A heartfelt thanks goes out to all the alumni for their continued support and contributions in the past year. The Indiana University Orthodontic Alumni Association sponsored a successful and educational alumni conference in 2005. The annual meeting held on July 15th, with Dr. Alan Bagden was a great success. Following the seminar, graduating residents were honored and invited into the IUOAA. Outgoing president, Dr. Joseph R. Gregg, board members and Karen Deery of the Indiana University Alumni Association deserve credit for a great 2005 and for making these events successful.

This year, the annual AAO meeting is in Las Vegas, Nevada. As tradition, the Board will again, offset some of the second year resident's costs by providing financial assistance. These dollars are meant to fund the cost of the Phase II exam, travel, and housing. Also, do not forget the alumni reception, our association sponsors this reunion every year, where many alumni and spouses attend. We hope you can stop by to meet our second year residents and socialize with fellow colleagues, classmates, and friends. This year it is scheduled for Saturday, May 6th, from 7-9 p.m. at the Venetian Resort Casino.

This year, we are making changes to the annual alumni meeting and graduation banquet. Due to historically poor attendance for the alumni lecture we are having the alumni lecture in September coordinated with the fall mini-residency. After several discussions and alumni input it was decided that the summer time is a difficult time for many of us to get away from our offices. Therefore, it was concluded that an alumni lecture combined with the mini-residency in the fall would help increase attendance.

The graduation banquet will still take place the evening of July 14th, 2006, at the Columbia Club. As alumni, we need to show support for the residents, faculty, and staff by attending the graduation banquet. Please make an effort to attend the graduation banquet.

The annual alumni lecture will take place Friday, September 29th, 2006, at the Indiana University School of Dentistry. The lecture will be coordinated with the final lecture of the fall mini-residency which is taking place September 25th - 29th. The speakers, for the Friday September 29th lecture, will be Drs. Richard and Valmy Kulbersh. They are faculty at the University Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry and lecture extensively across the United States and abroad. I am sure everyone who attends will enjoy this presentation. Please watch for information regarding the alumni lecture and the mini-residency. These are both great learning opportunities and a way to revisit the Orthodontic Department.

Please plan to attend the graduation banquet in July and the lecture in September to show support for our Association, faculty, staff, and the graduating residents. I feel honored to have served our Association this year and am excited about our upcoming events. Please contact me with any suggestions or comments that benefit our Association. Thank you.
Orthodontic Resident Life
By Kara Smith

Spring fever is in full bloom at the IU Orthodontic department. As you might expect, the second year residents are eager to get out into the “real world.” In the mean time, we are trying to finish cases, prepare for Phase II of the ABO, complete research projects and still try to enjoy our last few days together. With any of the remaining free time we are looking for practice opportunities or completing details in order to set up our own practices. Regardless of the situation, it is both challenging and exciting. The first year residents are ready to move on to their second year of residency. They are adjusting to the extra patient load with the transfers from the second years, along with their own patients. Soon they will be preparing cases for the incoming class with the recently implemented plan to board certify residents upon completion of the program.

On behalf of all of the second year residents, I’d like to take this opportunity to say hello to the IU Ortho Class of 2005, and thank them for the mentorship and guidance they gave us in the year that we were together. We hope things are going well for you.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, June 14 - Mock Board, Faculty Meeting and Jarabak Award
- Mock Board Clinical Examination for the Class of 2006
- Examining panel will be Drs. John Casko, Al Schafer and Anthony Puntillo.
- 6:30pm Faculty Meeting at the Columbia Club
- 7:00pm Banquet honoring Dr. John Casko as a Jarabak Scholar in Orthodontics at the Columbia Club

Thursday, July 13 - Golf
8:00am Arbuckle Open Golf Tournament, Coffin Creek Country Club

Friday, July 14 - Graduation
6:30pm IUOA Sponsored Graduation Banquet, Honoring the Class of 2006

Monday, July 3, 2006 - Welcome the Class of 2008
Monday-Friday, September 25-29, 2006 - Fall Miniresidency
2005 Annual Conference and Graduation Dinner

Nikki Smith, Samantha Jones, and Charee Campbell

Jim Hartsfield and Jim Macri

Kara Smith, Rodrigo Viecilli, Andy Hayes, Robyn Hayes, and Dustin Coles (standing)

Michael French with wife, Shantel

Alberto, Elvia, and Francisco Eraso

Tom St. Clair (with headdress) poses with new graduates

Michael Davis and Samantha Jones

John Lindquist breaks up Kelly Carr
Spotlight on Dr. Warren Hamula

by Rich Schneider

Dr. Warren Hamula, DDS, MS, and ABO, has helped thousands of his own patients and thousands more that he has never seen or touched.

Hamula, who received his master’s degree in orthodontics from the Indiana University School of Dentistry in 1958, managed that feat by combining his talents as a highly successful orthodontist with a second career devoted to helping other orthodontists plan their ideal offices, enabling them to better serve their patients.

Creativity served as a natural bridge from one career to the other.

While dentistry was always the career goal of Hamula, he could have entered the world of professional sports a half-century ago.

Hamula, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, attended Baldwin-Wallace College in Ohio, where he graduated in 1950 with a bachelor of science degree. The six-foot one Baldwin-Wallace Athletic Hall of Fame inductee played forward for the school’s basketball team. Following his graduation in 1950, Hamula was recruited to play for the College All-Americans in a series of games against the Harlem Globetrotters. Among his teammates was Bob Cousy, the so-called “Houdini of the Hardwood.”

With his eyes set on a career of dentistry, Hamula turned down offers to play professional basketball, and went to Western Reserve University, where he graduated from the DDS program in 1954.

Next came two years in the Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base, near San Antonio, Texas. A fortuitous cubicle assignment placed Hamula next to an air force colonel who was an orthodontist.

“Watching him work, I realized you could do so much to improve the human face and profile. I knew I had to be an orthodontist,” Hamula said. The colonel did more than inspire Hamula. He recommended that Hamula go to Indiana University to earn his MS degree in orthodontics.

Acting on that recommendation, Hamula applied and was selected for the MS program by William Adams, then head of the Orthodontics program. He worked under the tutelage of Charles Burstone, who then asked Hamula to stay on as a part-time instructor once he received his MS degree.

Initially, he intended to move to Colorado, but at the last minute those plans fell through. Instead, he opened an office in Fort Wayne, where he practiced for about 10 years in the town he had come to love as he drove through it on trips home to Cleveland.

In the end, a move to Colorado was not to be denied. At an early age, Hamula’s daughter was an outstanding figure skater. After being evaluated as a “big league” prospect by the coach of figure skating star Peggy Fleming, Hamula and his wife decided to move to Colorado Springs, where his daughter could receive top-notch training.

“It seems like we were destined to go to Colorado,” Hamula said. Hamula sold his practice to Dr. Don Lahrman, a well-known orthodontist and fellow graduate of the School of Dentistry.

Hamula’s daughter went on to become a member of the U.S. figure skating team, competing in pairs competition on the national and international level. She and her partner then turned professional and joined the Ice Capades.

While his son, David, was not an ice skater, he spent countless hours video taping his sister. Today he is one of the top figure skating judges in the United States.

Hamula continued his orthodontist practice in Colorado until he turned it over to his son, who received his DDS degrees from Indiana University in 1983 and his MS degree in orthodontics in 2002.

While he retired as a practicing orthodontist, Hamula continues to work as a designer of orthodontist offices, a hobby that turned into a side business while he was in Colorado. He now lives in Carmel, California, but travels to Colorado Springs regularly, where he works with an architect on office designs.

Since he began designing offices some 30 years ago, Hamula has designed more than 700 offices in 48 states and 10 countries. Hamula has been on the editorial board of the Journal of Clinical Orthodontics since its inception, contributing about 70 articles, mostly concerning office design.

His interest in design dates back to his days in junior high when he was introduced to a T-square in a mechanical drawing class.

“I get a buzz out of office design because it’s very creative, like Orthodontics,” he said. “Without my background in Orthodontics, I wouldn’t know what to do.”

Looking back at his career as an orthodontist, Hamula said he believes those who practice it offer the best bargain in dentistry.

“When I first got into it, orthodontists took on a limited number of patients. They made a good living, but they did not do the volume of patients they do today,” Hamula said. But because of improved techniques and better diagnosis, it has allowed us to give our service to more people, children and adults, and keep fees at an acceptable range, given the service we render. We deliver so much, over a long period of time, and contribute so much to the dental health of an individual. It is the best bargain in dentistry.”

CLASS NOTES

Dr. Spencer Bailey has opened another practice in Surprise, Arizona, and still commutes back to Salt Lake City to finish his existing patients.

Dr. Robert Kuhn currently and for the past 6 years has been a guest lecturer and part time clinical instructor in the UCLA Orthodontic Department.

Dr. James Macri announced that Dr. Elizabeth “Nikki” Smith has joined his office. Dr. Macri was inducted into the International College of Dentist.

Dr. David Tillmanns announced the birth of his 6th granddaughter who was due on March 11.

Class of 2005 at Graduation Dinner

Michael French, Francisco Eraso, Charree Campbell, Kristin Knierim, Samantha Jones, Elizabeth (Nikki) Smith, and Alan Gibb
Class of 1981 Profile

Tom Burns
Dr. Baldwin called me this afternoon. He mistakenly identified me as one of the class to celebrate their 25th year of graduation from the IU Orthodontic program and asked would I write a short note of what I’ve been doing. I didn’t have the heart to tell him he was mistaken. It couldn’t be... or... Holey... What have I been up to? I’ve been having a ball doing this thing we call orthodontics...but you all know what that’s like. Mary Ann and I have three wonderful kids... Allison is a second year student in the Nursing School at Purdue. Sally is a junior in high school - the volleyball player, and Greg is in 8th grade loving football. We have put in a lot of miles touring the country in our motor home the last few years. I have completely failed to grow up. I think my study club call group sees me as a liability. I dirt bike motorcycle ride with my son Greg. Scuba dive, drive in some go-kart races and do some pretty extreme snowmobiling in the mountains of Montana. The license plate on the front of my jeep says “Work Hard – Play Harder” and my favorite t-shirt quote says “If you aren’t living on the edge... you’re taking up too damn much room.”

John Harbour
It’s hard to believe it’s been 25 years. We had a great class and continue to see each other now and then even though we practice from Vancouver to Indiana to Louisiana. I’m married, 33 years now, to Charlotte. Her father was an orthodontist in Baton Rouge and gave me my first look at orthodontics...but you all know what that’s like. Mary Ann and I have three wonderful kids... Allison is a second year student in the Nursing School at Purdue. Sally is a junior in high school - the volleyball player, and Greg is in 8th grade loving football. We have put in a lot of miles touring the country in our motor home the last few years. I have completely failed to grow up. I think my study club call group sees me as a liability. I dirt bike motorcycle ride with my son Greg. Scuba dive, drive in some go-kart races and do some pretty extreme snowmobiling in the mountains of Montana. The license plate on the front of my jeep says “Work Hard – Play Harder” and my favorite t-shirt quote says “If you aren’t living on the edge... you’re taking up too damn much room.”

Duncan Higgins
Norma and I moved to Vancouver, BC, Canada, where I joined another Indiana grad, Michael Wainwright. In 1984 I opened a practice in North Delta, BC where I still practice with my partner, Lesley Williams. We came to Indiana with our newborn Katie. We left with Katie and Sally, our Hossier. In 1983 Kyle was born. All three are still in university.

I lecture in Canada and occasionally in the US on indirect bonding, a technique that I originally learnt from Mike Wainwright. I also lecture on a Class II appliance called the Crossbow (or Xbow) which I have patented. I have decided instead of retiring myself I would help my patent lawyer retire. Every day I thank my lucky stars that I am an orthodontist. I can’t wait to see my classmates at the next AAP meeting.

Larry Roberts
I worked with Dr. Carl Edds after graduating until June 1982, when we moved to Elkhart. I started my practice from scratch and was busy very quickly. It was a good thing I was teaching with Gordon as he helped me treatment plan many hard cases. I taught until the summer of 1986. I continued to practice much like I was taught. I still use Alexander brackets and I am a charter member of the Alexander Study Club. I count the Alexander brothers and their sons as close friends. I tried many different approaches to C1 II correction and always come back to head gear and uniarch extractions. Although I'm using more Herbst appliances today, I think it’s been an eventful time to be an orthodontist with the functional, extraction and now bracket design debates.

My wife of 41 years, Nancy, and I have two children. Bart is a teacher in Houston, TX, and our daughter Laura is an advertising specialist with the Fort Worth newpaper. In August, our daughter and son-in-law presented us with a brand new grand-daughter, Caylin. She keeps mom and dad running and Grandma and Grandpa also running back-n-forth to Texas a lot. Thank heavens I can write some of these trips off by going to see Wick! Thanks to my daughter’s college choice, I got to see real football at Oklahoma and went to the National Championship game several years ago. The first year was just like watching IU play, but a new coach took care of that.

I've spent the last 25 years as a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, Youth for Christ and helped start a new church. For the last twenty years I've been a volunteer DJ on the two local public radio stations. We also have enjoyed baseball, swimming, dance, and marching band with the kids. We enjoyed sailing for many years along with snowmobiling. In March '03 I was snowmobiling with Dr. Tom Burns (we were supposed to go in '02 but Burns ruptured his spleen) when I crashed into a tree as well. It was a lucky crash for me. An X-ray showed I had Multiple Myeloma. Moral of the story is don’t snow mobile with Burns. Lots of chemo, a stem cell transplant at IU and lots of prayers and I am cancer free! Not a day goes by that I don’t hear from classmates. Tom Burns and Duncan Higgins correspond over the Internet with a constant stream of jokes. When things were very bleak I could always count on them to brighten my day! By the way, throw away all you old Bone Path, that stuff will scare the dickens out of you.

I feel very blessed to have gone to the IU Ortho program, and I am grateful to Woody, Jim Baldwin, Gordon Arbuckle, and the rest of the faculty that made my dream of becoming an orthodontist come true.

Joedy Gregg Thanked for a Job Well Done

Outgoing President, Joedy Gregg holds up a gift presented to him by Jim Baldwin for his service as president of the IU Orthodontic Alumni Association.

Class of 1981 Profile

The below submissions were sent to Dr. Jim Baldwin to compile.

Treasurer’s Report

April 2006

Indiana University Orthodontic Alumni Association

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Comprehensive Campaign Update

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind all of you of the current Comprehensive Campaign for Graduate Orthodontics that was launched in December of 2005.

The Comprehensive Campaign for Graduate Orthodontics is an important endeavor designated to secure $1.5 million in commitments to fund an Endowed Chair in Orthodontics, as well as increase the General Fund Orthodontic Account at the Indiana University School of Dentistry. Upon completion of the $1.5 million goal, approximately $75,000 per year will be available to bolster the Graduate Orthodontics program and help maintain its level of excellence.

In December, you should have received an initial letter, brochure, gift/pledge form and return envelope about this important effort. You may also have been contacted in person or by phone by one of the campaign volunteers or one of your classmates encouraging your participation.

Thus far, our efforts have produced gifts and pledges approaching the $300,000 mark. We are off to a good start, but there is much more to do. I hope you will respond favorably and generously to these and future requests for your involvement in this important effort.

Over the past three years, we have worked diligently to change the face of private philanthropy at IU School of Dentistry, and tremendous strides have occurred. Our School has, over the past three years, achieved a new record in cash gifts received on an annual basis, highlighted by surpassing a record $1 million mark for fiscal year 2004-05. We are on pace to establish another new record for 2005-06 before the end of the fiscal year on June 30th, 2006. All of this is due to the loyalty and generosity of our alumni and friends. We have asked, and you have responded. I want to express my gratitude and appreciation for your philanthropy.

What I also want to convey to you is that your gift in support of the Comprehensive Campaign for the Graduate Orthodontics program also positively impacts IU School of Dentistry in many other ways. It reinforces the expectation amongst our alumni and friends that supporting IU School of Dentistry with significant and meaningful gifts and pledges truly makes a difference for the future of our school.

Again, thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

John Hoffman
Director of Development
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