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"In a state of pleasant hubbub" best describes the dental school as it was on the evening of January 13, when IU School of Dentistry teachers, dental students, members of the **Indianapolis District Dental Society**, and some very special guests converged for the IDDS membership/dinner meeting.

The School hosted the IDDS January meeting for the second year in a row, only this time with a refreshing twist: each IDDS member was invited to bring along a high school or college student with an interest in learning more about dentistry. More than 30 young people representing dental patients, sons and daughters, dental assistants and neighbors of IDDS members, participated. The turnout was so successful that the dinner had to take place in shifts in the cafeteria.

After dinner the IDDS members and their guests split up, with the dentists heading into continuing education programs presented by IUSD faculty members, including: **Dr. Timothy J. Carlson** (intraoral porcelain repair); **Dr. Charles J. Goodacre** (use of visible light cured impression material); **Dr. E. Brady Hancock** (nonsurgical periodontal therapy); **Dr. Carl W. Newton** (recent technology applied to root canal obturation); and **Dr. D. Chet Swimley** (physician-prescribed drugs commonly seen in the dental office). In addition, Mr. David Stingle, owner/manager of Professional Den-

tal Services, Inc., talked on maintaining dental equipment. Each presenter gave his talk twice so that Society members could sit in on two seminars of their choice.

Meanwhile, the young folks were divided into three groups, depending on their interests, and given information and advice by **Ms. Carole A. Busch** (dentistry division); **Prof. Pauline R. Spencer** (dental assisting); and **Prof. Evelyn R. Oldsen** (dental hygiene). A large number of volunteers from the dental school student body also spoke to the guests and directed them on tours around the building.

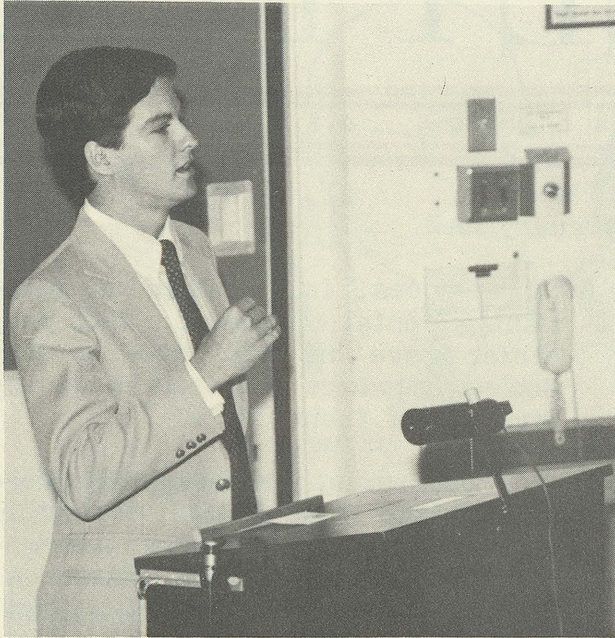
Inviting young people to get a glimpse of dentistry by attending this IDDS meeting, which was featured that evening on the Channel 6 News, was yet another student-recruitment idea of participants of the SELECT Program, a national recruitment network. **Dr. Robert L. Bogan**, IUSD associate dean for student affairs, and **Dr. William B. Risk**, representing the Indiana Dental Association, head Indiana's SELECT activities.

"The students who attended as guests seemed very enthusiastic about their introduction to dentistry," says Dr. Bogan. "Many were especially pleased that they got a chance to talk with dental students. All in all, the meeting was a big hit, and we anticipate making it an annual event."

EXCELLENCE IN DENTAL EDUCATION

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'Dental Day' Gives A College Crowd Facts on IUSD



Posters placed on every college campus in the state attracted more than 60 students to Dental Day 1987 at Indiana University on October 31. The young visitors were invited by the School of Dentistry's first year class, the annual sponsor of Dental Day.

The group toured the building with representatives of the third year class, watched laboratory procedures demonstrated by first and third year students, and got the scoop on life at the dental school from Dental Day coordinator **Scott Short**, first year class president **Jeffrey Gore** (in photo at left) and first year representative of the American Student Dental Association **Steve Salkeld**.

"Members of the first year class did an outstanding job of organizing Dental Day this year," said Dr. Robert L. Bogan, associate dean for student affairs. "They worked hard to make it successful, including preparation of the poster that was sent around Indiana."

After **Ms. Carole A. Busch**, coordinator of records and admissions, presented highlights of the predental curriculum, **Dr. Ronald K. Harris**, associate professor of operative dentistry, and **Dr. Rose Marie Jones**, assistant professor of prosthodontics, described the clinical experiences. **Dr. James L. McDonald, Jr.**, professor of preventive dentistry, and **Dr. Arden G. Christen**, professor and chairman of preventive dentistry, provided an overall picture of what a new student can expect in the first year of study.

"Those in attendance said they had been thinking about applying or had already applied to dental school here," Carole said. "The first year class is very pleased with the large turnout. We all are!"



Dean Gilmore with Dental Day visitors

People In the News

Dr. Ralph W. Phillips, research professor of dental materials, was recently named American consultant to Journal de Biomateriaux Dentaires, a French dental publication.

Dr. Michael A. Cochran, professor of operative dentistry, spoke to the Indiana Section of the American Association for Dental Research on effective title slide presentations during the January noonday seminar. Also on the program was **Charles J. Palenik**, associate professor of oral microbiology, who provided an update on AIDS in Indiana.

Dr. Timothy J. O'Leary, professor of periodontics, presented an update on the non-surgical approach to periodontal therapy during an alumni meeting of the University of the Pacific in San Francisco in January. **Dr. Ned B. Van Roekel**, an assistant professor at the Mayo Clinic Medical School in Rochester, Minnesota, and a former faculty member in prosthodontics at Indiana University, was also among the program presenters. His topic was diagnostic and treatment planning considerations for tissue-integrated prostheses and prosthodontic treatment for partially edentulous patients.

Mr. John J. Morgan, of the dental order office, was recently promoted to supervisor of dentistry stores and acquisitions.

Dr. LaForrest D. Garner, associate dean for minority student services, was among the program presenters at the 13th Brazilian dental congress in San Paulo, Brazil, January 23-29. The meeting was co-sponsored by the Brazilian Dental Association and the San Paulo dental society. While Dr. Garner delivered his lecture on cleft palate rehabilitation, the program was simultaneously translated into Portuguese for the audience, as were all of the courses given by English-speaking presenters.

Dr. Priscilla I. Johns, a clinical fellow in pediatric dentistry, appeared on **Star-athon '88**, the annual "Weekend With the Stars" Telethon for United Cerebral Palsy. In an interview with Channel 13's **Bob Gregory**, Dr. Johns discussed the work she has been doing with children who have Cerebral Palsy and her plans to continue working with CP patients and children with other disabilities after her appointment ends on June 30. Dr. Johns' fellowship was awarded by the United Cerebral Palsy Research and Educational Foundation. Also during the Telethon **Dr. James E. Jones**, an associate professor of pediatric dentistry on leave to pursue a two-year fellowship at Harvard University, made a taped appearance to discuss Indiana University's role in the care of CP patients.

Dr. Anoop Sondhi, associate professor of orthodontics, presented a course on diagnosis and management of temporomandibular joint disorders to the Indianapolis District Dental Society at the Indiana Convention Center on January 27. **Dr. James C. Setcos**, assistant professor of dental materials, spoke to the IDDS on conservative dentistry with esthetic materials at the Shrine Club on February 10.

Hats Off To IUUSD's Newest Grads

Six members of the graduate dental program have recently finished degree requirements at Indiana University.

Dr. Yiming Li, of Shanghai, China, earned a PhD degree from the IU Graduate School in preventive dentistry in November. His previous degrees include a DDS from Shanghai Second Medical University in 1977 and an MSD in dental materials from Indiana University in 1984. He is currently a post-doctoral fellow at the IU Oral Health Research Institute. In 1989 he will return to China for a faculty post at Shanghai Second Medical University. Also in November, **Dr. Jenny T. Sy**, of Manila, the Philippines, received an MSD degree in prosthodontics. Her dental degree was earned at the University of the Philippines in 1983. She is now enrolled as an advanced standing student in the DDS program at IU. An MSD degree in oral and maxillofacial surgery was awarded to **Dr. Gregory W. Egbert**, of Salt Lake City, Utah, in December. He is a 1983 graduate of the University of Washington dental school. Dr. Egbert is now in private practice in Utah.

Dr. Stuart Shlosberg, of London, England, completed requirements for an MSD degree in prosthodontics in December. Dr. Shlosberg graduated from dental school at the University of Manchester (England) in 1967. He is currently on the faculty at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts.

Another December diploma was awarded to **Dr. Kathryn G. Stuart**, Indianapolis, upon completion of the MSD program in endodontics. Dr. Stuart is a 1983 graduate of the IU School of Dentistry. She now practices with Drs. Duane E. Compton and John E. Marosky on the northside of Indianapolis and teaches part-time on the IU faculty in the Department of Endodontics. **Dr. Larry D. Roberts**, an orthodontist in Elkhart, Indiana, and a former part-time faculty member here, fulfilled requirements for the MSD degree in orthodontics in February as an off-campus research student. He earned his DDS from IU in 1973 and completed IU's certificate program in orthodontics in 1981. Dr. Roberts continues to practice orthodontics in Elkhart.

Helping Smokers Break the Habit: An Update on Study at IU

DENTIST magazine recently featured three Indiana University researchers and a study they are conducting with dental patients who smoke. **Ms. Catherine Drook**, assistant director of clinical research at the Oral Health Research Institute, **Dr. Stuart J. Cohen**, professor of medicine and of preventive dentistry, and **Dr. George K. Stookey**, associate dean for research and director of OHRI, received a grant from the National Cancer Institute in 1984 to develop smoking cessation methods and to determine whether dentists and physicians in private practice can help patients to stop smoking.

As of last spring 44 dentists and 1,041 cigarette-smoking patients in the Indianapolis area were participating in the study, which will continue into 1989. Preliminary data indicate that dentists can help motivate patients to stop smoking and that nicotine-containing chewing gum, when used as part of a program for counseling smokers, has been a significant aid to these individuals in their attempts to quit.

Dean's Message

Today, plans for the future are proceeding in high gear in all units of Indiana University, including the dental school. Early in January the **IUSD Long Range Planning Committee** met for three days to study our many programs throughout the School. Committee members were charged with the responsibility of finding ways to consolidate programs, increase efficiency in teaching, and improve patient services. **Dr. George K. Stookey**, chairman of the committee, is preparing a report that will be distributed to all faculty members.

Several departmental moves are being recommended to provide increased unity among the various divisions of the predoctoral program. To achieve this goal, a centralized location for periodontics in relation to the other clinics is needed. Plans also call for the creation of a centralized system for appointment scheduling and patient recall. In general, these changes, as recommended by the Long Range Planning Committee, will enable the School of Dentistry to focus on comprehensive patient care in a way that will also increase productivity of both faculty and students.

It is anticipated that, with faculty approval of the plans, reorganization of the departments can begin in the summer. Every department will be involved in some way. Congratulations are extended to the members of the Long Range Planning Committee for their cooperative spirit, for their insight, and especially for their innovative ideas that will lead us in the months ahead to better utilization of our resources and facilities. With these changes our School will be well prepared to face new trends in dental education and patient care in the 1990s.

The **Commission on Dental Accreditation** has announced some changes in the way the nation's schools of dentistry will be accredited. The new plan is to determine outcomes of academic programs--to actually measure in specific ways what students have learned. The Teaching Committee is considering organizing a faculty workshop to assist all course directors in measuring the terminal behavior of students. Alumni surveys will also be devised to measure the contributions of our graduates in their practices, careers and community activities. The Indiana Commission on Higher Education is also using outcomes to analyze education in the state and plan new programs. The next accreditation visit to Indiana University by the Commission on Dental Education comes in 1993.

At our school there is a major effort under way to increase research by the faculty. The **Research Committee** is working with department research coordinators to plan projects, write protocols, and locate sources for funding. In the last eight months grant proposals totaling \$6.5 million have been submitted, and projects totaling \$1.8 have been funded thus far. A school-wide commitment to research will not only provide numerous benefits for the faculty, it will also ensure that Indiana University's place among the top-rated dental schools in the world is a permanent one.

As Dean I find it rewarding to prepare for the future with a faculty and staff of your caliber. Everyone's help is needed, and I look forward to working with each of you in accomplishing our mission.

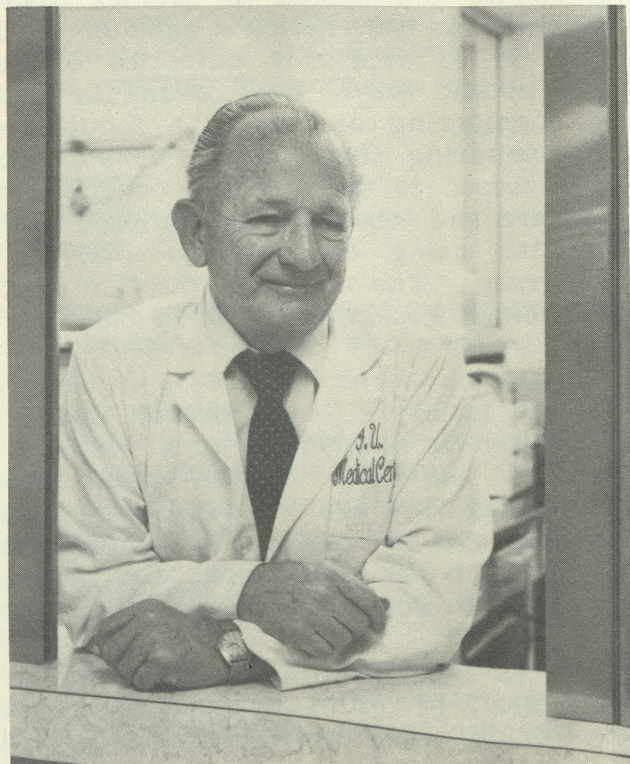
Career Technician Waxes Nostalgic On Years at IU

December 31, 1987, may be the official date of retirement for **Calvin C. Linton, CDT**, dental laboratory technician, but Cal will tell you he has no intention of retiring. In Cal's view, he has merely phased out of dentistry and is moving ahead--full throttle--to a host of new challenges. Shortly before departing from his fourth floor work place, where he has been supervising the in-house laboratory technicians, Cal reminisced about his career at the School. It is time he considers well spent. "I always had the opportunity to continue learning. The willingness of the doctors to share their knowledge helped me keep abreast of all the new procedures over the years."

While in high school Cal answered an ad for a position as delivery man for an Indianapolis dental laboratory. In between making deliveries and sweeping the floor he began to learn technical work by watching the technicians and getting them to give him lessons. His on-job training was thorough enough by 1950 to impress Dr. Frank Hughes, then chairman of the IUSD Department of Complete Denture, who hired Cal on a two-week trial basis at \$1.50 an hour. About three years later Cal quit his full-time position with the dental school to start a lab in Broad Ripple, but in 1956 Dr. John F. Johnston, then head of crown and bridge, persuaded him to return to the school full time to work with the crown and bridge sophomore technique classes. Cal settled in, and stayed another 31 years.

"When I first started working here I was the same age as the dental students," Cal says with a smile. "But lately I've noticed that they're letting students in younger and younger!" In a more serious vein, he says: "I've enjoyed watching students grow in their profession, and being a small part of their development." He acknowledges that mastering the technical aspects of dentistry doesn't always come easy to the dental students. "You've heard there are two ways to skin a cat," he says. "Well, in dental technology there are 200! It's often a difficult subject, but I caution students to learn as much as they can about the technician's work before graduation. Otherwise, the new dentist is at the mercy of outsiders--and you can't be the one in control if you don't know what's going on yourself."

"I've been learning from Cal since I was 17 years old," says Mr. Ed Calkins, a dental technician in the fourth floor lab. "And he's an excellent, sensitive teacher who cares deeply about Indiana University." Cal is indeed one of IU's biggest devotees. "If I could,"



he says, "I'd put a billboard beside the IUPUI sign on New York Street that says: 'Thanks for 36 years without once missing my paycheck!' They honor us when we leave, but I think it is we who should honor such a wonderful employer."

At a farewell luncheon hosted by the prosthodontics department, Cal was given a plaque and a handsome captain's chair bearing the Indiana University insignia.

Bonnie Linton, Cal's wife of 18 years and a former employee of the School, is currently enrolled in a one-year nurses training program at Ivy Tech. After that is completed, the Lintons plan to resettle in Clearwater, Florida, where Bonnie wants to pursue a degree in nursing and Cal wants to look into business opportunities outside dentistry. "I may promote a couple of toys I designed that are now patented," he says.

Through decades of outstanding service Cal has played a significant role in the education of our students. We wish the best for Cal and Bonnie in all of their "post-dentistry" activities.

Distinguished Alumnus Award Goes to Marsha A. Strong

The Indiana University School of Dentistry Alumni Association recognized **Marsha A. Strong**, part-time instructor in dental hygiene, as Distinguished Alumnus during the 1987 Dental Hygiene Alumni Day Program on November 14.

This year's program, held at the new Lincoln Hotel on the Indianapolis campus, was organized by the Alumni Day Committee, chaired by **Ms. Gail Williamson**, assistant professor of dental auxiliary education. **Dr. Charles E. Smith**, associate professor of pediatric dentistry and immediate past president of the IUSD Alumni Association, presented the award to Mrs. Strong.

After graduating from the IU dental hygiene program at Indiana-

polis in 1974, Mrs. Strong interned, under the direction of Dr. Charles O. Hazelrigg, at Central State Hospital in the city. A year later she became a full-time hygienist in the private practice of Dr. Gerald S. Epstein and now works there part-time.

Mrs. Strong is a dental hygienist consultant for the Indiana State Board of Health. Her outstanding service to the community includes consultant work for the Department of Health and Human Services Head Start Program. She is the author of several articles and pamphlets. In addition to her associate degree in dental hygiene, Mrs. Strong has earned two other IU degrees: a BS in public health dental hygiene in 1975, and an MS in allied health occupational education in 1979.

New Folks

A warm dental school welcome is extended to the newest members of our full- and part-time staff: **Ms. Cindy L. Anderson**, office of academic affairs; **Mr. Andrew J. Beiswanger**, **Ms. Tina L. Doss**, **Ms. Cathy J. Keefer**, and **Ms. Linda L. Rakestraw**, Oral Health Research Institute; **Ms. Mary B. Dugan** and **Mrs. Karla R. Tomey**, dental diagnostic sciences; **Mrs. Michele A. Hopwood** and **Ms. Ernestine K. Taylor**, pediatric dentistry; **Ms. Virginia L. Morgan**, general practice residency; and **Mr. Paul D. Neu**, prosthodontics.

Scholarship Recipients Announced

The Indiana University School of Dentistry annual scholarship awards were announced recently by Dr. James R. Roche, associate dean for academic affairs and chairman of the Scholarship and Loan Committee, for students of dentistry and dental hygiene.

Robert J. Alber memorial scholarships were awarded to Lynn J. Albrecht and Matthew S. Wittrig, third year students; and Scott E. Shipley and Steven A. Douglas, second and first year students, respectively. The award was established for Dr. Alber, a graduate of the Class of 1947 who died in 1970.

Second year student Wendy A. Parker received a **Michael T. Wilson** memorial scholarship. Mr. Wilson was a third year dental student at the time of his death in 1984.

A **Martha Louise Kutka** memorial scholarship was awarded to second year student Catherine L. Byrne. The scholarship is named for the mother of Dr. Laura Kutka Hannon, Class of 1980.

Milo V. Smith dental scholarships went to Brent C. Flynn, graduate student in orthodontics; fourth year student Scott J. Baldwin; and Bruce G. Bales and Pablo J. Fonseca, third year students. Dr. Smith was a 1896 graduate of the Indiana Dental College who died in 1943.

Indiana University School of Dentistry Alumni Association scholarships were given to second year students R. Todd Bergman and Thomas C. Abrell; third year students Steven C.K.H. Wong and Carl Lerner; and fourth year students J. Jeffrey Hockema, William S. Hopkins, and Michael J. Stronczek.

A. Rebekah Fisk memorial scholarships were received by first year dental hygiene students Donna K. Coonse and Susan L. Johnson; and Jill L. Jounray, second year dental hygiene student. The scholarship is named for the first director of the dental hygiene program at Indiana University. She died in 1982.

Helping Out From Home

Ms. Hazel E. Clark, research associate in dental materials and a longtime volunteer for the Marion County Mental Health Association's **Crisis and Suicide Service**, is once again helping the organization search for caring individuals with an interest in handling phone calls from troubled persons. The Service will be training Clinical Associate Volunteers to staff the crisis line in their own homes once a week for six hours. Training is provided to teach the information and skills necessary to handle a variety of

crisis calls. Applications are now being accepted for **March 1988** training. Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 10:30 pm and all day on Saturdays during March.

Applications must be in by **February 29**. For more information and an application form, call 269-1569. Hazel would also be happy to answer your questions (ext. 5147).

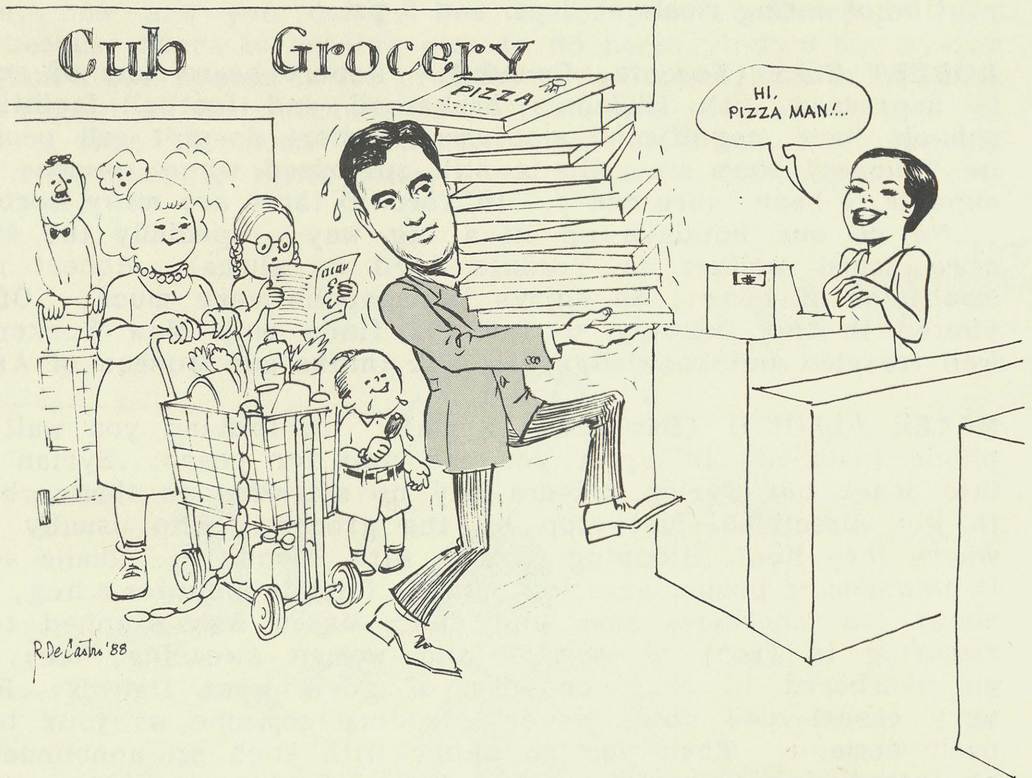
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Culture Shock (and Oddities) Revisited: Foreign Grad Students Share First Impressions

There are no cheerleaders in Brazil....The water level in
Australian toilets is very low compared to Indiana's....

A few years back foreign graduate dental students enlightened readers of the Newsletter with such cultural tidbits. Today's foreign grad students have also observed that Indianapolis is often quite unlike their own hometowns. Yet, similarities do exist. Some examples:

RAFIK ABDELSAYED (Cairo, Egypt): As an oral pathology student, Rafik says that most of what he's seen of Indiana so far has been through the microscope...He is impressed with the life style in the U.S., with our individual freedom to express ourselves and to live in a democratic society...There are no hasty romances in Cairo. Since divorce in the Christian segment of the population is not allowed, engagements are lengthy...Egyptians don't eat at a party--eating is the party. Families get together for weekends to feast on 10-course meals. After six months of failed attempts to duplicate his mother's way of preparing rice, Rafik gave up, hustled over to Cub Foods and loaded up on pizzas. This habit soon got him labeled "Pizza Man" by women at the check-out counter.



JOHN CARPENDALE (Dublin, Ireland): Beer is "sacrosanct" in Ireland, so John was completely grossed out when he saw green beer (not to mention green pizza) being served on St. Patrick's Day in Indiana. Beer in this country is lousy, no matter what color...to be fair, John says that Irish pizza could also use some perfecting--it's like trying to eat a frisbee...Some Americans, wanting to know if John speaks Gaelic, have asked him if he speaks Gothic...A woman introduced herself to John, saying, "Hi! I'm Irish, too!" When he asked her what town she came from, he was surprised when she said "Kokomo"...In Ireland everyone drives a small car since petrol is \$5 a gallon. Here John says he drives a car big enough to require a landing pad for stopping...He misses fresh fish, sea air, and a "cabbage, bacon and spuds" dinner...Bars in Ireland are social places, not meat markets. They have quiet music so people can have real conversations...The Irish are amused by American football, with all of its timeouts and protective gear. With soccer and rugby one does without such niceties...Irish people with a lot of savvy are said to have a "cop on"; a "Jack-a-lad" is a smooth, "man-about-

town"; long distances are sometimes known as the "elastic mile"...Sizing of clothing and shoes is weird here. John's feet are considered normal at home but in Indiana shoes with proper width are much too long for him ("Shoes for me here fit like flippers--you Americans must be a nation of tight-rope walkers!")

BURHAN ALKATIB (Damascus, Syria): Burhan was at first puzzled by the way Americans drop the "ing" off words when they speak...He loves the convenience of mall shopping with free parking...When he lived in Washington, DC, he was shocked to hear his landlady, a widow, arguing with her grown son about money left by her husband...children becoming independent and living away from home at age 18 is a strange concept...Syria is a cash-up-front society, with limited loans and use of credit cards...The television show "Three's Company" runs in Syria, but it doesn't translate well...Burhan loves eating at noon and at 6 pm as we do in Indiana and says he will have trouble changing back to the Syrian routine of eating meals at 2 pm and 9 pm.

ROBERT ELIA (Toronto, Canada): Robert hears lots of accents in Indiana...He is impressed with Indiana's basketball and football facilities, where even high schools have magnificent stadiums...Robert doesn't call people on the telephone, he "phones" them up...He is still surprised when someone says "sure can't" (he expects to hear "sure can")...In Toronto there are many more individual proprietors...We do our holidays up in a big way, especially the 4th of July...There is more social welfare in Toronto (and no slums)...Robert misses the water and mountains of home...He enjoys Indianapolis very much. Of all the cities he has visited in this country so far, he finds only New Yorkers more sophisticated, well traveled and knowledgeable...He thinks our Museum of Art is world class.

MAZEN ALLOUNI (Damascus, Syria): In Indiana you wait three days to get a phone installed; in Syria you can wait for years...Syrian highways are divided into lanes but Syrian drivers pay no attention to them...back home it is easier to get directions--just stop by the grocer's, who usually knows everybody and where they live...Stopping to chat with friends in Indiana seems a bit superficial. In Damascus a proper greeting between friends includes a hug, a kiss, and discussions about one another's mom and dad...Mazen was stunned to hear American men swearing in front of women (and women swearing, too)...In the U.S. people go overboard in their criticism of government figures...Relationships here are very casual--you would never introduce someone as your boyfriend or girlfriend back home. When you go public with such an announcement, you had better be introducing your "fiancée"...When friends go out to eat in Syria, one person usually pays the bill and there is always great arguing over who will have that honor...Soap operas in Syria do not deal with lust and unfaithful spouses. Instead, problems revolve around difficulties in buying a car or owning a home, and patriotism...Prizes for TV game show contestants are usually no fancier than a dishwasher. A new car? Forget it!

SERGE FREJLICH (Antwerp, Belgium): Policemen in Belgium don't have to stop your car if you are speeding--using a radar system, they photograph your license plate and send you the picture in the mail about 6 months later, along with a summons to appear in court...Serge prefers Belgian restaurants, where you are allowed to dine at your leisure; here he feels they rush you to finish eating as soon as possible...It's O.K. to lie topless on Belgian beaches--it is not O.K. to walk around topless...In Indiana, anybody who looks younger than 35 gets carded in bars...Serge finds the American custom of saying hello or nodding to strangers in the hallway or on the elevator very peculiar. In Belgium one would never think of doing so. On the other hand, he finds it just as odd that good friends will pass one another in the hallway with just a quick "Hi, how are you"; back home, friends usually do a little more visiting than that. How

do they find the time? By ignoring all of those strangers that Americans stay busy saying hello to!

DANNY FRIEDLANDER (Tel Aviv, Israel): In Israel, things that are hot are likened to the Sinai Desert...Driving is crazy in Israel; it's common for drivers to create a third lane on a two-lane highway...There is no public transportation from Friday before sunset until Saturday after sunset...Having grown up in Argentina, Danny says that some common Spanish phrases are "Useless as an airplane horn" and "useless as an ashtray on a motorcycle"...At first the language here caused Danny some confusion. When he called up a pizza parlor to order a pizza for a friend who wanted ham and cheese on top, Danny said: "My friend wants a pizza to go with plenty of **jam and cheese** on it."

RAJAPAS PANICHUTTRA (Bangkok, Thailand): In Thailand the word "Sawasdi" means hello, goodbye, how are you doing, and thank you...Indianapolis is a great place to study because there is nothing else to do here...Indy's bus system is too slow, but Bangkok's bus system is too crowded...The speed limit in Bangkok is 55, but no one can go that fast because the streets are too full of cars--at midnight Raj can travel from his home to dental school in 5 minutes. During rush hour the same trip takes 1½ hours...Raj loves Indiana's interest in sports and has become a

dyed-in-the-wool Hoosier Hysteric...In Thailand the mundane chores of daily life were taken care of for Raj, so learning to become self-sufficient was quite a task. He had to learn how to operate the oven, the washer and dryer. The first carton of eggs Raj bought he stored in the freezer. For one memorable meal he attempted to boil the frozen eggs, and soon found the pan full of "white stuff, bits of egg shells, and yellow ooze." He ate it anyway.



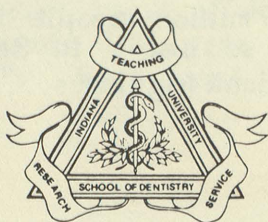
HYUNGGUEN KIM (Seoul, Korea): Hyungguen thinks that Hoosiers keep their social lives very separate from their professional world...In the U.S. a meal consists of a big helping of meat and a small helping of vegetables; in Korea just the opposite is true...Unlike the situation here, people in Korea who love to make money are not admired...Seoul has roughly 8 million people living in an area about the size of Indianapolis...The traffic is so heavy in Seoul that Hyungguen couldn't get used to the space between cars on Indiana highways...American rock & roll is too noisy.

KHALED SAIF (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia): Saudi Arabian television shows include "Mr. Ed" and "The Three Stooges"...90% of the faculty members at the Saudi Arabian dental school Khaled attended were educated in America, so he is familiar with slang such as "pulling my leg" and "gimme a break"...A typical meal back home is eaten on the floor from a communal dish...By tradition women don't drive in Saudi Arabia (yet!)...Alcohol is forbidden...Dental studies take 7 years after high school; during that time students receive free tuition, room & board, dental instruments and books, and \$300 per month in pin money...Khaled was pleasantly surprised by life in the U.S.--he had been warned that we were a primitive people with crime in the streets every day (American movies and newspapers he had seen helped boost that image).

NISHA SHENOY (Bombay, India): Arriving in Indy last summer, Nisha didn't expect to see sunlight at 8:30 pm...She loves the informality here; she couldn't believe it, but felt honored, when faculty and staff members came out of their offices to meet her and chat for awhile; she thought she would be presented to them...Nisha couldn't wait to try a Big Mac (she gives it a thumbs up)...She finds it odd that we call eating utensils "silverware" even when they are made of stainless steel...In India boys and girls attend separate high schools...A divorced woman has no status--If a man divorces his wife in order to marry his secretary, for example, it is the first wife who is then abandoned by society...Indians are extremely friendly and helpful to strangers--if you ask directions on the street from one, 10 more are likely to gather around to help...The evening meal is considered a formal occasion in most families; father is served first and teenagers are expected to stay home and eat with the parents...There are 15 recognized languages in India and hundreds of dialects, and many dental patients who come to the dental college may speak only one dialect, so when Nisha got to dental school she had to learn several languages in order to communicate chairside.

RUSSELL WANG (Toronto, Canada): Anticipating graduate studies in prosthodontics at Indiana, Russell didn't foresee that the program would include a lot of nights in the lab until 2 am...Typical work hours in Canada are 9-4:30 compared to 8-5 in the U.S....Businesses aren't open in Canada on Sunday.

RAYMOND WONG (Hong Kong): Raymond was surprised by our wide use of computers and also the U.S. highway systems--it's great to be able to jump into a car and go anywhere at any time...The U.S. is quite spacious; in Hong Kong it is not uncommon for a family of six to live in apartments no larger than 800 sq. feet...He wishes someone would build a "7-11" on the IUPUI campus...Chinese people revere the elderly: "If you have an old man living in your home, you have a treasure"...Raymond has learned to interpret American slang by watching the speaker's expressions, but in the early days he was puzzled when he heard someone refer to something as being "a pain in the rear." When he asked for information from a librarian in Bloomington, she confused him by saying: "That's over my head." And once, when he asked Katie Williams if she knew of Dr. Setcos' whereabouts, Raymond didn't know what to think when she said: "Beats me!"



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