PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Greetings from Minnesota! It is the last week of April and the ice finally went out on the lakes. Now it's time to put the dock in and start thinking about fishing. Each summer Jill and I invite the finishing graduate students to our cabin for a farewell get-together.

As a graduate student at Indiana, I heard many tales of graduate student fishing trips to Paul Starkey's cabin in Canada. I was fortunate enough to be included in a 1972 trip with my classmates, Paul Schneider and Dick Weaver and faculty including Paul Starkey, Dave Avery, Gene McCormick, and Dave Hennon. It was a wonderful way to end two years of study and to ensure future collegial bonds. Stories of these trips are told and re-told and the size of the fish get bigger and bigger at each IUPDAA meeting or AAPD hospitality suite gathering.

In June, the Indiana University Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Association will convene in Indianapolis. Ron Mack has put together a great scientific program featuring Joe Camp as the Ralph E. McDonald Lecturer. The four newest faculty members in IU Pediatric Dentistry will also present mini-clinics on various topics of interest. During the meeting we will also honor the founders of the Alumni Association. Organizational planning began in 1965, and the group was officially organized in 1971. The 1991 meeting will be the 20th Anniversary Celebration!

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20th ANNIVERSARY MEETING

June 20–22, 1991

Indianapolis, Indiana

Ralph E. McDonald Lecturer – JOE CAMP

For information call 317–274–8220
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As you weigh the pros and cons of attending yet another meeting, think back to the time of your advanced education program in Pediatric Dentistry, the knowledge received, the experience gained and the friendships made. I am sure that someone would like to share "fishing stories" with you in Indianapolis, June 20-22, 1991.

My thanks to Ron Mack for his program planning efforts for this year. Best wishes to John Mink as he takes on the responsibility of Vice President and Program Chairman for the 1993 meeting. Hope to see you all "Back Home in Indiana."

Paul O. Walker, President

MEMBERS REACH GOAL

The newest members of the alumni association to become Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry are:

J. Barry Burgess (Class of 1981)
Jeffrey P. Huston (Associate Member)
Alejandro J. Ibarra (Class of 1980)
Anthony A. Kamp (Class of 1987)
Elaine C. Nelson (Class of 1982)
Charles Poland, III (Class of 1972)

David B. Kennedy (Class of 1971) completed the qualifications for the American Board of Orthodontics.

H. Raymond Klein (Class of 1964) was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and is also serving as President of the Florida Dental Association.

Gayle V. Nelson (Class of 1976) was elected Chairman of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

It is through our alumni that IU Pediatric Dentistry continues to maintain an excellent reputation nationally and internationally!

The best to all members as you continue to strive for excellence!
REMEMBERING JAMES GUNNAR RICHARDSON

James Gunnar Richardson (Class of 1976) died November 22, 1990, in Mesa, Arizona. Gunnar received his dental degree from IUSD in 1972 and completed the pediatric dentistry training program in 1976. L. Rhett Fagg (Class of 1976) provided the following eulogy in memory of our friend and colleague:

At Thanksgiving last year, the Indiana pediatric dental alumni lost a dear friend. Gunnar Richardson died unexpectedly in Mesa, Arizona, where he had been in private practice since 1976.

Gunnar had been a fellow graduate student with me in pediatric dentistry, a confidant, and friend to all who knew him. He was intense in his studies, but had a great love for the outdoors. He loved to talk about his experiences sleeping out under the clear southwestern skies during his term as a dentist with the Indian Health Service, and he was eager to return to the southwest for private practice. He and his wife, Sherrie, entertained our group on occasion with southern desert cuisine, which once, and most memorably, included cactus.

As grad students, Mike Johns, George Adams, Gunnar, and I enjoyed many shared activities. Highlights would include the drive three of us, plus spouses, made to New Orleans for the Academy meeting, stuffed like sardines in Gunnar’s car, taking turns sitting over the transmission bump. We stopped once, at Gunnar’s parents’ home, for some of his mom’s home-cooked chicken, a favorite of Gunnar’s which he had described in mouth-watering detail many times.

In May of 1976, we made our way to Dr. Starkey’s Canadian cabin for a fishing expedition. We arrived at customs at 2:00 a.m. so disheveled and tired that the suspicious Canadian officer detained us for an alarming period of time before permitting us to enter the country. Gunnar had a great time on that trip, savoring the outdoors.

Gunnar also loved his family; it was a priority above all the pressure of grad work. He and Sherrie had two of their daughters by then, and they often were involved in our get-togethers. They were adorable kids, obviously lovingly nurtured, and we missed them when the family moved off to Arizona.

Of all my memories of Gunnar during our shared experiences in pedo, I remember most his sincerity. He was always a good and interested listener, and willing to help however he could. We are all better off for having known Gunnar, and we will miss him.

A memorial contribution was sent by the alumni association in Gunnar’s name to the Mesa 22nd Ward Missionary Fund.
AVERY’S NOTES

The Winter, 1991, issue of our school’s Alumni Bulletin included the new Mission Statement of Indiana University School of Dentistry. You may recall reading it in Dean Gilmore’s "Notes from the Dean’s Desk". In addition to that statement, Dean Gilmore asked the faculty in each department to review their goals and write new departmental mission statements as well. The mission statement is followed by specific measurable goals in each of the three primary areas for institutions of higher learning. Those areas are education, research, and service.

Many of the faculty in the department of pediatric dentistry have contributed substantially to the development of our mission statement. The statement serves as our guide to help us determine where our energies should be directed for the foreseeable future in our department. As our goals, needs, and priorities change with time, our mission statement will be revised accordingly. Our statement, as it stands at this time, is printed here for your consideration.

Department of Pediatric Dentistry
Mission Statement

The mission of the Indiana University Department of Pediatric Dentistry is to promote optimal oral and general health of children from birth through adolescence and of disabled individuals of all ages through education, research, and service programs. Specific goals of the Department are:

EDUCATION:

• Provide a broad scope of education in pediatric dentistry and dental auxiliary, utilization which will enable our undergraduate students to provide high quality pediatric dentistry patient care upon graduation.

• Recruit selected dentists for our accredited residency educational program, which will prepare the graduates for the competent practice of the specialty of pediatric dentistry and make them educationally eligible for certification by the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

• Support continuing education through specialist and non-specialist oriented course offerings.

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RESEARCH:

• Create research opportunities for faculty and students.

• Participate in research which has relevance to the entire spectrum of pediatric dentistry.

• Contribute to the growing body of knowledge through presentations and publications of our research findings.

SERVICE:

• Offer high quality pediatric oral health care to patients and interact with the community by providing outreach service and health education programs.

• Serve as a tertiary care and referral center in pediatric dentistry for other practitioners.

• Provide the appropriate environment to promote and enhance career development of pediatric dentistry faculty and supporting staff.

The statement above represents the fourth draft of the first page of our new mission document, which then goes on to explain how our achievement of each goal will be measured and assessed. We do not consider this statement a "finished" document, but rather a working draft that may be revised as needed. I would welcome your suggestions for improving our statement.

The early indications are that the 20th Anniversary Meeting in June will be the best attended meeting in our history. I hope that you are planning to be here and help us celebrate the founding of our Association. Since our last biennial meeting, we have appointed four new full-time faculty. (See related stories about the two most recent appointments.) For the first time in nearly four years, I can boast that all of our full-time faculty positions are filled! We are working hard and we are excited about the future for our department and our specialty. Come join us in June and you will see why.

David R. Avery, Chairman of Pediatric Dentistry
DEPARTMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Faculty

Christopher V. Hughes and Brian J. Sanders were appointed to the full-time faculty as assistant professors of Pediatric Dentistry recently. Chris began his appointment on December 1, 1990, and Brian joined the faculty on January 1, 1991.

A native of Boston, Dr. Hughes received his B.A. degree from Colby College (Waterville, Maine) in 1978 and his dental degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1982. Following a general practice residency at the Medical College of Ohio, Chris trained in Pediatric Dentistry at Case Western Reserve University (Certificate 1985). From 1985-1988 he served as a clinical staff fellow at the National Institutes of Health. Most recently, he was a National Research Service Award Postdoctoral Fellow in the laboratory of Microbial Ecology at the NIDR. He received his Ph.D. in Microbiology in 1991 from Georgetown University. Dr. Hughes and his wife, Dorothy, have a one-year-old son, Jonathan.

Dr. Hughes is pleased to be a part of the great tradition of Pediatric Dentistry at IU. He recently stated: "I.U. offered the opportunity to pursue my basic research interests in oral bacterial adherence as well as my clinical interest in pediatric dentistry. IUSD has a renewed commitment toward strengthening its basic research programs to complement its long standing excellence in clinical research and training and I am very excited to be a part of it." Dr. Hughes' office is in the dental school; he will divide his teaching responsibilities between Riley Dental Clinic and the Pediatric Dentistry Clinic in the School of Dentistry.

Dr. Sanders attended Loyola College in Baltimore, Maryland, and received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1979. In 1983 he received his dental degree from the University of Maryland and completed his specialty training in Pediatric Dentistry at Columbus Children's Hospital in Ohio in 1985. Brian continued his studies at Ohio State University and received his Master of Science in Pediatric Dentistry in 1986.

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From 1986-88 Dr. Sanders was a part-time Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Maryland. In 1988, Brian was named Dental Director of the Kennedy Institute in Baltimore, which specialized in the treatment of handicapped children, until it closed in 1989. Since that time, Brian has continued to work with handicapped children. He was Assistant Director of the Children's Hospital dental facility in Baltimore from 1989 until he relinquished the position in December, 1990, to relocate in Indianapolis. Dr. Sanders has been in private practice since the completion of his specialty program and currently maintains his practice on a part-time basis at Riley Dental Clinic.

Dr. Sanders' experience with handicapped children, and his special interest in craniofacial defects and pediatric oncology will be assets to the Riley Dental Clinic. Dr. Sanders believes that Indiana University has the facilities, resources, and faculty necessary to foster his pursuit of an academic career in Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Sanders' office is in Riley Dental Clinic; he too divides his clinical teaching time between Riley Dental Clinic and the Pediatric Dentistry Clinic in the School of Dentistry.

Administrative

On November 1, 1990, Jeffrey A. Dean (Class of 1985) was appointed Director of Undergraduate Pediatric Dentistry. He has assumed the responsibilities Hala Z. Henderson (Class of 1959) relinquished upon becoming Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

This year has seen an increase in the number of Associate Members in the alumni association.

The following individuals graduated with a D.D.S. from Indiana University and completed their pediatric dental training as indicated:

Gregory Johnson, University of Illinois, Chicago Medical Center
Mark Kahn, Children's Hospital, Cincinnati
Terry Schechner, Case Western Reserve University

Our two new faculty members, Christopher V. Hughes and Brian J. Sanders, are associate members by virtue of joining the faculty. (See Departmental Appointments for details).
JAMES ROCHE APPRECIAT

Boston • May 1

Gerry Wright presents the gift to Jim Roche

Carol McKown and Barb and Jeff Dean

Ray Klein and Pete Claussen join Jim Roche

John and Ann Marie Walsh with Pete Clauss

Art and Eleanor Mourino, Diane and Gary Dilley, and Stephen Fehrman

Joe Sigala with

Jim and Vi Roche

THE GIFT
ON BANQUET

John Mink, Brian Lee and David Epstein

Sarah Jane and Ralph McDonald

Jim Jones, Dave Avery and Richard Skinner

Paul Walker and Dave Avery

Barbara and Dennis Duffield with Pat Fleege

Ron Mack, Cathy McClannaham and Keith Roberts,
Angie and Gayle Nelson, and Janet Mack

Chuck Hazelrigg, Joanne and Gary Hinz,
Carol Beckert with husband David Apsey, and Jim Weddell

Marsha and Rick Malecz with Hala Henderson
EDITORIAL

by Paul E. Starkey, Editor

Recently there has been a renewed interest in developing a closer relationship between the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the American Society of Dentistry for Children. There have been attempts in the past to establish joint efforts, but these efforts were unsuccessful due to a lack of support and enthusiasm by members of either organization.

The American Society of Dentistry for Children (originally named the Society for the Promotion of Dentistry for Children) was founded in 1927 by a group of dentists who had a special interest in providing dental care for children. The founders taught "children's dentistry" at universities or limited their practices to dentistry for children. They wisely decided that membership in the Society would be available to any dentist interested in providing dental services to children. ASDC organized and sponsored the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, and later organized the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Several years later ASDC transferred sponsorship of the Board to the Academy.

ASDC and the Academy have both thrived and made highly significant contributions to children's dental health. There has, however, been a great deal of duplication of work. Therefore, a closer relationship would benefit both organizations.

ASDC and the Academy have both put much time and money into public relations programs. ASDC began its efforts first and focused primarily on educating the public about the importance of dental health care for children. The education tools used have included radio and television announcements, development of films and slide programs to aid dentists with parental education, the 1-2-3- question and answer book on children's dental health, etc.

The Academy's public relations program has been directed toward encouraging parents to seek dental care for their children in the offices of pediatric dentists. Pediatric dentistry recently went through an expensive and exhausting review to maintain specialty recognition by the American Dental Association. We deserve to be acknowledged as a specialty. However, I believe that specialties do not exist only by the approval of the ADA, but rather by the needs and desires of the public and general practitioners.

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The sharing of knowledge has always been an important part of the dental profession. Training programs in pediatric dentistry have become very sophisticated. Pediatric dentists will treat difficult dental problems in children that many general practitioners are not trained to manage. Inviting general practitioners who are members of ASDC to participate in scientific sessions of the Academy will result in a better understanding of the complexities of pediatric dentistry. It will also provide general practitioners who treat children an opportunity to improve their skills and will also aid them in recognizing when they need to make referrals to pediatric dentists. The professional act of sharing is always rewarded.

Pediatric dentists must nurture their relationships with general practitioners. By supporting the development of closer ties between the American Society of Dentistry for Children and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, you will help to accomplish this goal.

A WORD ABOUT OUR RESIDENTS

The following individuals will be completing their postdoctoral training at Indiana on June 30, 1991:

Nicholas J. Chelenza, Jr. -- Private Practice in Lawton, Oklahoma (in practice with Wavel Wells, Class of 1976)

Stephanie M. Litz -- Research to complete M.S.D., Private Practice in Monrovia, Indiana (southwest of Indianapolis), and Part-time faculty at Riley Hospital and IUSD.

Leslie K. Tanimura -- Cerebral Palsy Fellowship and part-time faculty at I.U.S.D. and continue to pursue research project to complete M.S.D.

The second-year class beginning on July 1, 1991, is composed of John Hiester (Indiana University, 1990) and Richard Troyer (University of Washington, 1983).

The incoming class will be:

Anthony L. Minutillo -- University of Iowa -- 1991

P. Todd Rose -- West Virginia University -- 1989

Sonya L. Wu -- Washington University--St. Louis -- 1991
GILMORE'S NOTES

We are all pleased the pediatric dentistry alumni association will visit the School again this year. Due to the many activities taking place in the classrooms, laboratories, and clinics, our 1121 West Michigan Street facility is in a continual state of change. The IUPUI campus enrollment has skyrocketed to 27,500 students, with a great number of these students using School of Dentistry lecture rooms! Also serving the needs of students and faculty, and causing increased traffic flow, is the new campus computer cluster center located in the dental building. Still located on the fifth floor is the expanded, federally approved, animal research facility. During your visit, take time to see this area and the many other improvements around the building.

Many faculty members are preparing for the fall 1992 accreditation site visit of the ADA Commission on Dental Education. The key committee for preparing the accreditation report is hard at work to present our resources in the best possible light. All course directors of the dental and auxiliary curricula are writing new course outcomes that will measure the performances and skills of their students. The accreditation cycle has been rescheduled at seven-year intervals, and the process of evaluating schools is much different than in the past. The site visit will enable our faculty to study all the curricula and update the research and service functions of the school. Preparing for the visit will bring needed growth to the programs and involve nearly everyone on the faculty.

Last year a milestone in dental research was reached with the establishment of a Biomechanics and Biomaterials Research Center. Indiana University administration committed $1.2 million in funding to develop this multidisciplinary research laboratory, which includes four basic divisions of investigation. The core unit involves a bone study laboratory that is organized and directed by Dr. Eugene Roberts, Chairman of the Department of Orthodontics, and coordinated by Dr. George Stookey, Associate Dean for Research. This is the only research facility of its kind in the world. It will serve to greatly expand the scientific base of dentistry.

Nothing is more important to the School of Dentistry than successful alumni and, because of opportunities in the profession, the School should be important to the growth of our graduates. Our paths should be charted together.

H. William Gilmore, Dean
OUR 1979 OFFICERS

Our officers elected at the fifth meeting of the alumni association in Brown County, Indiana, were:

President: B. Charles Kerkhove
Vice-President/Program Chairman: Burton Horwitz
Secretary/Treasurer: Phillip Pate
Board of Directors:
- 2 years: Robert Spedding
- 4 years: James Jinks
- 6 years: Paul Walker

Presenters at the meeting were:

Paul Baer, McDonald Lecturer - Periodontal disease in children and adolescents
Ronald Nirschl - Evaluation of a new pulp capping agent
Richard Skinner - Periodontal disease in juvenile diabetics
Charles Poland - Periodontics in the pedodontic post-doctoral program
James Weddell - Socioeconomic correlation of oral disease in six- to thirty-six month old children
Theodore Lynch - Anhydrotic ectodermal dysplasia: a case history
Ronald Mack - Labial pulpectomy access followed by esthetic composite resin restoration for non-vital primary maxillary incisors
MEMBER MESSAGES

Paul Starkey received the following note in March 1991 from Donald E. Gardner (Class of 1969):

All goes well with us. Debbie just graduated from Duke and is trying to find a job in Denver. Jenny is a sophomore at the University of San Diego and majoring in elementary education. Both are real good students and good athletes. Debbie is into fly fishing and is getting pretty good. Jenny is an outstanding golfer.

Julie is busy doing her volunteer work and keeping me in line. She skis and plays golf and tennis. We have been fortunate to have the life we have.

I have been dealt a big professional blow when after two back surgeries, I couldn’t sit at the dental chair without significant pain and numbness. It got so bad that I finally sold my practice in March 1990 after six years of misery. I hated to give up my practice, but I was offered some interesting jobs in and out of dentistry.

I have been asked to teach orthodontics, occlusion and TMJ dysfunction at the F.A.C.E. group in Burlingame, CA. It represents about 8 weeks a year, and has been fun to date. I also lecture internationally with Maury Corbett (pedo/ortho) who heads up F.A.C.E. We have been to several countries and will go to France and Germany in April. We’ll also be in Japan, Mexico, and Spain this year.

Having lots of experience with insurance companies has led to many offers to work for disability or life and health insurance providers. I have been consulting for one such company in Denver. We are trying to rehabilitate disabled doctors and have been very successful. That has led to organizing a new disability company with North American Life the insurer. I took the state insurance examination so I would be more knowledgeable. I learned a lot.

So Paul, you can see that I am busy, but frustrated that I can’t be in the office or educational environment which I loved. Life has been real good to me though and I have thanked the good Lord for that many times. I have told a lot of people that the greatest thing that happened to me was to get accepted and go to I.U. Pedo. You and Ralph were great to us, and I will never forget it. Thanks again for sharing your knowledge and friendship.

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The note below was sent by Lionel Traubman (Class 1967) to David Avery in March 1991:

The program helped shape my life, and I'm appreciative of all you and others do to perpetuate the fine tradition.

Dave also received the following note in June 1990 from Roland R. Ditto (Class of 1973):

I was so happy to receive the history volume on Dr. Ralph. He was truly a great leader and mentor to both of us. I feel ever closer to him now as Jeff (Dean, Class of 1985) is part of the family. You and I have been blessed to have an initiation such as Indiana and teachers of such caliber as Starkey, Roche and McDonald.
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