"BACK HOME TO INDIANA"

1989 BIENNIAL MEETING OF THE INDIANA UNIVERSITY PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
JUNE 23 - 24, 1989

Dr. Robert Creedon
1989 McDonald Lecturer
RILEY DENTAL CLINIC UP-DATE

Riley Dental Clinic is approaching the end of a three year period of "belt tightening" which has been common for nearly all health professions educational programs in recent years. During this three year period, the clinic absorbed a 37% budget reduction. Included in the reduction were faculty and resident positions, as well as administrative, clerical and paraprofessional staff positions. The reduction was, of course, accompanied by the challenge to maintain our level of services without adversely affecting the educational mission of our program.

Presently 6 full-time teaching faculty, 6 part-time professional teaching staff, 5 postdoctoral pediatric dentistry trainees, 7 administrative and clerical staff, and 8 paraprofessional staff are dedicated to both the teaching and service missions of Riley Hospital Dental Clinic. During 1988, 7257 patient visits were made to Riley Dental Clinic. Sixty-three percent of these visits were made by developmentally disabled or medically compromised patients. An additional 2473 patients were evaluated by RDC trainees and faculty at other locations within the Medical Center.

Recently, I.U. Hospital Administration approved RDC's request for capital expenditure to acquire a number of "wish list" items. Each of our 13 dental units is now equipped with fiber optic high speed handpieces. Also acquired were 6 new Adec dental chairs, 2 Ohmeda 3740 pulse oximeters, 2 new x-ray heads, 2 IBM PC computers, a new Cavitron and new A/T 2000 automatic x-ray film processor. We hope many of you have an opportunity to visit our up-graded facilities in June.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

"By serving the little children, the sick, poor - by going in search of them - you render the greatest service that could be offered Him."
St. Vincent de Paul
1591-1660

How time flies!! Just a short two years ago in New Orleans, I began serving you as President of our alumni association. It is incredible how quickly I will become a "past-president." Do you remember the long two years we all spent in the Pediatric Dentistry Department acquiring the knowledge and skills to limit our practices? It seemed like an eternity then! Now two-year periods race by unnoticed. Is our time spent acquiring as much knowledge now as it was then? And are we availing ourselves of the educational opportunities afforded us today?

When I contemplate my blessings of a wonderful family, home and practice, I realize how fortunate I am. They are the result of a lot of hard work on my part, but without the outstanding education provided me by the IUSD Pediatric Dentistry Department, much of this would not be possible. Think about your own blessings and remember where you received a very
special training that helped you achieve your professional and personal goals. In return, support the alumni association by paying dues and by participating in meetings.

Recently you received information concerning our biennial meeting, scheduled for June 22-24, 1989 at University Place and Conference Center in Indianapolis. The "pre-registration" returns indicate that we will have good attendance at the meeting, but as always, the more the merrier! Dr. Paul Walker has arranged an outstanding program for us.

Many changes recently made in the dental school and also on the campus should be of great interest to you. Our local arrangements "committee" (Elizabeth Hatcher) has made plans that include enlightening scientific presentations, seeing wonderful and new Indy sites, consuming scrumptious culinary concoctions, and socializing with alumni. This meeting will be far superior to reunions --- they are for yesterday --- this meeting is for today and tomorrow. BE THERE!

Speaking of our Executive Secretary, praises to Elizabeth for her untiring service to our organization and for the fabulous new directory you all received. Don't think Elizabeth has limited her activities for the association to the directory --- she calls me weekly --- to motivate me to do what I am supposed to do. There are a multitude of other services she provides for our group. Ladies and gentlemen, by acclamation, don't allow David Avery to let Elizabeth ever get away. The association and Dave would be in serious trouble! Many, many thanks, Elizabeth.

It has been a privilege, pleasure and honor to serve as your president. I am very appreciative of the support of the officers, the board members and all of the alumni. I am looking forward to a record attendance at the June meeting; improved attendance was an early objective of my administration. The association is strong, but will only remain so by your participation. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and I look forward to seeing one and all in Indianapolis in June.

James Jinks, Class of 1964
President

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MEMBERS REACH GOAL

Four members of the alumni association became Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry recently. They are James W. Preisch (Class of 1984), stationed in Japan; Richard M. Quinn (Class of 1977), Dover, Delaware; Paul O. Walker (Class of 1972), Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Roger E. Wood (Class of 1977), Midlothian, Virginia. Congratulations!
JIM ROCHE RETIRES

Forty years of distinguished faculty service at Indiana University School of Dentistry came to a close on December 31, 1988 when Dr. James R. Roche retired from his academic career. Those of you who were students under Dr. Roche's tutelage during the years that he chaired the Division of Graduate Pedodontics can attest to the impact he has had on your graduate education at Indiana. In 1976 Jim was the recipient of the very prestigious Amoco Foundation Award for distinguished teaching. The recipient of this award is selected from nominations received University wide.

Jim is a 1947 graduate of the IU School of Dentistry who also completed an internship at Forsyth Dental Infirmary for Children in Boston, MA. He established a practice as a pediatric dentist in Indianapolis and a member of the part-time faculty at IUSD until his full-time appointment in 1968. Jim's administrative appointments included chairing the division of graduate pedodontics from 1969 to 1976, being appointed as assistant dean of faculty development in 1976 and then as associate dean in 1980.

Jim was certified by the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry in 1959. He was chairman of the Board in 1980 and 1981 and has been serving as Executive Secretary since 1982. Jim and Paul Starkey can be considered founders of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry as it was through their combined efforts that the organization was formed.

Jim is ending an extremely productive academic career, but certainly is not retiring from professional life. He and Vi have sold their beautiful home on Morse Reservoir and have moved into a larger home in Carmel, Indiana in order to accommodate all of the records, files, equipment, etc. of the Board.

Dr. Roche has been honored by the University with the academic title of Professor Emeritus. Congratulations, Jim, and best wishes for the future!

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GENE MCCORMICK RETIRES

Dr. Francis E. McCormick completed his academic career at Indiana University School of Dentistry on December 31, 1988 after contributing to the dental education of hundreds of dental students, dental hygienists, dental assistants, and graduate pediatric dental students over a 28-year period. He was honored with the title Professor Emeritus of Pediatric Dentistry by the IU Board of Trustees.

Gene is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Wabash College who earned his D.D.S. from Indiana in 1953. He began his teaching career as a part-time member of the pedodontic faculty in 1960 and began teaching full-time 20 years ago. Gene was appointed Director of the undergraduate pediatric dentistry clinic in 1980. He also served as Director of the Dental
Auxiliary Utilization program for many years. The DAU program operates from the undergraduate clinic and all students from 1960 to the present received their DAU training under Gene's watchful eye.

Gene was a very popular teacher with students over the years and received several awards including two citing him as "Instructor of the Year." Under his administration, the clinic has also been recognized as "Clinic of the Year." Last fall, Gene received the coveted "Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching" given by the IUSD Alumni Association.

Top on the list of retirement activities for Gene are travel and visits to his grown children who live in various locations across the country. Gene and Dottie will also travel to London in June for nine days. Gene says that his retirement plans keep changing and rearranging as he settles in, so it is difficult to predict what he'll be doing in a year's time. He does anticipate including relaxing and fishing in those plans, not necessarily in that order.

Good luck to you Gene, it sounds as if you plan to take time to smell the roses.

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A NOTE OF CAUTION TO JIM AND GENE AND OTHER RETIRED MEMBERS

The trouble is, by the time you have money to burn the fire has gone out!

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HENNON IS PEDO/ORTHO

David K. Hennon, who earned an M.S.D. in Pediatric Dentistry in 1975 and became a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry in 1980, also completed the orthodontic certificate program in 1983. In July 1988, he received a dual appointment as Professor of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and the Department of Orthodontics.

In his new capacity, Dave is directing the clinical orthodontic phase of the residency program at Riley Dental Clinic and at the School of Dentistry. He is a member of the Oral-facial Anomalies Team at Riley Hospital and is primarily responsible for the early treatment of the cleft patients who require obturators. He also helps staff the orthodontic clinic and is on call for orthodontic consultations in the undergraduate pediatric dentistry clinic.

Dave has made a valuable contribution to our department for many years, and that contribution has been enhanced by his dual specialty training.
OUR 1975 OFFICERS

Our officers elected at the third meeting of the alumni association in Nashville, Indiana were:

President: David Avery (Class of 1970)
Vice President: Stanley Herman (Class of 1961)
Secretary/Treasurer: Charles Kerkhove (Class of 1965)
Board of Directors:
2 years - W. Bailey Davis (Class of 1962)
4 years - Phillip Pate (Class of 1970)
6 years - Douglas Barton (Class of 1971)

LIFE MEMBERS

Drs. McCormick and Roche have joined Drs. Starkey and McDonald in retirement, bringing the total to four full-time academic careers completed in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry since 1983.

The academic careers of these men add up to 132 years of outstanding service to the students of Indiana University School of Dentistry. In a sense, we have come to the end of an era. Although this item is being reported in the PETRIFIED FOREST, these four educators insist they are still very much LIVE WOOD!

Three other members have retired recently and requested LIFE MEMBERSHIP status in the association. They are: Joseph Benham, (Class of 1965) retired from private practice in Franklin, Indiana and part-time education at Riley Dental Clinic; Alfred Fromm, (Honorary Member) retired from private practice in South Bend; and Robert Johnson, (Class of 1956) retired from private practice in Indianapolis. The best of luck to all of you and may you enjoy your retirement to the fullest.

PETRIFIED FOREST PHOTO

See the photo page of "Our Tree." Can you identify these people from a 1965 gathering? If you can, please send the names to Elizabeth Hatcher at the Alumni Office.
The Class of 1988 - Gregory Westman (Barrie, Ontario), Laura Graham (Indianapolis), Michael Buccino (N. Attleboro, MA) and John Mosher (Wichita, KS). Dr. Graham is currently the United Cerebral Palsy Fellow at Riley Hospital and Dr. Buccino was the recipient of the McDonald Scholar Award.
GIIMORE'S NOTES

Spring is here and the Indiana University Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Association is once again planning an outstanding meeting for you. I was really looking forward to personally greeting you, but another commitment keeps me from joining you. An outstanding scientific program, table clinics and various other festivities are being planned for you during the June 22-24, 1989 gathering. I encourage you to take this opportunity to tour the campus, the dental school, the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital Dental Clinic, as well as the many other attractions now available in the vicinity. Registration information as well as other related information will be sent to you in the near future. Please accept my best wishes for a happy, productive meeting.

The time is also fast approaching when you will be asked to generously support the Ralph E. McDonald/Pedodontic Fund. Contributions to the fund greatly supplement travel and other enhancements that make our postdoctoral pediatric dentistry program one of the finest in the United States. Your pledge of long-term support is really needed to support this worthwhile project.

The Indiana University Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Association is one of the most active in the university system and you can be proud of your contributions to your school and your specialty.

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

NIRSCHL IS HILLENBRAND FELLOW

Dr. Ronald F. Nirschl (Class of 1979) has been named the ninth American Fund for Dental Health Hillenbrand Fellow in Dental Administration. Jointly sponsored by AFDH and the American Dental Association, the fellowship is designed to provide members of the dental profession who are committed to beginning a career in dental administration with the opportunity to acquire the skills necessary to become trained dental administrators. Ron has completed all but 7 credit hours toward a Master in Business Administration at the University of Pittsburgh. Ron is working out of the ADA offices in Chicago for a year and is currently on leave from his responsibilities as Associate Professor of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Pittsburgh. Congratulations, Ron.
PEDiatric Dentistry On teLeVision

Pediatric dentistry was highlighted when camera crews from the IUPUI News Bureau visited several sites in Indianapolis in December to produce a 30-minute cable television program. The program was shown on three local cable stations 30 times in February and generated publicity for the School of Dentistry and for pediatric dentists in town. This is the first video developed for television by the campus that has focused exclusively on the School of Dentistry and the dental profession.

Elizabeth Hatcher was filmed presenting her program entitled "Infant and Toddler Dental Care" that she takes to area locations to educate young parents in the care of their unborn or newborn children. She faced the camera again during an interview later in the program to discuss nursing caries and the importance of maintaining primary teeth. Elizabeth was pleased that the project focused on children's dentistry, helping to "get the word out" to parents who may not be taking their children for dental exams.

John Hennette (Class of 1984) welcomed the camera crew into his westside private practice to discuss various aspects of pediatric dentistry and also was filmed examining a child patient. John has had very positive feedback from his patients who saw the program and is considering incorporating the video into his office educational program.

John was an excellent representative for the profession, as was Elizabeth for the dental school.

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A Word About Our Residents

The following individuals will be completing their postdoctoral training at Indiana on June 30, 1989: Jenny Ison, Lawrence Louie and Jerry Udelson.

The second year class beginning on July 1, 1989 is made up of Julie Martinez and Ana Vazquez.

The incoming class will be:

Nicholas J. Chelenza, Jr. - Oklahoma University - 1986
Stephanie M. Litz - Indiana University - 1989
Leslie K. Tanimura - University of Southern California - 1989

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

We have received the following correspondence from our members in the past year.

In March 1988 David B. Kennedy (Class of 1971) wrote: "Some members of the department may be interested in the enclosed birth announcement, our second daughter (Jacqueline Ann - December 22, 1987). They may also be interested to know that I will be for the next three years the Examiner-in-Chief for the section entitled "Paediatric Dentistry" for the Royal College of Dentists of Canada. One of my co-examiners is Dr. Gerald Wright (Class of 1970), so there is a strong Indiana bent on the Royal College, at least for the next little while!!" (Congratulations, David, on the addition to the family. We'll have to think of you as "David and his women" until you add a boy to the family. Good to hear from you. -- ed.)

In April 1988 Dr. Roger E. Wood (Class of 1977) let us know that he has been appointed by the Governor of Virginia to the State Board of Dentistry. He is one of two specialists on the Board and the only pediatric dentist.

Roger is a new Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. He has been involved in academic life for six years, having held positions on both the full- and part-time faculty of the Medical College of Virginia Dental School.

Roger's wife, Monette, recently graduated from Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk and is now an intern in pediatrics at the Medical College of Virginia. (Congratulations from all of us to both Roger and Monette! -- ed.)

Ronald F. Nirschl (Class of 1979) had this to say last Spring: "The Spring issue of Our Tree arrived recently and I wanted to drop you a line to say how much I enjoy hearing about the Department and its graduates. It is difficult for me to believe that nearly eight years have passed since my move to Pittsburgh. The publication helps me keep in touch, when personal communications are often too infrequent.

"...My year in Chicago (see NIRSCHL IS HILLENBRAND FELLOW) should provide an opportunity for a visit to Indianapolis and IUSD. Looking forward to a visit." (See you in June! -- ed.)

In December 1988, the Our Tree staff solicited letters from several members and received responses from Stan Herman (Class of 1961) and Rick Malecz (Class of 1978).

First, from Stan: "I don't have anything earth shaking to report. Life seems to waltz along with its usual ups and downs. I continue to practice at 30th and High School Road. As you can remember, I moved to that location in 1977 rather quickly when our location at 30th and Kessler Blvd. was destroyed by a natural gas explosion. The practice is healthy and continues to be a preventive based pediatric dental practice.
I practice Monday through Thursday, 31 hours per week. I must admit that I enjoy it a little less dealing with a more litigious society, and with the threat of Hepatitis B and AIDS. I do get positive reinforcement when I consider the advancements that are practiced by our specialty which have resulted in better pediatric dental health. When I completed the M.S.D. program in 1961, it would have been impossible for me to predict the current nature of pediatric dentistry.

"I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve the College of Diplomates by progressing through the offices. Currently, I am serving as Treasurer of the Association of Pedodontic Diplomates Foundation.

"During the summer and fall of 1987, Phyllis and I built a small home on the Cumberland Plateau in Tennessee. We spend one or two weekends there each month. One of these days when I decide to hang it up, we intend to spend most of the year there.

"Phyllis and I would like to report that we are the proud grandparents of a GIRL (Sarah Michelle) born January 7, 1988. Sarah is a breath of fresh air after experiencing four sons." (Thanks for responding, Stan. It's good to hear from one of our "earlier graduates" (notice I didn't say older). Your classmates and other friends will find your letter interesting. -- ed.)

Now, from Rick: "For some reason time seems to go by quicker and quicker...I can't believe it's been almost 11 years since I.U. Marsha and I have been married for 12 years and have two children: Kristine (age 10) and Michael (soon to be 4). Practice wise, I've tried to make my schedule revolve around spending time with them; so I don't work any weekends or vacation weeks during the school year. I haven't figured out how to take the whole summer off yet, but maybe...I think this has helped to keep practice fun...which it still is, and the positive aspects of it far outweigh any give-ups.

"We still live in the same home we bought when we moved back to New Jersey; it's small, but we've made a few improvements to make it more livable...I find it difficult to give up the semi-rural location on a small lake in northwest New Jersey, and the 30-40 minute commute to the office without traffic isn't too bad.

"I initially worked with another pedodontist, then set up my own practice in 1980. Off and on we've talked about joining practices in a space-sharing or partnership agreement...but I don't know if we ever will. As ortho is a big portion of the practice now, I've taken a lot of ortho continuing ed, and even considered going back to ortho school. Instead, I've had a part-time orthodontic associate in the office for almost the past three years. As we treat all the cases together, I've learned a lot, and he claims that I wouldn't at this point pick up a lot more in grad school...but still for some of the more difficult cases it's nice knowing David is around. I guess if I had my ideal, some day I'd sell the business and move south (I'm sure my wife would jump at the idea of moving to Florida) and teach somewhere with a small faculty practice on the side."
"As far as dentistry is concerned, I've published three additional articles since the child abuse study we did at I.U. came out in J Dent Child. One was a sealant study in J Prev Dent, and there were two shorter ones on preventive pedodontics and preventive orthodontics in the J of the Bergen Co. (N.J.) Dental Society. I was chairman of the department of dentistry for two years at St. Clare's Hospital, where I'm still on staff and now do some work in the clinic on a volunteer basis for dentally indigent children as well as some O.R. cases., as we have a super setup for restorative dentistry in the operating room. I also was chairman of the General Practice Residency Program for three years and developed a quality assurance program for dentistry at the hospital. Right now I'm retired from all administrative functions. I'm school dentist for the Denville Township Board of Education and do screening exams on each of the children (K thru 8) each year.

"As for my free time, I probably have two main diversions ... ballooning and sailing. I've been a balloon pilot for the past several years and have my own hot air balloon which I fly privately with family and friends for fun; I haven't gotten into the commercial balloon ride business. We also have a trailerable 21-foot sloop which we take on our camping vacations. This summer we plan one of our trips to be a 2-week sail/camp in the 1000 Islands of the St. Lawrence River. In the winter I still do some downhill skiing, but in my "old age" I'm really turning into a warm weather person.

"We still make a yearly trip to Indiana, going back to Notre Dame for a football game each autumn. On one football trip a few years back we took a few extra days for a swing through Indianapolis, and it was nice seeing several people again during the afternoon I spent at the school. I do regret a lot of the rowdy behavior of my residency days...but that's something I just have to live with. I guess it's just taking me a little longer to outgrow childhood. In any case, I wish I had taken a little more advantage of I.U. while there and could have left a little better impression. I would hope that the work that we're doing now reflects well on what was taught at Indiana." (Thanks for writing. It sounds like a busy, happy life and we are grateful for your letter. See you in June! -- ed.)

We'd like to hear from other alumni members so we can draw on your comments for publication in next year's MEMBER MESSAGES column of the newsletter. Thanks to all of you who keep in contact with us at Indiana.

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