OUR ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The 212 members of the IU pediatric dentistry alumni have contributed a great deal to the profession over the years through many varied activities. It is impossible for us to recount everyone's accomplishments on local, state, national, and international levels because they are so numerous and because we do not always hear about the many contributions made daily by our alumni to the dental health of children and handicapped individuals.

However, one way to measure what our alumni has accomplished as a group is through statistics and Dave Avery has assembled some impressive data that he has agreed to share with "Our Tree" readers. Of the 179 people who completed their pediatric dentistry training at Indiana:

- 141 are or have been in full-time private practice
- 42 are or have been full-time faculty at a university
- 15 are department heads (or retired)
- 20 are program directors (or retired)
- 7 are Deans (or retired)
- 9 are in the armed services (or retired)
- 49 are part-time faculty at a university (or retired)
- 55 are Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry
- 57 are Fellows in the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
- 10 are Examining members of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (or former members)
- 85 Advanced degrees have been earned from Indiana University (M.S., M.D.S., Ph.D., Ed.D.)
- 13 are also orthodontists
- 1 is also an endodontist

The Alumni Association has 22 associate members and 11 honorary members whose activities are not reflected in these figures. We are always grateful to these members for the support they give the department and the association.
PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

In my first correspondence with you, the membership, I feel compelled to thank you for the privilege of serving as your president and to assure you I accept this responsibility humbly and somewhat in awe. I have to pinch myself to realize I am really your spokesman for a short while. I'm flattered to be part of a group of alumni that includes such former leaders as Ray Davis, Ray Klein, Dave Avery, Stan Herman, Chuck Kerkhove, Burt Horwitz, Phil Pate and Bob Spedding. I will endeavor to fulfill the responsibilities in the rich tradition of this illustrious organization.

I want to thank immediate past president Bob Spedding and recognize the excellent leadership he provided our group. His skill in conducting meetings and creating an agenda format, as well as his constant consideration of all members' best interests, are exceptional guidelines for me to follow. I have asked to have a portion of his last column reprinted in "Our Tree" under "Bob's Reflections" because he has summed up, I'm sure, many of our feelings in a few eloquent words. Thanks again, Bob, for your excellent leadership.

Day before yesterday, we were in New Orleans. Bob Musselman and his local arrangement committee did an outstanding job for us. Robert Shaye's presentation was excellent and we had marvelous dining both at our luncheon and on board the river cruise ship in true New Orleans "Creole" style. I didn't see any straw fedoras but the white suits were "a plenty" and another memorable time was had by all. Thanks, Bob, for your help with the program!

Yesterday, the Holidays were upon us. I hope each and every one of you had a joyous season with your family and that you have started this new year enthusiastically and with excited anticipation about the new opportunities afforded us. Ginny and I are experiencing an interim move during this time, our temporary apartment is exceptionally snug. But all things are tolerable, particularly with the expectations of our upcoming move to a new lake house.

Tomorrow we will be gathering in the splendor of San Diego. I encourage and expect you to make every effort to attend the Academy meeting this spring in May. It's awesome to learn what's happening in pediatric dentistry and to keep up with continuing education. The Academy is only as strong and helpful to us as our support of it. We must be prepared to take advantage of the opportunities.

For now, I again thank you for the privilege of serving you. Our organization nationally is unsurpassed. To remain so requires our total commitment — paying dues, attending meetings, corresponding, accepting responsibilities, offering new ideas and performing to the fullest. To be the best, we have to handle academics like the best, behave socially like the best and practice like the best.

Jim Jinks (Class of 1964)
ALUMNI ELECTED TO THE BOARD

Thomas Wickliffe (Class of 1977) was elected to the Examining Board of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry in the spring of 1987. He joins two other alumni, Gayle Nelson (Class of 1976) and Arthur Mourino (Class of 1974), on the seven member board. He replaced alumnus Brian Lee (Class of 1970), who was Chairman of the Board when he completed his term last fall. Tom is the 10th member of our alumni association to be elected to the Board. Congratulations to Tom and to Indiana for such excellent representation.

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JONES AT HARVARD

Dr. James E. Jones (Class of 1980), associate professor of pediatric dentistry at Indiana University, was awarded a fellowship to study for two years at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The fellowship is part of the Robert Wood Johnson Dental Service Research Scholars Program, a very prestigious national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, administered by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. About one year ago, Jim completed interviews in Boston with research preceptors representing several schools at Harvard so that specific guidelines of his program could be identified. Having completed the first six months of the program, he reports that progress toward his goals is "a little ahead of schedule." Just prior to his move to Boston he completed a one-year Dental Faculty Training Fellowship sponsored by the American Fund for Dental Health. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

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A WORD ABOUT OUR RESIDENTS

The following individuals will be completing their postdoctoral training at Indiana on June 30, 1988: Michael Buccino, Laura Graham, John Mosher, and Gregory Westman. Each plans to enter private practice.

The second year class beginning on July 1, 1988 includes Jenny Ison, Lawrence Louie, and Jerry Udelson.

The incoming class will be:

Julie A. Martinez - University of Texas - 1988
Ana H. Vazquez - University of Puerto Rico - 1988
Jeffrey L. Winn - Indiana University - 1987

We wish all of them the best of luck in their future endeavors and look forward to meeting them at alumni gatherings.
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 1973 OFFICERS

Our officers elected at the second meeting of the alumni association were:

President: Ray Klein (Class of 1964)
Vice President: David Avery (Class of 1970)
Secretary/Treasurer: Stanley Herman (Class of 1961)
Board of Directors:
  2 years - Charles Kerkhove (Class of 1965)
  4 years - Bailey Davis (Class of 1962)
  6 years - Phillip Pate (Class of 1970)

THE RACE CAR TROPHIES

At our biennial meetings, members who participate in the scientific program are presented with small gold-plated race cars mounted on a slab of Italian marble. How did this tradition begin? Before our alumni association was officially organized in 1971, graduates held informal reunions on several occasions. Guest speakers were invited and the reunions were a delight. The gatherings were held on Indianapolis 500 Race Day Weekends and we attended the races as a group. When the pediatric dentistry alumni association was formed, members quickly agreed that speakers should be presented with a race car trophy. The alumni meeting hasn’t been held in conjunction with the Indy 500 for many years, but the cars help preserve the memory of the early years of our group and are an established tradition.
Jeffrey Dean (Class of 1985) was presented with a Ralph E. McDonald Research Award by Ralph McDonald on June 30, 1987. Lorne Koroluk (Class of 1986) was also a research award recipient. Jeff became Ralph’s son-in-law in November when he married Barbara McDonald.

Janet Clark (Class of 1987) holds the G. R. Baker Fellowship Award plaque with David Avery (Class of 1970). Janet received the 1987 award and Jeanne Braun (Class of 1986) was the 1986 recipient. They both received antique silver tongs from Dr. Baker’s classmates.

Gregory Robbins (Class of 1987) is congratulated by Ralph McDonald as the winner of the 1987 Ralph E. McDonald Scholarship Award.

Lillian Deisroth retired November 24, 1987 after over 25 years at the dental school. She worked in pediatric dentistry for almost 20 years.
GILMORE'S NOTES

This spring will be a busy time for everyone at the School of Dentistry. While there will be the traditional rush by students to complete requirements for graduation, there will also be a drive to remodel various areas of the dental school. A number of lecture halls, seminar rooms, and research labs are being upgraded as a part of our continuing enhancement of 1121 West Michigan Street.

In January our Long-Range Planning Committee devised a strategy to improve all levels of our academic program. To achieve the #1 goal of improved and increased patient services, a number of recommendations were made. The undergraduate Periodontic and Complete Denture clinics will join the Endodontic and Operative Dentistry clinics already located on the third floor. A centralized computer-assisted appointment system will be implemented for more efficient patient and faculty scheduling. This new system will help move our undergraduate clinical program along toward a more comprehensive type of patient service and thus improve the quality of care.

Pediatric dentistry alumni may find one of our recent faculty appointments to be of special interest. Dr. Eugene Roberts, currently at the University of the Pacific, will join us in August as the new chairman of the Department of Orthodontics. Dr. Roberts, who is widely recognized for his bone research, plans to create a Bone Research Laboratory at Indiana University School of Dentistry. New research projects already being planned will involve our faculty and those of the Schools of Medicine and Engineering.

The Department of Pediatric Dentistry continues to provide a training program which is a favorite among our undergraduate students. The teaching and services provided by the Department here and at Riley Hospital are as strong as ever. Alumni support of the graduate program, in particular, is gratefully appreciated. We hope that you will visit the school soon and observe first-hand how we are working to meet the needs of our patients and students.

H. William Gilmore, D.D.S.
Dean

MEMBERS REACH GOAL

Six members of the alumni association became Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry recently. They are James Carey (Class of 1974), Tallahassee, Florida; Robert Dickson (Associate Member), Carmel, Indiana; Keith Ray (Class of 1981), Louisville, Kentucky; Philip Walter (Class of 1974), Aurora, Colorado; James Weddell (Class of 1979), Indianapolis; and Wavel Wells (Class of 1976), Lawton, Oklahoma. In addition, Drs. Ray and Weddell were inducted as fellows of the American Society of Dentistry for Children. We're proud of you!
LILLIAN DEISROTH RETIRES

Westsiders heading down 16th Street each morning to their jobs downtown or at the medical center may be noticing something slightly out of kilter in the traffic pattern: the absence of a silver-haired woman zipping along in her bright red '73 Volkswagon Bug. Lillian Deisroth, cashier in the complete denture section of prosthodontics, made her last round trip from Mission Drive to Michigan Street on November 24, putting the wraps on a career at the dental school that lasted more than 25 years.

Lil once told us that "Let's get the show on the road" was her favorite expression when she worked as a dental assistant in pediatric dentistry during her first 20 years on the job...She was hired in 1962 in pediatric dentistry, the only department that had assistants at that time, and soon transferred to graduate pediatric dentistry where she remained until the dental school based program was phased out...Lil said recently that her biggest pleasures at the dental school came from "working for 19-1/2 years with children in pedo, and then with the undergraduate students in complete denture, whom I refer to as 'All My Children.'"

Lil now lives with her husband, George, in Florida. Her address is: 2110 N.E. 42nd Street, Apt. 4B, Lighthouse Point, FL 33064.

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THE CEREBRAL PALSY FELLOWSHIP

For the 28th consecutive year, Indiana University pediatric dentistry was awarded a one-year United Cerebral Palsy Fellowship on July 1, 1987. In recent years the fellowship has been used as a third year training and teaching position rather than as part of the two year advanced training program. One responsibility of the fellow is to supervise students of undergraduate dentistry, dental hygiene, and dental assisting who are assigned to Riley Dental Clinic for instruction in managing handicapped patients. The fellow also provides care to cerebral palsy patients.

Although the fellowship was designed for a single full-time person, the 1988 fellowship is being shared for the first time by two past fellows: Priscilla Johns (Class of 1985), and Carol McKown (Class of 1986), fellows from 1986 and 1987, respectively. Both are assistant professors in the department. Priscilla also staffs the dental clinic for handicapped patients at Methodist Hospital and Carol is in part-time private practice.

The department recently received word that it has again been awarded the UCP fellowship, which will begin July 1, 1988.
MINUTE HIGH-LIGHTS

The business meeting of the Indiana University Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Association was held in New Orleans on May 1, 1987 after Dr. Robert Shaye presented the McDonald Lecture. Members in attendance voted to:

- Rename the McDonald Scholarship Award the "McDonald Scholar" effective in 1988.
- Award $1,000 to McDonald Scholars
- Bestow honorary membership on Dr. Robert Shaye, New Orleans and give associate membership to Dr. Sergio Petersen, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil.
- It was agreed upon that the Association's general funds will continue to be used to subsidize the hospitality suites during Academy meetings.
- The following officers and directors were elected:

  James Jinks (Class of 1964) - President
  Paul Walker (Class of 1972) - Vice President/Program Chairman
  Ronald Mack (Class of 1975) - Secretary-Treasurer
  Robert Speding (Class of 1963) - Immediate Past President
  Phillip Miller (Class of 1975) - Director (2 years)
  John Mink (Class of 1961) - Director (4 years)
  Charles Poland (Class of 1972) - Director (6 years)

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MEMBER MESSAGES

In early 1987, George Adams wrote and said that all was well in Nashville, Tennessee. George completed the dental school program in 1976 and is very complimentary of the training he received here. Continued Good Luck to you, George!

We received a note of thanks from Jeffrey Dean (Class of 1985) after he received the McDonald Research Award: "It is a special honor not only because it comes from the alumni association ...but because of the man whose name this award bears and his career in pediatric dentistry."

Wavel Wells, who completed the Riley program 12 years ago (1976), wrote in January 1988, saying in part: "My experience...has caused me to appreciate the fine men who built the Pedodontic program at Indianapolis..." Wavel practices in Lawton, Oklahoma and is the only pediatric dentist within 100 miles. It was nice to hear from you, Wavel!
BOB'S REFLECTIONS

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!

Robert Spedding (Class of 1963)

ALBERT IS DEAN

Gerald Albert (1965) was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Dental Medicine at the University of Montreal on December 1, 1987. Gerald’s academic career began after he completed his pediatric dentistry training at Indiana. He headed the department of dental medicine at the University of Montreal for twelve years before becoming dean. Congratulations, Gerald!

ROSEMARY

The following appeared in the obituaries of the Indianapolis Star in the fall of 1987: "Services for Rosemary Alice Rocap, 76, a lifelong Indianapolis resident . . . " Rosemary was a dental assistant in the department of pediatric dentistry from 1963 to 1968 and she is remembered fondly by many alumni for her "motherly" concern for the students.

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