Thanks Paul (Editor of Our Tree) 1986-1995

At the Board of Directors Meeting on June 11, 1995, the Board reluctantly accepted Paul Starkey’s resignation as Editor of Our Tree. Under Paul’s leadership and with the excellent help of Elizabeth Hatcher, associate editor, Our Tree has been an important method of communicating with our alumni in the United States and around the World. With Paul’s assurance that Elizabeth does all the work, I agreed to accept the role of editor. So, please send me any news items dealing with achievements of our members.

There is a matter of unfinished business that Paul brought to the attention of the Board at the last meeting. During Dr. Stanley Herman’s Presidency, Paul was appointed historian of the association. Paul decided to make a televised documentary of the IU Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Association and the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, now a part of the Department of Oral Facial Development. A series of video taped interviews with faculty members, administrators, and alumni have been completed. There are also twenty plus years of slides that can be incorporated into the story. It is hoped that someone will agree to accept the task of editing these materials to produce a tape which could be used by our alumni and the program to promote our story. Any volunteers?

Please join me in thanking Paul for his ten years of service to Our Tree.

Ralph E. McDonald, Editor

David K. Hennon Has Gone Fishing

David K. Hennon concluded a long and important association with Indiana University School of Dentistry on December 31, 1995 when he was granted early retirement because of a potential health problem.

Following Dave’s graduation from IUSD, he received one of the prestigious United States Public Health Service postdoctoral fellowships that launched him on a career in teaching and research. A review of Dave’s thirty-eight publications documents a diversity of knowledge and skills in the areas of nutrition, fluoride metabolism, hypnosis and craniofacial anomalies.
Dave is dual trained in Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics and he is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Dave served as the Director of the Graduate Pedodontic Clinic from 1976 to 1982 and more recently as professor of Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics. He was an important member of the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children’s craniofacial anomalies team. He also played an important role as a member of the School of Dentistry Teaching Committee and was chairman of that committee in 1988.

Dr. Hennon’s talents were recognized outside the Dental School as evidenced by his contributions to the IUPUI Faculty Council and his service as a member of the Faculty Affairs Committee, Faculty Board of Review, and the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

Thank you, Dave, for your many contributions to our school, our specialties of Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics, and for your community activities.

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MOBILE DENTAL UNIT
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY
John R. Mink D.D.S. M.S.D.

In the summer of 1971, Dr. Robert H. Spedding and I had the opportunity to spend some time in Israel on a dental project. Part of the responsibility on this project was staffing a bus that was converted and equipped as a mobile dental unit. The staffing on the unit was provided by dental students and Pediatric Dental faculty from various United States dental schools. Our responsibility was to provide dental treatment to both Arab and Israeli children in rural and urban areas. Dr. Spedding and I were impressed with this approach, and upon returning home, discussed the need for a similar project in Kentucky.

At that time we were unable to come up with the funding for such a project so the idea lay dormant for many years. During this time we had the opportunity to obtain the use of a fixed three chair dental clinic in a rural Kentucky elementary school. This clinic was staffed with a Pediatric Dental Faculty member and six dental students. We found the dental needs in the rural Appalachia area of Kentucky were great. The groups of children that were our target group were those children whose parents' income was just above the medicaid card level. Again, our concern was raised for the flexibility of a mobile dental unit.

In 1988 we decided to try again to see if money could be raised for a mobile unit. We called on some prominent dentists in the state and even called on the Lieutenant Governor who was interested in health matters, but with minimum results. However, we did stimulate interest and Jan Swauger from our development office suggested some private foundations we might contact to see if they had an interest in funding such a project. With
her help, and a good idea, we submitted a request for $200,000.00 to the Steele-Reese foundation which funds projects for the Appalachia area of the United States. The foundation funded $100,000.00 to be used as matching funds with which to raise the additional funds to construct a mobile dental unit. We were given one year to raise the additional funds. Again, working with our foundation office, other private foundations were contacted and an additional $65,000.00 was raised. However, this was still short of our goal.

At this time we contacted the Appalachian Regional Commission which is a Federal program that funds various projects in Appalachia. Through our state office, a $125,000.00 grant was submitted for construction of a mobile unit. Again, we were very fortunate and were funded for this amount. This, plus the funding from the private foundations, gave us a total of $290,000.00 for the construction and implementation of a mobile dental unit.

THE MOBILE UNIT

A company was located in Ohio that constructed medical and some dental mobile units. After a great deal of discussion with this company and others a clinic was designed and the specifications were submitted for bid. We wanted to have a company close to Lexington so we could be involved with the construction to be sure our dental plans were properly followed. Some of the requirements were that it must contain three complete operating stations and the unit must be totally self contained and could operate independently of any local power requirements.

Figure 1

The completed unit (Fig.1, Fig.2) is 40 feet long with three chairs, a sterilization area, an x-ray unit, a built-in diesel run generator to supply enough power to run the dental units, and all dental related needs as well as the heating and air conditioning units. The unit contains sufficient seating for seven people with seat belts not including the driver and the passenger.

Figure 2
seat. It is also accessible for handicapped patients.

From the start of fund raising to the completion of the unit took 2-1/2 years. Because we had sufficient funding we were able to build a top of the line mobile dental unit.

INITIAL USE OF THE UNIT

Several schools were contacted within a 1-1/2 hour drive from Lexington. Once the schools were aware that they did not have to transport the students to the unit, we were accepted with open arms. Most of the elementary schools in Kentucky have Family Resource Centers whose responsibility is to look after children’s needs other than the educational programs. They deal with health needs, family problems, and many other aspects of a child’s needs so the children can function in the school setting. We worked with these centers and their staff to send home the necessary paper work to obtain parental permission to examine their child and take the necessary x-rays. A treatment plan is developed and sent home with additional forms explaining the child’s treatment needs and requesting the parents to complete a health history form and gave us written permission to treat their child. This system has worked with great success.

SERVICES PROVIDED

As mentioned previously, the target group of children we treat are in the elementary schools and some headstart children. The forms are sent home to those children who qualify for the free school lunch program. The dental services provided include preventive, restorative, pulp therapy, and extractions. No space management or orthodontic treatment is provided. There is no charge to the parents for any of the treatment provided. In many of the schools we have been able to return and provide recall appointments to maintain dental health.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING

After functioning the first year with the start up money it was necessary to seek additional funds for continued support. A grant application was submitted to the Appalachian Regional Commission for support of personnel, supplies and general support and maintenance of the unit. Again we were fortunate and received $110,000.00 in funding. With these funds Dr. Angela Templeton, a pediatric dentist, a dental assistant, and a driver were employed to staff the mobile unit. We were funded a second year for the same amount. At the end of this period additional funds were sought and again we were funded by a line item budget from the state government for two years at $110,000.00 per year. In addition, this funding was supplemented through a grant from Maternal and Child Health to implement and continue a sealant grant. This funding was used to employ additional dental hygienists and dental assistants to place sealants.

Weekly Schedule

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During the school year a schedule is arranged and the schools are contacted or we are contacted by the schools requesting our services. At some schools we provide complete care and at others we only provide sealants. The assigned dental students are on the mobile unit one day a week for ten weeks.

**Summer program**

Because the schools are closed during the summer it was necessary to find other sites in the state to keep the mobile unit active. A summer program is carried out working with a county health department in one of the Appalachian counties. This program is staffed by a faculty member (Fig. 3, Dr. John Mink and Dental Students), a dental assistant, two fourth year and two third year dental students. (Fig. 4, Dental Students—Erin Storie and Kirstin Rissee). Eight weeks are spent at this location and complete care is provided. The mobile unit is parked at the site and plugged in for the power source. Personnel from the health department schedule the patients. The mobile staff stays at a state resort park during the week, returning to Lexington for the weekends. This is an excellent program and a great learning experience for the students.

**SUMMARY**

The mobile dental unit is a viable part of our college's teaching and service program. It has brought a great deal of publicity to the college through television specials and newspaper articles. The unit is a moving billboard as it proceeds down the highway.
President’s Column
by Phil Miller

Greetings to “You All” from a cloudy-chilly Southern State. Like you, I am sure, spring cannot come soon enough for this tooth Doctor, chicken farmer’s son, and pig-joke teller. As you probably are aware, our biennial alumni meeting will be in June of 1997. Chuck Poland and his local arrangements committee began plans for the meeting immediately following our 1995 meeting. Details will follow.

Our next opportunity to get reacquainted will be at the May Academy meeting in Chicago. Bill Keaty has agreed to help David Avery with the many details of securing and operating our hospitality suite.

With the help of our officers, board of directors, and Elizabeth Hatcher, and various committees there are exciting times ahead for our alumni organization. I am very thankful to have such good people serving with me. It is my goal as your President to take our organization to the highest level possible during my time of serving. I am reminded of a short poem by one of our most favorite poets:

The Highest Good

To attain the highest good
of true man and womanhood,
simply do your honest best
God with joy will do the rest.

James Whitcomb Riley

Support

As President-Elect of the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry Alumni Association in August, I can tell you that our IU Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Association is not alone in its need for service from its membership. These are times when our practices, dental schools, and alumni organizations need good people, communicating and focusing unselfishly, using the best systems in order to succeed and prosper. I have witnessed our leaders and many of our membership share some of their values received at IU by donating their time and money. It may sound corny, but the goose that lays the golden eggs must be nurtured.

You have the opportunity now of giving financially via the McDonald Fund or the McClure Fund. (Contributions to the McDonald Fund can be made with the enclosed solicitation card. Contributions to the McClure Fund can be sent to the James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association, 50 South Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.) There are plans in the making to develop a new fund. The purpose of this new fund is to endow a faculty position at the hospital. The James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association is very active and successful in acquiring large corporate donations for the benefit of Riley Hospital. One of their programs is to provide matching funds in each department for the purpose of endowing professorships. This is currently an active program in most departments. The Memorial Association is most interested in assisting the pediatric dentistry area at the hospital, both organizationally and financially, to develop our own fund. You will hear more about this later. Phil Pate has shared with me “We could all give
$100 each month. When you think about it, that is the approximate fee for one recall appointment”. In those terms, it really would not be too much to ask.

Every Pediatric Dentist graduate from IU whom I have ever met agreed with these two things: 1) His/her training was the finest in existence. 2) He/she wants our IU program to continue to be at the top. Every time we get together, we are renewed and express thanks for our heritage. Our financial giving must demonstrate that thanks in the future. I challenge each of you to budget as you can and write a check today.

We Defer Things

We say and we say and we say-
We promise, engage and declare-
Til a year from tomorrow is yesterday,
And yesterday is - - where?

James Whitcomb Riley

Hospitality Suite

The Suite at each Academy meeting offers some residents a room and all members in attendance an enjoyable time for fellowship and sharing ideas in an environment of luxury. We all look forward to the escape from the Academy’s activities to a relaxing place with liquid refreshments. Some of you are not aware of the huge expense of the suite, and refreshments particularly, in some hotels. There have been suite expenses in excess of $5,000. It is my goal to increase outside contributions, thus leaving thus leaving our dues to operate our organization. Even though our hospitality suite at each academy meeting is a luxury, the Board of Directors feel that the suite is worthwhile and should be supported by the association. Dave Avery will be in charge of the race pool and will be helping in other suite activities. Some race pool funds will go toward the suite expenses this year.

Bill Keaty and I have been brainstorming about activities that will generate money and will also be entertaining to everyone. Read his section of the newsletter to see the excitement in store for you. We are asking ALL alumni members to contribute at least $25 for the suite, whether attending the meeting or not. I expect some members will make $300 to $400 donations especially considering the great prizes Bill Keaty has arranged.

Alumni Meeting

You do not want to miss our June 1997 IU Pedo Alumni meeting. It is going to be great. Great fun, great fellowship, great food, and great education. More Northern knowledge for this Southern boy to take back South! Read Chuck’s section of the newsletter about our meeting and plan to come.
1995 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on Saturday, June 24, 1995 by President John Mink.

1. Treasurer’s Report: Submitted and accepted by the members present.

2. Our Tree Editor: Paul Starkey has stepped down as editor and Ralph McDonald agreed the assume the role.

3. McDonald Fund Report: As of May 31, 1995 the combined assets of the Operating and Endowment Accounts was $58,858.44; the Market Value was $96,081.96. Deposits to these accounts (including dividends) from July 1, 1993 to May 31, 1995 were $36,824.89. Expenses for the same period totaled $27,643.58.

4. McDonald Fund Committee: The committee was reappointed by the Board.

5. History Tape: Paul Starkey has accumulated material of historical value to pediatric dentistry at IU and to the alumni association. A volunteer(s) is needed to edit and organize the material into a tape that can be utilized by alumni.

6. 1996 AAPD Meeting in Chicago: Discussion involved concerns about the expenses incurred for the hospitality suite. The members voted to continue the suite, but that ways to lower the cost should be investigated.

7. Executive Secretary: Elizabeth Hatcher was reappointed.

8. Election of Officers and Board Members: The following slate was presented to the members and elected by those present:

   President: Phil Miller
   Vice-President/Program Chairperson: Chuck Poland
   Secretary/Treasurer: Carol McKown
   Board Members
      2 years: Brian Lee
      4 Years: Carol Braun
      6 Years: Gerry Wright

9. 1997 Meeting Date and Site: The meeting will be held in Indianapolis. The specific weekend will be determined after a review of possible dates with the Indianapolis Convention Center.

10. Presentation of the future of pediatric dentistry at Indiana University: David Avery presented information related to the growth of the specialty at Riley Hospital and within the dental school.

11. Endowed Professorship: The Riley Memorial Association is available to provide financial and organizational support to develop a fund to endow a professorship in pediatric dentistry. Chuck Poland and David Avery will work on developing a plan for this project.

Meeting adjourned.
Highlights of the 1995 Meeting

A lovely picnic was planned in the courtyard of the hotel; 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the picnic, the sky opened up and poured down an incredible amount of rain. The “picnic” was moved in doors and everyone had a great time.

Children (young and old) were entertained by a magician - Austin Dean, Michael and David Avery

Katie McKown awaits her sculptured balloon

Philip Sokolof with Ron Mack

Shafer Yost marvels at a magical trick
Yoshi Hamada, Ralph McDonald, TJ Guthrie, Paul Starkey and Jeff Dean

Bob Spedding, John Mink, Phyllis and Stan Herman, and Gus Carr

Ron and Janet Mack

Barb Dean and Keith Ray
The Reception and Banquet

Jon Kindred was the keynote speaker and presented a wonderful program of readings of James Whitcomb Riley poetry. Jon was such a success, that he has been invited back for 1997 (that is how traditions start!)

Marian and TJ Guthrie with their son, Andrew and his wife, Carla. Andrew will complete the pediatric dentistry training program in 1996.

David Avery with Ralph McDonald
Gene Eggers with Bob Spedding, John Mink, and Gene's wife, Donna

Hala Henderson with Sarah Jane McDonald

Rita Marie and Jim Jerger, John Mink and their son Bret with his wife, Tracey. Bret completed the pediatric dentistry program in 1995

Carol Jean and Ken Braun
Phil Miller and Kevin Donly (McDonald Lecturer)

Gene Eggers and Art Klein

Keith and Cathy Roberts

Kelli and John Lucia. Kelli completed the pediatric dentistry program in 1995

Bill Keaty and Phil Pate
Awards and Presentations

Paul Starkey with Holly Wentz (1994 G. R. Baker Fellowship Recipient)

Chuck Poland presents membership certificate to new associate member Tom Ison

Yoshi Hamada (a 1995 Ralph E. McDonald Research Award Winner) with David Avery. Dr. Hamada traveled from Japan to present his paper at the meeting.

Nora Tleel of Jordan also was a recipient of the 1995 Ralph E. McDonald Research Award. Jeffrey Dean presented her paper at the meeting.
Alumni Members’ Achievements

Paul O. Walker (Class of 1972) was elected to the position of Director of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry at the 1995 AAPD meeting. Paul was the first Trustee of District IV.

J. Keith Roberts (Class of 1972) was elected for a three year term (1995-1998) as a Trustee for District IV of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. District 4 includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Ontario, Manitoba, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Brian D. Lee (Class of 1970) has been nominated for a three year term as Trustee-at-Large for AAPD. Dr. Lee practices in Foster City, California.

Wendy Synenberg (Class of 1982) was the recipient of the 1995 Better Business Bureau Award for Excellence in Community Education in Cleveland, OH. The award cited Dr. Synenberg with the following:

“The pediatric dentistry office of Wendy Synenberg believes that with educational and dental awareness at a very young age, they can help parents raise their children to be cavity free. They calculate that an incredible 97% of the practice’s patients are without cavities.

“The office’s educational program goes well beyond its customer base, and reached out to over 1,500 children in 1995 through visits to preschools, public and private schools, and libraries. The child-centered program includes dental videotapes, demonstrations and interactive discussions concerning dietary issues, tooth care and dental visit orientation. The office has also spread the word about dental health through community functions and media appearances.”

Nora Tleel (Class of 1994) received the Ralph E. McDonald Research Aware in 1995. Her paper was presented by Jeff Dean at the 1995 meeting, due to Nora’s commitments to her practice in Jordan.
Hala Zawawi Henderson

Hala Z. Henderson completed her term as President of the American Society of Dentistry for Children (ASDC) at the society’s annual meeting at Palm Springs, CA on October 28, 1995. Hala received many accolades for her leadership role in the society including the following comments that appeared in Norman Olsen’s article in the September-October, 1995 issue of the Journal of Dentistry for Children.

“It has been a special privilege this past year to work with our good president, Hala Henderson, during her tenure as president. As witnessed by the officers, board, trustees, and the membership, she is a very capable administrator and leader. We are grateful for her many significant contributions.”

Hala was the fourth pediatric dentist from our school to have the privilege of serving as president of ASDC. She was preceded by Ralph E. McDonald, 1962; Richard E. Jennings, 1965; and Paul E. Starkey, 1966. Let’s go for a fifth!

About Our Residents

The new first year students starting on July 1, 1996 are:

Robert B. Harrison - University of Mississippi Medical Center - Class of 1988 - United States Navy

Julie M. Collins - University of Illinois College of Dentistry - Class of 1988 - United States Air Force

The new second year students starting on July 1, 1996 are:

Bradley T. Fulkerson

Vickie L. Hemann

Edward S. Sammons

The Class of 1996 have the following plans:

Andrew C. Guthrie plans to join his father, TJ Guthrie (Class of 1960), in the practice of Pediatric Dentistry in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Gary R. Toppi plans a private practice in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.
HOT NEWS from INDY
Pack your bags  Call the airlines  Get it on the schedule
1997 IU Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Meeting
June 26-28, 1997

The Local Arrangements Committee for our 1997 Alumni meeting in Indianapolis is already hard at work to make this meeting our best ever. Our Speaker - Dr. Jeff Dean - you got it-one of our own, Pediatric Dentist, Orthodontist, Teacher, Researcher and dedicated Alumnus. You are going to learn about orthodontic treatment for the child and adolescent from an expert who has been through it all, formal training and all the weekend courses.

NOW FOR THE REST OF THE STORY.

Thursday, June 26, 1997
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.  Board Meeting

Friday, June 27, 1997
8:00 to 8:30 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 to 11:45  Dr. Jeff Dean - Scientific Program
12:15 to 6:00 p.m.  * Lunch and gold tournament at the Speedway Golf Course, home of the Indianapolis GTE Senior PGA tournament - Chairperson-Chuck Kerkhove
OR  * Lunch and tennis tournament at the IUPUI Tennis Complex - Chairperson-Janet Clark
7:00 to 10:00 p.m.  Dinner and fun for the entire family at the Indianapolis Children’s Museum - Chairperson-Carol McKown (when Carol plans a party, she really plans a party! Don’t miss it)

Saturday, June 28, 1997
8:00 to 8:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast
8:30 to noon  Dr. Dean - Scientific Program continues
Noon to 2:30 p.m.  * Lunch - The Workingman’s Friend
* Alumni business meeting, an update on our graduate and undergraduate pediatric dental programs, including the new Riley Outpatient Clinic  Dr. McDonald has promised to tell a few stories on anyone not in attendance.
6:30 to ??  Cocktail Reception and Dinner Banquet at the Columbia Club. We hope to hear more about James Whitcomb Riley and his poetry from Jon Kindred. Chairperson-Jeff Dean (yes, it’s the same guy!)

As you can see, the Local Arrangements Committee is working to make this a very special weekend. We hope you agree and will start making your plans to attend now. If there is something we have missed that you want that weekend, let us hear from you.

Chuck Poland
VP and Program Chairman
Alumni Hospitality Suite to Feature a Plethora of Activities for 1996 Academy Meeting

The Alumni Hospitality Suite will be in Room 4517 of the Chicago Downtown Marriott. It will be open daily Friday through Tuesday noon, May 24-28, 1996. The suite this year will offer a number of activities including a raffle to help defray the costs. Each raffle ticket will sell for $25.00. Some of the prizes that have already been offered for raffle are: free registration to the 1997 Alumni Meeting in Indianapolis; a week in Phil Pate’s condo in Dillon, Colorado; a week in Jim Carey’s beach home (actually it’s a resort) in Docilla Island, Florida; a bottle of Pat Fleege’s private stock Washington State Andrew and Will Cabernet Sauvignon of ‘93; select Washington State smoked salmon compliments of Dan O’Brien; Masters hat and shirt compliments of Phil Miller; a basket of select Florida citrus products compliments of Harry Bopp; and a basket of Cajun foods, spices, and seasonings. We ask if you have any unique items that you would like to offer for raffle, please let me know as soon as possible. We are accepting T-shirts, autographed sports or celebrity memorabilia, and unique foods.

Activities will start with a President’s Welcome Reception hosted by the Officers and the Board of Directors of the alumni association Friday evening. Other activities which will be scheduled throughout the meeting days will include an official drawing for the slots for the Indianapolis 500 race, a short informative up-date from David Avery on the Graduate Program and other recent happenings at the dental school, a personal visit from a representative of the Academy to answer questions you may have regarding Academy activities, a sign-up sheet for couples who wish to join each other for dinner or sit together at any of the luncheon or banquet functions and a display of old photographs/slides (if you have some good ones, bring them). Also, we will have the usual snacks and libations and a few special surprises.

We have enclosed a self-addressed envelope and we ask that you send your donation of at least $25.00 for one raffle ticket, 5 tickets are available for $100.00. Remember, the more tickets you buy the more chances you have to win. It is not necessary to be present to win, but we certainly would like you to try to make this meeting and enjoy camaraderie and friendship that the alumni association provides through the hospitality suite.

As always, suggestions and recommendations are welcome. Hope to see you in Chicago.

Bill Keaty, Riley ‘74
Avery’s Notes

One of the more noteworthy news items on our campus this year has been the announcement that Indiana University Hospitals will be merging with Methodist Hospital of Indianapolis. The details concerning the merger are currently being finalized. Our chief administrator at Riley Hospital, Dr. Gary Miller, has recently provided us with updated information regarding the progress of the merger which I will now pass on to you. The contract between IU and Medical Health (Methodist) is currently being defined and reviewed by the respective Boards of Trustees. The official consolidation date is set for July 1, 1996. On this date, there will no longer be an IU or Methodist Hospital. A consultant has been hired to identify a new name to be announced prior to the consolidation. Building names will remain the same, departments will be combined under one name but several locations of the same department could exist. Eight thousand employees will be affected and the actual consolidation will be a gradual process. Changes will be staggered and ongoing for several years. The IU Schools of Medicine and Dentistry are not part of the consolidation. Changes to residency programs are likely to be affected by changes in medical health care legislation.

Our plans for a new Riley Dental Clinic as part of a new Riley Outpatient Center building were put on hold due to the merger. However, these plans are once again moving forward. Groundbreaking is planned for late 1996 or early 1997 and construction is to be completed in 1999. You will be able to witness the progress toward completion of our new clinic by attending our next two biennial meetings, please do.

Following a decade of excellent teaching and service in pediatric dentistry at Indiana, Dr. Carol McKown has decided to devote more time to her family and her private practice. She has served our programs in many valuable ways since her graduation from IU Pedo in 1986. We will certainly miss her regular presence with us as well as her pleasant and enthusiastic commitment to her responsibilities here. Although we regret her departure from her active faculty role, I know we will still be able to count on her expertise occasionally as a member of our volunteer staff. Thank you Carol!
Fortunately Dr. Jeffrey Dean’s scheduled return to our full-time faculty is not far away. He will complete his formal advanced educational program in orthodontics in July, 1996. We are extremely pleased that he is returning to full-time activity with us and that his return will be soon. Although his teaching responsibilities will encompass the entire spectrum of pediatric dentistry, his primary teaching responsibility will be directing the educational program for our residents in the area of managing developing dentitions and orthodontic intervention. Dr. Hennon’s recent retirement has resulted in the need to identify someone new to lead the faculty and residents in this area of our program. Jeff’s return will bring the number of full-time faculty in pediatric dentistry up to four including Jim Weddell, Brian Sanders, and me. Two new part-time faculty, Dr. Jennifer Satterfield and Dr. Dennis Zimmerman, have also joined us recently to fill open clinical teaching positions.

We are currently trying to identify candidates for our United Cerebral Palsy/Pediatric Dentistry Clinical Fellowship and Faculty position for the 1996-97 year. This is a postgraduate level III training and teaching position for a one-year period designed for a young (or recent graduate) pediatric dentist. The candidates should have special interests in dentistry for disabled patients and pediatric dentistry education. A candidate must also be eligible for licensure in Indiana which requires a DDS or DMD degree from a US or Canadian dental school. The stipend for this position is very competitive for level III positions across the country. If any of you know potential candidates please have them contact me as soon as possible.

As described elsewhere in this newsletter, new fun and interesting activities are planned for our members and friends during the AAPD annual meeting in Chicago next month. These activities will be based in our Hospitality Suite. I am most grateful to Bill Keaty who graciously volunteered to acquire the suite and organize the activities. I hope to see you there!

1997 Biennial Meeting
Indianapolis, Indiana
June 26-28, 1997
Jeffrey A. Dean, D.D.S., M.S.D.

Early Orthodontic Intervention: The Debate Roars On

Musings from a seasoned pediatric dentist and a “novice” orthodontist

Jeff received his bachelor’s degree from Purdue University and his master’s and doctoral degrees in dentistry, as well as his specialty certificate in pediatric dentistry from Indiana University. He will be completing his orthodontic training at IU in July 1996. Jeff is board certified by the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and he has published several articles and authored a chapter in the sixth edition of Dentistry for the Child and Adolescent. His main research projects involve pulp therapy for children and mapping the gene for dentin dysplasia.
President's Column
by Phil Miller

Dear Fellow Alumni,

Greetings to you all. I hope everyone had a nice holiday. It's time to make your New Year's Resolutions, shed a few pounds and write down those 1997 goals. While you are at it, plan to see "Phil in Philly" this May at the AAPD meeting, then in Indianapolis for our biennial meeting in June.

My appreciation goes out for all the efforts many have made for our alumni organization. An Executive Secretary search committee consisting of Drs. Ralph McDonald, Dave Avery, and Chuck Poland was organized to find a replacement for Elizabeth Hatcher who has served formally as our Executive Director for more than 13 years. Elizabeth did a great job for our alumni organization and many of us have been very dependent on her. We will miss her experience, knowledge and hard work. I wish her God's blessing.

The search committee spent numerous hours on this important task, and kept me informed over the several months they spent reviewing all options. I have to admit I got a little impatient wondering how we would function without filling Elizabeth's position real soon. But their diligence paid off, and they selected a truly outstanding replacement - Pam Lovejoy. I have spoken with Pam and I can report to you that she is well on her way to catching up with our business. My thanks go out to Drs. McDonald, Poland and Avery. We are most fortunate to have Pam as our new Executive Secretary. You may read more about Pam in this publication.

Wow, I had a great time in Chicago last May. I hope everyone enjoyed the Hospitality Suite activities. This year the executive committee wanted to increase suite activities as well as enhance contributions. As President, I had the task of choosing the right chairperson. I needed a detail oriented person with know-how and connections. I needed someone with authority, experience, looks, and talent. In short, I needed a wild, but organized "Party Animal". That made the decision easy. And as you know, I finally appointed Bill Keaty, chairperson of our Hospitality Suite Committee. Seriously, I know
all agree who visited our suite, “The Indiana Alumni Organization left it’s mark in Chicago”.

Bill flew to Chicago months before the meeting to check out the hotel, select our suite and meet hotel representatives. These are a few of Bill’s accomplishments for us: badges, T-shirts, golf shirts, caps, printed meeting suite itinerary, mucho food and beverage, many unique and valuable donations contributed by the membership for the drawing, and last, but not least, a celebrity-guest bartender! (He is accepting suggestions now for 1997 celebrity bartender!)

Our alumni organization is truly indebted to Bill Keaty for his efforts. He performed a tremendous amount of work before, during and after the meeting. Phyllis, Bill’s lovely wife, also deserves our thanks and appreciation. She prepared food, purchased food and supplies, and kept everything stocked. Thank you Bill and Phyllis for the fun and profitable activities. Good News! Bill also has agreed to help us with the suite in Philadelphia.

I really appreciate the membership’s support of the alumni suite through your attendance, cooperation, enthusiasm, and contributions. Your generosity enabled us not only to cover our expenses, but also to show a modest profit. Many of you also volunteered your time for decorations, signs, tending bar and helping the residents clean up. Thank you to all.

Before I close, I would like to extend my appreciation for the tireless efforts of our vice president, Chuck Poland. He has worked with Elizabeth for over a year computerizing our bookkeeping. He has made numerous phone calls, attended a series of meetings, and kept me informed. I have really appreciated having the opportunity to bounce ideas back and forth with Chuck. It also has been nice to have Chuck’s help since he is closer to the school, but more importantly, since I have an infant at home.

In summary, I have enjoyed serving a portion of my term as your president and I feel our alumni organization is viable and strong.

Elizabeth Bids Farewell

It was with regret that President Phil Miller and the Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Elizabeth Hatcher as Executive Secretary and Associate Editor of Our Tree.—Thanks, Elizabeth, for your many years of service to our association. It is reassuring to know that you will still be available for advice as I continue to prepare our newsletter.
Hospitality Room Highlights

The IUPDAH Hospitality room in the Marriott Hotel was a popular place to relax during the scientific session of the AAPD meeting in Chicago, May 24-28, 1996. From L-R: Cathy Roberts, Drs. William Keaty, David Avery and Jenny Ison Stigers.

Drs. Phillip R. Pate, Olaf B. Plotzke, and Pres. Phillip Miller. During the raffle Dr. Plotzke won a one-week vacation in Pates’ Colorado Condominium.

The “Mystery Bartender,” Dr. Keith Roberts donated a Bobby Knight autographed basketball as a raffle prize. Dr. Phillip Pate in an auction paid $365 for the ball and donated it to the Riley Dental Clinic.
Alumni Achievements

Dr. William Vann, Pres. of the AAPD Foundation presents the 1st place Research Award to Dr. Gerald Z. Wright during the annual meeting of the Academy. Dr. Wright's research: *Comparison of Micro-Leakage Under Sealants Using a Conventional Burr and Air Brasion Techniques*

Alice and Dr. Peter Leonard present the Department of Orthodontics Academic Achievement Award to Dr. Jeffrey A. Dean, during the orthodontic graduation ceremony July 19, 1996.

Happy recipients of Indiana University Medical Center Pediatric Dentistry certificates. L-R: Drs. Gary R. Toppi, Andrew C. Guthrie, and Holly Wentz-Reeves. Holly also completed Pediatric Dentistry-Orthodontic program.
Dr. Carol G. McKown presents the IUPDAA pin to Dr. Holly Wentz-Reeves.

Dr. Kantawan Boonpan a one-year visiting scholar from Thailand and a Wing Commander in the Thai Air Force receives alumni pin from Dr. David Avery.

Dr. Phillip H. Miller is serving as President of the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry Alumni Association, the Indiana University Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Association, and the Georgia Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. He is also the Georgia State representative to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Miller received the prestigious Golden Apple Award for "Excellence in Dental Health Promotion" at the annual American Dental Association meeting in Orlando, Florida on September 28, 1996.

Assisted by 96 other dentists, MCG faculty, residents, hygienists, students and staff, Dr. Miller and his office staff screened 774 second-grade students in Richmond and Columbia counties for dental problems. The number of students screened was up more than 800 percent from 1995. Using classroom lectures, tours of private practice offices
and tours of the MCG School of Dentistry, over 16,500 students were instructed in proper dental hygiene. Another 1,704 third graders participated in a poster contest.

“This was a totally volunteer effort,” said Dr. Miller. “Our objective was to put out as much information as possible to educate young people on proper dental care. The outcome exceeded our expectations, and we appreciated everyone who made the project a success.”

♦ Dr. Diane Dilley is serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and President of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation.

♦ Dr. Stanley Herman will retire in 1997 as Secretary-Treasurer of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation after serving so very efficiently for the past ten years. Dr. Dilley and Dr. John Mink have developed a questionnaire for Diplomates who would like to be considered for the position. John and his nominating committee will select two candidates and the Directors and Officers will select Stanley’s successor.

♦ Dr. P. Todd Rose was introduced as a new Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry at the annual meeting, May 25, 1996, in Chicago.

♦ Dr. Dennis P. Zimmerman is the recipient of the United Cerebral Palsy Research and Education Foundation Fellowship. Dennis will devote half of his time to clinical teaching and the remaining time to research and education in the Cerebral Palsy Program at Riley Children’s Hospital.

♦ Dr. Clifton O. Dummett, Jr., is serving as at-large Trustee of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. J. Keith Roberts is continuing to serve as AAPD Trustee for District 4.

In the last issue your editor regrets that he reported there had been four graduates of our program to have had the privilege of serving as President of ASDC. We have actually had five graduates serve in this position. The list should have read, Ralph E. McDonald, 1962; Richard E. Jennings, 1965; Paul E. Starkey, 1966; and Walter Doyle, 1977.
Avery’s Notes

I wish to begin my comments by pointing out that the pediatric dentistry faculty and staff are extremely grateful for the empathy and support shown to us by Dr. George K. Stookey since his appointment as Acting Dean on March 1, 1996. I know many of you have also expressed your appreciation to him, and I am sure more of you will at your first opportunity. Dr. Stookey has worked tirelessly for dental education, practice, and research for many years and yet, somehow after his appointment to the dean’s office, he still managed to find a ‘higher gear’ to go forward with his new challenge. He has been most helpful and we do sincerely appreciate his efforts.

You read earlier in this newsletter that our new Dean, Dr. Lawrence I. Goldblatt, begins the job of continuing our school’s progress on January 1, 1997. We are quite pleased with his appointment and we are looking forward to working with him as we strive to improve our programs. Many of you remember Dr. Goldblatt as one of your teachers in oral pathology at Indiana University. He enjoyed many successful years in dental education here before becoming Dean of Dentistry at Case Western Reserve University about three years ago. Two important upcoming tasks that Dr. Goldblatt and Dr. Stookey will be helping us complete are the searches and appointments of a new chair for our Department of Oral Facial Development and a full-time pediatric dentistry faculty member. We are certainly interested in hearing from any of you that may be in a position to help us identify outstanding candidates for either of these positions.

Although an update of our Hospitality Suite activities has been provided elsewhere in this newsletter, I need to briefly acknowledge those primarily responsible. Their efforts were not only successful for IUPDAA but they relieved me of a task that I had not been able to attend to as I would like in recent years. Bill and Phyllis Keaty truly did an outstanding job of reviving our traditional purpose for establishing this activity which was originally conceived and started by Ron Eichel at the Atlanta AAPD meeting in 1970. President Phil Miller demonstrated his wisdom in appointing Bill to do the job, and by the way, Phil and Laura certainly devoted their share of effort toward the project’s success. Our organization is full of wonderful and talented people and our Hospitality Suite remains as one of the best places to meet them and exchange ideas.

It seems that I keep repeating topics that have already been mentioned but I must also add my thanks to Hala Henderson and Elizabeth Hatcher for their many years of service to pediatric dentistry education and to IUPDAA. I know they will continue to support us as needed even though their new ‘job descriptions’ do not require it.

We have all been saddened this year by the loss of two of our esteemed members. Dr. Walter Ching and Dr. Maynard K. Hine (Honorary). There is additional information about their years of service for our common goals on other pages here as well.
Now I finally have an opportunity to mention something that no one else has. After our last biennial meeting President Miller appointed Chuck Poland, Ralph McDonald, and me to investigate the feasibility of establishing an endowed professorship in pediatric dentistry. Jeff Dean has also recently joined the committee. Our work to date certainly seems to confirm the feasibility. We are still a few months away from a formal initiation of our fundraising drive but it is time for each of us to think about the level of support we can offer. Our goal will be to raise $300,000 over three years or sooner if possible. When we have reached this goal, The James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association will immediately donate $200,000 to our account to complete the endowment. This endowment would then provide annual support for a faculty position in perpetuity. I am not aware of any other institution in the country that enjoys such support for endowed faculty positions. I am sure we can do it. The Department of Pediatrics at Riley Hospital has successfully endowed at least 10 faculty positions in the past few years. With the number of loyal alumni we have in IUPDAA (208 graduates, plus associate and honorary members), endowing the first position may only be a good start for us! Incidentally, we can accept donations now if you find it convenient to contribute before our formal drive gets underway. Tax deductible donations made payable to the Riley Memorial Association and sent to me will be properly deposited in our endowment account.

I hope your holidays were especially pleasant. Be sure and mark your calendars for Philly in May and Indy in June. We want to see you there.

Lovejoy’s Notes

In a few weeks I will be sending out the registration form for the biennial meeting scheduled for June 26-28, 1997. We will be holding the meeting at the University Place Conference Center. You may call 1-800-627-2700 for room reservations.

We have many fun and exciting events planned. As I stated above I will be sending out the registration form with fees for the various events. If you have any questions please call me at 317-274-3246.
I became formally affiliated with IUPDAA in September, 1976 when Dr. David Avery hired me as his secretary. In 1983 I was honored to be appointed as your first Executive Secretary. It has been exciting for me to watch the association membership increase, offer more member services, and provide increasingly popular biennial meetings and to play a part in these positive changes. I enjoyed working with the members, officers, and board members over the years and having the opportunity to get to know them.

During the last few years, my job responsibilities at IUSD have changed significantly; I am now the Oral Facial Development Clinics Administrator, which means I am responsible for the daily operation of both the orthodontic and pediatric dentistry clinics. This is a very large job and “squeezed” out the time I previously devoted to the association. For at least the past two years, I have felt unable to provide the level of support I feel the association should expect and which would help it continue to grow and excel. For these reasons, it was with regret that I resigned my position as Executive Secretary of IUPDAA effective May 31, 1996.

I certainly hope to be able to see many of you at the meeting in 1997 and look forward to reading future issues of Our Tree (if you’ll put me on your mailing list!).

-Elizabeth Hatcher

Pamela J. Lovejoy, a senior administrative secretary at the School of Dentistry has accepted the position as Executive Secretary of the Indiana University Pediatric Alumni Association as well as Associate Editor of Our Tree.

Pamela’s primary responsibilities are in the Office of Development where she plays a major role in fund raising and managing the statement of accounts for the Indiana University Foundation.

Prior to accepting her present position, she served as administrative secretary to the Dean. Pamela came to IUSD with 12 years of secretarial and administrative experience that she attained while serving on active duty in the U.S. Navy including four years at Naval Avionics Center in Indianapolis. Alumni may contact her at (317)274-3246 or e-mail: plovejoy@iusd.iupui.edu.
Hala Z. Henderson Has Decided to “Play”

Hala Zawawi Henderson received her B.D.S. degree from Bombay University. She came to the United States in 1956 after accepting a Pedodontic Fellowship at the Guggenheim Dental Clinic in New York City. She then came to Indianapolis and entered the Pediatric Dentistry Graduate Program and was awarded the M.S.D. degree in 1959. Her original research project, “The Reaction of Connective Tissue to Commonly Used Dental Materials,” continues to be relevant in clinical dentistry. Hala returned to Bombay as a junior lecturer at the CEM Dental College. She apparently found the teaching and research opportunities in India, at that time, less than challenging so she accepted an appointment as Head, Dental Section, School Health Department, Ministry of Health, Kuwait. It was during that assignment that she met and married Walter Henderson.

“I will look back on these years with a smile and happy memories. Thank You IUSD!”

Our school is indeed fortunate that Hala and Walter decided to return to Indianapolis. She accepted an appointment as Assistant Professor of Pediatric Dentistry, and completed the requirements for the D.D.S. degree and dental licensure in Indiana. Thus, she embarked on a distinguished career in teaching and administration. While serving as Chairman, Division of Undergraduate Pediatric Dentistry, she was often recognized by the students for her excellent classroom and clinical contributions and was also named recipient of the Alpha Omega Teacher of the Year Award. National organizations have honored Hala for her achievements including Diplomate status by the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and President of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. The American Society of Dentistry for Children honored her by appointing her secretary-treasurer of the national organization and president in 1994-95.

Although Hala continues to participate in teaching assignments, and the publication of scientific articles in journals and textbooks, she has made major contributions to the field of administration. As she retires, on December 31, 1996, she holds the appointment Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Acting Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at our school. Hala, the students, staff, and faculty members will miss you and offer our best wishes to your and Walter during your retirement years.
Dr. Walter W.Y. Ching
1935-1996

The Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Tree continues to grow and mature. As the tree matures, leaves start to fall, and the latest to fall was Walter W.Y. Ching. Walter passed from this life on April 29, 1996, due to a chronic kidney problem. Born in Canton, China, he was a graduate of Punshou School, a college preparatory school in Honolulu and Indiana University School of Dentistry and the Residency program at Riley in 1965. He was active in Punchou School’s Career Program, assisting pre-dental students at Punchou and other schools often helping them through dental school and to begin practice. Over the years, Walter has recommended as many as fifty young men and women to Indiana University.

Walter portrayed the Dentist on the television program “Romper Room,” and was known as Uncle Walter to thousands of Hawaiian children. Walter routinely had a big smile which was infectious to all those around him. People enjoyed his vibrant personality and his enthusiasm for life. He was considerate, thoughtful and caring; not only to his patients but to his friends. Walter’s legacy is his two sons, Brad and Brent. Indiana University School of Dentistry is proud to have them as its students, Brad, a senior, and Brent a junior, both having achieved outstanding academic success. In addition to his sons, Dr. Ching is survived by his wife, Dr. Gwyneth Yim Ching, who is also a dentist; daughters Kwan L. and Cherene Ching; and five sisters. I believe the world is a better place because of what Walter has given to dentistry, and to those around him.

-Chuck Kerkhove

Dr. Maynard K. Hine
1907 - 1996

Dean
Indiana University School of Dentistry
1945 - 1968

A Great Friend of Pediatric Dentistry
Greetings from the Dean’s Office

This is a very special greeting all our Pediatric Dentistry Alumni as well as a brief update on activities at our School during the past several months. As many of you may know, Dr. H. William Gilmore resigned as our Dean on March 1, 1996 and I was appointed as Acting Dean. Our new Dean, Dr. Lawrence I. Goldblatt, will assume that position on January 1, 1997.

In spite of my brief tenure in this position our School has made remarkable progress. From the very beginning of my tenure I asked our faculty and graduate program directors to pause for a moment, review their programs and determine what was needed to strengthen them and further enhance our acknowledged reputation for excellence in dental education and patient care. As expected our faculty willingly accepted this challenge with remarkable results. After many hours of collective efforts our faculty decided to implement an exceptionally innovative new undergraduate curriculum in July, 1997; this curriculum clearly has the potential for becoming the most outstanding undergraduate dental program in the country by the turn of the century. To support this curriculum and upgrade our facilities they also agreed to work together to support a $20 million addition to our School in 1998.

Likewise our graduate program directors reviewed their program needs for the next century and Dr. David Avery responded with a primary need to recruit additional outstanding faculty. That process has been initiated and we will appreciate your assistance. With the untimely passing of Dr. Gordon Arbuckle, Dr. W. Eugene Roberts has elected to focus on directing our graduate program in Orthodontics and will relinquish the chairmanship of our Department of Oral Facial Development on June 30, 1997. Thus, we are presently searching for an outstanding individual to chair this Department, which includes Pediatric Dentistry, Orthodontics, and Oral Facial Genetics, on July 1, 1997. In addition, we are initiating a search for another outstanding person to fill a full-time position in Pediatric Dentistry and enlist your assistance in recruiting for this important position. Our graduate program in Pediatric Dentistry is recognized as a premier program throughout the world and we are on a path to further enhance that long-established reputation.

This will be my only opportunity to address you and I feel very privileged to do so. However, I will continue to support these initiatives since our new Dean, Dr. Goldblatt, has asked me to serve as Acting Dean for Academic Affairs due to the retirement of our esteemed pediatric dentist, Dr. Hala Henderson, and he is most certainly supportive of all these activities. With your assistance and support, we hope to further embellish the legendary program for excellence in Pediatric Dentistry originally developed by Drs. Ralph McDonald, Paul Starkey and James Roche and enhanced by Dr. David Avery.
Dr. B. Charles Kerkhove describes his experiences in El Salvador and the Republic of Uzbekistan. “Chuck” has been awarded a certificate of Recognition by the Council on ADA Sessions and International Programs.

Community Church of Greenwood has sent a Medical-Dental team to El Salvador the past six years, and I have participated in three of these Humanitarian trips.

The group arrives in San Salvador on a Saturday morning and each person is assigned a native family to live with for the week. The local arrangements are completed by the Mary Monte Baptist Church which is a sister church of C.C.G. Sunday is a free day to go to church, and enjoy sight seeing with the host family. The rest of the week is used to serving the people. This is a great spiritual uplift because of the giving of one’s time, talents, and service to those in need, with no compensation. Each day the team usually travels out away from San Salvador twenty-five to fifty miles to different towns. Upon arrival at our destinations, the Dental and Medical facilities are set up and also a pharmacy is available to support our needs. The work areas can be under a large tree, open pavilion or an old house, whichever is most convenient for the natives in that locality. It’s not unusual to have chickens and pigs within ten feet of us and normally dogs running in and out of the work area. It is hot and dusty, because it is summer time in South America. The usual treatment includes removing teeth and prescribing antibiotics for abscesses. Approximately 800 people are seen each year. The team plans to return in January 1997.

I have also had the privilege to visit Uzbekistan with a Medical-Dental team invited by the Minister of Health. The team entered the country under the authority of CAFÉ (Central Asian Free Exchange of Information). I am a board member of this organization which does humanitarian services for the Uzbeks.

Uzbekistan is a Republic of the former Soviet Union and has suffered irredeemable harm because of it. The high use of pesticides for cotton production has polluted the water and the land. These toxic residues has lead to high levels of environmental diseases. Uzbekistan is 172,700 square miles mostly flat and a population of 23 million. Tashkent is the capital and has over 2 million people. Another dentist and I stayed with the leader of the 7,000 dentists in Uzbekistan. The home was an apartment which was occupied by
his three children and wife. The two of us slept in a small room and shared the one
bathroom with the family.

The majority of our time was spent in
Tashkent evaluating the dental clinics and
services. The clinics were very antiquated,
with very few updated pieces of equipment.
Very little anesthetic was used because they
didn’t have any. I saw a lot of white
knuckled children hanging on for dear life
while endodontic and operative treatment
was being performed. The decay rate is very
high. Most teeth were restored with
temporary filling materials because they didn’t have alloys to restore the teeth. One lady
dentist said, “they didn’t use alloy because it was poisonous”.

OSHA would have a field day because of the lack of sterilization and use of masks and
gloves. Blood filled cotton would be placed in a spittoon allowed to fill up until and
older lady would eventually come by to collect the cotton. The removable orthodontic
appliances being used were taken from orthodontic text books.

Our travels took us to Sanarkand, which is one of the oldest cities in the world. It was the
main hub for camel trains to pass through before the birth of Christ. We visited 2 clinics
there and one was an oral surgery clinic. The dentist there stated that he had treated 72
patients, which was very unlikely.

We were prepared to lecture to the dental students in Tashkent, but there was a change in
plans. When you travel to a third world country, you must be very flexible, because
organization and efficient use of time is not a high priority.

Three days were spent touring Moscow before returning home. After arriving home, we
wrote a report on our findings and recommendations for improvement of their health
delivery. The major suggestions were: mass fluoridation of water, initiate oral hygiene
instruction and fluoride application for school children. Plus greater use of dental
auxiliaries. Visiting a third world country is a great experience and makes one realize
how wonderful it is to live in America.