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## Welcome to Our First Issue of Healey's Comments

Mychel M. Vail

To keep you informed of your roots in endodontics, I have initiated a newsletter to be distributed via email twice a year. This endeavor has been a project talked about for years!

This newsletter is intended to inform you of current information involving our endo-

dontic family including our faculty (full and part-time), staff, residents, and alumni.

Information of current residents, past alumni classes, AAE Harry Healey meetings, and news and notes will be in each issue.

In addition, news about our

academic environment both internal and external, endodontic cases, etc. will be addressed in future publications. We hope you enjoy reading Healey's Comments and most importantly, we encourage any suggestions. Please send suggestions to [mvail@iupui.edu](mailto:mvail@iupui.edu).

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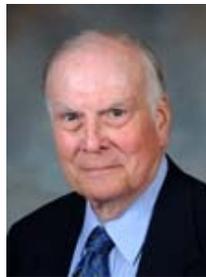
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## Featured Article: Dr. Cecil E. Brown Retires

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After 22 years as Director and Acting Chair of the Endodontic Department, Cecil E. Brown, DDS, MS, has decided to retire. Dr. Brown's academic background includes obtaining his Undergraduate BS degree at Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi, his DDS in 1959 at University of Tennessee, and his MS and certificate in Endodontics in 1975 from University of Texas at Houston. Dr. Brown obtained Diplomate status in 1981.

Prior to joining IUSD as an Associate Professor, Dr.

Brown had an extensive career in the United States Air Force. He retired as a Colonel after 25 years where he served as Chief of several Endodontic Departments and Programs. In addition, Colonel Brown also served in Vietnam where he received several honors. While on active duty, Col Brown was given special assignments including Chief of Mass Casualty Forensic Dentistry (Tenerife 747 Airline Disaster, Jonestown Disaster, and Olympic Boxing Disaster) and military consultant to the Surgeon General for Endodontics.

Interestingly, Col Brown served as Dental Officer at the School of Aerospace Medicine, where he had the opportunity to fly in the "Vomit Comet." He developed toothpaste for astronauts, as well as a device for mixing IRM.

Dr. Brown lectured nationally and around the world. He made IU's presence known by authoring and co-authoring over 40 publications. To hone his clinical skills, Dr. Brown practiced with Indianapolis Endodontics for 15 years. He has had close ties with Indianapolis Endodontics as all of the full-time practitioners help teach at IU on a part time basis.

Dr. Brown has impacted over 73 endodontists in his academic career. He always believed in all of us and always told everyone that, "you are my favorite." He encouraged us to make time for ourselves and our families. Not only was he a great mentor, but also a philosophical advisor on life. His amazing life experiences make us realize that life is truly a blessing.

Dr. Brown, we wish you well in your retired years.

**"Teaching has been a rewarding experience and a great second career. I want to thank you for all the considerations you have shared with me through the years."  
Cecil E. Brown**

## Predocloral Clinic Renovated!

Joseph J. Legan



Clinic—1970s



Clinic—Prerenovation

As of April 2005, Dr. Cecil Brown obtained approval to renovate the Predocloral Endodontic Clinic. He worked eight years for the much-needed improvement that finally began this summer. Several factors convinced Dean Goldblatt to help fund this project. Among these were torn vinyl chairs, stained cabinets, inefficient use of one radiograph unit for seven chairs, poor lighting, and constant repair of units.

The new clinic has six operatories with digital radiography in each unit. New

chairs, islands, partitions, and flooring were integrated. In addition, faculty consultation and clinic coordinator stations were added. The renovation was completed three months ago with Dr. Kevin Deardorf supervising the first-ever predocloral root canal treatment in the newly updated clinic.

Our part-time faculty have been very gracious to donate their time to teach our predocloral and graduate students. In addition to our newly renovated clinic, the faculty and students have acclimated to paperless

charts in the Axiom Clinic System which has been in place for two years.

Our faculty, staff, and students have looked forward to this day, and we thank all of them for their patience during this transition. Through the support of Dean Goldblatt, we are also very thankful that Dr. Brown was able to make this happen.

Please visit [http://www.iusd.iupui.edu/Depts/Endo/renovation/Endodontics\\_Renovation.aspx](http://www.iusd.iupui.edu/Depts/Endo/renovation/Endodontics_Renovation.aspx)

for videos of the renovation.



Under Construction



Faculty Station for Consults



Renovated Operatories

## Featured Staff - C. Dianne Heid

Mychel M. Vail



Dianne Heid

In October 1995, Dianne Heid was interviewed and hired to be the Endodontic Secretary by Dr. George Willis. The Endodontic Department was part of the Restorative Department at that time, so Dr. Brown had no input and did not meet Dianne until her first day on the job. Fortunately, they hit off well and had a great working relationship (could it be because his name is Cecil and her first name is Cecelia AND that they are both left-handed?)

Dr. Brown was quite a men-

tor and guiding force for Dianne. He encouraged her to take training courses that would make her eligible for higher ranking positions. In 1998, Dianne also took advantage of the fee courtesy IU extends to employees and enrolled as a college student and after seven years of attending evening classes, she received an Associate of Arts degree in History. One of Dianne's proudest moments!

Having Dianne back in our department was part of Dr. Brown's plan to have Endo

reinstated as a department of its own. As we all know, Dr. Brown is quite tenacious, and he accomplished his goals. Once Endodontics stood as its own department, Dr. Brown upgraded the secretary position to Assistant to the Chair and asked Dianne to apply. She returned to the Department of Endodontics in September 2007. Dianne found much has changed, but much is the same, and it's good to be "back home."

Dianne came back strong and the Endodontic Department is elated to have her back!



## Residents - Class of 2011

Charles F. Hine

We have just completed interviews for selecting new residents. The downside to that is the realization that our 2<sup>nd</sup> year residents, Shane Christensen and Paul Ley, will be graduating next May.

Paul is a lifelong Hoosier growing up in Westfield, graduating from IU Bloomington and IUSD. Prior to becoming an endodontic resident, he completed a GPR at Wishard Hospital. Paul's wife, Diana, is a pedodontist and Paul plans to practice in the Indy area to remain close to family. Paul's thesis is titled, "A Comparison of Working

Length Determination Between a Digital System and Conventional Film," and focuses on working length determination using Schick digital radiographs and Kodak Ekta speed film in which KVP and distance from the film are altered.

Shane hails from Littleton, Colorado. After graduating from Colorado State University, he moved to Indiana to become a dental student at IUSD. He completed a V.A. Medical Center Residency in Denver before returning to IUSD as an endodontic resident. Shane recently married Stephanie, an attor-

ney, and they plan to return to Denver after graduation. Shane's study titled, "An In Vitro Comparison of Working Length Accuracy Between a Digital System and Conventional Film When Vertical Angulation of the Object is Variable," compares radiographs when viewed from parallel to thirty degrees.

They will present their research in Orlando. We have truly enjoyed Paul and Shane's time with us and we wish them well as they move forward in their personal and professional lives.



Shane R. Christensen



Paul J. Ley

## Board Certification

Ken Spolnik

Founded in 1956, the ABE is the only certifying board for the specialty of Endodontics and is one of the nine specialty boards recognized by the American Dental Association. The ABE (under the leadership of Carl Newton) has made recent changes in order to facilitate board certification. One of the changes took place January 1, 2006, when a new category, "Prospective Board Candidate" was established so that students enrolled in an ADA-Accredited endodontic program can register to take

the Written Examination in the year of graduation. The written examination is now held at Pearson Vue Testing Centers.

There are 230 Pearson Professional Test Centers throughout the world, helping to minimize the inconvenience and expense of air travel, hotel accommodations, and additional time away from work. Another change was effective in April 2007 where the requirement that a candidate have a minimum of four years identity with Endodontics before continuing to Part II was eliminated. It is now possible

to become Board Certified within a year after receiving a certificate in the advanced specialty of Endodontics.

Achieving Diplomate status requires many years of hard work and deep commitment to professional excellence. Board Certification is the ultimate recognition of an individual's knowledge and expertise in endodontics. Those who have gone through the process of Board Certification all feel that it has made them better clinicians.

So what motivates someone

to take their boards? Perhaps the inner motivation to achieve the highest level of knowledge and skill. Educators or military personnel may need board certification to qualify for positions in their respective institution. However, one overlooked reason is to do it for Indiana University and your program director. I can't think of a better retirement present for "Uncle Cecil" than to take your boards because he wants you to!

## Spotlight on the Alumni - Class of 1977

Dianne Heid

**Dr. Andrew George** practices dentistry in Bedford, New Hampshire. Further information is unavailable.

**Dr. James Malooley** practices endodontics in Indianapolis, Indiana. Further information is unavailable.

**Dr. Carl Newton** taught full-time for 16 years at IUSD following graduation from the Endodontic Program in 1977. He was Chair of the

Endodontic Department from 1983 to 1993. In the early years, his private practice time was limited to Thursday evenings and Saturdays. Originally he practiced with Dr. Sam Patterson and eventually joined Indianapolis Endodontics in 1993.

Carl has had an illustrious career and his CV is filled with numerous titles of offices he has held and presentations he has given. His

achievements make the Dept of Endodontics proud to say he is an IUSD graduate. Carl's future plans include retiring in July 2009, but that won't bring an end to his involvement in Endodontics. He will continue to participate in various endodontic organizations and provide lectures throughout the world.

Carl and his wife, Linda, have two daughters and a



Then (1977)



Now (2006)

Dr. Carl Newton

son and are proud grandparents of one-year-old LuLu and Frederick, 3 months.

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Drs. Oldag, Cox, and Deardorf



Drs. Woods, Brandys, and Kajioka



Drs. Putnam and Bergo



Drs. Yee and Allen

## News and Notes

### Births

- Jason and Katie Glassley welcome Emma Caroline on August 2, 2008.

### Marriages

- Pre-doc clinic coordinator, Renee Hieston marries Brock Roberts on August 8, 2008.
- Second year resident Shane Christensen marries Stephanie Hunter on August 15, 2008

### 2008 Practice Moves

- Elizabeth A. Miller opens Elizabeth Miller PC in October located in Vincennes, IN.

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- Theodore Aneziris joined Mark Margura, Harry Frank, and Robert Corns in Endodontics, Inc. in August, located in Merrillville and Valparaiso, IN.
- Jason P. Glassley opened Fort Wayne Endodontics in July located in Fort Wayne, IN.
- Joshua M. Robinson opened Cullman Endodontics PC in July, located in Cullman, AL.
- Mindy M. Van joined Chuck Steffel and Beverly Leddy in Endodontics PC in July, located in Indianapolis, IN.

## Harry Healey at the AAE Annual Meeting

Mychel M. Vail



This year, the annual Harry Healey gathering, in conjunction with the AAE Annual Meeting, was held in Vancouver, Canada, site of the 2010 Winter Olympics. It is always a pleasure to see past residents come to this event and see faces that are on the names of the "black books" filed in the Graduate Endodontic conference room.

Among the Endodontists that gathered that evening included Drs. Allen, Backmeyer, Bergo, Brandys, Christiansen, Deardorf, Jakuc, James, Kajioka, Miller, Oldag, Pfoenhauer, Putnam, Sahni, Sakamoto, Spolnik, Steffel, Woods, Yee, Zent, and our residents. This year's elected Harry Healey President is Mychel M. Vail, Vice President is David Pfoenhauer, Secretary/Treasurer is Cecil Brown. The 2009 Harry Healey Reception will be in Florida located in the

Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention enter on Thursday, April 30. Letters will be mailed to inform you of details for that gathering.

Your continued support to our organization has allowed an updated equipment for our graduate clinic, improved computer lab, upgrades in surgical microscopes, and addition of ASI carts to the 5 operatories. In addition, your support enables our graduate residents to attend national meetings including the Annual AAE Meeting, Board Review Course, APICES, and The Ohio State Scientific Meeting.

We welcome any suggestions and comments to improving Harry Healey Club and most importantly, we want to thank our Indiana University Endodontic Alumni for your generous donations. Hope to see you all at the next meeting!



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