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THE LITTLE RED DOOR Recognition Award, given each year at the Society's annual meeting "for dedicated service in the fight against cancer," was presented on May 14 to the Indiana University School of Dentistry, in recognition of the School's long-time cooperation with the Little Red Door's Oral Cancer Screening Clinic. Since 1975, the Dental School has provided use of its facilities, equipment and some expendable supplies for the clinic. In addition, most of the dentists and physicians who volunteer their time to perform the examinations are from Indiana University. Twelve cases of oral cancer have been discovered, out of the 1,518 people who have been examined at the clinic, which is held the second Saturday morning of each month. The award was accepted by Dr. Robert Bogan, Associate Dean of the School of Dentistry and a former president of the Little Red Door. Among those elected at the meeting to the Cancer Society's board of directors was Dr. Lawrence I. Goldblatt, Professor of Oral Pathology.

Dr. Goldblatt also served as Chairman of the Section on Pathology at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Dental Schools, and was elected Secretary of the Council of Faculties.

FIFTEEN DENTISTS AND 28 AUXILIARIES attended the Heartsaver cardiopulmonary resuscitation course that was presented at the Indiana Convention Center and Hoosier Dome during the Indiana Dental Association Annual Meeting. Ten dentists and 12 of the auxiliaries had been previously trained in CPR. Eight instructors, each with a manikin, taught the course which included rescue breathing and one rescuer CPR. The instructors were Drs. James H. Dirlam, Hala Z. Henderson, Joseph F. Heidleman, Travis L. Bauer, M. Fran Dzurinko, Linda S. Wick; and Profs. R. Hunter Rackley and Roberta M. Hilderbrand, dental hygienists. Dr. Leonard G. Koerber, Hal Jaynes and Tony Hoppenrath of the Audio-Visual Facility helped to transport the equipment and supplies to and from the Center.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE EXTENDED to Dr. Varoujan A. Chalian, Professor and Chairman of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, who was one of four faculty members from the Indianapolis campus to be honored for distinguished teaching during Founder's Day ceremonies in Bloomington on April 18. Dr. Chalian, who is also Professor of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery in the School of Medicine, was presented with an all-University Amoco Foundation Award for distinguished teaching.

A former recipient of the Amoco Foundation Award, Dr. James R. Roche, was among 12 persons on the faculty and staff who were honored at a recent joint meeting of the Faculty and Staff Councils with the first IUPUI Experience Excellence Recognition Award. The award recipients were chosen by a committee from more than 100 nominees on the basis of special contributions to students and to the growth and development of IUPUI. Dr. Roche is Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Professor of Pedodontics.

DR. I. LESTER FURNAS, a 1910 graduate of Indiana Dental College, and his wife Angela, made their almost annual visit to Indianapolis in May to see friends at the School of Dentistry and friends and relatives elsewhere in the area. Dr. Furnas is a native of Lynn, Indiana, and is our school's oldest living alumnus. He and his wife reside in LaJolla, California, where he practiced for many years after relinquishing the Chairmanship of Complete Denture at Western Reserve University. Enroute to Indianapolis for this year's visit, the Furnases stopped in Kansas City to attend the meeting of the Academy of Denture Prosthetics. Dr. Furnas is a charter member and a past president of the Academy.

MS. MYRA MASON, Assistant Professor of Community Dentistry, will present a paper entitled "A Recruitment Network" at a national conference of the National Dental Association in New Orleans on July 28-29. She will also preside over a panel on the topic "Crisis in Dentistry: An Educator's Perspective" for the Council of Black Dental Educators.

DR. RALPH W. PHILLIPS, Associate Dean for Research, was keynote speaker at the opening session of a Dental Congress at Villa Simes, outside of Venice, Italy, on April 19. The meeting was sponsored by ANCIDES (Associazione Nazionale Commercianti Internazionali Dentali e Sanitari), which comprises more than 200 dental manufacturers and distributors in Italy. Dr. Phillips was a keynote speaker at another dental congress in Italy a year ago. In addition, he has recently been appointed to the Editorial Board of a new publication called The Dental Advisor. It will be published quarterly as an update on dental materials, instruments, and equipment.

DR. MING FANG SU will enter the Operative Dentistry Postdoctoral Program in August. Dr. Su will be our second Chinese student from the Second Shanghai Medical College School of Dentistry and is supported by the Chinese Ministry of Education. The first student was Dr. Yiming Li, who has completed a Master's program in Dental Materials and is going on for a Ph.D. in Preventive Dentistry.

ALL SOULS UNITARIAN CHURCH in Indianapolis was the scene on Sunday, June 3, of the ordination of the Reverend Shermie Schafer as minister. She is a former faculty member in the Dental Hygiene program here.

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY Honors Program which is held on Commencement Day each year is the presentation of talks by presidents of the graduating classes in Dentistry and Dental Hygiene: Mark Olbina and Stephanie Palvas, respectively. This year's talks are printed below, the Dental class first:

I consider it a great honor to represent the Indiana University Dental School graduating class. It is on behalf of the class that I welcome all of you here today.

The old maxim states: "Behind every great man there is a woman." In this modern day and age, I don't think that this statement covers as many situations as it once did. I believe it would be more accurate to say: "Behind all successful people are their loved ones." Today signifies the successful achievement of a goal that we have worked long and hard for. Before we take that big step forward into our new profession, we need to look back and recognize those people who supported us through these last four years. Without the help of parents, spouses, and other loved ones, few of us would be sitting here today.

These are the people with whom we could share our successes as well as our failures. These are the people who sat quietly and listened while we spoke of objects and procedures only another in the dental profession could understand. These are also the people who were understanding of short tempers and long absences when finals needed to be studied for or projects needed to be completed. A simple "thank you" doesn't begin to convey the gratitude that we feel for the support and love that kept us going. Our graduation ceremonies are for them as much as for ourselves. Let us never forget their role in the achievement of our goals.

Someone once said, "The object of education is to prepare people to educate themselves throughout their lives." This is especially appropriate in the ever-changing practice of dentistry. The training that we have received here at the I.U. Dental School can be compared favorably with that available anywhere in the world. These last four years have been full of challenges and obstacles to overcome. For many, this has been the toughest four years both mentally and physically that they have yet experienced. It is time now to realize that nothing worthwhile is achieved without sacrifice.

It is through these challenges that we learn what our true capabilities are. We owe the instructors and faculty of the Dental School much for pushing us to achieve a level of proficiency of which to be proud. Our graduation today signifies a beginning rather than an end to our learning. What we have received from our Dental School training thus far are the basic tools and abilities needed to continue learning until the day we no longer practice dentistry. It is now up to us to use our training to that end.

James Baldwin expressed it well when he said, "The future is like heaven -- everyone looks forward to it, but no one wants to go there right now." Along with the new freedom that we are so looking forward to come many new responsibilities. It is not so much that we are afraid of striking out on our own as it is an apprehension of the newness of the situation. We will no longer have instructors there to lend their help and guidance. It is time now to utilize our training to make decisions and provide care as we have been taught.

Aside from the technical aspects, there are other facets of our profession that I feel are important to keep in mind in our daily work. First, as George Bernard Shaw put it, "Let no one suppose that the words doctor and patient can disguise from the parties involved

the fact that they are employer and employee." No matter how routine we feel a procedure is, remember that each patient has certain fears and expectations that need to be addressed before treatment can be totally successful.

Secondly, the road to perfection in dentistry is endless. Strive for excellence, work to the best of your ability and be proud of your work. As it is said, "Few men ever drop dead from overwork, but many quietly curl up and die because of under-satisfaction."

Finally, few professions require the blending of science and art as does dentistry. In today's high-tech, business-oriented world, it is not always easy to maintain that balance. According to Louis Nizer, "A man who works with his hands is a laborer; a man who works with his hands and his brain is a craftsman, but a man who works with his hands and his brain and his heart is an artist." If we work to maintain the art and individuality of dentistry, it will remain a highly-respected profession and one we can all be proud to be a part of.

I have one more "thank you" to make, and that is to the Class of 1984. It has been an honor to be part of the class, and an even greater honor to serve as president for the past four years. Thanks especially go to those members of the class who helped me as fellow class officers or leaders of special committees. Without their help, much of what we accomplished over the last four years would not have been possible.

I am proud of this class, and feel it has much to offer to the profession of dentistry. As we all scatter across the country and even around the world, I hope we remember the good times we had together and the people we had them with. I wish you all a happy and fulfilling life, and hope that we will all see each other occasionally over the years to reminisce and renew old friendships.

Until that time comes, good luck and "Let's be careful out there!"

Mark Olbina

Welcome, honored guests, faculty, parents, family and friends. When chosen as president, I was very honored. I knew that one of my duties was to give this speech, but there was one problem; I wasn't sure what subject to address. I thought about it all year long. And finally made a decision.

I'd like the dental graduate to think back to operative or crown and bridge, and for my classmates to think back to clinic when an instructor came over for a polishing check.

If the margins were incorrect, an instructor would have you do it again. And even though we felt those mouths were spotless, the instructor always seemed to find a speck that we left on the distal of the last tooth.

True, we all felt like screaming at one point or another, but believe it or not, it was not the instructors' main goal in life to drive us nuts. Their purpose was to teach us to be perfectionists, to work for the ideal, and to never settle for anything less. As Aristotle once said, "Men acquire a particular quality by constantly acting in a particular way."

At times we might have felt like pulling our hair out, but the dental graduates must admit, once that 3-unit bridge was placed, you were proud of the work you had accomplished. And as hygienists, we felt a sense of pride and success when the teeth of a Class IV were smooth and glistening back at us. We all had a sense of fulfillment and when the patient was dismissed, we knew we had done our best. The IU School of Dentistry is considered one of the top schools in the nation. As graduates from this school, that makes each of us one of the tops in our respective fields. This reputation should not be hindered by our failure to realize that there is always room for self-improvement or by a lack of the effort necessary to maintain that reputation. As John Gray said, "What could be more important in life than to know in our hearts that in everything we have tried to do, we have done our very best."

This is the attitude we must carry on throughout our careers. Just because we won't have instructors checking up on us doesn't mean the quality of our work should deteriorate. We have to continue not only to maintain that quality, but also to better it with an open mind to new ideas, experiences, and practice.

Self-improvement will not come easy. Along with hard work, many mistakes will be made. There is nothing wrong with this as long as we gain from them and do not allow them to defeat us.

In closing, I want to wish you all the best of luck and success in carrying out your life's ambitions and I'd like to leave you with this thought by the late Michael Conrad, better known as Sgt. Phil Esterhouse of Hill Street Blues: "Let's be especially careful out there."

Stephanie Palvas

DR. VICTOR MERCER, of the School of Dentistry part-time faculty and the Indiana State Board of Health, serves on the Board of Directors of Indianapolis Indians, Inc. and has done so since 1977, when he was elected to the Board. Vic speaks warmly of his baseball affiliation and takes seriously the task of helping keep the Indians organization in the black ink, financially. Says Vic, "Few sports franchises can boast a profit each year for over 10 years, and certainly none in Indianapolis, but the Indians can."

Asked about the main sources of revenue, Vic points to special nights when sponsors purchase the entire park and distribute tickets free to clients, customers, and friends, and to special attractions such as the yearly exhibition game with the parent club (until recently the Cincinnati Reds, but now the Montreal Expos) and the annual appearance of the San Diego Chicken. "Then there's the excellent management," Vic adds, "headed by Board Chairman Henry Warren, and President and General Manager Max Schumacher." Vic, his wife Carolyn, and their son and daughter make it a summertime way of life to take in most of the ballgames.

"You meet a lot of fine people in baseball," says Vic, "and getting to know the players and their families adds interest and personal drama." Board business takes a fair amount of Vic's time, since promoting the team in the community is an important activity for Board Members. "In the winter I spend considerable time calling upon the business community to promote season ticket sales and special group promotional activities. I also help to recruit some 'semi-special' nights for groups such as churches, clubs, and other community groups." He was also instrumental in organizing the baseball chapel program for home and visiting players each Sunday the Indians are in town.

"Yes, I'd like to see major league baseball in Indianapolis someday," Vic says, "but I don't envision it in the near future. Meanwhile, we should all take pride in our baseball franchise and the entertainment it provides. I hope more and more people will realize that the Indians have the most beautiful and clean park in all of baseball and that everyone will get involved again in the excitement of our great American pastime. We're doing well but we need everybody's support...If people will come out they'll see."

Another School of Dentistry graduate with a long-time association with the baseball club is Dr. Norman S. Klein, Class of 1957, who has served as team dentist since 1967. Dr. Klein recalls the time when the Indians were the triple-A affiliate of the Chicago White Sox, before the era of the Reds and the Expos. He recently recalled: "Many of the players we have seen have gone on to the major leagues such as Dan Driessen, Ray Knight, Hal McRae, Ed Armbrister, and Lee Elia who became a major league manager as well. We also see players from the Indians' opponents in the majors, and umpires too.

"By and large my work as team dentist has been routine such as caries, pericoronitis, etc. The worst case was a bad hop that Dick Kenworthy (3rd base, 1969) caught in the face. There were two anteriors fractured and a mouth swollen to grapefruit size. The main purpose of our work is to treat the players and get them comfortable, so they can play, as they have family dentists in their home towns."



PROF. PAULINE SPENCER, Director of Dental Assisting, has announced that the Dental Auxiliary Wives Award for Highest Academic Achievement in Dental Assisting was presented to Maureen Cofer. In addition, Prof. Spencer reports that two students in our Dental Assisting Program placed first and second in statewide poster competition at the state meeting. They are Patricia Putnam (first) and Lori Civils (second).

SECOND-YEAR DENTAL STUDENTS Linda Brezausek and Paula Stern have been awarded Indiana University Educational Opportunity Fellowships to help defray expenses during the coming academic year.

A SPECIAL EVENT AT THE RECENT BANQUET staged by the graduating dental class was a presentation by Dr. David K. Hennon, Professor of Pedodontics, on what was touted as "new and exciting research" guaranteed to open "additional frontiers of investigation." Actually, the illustrated talk (which Dr. Hennon has delivered on light-hearted occasions to a number of groups over the past several years) describes the pioneering (and hilarious) work of the Institute for Umbilical Research. The Institute's Director, who bears a striking resemblance to Dr. Hennon, is Dr. Bruce C. Kent. Organizations interested in booking Dr. Hennon's presentation, entitled "Revelations in Research," may contact him at the Dental School.

RECOGNITION HAS BEEN EXTENDED to the following members of the Dental School family who have completed periods of University service, as indicated:
5 years -- Connie S. Blake, Linda R. Brown, Teresa Burton, Marilyn Gruenhagen, Pamela L. Huxhold, Karen S. Liford, Connie J. Newman, Zoya C. Roberts, Carl A. Rodlun, Donna W. Samper, Penelope K. Steffey, Elinor J. Warren, Diane P. Weber; 10 years -- Susan M. Crum, Janet S. Duncan, Clifford Hall, Carol J. Hany, Diana S. Kuebler, Ada M. Miller, Donald G. Nealy, Diana Yates; 15 years -- Michael Halloran, Myrna S. Robertson, Jose S. Sangalang, Nancy Stillabower; 20 years -- Ramona Lemme, Lee J. Schaeffer, Carol Ann Steinmetz.

AWARDS PRESENTED at the Honors Day ceremony were as follows: Academy of Operative Dentistry Award, Sophia Chiang; American Academy of Gold Foil Operators Award, Richard Scott Gillum; Academy of Dental Materials Award, Jeffrey A. Platt; C. V. Mosby Awards, Theodore E. Mioduski, Jr. and Stephanie Marie Palvas (the C.V. Mosby Award for Dental Assisting was presented at their Graduation Ceremony on May 14 to Melinda Beverstock); Quintessence Publishing Co., Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Dental Studies, Jeffrey A. Platt, and Theodore E. Mioduski, Jr. (two awards); Rossya Kaufman Memorial Awards in Dental Hygiene, Tonja Milene Timmons and Regina McDaniel; A. Rebekah Fisk Memorial Award, Cassandra Brewer; Hu-Friedy Award, Pamela J. Seasor Church; American Academy of Oral Medicine Award, Brian D. Eberhart; American Academy of Periodontology Award, Robert R. Burnett; Indiana Society of Periodontists Award, Warren H. Blair; Indiana Society of Pediatric Dentistry Award, Tobias M. Derloshon; Certificate of Merit from The American Society of Dentistry for Children and Indiana Chapter of the ASDC Award, Kenneth E. Braun; Academy of General Dentistry and Indiana Chapter of the Academy Award, Kenneth E. Braun; Indianapolis General Dentistry Study Club Award, Karen M. Hays; American Association of Orthodontics Award, Jay A. Hughes; Senior Essay Awards, Nora K. Harmsen and Chiara Riley; Table Clinic Awards, Michael L. Bagnoli, Theodore E. Mioduski, Jr., and (Dental Hygiene) Lisa Manson, Tamara Miller, Susan Ramsey, Brenda Reifenrath, Sarah Combs, Rea Jackson, Stephanie Palvas, and Annette Stewart (the Dental Assistant Table Clinic Awards were presented at their Graduation Ceremony on May 14 to Ann Glenn and Pamela Johnson); American Association of Endodontists Award, Jeffrey A. Platt; Indiana Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons (Glenn J. Pell Memorial Award), Steven J. Butler; American Academy of Oral Pathology Award, Steven J. Butler;

IUSD Alumni Association Plaques, Steven J. Butler (for the Maynard K. Hine Award) and Brenda Sue Reifenrath (for the Harriett F. Hine Award); International College of Dentists Award, Robert M. Eber; Indiana Dental Association Award, Theodore E. Mioduski, Jr.; James L. Maus Award, Gerald A. Simpson; IUSD Non-Academic Staff Council Student Recognition Award, Tobias M. Derloshon; Alpha Omega Scholarship Award, Steven J. Butler; Omicron Kappa Upsilon Membership: Steven Jeffrey Butler, Robert Todd Mabry, Carol Jean Van Blaricum Braun, Robert Ray Burnett, Jay Alan Hughes, Timothy Dean Provence, Kevin Lynn Payton, Sophia Chi-Huei Chiang, Brent J. Barta, Ted M. Reese, Janice Renee Wenger, Warren Hugo Blair, and Robert Michael Eber; Sigma Phi Alpha, Dental Hygiene Honorary Society membership: Kelly Sue Brittan, Kaye Ann Hirschman, Tamara Sue Miller, and Kelly Renee Seal.

Dean McDonald announced that the winner of the Pierre Fauchard Award was Jay A. Hughes. The presentation was made at the society's annual meeting.

CATHI EAGAN, PRESIDENT OF THE NON-ACADEMIC STAFF COUNCIL announces that Dr. Tobias M. Derloshon was selected as the 1983-84 recipient of the IUSD Non-Academic Staff Council Student Award. Dr. Derloshon was presented a certificate and a \$50 award at the recent Honors Day Program. Dr. Derloshon was selected by you, the staff, to be the graduating senior who "exhibited the highest level of professional attitudes and habits during his attendance at the IUSD." Dr. Derloshon would like to extend his appreciation and gratitude to the Staff Council for being selected as this year's recipient.

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