investigate pain and touch perception in autistic individuals and determine how these sensory perceptions are affected by visual information. Much of the work will be conducted in the Center for Neurosensory Disorders, based within the School of Dentistry.

Thomas L. Ziemiecki, DDS, MS, was appointed interim chair of the Department of Prosthodontics in



Ziemiecki

June 2007. A nationwide search is under way for a permanent chair. Dr. Ed Kanoy stepped down from his position as the department's chair after serving in that role since 2002 and is now leading the School's newly formed Workgroup on Clinical Education. Ziemiecki has been an associate professor of prosthodontics at the School of Dentistry since 1997. Previously, he was director of the University of Connecticut's Department of Restorative Dentistry and Endontology.

STAFF PROFILE

Jonathan Owens, BSDH '01

Runner, Bicyclist Owens' Ultimate Goal is Raising Funds, Awareness for Worthy Causes

By Courtney Mitchell '01

Jonathan Owens, BSDH '01, a staff dental hygienist in the School of Dentistry's Department of Periodontology, has always been drawn toward the rush of physical activity. A former Marine, he is the picture of peak physical fitness. As both a runner and cyclist, his daily routine regularly includes a six-mile evening run.

Last May, Owens found higher meaning in his hobby when he realized that pushing his physical limits could affect those for whom everyday life is limited.

Owens participated in the 2007 AIDS Walk and Ride, a fundraiser held annually by Alliance of AIDS Services - Carolinas (AAS-C) and a race that typically raises close to \$200,000 for AIDS research. AAS-C provides direct services to persons living with HIV/AIDS, their caregivers, loved ones and the community at large through transportation, nursing, housing, counseling, education and research. When Owens heard of the organization through other cyclists, he was moved by its cause, having seen friends and acquaintances suffer from terminal illnesses. He also discovered that AAS-C counts the UNC AIDS Clinical Trials Unit as a benefiting agency. Competing would help him "bring it home, in a way," he said.



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JONATHAN OWENS

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Beginning in downtown Raleigh, Owens cycled through Creedmoor, Durham, Hillsborough, Morrisville and back to downtown in Raleigh in six hours, a good finish for his first “century ride.” Through pouring rain, chilly winds and mounting fatigue, he gained encouragement from the group training and associated philanthropy.

Once the race was over, he knew he could do more. He decided to face a lifelong dream of the ultimate endurance test: a 26.2-mile marathon with a steep fundraising goal through the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Team in Training. In an appeal letter to family and friends, Owens wrote, “We all need reasons to achieve and complete goals in life. I have chosen two goals to achieve. One I will do on my own and with the support of my teammates to

cross the finish line. This challenge I have accepted and hope you will accept, which is the greatest challenge of the two, is to raise money to fight blood cancers.”

Owens was planning to travel to Dublin, Ireland, to compete in the Oct. 29, 2007, race.

“This is a lifelong dream for me, but when you can use that to help someone, it makes it even more worthwhile.” He says banding together with other like-minded athletes has been a bonus for his performance. “I started out cycling on my own, wanting to do 100 miles, but I found I got bored around mile 60. When you start training with other people, it makes it a lot easier.”

Having a group to train with brings good company and keeps his mind off the discomfort, but the volume of the people in a marathon might be intimidating,

Before the big race, he first was going to compete in the Virginia Rock ‘N’ Roll Half Marathon in September with 20,000 other runners. How’s that for company? “I should get a good feeling of how it is to run with a lot of people running beside me, passing me or me passing them.”

Owens, who serves as the president of the UNC Dental Hygiene Alumni Association, also has a not-so-athletic goal on his horizon. In September he was to run for president-elect of the North Carolina Dental Hygiene Association, a display of how much he cares for his chosen profession and his state. Originally from western North Carolina, he insists his love for UNC keeps him here for the long run. “If UNC was in the mountains, I know I would go back to the mountains. But I’m here for UNC.”



Student Notes

Shamik Vakil, a fourth-year dental student, was elected vice president of the American Student Dental Association (ASDA). The announcement was made during ASDA's annual session, held in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Aug. 29 through Sept. 2. Vakil's previous ASDA roles include district trustee and member-at-large. In related news, Vakil also was appointed to serve as a member of the ASDA delegation to the 2007 American Dental Association (ADA) House of Delegates, which met during the ADA's Annual Session in San Francisco Sept. 27 through 30. This was Vakil's second term as delegate.



Vakil

Shannitta Bridgers, a fourth-year dental student, has received national recognition for academic excellence in research. Bridgers was one of 11 dental students nationwide to receive the American Association of Women Dentists' (AAWD) Colgate Research Award. A committee of AAWD members selects the recipients; the purpose of the \$500 scholarships is to give women entering the dental profession support and confidence toward their success.



Bridgers

Colgate has sponsored the research awards since 1980.

Three third-year dental students and a master's degree candidate in the UNC School of Public Health received honorable mention in an entrepreneurial business plan competition. The competition, titled the Carolina Challenge, began with 83 teams. Sixteen semi-finalist teams made it to the April 2007 competition. Team members from the School of Dentistry were **Taylor Robinson**, **Matthew Stevens** and **Jacob Condon**, and **Robbie Harmon** is from the School of Public Health. RSC LLC's mission, as articulated in the business plan, is to create a prevention-focused structure — and eliminate third parties from the patient-provider relationship. The team has the option of re-entering the Carolina Challenge next year — and Robinson, Stevens and Condon say they will do so. "We can take that same plan, improve on it and re-enter next year," said Stevens. "We didn't expect to make it as far as we did. Now that we have, the experience is really going to help us." The Carolina Challenge is a student-led project of the Carolina Entrepreneurial Initiative, a campuswide effort supporting UNC faculty, staff and students in their efforts to launch sustainable enterprises that create value.



Robinson

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Locklear

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Ross

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Dabell

students have been awarded scholarships from the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Society.

Jacob E. Dabell and Amanda

A. Marcus, fourth-year dental students, and **Carrie M. Coffey**, who graduated last May from the dental hygiene certificate program, received the awards at a luncheon as a part of the Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta last May.



Marcus

Student scholarship recipients, known as Hinman Scholars, are selected by their schools. They must be junior student members of the American Dental



Coffey

Association, as well as in the top 10 percent of their class.



Agrigoroae-Bolos

Five dental students are 2007–08 Albert Schweitzer Fellows. The fellowships' mission is to alleviate health and health care disparities by developing leaders in service. This year, the fellows and their projects include the following:

Nicoleta

Agrigoroae-Bolos and Homa

Azargoon, both fourth-year dental students, who will conduct oral health



Azargoon

education through the Missions of Mercy (MOM) Open Door Dental Clinic; **Katie Hawn**, a third-year dental student, and **Jennifer Blakely**, a fourth-year

dental student, who will provide oral health education to families scheduled for surgery; and **Ashley Schaaf**, a fourth-year dental student, who will continue her work with the Orange County



Hawn



Blakely

Health Department, and will also work with Orange County, Chapel Hill and Carrboro parks and recreation departments to provide low-cost custom-made mouth guards to children and teens and conduct community awareness events on the importance of mouth guards.



Schaaf

Health Policy Institute Focuses on Advocacy

Close to 40 students from throughout UNC's health affairs campus who have shown a commitment to health policy and advocacy attended a two-day event to help them develop leadership in these areas.

The UNC Health Policy Institute, titled "Learning from Each Other: Advocacy and Leadership," took place Aug. 15

and 16 at the University's William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education.

A committee of dental students, led by adviser and UNC pediatric dentistry resident Dr. Jonelle Grant, planned this first-ever interdisciplinary advocacy institute. Other committee members were Ayanna Bradshaw-Sydnor, DDS 2009; Shannitta

Bridgers, DDS 2008; Ralph Mensah, DDS 2008; Garrett Spruill, DDS 2008; Shawna Steele, DDS 2008; and Tara Wiggins, DDS 2008.

Mary George, associate professor of dental ecology, also served as a group adviser.

"While there are many things we can focus on within our own individual disciplines, we are much more powerful as a collective group," said Grant, who is also pursuing her master of science in public health degree at UNC. "My hope is that this Health Policy Institute will challenge and empower participants to find integrative ways to change the face of health."

Students representing the Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health and Social Work attended the institute.



ENNEAD

Student Volunteers Serve N.C. Communities



Benjamin Barkley, a fourth-year dental student, and Charmaine Porter-O'Reilly, a third-year dental student, and other School of Dentistry students participated in Project Homeless Connect, a first-ever event to help connect people who are homeless or at risk of being homeless with crucial services and care. Porter-O'Reilly is an ENNEAD board member.

Students may have wondered about the signs with a Carolina blue “9” and question mark posted throughout the School of Dentistry in mid-September—and that was certainly the hope of the School’s volunteer organization, ENNEAD, named for an Egyptian word meaning “group of nine.”

The academic year had barely started, and ENNEAD leaders were planning an “extravaganza” to encourage students to volunteer for the coming year. Dozens of students attended the meeting, where they learned how students can become involved in helping the community—and from student leaders who are doing just that.

The student-led ENNEAD consists of nine board members and 96 active student volunteers, all under the mentorship of Dr. Eugene Sandler, clinical professor and director of the extramural rotation program. More than 200 students are involved in ENNEAD.

The ENNEAD board recruits dental students to serve North Carolina communities by providing free dental care, oral health and oral hygiene education at various events. During the 2006-07 academic year, ENNEAD student volunteers participated in 21 events, serving 12 cities and 11 counties from the mountains to the coast.

These events include providing oral health and hygiene education at school and community health fairs, making mouth guards for middle and high school sports teams in Orange County and providing free dental care at N.C. Missions of Mercy (MOM) dental clinics. This past April, Kim Hammersmith, now a fourth-year dental student, managed student volunteers for the two-day Wilmington MOM clinic, where 525 underserved patients were treated under the guidance of Dr. Steve Slott, Dr. Keith Taylor and local dentists.

Organizers estimate that a total of \$142,741 in services, including dental cleanings, restorations and extractions, were provided at no cost to the patient.

The ENNEAD board plans to expand volunteer efforts even further during the 2007-08 academic year, including the following:

- Ashley Schaaf, a fourth-year dental student, and Tammy Artis, a third-year dental student, are working with researchers in the UNC School of Public Health to expand the mouth guard project to local soccer leagues. Schaaf has been working with the N.C. Dental Society and Orange County Health Department on School of Dentistry mouth guard initiatives and received an Albert Schweitzer Fellowship to expand the project to the Orange County, Chapel Hill and Carrboro parks and recreation departments. The project has provided 300 mouth guards to date.

- Tiffany Williams, a second-year dental student, and Charmaine Porter-O'Reilly, a third-year dental student, are providing oral health and hygiene education at Durham’s Camp Can-Do, a day-treatment camp for at-risk elementary and middle school students.

- Savannah Gelesko, a second-year dental student, worked with the Town of Chapel Hill and other local community organizations on Project Homeless Connect, a one-day, one-stop event to provide services to people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

More information on ENNEAD is available at <http://www.dent.unc.edu/student/orgs/ennead/>

STUDENT PROFILE

Nathan White

...And Then a Dental Student Took the Stage

By Courtney Mitchell '01

Dental practices often pipe in soft music to soothe the nervous patients in their dental chairs, but it's rock music that soothes fourth-year dental student Nathan White. While preparing for his final year of dental school, he didn't plan for his musical outlet to land him success on Chapel Hill's local music scene.

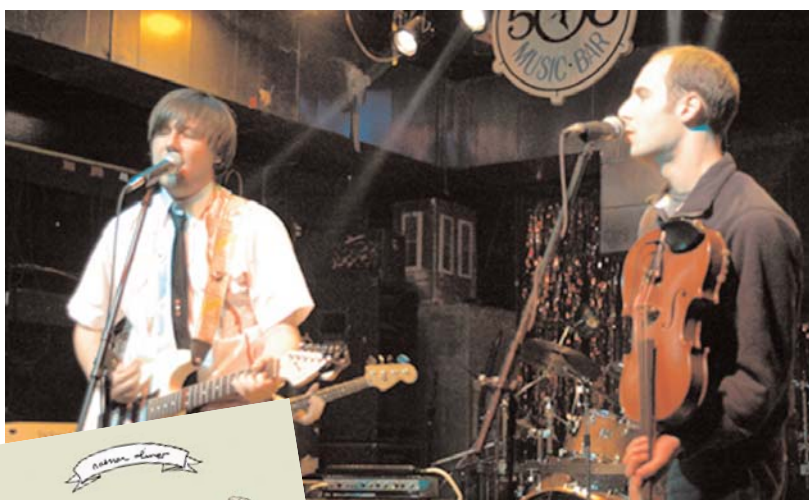
"Music doesn't have much to do with dentistry, but it helps," he says. "I can focus much better on school when I have a good outlet."

His band, Nathan Oliver (his first and middle names), saw the recording and release of its self-titled debut album in February 2007 from Durham-based Pox World Empire, a small, celebrated record label known for its collection of successful Triangle-area bands. For \$20 a session, White was able to record at their studios, when he could fit it in or afford it — about three or four songs at a time.

"I sold all my study manuals from my dental boards to pay for it."

Pox even landed him the help of sought-after local musicians Lee Waters and Mac McCaughan, who agreed to collaborate on the album for a reduced price. "When they realized I was in dental school, they didn't charge me as much as they could have."

White says his music isn't something you'd hear on popular radio — unless you listen to the college radio stations of UNC, Duke and N.C. State, where you may have even heard him play his



ABOVE: Nathan Oliver, fronted by fourth-year dental student Nathan White, knows how to get the crowd on its feet.



LEFT: The cover of Nathan Oliver's self-titled debut album.

music live, fresh out of dental lab, on station WKNC (88.1 FM). A pop-rock album that White says borders on "quirky and a little obscure," White's music is described as heavy on melody, but with the edge of rock.

White's band has a revolving cast of friends filling space on stage (including fourth-year dental student Jason Moore, who even designed and built White's guitar), while he covers vocals, guitar and a little bit of the keyboarding. The first performance of Nathan Oliver was at local venue Cat's Cradle, legendary in Chapel Hill for nurturing local talent and hosting big names. "It was a big deal. All my dental school friends

came out and stood in front, making lots of noise."

His friends aren't the only ones supporting him. In chatting with his patients, his love of music often comes up. "I sometimes tell my patients what I do, and I didn't think they really cared until two of them showed up at one of our shows. It was crazy to see these middle-aged women out at a show until one in the morning. I really love my patients, so it was great."

White says mixing the two worlds takes a great deal of balance, but he's able to make it work. "I tend to take care of academics during the week and use my late nights and weekends for the music. I'm able to make good friends outside of dental school. The lives are actually pretty complementary."



School's Carolina First Campaign a Huge Success

School tops goal by more than 36 percent, raises \$41 million-plus

Dear Friends,

What can be said, but THANK YOU, once again.

This letter marks the last I will write as chairman of the School of Dentistry's Carolina First Campaign: Building on Excellence to raise \$30 million to support its people and programs.

Back when the Campaign first began in 2000, the steering committee selected "Building on Excellence" as the School's campaign slogan. It was a hearkening back to our very successful Campaign for Excellence in the early 1990s—the School's first-ever multi-million dollar fundraising effort. At the time, we believed the Campaign for Excellence was stretching the imaginations of alumni and friends of the School to raise an unprecedented \$6 million. In the end, we doubled our goal, providing \$12 million in private support to the School of Dentistry and more than doubling the assets of the Dental Foundation. Stretching the imaginations, indeed.

Still, even with such a sterling success in our recent history, "Building on Excellence" seemed a daring proposition. Originally slated to raise \$20 million over seven years, the goal was raised, then raised again, until it finally rested

at \$30 million—a goal five times that of the only major fundraising goal the School had ever had.

Once again, we felt our imaginations stretch: Would the alumni and dental community respond? Again? The needs were there, and were pressing, but the goal was prodigious. We'd have to work hard, and wait and see.

Forty-one million dollars and seven years later, those early fears of the steering committee and campaign planners seem a bit...unimaginative. Indeed, as of the mid-October (the writing of this letter), we stood at 136 percent of our original \$30 million goal with two months to go before its completion.

In every way, the supporters of the School of Dentistry have responded to its needs, past and present. And with the help of all of your contributions, we've begun to meet the needs of its future, as well.

How so? Of the \$41 million that has been given or pledged in our campaign, nearly \$20 million has already come in and been put to work building on excellence in these ways:

- establishing endowments for scholarships and fellowships for our students that pay out more than \$250,000 in student aid annually. These funds will grow in perpetuity to provide assistance to

limitless future generations of dental students;

- establishing 12 endowed professorships for distinguished faculty, providing much-needed salary stipends to help the School compete with private practice to recruit and retain the best faculty;

- strengthening department funds to allow for the purchase of necessary supplies, equipment and faculty travel awards; and

- renovating portions of Old Dental Building and Brauer Hall—bringing the classrooms, laboratories and office space up to tomorrow's standards—and preparing them to match the much-anticipated new Dental Sciences Building, the construction of which will become the focus of much of the School's time and energy over the coming decade.

So, once again, the pleasure falls to me to THANK YOU for your many efforts on behalf of our School of Dentistry. I assure you the School will steward those efforts carefully to allow the good they have done to carry on for generations to come. Imagine that.

Most sincerely,

James A. Harrell Sr., DDS
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ALUMNI PROFILE

Robert Capps, DDS '78

By Kelly Almond '94

If asked how being a dentist prepared him for developing a hotel in downtown Chapel Hill, Robert Capps, DDS '78, might well say it helped to have experience pulling teeth.

Building the hotel had been a dream for Capps for years, but its nearly decade-long road to fulfillment wasn't easy. Nor was it always fun. And like any worthwhile dream, it presented its impossibilities. But now that it's done, The Franklin Hotel is a 67-room stunner that bids you welcome from the sidewalks of West Franklin Street for a drink next to the baby grand in Roberts Bar or an overnight stay between 740-thread-count Egyptian cotton sheets.

Not a bad place to dream a few dreams of your own.

Capps' entrepreneurial ties to Franklin Street extend back to his childhood when his father opened that icon of Tar Heel memorabilia, The Shrunken Head, in 1969. It was nearly that long ago that Capps first dreamed of building a hotel here.

Of course, life had to happen first, so there was an undergraduate degree earned at North Carolina State University before attending dental school at Carolina. Following his graduation in 1978, Capps started what

is today a thriving dental practice in Greenville, N.C., boasting four general dentists and one periodontist. Together, the doctors practice all aspects of dentistry five days a week in a state-of-the-art facility.

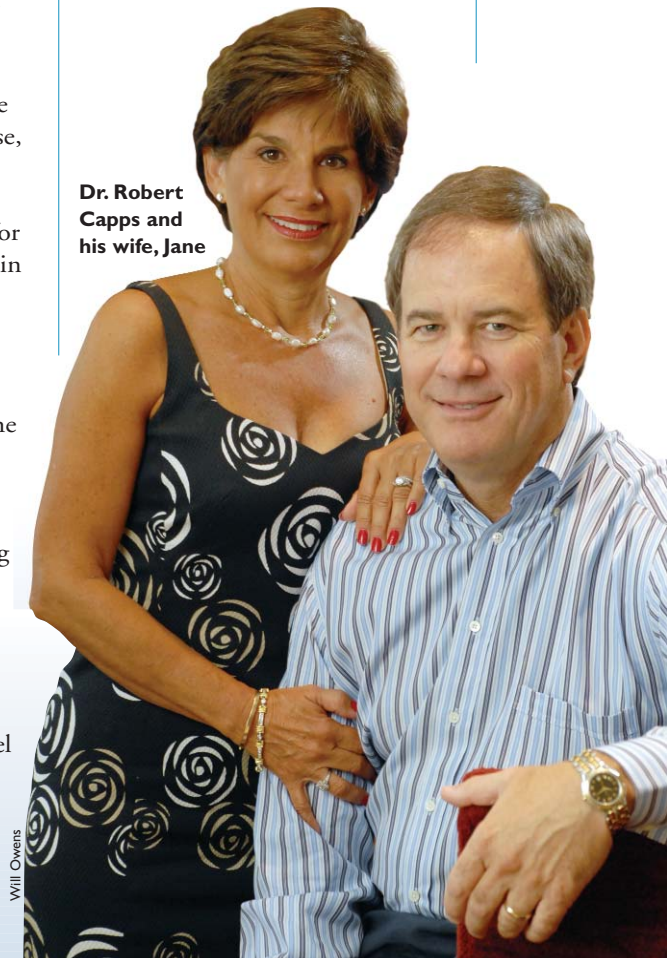
It was as his dental practice grew that Capps made his first foray into the hotel business, building a portfolio of a few small hotels in niche areas. The key to having success with these, he says, is in the location.

Which leads us back to Franklin Street. In truth, but for a bit of serendipity The Franklin Hotel would still be a pipe dream. Much of downtown Chapel Hill is considered historic, making it impossible to develop. Happily for Capps, the Trailways Bus Station on West Franklin was not.

In the mid-1990s, the bus station closed its doors. Having kept an eye on downtown property, Capps knew the bus station site would prove an excellent one for a hotel. He approached Trailways only to find himself up against Michael

Jordan, who also had an interest in downtown Chapel Hill property. Fortunately for Capps, MJ needed the property right away — a stipulation the bus station's owners were not able to meet. In time, Capps succeeded in securing the site.

Dr. Robert Capps and his wife, Jane



Will Owens



Hotel photographs provided by The Franklin Hotel

At the time, he little guessed it would take more than seven years before The Franklin's revolving entry door would take its first turn.

Capps used the long years of planning, acquiring town approvals and construction well: He solicited the considerable talents of his wife, Jane, to help with the design and details. He admits it was in her hands that The Franklin became the luxury boutique hotel it is today.

Armed with a file full of the best ideas encountered during years of traveling, Jane Capps studiously incorporated each into the guest experience at The Franklin. The bed coverlets? Hungarian down. Need house-keeping? Flip a switch. Want to dash off a note to the office?

The stationery comes with your name pre-printed on it.

Indeed, no detail was overlooked. Should you find the bed pillows uncomfortable, there is a menu provided from which to select another. Women have no need to curse the usual lack of counter space in hotel rooms here, as sit-down make-up counters and full-length framed mirrors are standard. Also standard are iPod docks, 32-inch wall-mounted LCD televisions with 148 free channels, and XM Satellite Radio is piped throughout the room.

There's a bit of good-natured teasing between husband—who had originally envisioned less lux accommodations—and wife. "There are some things men just don't get," winks Jane. Like the



need for a chenille throw on the chaise lounge in each room and special-order gourmet coffee from Seattle.

"We wanted the experience to be like being entertained in a beautiful home," says Jane. And it is. The feeling is helped along not only by the beautiful guest rooms designed in soothing

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gray-blues and browns, but by the common areas, as well. Natural light pours into the hotel by a large skylight above the common areas, which are arranged in a variety of small conversation spaces. “We find our guests use these spaces a lot, particularly when they are here in a large party,” says Jane. “The common area serves as their living room for playing card games or reading magazines — which is exactly what we wanted.”

It seems the husband-and-wife team has proved a winning combination, as The Franklin Hotel has already become a known quantity in the Chapel Hill area. Since opening its doors in January, it has quickly become a favorite spot for meetings, receptions and wedding parties. And, interestingly, as a getaway for locals. “We’ve been very pleasantly surprised by how many area residents have come here to stay,

“We wanted the experience to be like being entertained in a beautiful home.”

JANE CAPPS

just to see what it’s like and to have an escape in town,” Robert says.

At the same time, The Franklin has already played host to celebrity, as well. Both Denzel Washington and Spike Lee have been guests.

When visiting the hotel, it’s not uncommon to run across the Cappses, who are often in town checking in on things and taking care of odd jobs. You might

find Robert busing tables in the eponymous bar, Roberts at the Franklin, or Jane wielding a paintbrush in one of the guest rooms. Says Robert: “No staff member here is asked to do anything we won’t do!”

Despite the time required and spent at the hotel, it is easy to see that becoming a hotelier has not dampened Robert Capps’ interest in his chosen profession. Fully versed in the latest technologies available in the practice of dentistry, Capps has no plans to scale back his practice: “I love dentistry — I have no interest in quitting. Dentistry is what has given me the opportunity to do this.”

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Your news is very important to us—and to your fellow classmates, colleagues and friends. Please let us know what is new with you by sending an e-mail to alumni@dentistry.unc.edu or sending a note in the enclosed envelope. We'll be delighted to include your news in the next issue of the *North Carolina Dental Review*.

1971

Richard Pence, DDS, of Denver, N.C., was a recipient of the Lifelong Learning and Service Award from the Academy of General Dentistry in February, recognizing his commitment to both lifelong learning and public service.

1972

Judith Jones, DDS, professor and chair of the Department of General Dentistry of Boston University, received the 2007 Geriatric Oral Research Award from the International Association for Dental Research. In addition to publishing widely on the subject of geriatric dentistry, Jones has conducted groundbreaking research on geriatric dental issues.

Nancy St. Onge, BSDH, a longtime dental hygiene educator and practitioner now living in Hampstead, N.C., received the 2007 North Carolina Dental Society's Special Recognition Award. This award is given to an individual to honor a specific achievement or an extraordinary deed related or unrelated to dentistry.

1978

Harald Heymann, DDS, a longtime faculty member of the School, received the 2007 North Carolina Dental Society Meritorious Achievement Award. The award is given to a member in good standing who has demonstrated significant achievement in dentistry in recent years.

Sandra Madison, DDS, an endodontist in Asheville, received the 2007 Distinguished Service Scroll, the North Carolina Dental Society's most prestigious award. The Scroll is not given every year and is given to the dentist, auxiliary or layperson nearing the completion of a career during which he or she has demonstrated outstanding service, leadership and dedication to the profession of dentistry and/or to improving the health of the people of North Carolina.

1979

Ernest Goodson, DDS, an orthodontist in Fayetteville, N.C., received the 2007 North Carolina Dental Society Citizenship Award. The award is given to a member in good standing who has rendered outstanding service that reflects favorably upon the profession of dentistry.

Cheryl Ransom Locklear, DDS, of Pembroke, N.C., was elected to serve on the University of North Carolina Board of Governors in June 2007. The Board of Governors is the policy-making body legally charged with "the general determination, control, supervision, management and governance of all affairs of the constituent institutions" of the University of North Carolina.

1980

Richard Alston, DDS, of Rocky Mount, N.C., was installed as president of the North Carolina Association of Orthodontists.

1985

W. Gail Barnes, BSDATE, MS, received the Howard University College of Dentistry Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award for outstanding contribution to dental hygiene education.

1990

Randy G. Fussell, DDS, has been elected as a fellow of the American College of Dentists "in recognition of services and devotion to the advancement of the science and art of dentistry." He was also awarded the National

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Thirty people attended a luncheon hosted by Dean John N. Williams and the Dental Alumni Association at the Carolina Club in October. It was organized by the DAA in cooperation with Dr. Bob Peck, the class president (pictured second from the right). Both Drs. Peck and Joe Carpenter (also pictured) are members of the class. Anne Carpenter (second from the left), Dr. Carpenter's wife, and Kathy Peck (far left), Dr. Peck's wife, are also pictured.

■■■ 2006 ■■■

Brandi R. Jackson, DDS, of Chicago, has been selected by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the American Dental Education Association and the University of Illinois College of Dentistry to participate in the Minority Dental Faculty Development Program. Jackson was also recognized by the American Public Health Association as the first recipient of the Anthony Westwater Jong Memorial Community Dental Health Pre-Professional Award sponsored by Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals.

■■■ 2007 ■■■

Carrie Bigelow, MS (DHED), is the recipient of the American Dental Hygienists' Association-Sigma Phi Alpha Journalism Award Competition sponsored by Pfizer Inc. Bigelow's paper, "Dental Hygienists' Views of Oral Cancer Control in North Carolina," will be published in the *Journal of Dental Hygiene*.

Danielle Furgeson, MS (DHED), received honorable mention in the ADHA-Sigma Phi Alpha Journalism Award Competition. Her manuscript is titled "The Role of the Student Professional Association in Mentoring Dental Hygiene Students for the Future." Furgeson is currently manager of the Student American Dental Hygienists' Association, part of the ADHA, in Chicago.

■■■ 1995 ■■■

Jeanne M. Salcetti, MS, a periodontist in Colorado Springs, Colo., has been elected the first female president of the Colorado Dental Association. The association, committed to supporting organized dentistry in Colorado, has more than 2,900 members.

■■■ 2001 ■■■

Glenn Gibson McCall III, DDS, and his wife, Emi, welcomed Glenn Gibson "Mac" McCall IV on March 9, 2007.

■■■ 2003 ■■■

Sassan Bassiri, DDS, welcomed son Brandon Sassan Bassiri on Nov. 27, 2006.

■■■ 2005 ■■■

Marsha A. Black, BSDH, MS '05, is the program director for the newly developed dental assisting and dental hygiene programs in Sanford, N.C., for Central Carolina Community College.

Medallion from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for devoted service and contributions in helping youth achieve a fuller and richer life through the guidance of the Club.

■■■ 1993 ■■■

Stanley K. Gordon, DDS, of Opa-Locka, Fla., received his mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry and was named the Chief of Health Services Division at Coast Guard Air Station Miami.

■■■ 1994 ■■■

Scott Cashion, DDS, and MS (PEDO) '97, a pediatric dentist in Greensboro, N.C., received the 2007 North Carolina Dental Society Commendation Award. The award is given to a member in good standing who has been in practice 10 years or less or who is under 40 years of age and has demonstrated leadership qualities and service to the NCDS through involvement in the life of the Society.

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Roberson Named Director of Professional Relations

Dr. Ted Roberson, who has held leadership positions within both the UNC School of Dentistry and state and national dental organizations, has been named the dental school's director of professional relations.

In this newly created position, Roberson will work with Dean John N. Williams and other School leaders, the Dental Foundation of North Carolina and the Dental Alumni Association to increase the participation of alumni and others in the life of the School.

His other duties include, but are not limited to, representing and promoting the School of Dentistry at all levels of contact within North Carolina, participating in School functions and representing the Dental Foundation of North Carolina to the greater University community.

Roberson began work in September and plans to travel extensively in the coming months to gain the insights of alumni and other state dental practitioners and cultivate their further involvement in the School of Dentistry.

"Ted Roberson really has, as much as anyone I've met in my time as dean, an in-depth knowledge of how all of the fundamental programs and strengths of our School come together and form a

cohesive unit," Williams said. "People who have graduated from or work within the School, as well as others who support the School's mission, respect his integrity, professionalism, sense of humor and love of Carolina.

"I am going to enjoy working with Ted very much, as we seek to further understanding of how the School can better support our state's dental profession."

Roberson said he interprets his role as goodwill ambassador for the dental school. "I'm excited to have as my responsibility the promotion of the UNC School of Dentistry. To me, it's like promoting UNC basketball. You can't go wrong."

Roberson retired from the School of Dentistry in 2005, after having served as a faculty member since 1968—the year he graduated from the School of Dentistry. Among his roles in the School were full professor, chairman of the Department of Operative Dentistry, director of student affairs and director of admissions. He also was a researcher, practitioner within the Dental Faculty Practice and a senior editor of *Sturdevant's Art and Science of Operative Dentistry*. He is a past president of the Dental Alumni Association.

He has three children and one son-in-law who are UNC School of Dentistry graduates.



Roberson also is a two-time recipient of the School's highest teaching honor, the Richard F. Hunt Memorial Award for Excellence in Predoctoral Teaching. He has received distinguished service awards from the Dental Alumni Association, the Dental Foundation of North Carolina and the North Carolina Dental Society. He was the 16th District Regent for the International College of Dentists and will complete 10 years of service as an American Dental Association delegate this year.

OTHER WINNERS

First place

Troy Neil
Aaron Messick
David Johnson
John Hinton

Second place

Joy Wagner
Dave Felton
Peter Lopes
Bob Cherry

Third place

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Bryan Freeman
Keith Brentley

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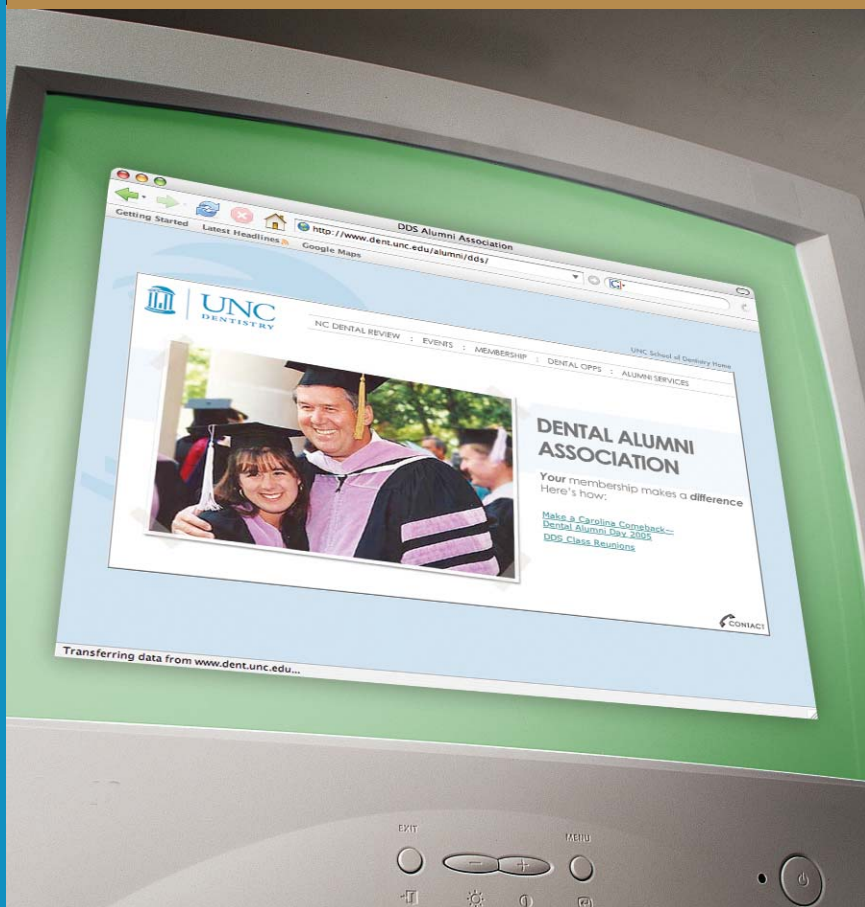
Golf Tournament Features Largest Participation to Date

The 15th Annual Dental Foundation of North Carolina (DFNC) Golf Tournament was held at Carolina's Finley Golf Course on May 11. The beautiful spring day boasted the largest attendance ever at the DFNC's tournament, with 127 golfers vying for top prize.

With proceeds benefiting dental students at UNC, six School of Dentistry faculty, one staff member and seven students were among those who participated. The tournament had 26 paid sponsors and netted approximately \$20,000 in scholarship funding for dental students. Among the tournament's many highlights was the first-ever hole-in-one, made by Kell Norman of Sanford. Norman had his choice of prizes from U.S. Hole-In-One, including a flat-screen TV or tickets for two to anywhere in the continental United States.

The 2008 golf tournament will be held on May 9.

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We look forward to hearing from you!

Members of the DDS Class of '87 gathered at the home of classmate Dr. Nona Breeland to celebrate their 20th reunion in April. The cocktail party capped off a weekend of reunion festivities for the class in Chapel Hill.



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