Our Indiana University Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Association has embarked on several initiatives. All of these initiatives are intended to strengthen the current post-doctoral program, increase the number of training slots in our post-doctoral program, strengthen our Alumni Association, and recognize the contributions to Pediatric Dentistry by our IUPD Alumni. Fortunately we now have more Alumni involved in IUPDAA activity than at anytime in our 27-year history. To succeed in all of these projects, we need support from our entire membership—every member.

All of your Board of Directors has contributed to the leadership required to initiate and sustain our activities. Special recognition needs to be acknowledged to Past-President Phil and wife Laura Miller. Over the past 2 years, his energy and leadership and her support have truly been contagious. Drs. Avery and Dean have been the pillars of strength from the inside, and Bill and Phyllis Keaty have renewed the excitement and fun of refreshing old friendships in our annual Hospitality Suite at the Annual AAPD meeting. As always, Dr. McDonald is there to council and advise and God bless his continued support and interest. If we could just get him on E-mail. Our other pillar of strength is Pam Lovejoy, our not so new, Executive Secretary. She has taken the reigns of administration of our Association and believe me we are organized. Check out our web site, http://www.angelfire.com/in/PediatricAlumni it’s one of the first things Pam got going when she came on board.

Bob Spedding is reviewing our Constitution and By-laws, not to make any sweeping changes, but to clean up and simplify the documents. After Bob has completed his review, any changes will be offered to the membership and voted on at the next biennial meeting in June 1999.

On the subject of our biennial meeting, the 1997 meeting last summer was a BLAST. Our McDonald Lecture, Jeff Dean was outstanding, proving once again, you don’t have to go more than 50 miles out of town to find an expert. Family night at the Children’s Museum (organized by Carol McKown) and the banquet at the Columbia Club (organized by Jeff Dean) were superb but if you missed lunch and the business meeting at the “Working Man’s Friend”, you really screwed up! The meeting was organized for the first time by a truly hard working local arrangements committee that started working in the fall of 1995 and put forth a wonderful effort.
Thanks to Drs. Dean, Avery, Henderson, Kerkhove, McKown, and Pam Lovejoy. With a team like that, the Program Chairman can relax.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JUNE 24-25, 1999

Our VP and Program Chairperson for our next biennial meeting is Carol McKown. She has already confirmed Dr. Page Caufield as our McDonald Lecture and has promised to top the social events of last summer’s alumni meeting. Let me tell you, Carol does know how to throw a party. BE THERE!!!

At the June 1997 meeting of the Board of Directors, we accepted the invitation of the AAPD Foundation to be the sponsor of the Ralph E. McDonald Research Award that is presented every year at the Academy Installation Luncheon. The award will now be known as the Ralph E. McDonald Research Award sponsored by the Indiana University Pediatric Dentistry Association. The McDonald Fund and your contributions will support this $3000 annual expense. We have confirmed to the AAPD Foundation a five-year commitment to this award with the first right of refusal after the initial five years.

Over the past four to five years, the cost of the Hospitality Suite at the AAPD Annual meeting has exceeded any reasonable cost that could be justified out of routine Alumni operation funds and frankly, the number of people dropping $20s or $50s in the kitty were few and far between. In stepped Bill and Phyllis Keaty with new ideas and a sense of urgency to re-establish our Hospitality Suite as a center of activity and comradeship while further funding resident travel to the annual meeting. This year the Grand Raffle Prize will be the use of a Condo and a week on the beach in Fortaleza, Brazil through a wonderful contribution provided by Dr. Lia Furtado. In addition, there will be many other donations from bottles of wine to condos from Colorado to South America. Please plan to donate a prize and buy raffle tickets. There will be more information about the Suite’s Activities in a May mailing.

Now the Serious Stuff

In case you have not paid close attention, the number of training slots in Pediatric Dentistry has been dramatically reduced not only at Indiana University but also in other training programs around the country. Funding for post-doctoral programs has taken a hard hit in nearly every specialty. Pediatric Dentistry has been hit especially hard with few school administrators understanding the demographics of our child population and the continued prevalence of caries in the young child. Little do they know. If you question this issue, it will hit home when you try to sell your practice or find an associate, good luck. The AAPD committed a major portion of it’s Strategic Planning Session this January to just this topic and is committed to expanding opportunities in pediatric dentistry for post-doctoral students. Please find enclosed an AAPD Fact Sheet on our manpower problem and the demographics of the future child population.

The message here is, we can not expect the AAPD, the government or anyone else to do it all. As an Alumni Association, we are in the position to help solve this problem by supporting the IU Program that gave us our start. Your Board of Directors has taken the lead in developing the Ralph E. McDonald Endowed Professorship in Pediatric Dentistry to be administered through the Riley Memorial Association. There are currently 9 other Endowed positions within Riley Hospital, all fully funded. The Riley Memorial Association is prepared to match our first $300,000 with $200,000 to show their support. Jeff Dean is heading our committee to raise
funds to support this faculty position that when fully funded will provide a Graduate Faculty position in Riley Hospital in perpetuity to lead our post-doctoral Pediatric Dentistry Program. There are many ways of giving; each with it’s own advantages. When members of Jeff’s committee contact you over the next six to nine months listen and do your part. An Indiana group of Alumni is working with the faculty and Dean Goldblatt to find ways to increase the number of training slots in our program. Dean Goldblatt has been very supportive and understands the manpower issue, if you have any creative financing ideas that would help support these additional slots, do not be shy about expressing your ideas to Dave Avery, Jeff Dean or Dean Goldblatt.

Thanks for all your support to our Alumni programs and our Dental School, see you in San Diego. Someone is going to Brazil! It might be you!

RALPH E. McDONALD ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP
By Jeff Dean

It’s official! On January 27, 1998, the agreement to establish the McDonald Pediatric Dentistry Professorship was signed by Dean Lawrence I. Goldblatt representing the Indiana University School of Dentistry and the Indiana University Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Association, and Mr. Otto M. Frenzel, III, Chairman of the Board of the James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association.

As described in the agreement, the funds are to establish an endowed professor Pediatric Dentistry to support dental and medical education in the graduate division of Pediatric Dentistry at Indiana University School of Dentistry, which is located in the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children. The association desires to accept such funds to raise and to commit all the funds into an administered endowment all for the purpose of supporting the professorship.

Certainly, the Leadership Council of the Indiana University Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Association charged with the responsibility of raising the funds to establish the endowed professorship are very excited by the signing of this agreement. We are making plans at this time to set up a reception in honor of the Endowed Professorship at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry in San Diego. All of the leadership council members and donors to the endowed professorship will be invited to participate.

I am very pleased to inform you that with the signing of this agreement on January 27, that the Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Association had already succeeded in raising $150,000 of the $300,000 that we need to raise to establish this fund. This is a remarkable achievement for us particularly in lieu of the fact that to-date only 11% of our membership had participated. In contributing to the endowed professorship.
Over the next few months the 31-member team that makes up the Leadership Council will be working diligently to contact you to answer any questions that you have about the professorship and to seek your support as we attempt to reach our goal. Please remember as you receive literature that your contribution is important and will enable us to maintain and enhance our position as one of the country’s premier pediatric dentistry clinical programs.

As I have stated to you before, in today’s environment of decreasing state funding and increasing program costs, this type of support is critical to the long term advancement and enhancement of not only our Pediatric Dentistry Graduate Program, but indeed, our profession and our specialty.

It is our goal on the leadership council to achieve 100% participation of all of our alumni association members towards the Endowed Professorship in Pediatric Dentistry. So please, when you receive notification for contributions or pledges, take the time right away to give serious consideration to contributing.

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MY HAITIAN ADVENTURE
By Hala Z. Henderson

Early in 1996, I heard that one of our IUSD alumni had made a commitment to provide dental care in a mission in Haiti. I knew Myriam Hudicort Raber well as an outstanding undergraduate dental student, and after her graduation in 1992, as a dedicated dental care provider. I spoke with her and decided that following my retirement, I would visit the mission and serve as a dental care provider. I was excited about the plan, and started making the necessary plans right away.

Friday, April 4, 1997  1:00 p.m. Flight from Indianapolis to Chicago O'Hare Airport
2:50 p.m. Flight to Miami Airport, arrived 6:46 P.M.

Took shuttle to Airport Motel for the night.

Saturday, April 5, 1997 about to embark on my adventure to Haiti. Woke at 4:00 a.m. Wake-up call rang at 5:00 A.M. I am anxious to get going. What an exhilarating feeling. I feel so alive! How wonderful. I must get packed, so I call for a bellboy to help with my luggage (it actually surprised me and arrived in one piece at Miami airport and on to the motel). No bellboy was available. I went downstairs and got the big cart—took a little maneuvering, but managed to get my luggage to the hotel pavement and wait for the bus to the airport. Beautiful morning. I feel so-o-o good. I could not check my luggage outside the airport with the porter, and was directed to the airline counter for the Haiti flight. There was a special area for the Haiti flight. Wow!! Masses of luggage. Whoever developed restrictions on size, shape or weight of personal luggage has not been on this flight! What a colorful, friendly group of people, all chattering away in Creole, and sometimes including me in the conversation. I just smile and say “Sorry no Creole”. Waited in line with a wary sideways glance periodically to try to locate my two little (relatively)
bags. These have been moved by total strangers to accommodate their own luggage. I get a cheerful employee at the counter who speaks English, and is polite and efficient. I had arrived at the airport two hours before the flight, and needed all that time! Flight took off with a full complement of passengers for Port au Prince. Landed on Schedule and no problem with immigration. Now to wait and wait and wait for the luggage to arrive! There were about two or three porters for every arriving passenger. They all spoke fast and in Creole—not that I would understand had they spoken slowly! I finally found “Jacob” who spoke English and tried to negotiate with him to take my two suitcases to the car. He tried to sub-contract to another porter, but I refused. My bags took forever to get through. And I found out the Jacob was no where in sight, and another porter told me that he had been asked to take care of my bags! I was grateful that Myriam had written and warned me of the maneuvers of the porters. When we got out to the building, it was a relief to see Myriam and Phillip. Got a car tour of the city and then to Myriam’s parents’ lovely home for lunch accompanied by their graceful hospitality which I appreciated. The house reminded me of the Indian style spacious and airy homes I had known years ago. I also met the Raber children, Chloe and Emilie, and Myriam’s two other sisters. Walked around the shops in the vicinity of their home and then loaded into their car for the drive to the Mission. Drove through the city of Port au Prince, saw Cathedral Park, and other downtown sights. It took us two and a half-hours to drive to Christianville because of the traffic and the road. Never again will I ever complain about our Indianapolis pothole roads!!!!

Sunday, April 6, 1997 Church in the morning where there were modest wooden benches, and a Creole sermon and hymns. All participants, young and old were clean and polite. Many obviously were poor financially, but rich in spirit. Drove to a satellite church for a spontaneous picnic on the church/school grounds. Enjoyed the fellowship of the other Haitian family of Dr. Jack Guy Lafontant, physician, his dentist wife, Dr. Guilda, her mother and their young son, Guy Florent, and daughter, Anne Charlotte. Back to the mission for dinner.

Monday, April 7, 1997 Woke before 6 a.m. No electricity—found out that was not an unusual occurrence. We had been advised to bring flashlights, which I had. Oil lanterns and candles were also available. Breakfast with Bob Wade, a volunteer and retired preacher from Gainesville, Florida and Otis Palmer, from Indianapolis, Indiana (Paul Starkey’s neighbor in Indy). Just before 8:00 a.m. to dental clinic; a short walk down the hill. Beautiful morning and were greeted by the goats and an occasional Haitian with a friendly smile and a “bonjour”. The generator was started right away, a quick introduction to the staff, a brief devotional and the first patient was in the dental chair by 8:30 a.m. I soon found out that Myriam had done the preliminary examination for these patients, and the ones in the dental chair had considerable interproximal carious lesions. I was informed that chewing sugar cane was the primary cause of the extensive caries experienced by the youngsters. More recently a sweetened, inexpensive thirst quencher was also available and was consumed in large quantities. Empty small plastic bottles frequently seen by the roadside confirmed the extent of use of the sweetened liquid. After a busy morning I had a quick break for a delicious lunch of rice, beans, onions and potatoes. Back to patients. Five year old Reuben was teary, but soon settled in and slept in the dental chair. I’m sure he wondered what this strange rubber mask across his face, the rubber dam, was supposed to achieve. There were two functional chairs and dental units. These were quickly cleaned and occupied as each patient was done for the visit. We were done for the day just
before 5:00 p.m. and walked over to Myriam and Phillips’ home. After a brief visit, we went to
the “big house” as the guesthouse was called. David and Melanie Tompkins children, Holly and
Candace, took me for a walk behind the guesthouse to an area they referred to as the “Old
Folks’” homes. Again I observed the friendly nature of the Haitians. They interrupted their own
activities to greet us with a “bon soir” and I regretted my inability to converse with them in
Creole but was comforted by their gracious manner and smiling faces. The homes were basic
habitats and I was invited proudly into one of the homes to express my admiration of the large
ornate clock, the neatly stacked dishes and the sparse furnishings. Back to the “big house” for
dinner with the group and then joined by Dr. Henry Nguyen from Canada and his assistant, Julie.

Tuesday, April 8, 1997 Woke before 6:00 a.m. Breakfast with Bob Wade, and Otis Palmer.
Electricity was on all night. 8:00 a.m. walked down to clinic with Henry and Julie. Worked all
day and had lunch sent to the dental clinic for me—again rice, beans, potatoes, and onions.
Dinner: Phillip, Myriam, their children, Kenny, Julie and I were invited to dinner at the home of
Dr. Jack Guy Lafontant’s home. Dr. Lafontant is the director of the Presbyterian Hospital, his
wife, Dr. Guilda, is a Haiti educated dentist and has a dental office in the hospital. We also met
two other International guests, a nutritionist from Holland and a pediatric orthopedic surgeon,
originally from Ireland, but now working and living in Cleveland, Ohio. He frequently makes
these voluntary visits, performs surgery and then is back to check up on his patients. It was
inspiring to hear him relate his experiences in Ethiopia, where he has been volunteering for ten
years. Got home late and tired that night, but looked back on a lovely evening. Fast asleep soon
after my head touched the pillow.

Wednesday, April 9, 1997 Woke just before 6 a.m. Had heard the roosters crowing and the
donkey braying, as usual, but had not only part of the environmental sounds any
more not an annoyance. The electricity was out just after I got out of bed. Had a
bath by torch light, dressed by lamplight, and breakfast with Bob and Otis. Kenny
and his assistant joined us. Went to clinic with Kenny and Julie. Worked all day, and
had lunch brought from the “big house” for a short break.

At 6:30 p.m., Bob, Otis, Kenny, Julie and I went to the Director’s house for dinner. The Director
of the Mission, Rick Land and his wife, Kathy were gracious hosts. We sat outdoors before
dinner and experienced the sounds and sights of a tropical environment. It was an altogether
delightfully, relaxing evening. Dinner was served on the verandah. After that Kenny, Julie and I
went to Phil and Myriam’s home. I was exhausted after the long day and again slept instantly
after getting to bed.

Thursday, April 10, 1997 Woke before 6:00 a.m., electricity on all night and still on at 8:00
a.m.! Visited the High School for a tour of the facilities. We were shown a spacious library with
bookshelves, built by Bob Wade, standing majestically against the clean, painted walls. The first
thing to catch our eye, were the empty shelves. Many were devoid of books or held a few books
and pamphlets.

Phillip Raber also gave us a tour of the eye clinic. Back to work in the dental clinic. At noon we
visited a large plant nursery and were given a tour by the director, Eduardo. We were back to
the dental clinic for quick lunch. Kenny and Julie saw patients all afternoon, while I just saw a
couple of afternoon patients and then went back to the big house to fix chicken curry and rice for
all. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and the meal.
FACT SHEET

CURRENT DEMOGRAPHICS IN THE SPECIALTY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Fact: We are not training enough pediatric dentists to replace those who are retiring or having the bad judgement to die.

Fact: A gender inversion in the postdoctoral training pool further compromises the workforce of the specialty due to different career patterns.
1. Male:Female ratios in training: 1980 = 92%:8%; 1997 = 40%:60%.

Fact: A further major impact on the domestic workforce is the increase in the number of foreign graduates accepted into postdoctoral programs.
1. Foreign graduates in training: 1980 = 9%; 1997 = 21%.
2. 90% of foreign graduates return to their country of origin.

Fact: There will be a major increase in the pediatric population through 2020.
1. Number of children under 15 years of age will increase by 8.1 million between 1993 and 2020 (Waldman, JDC, 1995).
2. An increasing percentage of these children will be underprivileged.

Fact: Pediatric dentists treat a disproportionate percentage of underprivileged and medically compromised children in both private practice and institutions.
1. Pediatric dentists treat approximately 42% of Medicaid children (HHS)
2. Pediatric dentists treat approximately 57% of medically compromised children (HCFA).

Fact: Demand for services from pediatric dentists is increasing.
1. Percentage of children receiving dental care treated by pediatric dentists: 1983 = 15%; 1997 = 33%.

Fact: Decreased number of available pediatric dentists is adversely impacting both private practice and academics.
1. Many positions for pediatric dentists remain open in private practice, public health clinics, dental schools, postdoctoral training programs, corporate employment and government service.
Friday, April 11, 1997  Woke before 5:00 a.m., breakfast as usual. Rushed to High School. Must get in before the gates are closed at 7:30 a.m. Heard the students read their devotionals, and the melodious voices of the Boys and Girls choir. They sing in perfect harmony with no accompanying instruments or any music. Later met Jean Bolivar Louis, a six year old, I will help support in school. On to the dental clinic. That afternoon, Phillip and the kids, took Kenny, Julie and I to the beach at Jacoel. It was a long ride, with many uneven, bumpy roads. Pregnant Myriam stayed home and watched the “store”. It was quite an experience going through the various towns on the way, seeing the individual villagers bringing in their wares to the market for the day. It was a long day, by the time we were back. I had to pack, and was going back with less luggage than I came with—brought two suitcases, and left with one. However, the wonderfully fulfilling experience I had witnessed, made me feel far richer than when I had arrived. I saw Myriam again that evening and she gave me information of their needs in the dental clinic. I also made a commitment to be back in 1998. I can hardly wait.

Saturday, April 12, 1997  Woke for my last morning of rooster calls and the customary braying of the donkey. Finished packing. Breakfast with Kenny, Otis, Bob and Julie. I took all the mail that needed to be mailed in the U.S. Phillip, Myriam and their kids took us first to her parents home. We said our good-byes and then Phillip took us to the airport. The flight to Miami was full. There was heavy rain and strong winds in Miami, with a late arrival in Chicago. The flight to Indianapolis was late, but I made it back although my suitcase did not! I was already in bed by the time my suitcase got home.

Yes, I still smile with a warm feeling when I recall my Haitian adventure. I definitely plan to go back.

LOVEJOY’S NOTES

First, I want to say thank you to all of you for you kind words and prayers during my father’s illness and death last summer, and for the beautiful flowers you sent to the funeral. My words can not thank you enough.

With this mailing of the Tree I have enclosed dues statements when applicable and the order form for raffle tickets for the May meeting in San Diego. Also you can order shirts and ball caps on that form as well. The proceeds from the raffle and the merchandise will go to offset the cost of the suite. Contributions are also welcome to help with this.

If any one has items they wish to donate to the raffle please send me a description of the item. We already have an item donated by Dr. Lia Furtado of BRAZIL to be auctioned off during our weekend. Dr. Furtado has graciously offered her condo in Fortaleza Brazil.
Alumni Achievements

♦ Drs. Brian Sanders and Amy Shapiro are the recipients of a $200,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The three-year Amish Dental Intervention Grant is a project designed to provide dental services, dental education, fluoride rinse and supplementation and development of a self-sustaining dental facility in the Amish community with an emphasis on children with special needs. Funding partners are the Indiana University Dental School, Indiana University Medical Center, South Bend Memorial Hospital, Oral Health Research Institute and Indiana State Department of Oral Health.

♦ Dr. Jeff Dean was named member of the Editorial Policy Committee of the Journal of Dentistry for Children. Jeff is also an abstract editor for Pediatric Dentistry Journal of American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

♦ Drs. James Weddell and Jeff Dean were appointed to the Advisory Council for the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

♦ Dr. Clifton O. Dummet, Jr., Professor and Coordinator of Post Graduate Pediatric Dentistry and Chief of Pediatric Dentistry, New Orleans Charity Hospital, presented a major course on “Management of Traumatic Injuries to the Primary and Permanent Dentition” at the recent American Dental Association meeting.

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avery’s notes

I am pleased to announce that we have a new full-time faculty member. Dr. Holly Reeves accepted Dean Goldblatt’s offer to join the full-time faculty as Assistant Professor of Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics beginning September 1, 1997. Her initial primary teaching responsibilities have been in the School of Dentistry working with pre-doctoral dental students. However, she is also helping us in our residency training program at Riley Children’s Hospital and working closely with Dr. Jeffrey Dean in guiding our residents’ curriculum in orthodontics. Dr. Reeves is a graduate of our four-year joint pediatric dentistry/orthodontics advanced educational program. She completed her specialty training in pediatric dentistry in 1994 and in orthodontics in 1996. Her program also included completion of the requirements for the M.S.D. degree. Dr. Reeves is certainly a welcome addition to our faculty and she has eagerly assumed significant teaching responsibilities. We currently have six full-time faculty in pediatric dentistry. Dr. Brian Sanders, Dr. Jim Weddell, Dr. Dennis Zimmerman, and I complete our full-time faculty roster.
Our part-time faculty members, Dr. Gary Hinz, Dr. Doug Barton, Dr. Kelli Lucia and Dr. John Hieste also play important roles in rounding out our residents’ specialty education. Another alumnus, Dr. Michael Baumgartner, increased his part-time participation to three days a week this year. Mike devotes his effort toward pre-doctoral education and this has been a tremendous help to the full-time faculty.

**Dr. David Avery’s Visit to Thailand**

Last August, I had the privilege of serving as a visiting professor at two dental schools in Thailand. I was invited to teach at the Colleges of Dentistry at Chulalongkorn University and Prince of Songkla University. Chulalongkorn University College of Dentistry is the largest and oldest dental school in Thailand and it is located in Bangkok. They have a graduate program in pediatric dentistry with ten graduate students, five in each class. Prince of Songkla University is a smaller pre-dental school located in the far southern part of the country. Indiana University has agreements of cooperation with all of the dental schools in Thailand and we have a number of Indiana alumni of several of our graduate programs now serving as faculty members in some of these schools. We have had three visiting scholars from Thailand who have been postgraduate students in pediatric dentistry here at Indiana. The first was Dr. Sommai Chobisara from Chulalongkorn University. Next came Dr. Sompit Dhunmarumrong from Khon Kaen University and most recently Dr. Kantawan Boonpan who serves as a pediatric dentist in the Royal Thai Air Force. These former students, along with many newly acquired friends and colleagues were on hand to demonstrate Thai hospitality at its best during my visit. It is gratifying to see how these former students have developed professionally to be leaders of our profession in Thailand. Dr. Sommai Chobisara was recently elected to the position of Deputy Dean at Chulalongkorn University College of dentistry.

Most of my time was spent in busy, busy Bangkok. I have never experienced rush hours to compare with the Bangkok traffic. For example, I spent two hours in an automobile one evening driving to a dinner meeting that could not have been more than five or six miles from my hotel. Despite the busy life styles, I have never received more thorough and attentive hospitality and yet it is my understanding that the attention given me was simply the Thai tradition. Although my schedule was quite busy, the faculty and students provided much stimulation and reinforcement making my work a great deal of fun. The faculty is very hard working; most have busy practices outside their full-time faculty positions, yet they are obviously truly dedicated to dental education and enjoy it very much. The students, both graduate and pre-doctoral level, are extremely diligent about their education and display a great deal of commitment to learning as much as they can. Although I worked every day, including weekends, either teaching or preparing to teach, we also managed to find time for some very interesting site seeing and a short swim in the clear,
warm water of the South China Sea. It was a tremendous experience for me and I hope to be able to return some day with my family exclusively for an Asian vacation.

Dave and Sommai visit
Ancient Thai Ruins

The Philadelphia Experience

"Mystery Bartender"
and Friends

Barry’s contribution to
the suite raffle…
original book of Riley
Poems.

Dave, Jenny and Brian
Phil recognizes: Bailey Davis, Cecil Spencer, Don Gardner, Keith Roberts, and Chuck Poland

Bob Harrison, Julie Collins, Ed Sammons, Brad Fulkerson, Vickie Hemann, and Dave Avery

Carol, Susan, and Jenny

Laura Graham and family

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Dr. Page W. Caufield to be Speaker at Biennial Meeting
June 25-26, 1999

Dr. Page William Caufield, the director of the Specialized Caries Research Center and director of a postdoctoral training program in caries research at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, has agreed to be the speaker of the continuing education course offered during the biennial meeting next June.

Dr. Caufield received his baccalaureate degree from Ohio State University and a dental degree from Case Western Reserve University. At Harvard University and the Forsythe Dental Center, he was a clinical scholar in the oral biology program and a postdoctoral fellow in oral microbiology. During this program, he also qualified for the specialty in Pediatric Dentistry.

He was a postdoctoral fellow in bacterial genetics at the University of Michigan and at the University of Alabama he earned his Ph.D. in the area of cellular and molecular biology in the Department of Microbiology.

Dr. Caufiled holds dental licensure in Massachusetts and Alabama and is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry with board eligible status.

His lecture entitled, Dental Caries an Infectious and Transmisssional Disease: Revisited will be presented beginning Friday morning June 25 and concluded on Saturday morning June 26. His research focus will be in three areas: 1) Windows of infectivity for transmission of indigenous bacteria, 2) Fidelity of transmission and 3) Conality of caries associated with strains of mutans streptococci.
Dr. Caufield has lectured extensively in the United States, Europe and the Far East. Some of our members will recall that he was the keynote speaker for the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry Seminar in May 1997 in Philadelphia.

RALPH E. McDONALD ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP
By Jeff Dean

With this report I am pleased to inform you that we have received in cash or pledges 81% of the total for our Phase I goal in the McDonald Professorship Campaign. As you recall, our goal is to receive $300,000 at which point the Riley Memorial Association will donate an additional $200,000, giving us a total of $500,000. When we’ve achieved that, we will be able to establish our endowed professorship. While we are continuing to look at all possible sources of donations for the McDonald Professorship, (such as colleagues of Dr. McDonald’s, corporations, retired professors of the dental school, etc.), the Indiana University Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Association continues to be our core focus for establishing this professorship. I thank you all for your interest, your involvement and your dedication to our program and to our profession. And while we can be very proud that we are already at 81% of the Phase I goal, that achievement has been on the shoulders of only 21% of our Alumni Association members. As chair of the McDonald Professorship Leadership Committee and Campaign Committee, it is my goal to have a participation level of 100% of our Alumni Association members. I’d like to challenge all of us to make a donation whether it’s small or large.

I’d like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank those individuals who have already made a contribution or pledge to the professorship. If you have already pledged, but your name isn’t listed, please don’t hesitate to call Pamela Lovejoy at 274-3246. Our hope is to wrap-up Phase I of this campaign by the end of 1998 and to be able to announce at the biennial Alumni Association meeting the full funding of the Professorship. For those of you who have had a special interest in contributing to this professorship in other ways, such as life insurance or through stock donations, please do not hesitate to call me or the Development Officer for the Dental School, Paul St. Angelo. In fact, Dr. Chuck Poland, one of our leadership committee members is quite excited about the ability to generate income for the professorship through life insurance. In the near future you should be receiving a method for contributing in this manner if so desired. The advantage of this method is that for less money, you can donate more to the professorship.

Again, thank you for your interest, your participation and any future help that you can be in this professorship. This is just one way that we can continue to make our program and our specialty one of the best in the country.
ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A GREAT DIFFERENCE

This brief address to the University of California School Dentistry graduates was presented at the June 20th, 1998 Commencement Ceremony by Lionel Traubman, DDS, MSD '67 recipient that day of the school's 1998 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

First, what I recommend to you is this: be idealistic. To the end of your life, do not lose your idealism. In dentistry, always hold to the highest standards of technical excellence and compassion that is your legacy from the University of California.

And beyond dentistry, never, ever let anyone talk you out of acting on your most beautiful dreams of what life can be like in your home, in your office and university, in your nation, on your Earth. People will tell you your dreams are impossible, impractical, too idealistic. Don't fall for that. Because, in my experience, what is idealistic is what really works in everyday life, especially in human relationships.

The Hero's Journey

What path in life do I recommend you take? It is the Heroic Journey—a life that includes dentistry but moves beyond dentistry. In the mythology of all cultures worldwide, the mythological hero is born and learns life skills from parents, teachers and helpers, as you have. He or she eventually leaves home, as you have.

These women and men go through ordeals and trials. In Native American mythology, it's the Kiva of the Snakes, the Kiva of the Bees, and of the Bears and Fire. You've been through the fire; you've been through dental school and have emerged a wiser, stronger human being, prepared for your chosen profession.

The hero then gets the prize, the boon. In a few minutes, you will be awarded your degrees. You will go into the world and will heal thousands of people. More rewards will come to you: a place to practice or teach, a home, perhaps a family. You will have privilege: time, money, intelligence, creativity, influence.

Making the Heroic Choice

You have two choices. You can keep your gains for yourself. If that's not satisfying and you want "more," you can recycle another car, another trip, a second degree, office, or house. In world mythology, this does not lead to fulfillment.

In the world's stories, the hero always makes the "heroic choice" to return home and give the boon, the prize, back to the people.
I hope you cross that threshold, Give back to life your skills, your gifts, your time, your resources and creativity. And go outside of your own home and office to be a champion of our shared future.

In the epoch 1980 film series, Cosmos, Carl Sagan has spent 12 hours describing the miracle of how our fabulous global living system came to us. He then concludes: “We know who speaks for the institutions and the nations. But who speaks for Earth?” I hope you will speak for Earth, for the bigger picture, for a culture of meaning that benefits and respects all—all the races, nations, religions. An the irreplaceable species, air, water, soil on which posterity depends.

REFLECTIONS FROM OUR MOST RECENT ALUMS

Dr. Avery (center) with Robert Harrison and Julie Collins

Robert’s: When Dr. Avery invited me to begin the Pediatric Dentistry residency at Riley, I realized I would be facing two major adjustments. The first being that I had never lived north of the Mason Dixon Line and the second was to forget my Navy vocabulary and learn how to speak civilian rather then “Southern” Navy. Bulkheads became walls; hatches became doors; overheads became ceilings; passageways became halls; decks became floors; the 1-MC became the telephone; and Dr. Avery was the boss not the skipper or the “old man”.

Dr. Zunt also helped with my Navy oriented vocabulary when she suggested the term linear and corrugated to describe snuff patches rather than—well, that is another story.

After two years, I guess I have adjusted, and I was really hopeful that the Navy had forgotten about me. As I pack my bags for Japan, I think the thing I will miss most about my Riley experience is the quality time I spent with Dr. Weddell during record review and working with the best Pediatric Dentist in the Air Force—Dr. Julie Collins.

Julie’s: Upon graduating from dental school, I joined the Air Force to complete a General Practice Residency, with the intention of separating from the military after the initial 3-year
commitment. Eight years later, I decided that general practice was not for me. I had treated patients comprehensively, doing everything from prosthodontics to periodontal surgery to extraction of impacted third molars using IV sedation, but I did not like going to work in the morning. I decided to apply for pediatric dentistry training because these were the patients that I found both challenging and entertaining.

I interviewed at 8 programs, and ranked IU first for several reasons. It had a good mix of OR, sedation and clinical practice. It had a great patient pool, with healthy, disabled, and compromised being seen daily. It had a faculty that was recognized in the pediatric dentistry world (after all, Dr. Avery and Dr. McDonald wrote the book!), which gave the program a good reputation nationally. It also had the option for a masters’ degree in dentistry.

I have found nearly every day to provide a new surprise. One of my first patients managed to bite me, then further insult me at his second appointment by getting his hand loose from the papoose board and pull my hair! I had a patient exfoliate a primary canine on the mouth prop, then chew and swallow a 2 x 2 gauze. When I went to Dr. Avery’s office in a panic, he said that he’d never heard this in his 30 years of practice.

The OR has given me a new appreciation for parenting skills. The appearance of ten or more grossly decayed teeth continues to shock me, even after more than 100 cases. The fact that parents do not realize that teeth with big black spots or holes are not normal is unbelievable. The OR also provides the opportunity to learn the skills necessary to do good dentistry quickly and efficiently, as well as a sense of satisfaction when changing a mouth full of disease into a semblance of dental health.

The anesthesia rotation was invaluable. The staff and residents at the Riley OR were extremely patient and informative. I feel able to maintain the airway should a problem arise with oral sedation. Without the benefit of the anesthesia rotation, I doubt if I would feel comfortable using oral sedation due to the risks associated with pediatric patients. I have gained a healthy respect for the potential problems and the speed in which they occur.

During my duties on call, I had the ability to see some emergencies that I would have otherwise missed. Several avulsions, a late-Sunday-night OR visit, fractured teeth and multiple infections made me well aware of the need for bike helmets, restraint of the family dog, the danger of the trampoline, and of course the need for dental exams beginning at the first birthday. I can’t say that call was pleasant experience, or one that I would care to repeat ever again in my life, but it was educational.

Shortly after receiving my certificate (and, I am hopeful, my MSD), I will be moving to the northeast part of Italy. I will be the only Air Force pediatric dentist in the country. Even though I am nervous about this responsibility, I feel that I have been well prepared for this practice.
ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

◆ Dr. Hala Z. Henderson, past president of the ASDC was selected as the 1998 recipient of the ASDC Great, Teuscher Award.

"The ASDC Great, Treuscher Award is presented annually to an ASDC member who has served the organization in a variety of leadership roles for at least ten years. In addition, the recipient has brought distinction to the dental profession and to our organization. Dr. Henderson is a very worthy honoree." — Peter J. Fos, DDS, MPH, PhD, Secretary-Treasurer ASDC Foundation Board of Control

Most recently at the IUSD Fall Dental Alumni weekend in Bloomington, Hala received the Association's Distinguished Service Award.

◆ Dr. Terri Winn, recently became a “Diplomate of the Board” of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

◆ Dr. Phil Miller celebrated his 50th at the IUPDAA suite while in San Diego.

LOVEJOY’S NOTES

Included with this issue of the Tree, I have several different separate forms that I would like you to take a few minutes to review. One is a form that I need to update the membership directory I would appreciate you completing this and returning to me before December 15, 1998 so that I can start preparing the new directory.

Another form is the registration form for next year’s biennial meeting. I hope many of you will send this back as soon as possible so the Local Arrangements Committee can put the final touches on the event.
You will also find the criteria for the Ralph E. McDonald Research Award. I will need your submissions by April 1, 1999 so that I have time to distribute copies to the judges so we can announce the winner at the June meeting.

The final form is one that I have included in every mailing and that is the order form for merchandise. Several members did send in orders early this year and I must apologize if you did not receive your items. I had to re-order several shirts from the company and during that time I moved to new offices and the order forms were lost in the move. So if you ordered merchandise and did not receive the items please indicate that on the order form and I will mail them out right away.

**AVERY'S NOTES**

Since our last newsletter a number of faculty and staff changes have occurred that I would like to update for your information. First, I am very pleased to announce that Dr. Jeffrey A. Dean, Associate Professor of Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics, has been appointed as Director of the IUSD Advanced Education Program in Pediatric Dentistry (replacing me) effective July 1, 1998. Jeff has already demonstrated his excellent leadership ability at IUSD and elsewhere and I am especially pleased that he would be willing to make the commitment to lead our graduate program to greater heights. I continue to serve as the Pediatric Dentistry Section Chief and Riley Dental Clinic Director.

I have mixed emotions in informing you that Dr. Brian Sanders and Dr. Holly Reeves have recently relinquished their faculty positions at IUSD. Brian was recently appointed the Pediatric Dentistry Program Director at Children’s Memorial Hospital in Chicago. We are happy for this great opportunity for him, but we certainly hated to lose his faculty participation and leadership here. We experienced the same kind of disappointment with Holly’s departure, but we are happy for the new opportunities she and her ophthalmologist husband, Pat, have in Lubbock, Texas. Currently there are on-going searches to fill these vacant positions.

Dr. Michael Baumgartner has been a member of our faculty for approximately 25 years and I was delighted that he recently accepted a full-time appointment in pediatric dentistry. Although assuming administrative responsibilities was not one of his goals, Mike has graciously agreed to direct our Pediatric Dentistry Clinic in the Dental School and its’ associated clinic courses, at least on an interim basis.

Dr. Dennis Zimmerman has been participating as a full-time faculty member for the past two years and is heavily involved in the new curriculum for pre-doctoral students. The school’s original plan called for Denny to become even more involved with the pre-doctoral curriculum for first and second year students this year, but our need for his talents in helping us direct pediatric dentistry courses have taken priority over the short term.
Dr. Myrna Janer has accepted a new part-time clinical faculty appointment. She recently moved to the Indianapolis area after completing her pediatric dentistry certification at the University of Kentucky. She is currently teaching one day per week and sharing her time between the graduate and pre-doctoral programs.

Also, effective July 1, 1998, Ms. Judith Rose was appointed our new Oral Facial Development Clinics Administrator in the School of Dentistry. Judi replaced Elizabeth Hatcher who has now assumed the responsibility of IUSD's Director of Staff Development on a full-time basis. I am most appreciative of Elizabeth's nearly 22 years of service in pediatric dentistry.

You can see that during a short period of time, there have been many changes in key positions for pediatric dentistry. These new leaders are working diligently to maintain our program continuity, patient services and to continue to strengthen the quality of pediatric dentistry education at Indiana University. I am sincerely grateful for their devoted efforts, especially during this period of diminished faculty members.

I also want you to know about the plans for a new dental clinic on campus. Construction is under way for a new Riley Outpatient Center (ROC) that will open its doors to patients in the year 2000. The ROC will be located just west of the existing hospital and across the street from the Union Building. The 255,000 square foot facility will allow caregivers to combine all the hospital’s outpatient services. The new building will include an outpatient service center as well as outpatient services for cardiology, developmental pediatrics, oncology, ophthalmology, otorhinolaryngology, pulmonology, urology, and us. Richard Schreiner, M.D., Medical Director of Children’s Services for Clarian Health and Riley Physician in Chief, recently said, “The Riley Outpatient Center will be the largest and best pediatric subspecialty facility in the United States.”

Our new dental clinic will be located on the first floor. We are very excited about moving into our new 10-14 chair showcase dental clinic with the turn of the century. I hope you can visit us soon after its completion.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR’S NOTES
By Jeff Dean

Well, this is my first opportunity to address you as Director of the Indiana University School of Dentistry Advanced Educational Program in Pediatric Dentistry. After almost 22 years as the Program Director for Pediatric Dentistry, Dr. David Avery decided it was time to turn over that responsibility to someone else to allow him to continue to focus on other activities for our section. In looking at the history of our Alumni Association this responsibility is one that I undertake with great enthusiasm and desire to maintain our reputation as one of the finest programs in the country. While we will always have opportunities and struggles to address, we are poised at a position right now to make some substantial changes for the better
in our program. It looks as if we are within two years of moving into a new outpatient facility at Riley Hospital, which will get us out of the current facility that we have occupied for well over thirty years now. In addition, we continue to strive to increase the number of residency positions from a total of five for both years to a total of 10 for both years. There are many advantages to having 10 residents in our program, not the least of which is the need in the state and throughout the country for more pediatric dentists. As you many already know, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the Graduate Program Directors in Pediatric Dentistry have made a goal of theirs to increase the number of training positions from the current 164 to a total of 275 over the next 10 years. That would be 10 additional positions across the country per year for the next eleven years. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any thoughts, concerns or questions. My phone number is (317) 274-4217 and my e-mail is jdean@iupui.edu.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN
By Chuck Poland

Please plan your June 99 calendar to include your IUPDAA meeting June 25-26, 1999. Vice President and Program Chair Carol McKown has planned a great event. Our scientific program will be outstanding with Page Caufield and be assured the social events Carol has planned will be classics.

Our hospitality suite and raffle in San Diego raised $4,900 and the residents, Julie Collins, Bob Harrison, Roland Buyama, Adam Pollock and John Wells are to be commended for a great job. Last winter I asked that they take over the planning and management of the hospitality suite with the help of Pam and they did a tremendous job. They have now set the standard for future residents to manage the hospitality room.

Congratulations to Jeff Dean, new Director of our Post Doctoral Program, Jeff is filling big shoes (David's) but is well equipped to do so. I know you are as pleased with Dean Goldblatt’s selection of Jeff to lead our Post Doctoral Program as I am. In today’s Dental School/Faculty recruitment and support environment, Jeff will need help and support from alumni. Step up to the plate if he calls. Remember where you got your start by supporting Jeff as he takes the helm.

The McDonald Professorship Committee is in the process of contacting you for your commitment and pledge. Please take a serious look at life insurance giving, as you can multiply your gift in establishing this in perpetuity Professorship in Pediatric Dentistry. If you have any questions, please call myself, Jeff Dean or Paul St. Angelo, Director of the IUSD Development Program.

Stay healthy—see you in Indy in June!
Our editor requested a short biographical sketch of our current pediatric dentistry residents. This is a fine group of young people that we will all be proud in the future to call fellow IU Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Association members. I hope you have the opportunity to meet them all very soon, but at the latest by the May Academy meeting in Toronto:

My name is Roland Buyama and I was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. In high school, I made the decision to try and become a pediatric dentist. My uncle, Richard Hori, MSD ’65 and my cousin, James Hori, are pediatric dentists in San Diego, California. I decided to attend college at Indiana University. I wanted to expand my horizons and experience what the great state of Indiana had to offer. I also knew that Indiana University School of Dentistry was well recognized and offered a strong program. I was able to complete the three-year BS degree program at IU and get accepted to the Indiana University School of Dentistry.

Adam, John, and Roland

My interest in pediatric dentistry still existed even after years of hard work in dental school. I applied to many different pediatric dental residencies but I wanted to attend the program at IU. I knew the faculty and was comfortable working with them. I also knew that the pediatric dental residency at Indiana would be a strong clinical program balanced with enough didactic courses that would insure a well-rounded experience. I was fortunate enough to be accepted into the Indiana University pediatric residency. I am currently in my second year of my residency. I have learned a wealth of knowledge and I am glad to be in this fine pediatric dental program. I’m positive my training here will make me the best pediatric dentist I could be and be able to provide quality care for my patients.

My name is Brent Ching. I graduated from IUSD in 1998 and am now a first year Pediatric Dental resident at Riley Children’s Hospital. For years and years, I’ve heard great magnificent stories about Indiana from my father Dr. Walter Ching ’65. His testimonial of the people and the experiences he shared with them were intense, exciting, and glamorous. Dr. Ralph McDonald, Dr. Bailey Davis, Dr. Wayne Dawes and MORE...EVENYONE (and every party) was well remembered down to the finest detail. Therefore, I was convinced to shoot for Indiana and have now found myself here at Riley Hospital under the guidance of Dr. Jeffreuy Dean, our “Tiger Woods” Program Director, who placed first in the Annual Midwest Pedo-Conference Golf Tournament with teammate and IU Pedo-hopeful Robert Long IUSD ’99. (Indiana, Kentucky, Cincinnati, Ohio State, Iowa and Michigan all took part in this conference).

Nonetheless, what discoveries at Riley have I made, thus far? Well, for a start, while staffing Riley’s dental charts Kim Wigent (one of Riley’s awesome dental auxiliaries) brought this active chart, Ms. Lena Totty’s, to my attention. And to my amazement inside Lena’s chart was my father’s signature in the progress notes dating back to 1965, which I thought was pretty neat.
I also discovered that the infamous Dr. David Avery has a terrific knack for revealing original philosophical proverbs.

In addition, I discovered that Dr. James Weddell is a party animal, sporting his day to day retro-wardrobe at a 70’s shindig, which he threw not long ago. Of course, this was outside the parameters of Riley, where Dr. Weddell enthusiastically educates us residents with continuous positive reinforcement and unselfishly shares his analogous words of wisdom.

Other than that, I have no other great stories just yet. But, I do have exceptional co-residents—Dr. Wells, Dr. Buyama, Dr. Pollock and Dr. Quackenbush; they are all TOP SHAPE and God Bless each and everyone of us as we tackle this program over the next year or two!

So, in the mean time I would love to meet everyone who shared those wonderful experiences with my father. And, if that’s not possible, then THANK YOU for the wonderful stories!  
~Aloha, Brent

My name is Adam Pollock. I am presently a second year resident in pediatric dentistry at Indiana University. I grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, attended the University of Michigan from 1989-1993, and graduated from the Ohio State University College of Dentistry in June 1997. When I started dental school in 1993, I had already begun to think about pediatric dentistry as a career, and nothing I experienced during my four years at Ohio State changed my mind. I applied to programs throughout the Midwest and chose Indiana not only because it was highly recommended, but also because I felt that during my interview and visit that Indiana was someplace that I would feel comfortable learning pediatric dentistry. My first year in the program has been exceptional. Following graduation in June 1999, I am planning to get married in Cleveland in November. I have no firm plans yet professionally, but likely will remain in the Midwest near family and friends.

My name is Brett Quackenbush. I graduated from the University of Iowa, College of Dentistry in June 1998, after receiving my zoology degree from Brigham Young University in 1994. I spent one semester during 1992 studying abroad in Chile. My interest in pediatric dentistry became evident after working during a summer break, completing two extramural experiences at the Phoenix Indian Health Services and St. Luke’s Children’s Hospital.

I married Tiffany Breinhold in 1992 and we now have two sons, Justin 2 ½ years and Jeremy is 6 months old. After graduation, I plan to enter private practice in Tempe/Gilbert, Arizona.

My name is John Wells. I am a 1983 graduate of the University of Louisville School of Dentistry. After my escape from U of L Dental School, my wife and I started a private practice in Morgantown, KY, a small town of about 2,000 people in Southcentral Kentucky. I practiced there for 14 years prior to being accepted into the graduate Pediatric Dental Program here at IU-Riley. The Indiana University-Riley
Hospital Pediatric Dentistry Program was my number one choice because Dr. Avery's reputation as one of the leaders in the field of children's dentistry.

I think that I am quite possibly the world's oldest living Pediatric Dental Resident. I have enjoyed the program a great deal, and I have been taught a tremendous amount of practical knowledge.

I have been married for 22 years to my wife, Lavada. We have three wonderful children, Sarah, age 13, Joseph, age 7, and John Robert, who is 5.

Following completion of this program, I plan to open a private practice in the Indianapolis area. Maybe one of these days I'll figure out what a Hoosier is, because I already know what a Wildcat is.