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THE BI-MONTHLY UFCD NEWSLETTER

## Future Search: The Quest for Common Ground

An unusual group of 61 people met the first week of June at the Turkey Creek Golf and Country Club, charged with the mission of finding common ground in “Creating an Integrated, Comprehensive, Contemporary Clinical Dental Education Model and Practice for the Future” during the college’s Future Search Retreat.

Participants representing senior and junior faculty, students, staff, community dentists, alumni, patients and industry stakeholder groups were invited to work together during the three-day retreat to define what this model and practice should look like. Led by Future Search facilitator, Dr. Michael Schwartz, dean emeritus of the College of Pharmacy, stakeholders navigated a series of group activities, including “focus on the past” where group members developed personal, global and college timelines to establish a context for a shared future.

From that shared context, participants then completed a series of “focus on the present” activities that resulted in a “mind map” of present trends that impact dental education and practice. Attendees marked the trends they felt were most important to the future or had the most meaning for them. The mind map set the framework for the participants to visualize the college’s “ideal future scenario,” imagining a future they really want and are willing to work to achieve.

Remarkably, despite the diversity of stakeholder groups and perspectives, the main themes visualized for the college’s future truly were “common ground.” These included the desire for new, state-of-the-art facilities; establishment of a comprehensive

clinical care model that is patient-centered and follows a general dentistry model of education; improved access to care for Florida’s residents; and seamless clinical/research integration.

Short and long-term goals were established for each theme, and a “champion” identified to achieve various objectives for each goal.

For complete details on the college’s Future Search activities, download the Future Search Report available online at [www.dental.ufl.edu/DeansOffice/minutes.php?Cid=13](http://www.dental.ufl.edu/DeansOffice/minutes.php?Cid=13).



SUMMER 2007

staff  
spotlight



**Valarie Brown,**  
Senior Secretary - Dept. of Oral Biology

Valarie was born in Gainesville and graduated from Buchholz High School. Valarie has been working at UFCD dept. of oral biology for 13 years. Before coming to oral biology, Valarie worked as a secretary at the UF School of Forest Resource and Conservation for 5 years.

Valarie has been married for 19 years to Vernell Brown, and they have two sons, Vernell and Vincent. Valarie is also the grandmother of three, a girl and two boys, aged 7 months, 2 and 3 years.

**Q. What’s the oddest job you ever had?**

**A.** Never had a really odd job. But I once worked at a hair salon as a receptionist.

**Q. What’s your favorite guilty pleasure?**

**A.** It’s not really a guilty trip because I feel that I deserve it, but getting a pedicure may be my guilty pleasure.

**Q. What is your ideal day away from work?**

**A.** Spending time with my family and going to sports activities.

**Favorite Book:** I’m not a real book reader so when I get the time to read, I like to read magazines.

**Favorite TV show:** Grey’s Anatomy

**Favorite Movie:** Dream Girls

**Unknown fact:** Valarie is the mother of the football star, Vernell Brown Jr., so Gator fans beware! Vincent has just started as a freshmen at UF and will be a member of the Gator Football Team! Go Gators!!

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CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS

VISIT THE ONLINE CALENDAR  
[WWW.DENTAL.UFL.EDU/EVENTS.ASP](http://WWW.DENTAL.UFL.EDU/EVENTS.ASP)

**July 14**  
**White Coat Ceremony**  
2 p.m., J.W. Reitz Union Grand Ballroom

**July 19-20**  
**Mock Accreditation Site Visit**

**July 23**  
**Dean’s State of the College Address to Staff**  
12 p.m., C1-9

**August 17**  
**Classes End**

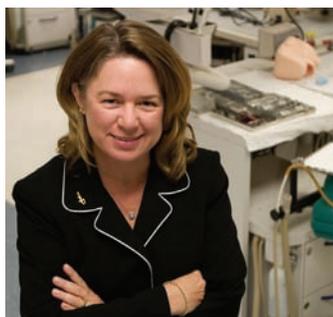
**August 27**  
**Fall classes begin**

**September 3**  
**Labor Day/Holiday!**

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**FLORIDA**

The Foundation for The Gator Nation

**message**  
from the dean



Summertime for most of the university is a time to slow down, catch up, and, perhaps, take a long vacation.

Not so here at UFCD. For us, summers are always a time of transitions bustling with activity... We graduate new dentists, closely followed by the intensity of licensure examinations. We put our rising juniors through their paces with National Boards, and begin them with hands-on patient care in the clinics. We enter a new class of student dentists, mentoring some of them through summer research, and welcoming them all during orientation. We welcome fresh faces to the college's advanced and graduate education programs.

This summer, we will also undergo a mock accreditation site visit, July 19 & 20. This is an important component of our preparation for the real thing in February, and I extend kudos to all those who have participated in the self-study process leading up to this visit.

Many of you also participated in our very successful Future Search Retreat last month. I was so impressed by the tremendous amount of enthusiasm and creativity generated during the retreat to find our common ground and vision for UFCD's future. Now we must work to integrate those into our strategic plan to lead us into the future.

We've been busy this summer, as always. Fortunately, our work is pleasurable because it has meaning and makes a difference.

When you do find a moment to slow down, catch up, and take a breath, I hope you will reflect on the good work our college has accomplished because of your dedication and effort.

Then, if you haven't already, take a vacation!

Warm regards,  
Dean Terri Dolan

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- Mary Bennett, dean's office

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**78 Jumbo Ring-A-Word**

Citation: Jumbo Ring-a-Word Puzzles, July 2007, Puzzle # 73, p. 78.

**UFCD Accreditation Mock Site Visit**

The UF College of Dentistry mock accreditation site visit is scheduled for **July 19 and 20**.

Dr. Ann Boyle, dean, Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine, and Dr. Bob Trombly, associate dean, University of Colorado School of Dentistry, will visit the college as the accreditation mock site visit team.

The mock site visit is organized as a preparation for UFCD's formal site visit which will take place in 2008.

During the two-day event, the accreditation mock site visit team will review the quality assurance program, interview selected junior faculty, observe the clinics and the students, and have various meetings where they will review patient care services and the college's research program.

## SPOTLIGHT ON

# Tacachale Dental Clinic

**T**acachale is a residential community for people with physical and mental developmental disabilities. It is state funded and operated by the Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities. Tacachale was built in 1928, and, as an institution reflecting the understanding of its times, was then called the Florida Farm Colony for the Epileptic and Feeble-minded.

The UF College of Dentistry department of pediatric dentistry and Tacachale developed a contractual relationship in 1987 when they teamed up to provide dental care services for physically and mentally disabled patients. Timothy Garvey, D.M.D., and Paul Burtner, D.M.D., are full-time UF faculty, and Christine Elam, D.M.D., is a courtesy faculty member who works at the Tacachale dental clinic to provide dental care to the facility's residents and other patients who have developmental disabilities.

Today, 474 profoundly disabled people reside at Tacachale. The residents receive 24-hour care and supervision, and medical and dental services are available onsite. However, the Tacachale dental clinic treats not just people living in Tacachale but provides dental services to disabled people from across North Central Florida.

**“We sometimes have to be creative, but much of this care can be provided by private practitioners in a regular office.”**

Dental care for the disabled can be challenging, and not all dentists feel comfortable treating patients with disabilities. This makes the services at Tacachale dental clinic an important resource for many patients and their families who experience barriers to access to dental care. There is a long waiting list for treatments in the clinic due to high demand, but the faculty prioritize patients by the urgency of their needs and work hard to assure patients receive the treatment they need in a timely manner.

“There is a long waiting list,” Garvey said, referring to patients seeking care, “and we are doing what we can to increase access throughout the state of Florida and help people that cannot get help elsewhere.”



Each dental student in the UF College of Dentistry will spend time in the Tacachale clinic as part of their pediatric dental education. The students assist and observe UF faculty members as they provide dental care to people with disabilities. This experience gives the students an opportunity to realize that many patients who have disabling conditions can be treated in a traditional office setting. In addition, pediatric dental residents rotate through the Tacachale dental clinic over their educational experience and spend half a day a week at the clinic treating patients.

Garvey believes that the time they spend at the clinic is a very important experience for dental students and pediatric dental residents, preparing them for serving the diverse needs of Florida's patient population. “Treating people with developmental disabilities or other disabling conditions can at times be difficult and challenging,” said Garvey. “We sometimes have to be creative, but much of this care can be provided by private practitioners in a regular office.”

Through their experiences at Tacachale, students and pediatric dental residents learn that they can accommodate special needs patients, providing much-needed dental care even when some patients are different from the patients the student would generally treat.

#### TACACHALE DENTAL CLINIC FACULTY:

Timothy **GARVEY**, D.M.D.,  
Clinical Assistant Professor (Clinic Director)

A. Paul **BURTNER**, D.M.D.,  
Associate Professor

Christine **ELAM**, D.M.D.,  
Courtesy Faculty

#### TACACHALE DENTAL CLINIC STAFF:

Carrie **HINES**  
Wanda **PRICE**  
Dedra **SAMS**  
Hagar **SMITH**  
Easie **STYLES**



#### ▶ HSC Workshops

Did you know that the Health Science Center (HSC) also offers training opportunities through various workshops? All you need to do is go to the HSC Web site, find courses you like and create an account to sign up.

HSC offers a variety of workshops including: Adobe workshops (Acrobat, Photoshop, InDesign), Microsoft Office 2003, Microsoft Publishing, Microsoft PowerPoint 2003, Microsoft Access 2003, and a WebCT Vista workshop.

If you need to polish up your Excel skills, these courses might be helpful:

Excel: Multiple Worksheets

Excel: Charts and Graphs

Excel: Sorting and Filters

Excel: Pivot Tables

Excel: Basics I - Navigating and Formatting

Excel: Basics II - Math and Functions

The good news is they still have seats available for almost all of the workshops. To sign-up for classes or for further information about the Health Science Center workshops, go to: <http://training.health.ufl.edu>.



#### Correction

In the May/June issue of the Dental Direct, the chair of pediatric dentistry was incorrectly noted as Dr. Enrique Bimstein. Dr. Marcio Guelmann, of course, is the department's chair.

This error was an unfortunate and deeply regretted mistake, and the Dental Direct editorial team wishes to take this opportunity to acknowledge the error and to thank Dr. Guelmann for his gracious acceptance of our apologies.

## Saying Goodbye, Good Luck and Thank You

Carrie Woody from the Graduate Prosthodontics Clinic is saying goodbye to UFCD after seven years of service because she is retiring.

A farewell party was held for Carrie June 29. Those who loved her got together and appreciated all the good work she has done for grad prosth and UFCD.



"For the short time that I have known Carrie she has filled my heart with joy, laughter and wisdom. Carrie brought a lot of personality to grad prosth; and when it rains, she brings in the sunshine. Carrie will be greatly missed."

- Kim Lovett

## Changing Lanes



Andrew Everett, who has worked for UFCD for four and a half years as a computer support specialist left the college on June 29th.

Andrew started July 9th at Tampa General Hospital as a PACS administrator responsible for the hospital's digital radiography.

## NEW HIRES | SUMMER 2007



Cockill

**Latesha Bartee**  
Senior Clerk  
Implant Center

**Beth Cockill**  
Senior Clerk  
Dept. of Operative Dentistry

**Belinda Dones**  
Dental Assistant  
Jacksonville Dental Clinic



McGaha

**Yvonne Kladde**  
Program Assistant  
Facial Pain Center

**Kim Lovett**  
Dental Assistant  
Dept. of Prosthodontics

**Jamie McGaha**  
Program Assistant  
Office of Admissions



Kladde

**Sarah Rushing**  
Dental Assistant  
Jacksonville Dental Clinic

**Heidy Serrano**  
Senior Clerk  
Faculty Practice

## Oral Biology Departmental Retreat



Oral biology's departmental retreat was held Friday, June 8, at the Austin Cary Memorial Forest Learning Center.

It began with an opening speech by Dean Dolan on how the department has grown and how its accomplishments are reflected in the success of the college. She praised the department for its contributions and encouraged everyone to keep up the good work.

Following the dean's address, scientific presentations were given by oral biology faculty. The event presented an opportunity for the oral biology staff

members to learn about the scientific aspects of the department and to understand how their work facilitates faculty research.

The university's Austin Cary Memorial Forest Learning Center, which is located on a small lake just north of Gainesville, was selected for the departmental retreat because of its serene, "wild Florida" surroundings. It got a little too wild for Denise Dorman when an alligator surfaced near the outdoor deck overlooking the water.

"Luckily, we were much higher up on the deck," said Dorman.