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DR. MAYNARD K. HINE, who served for 23 years as Dean of the School of Dentistry and later became the first Chancellor of IUPUI, was the recipient of extraordinary honors at meetings of dental organizations in Chicago during the week of October 27.

At the opening session of the Annual Meeting of the American Dental Association, Dr. Hine was presented with the ADA's Distinguished Service Award, the organization's highest honor. Only four other persons have received the award. Later in the week Dr. Hine was elected President of the Federation Dentaire Internationale, an organization in which some 75 nations are represented. He is the seventh American to hold that office. A former President of the American Dental Association, Dr. Hine now serves as Executive Associate of the IU Foundation and Special Consultant to President Ryan.

MEMBERS OF THE OHIO VALLEY REGION of the American Association of Dental Schools met on October 4 at the School of Dentistry to discuss the art and science of teaching. Jeff Blair, President of the Fourth Year Class at IUSD and Regional Correspondent for the AADS, presided. Six other schools were represented by students and in some cases by faculty, too.

Morning and afternoon presentations by Dean Ralph E. McDonald and Dr. James E. Vaught, Assistant Dean for Dental Auxiliary Education, were followed by workshops on these topics: Teaching of facts vs. generalizations, student motivation, student evaluation (of course content, grading techniques, and faculty in the clinic), methods of disseminating information, criteria that a good instructor should meet, and teaching environments.

Among the IU representatives were dental students Rock Alling and John Meier, dental hygiene students Sandra Hannis and Denise Schultz, and faculty members Dr. Robert L. Bogan, Dr. Hala Henderson, Dr. Leonard Koerber, Dr. Ray Maesaka, and Prof. Paul Barton.

Schools represented included Northwestern, Ohio State, and the Universities of Kentucky, Michigan, North Carolina, and West Virginia.

AT THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, honorary dental society, on Nov. 4, the following officers were installed: Dr. David Avery, President; Dr. James Dirlam, President-elect; Dr. E. Byrd Barr, Vice President; and Dr. Myron Kasle, Secretary-Treasurer.

THE NEWSLETTER IS PLEASED TO REPORT that Dean Ralph E. McDonald has received a card from Dr. Cleodius Walker, a 1975 graduate, which bears the heading "Thanks To All Of You," a verse, and this postscript, "Thanks again for a very fine and rounded education." Dr. Walker is now an officer in the Dental Corps of the U.S. Navy.

DR. RALPH W. PHILLIPS, Associate Dean for Research, has been selected as editor for a chapter entitled "Research Needs in the Field of Acquired Craniofacial Disfigurement" for a book funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Health. It will contain contributions from international experts in the various disciplines represented in this area. The book is co-sponsored by the U.S. Navy.

Dr. Phillips has also been named as a member of the Search Committee for appointment of a new Director of the Research Institute of the American Dental Association Health Foundation. In addition, Dr. Phillips has accepted an invitation to chair a Restorative Materials Workshop on New Dental Alloys to be held next spring under the sponsorship of the National Institute of Dental Research.

AT THE REQUEST OF THE NEWSLETTER, Rock Alling, Third Year student and president of Student Council, provided the following summary report of his attendance at a recent meeting:

Tom Kapczynski, Second Year student, and I had the privilege of representing the Dental School at the annual convention of the American Student Dental Association in Chicago, Oct. 30-Nov. 2. Fifty-four schools were represented, and the themes of the meeting were "Health Care Crisis" and "Dentistry of the Future."

School administrators and others expressed opinions on a wide variety of topics in the workshops, including what was described as a disturbing trend toward overspecialization in dentistry today, a suggestion that dental schools should cut enrollment of future classes to insure employment for the graduating dentist of today (it was suggested that expanded duties of auxiliaries will make up the difference in manpower); and a charge that dentists are vastly overtrained in what they do, undertrained in what they should know how to do. Needless to say, there was much discussion and controversy among all involved.

Resolutions passed by the ASDA House of Delegates ranged from a favoring of national reciprocity and an advocacy of the complete abolition of state and regional clinical licensure examinations to one that would have dental schools develop and publicize a clear definition of their procedures for the evaluation, advancement, and graduation of students.

Both Tom and I enjoyed comparing and contrasting dental schools with the other delegates. Interesting findings include: the Dental School of the University of Missouri at Kansas City is supposed to have a 21 denture requirement (I hope the delegate was kidding!), Creighton University students send out all lab work in their third and fourth years, and the University of Pacific Dental School has a strong and meaningful faculty

evaluation by the students. Students there also have permanent positions on the faculty tenure committee.

It was a real educational experience for us, and it is hoped that the ASDA will play a larger role in our dental school's future.

DR. VAROUJAN A. CHALIAN, Chairman of the Department of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, has been elected Chairman of the Faculty Affairs Committee of the IUPUI Faculty Council.

SAM PASSO, FOURTH YEAR STUDENT, represented the School of Dentistry at the recent Annual Session of the American Dental Association with his Table Clinic that won first place on Table Clinic Day here last March. Among his comments on the experience:

There was everything a person interested in dentistry could want at the convention - table clinics (on clinical and basic science research), seminars, Lunch and Learn lectures, movies, science exhibits, product displays, and social and informal meetings with fellow dentists from the U.S. and foreign countries. I was impressed with the personal attention the student clinicians got in learning about the Student Clinicians - American Dental Association (SCADA) and feeling a part of the organization. The ADA convention was a very rewarding experience and could not help but enrich the profession.

THE FOLLOWING IS FROM Dr. Robert L. Bogan, Associate Dean:

For the past two years, the First Year Dental Class has taken an interest in assisting predental applicants in preparing themselves for the "admissions" experience. The class felt that some of the apprehension and tension experienced during the application process could be relieved by better communication and understanding.

Last year, the class held an informal reception following each Dental Admission Test. They had table clinic demonstrations of typical, preclinical procedures performed in their classes the first year, and answered the applicants' questions regarding application procedures, interviews, student financial aid, etc.

This year's First Year Class has continued these receptions, and has added a new dimension. They recently sponsored a "Day on Campus" for predental applicants from around the state. They had over eighty applicants representing fifteen campuses. The class provided tours of the Dental School, refreshments, table clinics, and a chance to talk on a one-to-one basis with current dental students. In addition, a panel comprised of dental students and Admissions Committee members held a question and answer session. The applicants appreciated the efforts put forth in their behalf, and expressed gratitude for the thoughtfulness of the first year dental students.

DR. TIMOTHY J. O'LEARY, Chairman of the Department of Periodontics, was installed as President of the American Academy of Periodontology at the Academy's 61st annual session in Minneapolis on Sept. 26. He was also re-elected as Chairman of the American Board of Periodontology and was reappointed as Editor of the Journal of Periodontology. This is the first time anyone has ever held the three positions at the same time.

At the same meeting Dr. O'Leary was designated as a Fellow of the American Academy of Periodontology. Only 18 persons have been so honored since the founding of the Academy in 1914.

In October Dr. O'Leary and Dr. Ned Van Roekel were in Dublin, Ireland, to present a combined course in Periodontics and Restorative Dentistry for the Irish Dental Association and the Dublin Hospital Dental School of Trinity University. They also had an opportunity to visit with several former students at IUSD.

At the request of the NEWSLETTER, Dr. O'Leary wrote the following brief account of their trip:

The O'Leary and Van Roekel families were scheduled to arrive at Shannon Airport at 7:30 in the morning to begin a five-day tour of Western Ireland before presenting our course at the Dublin Dental Hospital of Trinity University. Unfortunately, we had the luck of the Irish. Shannon was fogged in, so the plane went on to Manchester, England, and eventually arrived at Shannon at 5:30 that evening.

Our introduction to Ireland was a Medieval dinner with traditional Irish entertainment at a farm cottage near Shannon. For the next five days we toured the western coast of Ireland. The scenery in many areas is spectacular, the country is green, there are towering cliffs, rather imposing mountains and the friendliest people that one could imagine. Knowing the reputation of Irish weather, we were not too disappointed when the last three days of our tour were accompanied by a steady, drizzling rain.

In Dublin we stayed at the Killiney Castle motel, high on a hill on the outskirts of the city. This ancient castle has been modernized and is now a luxurious, but not Americanized motel. One observation we all agreed on was that the food throughout Ireland was delicious. We were introduced to a new food, brown soda bread, which was served at breakfast. It can be described in one word, delicious.

We presented a four-day continuing education course, sponsored by the Irish Dental Association. In addition, we addressed a night meeting of the Irish Dental Association. I also spoke to the Senior class at the Dublin Dental Hospital and spent an afternoon in the clinic with the students, which

gave me a chance to make a few observations. The students made excellent complete dentures, comparable to anything seen in schools of this country. Their operative dentistry and crown and bridge also seemed to be very similar in quality to what the undergraduates are doing at Indiana University. I observed, and Dr. Derry Shanley seconded, the fact that periodontal disease differs somewhat in Ireland. One does not often see the extensive bone loss that frequently accompanies periodontitis in this country. There was, however, a much greater incidence of acute inflammatory gingival disease, acute necrotizing ulcerative gingivitis being seen quite often.

While in Dublin, we had the chance to renew acquaintance with Dr. Liam Convery, a former Indiana University graduate student who is in charge of the pedodontics department at the Dublin Hospital; Dr. Kevin OCarroll, who is in charge of radiology; and Dr. Derry Shanley, in charge of Periodontics and Oral Medicine. We also had a chance to talk with Dr. Martin Walshe, who is in full-time pedodontic practice in Dublin.

Our visit gave us several new insights into Ireland and its people. The Irish dentist leads a comfortable life and in some ways a nicer life than his American counterpart. He opens his "surgery" between 9:00 and 9:30 in the morning and rarely practices after 4:30 in the afternoon. The present problems we are hearing so much about now are greatly discounted by the people from both the north and south of Ireland. Both sides say that the trouble is primarily the work of a few terrorists.

Finally, the Irish lived up to their reputation of being the most hospitable people in the world. On our departure back to the states, all the officers of the Irish Dental Association, the course supervisors, their families and their children were at the airport to say goodbye.

As a footnote, the O'Leary's have made plans to return for a month's stay in the summer of 1977, to see more of that fabulous small green country.

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The Library staff will appreciate the donation of the official program from any dental meeting or conference attended by Faculty or Graduate Students. (At the present, we are desperately searching for a program from the 1975 ADA meeting in Chicago.) If you intend to discard ANY program, please send it to the Library.

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