

MAY-JUNE, 1972

FACULTY MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT yet registered for the Eighth Annual Teaching Conference, September 7-8, 1972, are urged to do so immediately. Dr. James R. Roche, Teaching Committee Chairman, states that the rule must be "First come, first served" since accommodations at Brown County State Park are limited. Dr. James E. Weigand, who presented a highly effective program at the Interim Teaching Conference last winter, will head a visiting faculty of six professors from Bloomington. The theme is "The Learning Environment." Also, three Task Forces from the School of Dentistry (headed by Drs. Malcolm E. Boone, Timothy J. O'Leary, and Paul E. Starkey) will participate. Dr. Drexell A. Boyd is in charge of registration and housing.

Dental students who will represent their classmates at the Teaching Conference are: Michael Badell (Senior), Thomas Rosenbarger (Junior), and Michael Hayes (Sophomore). Dental hygiene student representatives are: Marsha Smith (Indianapolis), Karen Heckman (Fort Wayne), Mary Fulnecky (South Bend), and Bonnie Damm (Evansville).

MRS. LEE FISHER, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED from a vacation in Ireland and England, brings greetings from Dr. David Kennedy in London and Dr. James Page in Tunbridge Wells, England. Both were eager to hear of their friends at the School and asked to be remembered.

ALL FALL TERM REGISTRATION PROCEDURES for the sophomore, junior, and senior classes will be handled by mail, according to Dr. Robert L. Bogan, Assistant Dean. No formal registration day will be designated for these three classes, but all registration information will be mailed to the students by the second week in July.

Freshman registration is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22. Dr. Bogan reports that the entering class will number 129 regular students, and one special student.

DR. LAFORREST D. GARNER, CHAIRMAN of the Department of Orthodontics, had what he described as "a very full Monday" on May 8 when he was notified that he had passed the American Board of Orthodontics, was initiated into Sigma Xi scientific honorary fraternity, and was officially informed of his promotion to the rank of Professor.

DR. VAROUJAN A. CHALIAN was re-elected to the Board of Directors, Little Red Door, Marion County Cancer Society, Inc., for a three-year term at the annual meeting April 21. He has also become Vice President and Board member of the newly organized International Association for the Study of Dento-Facial Abnormalities.

DR. NORRIS L. RICHMOND OF THE OPERATIVE Dentistry Department was elected President of the Indiana Public Health Dentists! Organization at the May 17th meeting. This organization is comprised of dentists who work at correctional, mental, or special institutions. Dr. Richmond was secretary-treasurer of the organization last year. On June 15-18 he was guest lecturer-clinician at the Midwestern States Dental Association meeting, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. He presented a program on "Recent Advances in Operative Dentistry."

LAWRENCE I. GOLDBLATT, GRADUATE STUDENT in Oral Pathology, has been awarded a dental teacher training fellowship from the American Fund for Dental Education. He will use it to complete his second year of graduate study. Dr. Goldblatt received his D.D.S. degree cum laude from Georgetown University in 1968.

THE 100 NEW DENTISTS IN THE CLASS OF 1972 are heading for varied professional assignments, as reported to Dr. Bogan's office. A total of 46 will enter federal service, with 24 bound for the Army, 13 for the Navy, 6 for the Air Force, and 3 for the Public Health Service. Nineteen persons will be starting graduate programs or internships: 5 in Oral Surgery, 4 in Pedodontics, 3 in Orthodontics, 2 in Periodontics, 3 rotating internships in private hospitals, and 2 rotating internships in Veterans Administration hospitals.

Twenty graduates plan to enter private practice in Indiana immediately, four intend to practice in other states, and one hopes to go to Switzerland. Dr. Bogan points out that many of the graduates beginning military tours will undoubtedly return to Indiana after completing their service.

Ten members of the class were undecided about their future plans as of May.

Of the 34 graduates in Dental Hygiene, 20 will practice in Indiana, and 5 in other states. Nine graduates plan to continue their studies next year toward the Bachelor's degree.

THE FALL DENTAL ALUMNI CONFERENCE is scheduled for September 21-23, 1972. The annual banquet will be Friday, September 22, and the speaker will be Dr. Andy Holt, President Emeritus of the University of Tennessee. Dr. Holt is a very interesting and entertaining personality and a much sought-after speaker. The football game on Saturday with Texas Christian University will be preceded by the Alumni Brunch. As is customary, several notables within our profession will receive awards on behalf of the association. These persons will be identified shortly in the Conference Program, and every alumnus should mark the calendar now to attend the 28th Fall Alumni Conference.

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AT THE REQUEST OF THE NEWSLETTER, Dr. Paul E. Starkey, Chairman of the Curriculum Committee, has provided the following summary of important developments in curriculum.

"During the past two years the Curriculum Committee of the School of Dentistry has been extremely active, meeting at least once a week. There has been student representation throughout, first with Paul Rocke, who graduated in 1971, and then with June Brose, who received her D.D.S. in May. James Prawat has agreed to serve during this next year.

"Significant changes in our curriculum have been recommended by the Curriculum Committee and approved by the Faculty Council. For years emphasis had been placed on the requirement system in which each student had a list of requirements in most clinical areas. The new approach is designed (1) to orient the student to patient problems rather than requirement credit, (2) to provide skills necessary in private practice, and (3) to create a student evaluation program, progressing with the student and tailored to his individual needs.

"The recommendations, which were adopted by the Faculty Council in July, 1971, included the assignment of patients to students for total care. It was anticipated that the new system would give the student as much clinical experience as the old one, or more. An evaluation of the effectiveness of this change is to be presented to the Faculty Council in July.

"Another significant development was the Faculty Council's adoption in principle last January of a new curriculum proposed by the Dean and called the Indiana University School of Dentistry Multi-Track Curriculum. It will continue to stress basic science subjects and will assure the clinical competence of our graduates. However, it will also prepare the graduate to deal with changing patterns of dental practice and rising demands for dental care.

"In the three-year core program, which will be a modification of our present program, coordinated teaching is stressed. The traditional basic science courses of the first two years will be more strongly oriented toward dentistry, particularly clinical dentistry. The basic science faculty will be encouraged to determine the competence of the entering students and to exempt qualified persons from all or part of a course, as appropriate.

"The preclinical sciences (technic courses) will be offered during the first two years of the program.

"Starting clinical experience in the first year, as previously approved by the Faculty Council, will be continued. Offering added clinical experience during the second year means that the student will have a complete orientation to clinical practice by the summer session after his second year. During the third year, including the following summer session, the student will have an opportunity to demonstrate at least minimal competence in all areas of clinical dentistry. The fourth, fifth, and sixth years of the multi-track program will include a broad range of elective programs. During the fourth year the student will accept much more responsibility for planning his own program than previously.

"The fourth-year program which most students will elect will be entitled Family Practice. It will prepare them for the challenges of general practice in the dental office and in group practices. There will be major emphasis on preventive dentistry, diagnosis and treatment planning, community dental practice, and supervision of the auxiliary team. The fourth year will be essentially free of required lectures for students in this program.

"Past experience with the XL Program (extra learning experience) will serve as the basis for additional elective opportunities within the family practice program. Private dental offices, community dental clinics, hospital dental clinics, and Veterans Administration facilities will become auxiliary training facilities for the School of Dentistry.

"Another departure from the traditional dental school curriculum will occur at the end of the summer session following the third year. Students who have demonstrated competence in basic, preclinical, and clinical sciences may elect to embark on a two- or three-year program designed to prepare them for specialty practice, teaching, or research. The curriculum extends into the sixth year for students preparing for an academic career. Approximately 25% of the class will have an opportunity to elect one of the seven specialty programs (endodontics, oral pathology, oral surgery, orthodontics, pedodontics, periodontics, prosthodontics) or other advanced programs currently offered by the Dental School. There will also be an opportunity for the student to enroll in one of the basic science programs, including microbiology, physiology, or anatomy.

"The D.D.S. degree will be conferred upon completion of the fourth year. The student who begins specialty training following the summer of his third year may receive an M.S. degree or certificate at the end of his fifth or sixth year.

- "Students preparing for these specialty practices can be accommodated within existing programs. These programs and other advanced education programs would continue to include graduates from our School as well as other universities.
- "As a first step toward the multi-track curriculum, the Faculty Council in May approved deletion of the Basic Dental Science course previously offered during the freshman year. The Operative Technic Course traditionally offered in the sophomore year will be given this fall during the freshman year. This means that the incoming freshman class will be able to participate clinically during their sophomore year.
- "A number of pilot programs have prepared the way for implementing the multi-track curriculum. During the past academic year all freshman students had 15 hours of clinical experience in a course called Introduction to Clinical Dentistry. Also, some correlation lectures were given by clinicians during the time allotted to basic science courses. For example, a lecture on local anesthesia and a film illustrating a mandibular injection were presented to the freshmen during lecture time in gross anatomy.
- "Implementing the multi-track curriculum will require the cooperation and support of faculty and students. For example, for this year only, it will be necessary to teach both the freshman and the sophomore classes Operative Dentistry. The faculty involved have already been working hard and cooperating diligently. With this fine attitude toward the improvement of our curriculum, Indiana University can look forward to maintaining its excellent reputation as one of the leading dental schools in this country."

IMPORTANT NOTICE

George W. Combs, Chief of Campus Police, warns that attempting to leave the Dental Pay Gate lot (east side of the new building) without paying is a crime punishable by law and could lead to a costly trip to a local court. This lot is for visitors and patients to the Dental School and is not to be used by staff, faculty, or students.

Violators will be issued University tickets which must be paid within five days. Ignoring a University citation can lead to a violator's car being towed away.