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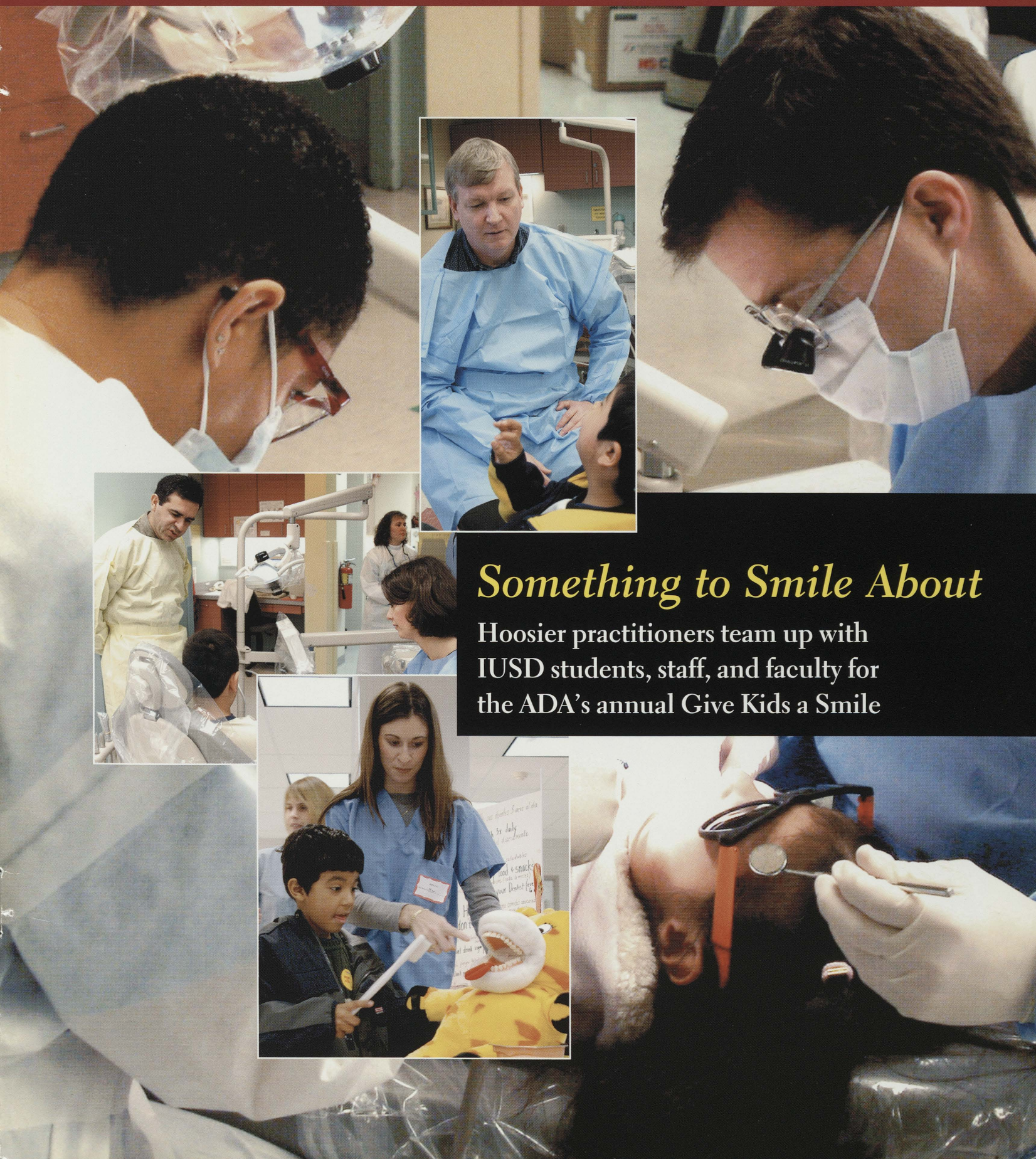

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Hoosier practitioners team up with IUSD students, staff, and faculty for the ADA's annual Give Kids a Smile

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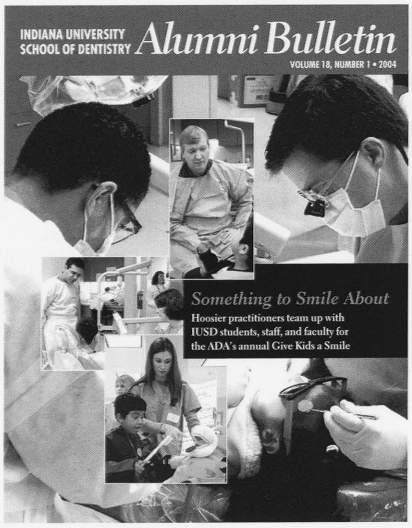

On Feb. 6, the IU dental school once again served as a treatment site for the American Dental Association's Give Kids a Smile program, opening its doors not only to children in need but also to volunteers from the private-practice sector who together with school volunteers treated twice as many children as last year. A few of the people who gave generously of their time:

(Background) Kokomo dentist and part-time IU faculty member Thomas Hearn (DDS'96), right, treats a patient with assistance from IU staff member Sonya Abrams.

(Clockwise from top)

Brownsburg dentist Dr. John Wells (pediatric dentistry cert. '99) gets acquainted with one of his patients before the appointment begins.

One of the children visiting the student-managed information desk receives a few tooth brushing tips from dental student Maribeth Love.

Before the dental appointment commences, Indianapolis dentist Desiree Dimond (DDS'90), seated, chats with a Spanish-speaking youngster with assistance from IU faculty member Dr. Carlos González-Cabezas, who volunteered as an interpreter.

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From the Dean

My Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Much has happened since last I wrote.

We have made good progress in implementing some of our strategic initiatives arising from the planning process I described in my last column.

All of our advanced education program directors have been busy developing business plans and market analyses to enable us to better prioritize our efforts and expend our resources in a way that best supports our greatest strengths and focuses on the future.

We are also making progress in putting into place the new leadership we will need for the future. Specifically, we have appointed two new department chairs following national searches: Dr. Jeffrey D. Bennett, as chair of the Department of Oral Surgery and Hospital Dentistry; and Dr. Jeffrey A. Dean, as chair of the Department of Oral Facial Development.

Dr. Bennett comes to us from the University of Connecticut and Dr. Dean, of course, is one of Indiana's own, having served since 2001 as acting chair of the department and in many other capacities before that. Both new leaders are introduced in this issue of the *Alumni Bulletin*.

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In conjunction with the Indiana Dental Association Pursuit of Excellence Fund, we have begun a campaign to convert SB05, our preclinical dental laboratory, into a modern simulation laboratory—a project long overdue for both our students and faculty. We are very excited about it, and I am happy to report that we have already secured a number of leadership gifts and pledges.

In addition, in conjunction with the move of our Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) back to the dental school, the simulation equipment previously contained in that center will be relocated to SB05 to jump-start that project. Thus, this important equipment will now be available for both our CAPS programs and our predoctoral program. This was a wonderful double benefit to the CAPS move.

We anticipate that the newly refurbished section of SB05 will be functional and ready to use by June 2004. By raising additional funds to cover the cost of purchasing 76 more simulators for the lab, we hope to complete this project within the next two years.

Speaking of campaigns, we are looking forward to completing the $10 million School of Dentistry portion of the seven-year Campaign for IUPUI this June 30th in stellar fashion—and in all probability exceeding our goal.

Many thanks for a magnificent job go to the campaign steering committee headed by Honorary Chair Dr. Ralph E. McDonald; Campaign Co-Chairs Drs. R. Dale Lentz, Lehman D. Adams, and Robert N. Modlin; the entire campaign leadership committee; many generous volunteers; and our superb development staff, John E. Hoffman and Pamela J. Lovejoy. We are very much looking forward to celebrating this great milestone at the 2004 Fall Dental Alumni Conference in September.

Another very important milestone we will celebrate at that reunion will be the 125th anniversary of formal dental education in Indiana. With the founding of the Indiana Dental College in 1879, dentistry in Indiana began a journey into the modern age that we in our generation are continuing today, through waters that are right now a bit rough. But it is very important for us to remember when we look over the rail at the white water around us that it is up to every generation to remember its mission regardless of what is happening in the surrounding sea, and to stay on course to accomplish that mission to build for the future.

I will tell you, my friends and colleagues, that you should be proud of the efforts and accomplishments of the faculty, staff, and students at your alma mater. They continue to persevere in an environment which is perhaps the most challenging ever faced by dental education (and which is faced by virtually every dental school in the U.S. today). They are working very hard and are deeply committed to both our present and our future. So when you see them or speak with them, tell them how much their work means to you.

Thank you very much again for the opportunity to serve as your dean. I will write again soon. You do too.

Lawrence I. Goldblatt, DDS, MSD
Dean

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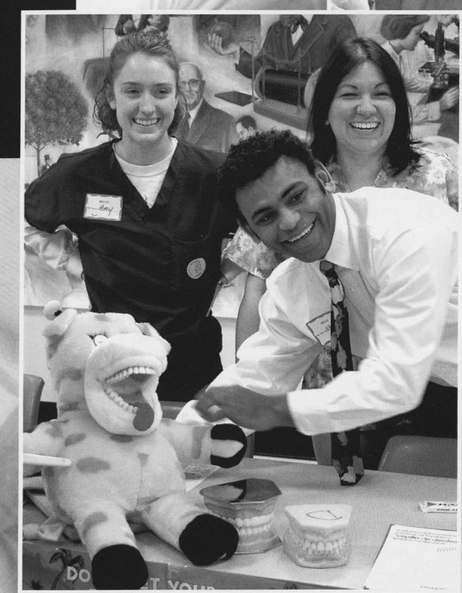
All Smiles on February 6



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The American Dental Association referred to its second Give Kids a Smile program on Feb. 6, 2004, as "resoundingly successful."

Judging from our perspective here at 1121 West Michigan Street, we'd have to resoundingly agree.

IUSD once again served as a treatment site for the Indiana branch of this annual volunteer program, which offered free care to underserved children at dental offices, clinics, and schools throughout the country in recognition of National Children's Dental Access Day.

Last year, about 45 children were treated at the school—a figure that nearly doubled this year.

The dental school was one of about 90 Hoosier treatment sites coordinated by the Indiana Dental Association, local sponsor of the event. About 200 dentists volunteered statewide along with their staff members. Last year about a thousand children were treated statewide, and the IDA's goal in 2004 was to nearly double that number, to about 1,800.

The school once again opened its doors to a dozen or so community dentists and members of their staff, who joined IU's faculty, staff, and student volunteers in treating about 85 children. Many of the children seen at the IUSD site were Spanish speaking, so faculty, staff, and student volunteers also played invaluable roles as interpreters.

New to Give Kids a Smile this year, thanks to an inspired group of our students, was a colorful information table geared for youngsters as well as the appearance of a couple of oversized-but-cuddly mascots.

Nationwide, more than 35,000 dental team members registered for the program, including 14,000 dentists, or 10 percent of the ADA membership. The ADA credits the event with having reached one million underserved children.

Background: *Indianapolis dentist William Tellman (DDS'85), right, is assisted by IUSD dental assisting student Stacey Smith.*

Clockwise from top:

This youngster was treated by Zionsville dentist and part-time faculty member Suzanne Germain (DDS'96).

Patients were also seen on board the IUSD Seal Mobile in the parking lot adjacent to the school.

Dr. Hala Henderson, professor emerita of pediatric dentistry

Volunteer students—and an endearing dentulous stuffed animal—welcome children and their parents at a new information desk, including, from left, dental hygiene student Amy Stephen, dental student Nassim Olabi, and dental hygiene student Angelique Rainey.

The school mascots make quick friends with one of the many families participating in Give Kids a Smile.

Tom Meador

Funds from the Dr. Donald W. Johnson Dental Public Health Outreach Grant have made it possible for Amy Turner, shown here, and other dental hygiene students to provide patient care at the school to residents of a near-Westside neighborhood in the city.

The Involved Citizen

Using their experiences in a new service-learning component of the IU School of Dentistry's dental hygiene curriculum, students are learning to define a role for themselves as community-minded healthcare professionals with a keen awareness of citizens in need.

by Joyce Hudson

> I hear and I forget.
> I see and I remember.
> I do and I understand.
>
> —Chinese Proverb

The Dental Hygiene Program at Indiana University School of Dentistry has a rich tradition of engaging its students in community dental health activities, and the spirit of volunteerism among our students outside their formal course work has also thrived.

Now, with the recent implementation of more highly structured community health courses known in academic circles as service learning, we have established ongoing partnerships with several service organizations in central Indiana. Such partnerships are mutually beneficial: Through them, our students assist the agencies by helping to provide a variety of services to individuals in need within the community; and the agencies, in turn, are making it possible for the Dental Hygiene Program to lay the academic groundwork that not only introduces our students to the theory and practice of service learning but also gives them a well-defined environment in which to reflect upon their own future roles as community-minded healthcare professionals.

Service learning is a teaching methodology that combines community service with explicit academic learning, objectives, preparation, and reflection, according to Serena Seifer, MD, former executive director of Community-Campus Partnerships for Health, a national non-profit organization that promotes health through partnerships between communities and institutions of higher education.

Incorporating service-learning activities into a curriculum can provide the opportunities necessary for students to achieve program and campus competencies in civic engagement. These activities also foster for students a greater understanding of the populations they will serve.

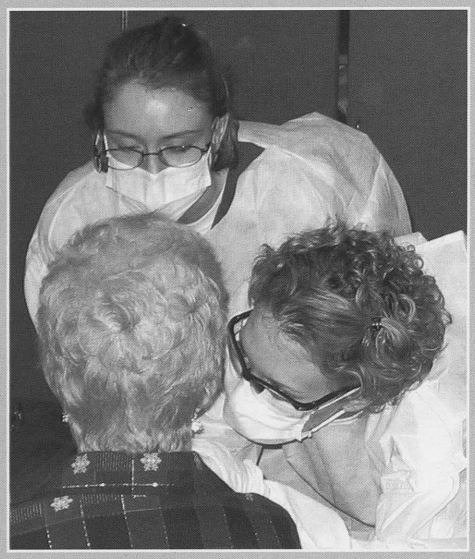
Service learning became a component of the IUSD dental hygiene curriculum in the fall of 2002 for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health Dental Hygiene, and in the fall of 2003 for students pursuing the Associate of Science degree in Dental Hygiene.

The first dental hygiene course to formally incorporate service learning was Advanced Community Dental Hygiene, a baccalaureate-level class under my direction.

Before selecting a community site for our new project, we consulted IUPUI's Office of Neighborhood Resources to identify local areas where the university has active community partnerships already in place. Our goal was to link the Dental Hygiene Program with community sites that are interested in developing a long-term service-learning relationship with the school.

We initially approached a community center in Hawthorne, a near-Westside neighborhood, as a potential partner. Hawthorne together with the neighborhoods of Haughville and Stringtown compose the Westside Cooperative Organization (WESCO), with which IUPUI is collaborating to help in the revitalization of this area. Health education and housing accessibility initiatives have recently been undertaken, for example, with a grant IUPUI received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Hawthorne Community Center, which serves a large number of Hispanic residents, is one of the sites affiliated with the Community Center of Indianapolis (CCI). The CCI is funded in part by the United Way, and the Hawthorne center also receives support from various grants.



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Students and faculty screen community members at the Hawthorne Community Center for clinically evident signs of periodontal disease. Clockwise from top left: Student Stacy Stonebraker (left) and Prof. Elizabeth Hughes; students Amy Stephen (left) and Courtney Sommers; and Courtney Sommers (left) with classmate Nicole Pulver.

Each month, the center serves approximately 400 individuals ranging in age from pre-schoolers to senior citizens. It provides indigent care; preschool, youth after-school, and senior programs; a food pantry; educational, cultural, and recreational programs; employment counseling and referral; mental health counseling; and Hispanic outreach activities.

During fall 2002, students earning bachelor's degrees spent time at the center interacting with clients and learning more about their backgrounds and cultures. The students completed a variety of service-learning projects including participating in children's programs and in "family night" at George Washington Community School, and playing Bingo with the senior citizens. The students used the time they spent with the residents in these recreational environments to introduce information about the oral screenings and oral health surveys they would also be undertaking at the center.

The Dr. Donald W. Johnson Dental Public Health Outreach Grant, a fund maintained by the IU Foundation, awarded the Dental Hygiene Program $3,500 to support the Hawthorne Community Center project. Part of the money was used to support the oral health education offered to all of the center's clients, and part is being used to support the costs of preventive and periodontal services currently being provided at the school by dental hygiene students to the center's eligible clients, which include patients without dental insurance or Medicaid.

Students earning associate degrees began participating in service-learning activities in fall of the 2003-04 academic year. Each student is required to complete a minimum of three hours of service learning during the fall and spring semesters of his or her final year in the program. These experiences enhance the community service projects in a two-semester course titled Community Dental Health.

At this point, Hawthorne Community Center is one of three sites the students can select for service learning. The other two opportunities now available are through partnerships with Gennesaret Free Clinic in downtown Indianapolis and Trinity Dental Clinic in Carmel.

With these two community partners added to the choice of sites, students can select the agency they believe will best enable them to meet the objectives of service learning, and faculty can be assured that the students will be offered a variety of opportunities to interact with richly diverse populations.

The Gennesaret clinic, which is associated with the Blue Triangle Dental and Wellness Clinic, is located in the Partners in Housings' Blue Triangle residence hall on Pennsylvania Street. Trinity Dental Clinic is an outreach mission of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church. Each clinic provides dental care to individuals who cannot otherwise afford treatment. At both locations, the students can greet and seat patients, clean and disinfect operatories, assist with sterilization procedures, provide patient education, and assist the dentist with dental procedures.

At the conclusion of each service-learning activity, the students complete a self-evaluation and write a "reflection" paper. In the reflection paper, students analyze their experiences by comparing their initial expectations with their actual experiences. They also describe how these interactions may impact their professional and personal life in the future.

In one such paper, a student wrote: "My goals that I had before my visit to the Blue Triangle were to just be able to help out whenever and wherever I was needed. I changed my goals once

I got there and started to observe. I decided I just needed to be a good listener. I got to meet many homeless and poor individuals. I thought my life was tough until I heard their stories."

From another: "This experience meant a lot to me and opened my eyes to what is out there when it comes to individuals and the lack of dental care some have in their life. It made me feel good knowing that I was helping individuals that were, for some, coming to a dental office for the first time in their life and without me maybe not as many of the patients would have been seen that day. I learned that a little help goes a long way and one person, even myself, can make a difference."

Faculty interaction with the students prior to and after the service-learning activity is extremely important. Students often have questions, wanting to know, for example, what activities they are allowed to complete while at the agency or what type of atmosphere they can expect once they arrive. Before students go on site, I give them an in-service presentation to describe the goals and objectives of the program and to underscore for them their own responsibilities as participants.

Afterwards, I review each student's self evaluation, evaluation of the agency visited, and reflection paper, and respond to these assignments through Oncourse, the university's Web-based learning and teaching environment. I acknowledge the students' efforts and often commend them for the positive feedback they receive from the agencies. I also advise and guide students who find their service-learning activity difficult and/or frustrating, working with them in an effort to make their next experience more favorable.

During the fall 2003 semester, a total of 33 students completed their service learning at the Hawthorne center, two at the Gennesaret clinic, and eight at the Trinity clinic. Students reported that they felt the service learning strengthened their interpersonal and communication skills, exposed them to diverse populations, and allowed them to serve as involved citizens in the community.

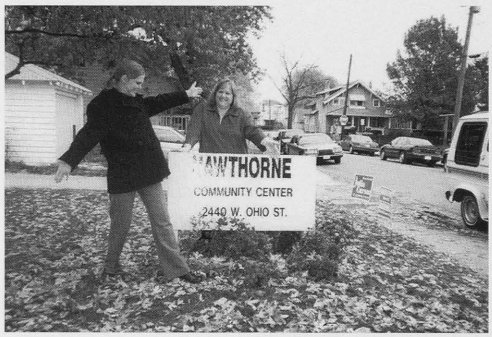
The three agencies reported that having a service-learning student participating on site allowed them to serve a greater number of clients and to complete one or more tasks that there otherwise would not have been time for. The students, say the agencies, have helped them foster a working relationship with IUSD.

One goal of our service-learning program is for students to gain a better understanding of the great diversity of the population, and to become sensitive to the values, beliefs, and needs of this diverse population. We also want students to gain an appreciation of the value of the services they provide to the community as well as an understanding of the impact these services have upon individual residents. Once students graduate, it is my hope that each will become involved in his or her community and serve in a way that will benefit others.

The dental hygiene curriculum committee will continue to review the outcomes of the service-learning activities undertaken during the 2003-04 school year. As we move closer to the end of this academic year, we are open to the prospect of expanding the list of community partners who support our objectives of service learning.

And—perhaps most important of all—we are exploring ways to incorporate service learning into the first year of the associate degree program, thereby introducing students to this invaluable experience at the earliest possible time in their dental hygiene education.

Some dental hygiene students are further enriching their experiences in the community by sharing them with their own families, such as Saundra Watts, who brought her husband and children to a chili supper that followed oral screenings at Hawthorne Community Center. Saundra's classmate Kim Holman also invited her two daughters to participate, including Megan, shown here pitching in with Saundra in the center's kitchen.



Public health dental hygiene students Mindy Crosley (left) and Linda Roszkowski gear up for their service-learning experience at one of the three community service organizations that have entered into a long-term collaboration with IUSD's Dental Hygiene Program.

About the Author

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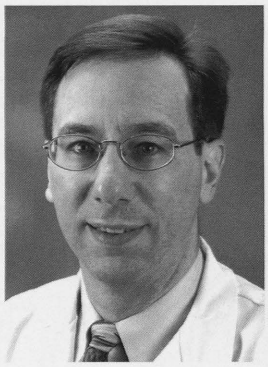
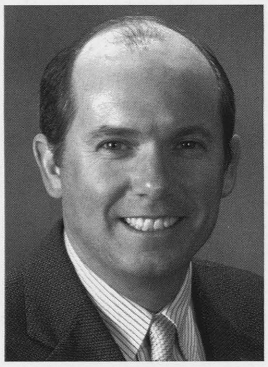
Drs. Bennett, Dean Accept Chairmanships at IU Dental School

Indiana University School of Dentistry recently welcomed two new departmental administrators to its ranks—one who is new to the university and the state of Indiana and another with longtime ties to IU.

Jeffrey D. Bennett, DMD, was appointed chair of the school's Department of Oral Surgery and Hospital Dentistry and professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, effective Jan. 1, 2004.



Dr. Bennett



Dr. Dean

Dr. Bennett comes to his new position at IU after having served since 1992 on the faculty in the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine's Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, most recently as an associate professor.

Dr. Bennett was born in Boston, Mass. He received a bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Brandeis University, graduating cum laude, before completing his dental degree at the University of Pennsylvania in 1984. After dental school, he undertook a two-year residency in anesthesia at the Medical College of Pennsylvania followed by a four-year residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New Hyde Park, N.Y. He conducted a private practice as a surgeon in Andover, Mass., for two years before joining the UCONN faculty.

Dr. Bennett holds diplomate status on the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and the National Dental Board of Anesthesiology. He is also a fellow of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) and the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology (ADSA).

He recently completed terms as president of ADSA, the oral and maxillofacial section of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR), and the Connecticut Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He presided over the Connecticut Society of Dental Anesthesiology for three years in the 1990s.

Dr. Bennett is a frequent contributor to the *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* (JOMFS), among other journals, and serves as the anesthesiology section editor for the JOMFS. He has co-written several chapters for a variety of textbooks and is co-editor of *Medical Emergencies in Dentistry*, published by W. B. Saunders in 2002. For the past decade, Dr. Bennett has been presenting scientific abstracts at the annual sessions of both the AAOMS and the AADR on such topics as autogenous bone grafts and various patient sedation techniques.

He is a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon national honor dental society.

As administrator of IUSD's Department of Oral Surgery and Hospital Dentistry, Dr. Bennett oversees the activities of multiple divisions and clinics located at the dental school, Regenstrief Health Center, and University Hospital, and at dental clinics housed in two of Wishard Memorial Hospital's community health centers, Cottage Corner and Grassy Creek.

Longtime IU faculty member **Jeffrey A. Dean**, DDS, associate professor of pediatric dentistry and orthodontics and director of graduate pediatric dentistry, was appointed chair of the Department of Oral Facial Development, effective March 1, 2004. He had been serving as acting chair since July 1, 2001.

A 1983 dental graduate of IU, Dr. Dean was also trained here in both of the dental specialties that come under the administration of his department: pediatric dentistry and orthodontics. (As chair, he also oversees a third section, for oral facial genetics.) Dr. Dean is a 1985 graduate of the MSD program in pediatric dentistry, and a 1996 graduate of the orthodontic certificate program. In addition to his IU degrees, he holds a bachelor's degree from Purdue University.

Dr. Dean was appointed to the full-time faculty in 1990, after teaching part time for five years. A stint as a staff dentist for People's Health Center, Indianapolis, from 1985 to 1990 included three years as Health Services director. He has maintained a part-time private practice since 1985.

Dr. Dean has served on the Medicaid Dental Advisory Panel of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration for the past six years.

He is a diplomate and current director of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, and current president of the board's College of Diplomates. Dr. Dean is also a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics.

He is a past president of the Indiana Society of Pediatric Dentistry, the IU Orthodontics Alumni Association, and the Indiana Section of the American Association for Dental Research. He has served the American Society of Dentistry for Children in a number of capacities, including as chair of the Education Committee and the scientific program for the 2001 annual meeting, and as a four-year member of the board of trustees.

Dr. Dean has presented continuing education courses throughout the country and in Nicaragua, Canada, and Egypt. He has published articles and abstracts in *Pediatric Dentistry* and the *Journal of Dental Research*, among other refereed publications, and he has served on a number of editorial boards and commissions, including the *Journal of Dentistry for Children*'s editorial commission.

He recently joined Professor Emeritus Ralph E. McDonald and Dr. David R. Avery as the third editor of the distinguished textbook *Dentistry for the Child and Adolescent*, which was issued in its eighth edition in 2004.

Dr. Dean is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and American College of Dentists and a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon honor dental society.

IUSD Welcomes Drs. Liberty, Li to Full-Time Posts

Diane C. Liberty, DDS, accepted an appointment as clinical assistant professor of hospital dentistry, Department of Oral Surgery and Hospital Dentistry, effective Sept. 1, 2003.

Dr. Liberty served on the IU faculty as a visiting teacher and director of the school's community dental clinic at Cottage Corner for the past two years. She has retained the clinic directorship in her new position.

Her professional background touches upon multiple experiences of value to her role at Cottage Corner, including those in teaching, research, volunteerism, and the practice of dentistry and allied dentistry.

After first undertaking studies at the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, Minn., Dr. Liberty completed her baccalaureate degree in 1990 at the University of Guam, where she also earned her teaching certification. She was recognized for scholastic excellence at the University of Guam with four merit awards and Dean's List status. Her name appears in the 1990 edition of *Who's Who Among American College Students*.

Dr. Liberty is a dental graduate of IU, having earned her DDS degree in 1998 as well as a certificate from IU's general practice residency program in 2000.

While in dental school, she was the recipient of a four-year professional technical award from the University of Guam, and at graduation she was honored with IU's James L. Maus Memorial Scholarship, the American Society of Dentistry for Children's Certificate of Merit, and the American Equilibration Society's Achievement Award.

Before pursuing a dental education, Dr. Liberty worked as a research assistant at the University of Guam Marine Laboratory, then as a biologist for an environmental services company in Agana, Guam, and from 1992 to 1994 as a teacher in Guam's public schools system.

She logged experience as a private practice dental assistant and dental hygienist in the years leading up to her dental degree, and she practiced general dentistry in centers in Indianapolis and Fishers for a year before accepting the visiting professorship at IU in 2001.

Dr. Liberty has been active in a variety of volunteer services, particularly those involving children, for the past two decades. She participated in IU's annual Children's Dental Health Fair not only throughout dental school but also as a volunteer faculty mentor for three years after her graduation.

Wei Li, PhD, was appointed as a research associate in the Department of Oral Facial Development, effective Nov. 1, 2003.

She had been serving in the department's Oral Facial Genetics section since January 2002.

Dr. Li holds three degrees, including a bachelor's degree in biology from Hubei University, China (1983); a master's in plant physiology and biochemistry from Huazhong Agricultural University, China (1989); and a PhD in pomology, also from Huazhong Agricultural University (1996).

For her dissertation, she studied cold resistance and heat tolerance of citrus protoplasts, a project sponsored by the National Natural Science Foundation of China. She successfully generated mutant plants that are resistant to freezing. Eight peer-reviewed papers were published on this work, including three that garnered prizes citing excellence in her research.

Before coming to IU, Dr. Li was a postdoctoral research associate for several months in the Citrus Research and Education Center at the University of Florida, where she discovered an effective selectable marker for a fungal pathogen that causes disease in citrus fruits. She generated fungal mutants using the marker. The research was considered a breakthrough in the genetic studies and transformation of relevant fungi, and has helped other researchers advance their studies of hormone-related pathogenesis, disease development, and disease control strategies.

Prior to her postdoctoral appointment, she served for about two years as a visiting scientist in the Sustainable Agricultural Systems Laboratory of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service in Beltsville, Md.

She also is a former longtime faculty member of Hubei University, where she served in various positions from 1983 to 1999 including as an associate professor on the Faculty of Life Science during the final two years of her tenure there.

Dr. Liberty

Dr. Li

For her efforts at Hubei University, she was selected in 1999 by the Provincial Science and Technology Committee as a "Subject Pioneer of Universities for the 21st Century in Hubei Province of China."

At IU, Dr. Li is applying her extensive background in genetics to serve as a key researcher with primary investigator Dr. Eric Everett on a project titled "Non-Syndromic Cleft Palate in Mice," which is supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health.

ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAMS Cite IUSD Faculty, Staff

IDA award recipients Drs. Richard Gregory and Margherita Fontana

Dr. Karen Yoder (left) presenting IUSD's community service awards to Drs. Timothy Carlson and Angeles Martinez-Mier

Staff community service award recipient Elvia Reyes-Martinez

Four faculty members and a member of the staff received awards presented annually by the Indiana Dental Association and the dental school during ceremonies held at the IUSD faculty and staff conferences in fall semester of the 2003-2004 school year.

The Indiana Dental Association's Outstanding Faculty Award went to Dr. **Richard Gregory**, professor of oral biology, pathology, and laboratory medicine and director of the PhD Program, for his ongoing record of quality teaching, scholarly activity, and service.

Dr. Gregory, who joined the IU faculty in 1991, balances a full teaching load with a significant amount of time devoted to nurturing the research interests of students at every level. He has served as primary mentor to dozens of individuals, including high schoolers, undergrads, dental students, candidates for master's and PhD degrees, postdoctoral fellows, and visiting scientists. As IUSD director of Student Research, he routinely advises many more students.

Dr. Gregory pursues active grants and contracts and as an author or co-author has published more than 70 refereed papers, 190 research abstracts, and additional review articles and book chapters. He is engaged in the professional societies within his field, serving as a journal reviewer, grant reviewer, and consulting editor.

In 2001, Dr. Gregory agreed to step in as IUSD's acting director of research while a search was under way for a new associate dean for research.

He has earned several teaching awards at IU, including the IUSD Alumni Association's Distinguished Faculty Award for Research.

Dr. **Margherita Fontana**, assistant professor of preventive and community dentistry, received the IDA's other annual recognition for IU faculty: the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award, given for excellence in teaching during the 2002-2003 academic year.

The award is a particularly special honor for Dr. Fontana, she says, because Dr. Gregory served as her faculty mentor during her years as a student here. She holds both MSD and PhD degrees from IU.

A member of the faculty since 1997, Dr. Fontana carries a heavy teaching load. She presents lectures in nine courses and serves as a module director, clinic instructor, Problem-Based Learning tutor, PBL case writer and trainer, and triple-jump examiner.

She has received very good student evaluations and has used them to further hone her teaching skills.

Dr. Fontana directs the undergraduate curriculum in her department and also the Microbial Caries Research Facility, where she teaches in part by drawing upon the experiences she is acquiring as a contributor to peer-reviewed dental journals, as principal investigator on three grants, and as the manager of additional contract testing projects.

She mentors several doctoral and master's degree students, and serves on the graduate committees of several more students in the advanced programs.

Dr. Fontana is a member of the dental school's admissions, curriculum progress, and research committees.

The IU School of Dentistry recognized the oral health contributions of two professors and one staff member through IUSD linked community-based programs.

Dr. **Angeles Martinez-Mier**, assistant professor of preventive and community dentistry, and Dr. **Timothy Carlson**, professor of operative dentistry, received the school's third annual Faculty Community Service Awards, which are supported by the Johnson Public Health Fund, named for IUSD graduate and retired public health dentist Donald Johnson (DDS'56), of Carmel.

Drs. Martinez-Mier and Carlson are the on-site architects of the IUSD Alternative Spring Break healthcare missions to rural Mexico and Haiti, respectively.

Dr. Martinez-Mier created a dental program that now serves as a strong component of the medical school's annual mission to Calnali, Mexico, and Dr. Carlson built his program at the Christianville Mission in Haiti in part by leaning on knowledge he acquired first-hand as a volunteer dentist in Haiti for two years in the late 1970s.

Both have annually traveled to the treatment sites as mentors for the student volunteers since this invaluable service-learning program's inception in 2001. Many of their students return to Indiana feeling personally, professionally, and educationally enriched by their

opportunity to provide care to persons so much in need of it.

Elvia Reyes-Martinez, a dental assistant in the Department of Oral Facial Development, received the first Staff Community Service Award, which is also supported by the Johnson Public Health Fund.

During her nine years of employment at IUSD, she has contributed in countless ways to the school's community outreach efforts. Time and time again, she has stepped forward to serve as a volunteer for such projects as the annual Shelter Dental Sealant Program, which provides treatment to children living in city shelters housing homeless persons and victims of domestic violence; the ADA's Give Kids a Smile program; and the Indiana State Special Olympics.

Ms. Reyes-Martinez's skills at assisting persons in need are equally matched by her generous donation of time, since most of the school's community programs are held in the evenings and on weekends.

She is always willing to help IUSD employees and students communicate with Spanish-speaking dental patients. In the late 1990s, she became certified by Wishard Health Services as a medical Spanish interpreter after she completed three months of training as part of the Nursing Education's Hispanic Health Project.

DELTA DENTAL FUND
Awards 5 Grants for Graduate Research

Dr. Abazari

Dr. Koh

Dr. Lee

Dr. Ritchie

Dr. White

During the past calendar year, five IUSD students enrolled in master's degree programs and their faculty mentors received Dental Master's Thesis Awards from Delta Dental Fund, the philanthropic affiliate of Delta Dental Plans of Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana.

The goal of the program, which awards applicants up to $3,000 to cover costs associated with thesis preparation, is to encourage thesis research that is of direct relevance to the costs or outcomes of dental care.

The master's degree students and mentors receiving awards are listed below, along with the thesis projects on which the proposals were based:

Dr. **Leyla Abazari**, candidate for MSD in pediatric dentistry (Dr. Margherita Fontana, assistant professor of preventive and community dentistry, mentor): *Effects of Fluoride Exposure on Aged Resin Modified Glass Ionomer*

Dr. **Il-Woong Koh**, 2003 recipient of MSD in prosthodontics (Dr. Yoshiki Oshida, professor of dental materials, mentor): *Effect of Bacteria-Induced Corrosion on Galvanic Couples of Commercially Pure Titanium with Other Dental Alloys*

Dr. **Tawana Lee**, candidate for MSD in pediatric dentistry (Dr. Margherita Fontana, mentor): *Cariogenic Potential of Toddler Formula: Protein Content and Sweeteners*

Dr. **Craig Ritchie**, candidate for MSD in pediatric dentistry (Dr. Jeffrey Platt, Ralph W. Phillips Scholar in Dental Materials, mentor): *Comparison of Hardness and Abrasion Resistance of Two Sealant Materials After Polymerization from Different Light Sources and Different Distances*

Dr. **Marcia Stoddart White**, candidate for MSD in pediatric dentistry (Dr. Jeffrey Platt, mentor): *Clinical Study of Sealants Polymerized with Two Different Light Sources*

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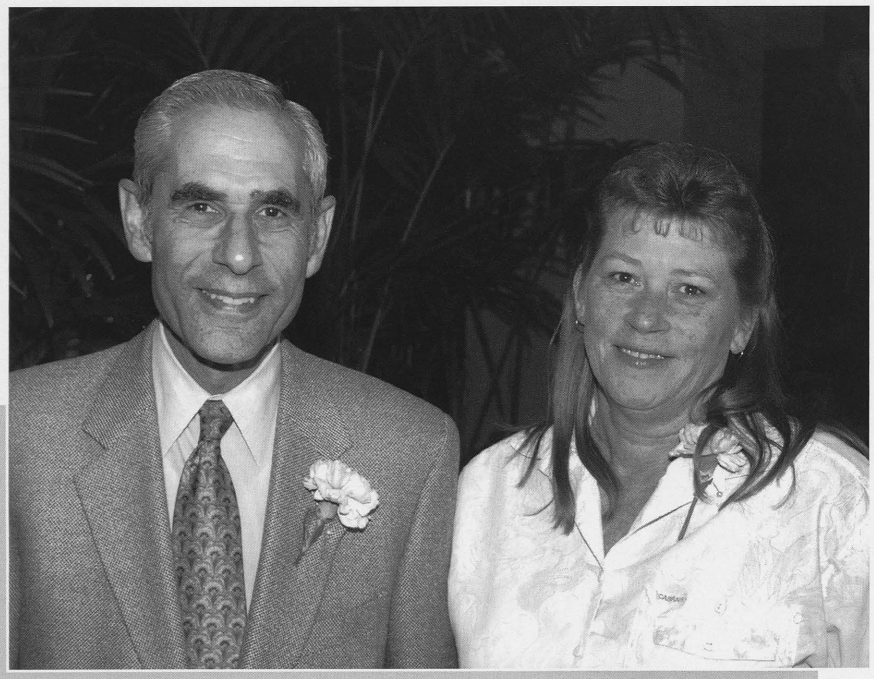
STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

Sixteen IU School of Dentistry staff members were among the IUPUI employees acknowledged at the IUPUI Chancellor's Employee Recognition Convocation in October 2003. Each celebrated an employment milestone in 2003 and has worked for IU for at least 15 years.

30 years

Deborah Komlanc
Assistant to the Chair
Oral Biology

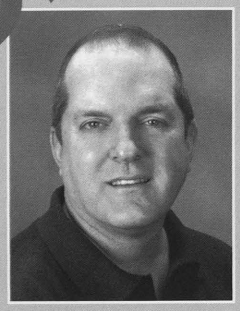


Judy Haines was among the employees congratulated by Dean Lawrence Goldblatt during the annual IUSD staff recognition brunch.

Judy (Young) Haines
Clinic Coordinator
Restorative Dentistry

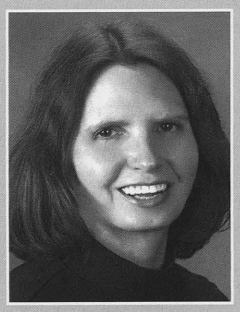
25 years

Carol Dill
Assistant to the Dean



Mark Dirlam
Supervisor
Dental Illustrations

Pamela Elliott
Clinics Administrator
Clinical Affairs



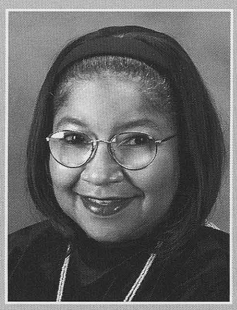
Roxanne Farley
Dental Hygienist
Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs

NOT PICTURED:

Kenneth Cherry
Dental Equipment Repair Technician
Service and Supply Center

20 years

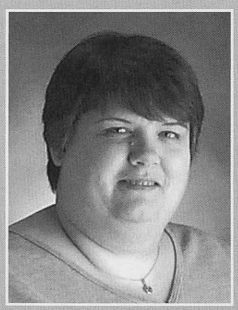
Elizabeth Hatcher
Director of Staff Development and Support
Academic Affairs



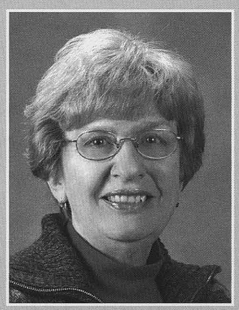
Octavia McIlwain
Dental Assistant
Oral Pathology, Medicine, and Radiology

15 years

Susan Boggs
Administrative Secretary
Oral Health Research Institute

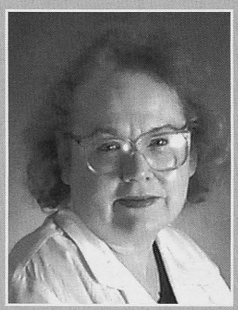


Patsy Dunn-Jena
Research Analyst
Oral Facial Development



Joyce Mars
Patient Accounts Representative
Cash Operations

Kathryn Neal
Dental Assistant
Comprehensive Care Clinics



Judith Weldon
Clinical Study Assistant
Oral Health Research Institute

NOT PICTURED:

Sharon Baggett
Dental Assistant
Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs

Stephanie Ross
Animal Research Technician
Bioresearch Facility

In addition to the IUPUI reception, Dean Lawrence Goldblatt and the IUSD Staff Council hosted a brunch for everyone celebrating an employment milestone, including the following staff who reached a 5- or 10-year anniversary in the past calendar year.

10 years

Ronda Atwood
Clinic Coordinator
Comprehensive Care Clinics

Linda Chaney
Dental Assistant with Administrative Duties
Comprehensive Care Clinics

Charlene Childers
Clinic Coordinator
Comprehensive Care Clinics

Jane Demmings
Technician
Central Sterilization and Services

Annetta Hall
Senior Clinical Study Assistant
Oral Health Research Institute

5 years

Yolonda D'Apremont
Dental Assistant (Dental School)
Oral Surgery and Hospital Dentistry

Chad Beckner
Database Application Programmer
Technology Services

Marilyn Carroll
Dental Assistant Expanded Functions
Faculty Private Practice

Adrian England
Technician
Central Sterilization and Services

Nadine Florek
Assistant Director
Technology Services

Roxana Fuentes
Administrative Secretary
Continuing Education

Michelle Hayes
Technician
Central Sterilization and Services

Renee Hieston
Clinic Coordinator
Endodontics

Jennifer Keep
Administrative Support Specialist (University Hospital)
Oral Surgery and Hospital Dentistry

Charity Key
Principal Billing Clerk (University Hospital)
Oral Surgery and Hospital Dentistry

Elaine May
Dental Assistant
Endodontics

Judith Rose
Clinics Administrator
Oral Facial Development

James Smith
Dental Laboratory Technician
Comprehensive Care Clinics

Robin Tibbs
Administrative Secretary
Oral Facial Development

Answering a Question: *Why Do You Do It?* With Another: *How Can I Not?*

Six years ago, Dr. John Pfefferle, a pediatric dentist in Raleigh, N.C., and member of the DDS Class of 1978, contacted the *Alumni Bulletin* after returning from his first two-week experience as a mission dentist overseas—in his case, treating orphans and other children in Mogilev, Belarus, as part of the American Belarusian Relief Organization (ABRO).

"On Dec. 28th, I embarked upon a journey along with five of my staff members that has affected me more than anything else in my life other than the birth of my two daughters," he wrote of the 1998 trip, and then closed his exuberant letter with the following words: "Through this process, I became a better dentist, a better father, and a far better human being."

Dr. Pfefferle and friends aboard the Amazon Hope Ship, which sailed down the Amazon river to remote villages in Peru as part of a November 2003 mission organized by the Children's Medical Ministries.

Having recently been in touch with Dr. Pfefferle again, we're pleased to report that his excitement over his experience with humanitarian work overseas has not waned, and has, in fact, evolved into emotions running deeper still.

He recently returned from his fifth visit to Belarus, and he now serves on the ABRO board. At Dr. Pfefferle's urging, the A-dec company donated two complete dental units to an orphanage in Mogilev.

As a mission dentist today, he travels to many parts of the world with a variety of humanitarian groups. He's been to Kenya, Mexico, Viet Nam, and Peru, and he recently signed up with the Dental Volunteers for Israel for an October 2004 trip to care for impoverished children from all faiths and religions in a clinic in Jerusalem. The bombings in Iraq postponed a mission to a hospital dental clinic in Basra that was scheduled for September 2003. And as of this writing, in February 2004, Dr. Pfefferle and one of his office assistants are back in Viet Nam for two weeks.

"I went to Viet Nam for the first time in March of 2002 with Dental Mission for Children," Dr. Pfefferle writes. "There, I not only treated kids but also blind adults, the most memorable being an ex-North Vietnamese army officer. He had stepped on a land mine 30 years earlier, which cost him an arm, a leg, and his sight, and also shattered his teeth. He had received no dental treatment until I laid him on an old school desk, in an old building in the middle of nowhere, and removed eight shattered teeth.

"Following the extractions, he asked if he could kiss me for being so gentle!" Dr. Pfefferle continues. "I will never forget that moment as long as I live."

Dr. Pfefferle has taken a full-time partner into his private practice, which has given him greater freedom in pursuing his humanitarian interests.

A syndicated TV news program called 24/7 recently spent a day filming Dr. Pfefferle and his staff for a documentary about pediatric dentistry. The dental office was selected after being nominated by a local TV station in Raleigh.

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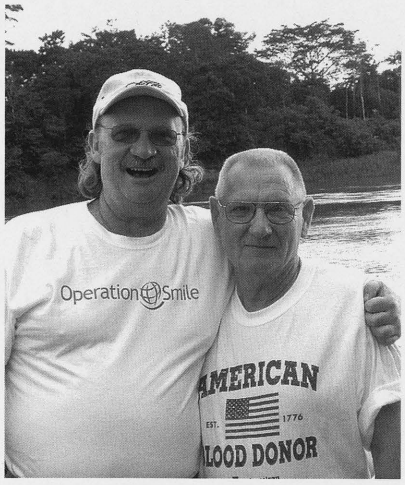
While interviewing Dr. Pfefferle, the show's producer asked him the same question about his extensive volunteerism that we did recently: *Why do you do it?*

It's not an easy question to answer—and it would surely take a book-length reply for anyone to address the question in full.



Only two dentists signed up for the medical mission to Peru—and both turned out to be IUSD grads. Dr. Pfefferle poses with the other volunteer, Clyde Eugene Ward (DDS'67) of Argos.

Nevertheless, we thank Dr. Pfefferle for providing this brief glimpse into his own feelings about the work he's been doing:

...Your question is one that I am asked repeatedly, and as you mentioned, is perhaps not so easy to answer.

Doug Llewellyn from Hollywood recently spent an entire day filming a documentary in my office concerning pediatric dentistry. We spent a lot of time on this very topic.

He wanted to know: Why do you do it? What drives you to endure the conditions you face to do this?

To be perfectly honest, I feel the question is best answered with another question: How can I not do it?

It is especially difficult to answer the question outside of my theological beliefs. The first trip to Belarus impacted me greatly. Yes, we have poverty and neglect in America, but the incongruence between the cultures is great, and the value placed on people and their welfare is so much different.

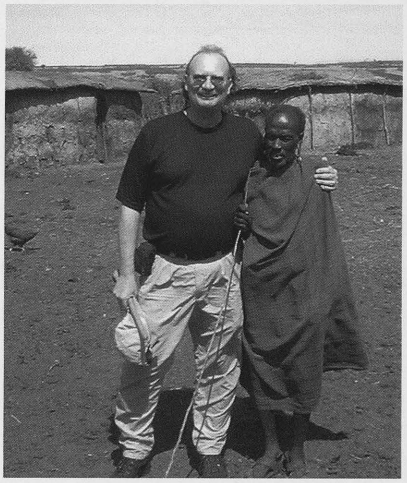
Well, to put it simply, I just could not reconcile the apparent "disconnect" between the two with "secular" thinking.

To help me "connect the dots," I looked deeper into my faith (both my stated faith and what was really in my heart), and I wasn't entirely comfortable with who I really was privately. The image and the person were not the same all the time. As a result, I decided to take my religion (whatever it was) and my relationship with God much more seriously!

I looked at the abundance in my life, all the material stuff, and started wondering, Why me?

Why was I born in America instead of into poverty in Belarus, or Kenya? Why weren't my parents alcoholics? Why was I blessed to get the education I got? Etc., etc.!

As I took these questions seriously, I also enrolled in the seminary school right outside of Raleigh, and I have been fortunate to take classes there for two years. Not looking to get a degree—I have enough of them. Simply, to learn the answers to some of the questions I posed above.



Dr. Pfefferle was introduced to a Maasai warrior dentist while on a 2002 church mission to Kenya. "We attempted to talk through an interpreter, but without much success," says Dr. Pfefferle, who had hoped to interest the dentist in the forceps he had brought with him on the trip. Rocks and sticks are the instruments used by the warrior dentist to remove patients' painful teeth.

I have come to recognize and realize just how blessed I am in all areas of my life. I also understand that without a power greater than myself (God), I could have been the little boy I treated in Belarus, in Mexico, in Viet Nam. I could have been the street boy in Lima who was kicked out of his home simply because he was the oldest, and the family couldn't feed all the kids. (There are 360,000 such boys in Lima alone.)

Simply through God's Grace, I have been gifted in dealing with children, both in America and in the foreign counties in which I have traveled. I have been gifted financially through my private practice, and I have been gifted with my health thus far.

Not everyone can go to the places I go, but I feel I should because I can (and I hate "should" words).

How does one condense what I have just tried to tell you? I have no idea!

In the Christian Dental Society, it was once asked: Why do you do it? You can't change the world!

And my response was: No, I can't change the world, but I can be "the world" to a child in pain, and know that because of a skill I was blessed with I can make the world better for a little boy or little girl (or ex-North Vietnamese army officer).

Yes, there is a great deal of satisfaction in being able to do that.

Indiana University School of Dentistry

Reunion in the CARIBBEAN

Dear IUSD Alumni:

We hope you will join other Indiana University School of Dentistry alumni and friends on our trip to the Eastern Caribbean. What a nice way to escape the winter weather by sailing the Caribbean Islands with their crystal clear water and abundant sandy beaches.

We are excited about our tropical destinations and the opportunities we have for you to enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with Dean Larry Goldblatt and your fellow alumni. If this is good timing for your winter "R & R," this trip is for you.

Celebrity Cruises is a premier cruise line whose attention to detail, customer service, and concern for the well being and safety of travelers allows you to enjoy the spirit of adventure while creating a lifetime of memories. An alumnus has traveled on the Celebrity's Millennium ship and gives us a positive evaluation.

As a festive way to begin our trip, we will have an alumni welcoming reception the first night on board the ship hosted by the Dean and the Alumni Association. We will visit several islands so you can immerse yourself in the Caribbean's lighthearted, carefree lifestyle.

So please join us for this upcoming alumni trip. This voyage will reenergize your body and rekindle your mind.

Ron Ditto (DDS'69), President
Fred Sputh (DDS'77), Past President
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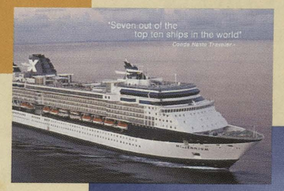

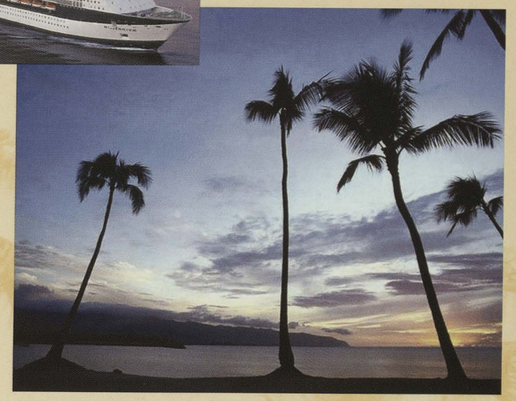

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Carol Turner Is New Chief of Navy Dental Corps

After serving with distinction in the U.S. Navy for 26 years, Rear Admiral (Select) Carol I. Turner, a 1975 dental graduate of the IU School of Dentistry, has accepted an appointment to the top position in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps.

In May 2003, she was among 30 naval captains nominated by President George Bush for flag officer positions.

During ceremonies held Nov. 7, 2003, at the National Naval Dental Center in Bethesda, Md., she was installed as new chief of the Navy Dental Corps and deputy chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. She is the first woman to head the Navy Dental Corps.

Capt. Turner began her naval career in 1977, after practicing for two years in Jacksonville, N.C. She was commissioned into the Navy as a lieutenant in the Navy Dental Corps, and her first assignment was at the Marine Corps Base at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

In 1984, after having served on board the USS Vulcan, home ported at Norfolk, Va., and at the Naval Dental Center at Norfolk, she undertook a residency program in advanced clinical dentistry and requirements for a master's of arts in oral biology at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School at Bethesda.

After a stint as officer-in-charge of a branch dental clinic in Bermuda, she toured for three years as a staff officer under the direction of the chief of the Navy Dental Corps; her duties included heading the Logistics Division.

In the early 1990s, she transferred to the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., where she earned a master's of arts in national security and strategic studies.

For the past decade, Capt. Turner served in a number of high ranking positions at various stations, including the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point, N.C., the naval dental centers at Newport and Camp Pendleton, Calif., and the Naval Healthcare Support Office in Norfolk.

Prior to her latest assignment, she had been in command since July 2001 of the National Naval Dental Center in Bethesda.

Rear Admiral (Select) Turner

Capt. Turner holds fellowship in the International College of Dentists and the Academy of Dentistry International. Her naval awards include the Legion of Merit (with two gold stars), Meritorious Service Medal (two gold stars), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (gold star), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

She is married to Capt. Kenneth Peters, USN (Ret.), and has two children, a daughter, Nicole, and a son, Jason.

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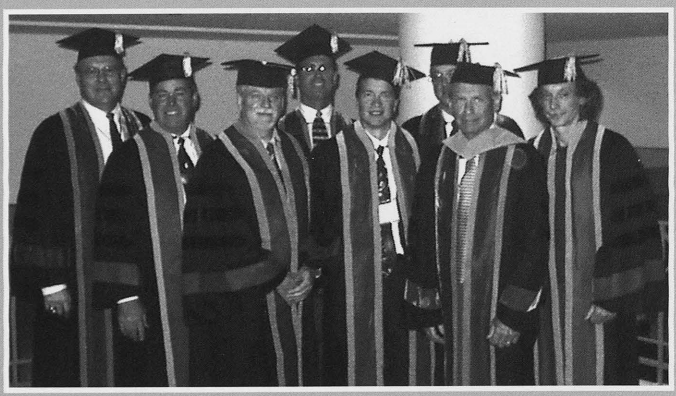
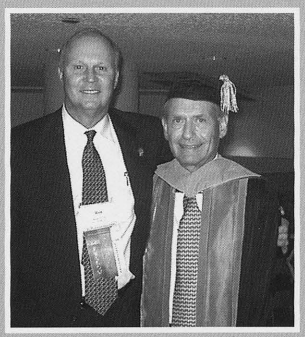


New Fellows of the American College of Dentists. *Eight individuals were taken into the American College of Dentists through the college's Indiana Section during the ACD's annual meeting in San Francisco, Calif., in October 2003. B. Charles Kerkhove Jr. (DDS'62), president-elect of the ACD (second from right), poses with newly inducted fellows, from left: Steven Dixon (DDS'73), Indianapolis; J. Mark Thomas (DDS'80), Seymour; James Jones (EdD'93), Fort Wayne; Dale Sorenson (DDS'81), Newburgh; Dr. Charles Martin Hanneman, Centerville; David Holwager (DDS'82), Cambridge City; and Dr. Gerald Samson, Marietta, Ga. Not pictured is William Craig (DDS'69), Wilmington, N.C.*



Dr. Ron Ditto (left), secretary-treasurer of the ACD's Indiana Section, and ACD President-Elect Dr. Charles Kerkhove

Facts from the Field

1958 • As the IUSD Dental Hygiene Class of '58 gears up for its next reunion, scheduled for Aug. 14, 2004, at the home of **Cecile Enochs** near Marion, former class president **Grace Langley** brings us up to date on the class:

Remember singing along to "Honeycomb" and "Chantilly Lace," hanging out at Bea's, and the Pole drive-in? Then you are as old as we are!

What have we been doing for almost 46 years? Would you believe that at least four out of our class of 24 are still working as hygienists? And many of us have just recently retired. Miss Fisk would be proud.

With great sadness, we have experienced the passing of four classmates: Rossya Kaufman, 1959; Janet Reibel Pugh, 1988; Ann Buche Spedding, 1993; and Donna Doss Hales, 2003.

Donna Hales attended the reunion on Aug. 3, 2002, at Grace Langley's home near Mooresville. Although Donna suffered with health problems for many years and could not continue to work as a hygienist, she continued to use her artistic abilities. Her indomitable spirit was an inspiration. Her sudden death in August increased our resolve to gather and enjoy our friendship more often. Three classmates traveled from out of state to be present for our 44th: Carol Fitch, of Virginia; Patricia Blackwell, of Ohio; and Sue Kaiser, of New York.

Members of the ASDH Class of 1958 at their most recent reunion, in 2002, top row from left: Carol Guthrie Fitch, Cecile Houk Enochs, Judy Snyder Ranger, Judith Haag Carichoff, Patricia Cox Blackwell, and Ann Smith Kiley. Bottow row: Jody Gaunt Schumm, Grace McCarty Langley, Patricia Nienaber Obergfell, Betty Hoehn Plantz, Donna Doss Hales, and Sue Kraybill Kaiser.

1961 • **R.L. "Mike" Bubenzer** (DDS) and his wife, Marlise, of Greenfield and originally of Germany, were profiled by Greenfield *Daily Reporter* staff writer Scott Slade in November 2003 upon the occasion of the Bubenzers' celebration of a "double anniversary"—50 years as a married couple and 50 years of life and "good fortune" together in America.

While many of us can look back on 50 years of good fortune in this country, the Bubenzers are especially grateful because when Mike arrived in 1952, he was a former German prisoner of war who had spent three and a half years in a British POW camp in Egypt. He was both surprised by and grateful to America, a country that embraced him in spite of his background, and that made it possible for him to shape a new life for himself that has brought him many rewards in the past half century.

"This is a great country," he told the *Daily Reporter*. "You can go about any place you want to if you apply yourself."

An uncle from Noblesville sponsored Mike's immigration. Marlise followed Mike to the U.S. in 1953, when the couple married. Marlise became a certified dental technician and Mike, after working lots of odd jobs and growing further from his original dream of pursuing a career in medicine, became interested in dentistry when he was hired by the lab that employed Marlise. After making excellent grades in his predental work at IU, Mike was accepted to dental school. He graduated at age 38 and set up practice in Greenfield, where he and Marlise worked together for the next 30 years.

Throughout their lives Mike and Marlise have remained deeply thankful for the many opportunities afforded them in the U.S. They have long considered themselves Americans.

"If you live here for 50 years, you're more American than German," Mike told the *Daily Reporter*.

The Bubenzers take their U.S. citizenship, granted in the late 1950s, seriously, voting in every election. They have also been active in their community over the years, helping to start such organizations as the Hancock Hope House, a homeless shelter.

On a cruise to the Caribbean to celebrate their double anniversary, the Bubenzers renewed their wedding vows.

1961 • **Gerrit Hagman** (DDS, MSD'63) has been elected to serve on the board of regents as District 5 regent of the International College of Dentists, USA Section. Dr. Hagman is a retired periodontist living in Atlanta, Ga., with his wife, Ann. He is a past president of the Georgia Society of Periodontists, the Southern Academy of Periodontology, and the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Society, and a past general chairman of the Hinman Dental Meeting. He currently serves as chairman of the board of trustees of the Hinman meeting.

1964 • When **James "Jim" Hammelman** (DDS) retired from his 28-year practice in November 2003, he brought more than 75 years of Hammelman Dental Services to a close in Poseyville, which is located in the southwest corner of Indiana.

According to the *Posey County News*, Jim's father, Dr. **A.W. Hammelman**, was one of the first dentists to set up practice in Posey County when he did so in 1927, the same year he graduated from IUSD. A.W.'s son and Jim's brother, **Robert Hammelman** (DDS'54), joined the practice in 1958. A.W. retired in 1975, the same year that Jim came on board after serving in the U.S. Air Force Dental Corps for a dozen years. Robert retired in 2001. The family practice drew patients from four Indiana counties as well as from counties across the border in Illinois.

As Jim told the *Posey County News*, he is very pleased that patients will continue to receive high quality care at the former Hammelman office. Dr. Alesia Brown, a dental graduate of the University of Louisville and Jim's associate since 1999, has purchased the practice.

1965 • A nice note arriving from **Joel Knapp** (DDS), Gallatin, Tenn., provides us with a personal update, as follows:

After graduation two years were spent in the Army with a visit to Viet Nam. I then practiced in Valparaiso until the snow got too deep.

Went South and practiced in Gallatin (near Nashville) for 25 years.

I retired in 2003 and am now a full-time artist, oil painting across the USA and Europe.

Dr. Knapp's son, Tom, took over the practice. Dr. Knapp goes on to say that he's a member of the Hoosier Salon. His work is on display in most of the J. Alexander's restaurants across the country as well as in many galleries.

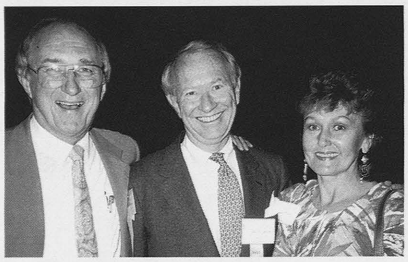
If you take a peek at his Website, you'll see why: *http://home.earthlink.net/~karenknapp.*

1973/2003 • At the close of 2003, **Dale Krumreich** (DDS'73) retired after practicing for 30 years in Brownsburg. He and his wife, Debbie, plan to relocate to Florida, according to the *Hendricks County Flyer*. Dr. Krumreich's staff hosted a farewell open house for him on Dec. 7. **Michael Ranjbar** (DDS'03) has assumed the practice. He and his wife, Shelbi, reside in Lebanon.

1979/1985 • Congratulations to Arizona endodontists **Scott Morrison** (DDS'79) and spouse, **Karen Panietz** (DDS'85), who are among the "Top Docs" in dentistry in the Phoenix area, according to a poll published by *Phoenix* magazine in September 2003. After publishing a "Top Docs" list of physicians for nearly a decade, the magazine decided to rank dentists for the first time in 2003. The editors based their final list of 96 dentists on a peer-review system by asking 1,500 area dentists to name the top practitioners in general dentistry as well as six specialties. "Karen and I made the list, much to our surprise," writes Dr. Morrison. "Dentists and specialists were voted upon by their peers, so we are honored that they chose us."

And those of us back here at IU are pleased to know that Karen and Scott's IUSD degrees—all four of them—are serving these grads well in their careers. Karen earned her master's degree in endodontics in 1989, and Scott earned his in 1988.

In Memoriam



Dr. Moon (left) posing in 1990 at an IUSD donors' reception with his wife, Donna, and Dr. John Gorman

Faculty

Dr. Robert Moon, former assistant dean of the School of Allied Health Sciences, IU Northwest Campus, died Oct. 25, 2003.

Dr. Moon, of Valparaiso, was a 1958 dental graduate of IU. He served with excellence in a variety of capacities at IU Northwest beginning with a stint as a teacher from 1976 to 1980. He returned to accept an appointment as director of Dental Auxiliary Education in 1985, and eventually assumed several more administrative roles, including the assistant deanship of the School of Allied Health Sciences, chair of the Division of Allied Health Sciences, and director of Dental Education. After stepping down as an administrator in 2001, he continued to serve his campus as a lecturer part time.

Asked by the *Alumni Bulletin* back in 1986 to define his role as head of the IU Northwest dental hygiene and dental assisting programs, Dr. Moon said the director should be one who "provides a suitable learning environment to students for the best education possible, and is also counselor and friend."

Dr. Moon was a longtime practitioner in Hobart, and a leader in the state's dental community. He was a past president of the Indiana Dental Association and the Northwest Indiana Dental Society, a former member of the Indiana State Department of Health, and a former chair of the Dean's Council for the Pursuit of Excellence.

He was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Gov. Robert Orr in 1981.

Dr. Moon served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force. He is survived by his wife, Donna; 10 children; 17 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by a son and a grandson.

Dr. Samuel Eitnier, former assistant professor of oral diagnosis/oral medicine, Indianapolis, died March 9, 2004.

He was a 1950 dental graduate of IU and a member of Delta Sigma Delta dental fraternity.

Dr. Eitnier conducted a private practice in Danville for 32 years before retiring. He served on the part-time IUSD faculty from 1968 to 1979.

He returned to the IUPUI campus in 1998 and 1999 as a part-time lecturer in the School of Music.

He served in the Coast Guard during World War II.

Dr. Eitnier worked with many clinics in the Indianapolis area as a certified addiction counselor.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Fern Marie Eitnier, and is survived by two children and a grandson.

Ruhamah Hannah, former instructor of radiology, Cincinnati, Ohio, formerly of Bloomfield, Ind., died July 18, 2003.

Ms. Hannah was employed by the IU School of Dentistry in the 1940s and 1950s. She began as a staff assistant in the former Department of Oral Diagnosis, and was eventually appointed to the faculty, on which she served throughout the 1950s as an instructor of radiology.

For several years Ms. Hannah wrote a column for the *Alumni Bulletin* titled "odd-dentities."

Alumni

1936 • **Raymond Wurtz** (DDS), Indianapolis, died Nov. 22, 2003.

1942 • **Robert Wurtz** (DDS), Indianapolis, died Sept. 26, 2003.

1942 • **Richard Young** (DDS), Kokomo, died Nov. 15, 2003. Dr. Young practiced for 39 years before retiring in 1985. He was a past president of the Howard County and the Northern Indiana Dental societies. As a major in the U.S. Army, Dr. Young served during World War II as a dentist.

Dr. Young's survivors include his wife, Charlotte; a son, Kenton Richard Young, Kokomo; a daughter, Cheryl Brunger, Castle Rock, Colo.; two grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and 11 step-great-grandchildren.

1958 • **Donna (Doss) Hales** (ASDH), Bloomington, died Aug. 17, 2003. She was a registered dental hygienist and a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. Survivors include her husband, Dell Hales; a daughter, Heather Anne Hales; a son, Adrian Hales; and two grandchildren, all of Bloomington.

1964 • **Paul Stahl** (DDS), Franklin, died Sept. 13, 2003.

1965 • **Jerome Friedman** (DDS), Brownsburg, died in April 2004.

1973 • **Laura Stanich McCracken** (ASDH), Pittsboro, died March 8, 2004. Mrs. McCracken also held a bachelor's degree in Public Health Dental Hygiene from IU, earned in 1974. During her 30-year career she practiced in the offices of various dentists, including 15 years in the Brownsburg office of Dr. Gary Bischoff. Survivors include her husband, John McCracken; daughter, Paige McCracken; and mother, Frances Stanich.

1974 • **Denny Miller** (DDS), El Cajon, Calif., died Jan. 3, 2004. He practiced for many years in San Diego, Calif., and was a former lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy. Survivors include his wife, Marty; parents, Norman and Betty Miller; stepdaughters, Tabatha and Sirena; and three step-granddaughters.

1981 • **Edward Spolnik Jr.** (DDS), Zionsville, formerly of Hammond, died Feb. 20, 2004. He practiced in Indianapolis. Dr. Spolnik was a veteran of the U.S. Army Reserves, and he had also served as a dentist in the U.S. Air Force. He is survived by his daughter, Margaret "Maggie" Spolnik, Zionsville; and brothers, Kenneth Spolnik (DDS'75), Zionsville, and Fred Spolnik, Munster.

1990 • **Ann (Sottong) Mohr** (ASDH), Fairland, died Feb. 2, 2004. She practiced as a dental hygienist in the Southport dental office of Matthew Stegemiller (DDS'86). Her survivors, in addition to her husband, Steve Mohr, include her parents, Gerald and Joyce Sottong, and grandmother, Pansy Good, of Tipton.

2000 • **Julie Ann (Oakley) Jones** (ASDH), Beech Grove, died Oct. 5, 2003, when the vehicle she was riding in with her husband, Larry Jones Jr., was hit head-on by a drunk driver. The Joneses were returning home after a visit at St. Francis hospital with their new-born daughter, Kaley Frances Jones, who was born three weeks premature and was still under care at the hospital. Mrs. Jones' tragic death was widely reported in the media. In December 2003, a six-year prison sentence was imposed on the driver who caused the accident.

Mrs. Jones was a dental hygienist for the Downtown Dental Group in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Jones' survivors, in addition to her husband and daughter, include her father and stepmother, Donald and Cindy Oakley; mother, Dianna Miller Rowe; and grandparents, James Oakley and Bill and Vida McFarland.

Raising Awareness

Increased Support Establishes New Expectation of Private Giving to IUSD

When I assumed my duties as director of major gifts and campaigns in August of 2002, I wanted to establish a renewed awareness amongst IUSD alumni and friends about the importance of giving back to the school.

Let me be the first to congratulate and thank you for your generous and timely response.

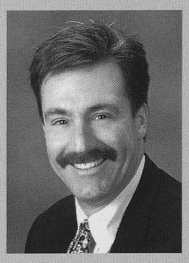
As we head toward the successful end of our seven-year, $10 million capital campaign, your loyalty and belief in IUSD are apparent now more than ever.

Thanks to your generosity, we are at the threshold of achieving this important objective. But perhaps, most importantly, the attainment of a major financial goal for IUSD has created a new awareness and expectation about the importance of supporting the school. Many of you have not only assisted the school during this campaign by increasing your annual gift, but you have helped secure the future direction of philanthropy at the school by making multi-year pledges. These long-term commitments will help establish the strong foundation of support necessary to further enhance private giving to IUSD in the next several years.

Giving is an emotional decision. One knows that I could write at length why the school needs additional financial support from its alumni and friends. A reduction in annual state allocations in itself has created an urgent and compassionate case for new resources in order to maintain the financial viability of our school.

Yet, as I visit with donors, I find the tendency for donors to give back to IUSD is derived from deep and heartfelt appreciation for what IUSD has provided to create the opportunity for both personal and professional development.

Fond memories of a particular instructor, lifelong friendships with classmates, and personal satisfaction and fulfillment provided by a career in dentistry have been echoed by graduates time and time again as reasons to give back.


John Hoffman

You have also stressed a strong belief that quality education and preparation must continue to thrive to ensure that tomorrow's dental professionals are prepared for the challenges that lie ahead.

IUSD's campaign to renovate the existing pre-clinical laboratory into a state-of-the-art simulation laboratory is a prime example of the need to recognize and institute new technologies in dental education. Through your generosity and commitment, IUSD will continue to provide and enhance an environment conducive to meeting these challenges.

As IUSD approaches its 125th anniversary, I know you will continue to be responsive and generous when asked.

Know that your loyalty and selfless giving are truly appreciated and making a difference!

Best wishes,

John Hoffman
Major Gifts Officer and
Director of Campaigns

Gifts in December

2002	2003
$210,564.22	$275,708.18

Pledges

July 1, 2003–Dec. 31, 2003

$330,000.00

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A 3-Day Whirl in *Indy*

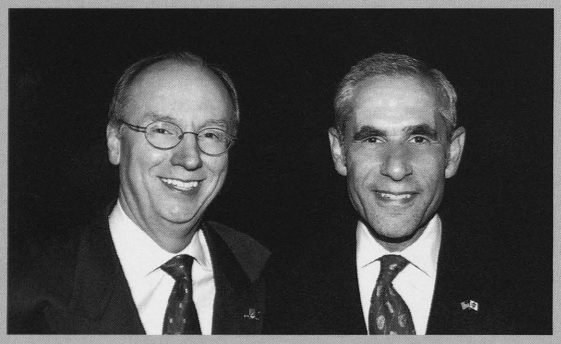
Celebrating the 61st Fall Dental Alumni Conference

For the first time in a dozen years, the IU School of Dentistry's time-honored Fall Dental Alumni Conference unfolded in the heart of Indianapolis and just a few blocks from our graduates' alma mater. Hundreds of alumni, their families, and friends took part in the usual cascade of banquets, tours, golf tourneys, and class reunions.

Judging from the event's success, we'd say that participants of the 2003 annual reunion did a superb job of warming up Indy for the special 62nd conference, which will celebrate the dental school's 125th anniversary in September 2004.

But for now, let's take a look back at some of the action, Indy-style, from the grand 61st.

Photos by Tom Meador, Terry Wilson, Pamela Lovejoy, Susan Crum



▲ *IUPUI Chancellor Charles Bantz (left) and Dean Lawrence Goldblatt addressed alumni and guests at the annual banquet.*

▲ *The Class of 1973*
BACK: Drs. Richard Ellsworth, Wayne Hott, John Green, Michael Flannagan, Robert Achterberg, Warren Westbrook, Michel Sturm, Stephen Ward
FRONT: Drs. James Malooley, Harold Smith, Jeanne McDonald, James Prawat, Nilda Sangalang, Stephen Kabisch

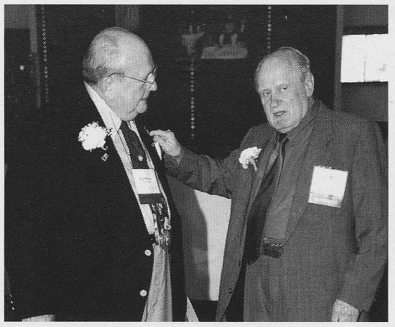
▲ *Dr. Michael Luarde*

▲ *All smiles at the conference banquet: Class of 1963 dental hygiene grads Karen Danser (left), Carmine Griffis, Diana Baker, Sarah Blackwell, and Martha Moriconi*

▲ *CE speaker Dr. Joseph Bidwell, an IU professor at both the dental and medical schools, presented a program about osteoporosis.*

Dr. David Pearson (left) with Dr. Ken and Kathy Hyde. The Hydes had recently returned from the Tour de France, where Ken, along with many other cycling enthusiasts, got a chance to sample the legendary route on his bike (shown here, a Lance Armstrong 1999 Tour de France model). ►

▲ *Drs. J. Barry Howell (left), William Hopkins, Thomas Teel, and Philip Acker*



▲ *Drs. Lou Disser (left) and Charles Bewick*

▲ *Conference participants toured the James Whitcomb Riley Home (shown here) and President Benjamin Harrison Home.*

▲ *Dr. David Lehman (left) shares some family photos with classmate Dr. Lou Disser.*

◄ *Dr. Jeffrey Platt, IU's Ralph W. Phillips Scholar in Dental Materials (facing camera) leads an alumni tour group through the school's Comprehensive Care Clinics.*

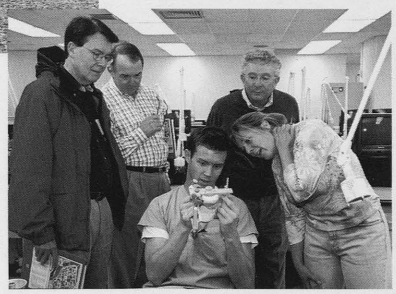
▲ *Dr. Kevin Neal, shown here with a teammate crossing one of a series of ladders in the Khumbu Icefall on the way to Mt. Everest's Camp 1, gave Friday's luncheon participants a riveting account of his experiences on Everest in the spring of 2003.*

▲ *Dr. Thomas Garman checks out the school's Seal Mobile.*

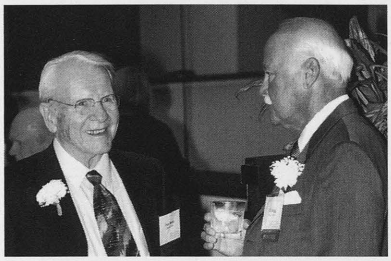
▲ *Dr. David Pearson and his self-made recumbent bike are set for a spin around Eagle Creek Park.*

▲ *Dr. Victor and Carolyn Mercer*

▲ *Chancellor Bantz (left) congratulates Distinguished Alumnus James Roche.*



▲ *On Saturday's tour of the dental school, Drs. Cletis Foster (left), Robert Bonham, and James Michael Boyd focus their attention on second-year dental student Brett Grube's articulator as he discusses a lab assignment with IUSD Prof. Annette Renault.*



▲ *Drs. Ralph Rohn (left) and Charles Rigg*

Awards

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

James R. Roche (DDS'47)

Dr. James Roche, Carmel, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for his stellar career as a practitioner, educator, administrator, and national leader in pediatric dentistry.

In addition to conducting a private practice in pediatric dentistry in Indianapolis until 1968, Dr. Roche served the IU School of Dentistry with excellence in many key roles, including a long stint as the administrator overseeing faculty development. He retired from IU in 1988 with a distinguished record of service spanning 40 years, the last 20 as a full-time professor.

After graduating from dental school in 1947, Dr. Roche completed a one-year internship at Forsyth Dental Infirmary for Children (now the Forsyth Institute) in Boston, Mass., and a teaching fellowship in the dental clinic at IU's Riley Hospital for Children. He also holds an MSD degree in pediatric dentistry from IU.

Dr. Roche chaired the division of graduate pediatric dentistry from 1969 to 1976, and then accepted an appointment as the dental school's first assistant dean, then associate dean, for faculty development (academic affairs).

Throughout his teaching career, Dr. Roche served on numerous university search and screen committees, often as chair, and expertly handled leadership roles on the IUSD Faculty Promotion and Tenure Committee and the IUSD Teaching Committee.

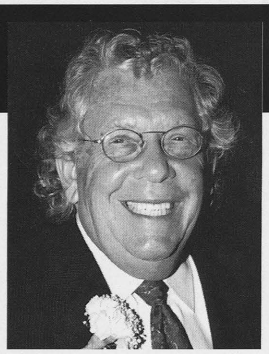
Dr. Roche has been a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry for 45 years. In addition to chairing the board for a year in the early 1980s, he served a remarkable two decades as the board's executive secretary-treasurer, from 1982 to 2002.

Higher education and organized dentistry have recognized and rewarded Dr. Roche for his many accomplishments.

In 1976, he received a prestigious university-wide Distinguished Teaching Award from Indiana University, and in 1984 he was selected for an IUPUI Glenn W. Irwin, Jr., MD, Experience Excellence Recognition Award. He is a fellow of the American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists, and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry; a past president of Theta Theta Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the Indiana Society of Dentistry for Children, and the pediatric dentistry board's College of Diplomates; and a charter member of the Indiana Society of Pediatric Dentistry. He served on the IUSD Alumni Association board of directors in the 1970s.

"In addition to his notable record, Dr. Roche is a people person," states one of his former students. "He has taken a personal interest in the many students and co-workers he has encountered over the years. Each one was treated with respect and good humor. In addition, his attention to detail and absolute professionalism are marvelous examples to all those around him. Dr. Roche continues to be a wonderful representative of the best of IUSD graduates."

Dr. Roche and his wife, Vi, have a daughter.



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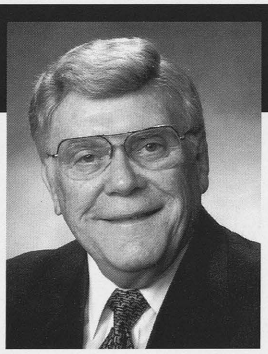

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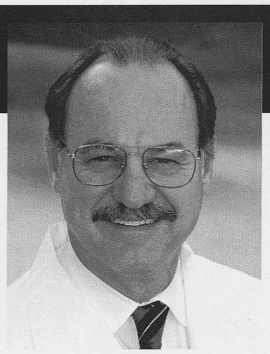

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HONORARY ALUMNUS

Clyde W. Parker, DMD

Dr. Clyde Parker, Evansville, was welcomed into the IUSD Alumni Association as an honorary alumnus in recognition of his civic leadership in promoting dental care and dental education.

Dr. Parker, an Army veteran of World War II, graduated from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry in 1947. He practiced in Evansville for 44 years.

Long active in organized dentistry, Dr. Parker presided over the Indiana Dental Association in 1968-69. He is also a former president of the Evansville Dental Society, a delegate and trustee of the First District Dental Society, and a delegate to the American Dental Association's American Fund for Dental Education.

Dr. Parker served as vice chair of a dental health task force for the Indiana Comprehensive Health Planning Commission, and as a

Certificate of Appreciation Goes to Pamela J. Lovejoy

Incoming IUSDAA board president Dr. Ron Ditto surprises Pamela Lovejoy with the Certificate of Appreciation at Thursday night's dinner for the board and its past presidents. Ms. Lovejoy, director of annual funds and special events in the dental school's Office of Development, was cited for all the work she does behind the scenes throughout the year to assist the Alumni Association with the programs and events it produces for the school's graduates. As an ex officio member of the IUSDAA board of directors, Ms. Lovejoy also keeps the board apprised of financial details associated with the organization's scholarship programs. She's been employed at the dental school since 1992.

consultant to Indiana State University at Evansville (now the University of Southern Indiana) in the establishment of the institution's allied health sciences program. He also taught part time at ISU and chaired the allied dental admissions committee.

Dr. Parker is a fellow of the International College of Dentists and a member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, Delta Sigma Delta dental fraternity, and Omicron Kappa Upsilon honor dental society. He's been an honorary alumnus of IU since 1968.

Dr. Parker is active in the Evansville Chamber of Commerce and is a charter member of the Aldersgate Methodist Church. He and his wife, Nina Lee, have two daughters.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Barry W. Ray (DDS'80)

The Distinguished Service award salutes Evansville practitioner Dr. Barry Ray for his outstanding and longtime support of Indiana University and its School of Dentistry.

Dr. Ray served with distinction on the IUSD Alumni Association board of directors for 10 years, including a term in the presidency in 1999-2000.

He also devotes much of his time to service within his community and to organized dentistry. He serves on the Indiana Dental Association's Council on Dental Education and the Indiana Dental Political Action Committee, and he contributes to his community through service to a variety of groups and organizations including Sertoma and the Evansville Freedom Festival Committee. His longtime membership in the First District Dental Society includes a stint as president in 1998-99.

An alumnus with 24 years of experience in private practice to his credit, Dr. Ray continues to strive for excellence in his profession. He holds membership in the Pierre Fauchard Academy, and he recently earned fellowship status in the Academy of General Dentistry.

Barry and Sharon Ray and their four children maintain a close and active relationship with their church in Evansville.

Huckelberry Golf Scramble '03

AND THE WINNERS ARE:

1st Place Overall, 2nd Place Skins Game, and Golfer with Longest Drive
Matt Eckert, left (longest drive), posing with team members Greg Applegate, Tim Gibson, and Bart Poer

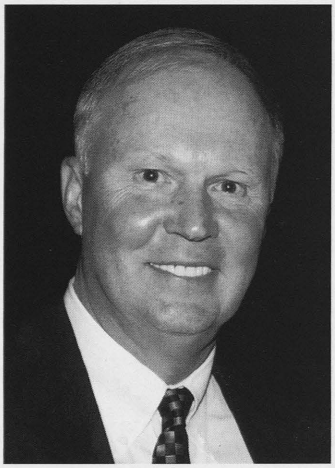
2nd Place Overall
Carey McLaughlin (left), Jon Susott, Doug Spaulding, and Dave Walden

1st Place Skins Game and Golfer with Longest Putt
Barbara Drake, far right (longest putt), posing with teammates Ben Davis (left), George Taliaferro, and Phil Drake

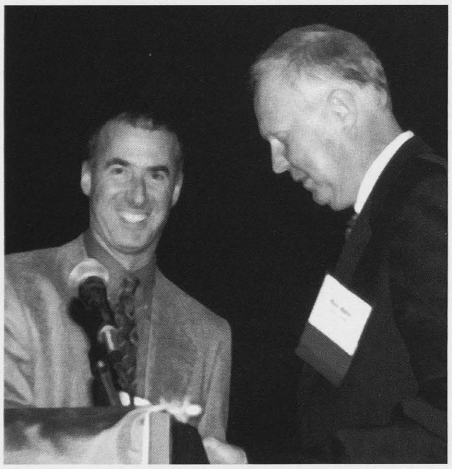
Closest to the Pin (18 holes)
Robin Roberts (right), posing with team members Richard George (left), Cletis Foster, and Edwin Robertson

Closest to the Pin (9 holes)
Jim Souers (left), posing with team members Mike Smith, Jay Hollander, and Jim Cahillane

DR. RON DITTO PRESIDES OVER IUSDAA



IUSDAA President Ron Ditto



2002-2003 President James Humphrey (DDS'88) passes the presidential reins to Dr. Ditto.

Dr. Roland R. "Ron" Ditto, a pediatric dentist in Lafayette and member of the DDS Class of 1969, assumed his duties as new president of the IU School of Dentistry Alumni Association at the close of the 61st Fall Dental Alumni Conference.

Dr. Ditto is no stranger to leadership roles, both in dentistry and within his community.

He has earned three IU degrees—a bachelor's in chemistry and a master's in pediatric dentistry in addition to his dental degree. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army Dental Corps for two years after graduating from dental school.

For his graduate studies he was awarded a two-year Cerebral Palsy Fellowship. His master's thesis, which addressed oral hygiene instruction for parents of preschool children with cerebral palsy, earned him an award from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

Dr. Ditto settled into his private practice in Lafayette in 1973, and for the next five years he also returned to Indianapolis once a week to teach in the school's pediatric dentistry residency program. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Ditto also holds fellowship in the American College of Dentists and International College of Dentists.

He is a past president of the Indiana Society of Pediatric Dentistry and is currently serving as secretary-treasurer for the Indiana Section of the American College of Dentists. He's been participating on the IUSDAA board since 1996.

In Lafayette, Dr. Ditto serves on the board of directors of the YMCA, Lafayette Boys and Girls Club, and Lafayette Home Hospital. He is also president of the Lafayette Jefferson High School Golden Broncho Athletic Booster Club and former chair of the Professional Division of United Way of Greater Lafayette.

Dr. Ditto and his wife, Jan, have been among dentistry's leading supporters of the Campaign for IUPUI. As a member of IUSD's steering committee for the campaign, Ron has served as the Major Gifts Volunteer. For their efforts, the Dittos were honored with an IUPUI Spirit of Philanthropy award in 2002.

The couple has four children and four grandchildren, and all of the children have either graduated from IU or are enrolled at the university now. Jan is a graduate of IU's physical therapy program, and son, Marc, is currently finishing up his first year in dental school.

Past Presidents. *Standing, from left: Barry Ray (DDS'80), Phillip Pate (DDS'68), Robert Bogan (DDS'54), John Rahe (DDS'63), Roger Isaacs (DDS'69), Victor Clevenger (DDS'69), James Frey (DDS'62), and Robert Modlin (DDS'59). Seated: Frederick Sputh (DDS'77), Gary French (DDS'57), Les Tweedle (DDS'60), Malcolm Boone (DDS'46), Charles Pope (DDS'43), Bob Lindborg (DDS'43), and Charles Gish (DDS'49)*

IUSD Alumni Association Board

2003-2004

IUSD Alumni Association Board of Directors. *Back row, from left: Daniel Fridh, Charles Poland, Norman Novak, Matthew Pate, David Howell, Kenneth Braun, Jeffery Gore, and Brad Sammons. Middle: Michael Luarde, Ronald Hunt, Armen Karimyan, E.J. Fischer, James Humphrey, Ron Ditto, George Zundo, Phillip Conn, Frederick Sputh, and Philip Gardner. Seated: Lawrence Goldblatt, Philip Drake, Steven Stradley, Robert Loudermilk, and outgoing director Geffry French*

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A BOW TO THE *50-Year Classes*

1953 DENTISTRY

BACK: William Meek, Wendell Grassmyer, Robert Marshall, Robert Stetzel, Charles Rigg, Thomas McKean, David Lehman, Ralph Rohn, Francis McCormick, Thomas Garman, Victor Mercer
FRONT: Lou Disser, Dale Goris, Wayne Risinger, Basil Remley, Hollis Sears, Charles Bewick, Ralph Brennan, William Potasnik

1953 DENTAL HYGIENE

Joan Hayden and Jo Ann Hearn

Classes of 1953 Conference Participants

Charles Bewick
Portage

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Mishawaka

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Thomas Garman
Augusta, Ga.

Dale Goris
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Wendell Grassmyer
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Joan Hayden
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Jo Ann Hearn
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Goshen

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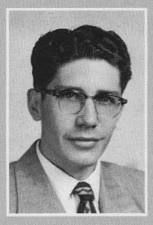
Hesperia, Calif.



Francis McCormick
Indianapolis

Thomas McKean
Winter Park, Fla.

William Meek
Indianapolis

Victor Mercer
Palm City, Fla.

William Potasnik
Munster

Basil Remley
Evansville, Wis.

Charles Rigg
Merrillville

Wayne Risinger
Mishawaka

Ralph Rohn
Sun City West, Ariz.

Hollis Sears
Bloomington

Robert Stetzel
Fort Wayne

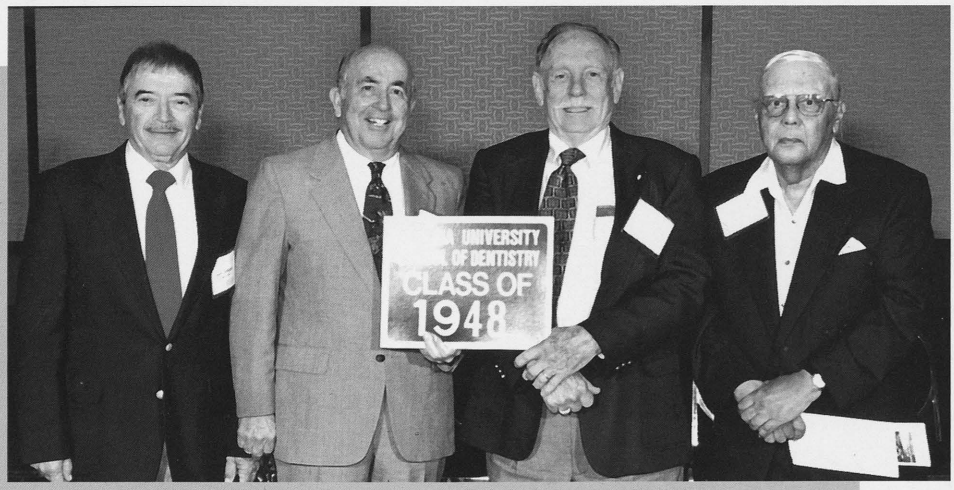
MORE REUNION CLASSES

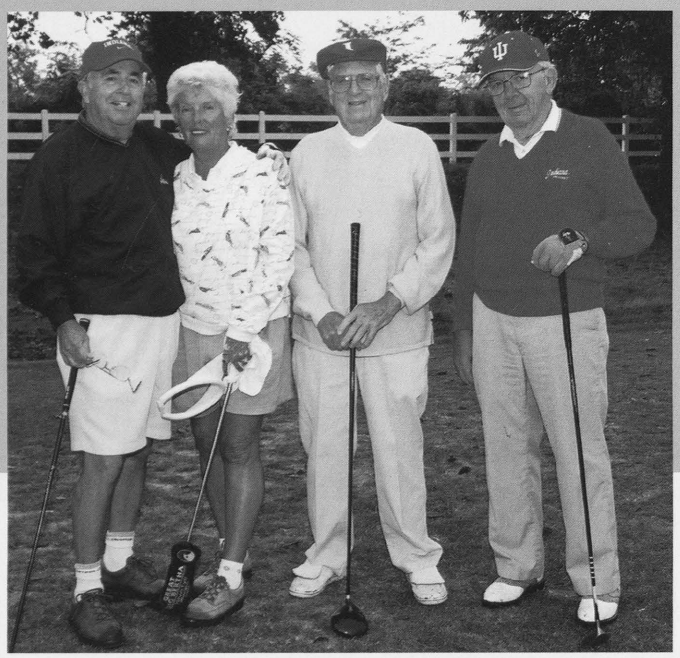
1943

BACK: William Aitken, David Ferrell, Paul Starkey
FRONT: Charles Pope, Jean Spear, Bob Lindborg

1948

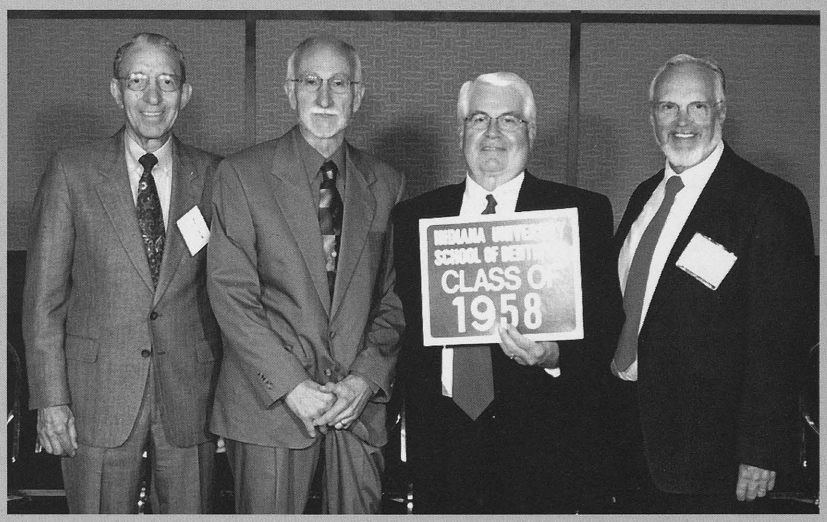
Jerome Schindel, Joe Haacke, Carl Kohlmann, George White





Dr. Joe and Connie Haacke (left) with Drs. William Aitken and Charles Pope

1958



Donald Traicoff, John Turchi, Byron Poindexter, David Pearson

1963

Dentistry

BACK: Don Abel, Donald Dicks, William Rosenstein, Ted Fullhart, Ronald Hunt
MIDDLE: Jerry Lambert, Robert Rock, Ermal Wilkinson, John Mayhall, Alan Corns, Robert Schmidt, Jon Michael, Walter Wilson, Peter Leonard
FRONT: Eugene Eggers, Cecil Alumbaugh, Charles Hayes, Philip Drake, Robin Roberts, Douglas Badell, Drew Oldham, Keith Yoder

MORE REUNION CLASSES

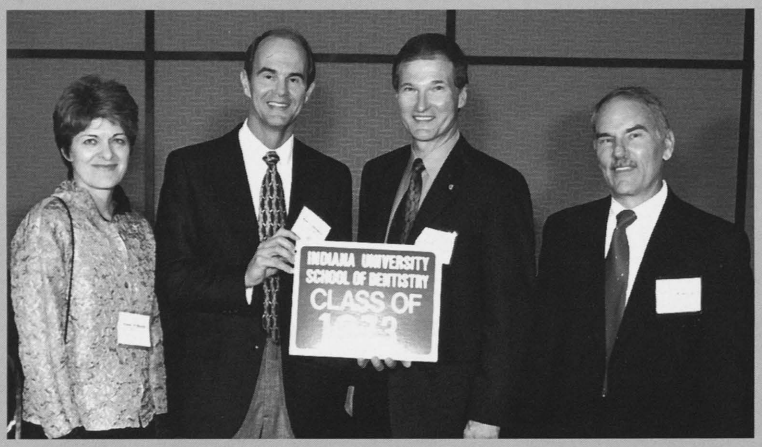
1963

Dental Hygiene
BACK: Karen Danser, Gloria Jean Miley, Pat Price, Sharon Gentle, Carmine Griffis
FRONT: Carole Bond, Sonya Parmer, Diana Baker, Sarah Blackwell, Martha Moriconi, Shermie Schafer

1968

BACK: Phillip Pate, Daniel Kozlowski, Robert Bonham
FRONT: Roy Eversole, William Clarida, Virginia Crose, James Michael Boyd, Norman Novak

1973



Jeanne McDonald, Robert Achterberg, Wayne Hott, Stephen Kabisch

1978

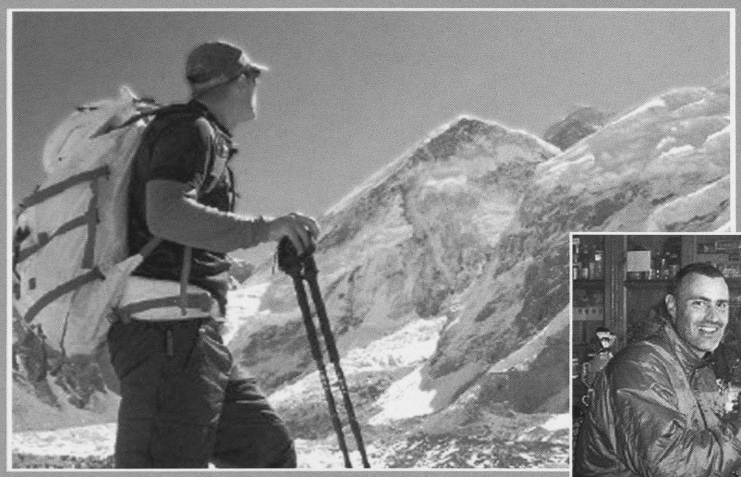
BACK: Carey McLaughlin, David Llewellyn, John Cash, Leslie Brooks, Thomas Kapczynski
MIDDLE: James Cahillane, Stuart Ferguson, John Ancich, Jay Hollander, James Souers, Michael Smith, Steven Latimer, Paul Keller, Timothy Carlson
FRONT: Richard Robertson, Allan Knapp, Dayn Boitet, Thomas Surber, Diana Moorman, Robert Sluka, Bruce Dragoo, Donald Lawton

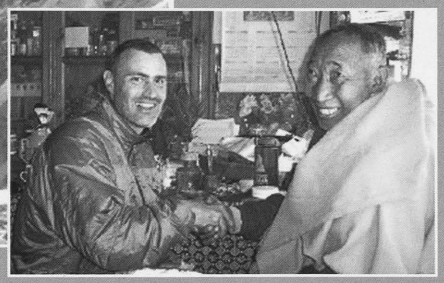
1983

BACK: John Moenning, Jay Asdell, Frederick Steinbeck, Nancy Bolt, Phillip Santucci
FRONT: Michael Turck, Richard Wilson, Pamela Steed, Douglas Spaulding, Joseph Kuzmic

1988

BACK: Eric Ladd, William Hopkins, Barry Howell, James Humphrey, Timothy Lane, Kevin Neal, Jeffrey Hockema, Thomas Teel, Rick Burns, Michael Stronczek
MIDDLE: Todd Stipp, Thomas Quill, Dennis Jenkins, Reed Johnson, Lawrence Weaver, Jeffrey Meyer, Robert Eversole, Michael Luarde, George Harper, Steven Coppes
FRONT: Christine Faron, Kathryn VerBrugge, Bonni Boone-Wong, Sandra Bacon, Jennifer Kugar, Diane Arel, Rebecca Bolon



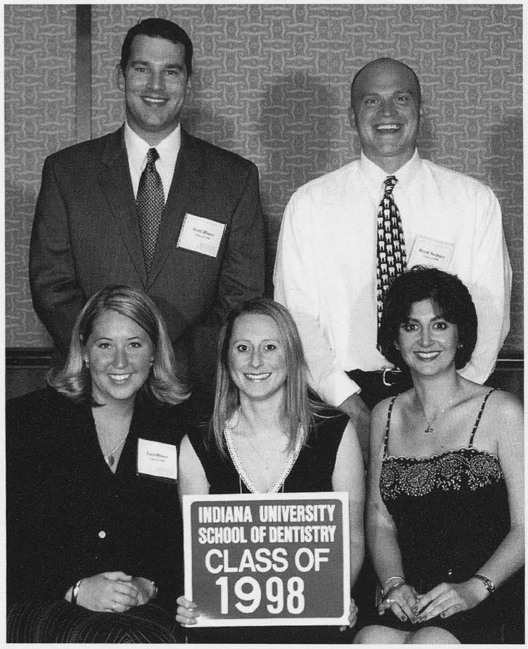


A special word of thanks to '88 grad and seasoned mountain-climber Dr. Kevin Neal of Ponte Vedra, Fla., for presenting at the conference's annual Celebration Luncheon a fascinating account and slide show of his four-man Mount Everest expedition in the spring of 2003. As the weather turned ferocious atop Everest, Kevin ultimately made the difficult but level-headed decision to turn around and start back down the mountain after reaching the South Summit at 28,800 feet—just 235 feet from the "top of the world." (Safety-minded climbing veterans know that 235 feet might as well be 235 miles when vicious winds and blinding snow arrive.) On this expedition, Kevin raised $70,000 in pledges to more than 90 charities primarily through his Web site, www.charityeverest.com. Above left, Dr. Neal looks toward Everest's peak as he nears base camp, and in the inset photo he sits with the Pangboche lama in a village along the trek to Everest base camp while the lama performs a blessing ritual that is important to the sherpas who assist the climbers.

1993

BACK: Steven Hollar, Chad Leighty, Daron Sheline, Timothy Gibson, David Compton
FRONT: Kurt Martin, Bart Poer, Julie Plagens, Elizabeth Elliott-Bryant, Marisa Walker, Susan Cocquyt, Matthew Eckert

Drs. Kurt Martin (left), Steve Hollar, Chad Leighty, and Daron Sheline



1998

Class photos by Stephen Sellers

BACK: Scott Risser, Brent Swinney
FRONT: Lori Risser, Tiffany Buller-Schussler, Nancy Khachi

A Special Invitation to Our Alumni Sept. 10, 2004

3 Pioneers in Indiana History:

Edward J. Church, LaPorte, Ind.

William E. Sweigert, New London, Mo.

Robert W. Van Valzah, Terre Haute, Ind.

Sept. 10, 2004

On March 10, 1880, these men did something that had never been done before: They accepted the first Doctor of Dental Surgery degrees to be awarded in the state of Indiana.

Their diplomas were bestowed by the Indiana Dental College, which got its start in a suite of rented rooms at 147 E. Market St. on Oct. 1, 1879, and became the Indiana University School of Dentistry 46 years later.

Although they surely couldn't have imagined it themselves, Drs. Church, Sweigert, and Van Valzah were leading the way for what was to become an impressive parade of thousands of graduates who today are pursuing diverse careers throughout the United States and in more than 30 other countries.

No dental school could be prouder of its alumni than we are of you—and nothing would please us more than if every last one of you came back to Indianapolis to help us celebrate the 125th anniversary of dental education in the Hoosier state.

Dean Lawrence Goldblatt, the Indiana University School of Dentistry, and the school's Alumni Association are hosting a special celebration on Sept. 10, 2004, in conjunction with the 62nd Fall Dental Alumni Conference, to be held Sept. 9-11 at the University Place Conference Center and Hotel on the IUPUI campus.

This year's reunion classes—from 1929 to 1999—will be holding their receptions on Saturday night so that Friday night's celebration can salute the dental school's 125th anniversary. Bring your dancing shoes!

Every person holding a degree or certificate from the dental school plays an important role in its long and distinguished history. Please reserve Sept. 10th on your fall calendar—we need YOU to make our celebration complete.

Details about the conference will be coming your way in June from the IUPUI Alumni Office. For more information, call (317) 274-8959.

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