

NEWS- LETTER

IU School of Dentistry

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THE ANNUAL SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY for faculty, staff, and students is scheduled for 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, December 14, in the Lounge, SB10. Dr. David K. Hennon will be Master of Ceremonies, and the program will include selections by a musical group directed by Dr. Norris Richmond. In addition the following graduate students will describe holiday customs from their home countries: Dr. Declan Corcoran, Ireland; Dr. Alejandro Ibarra and his wife, Dr. Ana Maria Farias, Mexico; Dr. Hagop Kouyoumdjian, Syria; and Dr. James Sfetcopoulos, Australia. Door prizes will also be awarded.

WITH A GRAND TOTAL OF \$5543 in contributions and pledges, the School of Dentistry has gone over the top by a considerable margin in the 1979 United Way Campaign. Mrs. Lee Fisher, Chairperson of the Fund drive, reports that the original goal for faculty and staff donations was \$5119, higher than last year's target figure. Congratulations are extended to all hands!

THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION regarding support for faculty research has been received by the Newsletter:

Research and Sponsored Programs is making available a new means of support for faculty projects. The Project Development Program (PDP) provides limited financial aid to assist faculty in the development and maintenance of externally funded projects. The aid will come from three sources: The I. U. Foundation, University Research Operations Committee, and the Vice-President's Office here in Indianapolis. The amount of money available to each school will be proportioned on the basis of the existing external grant income during the preceding fiscal year. The Program is particularly designed for the development of pilot studies which could lead to an in depth project which might generate extramural support. The money available to our school this year has not yet been determined but a modest sum will be allocated by January 1. Review of grant proposals and the final decision as to awards will be made through the Research Committee. Faculty members interested should contact Dr. Ralph W. Phillips, Associate Dean for Research, for further details.

FOURTH YEAR DENTAL STUDENT A. C. Chu represented Indiana University at the 21st Anniversary Student Table Clinic Program during the ADA Annual Meeting in Dallas. His clinic was entitled "Molar Occlusal Direct Gold."

DEAN RALPH E. MCDONALD, who has recently been elected Vice President of the Indiana Partners of the Americas, was a delegate to an international meeting of the Partners of the Americas organization in Guatemala City November 14-19. The organization is an inter-American program of technical and cultural exchange which "pairs" individual states of our nation with Latin American states. Indiana is paired with Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

DR. RALPH W. PHILLIPS, Associate Dean for Research, received the Pierre Fauchard Gold Medal Award at the Memorial Luncheon of the Pierre Fauchard Academy in Dallas on October 22. He is the 43rd recipient of this award, one of the oldest and most prestigious in dentistry. The award is given to individuals who have made distinguished contributions to the profession.

DR. JAMES M. VANES, a 1979 graduate of I.U.S.D., has won second place (a certificate and \$75 check) in the national essay contest for dental students, which is sponsored by the American Academy of the History of Dentistry. His winning essay was entitled "The Indiana School of Dentistry in Times of War."

DR. MAYNARD K. HINE, Chancellor Emeritus of Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, has been elected President-Elect of the American Academy of the History of Dentistry, and Chairperson-Elect of the Dental Section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

DR. ROBERT L. BOGAN, Associate Dean, has been honored as one of the best "Watt Watchers" in the IUPUI energy reduction campaign. Dr. Bogan won his award (second place in the competition and a \$50 check) for his suggestion that a clock control be placed on the central turbine vacuum system connected to each chair. The \$100 device should bring savings of about \$2,600 a year.

DR. JACK D. CARR, Associate Professor of Dental Radiology, received a special citation from the American Dental Association at the Annual Meeting in Dallas for his many years of service as a photographer at ADA-sponsored events. A message of congratulation from Dr. Joseph P. Cappuccio, ADA President, was accompanied by a bit of background, including the following: "Each year at the Association's annual session, the President is followed by a quiet, unobtrusive gentleman with a camera in his hand and several others scattered about his person. Each day of the session, morning to midnight, wherever the President goes, there follows Dr. Jack Carr of Indiana, composing an invaluable photographic record. Since 1966, Jack Carr has been the President's photographic Boswell and he has flatly refused any sort of compensation for the enormous amount of time, energy, and money which he has expended...."

DR. MYRON KASLE, Chairman of Radiology, has been elected Eastern Councilor of the American Academy of Dental Radiology, which places him on the Executive Council of the Academy. He is also Chairman of the Academy's Education Committee. Dr. Kasle's Atlas of Dental Radiographic Anatomy has recently been published in Japanese and Portuguese.

DR. YOSHIRO KATOH, Professor of Operative Dentistry at the Niigata Faculty of the Nippon Dental University, arrived in Indianapolis a few months ago to spend a year at the I.U. School of Dentistry as a visiting scientist. Dr. Katoh will be conducting research in the Dental Materials Department on various restoration materials currently used in operative dentistry.

DR. L. RUSH BAILEY, Professor of Complete Denture, recently contributed two chapters to a new text, Winkler's Complete Denture Prosthodontics.

DR. NORRIS L. RICHMOND participated as a panelist representing Dentistry at the Indiana Health Careers annual conference and workshop on Oct. 2 at Clowes Hall on Butler University's campus. It is designed to help high school students from all over the State of Indiana make their career decisions. Dr. Richmond also attended the 30-year reunion of his high school class at Gary, Indiana from Oct. 12-14.

THE NEWSLETTER HAS RECEIVED the following note from Mr. Michael Swearingen, of the Oral Health Research Institute, and his wife, Dr. Purnima Swearingen:

We wish to convey our sincere gratitude to Mr. Mark Dirlam, Dental Art, and Mrs. Alana Fears, Dental Illustrations, for their expertise which contributed to the success of our scientific poster presentation, Toe-Marking Identification in 3-Day Old Wistar Rats, which was exhibited during the 30th annual session of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science in Atlanta.

A REPORT FROM MS. MYRA MASON, Minority Affairs Officer, tells of a recent visit to the School by 35 students from the J. Everett Light Career Center. Twenty-one of the students were taking the dental technology course, with the others being in medical auxiliary education. Another large group of students from Ben Davis High School visited the School, with Ms. Mason helping Dr. Bogan to conduct the tour. Ms. Mason also reports that a second printing of the Minority Affairs brochure has been ordered, since the original supply has been exhausted.

MS. SHERMIE SCHAFER recently accepted a position as Pastoral Care Intern with the Department of Chaplaincy at Methodist Hospital, along with an assignment as Counseling Associate with the Buchanan Counseling Center. She reports that her varied duties include some work on a unit which often has oral cancer patients. She is also starting on a Master's degree program at Christian Theological Seminary, emphasizing pastoral care and counseling.

DR. WILLIAM BORMAN, Assistant Professor of Oral Diagnosis/Oral Medicine, is serving as President of the American Society for Geriatric Dentistry. In that capacity he recently attended the Fourth Conference of National Dental Organizations in Chicago.

DR. H. WILLIAM GILMORE, Professor of Operative Dentistry, has been elected President of the American Association of Dental Editors. Dr. Gilmore is Editor of the Indiana Dental Journal.

DR. CLARENCE E. DEANE has been appointed Dental Consultant to the Public Health Division of the Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County.

JAMES M. SAUNDERS, graduate student in Microbiology, has received the Harold R. Garner award for the best student research presentation given at an annual meeting of the Indiana Branch of the American Society for Microbiology. The presentation was entitled "Attachment of Actinomyces naeslundii to Human Buccal Epithelial Cells" and was coauthored by Dr. Chris Miller. The award was presented at a recent joint meeting of the Indiana and Ohio branches of the Society held at Miami University of Ohio.

WITH THE TRAVELERS ... among the faculty members whose special assignments in recent months have taken them on journeys far from their Indianapolis base are Dr. Timothy J. O'Leary, Dr. Paul E. Starkey, and Dr. James R. Roche. The following brief accounts relate some of their experiences in overseas areas ----

Dr. Timothy J. O'Leary, Professor and Chairman of Periodontics, was a Visiting Professor at Nihon University School of Dentistry in Tokyo and at Hokkaido School of Dentistry in Sapporo for the month of September. The purpose of his visit was to lecture, conduct seminars and demonstrate diagnostic and treatment procedures to the faculty and graduate students of the two schools.

Dr. O'Leary reports that graduate study in Japan differs from what we have in the United States in that the program is of four rather than two years duration. The first two years of the program are taken up with clinical activities, while the last two years are devoted to carrying out an original research project.

Dr. O'Leary was impressed with the in-depth knowledge of the literature and the great interest in grafting and transplantation procedures shown by both the faculty and graduate students.

One major difference he noted between the large cities of Japan and those of this country was in nighttime activities. At the close of the work day in Japan large numbers of people congregate in the downtown areas, shopping, visiting, or eating in the numerous restaurants while in this country the same areas are virtually deserted after the close of business. The Japanese people displayed an avid interest in everything American, from sports to politics and finance and very obviously felt a strong kinship with the United States.

(Dr. O'Leary will be in Dublin, Ireland, from December 11-15 to participate in a workshop on the "Efficacy of periodontal therapy." The workshop, sponsored by the European Economic Council, will evaluate the effectiveness of various therapeutic procedures and make recommendations on future courses of clinical research. Dr. O'Leary, one of two Americans invited to participate, will chair one session and present a paper at another session.)

Earlier this fall Dr. Paul Starkey, Professor of Pedodontics, made his fourth visit to Brazil. Although the trip was not sponsored by the Partners of the Americas it was indirectly a result of earlier contacts in Brazil through the Partners organization. This visit was sponsored by a dental manufacturing company in Brazil, the Brazilian Organization of Professors of Orthodontics and Pedodontics, and the Society of Dentists of the State of Pernambuco. The purpose was to visit a number of dental schools in Brazil, to review the pedodontic and orthodontic programs in these schools and become acquainted with their faculty, and to do some lecturing.

Dr. Starkey and his wife visited the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro School of Dentistry first and then the dental school of Sao Paulo. Then they travelled across the state of Sao Paulo to visit the dental schools of Piracicaba, Araraquara, Bauru and Aracatuba. Dr. Starkey reports being impressed with their physical plants and the amount of research being carried out by the faculties. Following these visits the Hoosier couple crossed the Parana River to spend a weekend at a 1600-acre farm in the state of Mato Grosso do Sul. They noted quite a contrast between the highly cultivated and rich state of Sao Paulo and the rather primitive environment evident in Mato Grosso. The Starkeys then returned by auto to Sao Paulo and the small mountain community of Lindoia for the meeting of the Brazilian Organization of Professors of Orthodontics and Pedodontics, where Dr. Starkey presented a two-day course on dental education. At the close of this meeting he was presented with a certificate of honorary membership.

After a brief visit to the city of Salvadore on the northeast coast, Brazil's first capital city, and a look at their dental school, Dr. and Mrs. Starkey flew to Recife in Pernambuco where he presented a two-day course in pedodontics to their state dental society.

They then travelled to the beautiful tropical city of Fortaleza, on the northeast coast about four degrees below the equator. They found the climate to be most pleasant, with a constant cooling breeze from the Atlantic ocean. They visited with a prominent dentist in that city and gained an insight into the general practice of dentistry in that community. On October 30, one month after leaving the U.S., they boarded a plane for the return trip through Manaus on the Amazon, Caracas, Venezuela, Miami and home.

FROM DR. Roche ---

"92--93--94.....Jim, did you ever go this fast in a car?"

These words were whispered to me in the back seat of an army staff car by my fellow passenger, Dr. Vic Lenchner, of Miami Beach, during our October trip to Germany. Dr. Lenchner was peering over the shoulder of the staff sergeant who was chauffeuring the car, as we traveled from Frankfurt to a U.S. Army base in Vogelweh. Vic and I were co-examiners in a clinical examination for an Army officer who was a candidate for the American Board of Pedodontics. Our host was a former I.U. pedodontic graduate student, Lieutenant Colonel JOE SIGALA, MSD'73. Joe, who was seated beside the sergeant, sensed our nervousness over the unrestricted speed limit on the autobahns

of Germany. He said: "Look at those Mercedes passing us. You know the Mercedes cars that are built for use in Germany have a special gear ratio that permits the engine to go at speeds over 100 miles per hour without tearing up the parts."

Joe's pointing out drivers of even faster cars did not calm our concern, but we arrived safely at the army base and the candidate did pass the three-hour clinical examination for certification by the Board of Pedodontics. Dr. Sigala later guided us on a tour through his dental clinic in Frankfurt where two fellow pedodontists form his staff in caring for children of service personnel. Friends of Dr. and Mrs. Sigala will be pleased to know that they are returning to Fort Sam Houston in Texas late this fall for a six-month tour of special duty before reassignment to another base.

On my way home I stopped in Dublin, Ireland, where my host was another alumnus of the I.U. pedodontic graduate program, Dr. JOHN WALSH, MSD'77. When we stopped for gasoline on the way from the airport, John commented that Ireland now has no gasoline shortage, since the price of gasoline increased to \$2.50 per gallon and some oil (the first ever for Ireland) has been discovered in Northern Ireland. One of the pleasant features of my visit was having high tea at John's parents' home in a Dublin townhouse with some delicious Irish pastries, jiggling of the tea pot, and jovial fellowship characteristic of the Irish people. Another highlight of my brief stay this time was a tour through Dublin Dental Hospital on the campus of Trinity College. The School of Dentistry building is quite old, and the faculty members are to be congratulated for their steadfast endeavor to provide top-flight dental education for their students when it would be easy to become discouraged with the "seasoned" nature of the physical facilities.

Phoenix Park in Dublin reportedly has the largest acreage devoted to a park in the world. John pointed out a large clearing in the Park where Pope John Paul II had met the Irish people a few days before; the first time a Pope had visited the Irish Republic. From an Irish population of three million, eight hundred thousand, an estimated three million people viewed the Pope during his visit. Also in this Park, horse racing during the afternoon was enjoyable, though not profitable. It was my pleasure to see a few dental students from the Dublin Dental Hospital again, as well as some dentists whom I had met at the Irish Dental Association meeting last April. I also had a chance to visit very briefly with another alumnus, DR. LIAM P. CONVERY, MSD'67. One of the most unusual aspects of this afternoon of racing was watching the

bookies spy on one another with field glasses in order to top one another in offering the best odds.

My return flight home was delayed five hours while the Irish airline, Aer Lingus, serviced its only 747 plane at the Dublin Airport. In spite of the untimely wait, the air stewards of Aer Lingus were gracious as always and the flight a pleasant ending to wonderful memories of enjoyable experiences in both Germany and Ireland.

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