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Things have changed since we last talked

We have a new clinic in the dental school! It is quite nice and a pleasant environment for pediatric dentistry clinical education. Jeff Dean, Elizabeth Hatcher, and Brian Sanders are primarily responsible for its design although others had opportunities for input. Jim Brown offered several good ideas during the design phase of the project. It is a 12-chair facility where our undergraduate dental students experience the majority of their clinical exposure to child patients and includes one eight-chair open bay, one three-chair bay, and one conventional "quiet room" operatory. I hope you have the opportunity to see it soon. I am confident that you will be impressed. (continued on page 2)

1995 Biennial Meeting
Indianapolis, Indiana
June 22-24
Kevin J. Donly, D.D.S., M.S.

Current Concepts in Restorative Dentistry

Enamel microabrasion, glass ionomer cements, composite resins and dentin bonding agents, cariology and dental materials
The plans for the new Riley Hospital Dental Clinic are proceeding on schedule. We expect the new facility to be a national showpiece for pediatric dentistry postdoctoral education and for providing pediatric oral health services. Jim Weddell, Jon Irish, and I have played a major role in the design of the clinic but several other faculty and staff have also influenced the plans. Art Klein has been particularly interested and helpful as our plans for the facility and its management unfold. The new clinic is currently planned as a 16-chair facility and includes two five-chair open bay areas. Our plans also call for the expansion of our advanced educational program to include four or five pediatric dentistry residents per class. The pediatric dentistry faculty believe strongly that we should be graduating significantly more pediatric dentists if we are to do our share to supply Indiana and our nation with needed new members of our specialty.

Providing high quality pediatric dentistry educational programs with the very limited manpower currently available continues to be our most significant challenge at Indiana University. We have the fewest number of faculty and support staff dedicated to pediatric dentistry now than we have had in more than 25 years. Jim Weddell and I continue to serve as Director of Riley Dental Clinic and Director of Postdoctoral Pediatric Dentistry respectively. Brian Sanders is the new Director of Undergraduate Pediatric Dentistry. Our fourth participating full-time faculty member, David Hennon, provides didactic and clinical instruction in orthodontics primarily at the graduate level. After more than 33 years as a full-time faculty member, David is looking forward to his planned retirement effective January 1, 1996; he has been a very supportive and valuable member of our team. We will miss his contribution.

Jeff Dean is our fifth full-time faculty member in pediatric dentistry, but he is currently on a special leave that enables him to be enrolled as a full-time graduate student in orthodontics. After his graduation from the orthodontics program in June, 1996, Jeff will be assuming David Hennon's teaching responsibilities; however, we must keep the program going without them for six months. Obviously, we will be anxious for Jeff's return to our active full-time teaching staff.

Tom Ison is serving as our Clinical Fellow and part-time faculty member. Tom's position is comprised of a half-time faculty position supported by IUSD and a half-time clinical fellowship sponsored by the United Cerebral Palsy Research and Educational Foundation. Tom has been a tremendous help to us this year thanks to his excellent pediatric dentistry education in Kentucky* and his cooperative team spirit. We would love to find a way to entice him to stay with us after his fellowship ends in June.

Speaking of June reminds me to suggest that the last weekend in June, this year, would be an excellent time to see our new clinic. That is the weekend we will be hosting the 13th Biennial Meeting of the IUPDAA. I hope to see you then!

David Avery

*Among the fine faculty in the Kentucky program are four of our alumni, John Mink, Jenny Ison-Stiegers (Tom's sister), Bob Spedding, and Leslie Tanimura.
President's Column

When I was nominated to the board of our Pediatric Dental Alumni Association, the first thing that crossed my mind was “will I still be around when it is my turn to be president of our great organization?” Well, it appears that I will make it.

It is amazing how fast time flies when you are having fun. It seems just like yesterday when I was at IU and Riley Hospital. Some of my first residents at Riley either now have children as residents in Pediatric Dentistry or children already in the practice of Pediatric Dentistry.

It will be 33 years in June that I have been at the University of Kentucky. The only disloyal thing that I have done is root for UK in basketball and football, when they play IU. Otherwise, I am still a very loyal IU alum.

As mentioned in my previous letter in “Our Tree”, I would like to see our younger members attend the Saturday evening banquet this year. You will be our future leaders and you must become more a part of our organization. I really encourage you to do this. A great speaker has been arranged for the banquet who will speak on the early history and development of Riley Hospital as a tribute James Whitcomb Riley. Jon Kindred reads Riley’s poetry as part of the presentation.

Again, thanks to our program chairman, Dr. Phil Miller and especially Elizabeth Hatcher, we have another great weekend planned. Our speaker, Dr. Kevin Donly is well qualified to present us with updated material for the practice of Pediatric Dentistry. There will be a family picnic, golf, time to visit and renew old acquaintances, a banquet and just time to relax.

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting of the IU Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Association. See you there!

John Mink, President

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**REMEMINDER**

Hotel reservations for the 1995 meeting must be made early
University Place Hotel 1-800-627-2700 by May 22
Omni North 1-317-849-6668 by May 19
Registration is due by June 9
Gilmore’s Notes

Greetings to all pediatric dentistry alumni!

This year has been busy and special for the IU School of Dentistry. In a celebration of knowledge the faculty has launched a Period of Enlightenment program, which will serve to heighten public awareness of dental education in Indiana and will stress the value of dental health services. The Enlightenment activities will place strong emphasis on the undergraduate program with a special focus on dentistry for children. Highlights of the Enlightenment program include the opening of a new pediatric dentistry clinic and the creation of a system designed to expand the patient population in the Department of Oral Facial Development. Please visit the new facilities while you are on our attractive campus this summer.

Dental education is undergoing a reformation to re-identify its position in the overall scheme of health care and university life. The Indiana University hospitals are considering a merger with Methodist Hospital to form a new organization in which medical education would play an important role. New opportunities would be opened for the hospital dental programs and would involve the faculty in innovative educational settings. The dental school’s undergraduate curriculum is also being revised to build new strengths that will be necessary for IUSD to retain its quality education program during the next decade.

The pediatric dentistry alumni can provide part of the vision and guidance for positioning our school to serve future students, patients, and faculty in the best ways possible. The support will also be valuable for building upon our contributions to the IU academic health center.

I look forward to your alumni meeting this summer.

H. William Gilmore
Dean

Our Alumni Association Goes International to San Pedro, Belize, Central America: Phil Miller, Chuck Poland, Phil Pate, Bill Keaty, Stephen Branam and, Jim Carey have been traveling to Belize, C.A. for a school fluoride rinse program. To learn how this group was started during the 1991 alumni meeting, attend the 1995 meeting for a presentation by Chuck Poland during the luncheon on Saturday.
IU Alum Nominee for ABPD Director

Paul O. Walker (Class of 1972) was named as one of two nominees for the position of Director of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry during the Ad-interim Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry in November, 1994. The election will be held on Saturday, May 27, 1995 during the Business Meeting of the AAPD Annual Session in San Francisco, CA.

Dr. Walker was a member of the Board of Directors of the Indiana University Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Association and served as President in 1991-93. In addition, he was elected as the first District IV Trustee and served on the Board of Trustees of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry from 1988-91. After completion of his pediatric dentistry program in 1972, Dr. Walker was a member of the faculty at the University of Minnesota and served as the Director of the Hospital Dental Clinic and the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Pediatric Dentistry (1972-1994). He also maintained a pediatric dentistry practice with Health Partners in Minneapolis-St. Paul. Currently, Dr. Walker is the Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas, TX. Dr. David Good (Canoga Park, CA) is the other nominee for the position. If you will be attending the Annual Session, please plan on attending the Business Meeting and vote during the election.

The Reception

After the American Association of Dental Schools meeting in 1994, Jeff Dean and Jim Jones were waiting for their flights out of Seattle and began to discuss the recent changes at IU. They realized that because he had not retired or moved to another university, David Avery's contributions to I.U. had never been acknowledge even though his administrative duties had changed considerably. They decided that it would be nice to organize a recognition reception for him at the 1994 AAPD meeting. Jim would send out the mailing and accept contributions in his Fort Wayne office since they wanted the reception to be a surprise (and knew David would snoop out any plans hatched at IU).

The surprise for David Avery was full of harrowing moments in the planning even though most of the effort occurred out of town. Jeff and Elizabeth decided early on that David must know about the plans because he would walk into the office he was sharing with them at many opportune times. These unexpected entrances would be accompanied by comments such as "Oh, you don't want me to know what you are talking about" or "Is it safe to come in or are you talking about me?". It kept conversation lively in the office the three of them shared for several months before the reception!

Elizabeth was sure the surprise was blown when one hour before the reception David called her hotel room to say that he was watching hotel TV and that a room was reserved for IUPDAA later that evening and wondered what was going on. Elizabeth's response was "Don't you have anything better to do in Disney World than watch hotel TV?!" Beyond that, David offered all the explanations for why a room was reserved that neither he or Elizabeth knew about and hung up very satisfied with the answers he had provided! Despite all the possible errors that could have betrayed the surprise, the surprise was total and the reception a success. David was presented with two certificates at the reception (see the photo layout) and a clock. On the photo page you will also see photos of David and Susan enjoying the cruise they went on as a gift from the association.

David and Susan cruised from Miami to Key West, Cancun and Cozumel, Mexico just before Christmas in 1994. They had a great time and consider the cruise a wonderful gift from their friends and associates. Thanks to all the alumni who contributed to the gift fund, participated in the reception and helped to show David how much he is appreciated!
Reception in Orlando Honoring David Avery -
May 29, 1994

PRESENTED TO
David R. Avery
With sincere appreciation for your 17 years of outstanding service and dedication as Chairman of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at Indiana University School of Dentistry

Your students, colleagues and friends of the
INDIANA UNIVERSITY PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
May 1994

Lisa and Andy Soul, David Avery's daughter and son-in-law

Priscilla Johns Bond, David Avery with Jim Jones
Ron Mack, Alejandro Ibarra and Rene and Ray Klein

Anne Marie Walsh, George Krull, Hala Henderson and John Walsh

Tracy Jerger, John Lucia and their spouses
Bret Jerger and Kelli Lucia

Roy Green and Chuck Poland
Cathy and Keith Roberts

Diane Dilley, Patrick Fleege and Art Mourino

Tom Wickliffe with classmate George Krull

Gary Dilley with Bill Keaty

Paul Schneider with Chuck Kerkhove
Thanks to everyone who attended the reception and made a contribution to the gift fund to honor David Avery
On this day, Sunday, May 29, 1994, the Indiana University Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Association PROMISES to purchase a vacation getaway for David R. Avery to the location of his choice, and to bestow this gift upon him with heartfelt thanks for his many years of leadership and dedicated service.

In return, David R. Avery shall PROMISE to take this trip at the time of his choice and to do so with a light heart. When he has made a decision about the trip, he will allow Elizabeth Hatcher to make the necessary travel arrangements.

THIS IS AN OFFER WHICH CANNOT BE REFUSED!

Your students, colleagues and friends of IUPDAA
Alumni Members’ Achievements

New Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry

A. Scott Anderson
Jenny Ison
Carol McKown
Leslie Tanimura

American College of Dentists

Diane Dilley
John Walsh

Martin Walshe was installed as the President of the American Dental Association of Europe.

Paul Walker was appointed as Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at Baylor College of Dentistry.

About Our Residents

The new first year students starting on July 1, 1995 are:

Bradley T. Fulkerson - University of Kentucky - Class of 1995
Vickie L. Hemann - Northwestern University - Class of 1995
Edward M. Sammons - Indiana University - Class of 1995

Ed is the third student enrolled in the joint pediatric dentistry/orthodontic training program at Indiana University. Holly Wentz, the second student enrolled, is completing her first year of orthodontic training.

The new second year students starting on July 1, 1995 are:

Andrew C. Guthrie
Gary R. Toppi

The Class of 1995 have the following plans:

Bret M. Jerger plans to join his father James Jerger in the practice of Pediatric Dentistry in Decatur, Illinois.

Kelli R. Lucia plans to practice in Indianapolis until her husband completes medical school.

Matthew D. Pate plans to join his father Philip Pate in the practice of Pediatric Dentistry in Kokomo, Indiana.
Children's Dental Care Fund

The Children’s Dental Clinic at Indiana University School of Dentistry has established a fund through Indiana University Foundation to help provide dental care to children of low income families. This fund was established in February, 1994 to help pay for comprehensive dental services for children who visit the clinic. The profile of these children is a familiar one:

A child comes to the clinic for an emergency visit. During the emergency exam it is identified that the child has multiple carious teeth, abscesses, and missing teeth. The child is relieved of pain at the appointment and the parents are encouraged to bring the child in for complete care. The parents are unable to return for additional care because of the costs and the child goes without treatment until the next emergency.

A parent calls the clinic and says they have been to a private practice and the dentist’s fees for the treatment of their child will be about $3,000. They were referred to the clinic by the dentist because our fees are lower. Treatment for this child will still be too expensive for the parents and again treatment is not provided or at least postponed.

The fees at the dental school are approximately 60% of local private practice fees and we are able to “write off” some treatment for children, but there are still many children who do not receive the necessary dental care.

The Children's Dental Fund will be administered by the Oral Facial Development Clinic Manager (Elizabeth Hatcher) for services provided in the dental school pediatric clinic. Parental financial records will be reviewed and a sliding fee scale assigned for the necessary treatment to bring the child to good oral health. The fund will be used to cover the cost of treatment not charged to the parents.

If you would like additional information about this account, please call Elizabeth Hatcher at 317-274-8220. Contributions may be sent to the attention of Elizabeth at 1121 West Michigan Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. A notation should be made on the check that it is for the Dental Services for Children Fund, Account #38 D008 413. Contributions are tax deductible. Thank you.

Visit the HOSPITALITY SUITE during the Academy Meeting

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