

ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY NEWS

PROFILE OF DR. ROBERT HECKEL



Jerold Goldberg '70
Dean, Case School of Dental Medicine

LETTER FROM THE DEAN

GREETINGS! As you know, a national search is underway for a permanent chair for the department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Please rest assured that nothing is more important to us at the Dental School than finding the right person to head this crucial department. The search committee is working hard to identify a dynamic person who is an extraordinary surgeon, who can build a vibrant service, and who also has the academic capacity to assure that discovery and scholarship will be a strong part of this department's portfolio. We have put together an attractive recruiting package, and we are confident that finances will not be a limiting factor in our search. I invite everyone reading this newsletter to consider yourself an ambassador for the school in helping us to identify the best candidates for this position.

Despite the challenges of operating without a permanent chair, the program is thriving. Preparations for a normal accreditation site visit this past August led us to take a close look at the scope and quality of residents' experiences. We are pleased to report that the accreditation process was a success. The stability and continued success of the program can largely be attributed to the extraordinary effort put forth by **Dr. Faisal Quereshy '97**, who has generously volunteered to serve as interim chair despite the demands of a full teaching load and private practice. We are also very grateful to several volunteer faculty members who have stepped up their involvement, and we look forward to even more volunteer faculty participation.

Finally, I want to thank you for your continued support, and to remind you that the continued generosity of alumni and friends is critical to maintain the highest quality program and for moving ahead with implementation of our planned clinic renovation.

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Dr. Robert Heckel had been enjoying retirement, fishing and golfing in Florida and his native Warren, Ohio, when Dean Goldberg called and asked him to serve on the faculty of the department. Having retired from private practice four years earlier, Dr. Heckel started back full-time in May 2006, working exclusively with residents.

"Dr. Heckel's participation on a full-time basis has not only allowed Dr. Quereshy to cover all his required duties but more importantly, has brought new information, ideas and experience level to our program," Dean Goldberg said.

Indeed, Dr. Heckel, who for 35 years maintained a private oral and maxillofacial surgery practice in the Warren-Youngstown area, brings a wealth of experience and expertise to his new role. A graduate of the Ohio State University and the Case School of Dental Medicine, Dr. Heckel served as a Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy Submarine Force-Atlantic Fleet before continuing his education at the Graduate School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Heckel completed residencies in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Charity Hospital of Louisiana, Tulane and Louisiana State University and a residency in anesthesia at Case and University Hospitals. A diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and past president of the Great Lakes Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Dr. Heckel has presented Clinical Scientific Sessions at a national meeting of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, of which he is a fellow.

Previous faculty appointments include a visiting professorship at the University of Pittsburgh and stints as chairman of the Department of Surgery, chairman of Surgical Specialties, and chairman of Medical Staff at St. Joseph's Hospital in Warren, Ohio. He has also served as an examiner and member of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

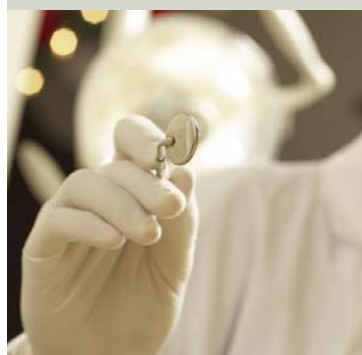
Dr. Heckel enjoys the interaction with both faculty and residents and is gratified to know that he "can make a contribution to their education because of my past experience."

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Robert Heckel, D.D.S.

SPECIAL THANKS



...to **Dr. Sam Beyers**, who is retiring after 25 years of teaching and service, including most recently as head of the predoctoral oral surgery students and of the Dental Division of the Cleveland VA Medical Center.

...and to **Dr. James Perhavec '79**, an oral surgeon in private practice in Beachwood, Ohio, who for 25 years has volunteered a half-day every other week to teaching in the department.

CONGRATULATIONS to Associate Professor **Dr. Michael R. Zetz** on being honored with the Chief Residents Outstanding Educator Award for 2006.



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PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S NOTES



Faisal A. Quereshy, M.D., D.D.S., F.A.C.S. '97

GREETINGS FELLOW ALUMNI! As I hope this newsletter indicates, much good is being done in the department. To help build on the strong program from which we alumni have benefited so greatly, I am asking recent graduates to consider becoming a member of the Wisdom Club. Members of this new fund commit \$4,500 over a 3-year period, to be used exclusively to support departmental needs, equipment, and research and professional opportunities for residents and faculty. To support us in our efforts, please contact us toll free at (877) 468-1436. Please join me in ensuring the future of our program.

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2006 NEW RESIDENTS:



Dr. Michael Horan graduated from the Ohio State University College of Dentistry, the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, and earned his undergraduate degree at John Carroll University. His interests include cave diving and trap/skeet shooting.



Dr. John Orfanos studied agricultural development at Texas A&M before attending dental school at the University of Texas at Houston. Dr. Orfanos, who was drawn to the practical, hands-on nature of the residency program, intends to enter private practice in his native McAllen, Texas.

POSTRESIDENCY UPDATE:

Dr. Brad Buma '06, who during dental school received a Health Professions Scholarship from the United States Army, is serving three years of active duty in Alaska. "My family and I arrived in Fairbanks, Alaska, at the end of July, and I am attempting to wade through all the red tape the Army has so I can start seeing patients," he reports. "Other than that we are enjoying the cool weather, the beautiful landscape, and trying to get used to the sun not going down until 1 a.m."

Dr. Truitt Savell '06 has recently completed construction on his new practice, Dickson Jaw & Facial Surgery in his home town of Dickson, TN. The office is in a brand new building in an upscale office complex. He began seeing patients on July 17th and is currently the only full-time oral and maxillofacial surgeon operating in Dickson County. Dr. Savell is also on staff at Horizon Medical Center in Dickson. Visit him online at www.dicksonurgery.com.

Dr. Brijesh Patel '05, who has completed Part I of the ABOMS certification process, has just finished his first year in practice in the north-west part of Tucson, Arizona. He reports that

making the transition from residency to private practice was "enjoyable," and he thanks everyone at Case for their help during his five years in Cleveland, especially Dr. Quereshy. Dr. Patel and his wife had a second son, Sagar, in September, 2005.

Dr. Robert McNeill '04 is very pleased to have completed his recent board certification. He felt very well prepared for the examination from his training at Case. It was not nearly as stressful as he thought it might be. His practice continues to grow and is office- and hospital-based. He would like to thank everyone who had a part in his training while at Case. He and his wife also celebrated the birth of their third son, Nathaniel, in February, 2006.

Dr. Michael Scherer '04, a solo practitioner in Wheaton, Illinois, for the past six months, is happy to report that he passed the board. He and his wife Tiffany are expecting their third child later this year.

Dr. Faisal Quereshy '97 added board certification by the American Board of Cosmetic Surgery in April 2006 to his credentials. In addition to his work at Case, Dr. Quereshy is the owner of Visage Surgery Center, in Medina, Ohio, where the primary focus of his practice is on facial cosmetic surgery.

Dr. Paul Bertin '81, who has been practicing in Rocky River for 25 years, also serves on the teaching staff of the University Hospital OMS program. Dr. Bertin just finished a 7-year stint as a member of the examination committee of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

GATHERINGS



Annual Graduation Golf Outing at the Signature of Solon Country Club (left to right): Drs. Brad Buma (PGY 5), Michael Scherer '04, Faisal Quereshy '97, and Truitt Savell (PGY 5)



Drs. William Blood '87, Steven Leung (PGY 3 resident), Paul Bertin '76, and John Blakemore '71, '75



"Graduation Reception in the Atrium" at the Signature of Solon Country Club: Drs. William Blood '87, Jim Julian '89, Jerold Goldberg '70, and John Blakemore '71, '75

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2006
Alumni Dinner at the American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons Annual Meeting

MAX NEW YORK
827 5th Avenue
San Diego CA
6 p.m.

Dress Code: Casually Elegant. RSVP to dentalalumni@case.edu or toll free to (877) 468-1436.