

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY NEWSLETTER

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TWO FACULTY MEMBERS AT THE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY have been appointed to newly created positions as Assistant Deans of the School, Dean Ralph E. McDonald has announced.

Dr. James E. Vaught has been named Assistant Dean for Dental Auxiliary Education, and Dr. Ralph G. Schimmele is now Assistant Dean for Program Development and Extramural Programs.

In his new position Dr. Vaught will administer and coordinate statewide programs for educating dental auxiliaries (dental hygienists, dental assistants, and dental laboratory technicians). Such programs are now being operated at the Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, and South Bend campuses of Indiana University and the Evansville Campus of Indiana State University.

Dr. Schimmele will be in charge of developing additional programs of dental auxiliary education at the regional campuses of Indiana University and at campuses of other state universities. He will also direct the development of the fourth-year elective program for dental students at regional campus centers and elsewhere.

DR. SIMON KATZ, DR. JAMES L. MCDONALD, JR., AND DR. GEORGE K. STOOKEY are receiving congratulations for winning a \$200 Preventive Dentistry Award for special merit in the Professional Education category. They were honored by the American Dental Association Coordinating Committee on Preventive Dentistry for making an outstanding contribution to preventive dentistry through their textbook, Preventive Dentistry in Action.

DEAN RALPH E. MCDONALD WAS ELECTED President of the Association of Pedodontic Diplomates at the association's annual meeting in Los Angeles, August 27 and 28. The association includes all pedodontists who have been certified by the American Board of Pedodontics.

DR. MAYNARD K. HINE HAS BEEN APPOINTED as a special assistant to President John W. Ryan and as an executive associate to the IU Foundation. He will help to establish an Indianapolis office for the Foundation.

FOUR MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY Faculty were honored at the recent Fall Conference of the School of Dentistry Alumni Association in Bloomington. Dr. David B. McClure, Associate Professor of Pedodontics, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award, and Honorary Membership in the Dental Alumni Association was conferred upon Mrs. Helen Campbell, Assistant Professor of Dental Literature and Librarian; Dr. David F. Mitchell, Chairman and Professor of Oral Diagnosis/Oral Medicine; and Dr. Henry M. Swenson, Professor of Periodontics.

DR. RONALD B. MACK, GRADUATE STUDENT IN PEDODONTICS, has been awarded a \$5,500 clinical fellowship by the United Cerebral Palsy Research and Educational Foundation. Dr. Mack received his B.S. degree from the University of California at Davis and graduated from the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry.

DENTAL DAMES, THE DENTAL STUDENT WIVES' ORGANIZATION, held its first meeting of the year Wednesday, September 12, in the basement lounge at the Dental School, President Tans Schlimmer reported. One hundred persons attended. A panel of dentists' wives, including Mrs. Trish Branam, Mrs. Sandy Funderburk, and Mrs. Sarah Sagraves, helped to reinforce each wife's hopes that the years in dental school are well worth the hardships incurred. Dean McDonald and Mrs. McDonald were present to wish the group well.

The wives' organization will again sponsor the annual Senior-Faculty Basketball game, with proceeds donated to the School of Dentistry's "Dental Dames Children's Fund" which was established in 1971 to help provide dentistry to children who would find it otherwise unavailable. The game and dance following are tentatively scheduled for late February.

A rummage sale sponsored by Dental Dames on September 22 netted \$254.25. Mrs. Aileen Meier expressed appreciation to those who donated rummage, or people who collected, priced and sold the items.

DR. MALCOLM E. BOONE has been appointed Chairman of Graduate Studies in the Department of Complete Denture. He is also editor of The Compendium of the American Equilibration Society and a consultant to the Veterans Administration.

IN THE COMPANY OF DR. DOYLE ELLIS, a Vincennes dentist and his family and Dr. Ken Baker, a South Carolina dentist and his wife, Senior Dental Student Ron Schlimmer traveled to Jeremie, Haiti, last summer and spent two weeks working in the clinic of the English Methodist Rural Rehabilitation Project. He reports that he received practical experience plus a unique vacation. Here is more from Ron:

Our adventure actually began before we arrived in Jeremie, and it was when we took our first taxi ride through the streets of Port-au-Prince, capital of Haiti. Port-au-Prince, a town of 300,000, has approximately one dozen stop lights, but hundreds of stop signs. Unfortunately, stop signs there mean, "Lean on your horn, close your eyes and pray." In addition to playing "chicken" at intersections, it was unnerving to have your taxi driver suddenly pull into the left lane before turning left at a corner.

Begging was another thing which I had to become accustomed to. It was common to see small children begging for nickels and dimes from foreigners.

Taking advantage of the time I had in Port-au-Prince, I went to the Residence Leclerc for a voodoo presentation. Voodoo appeared to me to be a religion of spirit possession.

The next day we flew into Jeremie and went to the home of the English minister in charge of the project where we were to stay during the next week and a half. From my room I had a fantastic view of the Caribbean.

The clinic in Jeremie was very adequate. There were both medical and dental portions to the clinic, as well as a classroom and a small pharmacy. Thirty yards from the clinic was a large thatched roof hut where the patients waited and beyond this was a "parking lot" for the horses and donkeys of the more fortunate Haitians.

The dental clinic had one dental chair with an uninstalled dental unit on the side which provided one of the two electrical lights available. We were also able to use two rocking chairs by placing each on blocks and propping it back. An English veterinarian acted as our interpreter and distributed cards to all persons. We then examined the people, marking teeth for extraction. We anesthetized the patients in the hallway and brought them into the chairs. We used a variety of instruments, improvising whenever necessary. Since no x-ray unit was available, it was sometimes necessary to do a flap procedure using a mallet and a #40 elevator.

In addition to working at the clinic in Jeremie, we had three trips planned into the mountains. The procedure was to get up at 4:00 a.m. and jump into the Land Rover by 5:00 a.m. The road was single lane and a combination of dirt and rock. It took three hours of constant standing to travel the thirty to thirty-five miles into the mountains. While the others set up the clinic, Mrs. Ellis and I examined the school children. We saw some extreme cases of malnutrition. We also found a bony tumor of the mandible. The only possible recommendation we could suggest was for the patient to seek medical attention elsewhere where they would have diagnostic facilities.

The next day, after a shorter drive into the mountains, we walked a mile to our destination. The people here were extremely friendly and carried all equipment for us. The clinic this time was set up in the living room of the head of the village. We had three rocking chairs around a table on which we placed our instruments. Extractions were done with the help of flash lights held by our Haitian assistants. Our suction system was for the patient to spit into a bag. Method of sterilization was the use of boiling water over a charcoal fire.

The day before our return we worked in yet another village. This time we worked under a thatched roof built originally to be the waiting room.

Each day many people had to be turned away, including some who had walked many miles to get there. This was the most disheartening part of the experience.

Even before our return to the states, plans were being made for the next dental team to travel to Haiti. Dental units are being sent in hopes of providing restorative care. Much has been accomplished, but much more remains to be done.

Ron Schlimmer

"MINIBIBLIOGRAPHIES" FROM THE LIBRARIAN'S DESK

Popular Titles:

- DS McGuire: Tooth Trip
- DS7 McKeown: Everybody's tooth book; an illustrated guide to the care and feeding of your teeth
- DS81 Vershel: Your future in dentistry
- OK DS71 Watson: My friend the dentist
- OK D Zebooker: Your teeth, your dentist, and your health

Gifts to our Browsing Collection:

- ~~Browsing~~ Hailey: Wheels
- 920 Kanin: Tracy and Hepburn
- Levin: The Stepford wives
- 818.5 Lindbergh: Bring me a unicorn
- ~~Browsing~~ Puzo: The godfather

BARBARA HORINE, ASSISTANT RECORDER in the Student Office, will give a guest artist recital on Sunday, November 4, at 4:00 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral on the Circle. Mrs. Horine has her B.A. degree in Music from Clarke College in Iowa and her M.M. degree in Voice from Indiana University School of Music in Bloomington. She has taught at Northeastern Illinois State College in Chicago in the voice department as well as in Elmhurst, Illinois as a music coordinator. Currently, Mrs. Horine teaches voice at Butler University in the evenings and is a soloist at the First Congregational Church. Her program will include Mozart, Dvorak, Brahms, Leoncavallo and will close with a "Motetto" by Vivaldi which will be accompanied by a string quartet. Everyone is invited, and admission is free.

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