The ACP Executive Council has endorsed in principle the selection of W. B. Saunders as the publisher of the official journal of the College. Following a presentation made by Dr. Cosmo V. DeSteno, chairman of the ad hoc committee that has been studying this issue, the Executive Council voted unanimously at its June, 1991 meeting to proceed with negotiations with Saunders to publish the new journal, which will be called the Journal of Prosthodontics.

Dr. DeSteno reported that, in addition to the bid from Saunders, the committee had also received excellent proposals from Decker Periodicals Publishing, Inc. and Little, Brown, Inc. After careful consideration of all available information, the committee recommended that the College work with Saunders to develop the College’s official journal.

According to Dr. DeSteno, W. B. Saunders is a well established publisher in medicine and dentistry. Their publications include Blood, Gastroenterology, Journal of Clinical Oncology, and the American Journal of Kidney Diseases.

In the dental profession, Saunders’ best known publication is the prestigious Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, the official journal of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

The College has established an Editorial Board for the new journal, headed by Editor-in-Chief Dr. Kenneth L. Stewart. Dr. Stewart indicated that the new journal will be launched sometime in 1992.

As the Messenger was going to press, a review of the contract from a business point of view had just been completed by David Schwab, Ph.D., ACP Executive Director, and a legal review had just been completed by Randall K. Berning, J.D., LL.M., the College’s legal counsel.

Dr. DeSteno reported that he is working with Saunders to finalize a mutually satisfactory contract between the College and the publisher.

One of the key terms of the contract calls for Saunders to provide a complete, turn-key service, including the solicitation of advertising for the journal, and all marketing and mailing. In addition to College members, who would receive the new journal as a membership benefit, Saunders intends to market the journal aggressively to other dentists who have an interest in prosthodontics.

Under royalty and profit sharing agreements now being discussed, the College will eventually derive significant non-dues revenue from this venture.

A mock-up of the new journal will be on display at the College’s annual session in Reno, Nevada, November 7-10.
At the annual session in Charleston I was having dinner with several members of the College when someone on the other side of the table leaned over and said, "I heard you're the new editor of the College's newsletter. Why would anyone want to do that?" For the life of me, I can't remember who asked me that, and today I'm not even sure if it really was a question, or just an unsolicited appraisal of my sanity. I also can't remember my exact retort, but it had to do with wanting "to make a difference."

One full year has passed since I was selected to serve as the newsletter editor. During this time I have learned many things about the College—its history, administrative structure, financial status, influence in dentistry, and relationships with other prosthodontic organizations. I have had access to all information regarding the workings of the College, so that information reported would be complete and sensitive to the issues at large. To be honest, last year I wasn't quite sure why I wanted the position as newsletter editor; I just had the urge to get more involved.

Well, should someone lean over the table at this year's annual session and ask why I wanted to be newsletter editor, I'm prepared to give them an ear full.

What better way to help advance the destiny of the dental specialty that one has chosen to be a member, than to be the official broadcaster of "the news." Our newsletter reaches out beyond the membership; its information, style, and agenda touch the ADA, all dental specialty organizations, corporate America, and a host of other professional groups. The ACP has catalogued remarkable achievements in only 21 years, and now having reached what some have called "a critical mass," the momentum necessary for a quantum leap in stature is here. All the markings of an organization ready to break through are coming into view. Not a month will pass without College goals met or objectives accomplished. Our long term aspirations will be realized at an unprecedented rate.

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This is a great time to be the College's newsletter editor. There is plenty of news to bring to the membership, and it's all good news. Eight more issues of The ACP Messenger will be published during my term as editor. I look forward serving the College in this capacity and hope that my contribution truly helps to "make a difference."
A recurring concern of many of our members is the relationship between specialty issues, the American Dental Association, the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations and the American College of Prosthodontists. Presently the FPO is recognized by the ADA as the parent organization of the specialty and the sponsor of the American Board of Prosthodontics. The College is one of 16 member organizations of the Federation and represents the specialty within the constitutional framework of the FPO.

In addition to serving as your President, I have also served on the FPO Officers Committee as Secretary during the past three years. From this window of exposure I have observed progress in the working relationships between both organizations. However, these cooperative efforts should not deter the College from its stated goal which is to be the parent organization of the specialty of prosthodontics and the sponsor of the ABP. This is a goal which is logically and morally right. In concert with this aim, at the Executive Council Meeting in Chicago, requesting the FPO go on record supporting this request.

With the many issues involving dentistry in general and prosthodontics in particular, the specialty of prosthodontics needs to be recognized through a strong, distinct voice alongside the other specialties. At the recent meeting of the dental interspecialty group and dental specialty forum with the ADA, the FPO along with a designated College delegation represented the specialty. It is somewhat confusing to the other specialties and the ADA when the term FPO or Federation is substituted for the words “specialty of prosthodontics.” The fact that the Federation represents the specialty and the discipline is not consistent with the other specialties of dentistry.

From a historical perspective, the reason the FPO became the recognized parent organization of the specialty and the sponsor of the Board is at that time there was no single specialty organization large enough to assume that responsibility. The Academy of Denture Prosthetics delegated that function to the newly formed FPO. Over the years, however, there have been significant evolutionary changes that now make the FPO structure inadequate to meet the needs of the specialty. During the past 22 years, the ACP has grown to a membership exceeding 2,300 specialists. Given these developments, the College — representing the specialty — is now ready and able to assume the role of the parent organization.

It is a fact of life that no organization can do anything when there are no funds. The FPO’s current financial difficulties make it impossible for the Federation to represent the specialty effectively. On the other hand, the College is financially sound. The College already funds many programs and our membership is sensitive to the financial demands consistent with specialty leadership.

While the College seeks to represent the specialty, it should be emphasized in strong terms that it is our intention to remain part of the FPO. As I have done in the past, I would call on all College members to be supportive of the FPO through payment of their Federation dues. The College feels that we need to maintain a continuing dialogue with other FPO member organizations. It is our intention to be inclusive, not exclusive. Specialty matters should be handled initially by the College as the specialty organization, but many issues affect other prosthodontic organizations. The College stands ready to disseminate information in a timely manner to all members of the prosthodontic community and to seek input on matters of mutual interest.

On a different tack, I am pleased that significant progress has been made towards the implementation of the College’s journal. Through the untiring efforts of Dr. Cosmo DeSteno and his committee of Drs. Kenneth Stewart, Noel Wilkie and David Schwab, a contractual agreement is nearing completion with W.B. Saunders Co. to publish the Journal of Prosthodontics. Our elected editor, Dr. Ken Stewart is in the process of selecting members of the Editorial Council. It has been a long and sometimes frustrating process, but having our own journal will be a most significant milestone for the future of the College and the specialty of prosthodontics.

This will be my final Presidential Report to you. It has been a sincere honor and privilege to serve in this office and have this opportunity to work and interact with such a distinguished and dedicated group. Truly the outstanding strength of this College is our members who so freely give of their time and talent to enhance the image of the ACP and advance our specialty. May I offer my heartiest congratulations and sincere best wishes to your President-Elect, Dr. David Eggleston, for continued success in his coming term of office.

Nancy and I are looking forward to meeting you in Reno!
The Annual Sessions Committee has developed an outstanding agenda of scientific and professional programs for the 22nd Annual Session. A wide variety of lectures, clinics, and expert panels will provide valuable material for all the members—clinicians, educators, and administrators. Based on the theme “Critical Issues in Prosthodontics: Exploring New Frontiers,” the program will address issues in marketing, geriatrics, implants, fixed prosthodontics, and related topics.

New for this year, we will also have a limited attendance registered clinic, featuring a demonstration of the new ceramic material InCeram. The Educators/Mentors program will address curricula changes in undergraduate and graduate prosthodontic education. Following are highlights of all the programs.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1991
PRIVATE PRACTICE SEMINAR
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
JACK SILVERSIN, DMD, DR.P.H.S
Strengthening Professional Collaboration to Enhance Patient Care

General practitioners and specialists both play critical roles in improving patients’ oral health. This session is an opportunity for prosthodontists to learn strategies to open channels of communication with referral sources, reduce misunderstandings and stress, and enhance trust and cooperation between practices.

Topics covered will include: the benefits of improved relationships with general practitioners, understanding the individual needs of referring dentists and tailoring your approach to meet referring dentists’ needs, and how to create a collaborative relationship between offices, not just between dentists.

GERIATRIC PROSTHODONTICS
1:15 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.
W. MARK TUCKER, DDS
Antibiotic Prophylaxis for the Compromised Patient

1:55 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
JERRY WALKER, DDS, MS
Esthetic Considerations for the Older Complete Denture Patient

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1991
IMPLEMENT PROSTHODONTICS
8:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
DAN TOLMAN, DDS, MSD
Grafting

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
DANIEL Y. SULLIVAN, DDS
Single Tooth Implant Replacement

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
BO RANGERT, PH.D.
Implant Load Distribution: In Vivo/In Vitro Measurements and Clinical Guidelines

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
ROLAND MEFFERT, DDS
May an Implant be Placed in a Fresh Extraction Site?

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
DR. PETER MOY
A Comparison of Systems from the Surgeon’s Perspective

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
ROBERT BAIER, PH.D., PE
Improved Implant Materials Passivation by Glow-Discharge Process

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
ALLAN REISKIN, DDS, D. PHIL.
Diagnostic Imaging In Implant Prosthodontics

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Educators/Mentors Seminar
MODERATOR:
DR. NOEL D. WILKIE
The curriculum, both in dental school and in advanced/graduate dental education, is subject to constant change. Recommendations for additions to the curriculum will be met with counteroffers for elimination of subject material elsewhere. The specialist must anticipate the need for additional special training in advanced programs, make recommendations for elimination of special areas of training in dental school curricula, and be able to see the absolute necessity to balance needs between the two for the good of the public.

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
The Place of Temporomandibular Joint Study in the Curriculum
DR. RONALD ATTANASIO
Chairman, Department of Restorative Dentistry
University of Nebraska Medical Center
College of Dentistry

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
The Place of Implant Dentistry in the Curriculum
DR. FRANCIS V. PANNO
Chairman, Department of Prosthodontics and Occlusion
New York University, David P. Kriser Dental Center

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
The Place of Research in the Curriculum
DR. THOMAS D. TAYLOR
Chairman, Department of Prosthodontics
University of Connecticut Health Center

3:00 p.m.
Panel Discussion

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sections Meeting and Luncheon

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
DR. HELMUT KNODE
Registered Clinic: New Horizons in All-Ceramic Restorations
Dr. Knode will lecture and demonstrate techniques for
making all-ceramic crowns and fixed partial
dentures (FPD) with the In-Ceram system.
Methods for predictably and rapidly forming
all-ceramic FPD substructures are demonstrat-
ed. Procedures for shade selection, lateral
layering porcelain veneer application and
surface finishing are shown which can be
applied to your practice. Alternative applica-
tions to all-ceramic adhesive FPD’s and
implant prostheses are outlined.

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Table Clinics

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1991

FIXED PROSTHODONTICS

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
STEVE RIEDY, DDS, MS
Accuracy of Master Casts
Master casts, fabricated using
the transfer coping impression
technique, were compared with
more conventional impression procedures
commonly utilized in fixed prosthodontic
treatment. Comparisons are made with
the Michigan Computer-Graphic Measurement
System to determine the relative accuracies of
these techniques.

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
JOHN FARAH, DDS, PH.D.
How to Make Great Impressions
Four categories of rubber impres-
sion material will be reviewed,
including addition (PVS) sili-
cones (both hydrophilic and traditional),
condensation silicones, polyethers, and polysul-
fides. Desirable and non-desirable features
from a dentist, patient, and laboratory tech-
nician viewpoint will be outlined. Properties
crucial for obtaining good impressions with
each type of material will be discussed.
Advantages and disadvantages of the double
arch technique along with a variety of double
arch trays will also be highlighted. Cost com-
parisons and recommendations for use in
specific clinical situations will be given.

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
John J. Sharry Research Competition

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
DAVIS GARLAPO, DDS
Considerations Critical to
Accuracy for Both Unit Cast and
Solder Assembled Multi-Unit
Prostheses

The considerations of providing accuracy for
multiple unit fixed prostheses pose unique
problems for both unit cast as well as solder
assembled prostheses. Recognizing the
implications of the significant variables occurring
during indirect laboratory processing under-
scores the importance of standardized controls.
This presentation will examine the limitations of
accuracy for both unit cast and solder
assembled prostheses.

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
GARY GOLDSTEIN, DDS
Flexion Characteristics of
Ceramometal Fixed Partial
Dentures Utilizing Elapsed Time
Interferometry

Elapsed time interferometry (Holography) is a
research device for measuring deformation
under nondestructive loading. Previous studies
on soldered connections for fixed partial pros-
theses have been done under tensile loading
with the assumption that there is a correlation
between tensile and compressive loading. This
paper will present part of the ongoing research
in evaluating whether the position of the solder
joint in a fixed partial ceramometal framework
will effect the flexion of the framework under
nondestructive compressive loading.

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
DR. PHILLIP SHERIDAN
Ridge Augmentation for Partially
Edentulous Patients
Various techniques and materials
have been used to enhance the
contour of the residual alveolar process prior
to fabrication of a fixed partial denture. This
presentation will focus on the advantages and
disadvantages of the different treatment
modalities. Included in the discussion will be a
review of the pertinent literature.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1991

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
ROY PAGE, DDS, PH.D., D.SC.
New Frontiers in Periodontics
A very large body of new knowl-
edge now exists, and
revolutionary changes are now
occurring in our understanding of the periodontal
diseases. The goal of this session is to
summarize the new knowledge and concepts of
special interest to prosthodontists, and to
demonstrate their application to diagnosis,
therapy, and maintenance of periodontal health.

The session will include information on preva-
ience and progression of periodontal diseases,
microbial etiology, diagnosis, and therapy, with
special emphasis on the advanced and early
onset forms of these diseases.

9:40 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
KARL LEINFELDER, DDS, MS
Posterior Restorative Materials
On the basis of laboratory stud-
ies, many new claims relating to
significant changes in properties
and performance have been made in dental
materials. Esthetic restorative materials are
among those that have changed most
markedly. In this presentation, the clinician
will discuss the clinical performance of these
materials and indicate their uses in private
practice. Particular emphasis will be placed on
the clinical evaluation of the new dentin adhe-
sives, glass ionomers, posterior composite
resins. This course is designed to offer guide-
lines on selection and use of currently
available materials as well as recommended
technical techniques.

10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
VAN P. THOMPSON, PH.D., DDS
Resin Bonded Fixed Partial
Dentures
This presentation will examine the various adhesive systems employed in
prosthodontics for adhesion of metal to enam-
el, dentin, composite resin and porcelain
repair. Particular emphasis will be on the
critical evaluation of advertising and the litera-
ture in these areas. The chemical basis for
degradation and the role of surface topography
in bond durability will be introduced. The
latest research on bonding systems for gold
and palladium based alloys will be reviewed.
Recommendations for adhesive systems based
upon proper laboratory and clinical studies
will be presented.

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
DR. TERRY MYERS
Lasers in Dentistry
Over the past several years
advancements have been made
allowing for the use of lasers in
the oral cavity. This presentation will begin
with a short discussion of the physics and
history of lasers then follow with an overview
of the different types of lasers that we practi-
tioners may be using in our offices.
Local Arrangements Committee
Chairman Robert Ahlstrom has planned an outstanding array of social activities and special events that are sure to make your trip to Reno entertaining for both you and your spouse. But, make your plans early, because many of the events have limited space and tickets purchased before October 6, 1991 will be discounted. Information on ticket rates and location of events are detailed in the enclosed annual session activities registration form.

Wednesday, November 6, 1991

Ranch San Rafael & Gaming Academy Tour
9:00 - 11:00 AM

For you “early arrivals,” join us on this special two-hour tour. Rancho San Rafael is the site of the Wilbur D. May Museum, named after the founder of the May Company. It is also the site of the Great Basin Adventure and the Herman Ranch House, Wilbur May settled in Reno in 1936 on his Double Diamond Ranch. Because of his concern for the welfare and education of children, he was a long-time supporter of a variety of children’s organizations in the Reno area. After his death in 1982, the Museum, adjoining Arboretum and Animal Feature were developed as a memorial to May and his love of children.

Then, it’s on to the gaming tour. Whether you are in Reno for the first time or have been here many times, everyone will enjoy this inside look at “Nevada-Style fun.” The tour begins with a demonstration of how to play the most popular casino games, including Blackjack, Craps, and Roulette. Next, at the Reno Tahoe Gaming Academy, you will practice what you have learned using play money, but in a realistic casino atmosphere. The tour concludes with a “Behind the Scenes” peek through the one-way mirrors high above the casino floor.

Early Arrivals Dinner
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Dinner and transportation will be provided to the Christmas Tree Restaurant where they are noted for their mahogany grilled steaks and chicken kiev. Located at 7000 feet above sea level on the way to Lake Tahoe, a picturesque view of the Sierra’s and Reno’s skyline can be seen.

Thursday, November 7, 1991

Spouses Hospitality Breakfast
8:00 - 10:00 AM
Washoe Room

All spouses of registered members and guests are cordially invited to enjoy a daily complimentary continental breakfast. The Spouses Hospitality breakfast will be available Thursday through Sunday at this same time and location.

Members Pre-Session Breakfast
7:00 - 8:00 AM

All registered members and guests are cordially invited to enjoy a daily complimentary breakfast sponsored by the Nobelpharma. The breakfast will be served in Rose B where the commercial exhibitors are located. Be sure to visit all the booths during the annual session. The members’ breakfast will be available Thursday through Sunday.

Reno City/Harrah’s Auto Museum Tour
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

This is a must tour if you want to see all the highlights of Reno. Your Reno Ambassador escort will point out the various attractions in the Reno area, and give a narration of the interesting history which gave life to this city in the desert. On the tour, you will see the famous arch, the “Biggest Little City in the World,” the Nevada State Fairgrounds, home of the famous Reno Rodeo, the Reno campus of the University of Nevada, Lawlor Events Center, Flieshman Atmospharium-Planetarium and the glittering casino district of Virginia Street.

The tour will also include the old home district of California Street, as well as a visit to the William F. Harrah Automobile Museum. The museum offers an outstanding display of automobiles, which represent the entire range of foreign and domestic automotive history. The cars are displayed in theme areas, which bring to life those bygone days of motoring. On display are cars once owned by Al Jolson, John Wayne, Elvis Presley and many others. The museum also offers a unique gift shop.

Lake Tahoe Tour
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The group will leave Reno and travel west to the Truckee area which is rich in pioneer lore. The Reno ambassador will relate the excitement of Old Truckee and other historic points in this area. A visit will also be made to the Donner Memorial Historic Park and its fine museum. It was here during the winter of 1846-47 that members of the famous westward-bound “Donner Party” played out their tragic rendezvous with destiny. On this loop tour, you will also have an opportunity to see Squaw Valley, site of the 1960 Winter Olympics, Donner Lake and Tahoe City on the north shore of Lake Tahoe.

Re-Acquaintance Cocktail Party
Sponsored by Calcitek
6:00 - 8:00 PM

All members, spouses, and guests are cordially invited to visit with old friends and make new ones at our traditional Re-Acquaintance Cocktail Party sponsored by Calcitek. A fantastic array of hors d’oeuvres will be provided compliments of Calcitek and the College. Come early as you won’t want to miss the arrival of our very special guest.

Friday, November 8, 1991

5K Fun Run
6:00 - 7:00 AM

If you are a marathoner in training or just a neighborhood walker, you will enjoy this opportunity to exercise through the streets of Reno early Friday morning. All participants will receive a souvenir T-Shirt and refreshments. Medals will be awarded to various age groups.

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Secrets of a Showgirl
12:00 NOON to 1:30 PM
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Why wouldn't Flow Ziegfeld hire girls with grey eyes? How come all dancers have to be so tall? What do some of those headpieces weigh? . . . and on and on go the questions as "Secrets of a Showgirl" tells what it's really like behind-the-scenes of a big stage production. The showgirl is a chorus line veteran who transforms herself from a "Plain Jane" into a glamorous showgirl who appears after applying three pairs of false eyelashes and donning a stunning costume of rhinestones and feathers. During the presentation, she discusses her life-style. Following the interests of her audience, the showgirl answers all your questions while completing her transformation. Lunch is included.

Virginia City Dinner
6:00 - 10:00 PM
Transportation Provided

Board your motorcoach for the trip to historic Virginia City which had a population of 30,000 in 1877 and was the largest city west of Denver. Today, only 700 people reside here. Our private party will begin in the Delta Saloon, when upon entering, each person will receive a tin cup for use throughout the three-hour party at either the upstairs or downstairs bars. There will be a Country Western Band set up in the main downstairs saloon to play for your listening and dancing pleasure along with a good old fashioned "Western Dinner."

Saturday, November 9, 1991

Federal Services Breakfasts
7:00 - 8:00 AM
Join your colleagues from each of the Federal Services for a delicious breakfast and the chance to discuss mutual areas of interest.

Virginia City Tour
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
The first stop on the way to Virginia City will be Carson City, Nevada's State Capital where the Nevada State Museum houses the old U.S. Mint building and offers a fabulous rendition of a working mine and ghost town. Proceeding to Virginia City, the exciting history of this town will begin to unfold. Once the richest place on earth, you will hear of the many "rags to riches" tales. After arriving in Virginia City, you will be escorted through the town where you will see historic mines, the old red light district, and the mansions built by the mine-owners and supervisors. Everyone needs some time to explore their particular interests and see the highlights of this historic town. Lunch is included as is the tour guide, who will share his knowledge of the area and make sure a "good time is had by all."

Annual Business Luncheon
12:30 - 2:30 PM
All members, guests, and spouses are invited to attend the Annual Business Luncheon. During the Luncheon, numerous awards will be presented and the new Fellows of the College will be recognized. The highlight of this event will be the guest speaker, Mr. Norm Nielson, the host of a syndicated radio program, "TALES OF NEVADA!", which airs statewide and is heard by more than one-million listeners daily. Mr. Nielson will entertain us with a humorous and interesting review of the history of gaming in Nevada.

President's Reception and Dinner Dance
6:30 - 7:30 No Host Bar
7:30 - 10:30 Dinner and Dancing
Sponsored by Warner Lambert

This will be an extra special event sponsored by Warner-Lambert honoring outgoing President Jim Fowler and incoming President David Eggleston during an elegant evening of dinner and dancing. Fun should be had by all as we enjoy the "Golden Oldies" of Papa Shifter & the Clutches. Black tie optional. 

John J. Sharry
Prosthodontic Research Award Semi-Finalists

Competition is keen for the 1991 John J. Sharry Prosthodontic Research Award. Of the many abstracts reviewed by the Research Committee, six were selected as semi-finalists. Each of the contestants was asked to submit a manuscript for the second phase of competition. The contestants, their research topics, schools, and sponsors, are as follows:

1. John J. Boyle, DMD, MS
   "Evaluation of the marginal sharpness of the porcelain labial margin metal ceramic restoration" 
   Sponsor: Robert J. Cronin, Jr., Col., USAF, DC
   Department of the Air Force

2. William D. Gates, DDS, MS
   "A comparison of the adhesive strength of a Bis-GMA cement to tin plated and non-tin plated alloys" 
   Sponsor: Ana M. Diaz-Arnold, DDS, MS
   University of Iowa

3. Jose A. Iturregui, DDS
   "Evaluation of three impression techniques for osseointegrated oral implants" 
   Sponsor: Steven A. Aquilino, DDS, MS
   The University of Iowa

4. Keith E. Kinderknecht, DMD
   "The effect of a 'Deprogrammer' on the position of the terminal horizontal axis of the mandible" 
   Sponsor: E.J. Billy, Capt, DC, USN
   Naval Dental School
   Bethesda, Maryland

5. Sreenivas, Koka, DDS, MS
   "Microbial colonization of dental implants in partially edentulous patients" 
   Sponsor: Michael Razzzoog, DDS, MS MPH
   The University of Michigan

6. Thomas S. Marshall, DDS
   "A biochemical analysis of osseointegrating and non-osseointegrating implant materials during primary mineralization" 
   Sponsor: Barbara D. Boyan, Ph.D.
   The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

The Research Committee will select three finalists to present their original research during the Annual Session at 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 9. Ballots will be distributed after the presentations are made and College members will have a chance to serve as the final judges. Awards and plaques will be given out for first, second, and third place winners at the business meeting that afternoon.
Sections Delegate Meeting

Friday, November 8, 1991

Luncheon
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Pyramid B Room

Delegate Meeting
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sections representatives attending the Delegate Meeting will have an opportunity to hear first hand individual reports from College officers. Individual items slated for the meeting include: the President's message, Dr. James A. Fowler, Jr.; reviews of the College's officers; an update on the ACP re-organization plan by the Executive Director, Dr. David Schwab; new information on OSHA and its impact on California legislation by Dr. David W. Eggleston, President-Elect; the new format of the College's newsletter, direction and agenda by Dr. Patrick M. Lloyd, Editor-in-Chief, The ACP Messenger; and details on the National Impact Registry by Dr. Thomas D. Taylor, Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Implant Prosthodontics.

Annual reports from individual sections will be given during this meeting along with highlights from the Mid-Western ACP Meeting and the Ohio State Annual Meeting. Adequate time is available for a group discussion and planning for future section activities.

Nobelpharma to Sponsor Continental Breakfasts

Nobelpharma has announced major corporate support of the College's by agreeing to sponsor the continental breakfasts and coffee breaks during the four-day annual session in Reno.

The announcement was made by Mr. William J. Ryan, President of Nobelpharma, USA.

The company will exhibit at two booths during the meeting. Members and guests are invited to partake of Nobelpharma's hospitality and enjoy a continental breakfast each morning and coffee breaks throughout the meeting.

"The College sincerely appreciates Nobelpharma's commitment to the annual session," said David Schwab, Ph.D., ACP Executive Director. Nobelpharma really understands the key role prosthodontists play as part of the implant team. They are a first-class company and a pleasure to work with."

Nobelpharma, makers of the Branemark Implant System, is a division of Nobel Industries based in Sweden.

Educators/Mentors Seminar Keys in on Current Issues

The Educators/Mentors Seminar will focus directly on issues brought forth by the Point/CounterPoint question, "Should prosthetic specialty programs be expanded to three years?"

Dr. Noel Wilkie, Seminar Chair, announces that the seminar "couldn't be more timely in addressing this issue." Three educators with specific interests in maintaining and expanding major important areas in the specialty curriculum will be featured in the Friday afternoon seminar.

The importance of Craniofacial Disorders (Dr. Ronald Attanasco, speaker), Implant Dentistry (Dr. Frank Panno, speaker) and the research discipline (Dr. Thomas Taylor, speaker) in the curriculum will be the basis of the seminar's formal presentation. All attendees and participants will later have opportunity to interact in general discussion.

Dr. Wilkie emphasizes all college members are welcome to attend this seminar. "Being an educator or a mentor is not a prerequisite by any means," Dr. Wilkie said. Please be certain to check the appropriate block on your Annual Session activities registration form if you wish to attend.

Board Preparation Course

Wednesday, November 6, 1991

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

The Education and Advancement Committee, Chaired by Dr. Arthur Nimmo, is sponsoring an all day Board Preparation Course. The Board Preparation Course has been combined with the Affiliates/Associates Seminar to eliminate duplication and to enhance this outstanding educational activity. This is a must program for all candidates who are preparing to challenge the American Board of Prosthodontics. Tickets for this activity are $60 with the Study Guide, or $25 without the Study Guide. A luncheon is included.

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Dr. Kenneth Malament - Introduction
Passing statistics
Study guide - Phase I Written Exam
Patient Presentation (Phase II, Part I)

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. BREAK

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Dr. Carl J. Andres - Criteria Grading and Patient Presentation (Phase II, Part 1)
Ideas: How to pass/how to fail exam

11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Dr. Arthur Nimmo - Patient Presentation (Phase II, Part I)

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
LUNCHEON
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Dr. Kenneth Turner, President, American Board of Prosthodontics - The Board's Perspective

1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Dr. Arthur Nimmo - Intro to Phase II, Part 2
Format of the patient demonstrations

1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Dr. Arthur Nimmo - Removal Prosthetic Theory

2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Dr. Carl J. Andres - Maxillofacial Prosthetic Theory Clefts, Acquired Defects, Prosthesis Design, Impressions, Cancer, Radiation Therapy, Maxillofacial

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. BREAK

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Dr. Kenneth Malament - Fixed Prosthetic Theory Preparation, Periodontics, Impression, Lab Procedures, Ceramics, Occlusion, Implants.
Ad Hoc Committee for Fixed and Removable Prosthodontics

During the year 1990-91 our committee has continued to work on the recommendations that came out of Section IV, Education, of the Pros. 21 meeting.

First we determined the main competencies that are taught to undergraduate dental students in prosthodontics. Then with a very small sample of dental educators we determined: (1) the level of competency that should be expected; (2) the competencies that should or could be eliminated from the predoctoral curriculum and restricted to the advanced prosthodontic programs; (3) what competencies should or could be added to the predoctoral curriculum.

Next, since our sample of dental educators was small, we recommended to the Executive Committee of the College that the chairmen of all the prosthodontic departments in U.S. Dental Schools be surveyed to determine how they view these subjects.

In 1990 our committee established a working relationship with the FPO committee on research. We expect our two committees to work together in the coming year on the problems facing undergraduate prosthodontic education.

Private Practice of Prosthodontics Committee

The current projects of the committee are the annual Private Practice Seminar. This year’s seminar will feature Dr. Jack Silversin. Dr. Silversin was the architect of the AAP Professional Partnership Program and has lectured extensively on the referral process between general practitioners and specialists.

Dr. Silversin is also currently working with the endodontists to better understand the referral process between specialists and generalists. Why do G.P.'s refer patients? What do they expect and want? What do you do to return the referral favor? How can you help your G.P.’s? Can you build a referral-based practice?

So if you receive professional referrals now or would like to receive more, this seminar is a must. This year’s seminar will return to the workshop format so that the maximum participation interaction can occur. If you are in private practice or intend to be, don’t miss this opportunity.

The other current projects are the graduate student placement program which will be started in the winter of 1992 and a new economic survey that will be sent out in the spring of 1992.

Historical Committee

The Historical Committee continues the ongoing collection of historical items and maintains a chronological history of the significant events of the College’s activity. The 1990 Historical Record binder is in the process of being completed, with the inclusion of photos, minutes of the Executive Council and Annual Business Meetings and programs of the Annual Session in Charleston, South Carolina.

Dr. John D. Jones, from San Antonio, was appointed to the Historical Committee at the October Executive Council Meeting in Charleston. Dr. Jones will provide greater accessibility to the Central Office and facilitate the gathering of historical data and participation in the functions of the Historical Committee that require personal interaction with Central Office personnel, material and services in San Antonio.

As a long term goal, the Historical Committee continues to discuss the possibility of developing an ACP Center and Museum for Prosthodontics. It is apparent that such an undertaking will require substantial additional space at the Central Office. So until adequate space is available this goal has been postponed indefinitely.

Peer Review Committee

Promoting the ACP’s Peer Review services continues to be the main agenda for this committee. All state dental associations have been individually contacted, informing them of our willingness to work with their peer review frameworks to facilitate the American Dental Association’s policy that specialists have the right to be evaluated by members of their own specialty.

The committee continues to encourage all Sections to appreciate the value of being reviewed by the ACP Peer Review Committee when appropriate. For this reason, all Sections should promote the ACP system to their respective state associations. With over 1,000 cases reviewed, the ACP Peer Review Committee offer years of experience in resolving disputes between patients and prosthodontists. The ACP continues to be the only national prosthodontic organization to offer such a service.

In other matters of national importance, the ACP Peer Review Committee hopes to participate in the ADA’s 1992 Conference which will include issues in peer review. Details regarding this conference and our involvement will be made available to College members as information becomes available.

This committee is closely following the ADA’s lawsuit against the National Data Bank. At the present time nine constituent dental societies have suspended their peer review until the ADA litigation is resolved or they can determine how to work within the Data Bank. This committee will closely monitor the actions of the ADA, act on their behalf, and report to the members in a timely fashion. More detail on any of the above issues will be available from a representative of this committee attending the Sections Meeting at the Annual Session.
Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Planning

The Strategic Planning Committee directed its efforts in four areas.

The committee, with input from other ACP committees, recommended that the College assume responsibility for 36 Prosthodontics 21 objectives. Postdoctoral education, geriatrics, increased awareness of the public regarding prosthodontics and prosthodontists and issues related to the private practice of prosthodontics are included. Members of the College are also serving on a FPO ad hoc committee addressing seven Pros 21 objectives on undergraduate education standards.

Vice-President Ron Woody is updating the status of the 1988 ACP Goals and Objectives. This information with the Prosthodontics 21 initiatives will be developed into a current strategic plan.

The Committee evaluated several recommendations made by the Executive Director on membership issues and reviewed a report on the legal audit of the ACP governing documents and procedures. We recommended several Constitution and Bylaws changes which will be voted upon by the membership this fall.

Color and Color Matching Committee

The Color and Color Matching Committee is assembling reference materials concerning color education for both the predoctoral level and the graduate level. Once this material has been completely catalogued, the committee expects to distribute it to dental programs nationally, in an effort to standardize concepts relative to color education in dentistry. As an ongoing activity, this committee recommends a representative from the College to attend the Inter-Society Color Council’s annual meeting. Dr. Stephen Bergen (Past President ACP) attended this year’s meeting in New York City.

Education and Advancement Committee

A major undertaking for the Education and Advancement Committee this upcoming year will be the revision of the ACP Study Guide for Board Certification to reflect the change in certification format.

An editorial subcommittee composed of Drs. Kenneth Malament, Steven Gordon and Arthur Nimmo has set September 1992 as the target date for the completion of this revision. Candidates who will be taking the new Phase II exam in June of 1992 will be contacted to obtain information concerning this new aspect of the examination process. Information solicited from these candidates will be vital to assuring that our study guide is as current and as helpful as possible.

Contributing to the annual session has long been a responsibility of this committee. Two educational programs are supported each year, the Board Preparation Course and the Educators/Mentors Seminar. The 1991 Annual Session will have a fresh selection of speakers and topics to address both of these issues.

Finally, the Education and Advancement Committee has prepared a selection of mock board questions for prosthodontic program directors. This project is being coordinated by Dr. Dale Cipra, with help from Drs. Randy Diener and Dale Wilcox.

Prosthodontic Nomenclature Committee

The Prosthodontic Nomenclature Committee is in the process of revising the Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms for a new sixth edition. The committee is working in conjunction with the Prosthodontic Nomenclature Committee of the Academy of Prosthodontics. The sixth edition will have an updated format to encourage widespread use within our specialty and throughout the dental profession as the definitive reference of choice. Date of availability has not yet been released.
Kenneth A. Turner Elected Board President

The American Board of Prosthodontics elected Dr. Kenneth A. Turner to succeed Dr. Ronald P. DesJardins as President of the Board. Dr. Turner assumed this term of office beginning September 1, 1991. This is his 7th and final year as a member of the Board of Examiners. Also elected to office was Dr. Robert M. Morrow. He will be serving the Board as its Vice-President. Dr. James W. Schweiger will continue as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board.

Practice of Rotating Exam Sites to Continue

The Board has determined that future Phase II examinations will be rotated between both coasts and in the central part of the country. This would give prospective candidates an opportunity to qualify for the examination closest to their home or military station. The Board is presently holding discussions with several schools. If approval is forthcoming from the administrations of these schools, then future examination sites will include Louisiana State University, New Orleans; Medical College of South Carolina, Charleston; and Baylor College of Dentistry, Dallas.

ABP Examination Schedule

Phase I - Written Examination
1992, February 12, Chicago, Illinois
1993, February, Chicago, Illinois

Phase II, Part I, II & III
Patient and Oral Presentations and Written Examinations
1992, June at the USC Dental School, Los Angeles, California
1993, June at SUNY-Buffalo Dental School, Buffalo, New York

New Examination Fees Adopted

A fee schedule for the new examination format was adopted by the Board during its June business meeting. The application fee will remain at $100.00 and this is a non-refundable fee. The fee for the new Phase I examination will be $300.00. The new Phase II examination fees will be as follows:

- Phase II examination $500.00
- Re-exam, 1 part $200.00
- Re-exam, 2 parts $400.00

Requests for refunds or holdovers will, as in the past, be reviewed on an individual basis.

Phase I exam scheduled for February 12, 1992.

The full day written objective examination, Phase I of the new certification format, will be offered February 12, 1992 in Chicago, Illinois. The site for this examination will be the American Dental Association building, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL. The final date for receiving applications for this examination will be December 1, 1991.

74 Complete Certification Process in Texas

This, the 43rd and final year of a clinical examination, resulted in a record number of candidates being certified as Diplomates. "We are very pleased to see the increase in numbers of prosthodontists completing the certification process. It is the hope of the Board that the dramatic rise in interest for certification over the past couple of years will continue," said Dr. Kenneth A. Turner, President, American Board of Prosthodontics.

A sincere note of gratitude is extended to the administration of the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston for serving as the site for the last clinical examination. The Board would particularly like to acknowledge the endless hours of work and dedication contributed by Drs. Mark E. Connelly and Thomas L. Hurst. Their attention to detail and availability to examiners and candidates was critical to the successful management of this year's examination.

Correspondence concerning the American Board of Prosthodontics should be directed to:

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Executive Director
American Board of Prosthodontics
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Atlanta, Georgia 30306
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FAX 404-876-2625
Announcements

Discount Airfares for Annual Session

Delta Airlines and American Airlines have been appointed as the official air carriers for our 1991 Annual Session in Reno, Nevada. Discounted airfares are available as follows:

**Delta:**
- 5% discount off any published fare, providing all rules and conditions of the airfare are met.
- 45% discount off the unrestricted Coach (Y, YN, Y1) fare. Call Delta or your travel agent and give the following ACP file number: U0679

**American:**
- 5% discount off any published fare, providing all rules and conditions of the airfare are met.
- 40% discount off the unrestricted Coach fare. Call American or your travel agent and give the following ACP file number: S06018N

Other restrictions may apply. Members are also encouraged to call the College’s official travel agent, Sue Turner, for all their annual session travel needs:

Sue Turner
Decatur Travel Agency, Inc.
1-800-969-4754

Discount Rental Car Rates for Annual Session

**ALAMO RENT A CAR** has joined the American College of Prosthodontists to offer you special low care rental rates which are available one week before and one week after the Annual Session. All Alamo rentals include air conditioning, automatic transmissions and UNLIMITED FREE MILEAGE. (Some restrictions may apply.)

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Academy of Denture Prosthetics Is Now The Academy Of Prosthodontics

The Academy of Denture Prosthetics recently approved a name change to the Academy of Prosthodontics at their May 19-24, 1991 meeting in Wintergreen, Virginia. The Academy was organized in 1918 as The National Society of Denture Prosthodontists. Dr. Milus M. House, Dr. I. Lester Furnas, and Dr. George H. Wilson were instrumental in forming the organization. Originally, the presentations at the meetings only concerned complete dentures, until 1923 when essays on removable partial dentures were included. In 1940 the name of the Academy was changed to The Academy of Denture Prosthetics.

For many years the scientific programs of the Academy have included removable and fixed prosthodontics, as well as maxillofacial prosthodontics. The Fellows of the Academy were concerned that because of the name there was a perception that only removable prosthodontics were included in the Academy programs. The new name, Academy of Prosthodontics, more accurately describes the interests of the Fellows and the concerns of the Academy.

**UCHC Researchers Report on “Dry Mouth” Treatment**

Researchers at the University of Connecticut Health Center reported recently that it is possible to stimulate continuous secretion of saliva by direct continuous application of a drug to the mucous membranes of the inner surface of the cheek.

This may have wide implications for the treatment of xerostomia, or dry mouth, according to Dr. Jason M. Tanzer of the UC School of Dental Medicine.

Tanzer and Drs. Margaret L. Weaver and Paul A. Kramer of UC School of Pharmacy reported their ability to deliver the drug pilocarpine directly across the cheeks of dogs and successfully induce constant, low rates of salivary secretion with minimal side-effects.

Millions of people worldwide suffer from xerostomia. This condition commonly results from the use of medications which dry the salivary secretions; from Sjogren’s syndrome, a condition in which the immune system of the body attacks the person’s own salivary glands; or from surgical or radiation damage to the saliva-producing glands.

Xerostomia has frequent consequences—rampant tooth decay, inflammation of the mucous membranes of the mouth, with accompanying pain, burning and loss of taste sensation. It can make functions such as speaking, chewing, swallowing solid foods and sleeping difficult.

The drug is rapidly inactivated by the liver. Thus by applying the drug to the cheek rather than to the intestinal lining (as occurs when pilocarpine tablets are swallowed), the liver’s effects on the drug can be largely bypassed and the total dose of the drug needed to cause saliva secretion minimized.

Because it is possible for low drug doses to be delivered continuously through the cheek, the researchers say a new principle may have been established in the management of dry mouth.

**Dentistry and the Law Conference**

The 4th Annual Dentistry and the Law Conference, presented by Randall K. Berning & Affiliates in cooperation with Loyola University of Chicago’s School of Dentistry and the Institute for Health Law, will be held on Friday, November 8, 1991, in Chicago at the Water Tower Campus of the Loyola’s School of Law.

The Conference serves as an annual forum for the dental profession to discuss legal issues affecting dentistry. This year the Conference will focus on 11 topics and will highlight a panel discussion on Clinical Practice of HIV Positive Practitioners and Staff: Legal and Ethical Issues. AGD has accepted the Conference for 6 hours of credit.

Registration is $325 and includes all conference sessions, binder of materials, lunch and reception. The Conference binder and a full set of audio cassettes can be ordered for $180. For registration or further information call Randall K. Berning & Affiliates at 415-692-8121 or 800-999-8121.
**The ADA/AADS Select Program**

As we are all well aware, there is a notable shortage of allied dental personnel within our profession. One of the goals and objectives of the Committee on Dental Laboratory Service has been that of encouraging entry into the dental laboratory profession of qualified and interested individuals. It is felt that our goals are best served by working within the auspices of the ADA SELECT program.

This program was formulated by the ADA as a response to the personnel shortages with which we as dentists are concerned. The SELECT program is a nationwide networking of individuals who work at the local, grass roots level in an effort to locate and encourage qualified personnel to all aspects of dentistry. The goals of the program are specifically set forth as:

**Mission:** To encourage highly qualified individuals to consider careers in the dental profession including dentistry, dental assisting, dental hygiene, and dental laboratory technology.

**Objective One:** To improve the quality of the applicant pools to all accredited dental educational programs so that the most qualified applicants can be selected for enrollment.

**Objective Two:** To convey an accurate and positive image of careers in dentistry, dental assisting, dental hygiene, and dental laboratory technology.

**Objective Three:** To encourage members of the dental team to take an active role in selecting their future peers and colleagues.

It is the position of the College to encourage members to aid the ADA/AADS SELECT Program in this endeavor whenever possible. Each local component dental society has a SELECT coordinator who can be located through that society. At the national level the points of contact are Dr. Steven Kelner (Director) or Mr. Hector Gonzalez, Coordinator, Data and Materials. These individuals can be contacted at the ADA Building, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 1804, Chicago, Illinois, 60611, 800-621-8099, ext. 2686.

As the College works within the framework of the SELECT organization, the long term benefits of recruiting qualified dental technicians as well as other allied dental personnel can be realized.

Terry L. Eggleston, DDS  
Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Dental Laboratory Service

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**College Joins National Implant Registry**

The College has undertaken the task of creating a National Implant Registry in collaboration with the Academy of Osseointegration, the American Academy of Implant Dentistry, the American Academy of Periodontology, the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and the Department of Veterans Affairs. While the registry is structured as a consortium, each organization will operate its own registry autonomously and each participating practitioner will be guaranteed confidentiality.

The registry offers a participating practitioner the ability to log and follow his or her patients in an easy, accurate and scientific manner. It is a strong practice management and marketing tool that is being offered to College members at no cost to the individual. The College will benefit from annual reports of member activity as a whole but will not have access to individual practitioners’ patient information or statistics. Participation in the Registry will give the College a high profile in the dental community and will increase inter-specialty cooperation and communication. The public relations benefits for the College as well as for individual participating members is incentive enough to warrant participating.

Each provider will receive quarterly reports of their personal activity which will allow accurate tracking of patients, recall schedules, types of implants and restorations used, location and size of implants and complications or problems encountered. Pooled data reported to the College and available through The ACP Messenger will allow the individuals to compare their activity with College activity as a whole.

For more information on the Implant Registry contact:  
Dr. Thomas D. Taylor  
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UCONN Health Center  
Farmington, CT 06030  
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Thomas D. Taylor, DDS, MSD  
Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Implant Prosthodontics

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**ACP Seeks to Sponsor Specialty**

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PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES WANTED

Ohio - Second year prosthodontic resident at VA Hospital seeking an associate position. Training in fixed and removable, implants and maxillofacial prosthodontics. One year VA Hospital based GPR. Ohio State University College of Dentistry graduate. Send inquiries to: Dentist, 13495 Fountain Drive, #201, New Berlin, WI 53151.

PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Pittsburgh, PA - Associate leading to partnership in growing south suburban Pittsburgh, PA prosthodontic practice. Great opportunity for right person. Call 412-854-1515.

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**Classifieds**

Don't forget to attend the Annual Business Meeting  
Saturday, November 9, 1992,  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.,  
in the Rose A Room.
Should Prosthodontic Specialty Programs Be Expanded To Three Years?

It is my firm belief that a three-year program offers greater benefits to the resident, the patients, the institution, and the specialty. Why? Because it enables a program to develop a better specialty.

Our program converted to a three-year format in July 1990 for these reasons: 1. The increase in implant prosthodontics made it necessary for the residents to have more time with the patient to initiate and conclude the treatment. 2. More residents desired a Master's Degree. This, realistically, could not be accomplished in a two-year program and the logistics of keeping the resident around for an additional year (primarily space) were not easily solved. 3. To have the ability to add courses, restructure courses, provide for teaching time and maintain adequate clinic time available to the residents. In the thirteen months we have been in a three-year format, these benefits and more are being realized.

The second-year residents are very active in implant prosthodontics and first-year residents will begin their formal introduction to implants in the autumn quarter. Patient care will follow shortly thereafter.

We have eliminated the "optional" Master's degree and have made it mandatory. Interestingly, this seems to be drawing applicants to our program. Most applicants are seeking a Master degree rather than just certification and our faculty is very strong in research.

The three-year program also offers more flexibility for scheduling. It is possible to use University faculty outside of the College of Dentistry due to this flexibility. New courses can now be fit in where necessary.

Finally, the three-year format affords time for a more well-rounded program. Maxillofacial prosthetics will be more completely presented with the extra time provided in the program. More opportunity for presentations at meetings will be provided to the resident. The chance to take "elective" courses outside of dentistry is now much more available to the resident. An overall increase in experience can be realized with an additional year.

The institution gains also. Better trained specialists enhance the stature of the institution. Greater quality and quantity of research bring monetary awards and notoriety. More higher level dental care is provided to the institutions patient population. More presentations by the residents put the institution in the public eye.

To me the three-year program makes sense. It may not be right for all institutions. However, seeing is believing.

Dale L. Cipra, DDS

How can we continue to include the teaching of new concepts and techniques into an already crowded curriculum?

The issue has many sides: mastering the many subsets of the specialty; the development of clinical competence; gaining a historical perspective; applying research to the best ends; and lastly paying for it all. In today's world educational issues quickly become economic issues. As much as we hate to admit it, dental disease is usually not "life threatening." Prosthodontic treatment is usually not "life saving." On that basis we are given the opportunity to continually change and distill the prosthodontic specialty curriculum; but an expansion of it by one year will be an expense the administrators of public funds and the providers of private funds will not be eager to consider.

Closer to home, a tuition expense of $25,000+ per year at a private institution brings the additional year of specialty training into better perspective. Tuition expense plus another year of minor equipment and supply expense, another year of living expenses, and further loss of income quickly close the door on the third year.

Should prosthodontic specialty programs be expanded to three years? The answer: No, we simply can't afford it.

Noel D. Wilke, DDS

When polling my residents the answer was a resounding "no." Reasons given for this response ranged from monetary concerns, time off required from private practice, the feeling that the subject matter can be adequately covered in two years, to the thought that it would be difficult to attract good residents with time added to the curriculum. These reasons, while having a certain validity, may be seen as being self-serving and are certainly shortsighted. We have a responsibility to assure the public that graduates of accredited prosthodontic programs have the knowledge and clinical skills to practice the specialty of prosthodontics at an advanced level.

There is a constant influx of new technology and knowledge being brought to prosthodontics which is not adequately addressed in the curriculum. In order for the specialty to keep pace with new developments, extra time will be required in the curriculum.

There is a potential danger to adding more time to specialty training requirements. If residents are used as unpaid or low-paid clinical instructors or research assistants, time spent in training will not serve to enhance the status of the specialty.

The survival of prosthodontics as a clinical specialty in dentistry demands that those who practice it be adequately trained. Adding time to the curriculum will ensure an adequate supply of specialists as well as the survival of the specialty in the future.

Randy M. Diener, DDS

Should this be mandated—no! Is this a reasonable question to ask considering the expansion of knowledge in the specialty—yes.

The lengthening of the programs to three years would have many and varied ripple effects: applicant pool, physical facilities, program scheduling, et cetera.

Prosthodontics has experienced a great increase in knowledge and a significant change in nature of the types of treatment rendered. The introduction of reliable implant abutments, resin bonded bonding capabilities and available orthognathic surgical techniques, among other advances, have provided opportunity to extend complex treatment to many more patients. The prosthodontist is no longer the dentist who makes techniques work for the patient, rather they direct the preparation of the patient to accept the standard techniques of prosthesis fabrication.

This change and the increase in knowledge make the acquisition of sufficient skill and knowledge in 24 months difficult. However changing the length of the program may not be the answer. Perhaps better is the refocusing of recruitment of students from a better prepared pool of applicants—perhaps a more intense internship program.

Prosthodontics is the most complex specialty and more time would definitely yield better training for the student; however, the extra time may have a deleterious effect on the applicant pool. The specialty programs already have difficulty attracting a full complement of well qualified applicants.

I would suggest that the extra twelve months would best be spent before entry into Prosthodontics.

David A. Beck, DDS

The Question:

"Should complete denture prosthodontics continue to be part of the undergraduate dental curriculum?"

Please mail your response, not to exceed 250 words, by November 15, 1991. Include your name and address with submission, and mail to: Point/CounterPoint, c/o Patrick M. Lloyd, DDS, MS, Editor-in-Chief, The ACP Messenger, 5000 W. National Ave. (11G), Milwaukee, WI 53295
Meetings and Conferences Calendar

September 21-23, 1991
International College of Prosthodontists, Hiroshima City, Japan
Contact: WCP Hiroshima '91, c/o Inter Group Corp, Shiroguchi Bldg, 2-15 Kakuta-cho, Kita-ku, Osaka, Japan 530

November 3-6, 1991
The American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, Nugget Hotel, Reno, NV,
Contact: Carl J. Andres, School of Dentistry, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN 46202

November 7-10, 1991
Annual Session American College of Prosthodontists, Reno, NV,
Contact: Linda L. Wallenborn, 1777 N.E. Loop 410, Suite 904, San Antonio, TX 78217

November 22-26, 1991
44th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA,
Contact: The Gerontological Society of America, 1275 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-4006

December 6 & 7, 1991
The Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics, Plaza City Hotel, New York City, NY,
Contact: Dr. Robert Schweitzer, 745 5th Avenue, New York, NY 10151

February 12 & 13, 1992
The American Equilibration Society, Chicago Marriott, Chicago, IL,
Contact: Shel Marcus, AES, 8726 North Ferris Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053

February 14 & 15, 1992
American Academy of Crown & Bridge Prosthodontics, Chicago Marriott Hotel Downtown, Chicago, IL,
Contact: Dr. Robert Staffanou, 3302 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, TX 75246

February 14 & 15, 1992
1992 Annual Scientific Session of The American Prosthodontic Society, Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel, Chicago, IL,
Contact: Dr. Howard J. Harvey, Executive Director, APS Central Office, 919 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611

March 8-11, 1992
American Association of Dental Schools Annual Meeting, Boston, MA,
Contact: Christine Shattuck, American Association of Dental Schools, 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Suite 502, Washington, D.C. 20036

March 11-15, 1992
The 21st Annual Session of the American Association for Dental Research, Boston, MA,
Contact: Gwynn Breckenridge, 1111 14th St., N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20005

July 1-4, 1992
Annual Meeting of the International Association for Dental Research, Glasgow, Scotland,
Contact: Gwynn Breckenridge, 1111 14th Street, N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20005

Annual Scientific Sessions of Dental Specialty Organizations

September 25-29, 1991
73rd Annual Meeting of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, Chicago, IL,
Contact: Louise Pochelski, Associate Director Meetings and Conferences, 9700 West Bryn Mawr Avenue, Rosemont, IL 60018
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October 2-5, 1991
The 77th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Periodontology, Vancouver, Canada,
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Washington, Contact: Helen Doherty, 10619 Jousting Lane, Richmond, VA 23235
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November 7-10, 1991
Annual Session, American College of Prosthodontists, Reno NV,
Contact: Linda L. Wallenborn, 1777 N.E. Loop 410, Suite 904, San Antonio, TX 78217

May 6-10, 1992
American Association of Endodontists Annual Session, San Francisco, California,
Contact: Irma Kudo, Executive Director, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 1501, Chicago, IL 60611 312-266-7255

May 9-13, 1992
Annual Session of the American Academy of Oral Pathology, Grand Hyatt, San Francisco, California,
Contact: Dr. Dean K. White, Secretary-Treasurer, University of Kentucky, College of Dentistry, Lexington, KY 40536 606-233-5515

May 9-13, 1992
92nd Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists, St. Louis, Missouri,
Contact: Susan Duello, 460 North Lindberg, St. Louis, MO 63141
314-993-1700

May 22-26, 1992
45th Annual Session of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Seattle, Washington,
Contact: Dr. John A. Bogert, Executive Director, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 1036, Chicago, IL 60611
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Members in the News

John F. Burton, Jr. to Direct Dental Service at Columbia VA Medical Center

Dr. John Burton, Chair, 1991 Annual Sessions and Ad Hoc Committee on Continuing Education has accepted an appointment as the Chief of Dental Service for the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Columbia, South Carolina beginning August of this year. Dr. Burton has been the director of the VA Eastern Dental Education Center in Washington, D.C., since 1983 and prior to that had been associate director and had held a variety of staff positions within the Department of Veterans Affairs.

During his tenure as director of the EDEC, Dr. Burton developed many innovative education programs encompassing areas such as computer assisted instruction, national video conferences, and self-instructional packages. Through Dr. Burton’s efforts, numerous sharing programs with non-VA academic institutions and other professional organizations were initiated or expanded. His projects included the well received eight-hour video tape learning package “Infection Control in the Dental Environment” marketed nationwide by the American Dental Association, and the recent live national satellite television symposium “Bringing Periodontal Science to Dental Practice.”

As Chief of the Dental Service at the Wm. Jennings Byrnn Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia, South Carolina, Dr. Burton will assume responsibility for all dental programs at the 460 bed General Medical and Surgical Facility. Dr. Burton will also oversee provision of dental care at the 120 bed Nursing Home Care Unit located on the grounds. Major affiliations with the Columbia VA Medical Center are the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute.

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