

NEWSLETTER

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ANY TIME NOW, faculty members can expect to be approached by students seeking advice on the Senior Essay or Table Clinic assignment, which is required of all seniors. Your cooperation will be much appreciated.

In addition, all undergraduates except seniors are invited to enter table clinics in the annual contest for dental students across the nation. The winner from each school receives an expense-paid trip to the 1970 A.D.A. meeting in Las Vegas, where he will present his table clinic.

It is hoped that every department will be represented by at least one table clinic and that all faculty members will offer encouragement and counsel to students in this important part of their professional training.

Further information on the table clinics is available from Dr. Bogan, and Professor Barton has details on the Senior Essay Contest. Both are in Room 105.

HERE ARE SOME OBSERVATIONS BY DR. H. WILLIAM GILMORE following a recent trip to Venezuela:

Last week Dr. Roland Dykema and I participated in the 23rd Congress of the Venezuelan Dental Association. The meeting was on Margarita Island and our presentations were in panels and in separate courses on restorative dentistry. Good reception was evident partly because all the material was simultaneously translated.

Three-fourths of the dentists in Venezuela are women and marriage within the profession is common. Many couples attended the Congress together.

Venezuela is a rich country with ten million people and only 2,000 dentists. Most of the successful practices are located in Caracas, the principal city, and there is an excellent relationship with the dental faculty of the National University. Several have had graduate training in the U.S. and as usual they appear to provide leadership in the dental organizations and politics.

It is common for dentists to practice in homes or condominiums and work into the evening hours because of the Latin time schedule. Practice and teaching in Venezuela would probably

consume more hours per week than in the U.S. but the socio-economic level of dentists is comparable to our country. Due to the dental demand many Venezuelans are eager to learn the modern aspects of American dentistry. Many participate, also, in the social security program that provides care to the sizeable poverty element.

Caracas is very modern with a population of 2 million and serves as a commerce center for the rich oil and ore deposits in the country. Many satellite businesses naturally follow, with the Hilton Hotel being only one month old. The city boasts of 400 excellent restaurants and is inhabited by 200,000 Italians and many exiles from the European countries. The streets are as elegant as the road system that spans the country, and the tropical climate and mountains make a beautiful setting. The twelve-month growing season produces an abundance of fresh fruit and vegetables.

The political structure of the country is a republic of twenty states with the president and federal legislators being elected. The governors of the states, however, are appointed by the president. Ten per cent of the population is Communist and there are several stories of university uprisings and car burnings. However, the only evidence we saw consisted of painted walls and buildings with leftist slogans. By comparison the disturbances were much smaller than some in the U.S. and there is no indication that Venezuela will not continue with free elections and sound government. Many dentists take pride in describing the national election that rebuked the guerrilla tactics of Castro in 1965.

Margarita Island was a delightful place for the Congress with a good hotel, an abundance of sunshine and miles of sandy beaches. The popular food was "impanada" which is a tortilla that is filled with spiced shark and deep fried in peanut oil. Pearls are the chief export of the island, which makes for an abundance of oysters that are sold from buckets at the seashore. Spanish forts from the time of Bolivar add to the island atmosphere.

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MANY PERSONS HAVE COMMENTED ABOUT THE INACTIVITY on the new addition to the building. It hasn't been due to the weather but to a shortage of structural steel. We have been told that the materials are now available and will be on the site this week.

FROM THE LIBRARIAN'S DESK come the following notes:

Item I: Attention All Secretaries

The Library asks your assistance in maintaining its file of faculty reprints. Please send four reprints of any published articles. We bind three and keep a fourth copy at the desk for student use.

Item II:

The following books have been published by faculty members in recent months:

Dykema, Roland W.; Cunningham, Donald M.; and Johnston, John F.:
Modern Practice in Removable Partial Prosthodontics, W. B.
Saunders Company, 1969.

McDonald, Ralph E.: Dentistry for the Child and Adolescent.
St. Louis, C. V. Mosby, 1969.

Mitchell, David F.; Standish, S. Miles; and Fast, Thomas B:
Oral Medicine/Oral Diagnosis. Philadelphia, Lea and Febiger,
1969.

Phillips, Ralph W.; Swartz, Marjorie L.; and Norman, Richard D.:
Materials for the Practicing Dentist. St. Louis, C. V. Mosby,
1969.

Copies of these volumes are on reserve at the Circulation Desk.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES being presented in January:

January 21 & 28, and February 4 & 11, 1970 - Continuation of Recent
Advances in Periodontal
Therapy

January 21, 1970 - Gold Restorations in Restorative Dentistry

January 22 & 23, 1970 - New Methods for Producing Cohesive Gold
Restorations

MISS LORRAINE GAULDEN, who works in Oral Surgery, and Mr. Jess Smith were married January 10 in the North United Methodist Church. Lorraine plans to continue working.

MRS GAZEL DALE, who works in the Business Office, is still unable to return to work due to a neck injury suffered in an automobile accident before Thanksgiving.

NEW ARRIVALS SINCE OUR LAST PUBLICATION:

DR. WILLIAM K. MARSHALL is teaching in the Radiology Department.

DR. DAVID L. MILLER, former student and instructor here, has returned from military service and is teaching in the Fixed and Removable Partial Prosthodontics Department.

MRS. PATRICIA BRAMBLETT replaced MISS ELAINE P. ECKHART in the Order Office. Elaine transferred to the Fixed and Removable Partial Prosthodontics Department.

MRS. CHARLENE HEFFNER is working in the Pedodontics Department.

DR. RAYMOND L. KIM will be leaving January 31, 1970 to accept a faculty appointment at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

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The trip from Indianapolis to Bombay is about 10 hours by plane, the route being Indianapolis-New York-London-Bombay. Because the trip would have been very tiring straight through, I planned to take a one-day break at Zurich, continuing on by train rather than TWA. On this flight we skipped Tel Aviv and had an intermediate stop at Zurich instead.

It only took a few hours after arriving in Bombay to realize that the poverty in that country is beyond belief. The temperature, fortunately, is very pleasant at this time of the year and never gets cold. It is very sad to see people rolled up on the sidewalk sleeping all night simply because they have no homes. A large number of people are being carried on what does to me hotel (the 1st floor level) and the entire foundation was built by hand shovels by literally hundreds of workers. At least half of them were women. Some of the work started at 5:00 in the morning and was still going on at 4:00 or 5:00 at night.

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