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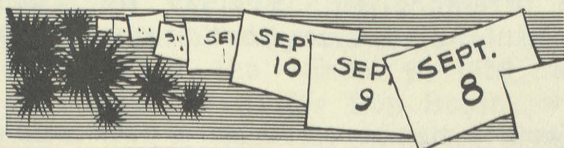
May-June, 1986

Dean H. William Gilmore led ceremonies at the Indiana University School of Dentistry Honors Day on May 11 by recognizing the Class of 1986 for scholarship and achievements in education. At various Commencement programs 48 students of dentistry, dental hygiene and dental assisting received honors and awards from many dental organizations (recipients are listed elsewhere). An unusual feature of Honors Day this year was Dr. Gilmore's introduction of **Dr. Michael Schmookler**, a Russian immigrant and member of the Class of '86 with more than one reason to celebrate: In addition to receiving his degree, Dr. Schmookler along with his wife, Yelena, and son, David, became a U.S. citizen May 6.

A graduate of the Medical University of Baku and dental practitioner in the USSR, Dr. Schmookler left Russia with his wife, child and in-laws in 1980 under sponsorship of the Indianapolis Jewish Family and Children Services. He worked as a dental technician before gaining admission to the IUSD advanced standing program in 1983. Dr. Schmookler has taken the Northeast Regional Boards, is preparing for the Florida boards, and will soon head for Chicago, where an associateship awaits him. "Everyone here has been very helpful to me and my family," he says. "I have benefited from an excellent education at IU." Reaching this goal has not come without sacrifice. "I have been separated from my parents and brother since I left Russia, and at this time there is no way to be reunited. It is my dream that we will one day be together again."

Coming Up On the Calendar

McCormick's Creek State Park in Spencer, Indiana, will again be the site of the **Indiana University School of Dentistry Teaching Conference**, according to Dr. Chris H. Miller, teaching committee chairman. Communication skills will be the general theme of the 22nd annual conference, scheduled for September 9-10, 1986.



Goldfingers

Cathi L. Eagan, acting director for student affairs, thanks all of her dental school sponsors in the Monroe County Muscular Dystrophy Association's annual Flashtype Competition in Bloomington in May. Fingers flying, Cathi went up against other area typists in the speed contest to capture first place at a zippy 109 words per minute. (She also won in 1984.) For her skill at the keyboard she won dinner for two at Bloomington's Portico's Res-

taurant. "More important," says Cathi, "contestants collected pledges and donations for Muscular Dystrophy and I came in third in this category at \$402, thanks to the generosity of people here at the school." This won Cathi a "Cleaning Lady for the Day," but looking beyond her own dust bunnies, she made a gift of the services to her mother for Mother's Day.

Christine Root on the Run...Again

She started halfway back in a throng of 5,000 runners. The weather was hot and humid, and 17 miles into the race it began to rain. But Christine Root, 1986 graduate and an ardent jogger on the local front, found the Boston Marathon last April all that it's cracked up to be. "I was in awe the whole time," she says. "Since everyone entering the Boston Marathon must first qualify in another race, you are competing with a huge group of experienced runners." A fervent crowd lined all 26.2 miles of the route, pressing in on the runners in places like Boston College until barely more than one running lane was open. The course was much more hilly

than Christine had anticipated. "We passed through several small towns on the way into the city -- very scenic -- it is an incredibly beautiful part of the country." Christine crossed the finish line 3 hours, 21 minutes into the Marathon, coming in a respectable 150th out of 780 women. Running will continue to be part of her daily routine when she returns to her home town of Marion, Indiana, where she is entering an associateship with Dr. George Bruner (Class of '76).

Dean's Message

Summer session is now in progress with more students working in the clinics than in the past. Numerous members of the Class of '86 are finishing treatment of patients prior to the licensing examination and most of the new seniors are working on a regular schedule to build a strong start for the next academic year. Students who are considered below average in clinical productivity are required to use a minimum of 80% of their available clinic time treating patients this summer.

Word comes this spring that the School of Dentistry will be placed into the Medical Education Resources Program (MERP). The School of Medicine established the program to develop a learning resource which would likewise be useful for continuing education. The School of Nursing is also in the program. Our affiliation will enable our faculty to work with MERP on new instructional programs. The director, **Dr. Beverly Hill**, will be visiting the dental school soon to explain the services that are available from her staff.

Congratulations are in order for several faculty members receiving promotions

this year. The IU Board of Trustees approved the following appointments: **Dr. Victor H. Mercer**, professor of preventive dentistry; **Dr. B. Keith Moore**, professor of dental materials; and **Dr. George P. Willis**, associate professor of dental practice administration. These faculty members have been active in teaching, research and service, and the University is fortunate to have them recognized by promotion in the School of Dentistry.

Recognition also came this spring to **Prof. Charles J. Palenik**, associate professor of oral microbiology. He was one of six IUPUI faculty members selected for the first **Glenn W. Irwin, Jr., M.D. Experience Excellence Award**, and was honored at a reception for Dr. Irwin, who retires as vice president of IUPUI this summer. Prof. Palenik has been active on the campus and has made outstanding contributions, including his work in establishing infection control policies and practices.

Plans are under way for organizing a "special care clinic" that will be directed by **Dr. Jack Schaaf**. Faculty and some students will use the clinic to treat patients who are not readily managed in regular dental offices. The category of special care will include patients who are disabled, medically compromised, suffering from geriatric problems, or who are acutely infectious. Dr. Schaaf is organizing a staff and preparing a protocol to fulfill the special dental needs that exist in the state.

On August 27, the first day of the 1986-87 school year, members of the junior and senior classes will join members of the Indiana Dental Association in a one-day course in marketing and interpersonal skill development. The program will be presented by ADA staff with the objective of improving skills in treating patients and in communicating. Interested faculty members are encouraged to attend.

The summer schedule will be very busy for both the administration and faculty in preparation for fall semester. There will also be several opportunities for faculty development presented in courses and seminars. The summer months are useful for many teaching/learning experiences for both students and faculty.

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225 Years...and Counting!

Of the 25 IUPUI employees honored by Vice President Glenn W. Irwin, Jr. at the **Quarter Century Club Service Recognition Breakfast** in the Union Building, nine were members of the dental school family: **Donald O. Booth**, cash operations; **Sandra J. Manion**, continuing education; **Sarah C. Manion**, office of student affairs; **Kenneth K. Nelson**, dental student instruments; **John H. Owens**, equipment and maintenance; **Isabell V. Poor**, oral diagnosis; **Barbara F. Rhodes**, dental materials; **Jean M. Richmond**, Oral Health Research Institute; and **G. Delores Riczo**, office of clinical affairs. Also acknowledged at the breakfast were two other employees who were already members of the Quarter Century Club: **Calvin Linton**, who joined the school in 1950, and **Shirley Shazer**, who came on board in 1956. Except for Don Booth, who was employed in Central Administration from 1961 to 1970, all years of service have been for the School of Dentistry.

In the Pages of the News...

Two IUSD faculty members -- and their wheels -- have cropped up in separate articles in the Indianapolis News. **Dr. Henry M. Swenson**, professor of periodontics, was recently pictured in the driver's seat of his 1960 Corvette, featured for his hobbies of restoring sports cars, rebuilding airplanes and, in one instance, building an airplane from scratch. Dr. Swenson has been at it for 17 years, having rebuilt three planes, restored five antique cars, and built an Acro Sport biplane in that time. Building the plane took more than 4½ years of welding, cutting, assembling and painting, but the final product proved to be a fine -- and durable -- example of Dr. Swenson's craftsmanship -- he flew the Acro Sport seven years before donating it to the Experimental Aircraft Foundation.

In another article, head librarian **Prof. Marie C. Sparks** was shown barreling down the highway on her Suzuki motorcycle -- an unusual sight only to people unacquainted with Marie, who has been revving up the Suzuki for a number of years and occasionally cycling in to work. The article was part of a series on being single in the '80s -- something that Marie, with her full-time job at the school and many outside interests ranging from the Dallas Cowboys to opera -- has no trouble dealing with. The Suzuki is not only an enjoyable mode of transportation for Marie, it also helps to dispel the stereotype of librarians as women with "the hair in the bun, the pursed lips, the scowl."

On the Move

"Be yourself -- and ask a lot of questions!" are words of advice from **Carolyn Brown** for anyone facing job interviews, and she should know. Having spent much of the spring on the interview trail herself, Carolyn has accepted a position as reference librarian at Emory University Medical School in Atlanta, Georgia. In a few days Carolyn ends 8½ years of service to the School of Dentistry, having started here as a dental assistant in undergraduate pediatric dentistry, then transferring to a job as serials assistant in the library and finally to faculty librarian after earning a Master's in Library Science in 1985. Head librarian Marie Sparks was a major influence on Carolyn's career. "She encouraged me to apply for the MLA degree," says Carolyn, "and has been supportive all the way." Carolyn looks ahead to challenges at Emory, where a major move is under way. Since Emory's dental school is closing in 1988, the dental library is merging with the medical school library, and the dental school building is the site for the combined library collection.

Honors and Recognition

School of Dentistry students **graduating with high distinction** at the 1986 IUPUI Commencement were: dental students Steven R. Wert, Kirk T. Ripley, and David M. Cummins; and dental hygiene student Monique A. Gano. Graduating **with distinction** were dental students Michael J. Koufos, Frederick C. Abel, Jr., Steven J. Hoagburg, Richard A. Moll, Martin G. Fitz, Bryan J. Roy, Eileen R. Robrock, and Robert J. McDonough; and dental hygiene students Cindy S. Gray and Jill M. Reed.

Other dental students recognized during the 1986 graduation ceremonies were: **Brent A. Skovmand**, Academy of Operative Dentistry Award; **Michael J. Koufos**, American Academy of Gold Foil Operators Award, Indiana Society of Periodontists Award, American Association of Orthodontists Award, Pierre Fauchard Award, Maynard K. Hine Award from the IUSD Alumni Association, Indiana Dental Association Award, the IUSD Non-Academic Staff Council Student Recognition Award (co-winner), and Omicron Kappa Upsilon Outstanding Student Award; **Kevin D. Ward**, Ishiyaku Publishers and Piccin Nuova Libreria Book Award; **Jay C. Platt**, Academy of Dental Materials Award, Quintessence Publishing Company Award (Research Achievement), Indianapolis General Dentistry Study Club Award, Table Clinic Award (1st place); **David M. Cummins**, C.V. Mosby Award; **Richard A. Moll**, American Academy of Oral Medicine Award; and **Frederick C. Abel, Jr.**, American Academy of Periodontology Award.

Also, **Laura L. Brinson**, Indiana Society of Pediatric Dentistry Award; **Todd M. Kaminski**, American Society of Dentistry for Children Certificate of Merit and Indiana Chapter Award; **David R. Fisher**, Academy of Dentistry for the Handicapped Award, and Block Drug Company Senior Essay Award (2nd place); **Nicholas J. Volz**, Academy of General Dentistry Award and Indiana Chapter Award; **Steven R. Wert**, Alpha Omega Scholarship Award (co-winner), and American Academy of Oral Pathology Award; **Michael J. Mintz**, American College of Dentists Award, and American Association of Endodontists Award (co-winner); **Dean J. Boldin**, Block Drug Company Senior Essay Award (1st place).

Also, **Stephanie M. Litz** (first year student), Dentsply International Table Clinic Award; **Robert J. McDonough**, Indiana Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Award (Glenn J. Pell Memorial Award); **Todd W. Walters**, International College of Dentists Award; **Julian E. Gray**, American Association of Women Dentists Award; **Scott D. Prusinski**, James L. Maus Memorial Scholarship Award; **John P. Click**, Quintessence Publishing Company Award (Restorative Dentistry Clinical Achievement); **Matthew W. Stegemiller**, Quintessence Publishing Company Award (Periodontics Clinical Achievement), and IUSD Non-Academic Staff Council Student Recognition Award (co-winner).

Also, **Kirk T. Ripley**, Alpha Omega Scholarship Award (co-winner); **Wesley D. Mills**, Table Clinic Award (2nd place); **Phil P. Guba**, American Association of Endodontists Award (co-winner).

Dental Hygiene Students receiving honors were: **Kimberly M. Strait**, C.V. Mosby Award; **Stephanie E. Moore** and **Mary L. Jones**, co-winners of the Rossya Kaufman Memorial Award in Dental Hygiene; **Beth Anne Johnson**, A. Rebekah Fisk Memorial Award of the Indiana State Dental Hygienists Association; **Beth A. Daugherty**, Hu-Friedy Award; **Mary Jones**, **Cathy Neal**, **Tracy Raub**, **Angie Shahadey**, and **Leslie Wohlfeld**, Table Clinic Awards; **Monique A. Gano**, Harriett F. Hine Award from the IUSD Alumni Association. **Dental Assisting Students** receiving recognition were: **Brenda Waitt**, C.V. Mosby Award; and **Bonnie Jewell**, **Jennifer Hawkins**, **Kristi Prichard**, **Wendy Hogue**, Table Clinic Awards.

Congratulations and best wishes to all graduates of the degree and certificate programs at IUSD!

Isabelle Ezzell Retires

Mrs. Isabelle Ezzell, supervisor of the dental copy center, retired on May 31, to close an outstanding career at the School of Dentistry spanning almost 21 years. We know that she's gone, but getting used to the idea is going to take some doing.

Isabelle was born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee. She was living in Hammond, Indiana, when she decided to move to Indianapolis to be near her daughter Teresa's school, the Indiana State School for the Deaf. She was hired as secretary to Dr. John F. Johnston in prosthodontics in July of 1965. Typing the second edition of the textbook Modern Practice in Crown and Bridge Prosthodontics, by Dr. Johnston, Dr. Ralph Phillips and Dr. Roland Dykema, was her first major assignment.

After Dr. Johnston retired Isabelle stayed on as department secretary, working in prosthodontics for eight years. When Dean McDonald's secretary, Mrs. Lee Fisher, took a leave of absence, Isabelle filled in for nine months. Then came a temporary move across the hall to oral pathology, as secretary to Dr. Shafer. She transferred to dental mimeograph when Mrs. Ruth Lively left in 1974, and for the next dozen years she supervised a staff that kept the mimeograph and photocopying machines pumping out ream after ream of material for the faculty and staff (more than 1,700,000 sheets of paper were used in 1984-85 alone).

"No two days were alike," Isabelle said recently of the brisk, often hectic pace in mimeo -- and some days went more smoothly than others. In the early years, Isabelle recalls one of her most embarrassing moments: getting a phone call at home from a less-than-pleased faculty member who asked, "Do you know that the examination I'm giving tomorrow is in the library **today**!?" (Isabelle initiated a sign in/sign out system for exams after that episode to prevent future mixups. By the way, the instructor forgave her!)



"Mrs. Ezzell has been an exceptional employee," says Prof. Charles Palenik, "because she is a perpetual learner and a perpetual teacher." One notable example of this was the intensive WANG computer training Isabelle undertook so that she could teach the system to all other dental school employees. She remembers: "In the beginning, when many of us were coming into contact with a computer for the first time, it was fun to see the amazement register on faces when people began to realize all that a computer could do. If I were young and just starting out, I probably would choose a career that involved writing computer programs."

In retirement Isabelle looks forward to life in the country -- Six Mile,

South Carolina, specifically -- in a farm house more than 100 years old. Her calm, easy going approach to working with others and her never-ending desire to assist faculty and staff have been an inspiration to us all. Looking back on her career, she says: "I'm happy I came and stayed this long. I enjoyed the variety of activities that came with my job, including working with Dr. Hine, Dr. McDonald and the pediatric dentistry journal. I've grown personally and feel like I've been a part of a family. I love the people at the dental school."

People in the News

Dr. Varoujan A. Chalian, chairman and professor of maxillofacial prosthetics, was reelected to the Executive Committee at the IUPUI Faculty Council meeting in May.

Sixteen dentists and 33 dental auxiliaries completed the **basic life support course** that was presented at the Indiana Convention Center-Hoosier Dome during the Indiana Dental Association's 128th Annual Session. Instructors who taught the course were Drs. James H. Dirlam, Jack E. Schaaf, Hala Z. Henderson, Kenneth K. Kaneshiro, Bernie Iqbal, and Travis L. Bauer, Professor Bobbie Hilderbrand, Mrs. Kay Maddox, Mrs. Jan Leach, Mr. Kame Kaneshiro, and Mr. Jay Hilderbrand.

Dr. Rosario H. Potter, professor of oral facial genetics, was one of 11 site visitors recruited from U.S. and Canadian institutions by the National Institutes of Health to review a \$2.5 million grant proposal from the Institute of Reconstructive and Plastic Surgery at the New York University Medical Center. The proposal includes 14 research projects on craniofacial anomalies. Dr. Potter was assigned to review genetics, growth prediction, statistical analysis, and computerized tomography imaging of patients with craniofacial anomalies, as well as the first degree relatives of those patients.

Dr. Potter has also received NIH awards totaling \$43,800 for two pilot studies on the genetics of dental traits, one in twins and the other in families. The latter is a collaborative project with the Beijing Medical University Research Institute of Stomatology (the main dental research center in China), collecting data from Chinese families in Beijing whose unique and homogeneous commune environments offer an effective approach for genetics research. A visiting scholar from the Institute, **Dr. Jiuxiang Lin**, will arrive at IUSD this summer to work with Dr. Potter for one year.

Dr. Jack E. Schaaf, associate professor of oral diagnosis/oral medicine and radiology, and **Dr. Steven L. Bricker**, associate professor of radiology, have been accepted for diplomate status by the American Board of Oral Medicine. Dr. Bricker was also recently appointed editor, section on the Organization of Teachers of Oral Diagnosis, in the journal Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology.

Dr. Ben J. Fisher, assistant professor of prosthodontics, was recently named Honor Dentist and awarded a plaque by the Indianapolis District Dental Society.

Dr. Kathryn Godwin Stuart, second-year graduate student in endodontics, was a co-winner of the 1986 Indiana Dental Association Graduate Student Journalism Award, for her paper "Cardiac Pain of Endodontic Origin." Dr. Stuart shared the \$500 prize with Dr. Steven B. Lee, a graduate student at the University of Kentucky who received his dental degree from Indiana University last year. The awards were announced at the IDA's 128th Annual Session in May.

Dr. Charles L. Nelson, assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, has been appointed assistant professor of plastic surgery in the School of Medicine. The part-time appointment reflects Dr. Nelson's interaction with medical school faculty, residents and students as a member of the Craniofacial Anomalies Team.

Dr. George P. Willis, associate professor of dental practice administration, recently presented a paper on endodontics on large carnivores at the 1986 Exotic Animal Dentistry Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dr. Charles W. Gish, who retired last fall as director of the dental division of the Indiana State Board of Health, was recently presented with the prestigious Outstanding Achievement Award by the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors at the annual conference in Williamsburg, Virginia. Dr. Gish was for many years a part-time faculty member in pediatric dentistry and co-chairman of community dentistry at the School of Dentistry.

Ms. Myra D. Mason, assistant professor of community dentistry and minority affairs officer, reports that the school has received a grant of \$6,668 from Lilly Endowment, Inc. The money will be used to publish and distribute a Precollegiate Outreach Programs Guide in an effort to attract high school students into college, which will in turn provide a greater applicant pool for professional schools.

Prof. Mason also reports that the following students have been awarded Educational Opportunity Fellowships for 1986-87: new second-year students **Roschelle Major** and **Stephanie Litz**, and new third-year student **Colleen Johnson**.

Dr. Carol McKown, second-year resident in pediatric dentistry, has been awarded a \$15,000 clinical fellowship in pediatric dentistry by the United Cerebral Palsy Research and Education Foundation. The grant is for a one-year period, effective July 1, 1986. The fellowship will enable her to continue her studies in cerebral palsy and other developmental disabilities under the supervision of Dr. David R. Avery, chairman and professor of pediatric dentistry. Dr. McKown will concurrently hold a part-time faculty position in the department. She is a 1984 graduate of the Indiana University School of Dentistry.

The annual luncheon for the **Omicron Kappa Upsilon** and **Sigma Phi Alpha** honorary societies honoring new members was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on May 2, with Dean H. William Gilmore as the featured speaker. Angela Everling, Monique Gano, Cindy Gray, and Jill Reed received certificates as **new alumni members** of Sigma Phi Alpha. OKU members were presented with keys and/or certificates. New alumni members are: Frederick C. Abel, Jr., David M. Cummins, Steven J. Hoagburg, Michael J. Koufos, Richard A. Moll, Kirk T. Ripley, Eileen R. Robrock, Bryan J. Roy,

Nicholas J. Volz, and Steven R. Wert. **New faculty members** are: Drs. Steven L. Bricker and Charles O. Hazelrigg. **New life members** include Drs. James J. Baldwin, E. Byrd Barr, Floyd E. Hale and Carl R. Kohlmann.

Dr. Ralph G. Schimmele, associate dean for program development and extramural programs, represented Indiana youth and adult volunteers as Area President at the National Council Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America at Louisville, Kentucky in May.

Dr. Yiming Li, a Ph.D. candidate in preventive dentistry, has been informed by Dr. William J. Siffin, acting dean for international programs on the Bloomington campus, that he has been chosen to receive a \$3,000 Starr Fellowship for the next academic year.

Dr. Duane E. Compton, assistant professor of endodontics, was re-elected treasurer of the American Association of Endodontists at the 43rd annual session in Boston in April.

Dr. Ralph W. Phillips, associate dean for research and research professor of dental materials, has been reappointed as a consultant to the Dental Device Panel for the Food and Drug Administration.

Dr. Phillips has announced the arrival of **Dr. Chooi Gait Toh**, associate professor, department of conservative dentistry at the University of Malaya, as a visiting scientist at IUSD for the next five months. Dr. Toh is working with the departments of dental materials and pediatric dentistry. She plans to be involved with several projects during her stay, including work in laminates.

Prof. Marie C. Sparks, IUSD librarian, was named to the Program and Convention Committee of the Medical Library Association for a three-year term. She assumed her committee duties at the annual meeting of the Medical Library Association in Minneapolis in May.

At the annual meeting of the Indiana Section of the American College of Dentists, **Drs. Maynard K. Hine and Varoujan A. Chalian** were recognized with certificates for their contributions to the advancement of dentistry; **Dean H. William Gilmore** received a certificate in appreciation of his service as past chairman; and **Dr. Michael Mintz**, IUSD Class of 1986, received a certificate and a check for \$100 in recognition of his leadership in his class and in the community.

Dr. James E. Baldwin, associate professor of orthodontics, was honored by the IU Orthodontic Alumni Association in May for 30 years of faithful service to the Indiana University School of Dentistry. The program of the meeting at Embassy Suites-North included scientific presentations by Dr. Robert Winkler (MSD '71), Dr. Anoop Sondhi of the orthodontic faculty and former chairman of orthodontics Dr. Charles Burstone. Former orthodontic students from all over the country were in attendance, as well as Dr. Toshio Deguchi (MSD '83) from Japan and Dr. Renan Serracante (certificate '76) from Puerto Rico. Among the gifts to Dr. Baldwin, a graduate of the orthodontic program here, was a London theater trip. Although Dr. Baldwin is not retiring, the Orthodontic alumni just wanted to say thank you for outstanding teaching.

**'If This Be Magic,
Let It Be an Art'**

(W. Shakespeare)

Twenty-five years ago, when Dr. James E. Jones, associate professor of pediatric dentistry, was growing up in Louisville, Kentucky, Caulfield's Magic and Novelty Shop was his home away from home. He and a buddy, with a couple of dollars in their pockets, would roam the aisles of the store for hours, appraising the myriad of magic tricks, devices and paraphernalia. "We'd stay all day, and wait until two minutes before closing to make our purchase," Jim recalls with a laugh. "Finally we'd come away with some crazy gadget like a miniature guillotine finger chopper for \$1.25."



Jim was originally encouraged to perform tricks and sleights of hand by his family's physician, who saw magic as a diversion that might help the nine-year-old overcome his shyness and problems with stammering. Gathering inexpensive tricks from Caulfield's and from mail-order catalogues along the way, Jim put together an act, and eventually his mother lined him up with his first show in front of a group of local Shriners. No flashy costume, no exotic title -- just a little boy with a few tricks up his sleeves, fighting off stage fright -- but after the first performance he was hooked. He quickly found that the doctor's hunch was right -- performing magic for an audience was so self-engrossing that he began to conquer his shyness and make progress with his speech habits.

By the time Jim was a teenager he had created a standard 1½-hour act that he performed free of charge at the Louisville public library, where he also worked as a page. As his confidence grew, so did the audience. At one point, he executed feats of magic for a crowd of 500 at the amphitheater in Louisville.

Jim admits that not all of his efforts at illusion were successful. There was the time when a trick was supposed to climax with a rabbit appearing on a flaming dove pan -- only in his haste Jim forgot to load the rabbit into the apparatus, resulting in his proudly flourishing an empty pan in front of a puzzled audience! ("At least my mother still applauded.") And once in eighth grade physics class, Jim almost drowned when he tried to amaze his classmates by escaping from a tank of water with his hands chained behind his back (that time, his accomplice inadvertently placed a lock around the wrong part of the chain). He pulled off most illusions more gracefully, however, and one of his favorites was the "Sword Through the Neck" trick.

Although Jim hasn't performed in front of an audience ("beyond the living room") for years, his interest in magic continues. He occasionally retrieves his \$2,000 worth of equipment from storage, cleans it up and tries his hand at a trick or two to be sure he hasn't lost the knack. He views magic as an appropriate pastime for people in the dental profession, especially pediatric dentists. "Performing tricks that involve sleight of hand keeps you limber," he says. "Magic is also an effective way to put children at ease in the dental chair. For about \$50 you can purchase eight or 10 self-working (no skill required) tricks that can be easily used in the dental office to charm or distract an anxious youngster."

There are catalogues of magic tricks, and each illusion has its price. Five dollars will get you the workshop plans for levitating a woman -- but it will cost you \$1,900 for the assembly. The price tag for cracking the mystery of changing a lady into a tiger is \$2,000. Jim has attended magicians' conventions, including one for amateurs and professionals in Colon, Michigan. "It's an incredible sight to walk down the street there, watching people levitating other people along the sidewalk."

Now that Jim is a family man, he may soon polish his magic act for a fresh audience: daughters Lauren Elizabeth, 2½, and Katherine Blair, 3 months. "I can't wait till they are a little bit older," he says. "Who knows -- someday I might even talk them into assisting me in my act!"

According to this local expert, the hand really is quicker than the eye, but the key to magic, he says, lies in "misdirecting the audience." When pressed for details, Jim reacts like any good magician worthy of his wand, smiling cryptically and refusing further comment. He swears that he has never divulged the secrets of the trade ("except once in the beginning when my older brother pummeled the secret of the Zombie Effect out of me"). One reason he finds it easy to turn aside how-do-you-do-it questions is his belief that the audience likes to be bamboozled. "The information is readily out there for any one who really wants the know-how," he says. "But most people don't investigate too much because, deep down, they love being fooled and enchanted -- that's what magic is all about."

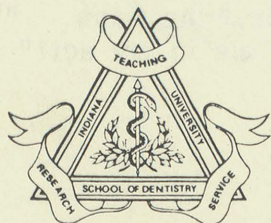
New Folks

The Newsletter Staff welcomes to the School of Dentistry the following employees who joined our ranks recently. New staff members are: **Mr. Tony D. Holmes**, dental equipment maintenance and repair; **Ms. Nilda Venal**, complete denture; and **Ms. Brenda S. Warren**, operative dentistry. Faculty appointments are **Dr. Jeffrey D. Buttrum**, assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, and **Dr. Michael Vibbert**, instructor in operative dentistry. New temporary employees at the Oral Health Research Institute are: **Ms. Kathryn S. Avers**, **Ms. Cynthia A. Brzuzy**, **Ms. Lois S. Garnett**, **Ms. Linda B. Gibson**, **Ms. Paula L. Lacopo**, **Ms. Kerri F. Linville**, and **Ms. Laverne C. Robinson**, hygienists; and **Dr. Allen R. Linnemeier**, project dentist.

Remember when.....

WARM WELCOMES AND FOND GOODBYES...Mrs. Janet Rockey has come to the Oral Diagnosis clinic reception room to take Mrs. Marcea Hefner's place when she leaves to continue her studies as a full-time senior in the IU Medical Record Librarian Program this fall...Welcome also to Mrs. Isabelle Ezzell, new secretary in the Department of Crown and Bridge...The Oral Surgery Department welcomes their new interns, Doctors Larry Graham and Michael Deady....

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