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TO: Faculty and Staff
FROM: Dental School Administration
SUBJECT: Newsletter No. 2-69

Dean Ralph E. McDonald has returned from a trip to the Orient as a representative of President Sutton's visitation of Alumni Clubs in Tokyo, Hong Kong, Manila, Singapore, and Bangkok. The Alumni Association sponsored the Hoosier Ambassador Tour as an activity of the University's Sesqui-centennial Celebration. Dean McDonald visited with a number of former students of the School of Dentistry, including Dr. Nisa Chearapongse, Dr. Pechara Sidhisunthorn, Dr. Chanpen Sakarin, Dr. Masahiro Koyama, Dr. Pisuit Sungkaves, Dr. Subhanee Sudthipongse Hansasuta, and Dr. Algeria C. Zita.

Some random observations from Dean McDonald about the trip:

The former students of Indiana University are extremely grateful for the opportunity they were given to attend Indiana University, and they are excellent ambassadors of the University and the United States in their respective countries. The largest group of alumni (110) attended the reception in Bangkok. At present, there is one dental school in Thailand and it accepts 50 students each year. There are only 330 dentists in all of Thailand for a population of 33 million.

A long-to-be-remembered sight was Frank Jones, the Alumni Secretary, hoisting the I. U. Flag to the top of the mast of a Chinese junk for a trip from Hong Kong Island to the Mainland.

Tour members were surprised to learn that about 80% of the food for the people of Hong Kong, and even some of the water, comes from Red China. The poverty in many areas of Hong Kong is unbelievable: 1200 people living on an acre of land. Many refugees come in illegally each day from Red China.

The people of Thailand have strong convictions about the war in Viet Nam, and are committed as fully as their economy will allow. They believe that if the United States removes all troops from Viet Nam, all of Southeast Asia would be lost to the communists in a very short time.

OTHER RECENT TRAVELERS OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL LIMITS include Dr. H. William Gilmore, who was lecturer for the Woehler Research Group, Gainesville, Florida at a meeting in Mexico, and Dr. S. Miles Standish, who represented the Dental School at the Deans' Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Of the meeting, Doctor Standish said: "The conference themes (Computer Technology, Student Problems in Dental Education) provided an appropriately serious balance to the obvious delights of a semi-tropical climate in mid-November. Both themes were presented in depth and provided some insight in current and future applications and implications. In addition to a visit to the University of Puerto Rico, other points of interest in and around San Juan included old San Juan, El Morro, El Conquistador and the Yunge rain forest."

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES being presented in December:

December 3, 1969 - Immediate Complete Dentures: Two Approaches

December 10, 1969 - Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office

DR. JOSEPH C. MUHLER was discharged November 24 from the Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he was a surgical patient.

DR. ROBERT J. BORRIS has completed his graduate work and returned to Toronto, where he will resume private practice, and teach part-time at the University of Toronto. He will serve as Consultant, Scarborough General Hospital.

DR. MICHAEL MARCOTTE plans to resume his graduate work in the Department of Orthodontics at the start of the second semester. He is at his parents' home in Honolulu recuperating from the automobile accident.

MISS KAREN L. BRADLEY, dental assistant in the Complete Denture Department, and Mr. Ralph B. Vannatta will be married December 6 in the Lawrence United Methodist Church. Karen plans to continue working.

NEW ARRIVALS AT THE DENTAL SCHOOL this semester include the following:

Dr. Robert L. Creedon from Cincinnati, Ohio is teaching part-time at Riley Dental Clinic.

Dr. Peter R. Reibel, former student and faculty member, has returned to assist Dr. David Jordan in the teaching of Oral Anatomy.

Dr. Abdel Hady El-Kafrawy from Cairo, Egypt, a former graduate student, has returned to accept a faculty appointment and to do research in Oral Diagnosis/Oral Medicine.

Dr. Ariyadasa Udagama, University of Ceylon, is working with Dr. Varoujan Chalian in the Department of Maxillofacial Prosthetics.

Mrs. Kathleen Sisk recently transferred from the School of Medicine to the Dental School. She works in the Biochemistry Department.

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