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THE ANNUAL SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, December 14, in the Lounge (SB10). Students, faculty, assisting staff, and housekeeping staff are invited to join their friends for refreshments and holiday conversation. Dr. David K. Hennon will be Master of Ceremonies, and the program will include selections by a musical group directed by Dr. Norris Richmond. In addition the following graduate students will describe holiday customs from their home countries: Dr. Declan Corcoran, Ireland; Dr. Alejandro Ibarra and his wife, Dr. Ana Maria Farias, Mexico; Dr. Hagop Kouyoumdjian, Syria: and Dr. James Sfetcopoulos, Australia. Door prizes will also be awarded.

A Holiday Greeting
To the Dental School Family

At this traditional season of joy and thanksgiving, I would like once again to express sincere gratitude for the efforts that the faculty, staff, and students have put forth during the past year in carrying out the mission of the Indiana University School of Dentistry. Through the cooperation of all concerned, our School has maintained commendably high standards of professional education, patient care, research, and service. Please be assured that the contributions of each of you are warmly appreciated.

With the advent of the 1980's, we are embarked upon the second century of dental education in Indiana, and I am confident that the bright record of achievement during the past 100 years will be continued and enhanced.

Happy holidays to all, and I look forward with pleasure to the opportunity of greeting each of you personally at the Christmas party on December 14.

Ralph E. McDonald, D.D.S.
Dean

DENTAL SCHOOL INTRAMURAL athletic teams have continued to bring recognition to the School and to add trophies to our collection. Since the fall term began, the Second Year Dental Class team has won first place in the I.U.P.U.I. Intramural Softball tournament, the Third Year team placed second in the tournament, and the Dental Faculty team tied for third place.

The Second Year team included Bob Agan, Tim Alford, George Cooper (Coach), Jeff Flatt, John Hennette, Dan Reno, Keith Hodgkin, Mark Johnson, Kurt Kingseed, Don Klein, Rick McBride, Steve Stempora and Mike Uzelac.

Members of the Third Year team were Mark Bohnert, Dave Bolinger, Bill Arnold, Ray Dennany, Pete Grubnich, Jess Holler, Alex Kaloi, Kim Kessler (Manager), Gene McElhinney, Ed Posluszny, Ron Receveur, Sanford Saito, Bruce Smith and Randy Wells. This class also received the All Sports Award for the second year in a row.

Competing for the Dental Faculty team were Tim Turner, Barry Fritsch, George Lanning, Larry Ryan, David Riggs, George Kopko, Jay Hollander, Carl Newton, David Marks, Stu Ferguson, Paul Pogue, Mike Kasle and Bob Beck-Coon.

William Arnold, a Third Year student, placed 13th in the 7-mile run in intramural competition.

As a part of the Circle City Circuit event, the canoe team of Dale Sorenson and Bob Demick placed first in the Irwin Cup race and the team of Roy Blake and Gary Nondorf was second in the open canoeing competition. A Third Year Dental team, consisting of Bill Watts, Ben Davis, and Paul Dunkerly, took first place honors in the CCC Golf Tournament.

At the time of this printing, the Football tournament was still undecided; however, both the First Year Dents and Third Year Dents were in the final four teams along with Law and Medicine, and fifth place honors were to be decided between two Fourth Year Dental teams.

DR. DAVID R. AVERY, Chairman of Pedodontics, reports that alumni of the postdoctoral pedodontic program at Indiana University School of Dentistry have pledged an additional $54,100 to the Ralph E. McDonald-Pedodontic Fund. Among the worthy projects the Fund supports are scholarships awarded to outstanding students in the advanced study of pedodontics at Indiana University. The award is based on excellence of intellectual achievement, research activity, personal and professional attitude, and clinical ability. The Fund was established in 1971 with gifts from alumni exceeding $20,000.

THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF AN UNUSUAL CHRISTMAS observance was provided to the Newsletter by Miss Brenda Dingley of the Library staff, who spent much of 1978 and 1979 working in Europe.

Last December I had the opportunity of sharing a traditional Christmas with a Swedish family in a small farming community outside of Gothenburg, and was able to participate in some of their traditional Christmas observances.

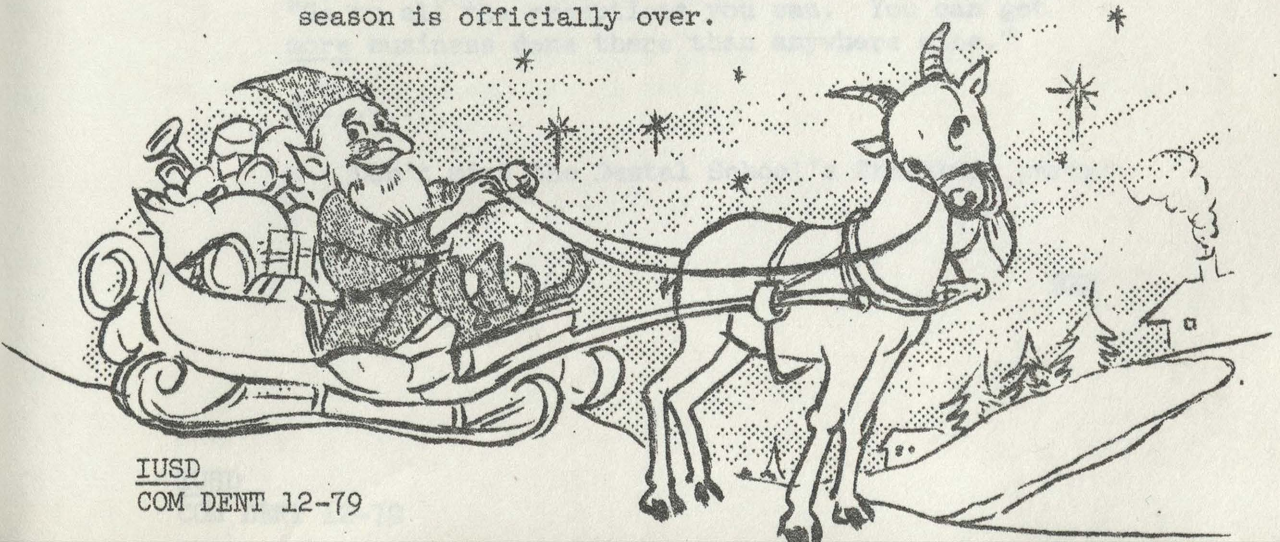
Pre-Christmas celebrations include a Santa Lucia procession in which children dressed in white and carrying candles visit every room in their house, singing to Santa Lucia. Another tradition is the glogg party, at which the hot spiced wine drink is served.

On Christmas Eve, tradition has it that the Swedish Christmas elf, known as the "tomte," arrives with gifts on his sleigh. I was surprised to learn that in a country that actually has reindeer, the Swedish tomte's sleigh is pulled by a goat.

The Christmas day meal in this part of Sweden is likely to feature moose meat and sausage as the main dish, as moose are common in the forests around Gothenburg. Dessert is often a rice pudding in which one almond is hidden. The person who finds the almond in his bowl receives a prize.

After dinner, a popular tradition of lesser antiquity is an animated television special starring the beloved "Kalle Anka," better known to Americans as Donald Duck.

On the twelfth day of Christmas, Swedish children have a "plundering party" during which they eat the many edible ornaments off the Christmas tree, and otherwise dismantle the Christmas decorations. With the plundering party, the Swedish Christmas season is officially over.



IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST from the Newsletter for information on the background of the School of Dentistry Christmas party, Dr. Maynard K. Hine, IUPUI Chancellor Emeritus and former Dean of the Dental School, provided this commentary:

In 1557 a little known English poet, Thomas Tusser, wrote:

"At Christmas play and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year."

A long time after that, but still beyond the memory of such old timers as "Drex" Boyd, Miss Katz, Mrs. Campbell, Scotty and I, the Dental School faculty and staff began to gather just before Christmas for the Christmas party. Mrs. Ruth Chilton, my long-time secretary, remembers playing the piano and singing for the party which was held in the library in 1952. So at least for a quarter of a century there has been a Dental School Christmas party.

This party is the only time each year when the faculty, staff and students take time to slip away from duty to chat together and munch cookies without a twinge of conscience about being "off the job," or eating freely fermentable carbohydrates. There is no doubt that this time is well spent: meeting with colleagues and friends on an informal, friendly basis leads towards a better understanding and cooperation in business affairs. As Chancellor Herman Wells always says, "Go to all the receptions you can. You can get more business done there than anywhere else."

So....

Don't miss the Dental School's Christmas party!

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Seasonal Thoughts...

Dear day of all days in the year;
Dear day of song, goodwill and cheer;
'Tis golden Christmas morning. - Joaquin Miller

I have always thought of Christmas time as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely ... And therefore, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good, and will do me good; and I say, God bless it! - Charles Dickens

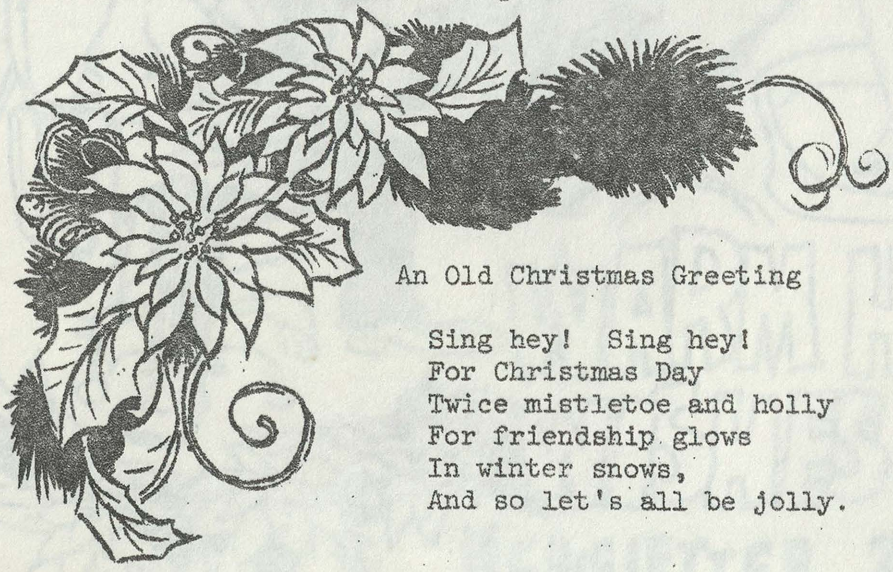
I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men! - Longfellow, "Christmas Bells"

Christmas: If it means anything, it means the exaltation and glorification of the spirit of the child, which is just another word for humility. - Fulton J. Sheen

Christmas: The day into which we try to crowd all "the long arrears of kindliness and humanity of the whole year." - Adapted from David Grayson)

On Christmas shopping: Ever since Eve gave Adam the apple, there has been a misunderstanding between the sexes about gifts. - Nan Robertson

Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childish days, that can recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth, and transport the sailor and the traveler, thousands of miles away, back to his own fireside and his quiet home! - Charles Dickens



An Old Christmas Greeting

Sing hey! Sing hey!
For Christmas Day
Twice mistletoe and holly
For friendship glows
In winter snows,
And so let's all be jolly.

WARM HOLIDAY WISHES From the NEWSLETTER STAFF...

* Prof. Paul Barton * Mrs. Drew Beck * Dr. Rollie DeCastro * Mrs. Sarah Manion