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SIXTY-SEVEN OF THE 119 NEW DENTISTS who graduated from the School of Dentistry on May 16 are heading straight for private practice, according to a survey by the office of Dr. Robert L. Bogan, Associate Dean. The number includes 47 who will practice in Indiana, 14 who plan out-of-state practices, and six who did not specify a location.

Among their classmates, 10 will begin advanced study programs in graduate school, 14 have been selected for internship or residency programs, including one Army Internship, two Armed Forces General Practice Residencies, and two U.S. Public Health Service Internship/Residencies; and 15 are entering military service as dental officers (12 with the Navy, three with the Air Force). Thirteen other graduates have not disclosed their plans.

THE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY had a higher percentage of graduates attending Commencement exercises on May 16 than any other unit of IUPUI, according to a university source. Ninety-one percent of Dental School graduates attended.

DR. WILLIAM G. SHAFER, Distinguished Professor and Chairman of Oral Pathology, was the key speaker at the fifth annual Paul E. Boyle Lecture April 14 at the Case Western Reserve University dental school. His topic was "Recent developments in leukoplakia, erythroplakia, and other premalignant oral lesions."

CONGRATULATIONS ARE EXTENDED TO Dr. S. Miles Standish, who has been appointed by Dean Ralph E. McDonald as Chairman of the Department of Oral Diagnosis/Oral Medicine. Dr. Standish will continue to serve as Associate Dean for Graduate and Postgraduate Education.

Others who are due for a round of congratulations are the following faculty members who recently were promoted to the ranks indicated: Dr. Robert L. Bogan, Professor; and Drs. Abdel El-Kafrawy and Donald Tharp, Associate Professors.

THE NEWSLETTER ALSO WISHES TO CONGRATUATE Dr. James R. Roche, Chairman of Graduate Pedodontics, on being selected for an All-University Distinguished Teaching Award, which was presented during Founders Day ceremonies on April 21, 1976.

DR. CHARLES TOMICH, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR of Oral Pathology, was elected to a three-year term as Editor of the American Academy of Oral Pathology at its recent meeting in Atlanta. He will have the responsibility for the entire Oral Pathology Section of the publication "Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology."

MR. DONALD G. NEALY, DENTAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN in the Department of Fixed and Removable Partial Prosthodontics, has been selected by the Alumni Association of Meharry Medical College, as distinguished alumnus in the field of Dental Technology for 1976.

THOSE 20 JAPANESE CHERRY TREES which have been planted near the southwest corner of the Dental School building are gifts from a dental study group from Fukuoka, Japan. The group recently attended a postgraduate course on Fixed and Removable Partial Prosthodontics at the School.

Headed by Dr. Mitsushi Toyonaga, who attended a course at the dental school in 1970, the group of 20 Japanese dentists also visited private practices and clinics in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles and Honolulu during their three-week tour of the United States. The one-week course at the I.U. School of Dentistry was the only formal university course they attended in this country.

The trees are symbolic of the bond of friendship that has been established between the dental communities of I.U. and Fukuoka.

The dentists were hosted by Dr. Ray K. Maesaka, Director of Clinical Dentistry and Associate Professor of Fixed and Removable Partial Prosthodontics, who generated interest among members of the study group during his lecture tour of Japan last year.

FACULTY MEMBERS WHO WERE RECENTLY ELECTED to two-year terms as At-Large Representatives on the IUPUI Faculty Council are: Drs. Roland Dykema, Chris Miller, and Samuel Patterson, and Prof. G. Thomas Gifford.

DR. RALPH W. PHILLIPS, Associate Dean for Research and Research Professor of Dental Materials, has been selected by the Board of Regents of the American College of Dentists to receive the organization's William John Gies Award in recognition of his many significant contributions to the profession. The award will be made at the Convocation of the College in Las Vegas, on November 13, 1976.

Dr. Phillips has also been selected to serve as Honorary Counselor for the Academia Nacional De Materiales Dentales, A.C. of Mexico. In addition, he has recently been notified that he will receive the 1977 Henry Spenadel Award of the First District Dental Society of New York. This is the society's highest award, established in 1950 in honor of an illustrious member of the society.

DR. ROBERT L. BOGAN, Associate Dean, has been elected President of the Marion County Cancer Society (the Little Red Door) for 1976-77.

REGISTRATIONS ARE COMING IN FAST for the 12th Annual Teaching Conference of the School of Dentistry, to be held on September 9-10, 1976, at the Ramada Inn, Nashville, Indiana. Dr. Frank Ellis, Program Chairman, reports that "Ethics" is the theme, and speakers will include Dr. Maynard K. Hine, President of the Federation Dentaire Internationale and former IUSD Dean and IUPUI Chancellor; Dr. John C. Buhner, IUPUI Vice Chancellor and Dean of Faculties; Dr. Leslie Parrott, President, Olivet Nazarene College; and Dr. James P. Vernetti, President, American College of Dentists.

There will also be workshops for all participants, the traditional Dean's Night festivities, and a fine opportunity to discuss matters of concern in dental education. As in the past, representatives of the student body and of the branch campuses will be on hand.

DR. JEFF BLAIR, PRESIDENT OF THE graduating dental class, presented the following remarks at the Honors Day ceremony on May 16:

On behalf of my classmates and myself and our families, I thank God that this day has finally arrived.

Four years ago, 129 students came to Indianapolis with a dream, a dream in which they would enter one of the most respected of all professional fields, the field of dentistry. To fulfill this dream was not an easy task. Due to radical changes in the dental curriculum, and our freshman class being the first to enter this program, we were the experimental class. As with all experiments, one needs the following:

- . scientists who are eager to expand and share their knowledge with colleagues,
- . a laboratory, and
- . raw materials.

We, the students, were the raw materials that the scientists needed to conduct this experiment. Our academic background made us the finest freshman class in the school's history. Our attitude towards our new curriculum was one of eager uncertainty. The dental school was the laboratory where the scientists had the tedious task of transforming this precious material into the final product. The scientists guiding this experimental class were the faculty and administration. We relied on their minds and hands to teach, guide, and transform us into dentists. At times they provided the catalyst needed to spark our sagging spirits and periods of depression.

There are some people who think this new curriculum was a success; others say it was not. We are not here today to debate that issue. We are here today to evaluate the final product of this four-year experiment. In my opinion, it is one of the finest classes ever to graduate from dental school.

And you, my classmates, I charge you to expand on the knowledge passed on to us these past four years. Practice the best possible dentistry that can be performed under the given circumstances—this being my thought on the concept of ideal dentistry. Also, be active in your state and local dental associations, your community and church organizations. Follow not where the path may lead, but go where there is no path and leave a trail for others to follow.

I would like to salute two classmates who have completed their first year of graduate work, and those classmates who for four years traveled upward of 90 miles a day to and from school. My sympathy is extended to those classmates whose parents are not alive to share this day with us.

Yes, friends, four years ago, 129 students came to Indianapolis with a dream. A dream to be part of the finest of all professions. And as L. J. Cardinal Suenens said: "Happy are those who dream dreams, and are ready to pay the price to make them come true." We have paid that price, ... and our dream has come true.

I would like to thank my classmates for the privilege and honor of being their class president, and giving me the opportunity of speaking before you today. I wish upon you all the success that life may bestow. After today, we shall be going our separate ways, and I would like to extend to my classmates two thoughts and ask that these thoughts guide them on their journey through life:

"God grant us all the serenity to accept the things we can not change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

And then the words of Stephen Grellet, who said:

"I expect to pass through this world but once.

Any good thing, therefore, that I can do,
or any kindness I can show any fellow human
being, let me do it now. Let me not defer nor
neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

Thank you.

THE FOLLOWING WAS EXCERPTED FROM THE REMARKS of Sandra Hannis, Dental Hygiene Class President, at Honors Day:

When I think back on my last two years as a hygiene student, what comes to mind first is the support and closeness of my classmates. It's not surprising how close forty-one people can become when they have shared the same experiences day after day for two years....

Now all forty-one of us have come to the realization that we will no longer have forty sympathetic listeners to turn to, to share our frustrations and problems. With that thought also comes the realization that neither will we have our clinic instructors to turn to when faced with indecision in coming to terms with a difficult patient. As hygienists and dentists we are now going to have to rely on our own judgments and personal

responsibilities as professionals while we now, as one doctor put it, go out to save the teeth of America! But before we start on this little crusade, I would like to leave you with a patient's thoughts from a dental chair, from an address once given by Ernest Hooten in July of 1942. It's titled "Ode to a Dental Hygienist."

Hygienist in your dental chair I sit without a single care, Except when tickled by your hair. I know that when you grab the drills I need not fear the pain that kills. You merely make my molars clean With pumice doped with wintergreen. So I lean back in calm reflection, With close-up views of your complexion, And taste the flavor of your thumbs While you massage my flabby gums.

To me no woman can be smarter Than she who scales away my tartar, And none more fitted for my bride Than one who knows me from inside. At least as far as she has gotten She sees how much of me is rotten.

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