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OUR LOGO AND ITS ORIGIN

Our logo has been used the past several years on lapel pins, membership certificates, the newsletter, and more recently was added to our letterhead paper. But if you were asked, could you explain what our logo is and what it stands for?

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Last year when I spoke to you as President of the Association I was about half way through my term of office. Now I have just a few months to go. I know that I’ll leave office with mixed emotions. On one hand, as an officer I have been able to stay in fairly close contact with most of the happenings of the Association, and this closeness has given me a real sense of ownership. On the other hand, organizational responsibilities seem to have been demanding at inconvenient times. I won’t miss the "need-to-respond-rather-quickly" urge that I suffer from when I know things need to be done. Elizabeth Hatcher has always been able to prod me effectively enough to keep me out of trouble when carrying out my presidential duties, and I am sure (Con’t. on page 2)

When we began thinking about organizing in 1971 we decided to honor Ralph McDonald at the first meeting (see the article "Organizing the Association" elsewhere in this issue). At the meeting Ralph was presented with a metallic sculpture of a tree (photo page). The group also purchased an English Beech tree which was planted in the McDonald’s front yard (photo page) and has beautifully graced their residence all these years.

Why a tree? Referred to as the "tree of knowledge," it symbolizes the training program at Indiana which was originally developed by Ralph. An analogy has also been made to the extension of the tree branches, as our members have contributed to pediatric dentistry and education throughout the world. (Con’t. on page 3)
that our next president, Jim Jinks, will find Elizabeth's services to be quite valuable to him.

Jim Jinks (our program chairman) tells me that there will be a good program presented by Dr. Robert Shaye who will be the McDonald Lecturer at our next alumni gathering in New Orleans. Dr. Shaye is from The Louisiana State University, Department of Orthodontics. Personally, I look forward to adding to my knowledge of orthodontics and am confident that both the subject and the speaker will help attract many of our members to the meeting. It is my understanding that Bob Musselman is arranging an excellent evening of entertainment for us in New Orleans. That evening always seems to add a warm glow to the alumni get-together. It looks like the planning for the educational and social activities of our next Association meeting are progressing nicely.

There is an important aspect of the Association that sometimes seems to escape me—particularly when I am caught up in my thoughts about the more tangible activities of each meeting such as programs and entertainment—and that is the sense of belonging. That sense always becomes very apparent to me during our association meetings. Please, bear with me a moment!!

For almost a quarter of a century I have been teaching here at the University of Kentucky in Lexington and I am very closely associated with the ebb and flow of this place...this dental school. I have become quite attached to the lifestyle, the people, and the place. Indiana University is not part of my daily life and thus I tend not to think about it or my professional origins. When I get together with the people I started my professional life with, it gives me a different kind of feeling. It is a feeling of camaraderie; a feeling of belonging; a good feeling. It is almost like the feelings I get when I go back to my hometown; to the neighborhood. Although I do not live there anymore, I still get a good, warm feeling— a feeling of affection— even gratitude— for the many good things that happened to me while I was growing up. I feel the same way about my origins in dental education when a bunch of us are gathered together because it reminds me it was at Indiana University that I began to develop my sense of direction as a young professional. While I may tend to forget this place of origin on a day-to-day basis, when I realize it was at Indiana University in Indianapolis that I took my first steps as a pediatric dentist (and you took yours), I know how important Indiana is to all of us and how important the group is too! Enough!!

I strongly encourage all of you to set aside the time to take the trip down river to New Orleans in May; to get together to say "Hi" to all of your old pals; and perhaps to meet some new ones. To let each of us from each generation of Indiana University pediatric dentists take a look at one another so that we can recapture that sense of belonging.

Again, thank you for your support during my presidency. See you in New Orleans!

Bob Spedding (Class of 1963)
OUR LOGO con’t.

The minutes of the first meeting contain the following: "Don Gardner (Class of 1969) suggested that we investigate the possibility of having a lapel button in the form of a tree to symbolize the McDonald tree of knowledge. Ron Eichel (Class of 1969), Don Gardner and Paul Starkey were named to a committee to investigate the feasibility of having such a lapel button made for distribution to the membership."

Dr. Rolando DeCastro was asked to design the lapel pin modeled after the sculpture of the tree. A local jeweler made the die and the pins were available in December of the same year. It is interesting to note that the first pins, made of gold, cost the Association six dollars apiece and the most recent ones $40. Each year, as our students complete the program, they are presented with a pin signifying their completion of the discipline.

Thus the drawing of the tree as created by Dr. DeCastro has been used in the past and will be used many times in the future as the logo representing INDIANA UNIVERSITY PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

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NEWSLETTER NAMED

As you see, our newsletter has been named "OUR TREE". This seems appropriate and I hope you will agree as you read the lead article in this issue entitled "Our Logo and Its Origin." The original thought was to name the publication "THE TREE," but then came the idea of "OUR" tree. And it truly is "our" tree. Bob Spedding sent us his president's message long before the idea of the name was submitted...How interesting it is that he referred to the "feeling of belonging" as part of this group. It is "our" privilege, "our" experiences, "our" heritage, "our" pleasures, "our" educational background, "our" contributions, "our" logo, "our" newsletter..."OURS."

The contest is over and the winner is none other than our Executive Secretary, Elizabeth Hatcher. There was only one other entry and that was from Joe Sigala (Class of 1973)...thanks Joe!...Joe withdrew, however, when he learned of the prize for the best entry and winner...a big hug and kiss from the editor.

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ORGANIZING THE ASSOCIATION

By 1971 approximately 80 pediatric dentists had received their training at Indiana University. On several occasions prior to 1971, Pedodontic Department Chairman Ralph McDonald had arranged for a guest speaker to present a program to our postdoctoral students and to our alumni who were invited to return to the school for the occasion. These meetings were loosely referred to as "Biennial Pedodontic Conferences".
While attending one of these get togethers, several of our alumni discussed the idea of officially organizing our graduates of the program into an association. They contacted all alumni members to assess their interest. The idea caught on rapidly and there was considerable enthusiasm for the proposal. As the next "Conference" would be in the spring of 1971, there was a flurry of activity to prepare for organization. A committee prepared a Constitution and By-Laws, another the scientific program, and another a banquet to be held on the evening of May 27, 1971. The scientific program would be presented all day on the 27th and continue on the morning of the 28th to be followed by a business meeting.

One of the purposes of the banquet would be to honor Ralph McDonald. The Ralph E. McDonald/Pedodontic Fund through Indiana University Foundation was developed and the McDonald Scholarship was announced. At the banquet Ralph's wife, Sarah Jane, was presented with a beautiful ring, and Ralph received the sculpture of the tree and was told of the live tree to be planted in his yard.

In the minutes of the business meeting, the day after the banquet, is the following item: "Don Bowers (Class of 1964) then moved that the Constitution and By-Laws of the Indiana University Pedodontic Alumni Association be accepted as changed. Art Klein (Class of 1958) seconded the motion. The motion passed thus officially establishing the Association."

On the photo page is a picture of the alumni and students who attended the first business meeting in 1971.

A WORD ABOUT OUR RESIDENTS

The following individuals will be completing their postdoctoral training at Indiana on June 30, 1987:

Janet Clark - Private Practice
Anthony Kamp - Private Practice
Mark Loyer - Private Practice
Gregory Robbins - Private Practice

The following will become new second year residents on July 1: Laura Graham, Michael Buccino, John Mosher, and Gregory Westman:

The incoming class consists of:

Jenny Ison - University of Kentucky - 1984
Lawrence Louie - Temple University - 1985
Jerry Udelson - University of Tennessee - 1987

We wish all of these people the best of luck in their future endeavors and look forward to meeting them at alumni meetings.
FIRST ROW (left to right) - P. Starkey, F. Swain, J. Mink, S. Herman, R. Long, R. Weaver, D. Ton, W. Doyle, G. Wright, V. Crose, D. Dilley, W.B. Davis, D. Bowers, D. Morgan, R. Eichel, Epstein, R. McDonald
MAY MEETING PREVIEW

There's going to be a meeting
There'll be a lot for you to learn
There will also be a party
And then we will adjourn.

May first in New Orleans
Robert Shaye will be there
His views about functional appliances
He gladly will share.

There will be a business meeting
And it won't be a bore
We'll make plans for '89
When we'll meet once more.

We can eat and we can dance
Maybe gossip just a bit
As we ride the Cotton Blossom
Up the Muddy Mississippi.

You won't want to miss this
So don't delay
Mark all your calendars
Please, do it right away!

This year's McDonald Lecturer, Dr. Robert Shaye, will speak on "Functional Appliances: Twenty Years in Retrospect." Dr. Shaye, who has lectured nationally and internationally, will reflect on his twenty years of experience with functional appliances and share his views on their proper role in the management of children with Class II malocclusions. Dr. Sahye received certificates in orthodontics from both the University of Zurich School of Dentistry and the University of Alabama School of Dentistry. He has had faculty appointments at the University of Zurich and the University of Alabama and is currently Professor of Orthodontics at Louisiana State University School of Dentistry. The lecture will be followed by the general business meeting. If there is an item you would like to have placed on the agenda for the business meeting, please notify Paul Walker, Secretary.

That evening members, families, and friends are invited to roam the Mississippi on a sternwheeler, the Cotton Blossom. There will be music, food, and drinks available for the two-hour cruise and we hope that it will be a memorable experience. Registration information and a program will be mailed out soon.
We plan to include occasional short items in OUR TREE of historical value that hopefully are of interest to you from a nostalgic point. As the appointed historian of the Association, I have placed these items as a matter of record and hope they will be an informational source. File your issues as additional items will be included in future publications.

OUR FIRST OFFICERS

Our first officers elected at our organization meeting in 1971 were:

President: Ray Davis (Class of 1963)
Vice-President: Ray Klein (Class of 1964)
Secretary-Treasurer: Dave Avery (Class of 1970)
Board of Directors:
   6 years - Bailey Davis (Class of 1962)
   4 years - Chuck Kerkhove (Class of 1965)
   2 years - Stan Herman (Class of 1961)

MEETINGS SINCE ORGANIZING

Meeting Location and Ralph E. McDonald Lecturer

1971 Indianapolis, Indiana (Organizational Meeting)
    Program provided by Members
1973 Indianapolis, Indiana
    Program provided by Members
1975 Brown County, Indiana
    Dr. Paul Keyes
1977 Bal Harbour, Florida
    Dr. Ralph Phillips
1979 Nashville, Indiana
    Dr. Paul Baer
1981 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
    Academy Seminar
1983 Atlanta, Georgia
    Dr. Donald Gardner
1985 Nashville, Indiana
    Dr. Harry Bohannan

MEMBER MESSAGES

I plan to start a regular column featuring messages from members of the Association. Beware when you write to me or another faculty member in Pediatric Dentistry, for an edited version of your letter may appear here! We'd like to hear from you and so would your friends around the country. OUR TREE is a neat way to let them know what's happening with you. Herewith are the first three messages...we've room for more. Thanks Jim, Bill and Tom.

This message was sent to Paul Starkey from Jim McKnight, Chairman, Department of Pediatric Dentistry, The University of Tennessee (Class of 1964):
When I read of the retirement of Bill Shafer, I wrote him a letter to tell him how valuable his course in pathology was and continued to be to me in my teaching career. He wrote back, thanking me, and made one of the better statements I have ever heard, to wit, "If you can't take time to smell the roses, then it hasn't been worth it," referring to taking retirement while there is time to enjoy it. And I am going to do precisely that, come 30 December 1986. I have put thirty years in academics, of which twenty-two have been in the chair, and I think that is enough duty for anyone to pull.

...As to what I shall be doing after 1 January, I think I have enough to keep me busy. We moved to a farm twenty-five miles out of Memphis three years ago and you well know how busy that can keep you. Then there is the priest duties thing in which I am still active, though to a lesser extent than before, in that I am no longer on the road serving country parishes. I also intend going back to school to do some reading in philosophy and in the history of the British Isles and to take a bit of mathematics in the hope that it will keep me alert. Finally, the Dean has asked that I remain on a part-time basis to act as advisor to the department and do some other things he has in mind...

Normally when people reach this stage, they tend to lose contact with some of their old friends. I hope this doesn't happen to us, because I have always valued our friendship, even though we haven't seen much of each other in the last twenty-two years. You were a fine teacher and a reasonable one and I profitted by my association with you. And I also have a great respect for you as a man and like you as a friend and I want to tell you that before both of us are wearing shrouds. If you ever want to have some real rabbit and bird hunting, give me a call and we will arrange a hunt down here...

Bill Johnson (Class of 1984) is in private practice in Louisville and wrote to David Avery (Class of 1970):

...Part of the letter has to do with reflections of my residency two years later. I can truly say that because of my residency, I was pleasantly surprised how nicely I was prepared for private practice. From the beginning I have been very pleased with my understanding of pedodontics as well as my improved capacity at handling children. Sometimes, there seem to be excess pressures on a resident because of problem patients, scheduling, bad days, etc., which also happen to be the same pressures in private practice. Because of the constant strivings of the faculty to get the residents to think of the best possible treatment, it's funny, but when something unusual happens, my mind automatically thinks of several alternatives. Another interesting fact has been that I have yet to see anything new I hadn't already once seen at Riley. That's a tremendous advantage in my eyes since I have not been especially smooth with new situations.

I know I did my share of complaining and now two years later, I apologize. Sometimes I thought I knew more about what I needed than everyone
else. The only thing I missed was the practice management part of my residency. That has been where I have gotten into the most trouble. I say that because Dr. Weddell (Class of 1979) tried to give that to me and like an idiot I ignored him. I wish I had not but now after two years of incredible accounting mistakes, some improvements are happening.

My practice has worked out great. We see thirty to forty kids a day, five days a week. I teach at the University of Louisville undergraduate clinic one half day a week to help Dr. O'Toole...

Say hello to everyone that was at Riley two years ago and I hope to see you again in the future. Thanks again.

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Tom Morse (Class of 1979) sent the Alumni Office the following information on his activities:

My new office address is: Island Medical Plaza, Bldg. B
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

We are currently moving our residence to Hilton Head but the address is still uncertain.

The Spring Newsletter was very enjoyable. (We love to hear comments like this! - The Editor). Please give my regards to Dr. Avery, Dr. Starkey and the rest.

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OUR TREE will be published again in the Spring of 1988. If you have any items that you feel would be of interest to our membership, please forward them to the Alumni Office.

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