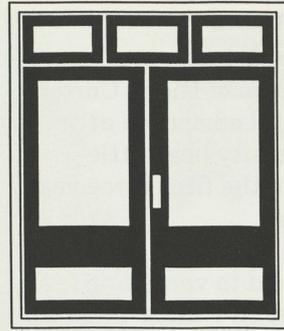
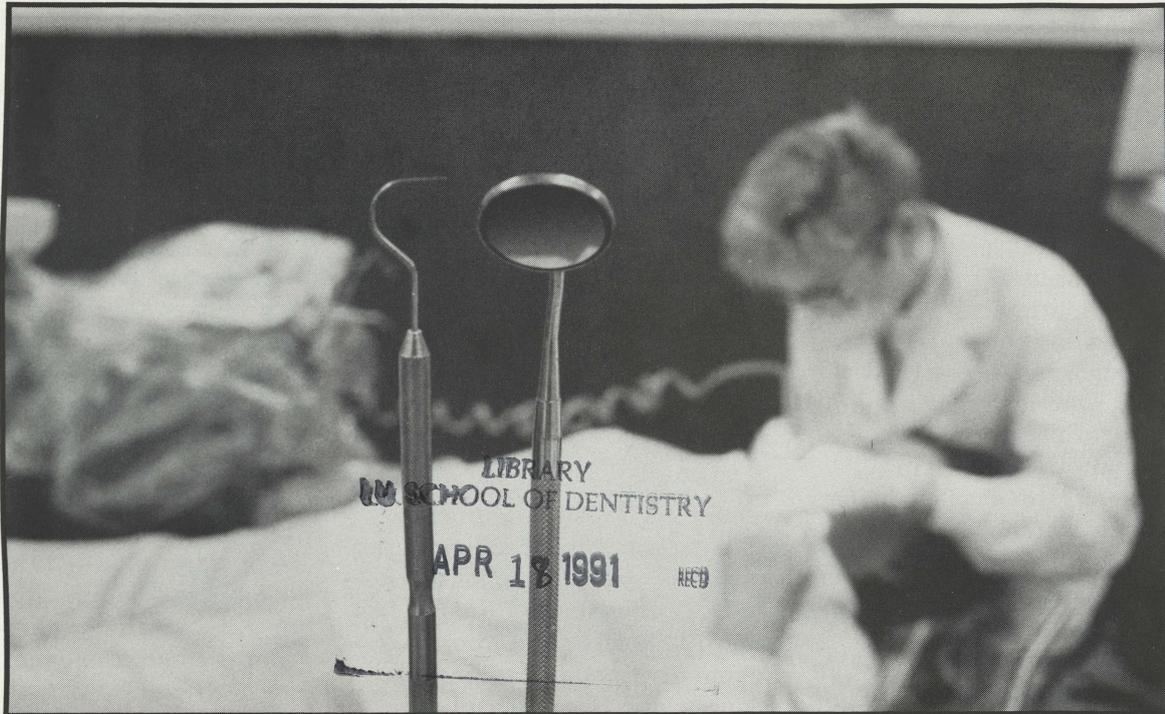


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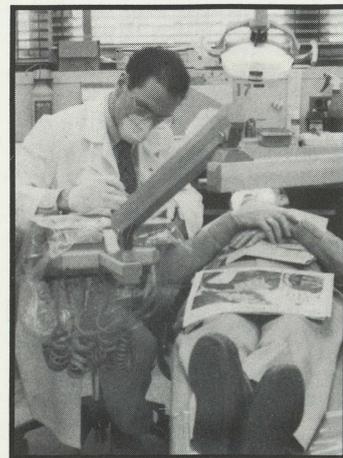


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## Exploring alternatives in dental education.

*New IUSD CAPSTONE CLINIC examines options in the student evaluation process during a special 11-week pilot program. Story on page 2.*



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*Diane Carter-Heckley (top) and Jeffery Spillman treating patients in the IUSD Capstone Clinic.*

DOES NOT CIRCULATE

The final 11 weeks of Diane Carter-Heckley's dental education at Indiana University bear little resemblance to the first three years and six months.

Well accustomed to venturing forth to at least a dozen clinical sites scattered throughout the dental building and elsewhere on campus in search of guidance and instruction from 200-some faculty members, Diane is staying put these days—and the teachers are coming to her.

It's a routine that she has enjoyed getting used to.

Two months ago Diane and seven other members of the Class of 1991 agreed to serve as volunteers for the dental school's pilot Capstone Clinic, a patient-treatment program in which students are stationed full time primarily in one location, providing the majority of patient care from their assigned dental unit. The chief goal of the Capstone experience is to assist the IUSD Planning Committee in exploring new methods of evaluating clinical competency for students of dentistry and dental auxiliary education. "We're interested in looking for ways to judge competency other than by a strict count of procedures completed," says Dr. Robert L. Lockhart, an assistant professor of periodontics who has been named Capstone Clinic director.

Diane finds the administrative structure of the program refreshing. "The independence that we are allowed in the clinic gives us a chance to exercise our professional judgment and gain confidence in what we're doing," she says. "I had everything to gain and nothing to lose by joining the Capstone program, and I'm glad I chose to participate."

The clinic got under way on February 18 in an area on the third floor

*Looking beyond the numbers:*

## Capstone Clinic shifts the emphasis in dental education

shared with the temporomandibular and facial pain clinic. Students who had already completed clinical requirements for graduation were eligible for the pilot program.

Current participants include Diane and classmates Steven A. Douglas, Sangyoung Lee, Stacey Lee, Steven C. Salkeld, Jeffery A. Spilman, Amy J. Viano, and Brian D. Waggoner; and second-year dental hygiene students Kristi M. Brownning, April E. Sutton, Patricia A. Smith, and Corina M. Middleton. Chairside assistance is provided by students in the dental assisting program who rotate through the division on assignment.

Dr. Lockhart is the only faculty member who remains on-site full time in the Capstone Clinic; assisting him with teaching duties during the program's pilot phase are Dean H. William Gilmore; Drs. Steven L. Bricker and Thomas F. Razmus, both of dental diagnostic sciences; and Drs. Michael A. Cochran and George P. Willis, both of operative dentistry. "All of the departments have a faculty member on call should we request assistance," says Dr. Lockhart.

Linda Nakatani, CDA, is employed as full-time clinic administrator. Her duties, which include arranging all patient appointments and preparing instrument trays, are designed to cut down on the amount of time students spend in the pursuit of activities not directly related to the treatment of patients.

The patient pool includes individuals who have been referred from

the dental school's roster of new patients as well as all of the patients who were assigned to the student participants prior to their entry into the Capstone Clinic. Dr. Lockhart is pleased with results of the clinic's first month in business. "It's going well," he says, "and the students seem to be enjoying the experience." The first end-of-the-month tally showed that 139 patient appointments were scheduled, and 203 types of procedures were performed.

The clinic offers a variety of challenges not ordinarily encountered in a student's daily routine at the school. "Right now, for example, the students have been asked to design their own methods of processing new patients—plans they can use in their own practices when they graduate," says Dr. Lockhart. "That's one of the topics we've been talking about in our weekly developmental staff meetings."

"I like the fact that the instructors have gained much more confidence in us," says participant Jeff Spilman. "There was a period in the beginning when they were sort of looking over our shoulders, but now they let us go ahead at a pace that is comfortable for us."

When the pilot ends May 3, the Planning Committee will review the program and decide what role it should play in fulfilling the overall educational objectives at IUSD. "There are still a number of issues to be addressed related to such areas as student supervision and continuity of care for patients when students leave," says Dr. Lockhart.

Jeff Spilman for one is hopeful that other students will get a chance to share his experience as a Capstone clinician. "It was a good transition clinic for me, a gradual way to break away from the dental school regimen before I go into practice."

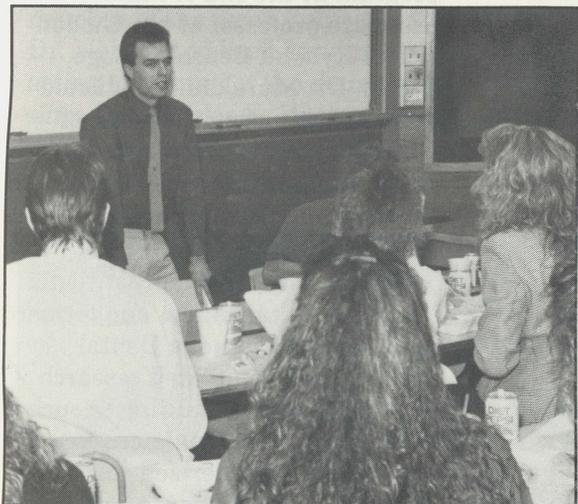
# a SEEK



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Tour guide and fourth-year dental student Brad Sammons (wearing white clinic coat) brings one group to the fourth-floor dental hygiene clinic, where they are welcomed by instructor Sally I. Phillips (extreme right).

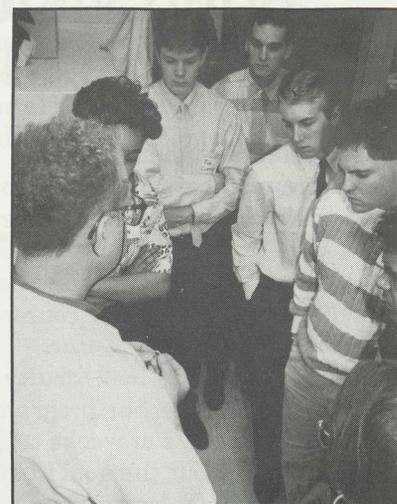
## K success story in 1991



Third-year student Ed Filangeri fields questions at lunch session.



Brett Egelske (4th yr) leads the way.



A few pointers from laboratory technician Ed Calkins in prosthodontics

When the first-year dental class recently showed up at the Medical Science building for one of Dr. Virginia Zinsmeister's human anatomy lectures, 20 undergraduate students from the IU-Bloomington campus tagged along—not to absorb the facts delivered in the 50-minute class, but to watch the *real* dental students absorbing the facts—and to see for themselves yet another facet in the multifaceted life of a dental student.

The fifth annual dental SEEK day, a student recruitment program sponsored in February by the IU-Bloomington Office of Career and Placement Support Services,

brought college students with an interest in dentistry to the Indianapolis campus for a closer look at the dental and dental hygiene programs. Participants also toured the clinics with student guides and listened to presentations by Dr. Kirt E. Simmons, assistant professor of orthodontics; and Dr. Chester Swimley, associate professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Lunch was shared with a panel of students who talked about their own school experiences and led a question and answer session. Panelists were first-year dental hygiene student Donnetta J. Broshears and dental students

Neslihan K. Ertem, first year; Gregg S. Svoma, second; and Edward J. Filangeri, third.

The highlight of this year's SEEK program was a special one-on-one afternoon session teaming dental school instructors with the college students; each student accompanied one faculty member who was assigned "to the floor" in one of several clinics throughout the school. Thanks to the teachers who volunteered for this portion of the program, SEEK participants were treated for the first time to an in-depth, close-up view of faculty/student/patient interaction in the clinics.



Mike Halloran

*From left: Dr. Suteera Hovijitra, IU associate professor of prosthodontics, and Dean H. William Gilmore greet Dr. Kanitta Charnond and IUSD visiting scholars Drs. Prakob Buranasin and Sommai Chobissara, of Bangkok, Thailand. Dr. Charnond visited IU in March and has now returned to her home in Bethalto, Illinois.*

## Individualized programs bring visiting scholars from around the world to IU

Most students at the IU dental school are members of a class—but a few are in a class by themselves.

Several international scholars have traveled to IU to pursue a course of independent study under the guidance of dental school faculty members. Length of the programs range from a couple of weeks to a couple of years, but the goal in all cases is to create a learning environment that meets the needs of the visitor and also promotes international dialogue between faculty and students at IU and scholars from leading institutions throughout the world.

The school welcomed its newest visiting scholars in March. They are Dr. **Somma Chobissara**, an assistant professor of pediatric dentistry at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand; Dr. **Prakob Buranasin**, an instructor in oral medicine at Chulalongkorn; and Dr. **Zheng Xu**, a dentist at Qing Pu Hospital, Shanghai, People's Republic of China. Drs. Chobissara and Buranasin will stay at IU for several weeks, and Dr. Xu for several months.

Dr. Chobissara's key interests are in observing teaching and evaluation methods in IU's undergraduate and graduate pediatric dentistry programs, and observing pre-medication/sedation techniques in the hospital program. Dr. Buranasin, who is located in dental diagnostic sciences, is primarily interested in observing pre- and postdoctoral training programs in diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of oral cancer patients.

Dr. Xu is devoting his time at IU to the Cell Culture Laboratory, where he is repeating cell culture studies related to research he conducted in China. Interested specifically in treatment of cancer patients, Dr. Xu has a patent pending in several countries, including the United States, for a potential anti-cancer agent known as CHML (cytotropic heterogeneous molecular lipids).

The school currently has visiting scholars in several other areas.

Drs. **Maria del Carmen M. Pina** and **Patricia R. Vallarta** are recent graduates of Universidad Intercontinental, Tlalpan, Mexico. Both arrived in the Department of

Operative Dentistry in January and will stay until summer. In addition to observing, they are assisting with clinical procedures and with research projects in the department.

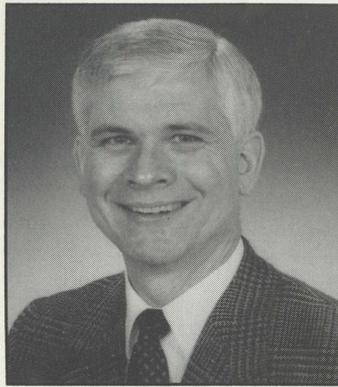
Also in January, private practitioner Dr. **Samir F. Zakaria**, a graduate of the University of Tishrine Faculty of Dental Medicine, Lattakia, Syria, undertook a special program to gain clinical experience in the Department of Periodontics. He plans to stay for about a year and a half.

Dr. **Shigeki Murakami**, one of two scholars who arrived in the Department of Prosthodontics during the preceding academic year, completed his research program at the end of March. An associate professor of prosthodontics at Kyushu Dental College, Japan, Dr. Murakami conducted studies evaluating the effect of different bonding agents used with resin cements on the shear bond strength of Dicor. The other scholar, Dr. **Mitsunobu Okamura**, a private practitioner from Fukuoka, Japan, and former professor at Fukuoka Dental College, has completed research investigations pertaining to such topics as dimensional accuracy of microwave polymerized resin complete denture bases, and the effect of inverting impressions on the physical properties of gypsum casts. Dr. Okamura has recently been accepted into the July '91 prosthodontic graduate program.

The visitor who has undertaken the longest program at IUSD thus far is Dr. **Hiroshi Yagasaki**, of Matsumoto Dental College, Shiojiri, Japan. He has been conducting research in dental diagnostic sciences since Fall Semester, 1989, and plans to remain here until the summer of 1993. Dr. Yagasaki is studying the effect a dental material developed by one of his Matsumoto colleagues has on bone growth.

More scholars are scheduled to arrive in the summer.

## New chairman appointed in oral surgery



Dr. Charles L. Nelson

Dr. Charles L. Nelson, Indiana University associate professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, was named chairman of the IU Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, effective March 1. A member of the faculty since 1982, Dr. Nelson had been serving as acting chairman of the department since Dr. Charles E. Hutton retired last December.

A native of Plainfield, Indiana, Dr. Nelson holds IU degrees in biological science (AB 1973) and dentistry (DDS 1976), and is a 1979 graduate of IU's oral and maxillofacial surgery certificate program. Prior to his appointment on the IU faculty, he served three years as chief of oral and maxillofacial surgery at United States Air Force Regional Hospital, Carswell Air Force Base, Texas.

Dr. Nelson is jointly appointed as an associate professor of plastic surgery at the IU School of Medicine. He serves as assistant director of the IU Medical Center's Craniofacial Anomalies Team. In 1990 he was named director of IU's oral and maxillofacial residency program.

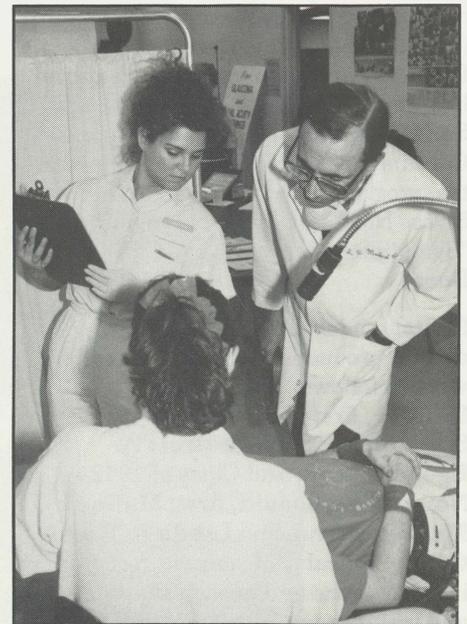
Dr. Nelson is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He was the 1988-89 president of the Indiana Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

Dr. Nelson currently is principal investigator of a research grant concerned with the effect of unilateral primary alveolar cleft bone grafting on early facial growth, and a co-investigator on two major dental school studies pertaining to endosseous implants.



Diana Morse (left) and Kristi Browning joined four of their classmates in representing the dental school at this year's Health Fair.

Student care givers, all in their second year of the dental hygiene program, were Kristi Browning, Virginia Hodgkin, Kimberly Lawson, Amanda Mattingly, Cherisse Moore, and Diana Morse. Faculty supervisors were Professor Louise M. Judd and Drs. Larry D. Ryan and Mark E. Mallatt.



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IUSD care givers Dr. Larry Ryan, Kim Lawson (standing) and Virginia Hodgkin

## Spreading 'good will'

When the Goodwill Industries building on West Michigan opened its doors for an annual employee Health Fair on March 20, IUSD dental hygiene students and faculty were among a variety of visiting health-care professionals ready to serve hundreds of participants from Goodwill centers throughout central Indiana.

Persons stopping by the dentistry booth were offered dental screenings as well as dental health education and information about nutrition. Goodwill staff also received screening and dental health information. All participants will be offered followup referral for needed care.

The trip to the Health Fair was one of many student outreach projects going on at sites throughout Indianapolis this spring in partial fulfillment of Professor

Judd's Community Dental Health course. Students contributing to Goodwill Industries' Health Fair were following up on last year's highly successful program presented at the same location by a group of dental hygiene students from the Class of 1990.

**Dr. Donald E. Arens**, associate professor of endodontics and director of continuing education, was elected secretary/treasurer of the International Federation of Endodontists during a meeting held in October in Boston. In February he was elected secretary of the American Academy of Esthetics during a meeting in Chicago. Dr. Arens has made frequent appearances on the lecture circuit this semester. As featured lecturer at a meeting of the Hawaiian Dental Association in Honolulu, in January, he presented a program entitled "What Did You Do to Me, Doctor?" In February he lectured at a Broward County Dental Society meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida ("Physical vs. Financial Catastrophe"). He was featured lecturer at the Hinman Dental Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, in March, presenting in a four-part lecture series an overview of endodontics in relation to pain control. April presentations include meetings of the 9th District Dental Society of New York in Westchester ("Why Do I Hurt, Doctor?") and the American Association of Endodontists in Washington, D.C. ("Financial Death is Catastrophic"). Dr. Arens has been invited as featured lecturer at the North Carolina Dental Society meeting in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, in May; there he will present two programs—"Endodontics and Stress Need Not Be Synonymous" and "Sometimes 'Conventional' Can't Get It Done."

Dental students ranking at the top of clinical production for Fall Semester were as follows: Class of 1991—**Dean H. Oller**, first place; **Jeffery A. Spilman**, second; and **Brett A. Egelske**, third; and Class of 1992—**Norman Yamazaki**, first; **Malinda G. Mundy**, second; and **Linda A. Hicks**, third. Clinical achievement recognition is given at the end of each semester and includes monetary awards.

The Indiana University Board of Trustees in April approved promotions for School of Dentistry faculty members **Dr. Bradley B. Beiswanger**, preventive and community dentistry, to professor; and **Charles J. Palenik**, oral microbiology, also to professor.

# WHO'S NEWS

A new textbook for dental students, *Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology: Radiologic/Pathologic Correlations*, was published last October and introduced in January, 1991, by the W.B. Saunders Company. Primary author of the textbook is **Dr. Dale A. Miles**, associate professor of dental diagnostic sciences and director of the department's graduate program. His co-authors are **Dr. Margot L. Van Dis**, IU associate professor of dental diagnostic sciences; **Dr. George E. Kaugars**, of the Medical College of Virginia's oral pathology department; and **Dr. John G.L. Lovas**, of Dalhousie University's oral biology department. The book will be used by second-year dental students at IU beginning with the 1992 academic year. Other IU employees playing a role in the book's preparation are **Dr. Charles E. Tomich**, chairman of oral pathology, who contributed multiple radiographic illustrations; dental illustrations supervisor **Alana Barra** and photographer **Mike Halloran**, who provided photographic support; and dental diagnostic sciences secretaries **Julie R. LeHunt** and **Susan E. Shafer**, who provided clerical support.

**Dr. Lawrence I. Goldblatt**, associate dean for academic affairs and for graduate and postgraduate education, was installed as president of the Supreme Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon dental honor society during the annual meeting in New Orleans in March. This year's meeting included a national symposium featuring **Gerald L. Bepko**, IU vice president and chancellor (Indianapolis), as keynote speaker. Chancellor Bepko's presentation was entitled "The Future of Tenure and Promotion for Dental School Faculty—A View from the University."

**Dr. Susan L. Zunt**, associate professor of oral pathology, has been invited to participate in IUPUI's annual Edward C. Moore Teaching Symposium on April 19, which features guest speaker **Charles J. Sykes**, journalist and author of the controversial book *Profscam: Professors and the Demise of Higher Education*. The author's presentation, "Are We Sacrificing Teaching for Prestige," addresses his claim that too many professors at large public universities ignore their teaching responsibilities to conduct research. Dr. Zunt will contribute to a panel discussion moderated by **Dr. David J. Malik**, acting chairman of the IUPUI chemistry department. Other panelists are **Dean David L. Stocum**, School of Science; and **Dr. Richard G. Peterson**, professor of anatomy at the School of Medicine.

**Dr. Melvin R. Lund**, professor of operative dentistry, was honored with the Academy of Operative Dentistry's prestigious Award of Excellence, presented in February at the Academy's 20th annual meeting in Chicago. Dr. Lund was recognized for distinguishing himself as "a lecturer, an author, and an international clinician," and for his unique contribution to the educational programs of the many graduate students who have studied with him over the years.

In February **Dr. David K. Hennon**, professor of pediatric dentistry and orthodontics, presented a three-day program at the University Autonomous of Nuevo Leon in Monterrey, Mexico, at the invitation of the University's pediatric dentistry alumni organization. His lecture topics included diagnosis and treatment of problems of the developing dentition; hypnosis in dentistry; and early dental/orthopedic management of cleft lip and palate infants. Dr. Hennon's wife, **Clarice Hennon**, who is a registered dietician, also participated in the conference; she presented a lecture on clinical nutrition for the health professional. The group presented a plaque to the Hennons in appreciation of their contributions to the conference.

Dr. **Lawrence P. Garetto**, assistant professor of orthodontics and director of the IUSD Bone Laboratory, was elected to the IU School of Medicine's chapter of Sigma Xi, a national research society, in March. He holds a joint appointment with the medical school as an assistant professor of physiology and biophysics.

Dr. Garetto and Dr. **W. Eugene Roberts**, chairman of orthodontics, participated in the First International Congress on Implantology and Biomaterials in Rouen, France, March 21-23, with Dr. Roberts as keynote speaker. The title of Dr. Roberts' presentation was "Physiological Basis of the Osseous Reaction." Dr. Garetto's oral presentation was entitled "Bone Metabolic Status: Risk Assessment Prior to Implantation"; his poster presentation, "Reducing Section Thickness: a Discussion of Methods for Analysis of the Bone/Implant Interface," was prepared with co-authors **Patsy A. Dunn**, histotechnologist, and **Caroline Jennermann**, senior dental technician, both of the orthodontic department.

Other presentations by Dr. Roberts in February included his participation in a two-day symposium held in West Palm Beach, Florida (the symposium focused on refinement of techniques in implantology); two lectures in Boston—"Uptake on Bone Healing and Long-term Maintenance of Dental Implants" to the Osseointegration Study Club of Boston, and "Bone Physiology and Prosthodontic and Orthodontic Applications" to postgraduate students of Boston University's Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry; a lecture, "Physiologic Basis of Endosseous Implants," presented at a clinical congress in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the American associations of oral and maxillofacial surgeons and orthodontists and the American Cleft-Palate Craniofacial Association; and a seminar, "Pathophysiology and Orthodontic Application of Rigid Endosseous Implants," presented at the Oregon Implant Research Seminar, Oregon Health Sciences University School of Dentistry, Portland.

Four faculty members and all 10 graduate students in orthodontics attended an annual craniofacial growth symposium entitled "Bone Biodynamics

in Orthodontic and Orthopedic Treatment," sponsored by and held at The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, February 22-23. As one of the symposium presenters, Dr. Roberts discussed principles of orthodontic biomechanics.

Three IU orthodontic faculty members contributed to the scientific program at the February meeting of the Midwest Component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists. Dr. **Gordon R. Arbuckle**, assistant professor, presented a paper, "Biomechanics of Implants"; Dr. **LaForrest D. Garner**, professor, served as a discussor and chaired a session; and Dr. Roberts presented a talk, "Standards of Care: Structure Criteria."

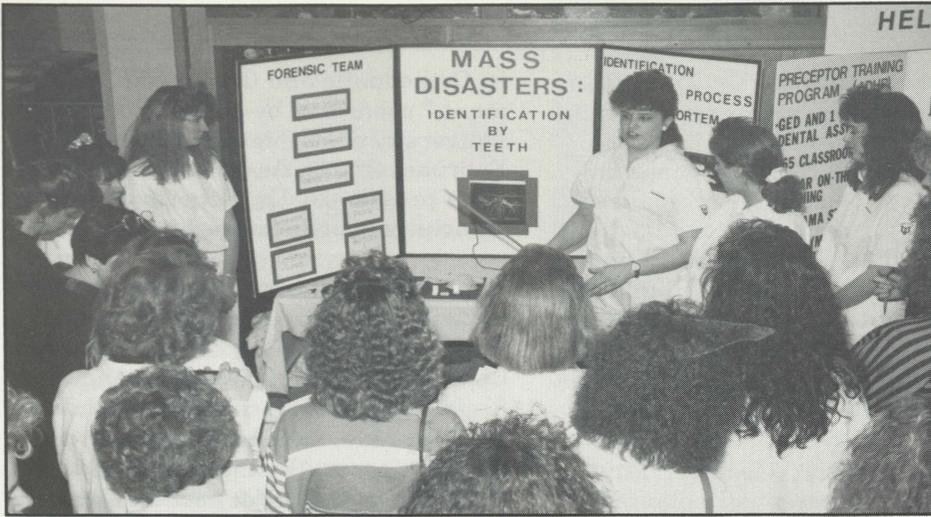
Dr. Arbuckle and Dr. **William F. Hohlt**, assistant professor, presented a continuing education program entitled "Indiana Edgewise Mechanics" to orthodontic students at Fort Knox, Kentucky, April 3-4. The program included a case presentation by second-year graduate student Dr. **David A. Lehman**. The U.S. Army offers an orthodontic residency program at Fort Knox in conjunction with the University of Louisville.



Mike Halloran

**GIMME A BREAK (and pass the donuts).** It was a coffee break that would have made Mrs. Olson proud. Instead of "taking five," employees in the oral pathology department took at least 30 one cold day last February to celebrate their good fortune as winners of a radio contest sponsored by Lite Rock 97 (WENS). After sending in their reasons for deserving a break in the routine, the oral path gang quickly got the nod from WENS for submitting the best entry and therefore being the most deserving of the prize—a coffee klatch at

WENS' expense. Two station reps arrived about 10 am with coffee cups, donuts, and congratulations (the java was brewed by the department). Mid-morning "schmoosers" include, from left: Dr. Susan Zunt, associate professor; Melanie Kratzman, histotechnologist; Jennifer Robison, secretary; Ken Hayes and disk jockey Scott Fischer, both of WENS; Candy McClintock, former accounts clerk; Patricia Wise, laboratory assistant; Susan Casmire, secretary; and Lee Ann Hadley, histotechnologist.



Dental hygiene student Amanda Mattingly takes her turn at presenting "Mass Disasters: Identification by Teeth."



Dental hygiene students Angela Bronder (left) and Joan Wirth: "Control Tartar Before It Controls You"

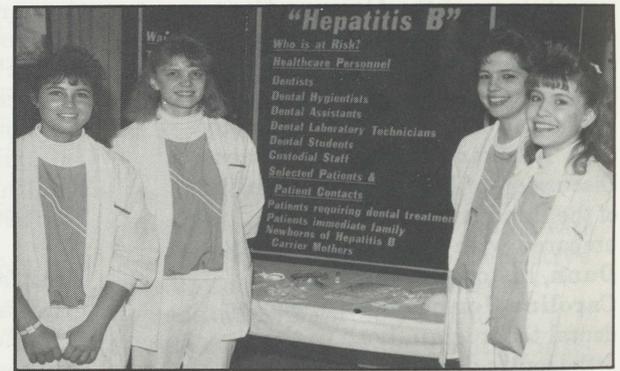
# Good table manners



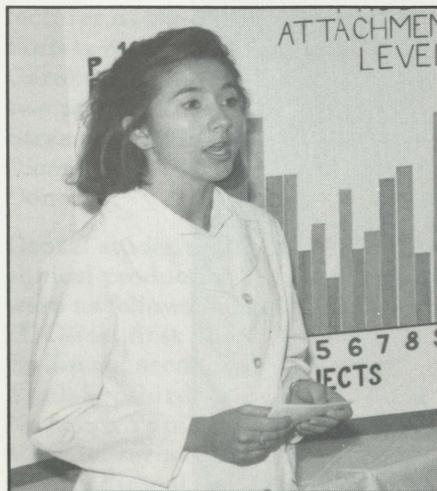
Holly McQuinn (assisting): "Special Care for Special Kids"



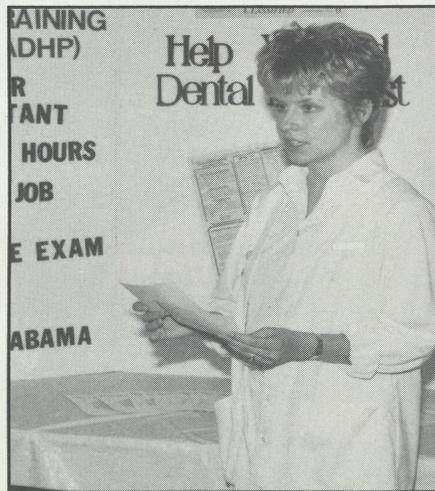
MAKING A POINT. Dental hygiene student Patricia Smith presents "Implanting an Impression."



L-R: Amy Ingle, Janet Nobbe, Lisa Lloyd, Amy Breese (assisting): "Are You at Risk?"



Kelly Miller (hygiene): "A New Generation"

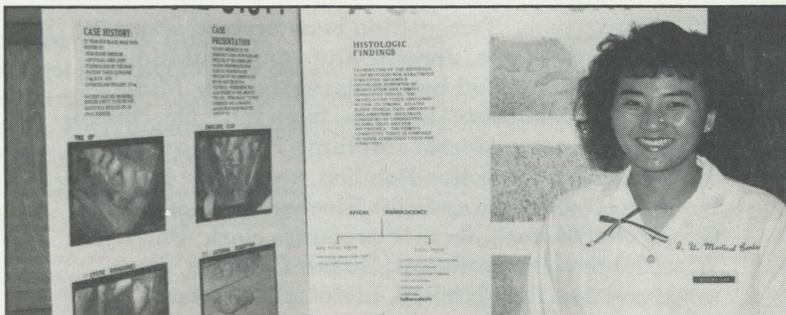


Nell Thompson (hygiene): "Help Wanted"



L-R: Lisa York, Meshell Canada, Kori Curnutt, Laura Fanning (assisting): "Dental Fears"

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Stacey Lee (dentistry): "Periapical Cysts"



L-R: Sharon Sondgerath, JoAnn Cardwell, Ely Benoit, Christine Tackett (hygiene): "Prevention on Wheels"

## 18 projects presented during annual Table Clinic Day

Is vital bleaching worth the risk? What are the effects of smoking on your oral health? What role do teeth play in a mass disaster?

Sixty-four students were ready with answers to these questions and many others that were asked by a variety of judges during IUSD's Student Table Clinic presentations on March 18.

Dental student turnout was small for this spring's event compared to previous seasons, which means that most members of the Class of '91 have opted to fulfill graduation requirements by submitting a paper instead. Dental hygiene and dental assisting students once

again took a team approach to their assignment, with each clinic typically including four presenters.

Third-year dental student John M. Neeb won the American Dental Association/Dentsply International Student Clinician competition for his clinic, "Sterilization of Orthodontic Instruments and Bands in Cassettes." He was formally recognized by Gary A. Campbell, a representative of the York Division of Dentsply, during a ceremony in Dean H. William Gilmore's office on March 21. The award includes a trip to the ADA's 132nd annual session in Seattle, Washington, where the clinic will be entered in the national competition.

Winners in the dentistry, dental hygiene, and dental assisting categories will be announced during IUSD's Honors Day program, which precedes IUPUI Commencement exercises on May 12.

Clinic judges included faculty members Drs. Leonard G. Koerber, Jack E. Schaaf, George P. Willis, and Mark E. Mallatt; Professor Charles J. Palenik; Sara A. Hook-Shelton, and Sally I. Phillips. Guest judges were Sue Germain and Carmine McDonald from the Indiana State Board of Health; and Angela Reed (BS '90 in public health dental hygiene), of Indianapolis.

## AEGD closes the gap (of a few thousand miles) between 4th floor clinic and patients overseas

*Thank you very much for the care package. Caught me off guard. Kool-Aid is a very big deal here. I'm 20 miles from the Kuwaiti border. Nothing but sand for miles. We call it "St. Someplace"...*

*I really want to thank you all for the package...I miss all of you. I wish I was back home and I could be coming back up there every two weeks like I was before...I don't like the Army's dentist...*

Two letters from Saudi Arabia posted on a fourth-floor bulletin board sound like they've been written by good friends instead of good patients. For the staff and students of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry program, letter writers Joseph M. Shortridge and Richard L. Scott are both.

It was clinic coordinator Marcia L. Wager who came up with the idea of sending care packages to two AEGD patients, who were among the 540,000 U.S. troops sent to fight in the Persian Gulf War. "Marcia's cousin, Roger Bruce, and my brother, Mike White, were also stationed in Saudi Arabia," dental assistant Karen K. Widman told us recently. "Everybody in the department contributed the items that went into the four packages. There was lots of support."

By the time the AEGD staffers were ready to tape the boxes shut, they were bulging with everything from toothpaste to toilet paper. "Mike ask me to send him one of those coffee cups with a lid so he could keep the sand out," Karen said. "We wound up getting one for everybody." Kool-Aid is popular with the soldiers, she explained, because it masks the taste of the region's chemically treated drinking water. Other gifts included magazines and cassette tapes.

The packages were already on their way when the first of the fighting began in the middle of January. At least one box of goodies arrived within 12 days, and all were deeply appreciated.

Karen's brother is now back in the states, stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, and Marcia's cousin is back home in Danville, Indiana. The AEGD department hasn't yet heard of Richard or Joe's whereabouts since the war ended. It's hoped that they will soon be safely home—and coming back to the school for their dental care.

*All of you made my day. There are no words to express my appreciation. Thank you. Take care,*

Joe



**WHO'S GOT THE COUNT?** Preparation of the gift bags was a lot more organized than it looks—SADHA members filled 250 bags in a little over an hour. Afterward, they topped off the evening with a pizza party.

## Cream & crimson gift bags offer toys, toothpaste—and tenets of philanthropy

*Special Valentine's Day project generates smiles among patients at Riley and a spirit of giving among students of dental hygiene.*

THE REWARD OF GIVING manifests itself in a thousand unexpected ways. For second-year dental hygiene student Susan Chestnut, it came in the gentle wave of a tiny hand.

Susan was one of 30-some students participating in "Hearty Smiles," a gift distributing project held on Valentine's Day for children at Riley Hospital and sponsored by the Student American Dental Hygienists' Association (SADHA). "One little boy that we visited was recovering from brain surgery," Susan says. "He was bandaged so that he couldn't see. We didn't think he could hear us, either; but as we left his room, he waved."

A different memory of the visit to Riley lingers for second-year student Katie Quinn: "One mom held her infant in her lap while going through the bag of gifts we brought to the room. She showed each item to the baby, one by one, and even read aloud to the baby the card we had enclosed."

These are but two of many moments cherished by the students who spent February 14 making the holiday memorable for youngsters at Riley. "Sometimes we get so wrapped up in our school requirements that all we can think about is ourselves," says Katie, who is president of SADHA. "With the 'Hearty Smiles' project,

we all pulled together to do something for someone else."

The idea of having students from the dental school distribute gift bags to patients at Riley Hospital on Valentine's Day was formulated several months earlier by Danny R. Dean, IUSD director of development. When the 1990-91 school year commenced last August, SADHA happened to be looking for a community service project to sponsor at the same time Mr. Dean was looking for a group of students within the dental school that would be interested in learning more about philanthropy. "I wanted to work with students who had not yet had much experience with philanthropic activities," says Mr. Dean. "I hoped that by exposing them to a philanthropic experience, they would find it fun as well as helpful, and would be motivated to participate in future projects. The SADHA students were extremely enthusiastic. I think they found the project rewarding, and also picked up some organizational skills."

The visit to Riley was open only to members of SADHA, which counts 56 of IU's dental hygiene students among its members. More persons were interested in playing a part in "Hearty Smiles" than could be accommodated. "A couple of non-members wanted to join SADHA by paying dues of \$20 just so they could participate," says Susan, who is the organization's treasurer.

Students gathered in the IUSD cafeteria the night before the event to assemble 250 red and white gift bags; a Riley Hospital representative was also on hand to explain hospital protocol to the students, most of whom were about to visit Riley's patient wards for the first time. "I don't think everyone realizes what children with a serious illness and their parents go through," says Katie.

According to Mr. Dean, direct contact with the patients was fundamental to the success of the philanthropic experience. "I believe the coordinators at Riley were surprised—and very pleased—that the students wanted to personally present the gifts to the children," he says. "It's my belief that by involving young people in all stages of a philanthropic event, they will be more likely to engage in such activity in the future."

Nearly \$3,000 worth of gifts ranging from sunglasses to miniature stuffed bears and including several dental items were donated. Primary sponsor was the Leon Hecht Company, of Indianapolis; other contributors were Sigma Phi Alpha dental hygiene honor society, Central Indiana Dental Hygienists' Association, IU Department of Pediatric Dentistry, and Procter and Gamble Company.

"I think the visit to Riley helped familiarize students with everything that's involved in planning a project such as this," says Susan. "Once students have graduated and are out on their own, they shouldn't be afraid to participate in other projects."

It's a good theory—and one that Mr. Dean will study closely in the year ahead. In March he received funding for a one-year research grant to study philanthropic attitudes of dental hygiene students. The grant, which was made possible by the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy on behalf of Lilly Endowment, Inc. and other donors, will be used to determine if participation in events such as "Hearty Smiles" increases students' personal interest and involvement in similar activities.



*One-year-old Riley patient Darah Dorsten, of Richmond, checks for goodies with a little help from her mom, Rhonda (left), and SADHA members Monice Copeland (kneeling) and Penny Dougherty.*



*Shana Dull (center), Tommi Davis, and a tiny stuffed teddy get a big smile from two-year-old Jonathan Kreiss, a Riley patient from Anderson.*



*Sunglasses donated as gifts by the Leon Hecht Company pass inspection by Sharon Sondgerath (left) and Jennifer Eikenberry.*



*Dawn Sargent keeps the production line moving.*



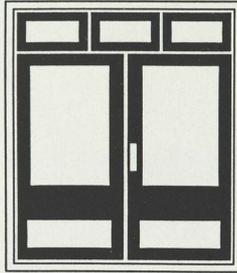
*Professor Evelyn Oldsen (right) helps sign the cards that were enclosed with each gift bag.*



*Starting in the lobby of Riley Hospital for Children, Sheila Miller (l-r), Katie Quinn, Lisa Adams, and Suzanne Fuehrer gather as many bags as they can carry to begin their visits to the patient wards.*

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