

# NEWSLETTER

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THE NEWSLETTER WAS VERY PLEASED to receive the following message from Dean McDonald:

It is certainly good to be back in the office after being confined to my home for an extended period of time. I appreciate very much the many cheery cards and thoughtful expressions of goodwill that I received from the faculty, staff and students. Also, a special thanks to all who met assignments for me while I was away. It was comforting to know that everyone was doing his part to keep things moving smoothly.

Dean Ralph E. McDonald

CHANCELLOR MAYNARD K. HINE has been re-elected a Vice President of the Federation Dentaire Internationale.

THREE MEMBERS OF LAST YEAR'S SENIOR CLASS won awards in the Student Achievement Award Competition sponsored by the American Society of Dentistry for Children. They are: Dr. Earl K. Phares, Jr., First prize - \$300.00 plus a trip to the annual meeting in Atlantic City; Dr. Randolph Kixmiller, Third prize - \$200.00 cash; and Dr. Virgil Ullom, honorable mention - \$50.00 cash.

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DENTAL RESEARCH has renewed a grant of \$34,295 to the Dental Materials Department. Dr. Ralph W. Phillips, Assistant Dean for Research and Chairman of the Department, reports that the complexion of the grant has been changed this year to make it more relevant to the general problem of dental caries. The project title is "Influence of Fluoride on Wettability and Restorations."

THROUGH AN OVERSIGHT, THE FOLLOWING NAMES were deleted from the list of faculty who are members of the School of Dentistry Graduate Committee: Dean Ralph E. McDonald, Dr. Joseph C. Muhler, Dr. Robert L. Bogan, Dr. Samuel S. Patterson, Dr. James C. Shanks, Dr. Charles E. Tomich and Dr. Chris H. Miller.

DEAN McDONALD WAS NAMED VICE PRESIDENT of the Association of Pedodontic Diplomates at the meeting of the American Academy of Pedodontics in Dallas, Texas, August 28-September 1. He also has been appointed to the Training Grants Committee of the United Cerebral Palsy Research and Educational Foundation.

MRS. LEE FISHER WISHES TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION for all the notes and cards that were sent to her mother during her hospitalization, for the cards and notes that Mrs. Fisher received upon her mother's death, and for contributions made to the American Cancer Society in memory of her mother.

THE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY has recently acquired an IBM printing card punch and an IBM card verifier. These two machines are available for use by faculty and students at the office of Dr. Rosario Potter. Those who want to use these machines may contact either Dr. Potter or Mr. Roger Yu, teaching assistant.

DR. MYRON J. KASLE has been named Acting Chairman of the Department of Radiology.

DR. DAVID R. AVERY, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR of Pedodontics and Chairman of Undergraduate Pedodontics, won the 1971 Graduate Pedodontic Student Thesis Award sponsored by the American Academy of Pedodontics. He received a \$250.00 cash prize and a round-trip airline ticket to the Academy's Annual Meeting in Dallas in August.

THE SECOND COURSE IN THE "TEACHING FOR TEACHERS" series for full-time and part-time faculty members will be presented by Dr. Leonard Koerber in Room 114 from 7 to 9 p.m. on the first three Tuesdays in November. Those interested should call Mrs. Nancy Stillabower (264-7886). The course stresses discussion of principles and immediate application in workshop situations.

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN'S DESK:

The Radiology Department has deposited in the Library the following four 8mm film cartridges for use with the Mark IV projector:

ANATOMIC LANDMARKS IN PANOREX RADIOGRAPHY.  
12 minutes

PANOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSTIC PATHOLOGY RADIOLUCENCIES,  
Part I. 10.5 minutes

PANOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSTIC PATHOLOGY RADIOLUCENCIES,  
Part II. 8.5 minutes

PANOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSTIC PATHOLOGY RADIOPACTITIES.  
8.5 minutes

The Library has a Norelco Carrycorder (battery operated) which may be borrowed for overnight use with the monthly tapes of either ADA NEWS CASSETTE or DENTAL ABSTRACTS IN SOUND.

Faculty members may be interested in the following article:

Wittrock, John W.: A method for measuring the discrimination of essay questions for the classroom teacher. J Dent Educ 35:452-454, July, 1971.

AT THE FALL CONFERENCE of the School of Dentistry Alumni Association, the following awards were made: Dr. Vernon J. Forney (D.D.S., 1939, now a retired Assistant Surgeon General), Distinguished Alumnus of 1971; Chancellor Herman B Wells, Distinguished Service Award; and Professor Paul Barton, Honorary Alumnus Award.

Awards in the Table Clinic competition at the Conference went to Richard Fischer, junior dental student; Dr. David Bales, graduate student; and Dr. Eugene Day, alumnus.

AT THE REQUEST OF THE NEWSLETTER, Sophomore student Ed Marcus wrote the following memo on his summer experience on an Indian reservation:

"Several months ago I learned that the Student American Medical Association had some positions available for health science students interested in summer work with an American Indian Health Project. I applied and was accepted. For two weeks I was assigned to the Hopi reservation in Oraibi, Arizona, where I became involved in a dental hygiene program for youngsters. Through the benevolence of Save the Children Federation, Procter and Gamble, and the Lactona Corporation we were able to obtain enough materials for nearly 400 children. Among other activities we showed films on tooth care and gave instruction in brushing.

"The project was funded in part by the Indian Health Service. While we were not actively connected with the Public Health Service Hospital we were frequently exposed to it. One main goal of the project was to recruit young professionals for the Indian Health Service. When you consider clean air, friendly people, a quiet rural atmosphere, and a shortage of qualified personnel it is really hard to resist. It's hard to tell you what a feeling you get when you wake up in the morning and smell the cedar wood burning in the women's outdoor bread ovens. If you look southwest you can easily make out the San Francisco Peaks, at least 100 miles away. On the mesa top to the west is the village of Old Oraibi. It has been continuously inhabited for at least 500 years!

"One night we showed an animated scene of a toothbrush and some teeth. Our Hopi student-helper informed me that a few of the children were frightened because they thought a ghost was holding the dancing toothbrush. Hopi people have a deep respect for ghosts.

"On the weekend I helped a Hopi cattle rancher. After a hard morning of roping and branding calves we prepared lunch in his sandstone house near the corral. He handed me a bucket and instructed me to gather some chips for the fire. I remembered that my Boy Scout manual had once described using buffalo chips when making fire on the desert. But when I

came in with a bucket filled with dried cow manure he shook his head and told me I had brought the wrong kind of chips; he wanted wood chips. Remind me to send a correction to Lord Baden-Powell.

"I was told it gets down to  $-30^{\circ}$  in that area in the winter, but during the summer temperatures were often close to 100. When you consider the odds against anything growing in the desert you are hardly surprised that the people here consider the corn somewhat sacred. Not only does it provide meal for the somaviki and paper-thin piki bread, but it is also sprinkled about the plaza during many of the ceremonial dances."

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