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Dr. Girard DiPietro receives the gavel of office as he assumes leadership of the College.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our last annual session in San Antonio was most successful. The accomplishments of Jim Fowler, Annual Sessions Chairman, Bill Kuebker, Local Arrangements Chairman, and members of their committees were particularly remarkable in view of the necessity for a site change on short notice. The responsible committees overcame unique adverse circumstances to set a new standard of excellence for our meeting.

A significant occurrence at the General Assembly in San Antonio was the members' mandate to the Executive Council to make appropriate efforts to achieve sponsorship of the American Board of Prosthodontics. To this end, and as an initial step in this direction, I

have invited the Presidents of the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations and The Academy of Denture Prosthetics to meet with the Executive Council of the College at the February Chicago meeting. Our purpose is to hear their views as to why the College should/should not sponsor the Board and to present to them, in frank and open discussion, our position on this issue.

Three new ad hoc committees have been proposed and appointed at our recent meeting. I am sure that our "Newsletter" Editor, Bob Elliott, will, in typical fashion, discuss them in a comprehensive report elsewhere in this publication. Because of the constrained reaction time on one of these matters, I would like to direct your

attention to the information on the Ad Hoc Committee on Prosthodontic Care for the Aged, chaired by Jim Brudvik. The possibility exists that a large number of our membership will become involved in this issue of national importance related to the "White House Conference on Aging." Timely knowledge of the subject will enhance our potential impact capability.

The success the College presently enjoys as the preeminent prosthodontic organization is due, in large measure, to the industriousness of our committee members. Committee appointments have been made for this year and all chairmen have been tasked with developing objectives and funding requests for the coming year. It is noteworthy that all members who responded to the March 1980 "Newsletter" request for volunteers to serve the College have been appointed to committees. To have been able to do this pleases me immensely. It is the new energetic participant that generates a fresh spirit within an organization and assures its objectivity, accomplishments, and growth.

The College is truly an organization in which individual needs and collective aims and goals are geared to one another. The major goal during my tenure as President will be to further the objectives of the College through as open and broad a participation of our membership as possible. We solicit your ideas, suggestions, and most of all, your active participation. This is your organization; your interests and the public whom we serve will, as in the past, be our primary concern.

Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

—Girard DiPietro

## COLLEGE TO SEEK SPONSORSHIP OF AMERICAN BOARD OF PROSTHODONTICS

The College members meeting in San Antonio, Texas on October 10th, 1980 voted overwhelmingly to authorize the College administration to seek sponsorship of the American Board of Prosthodontics.

The College is the only national prosthodontic organization which has a voting membership limited to "specialists in prosthodontics" as defined by the American Dental Association.

Following a study of the issue by an Ad Hoc Committee, a recommendation was made to the Executive Council that the membership be (apprised) that the College is *the* prosthodontic organization which is the counterpart of the sponsoring organizations of the other specialty boards and as such should seek sponsorship of the American Board of Prosthodontics. This issue was placed before the general assembly which after lengthy discussion voted its overwhelming approval of the recommendation.

Dialogue will be opened at once with responsible officials of the Academy of Denture Prosthetics and the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations to achieve the end desired by the membership.

## COLLEGE INTERFACES WITH THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

In 1976 there were 43 million individuals in the United States who were 55 years of age or older of whom 5.2 million had incomes below the poverty level.

This statement is from an Act of Congress (Public Law 95-478, Title II) ("the White House Conference on Aging Act").

At the request of Dr. Stephen O. Bartlett this legislation was brought before the Executive Council which requested Dr. R. W. Elliott, Jr., to investigate the status of action taken by the Federal administration in response to the Act.

It was learned, pursuant to the Act of Congress, that a Conference was planned under the direction of the Secretary of the Department of Health

and Human Services to be held in Washington, D.C. from November 30th to December 3, 1981. The purpose of the conference will be to define the needs of the country's older citizens and develop recommendations and plans to meet these needs and challenges. Preceding this conference, which is to be attended by 1800 voting delegates, are State and regional meetings to define the issues to be considered on the national level.

In his report to the Executive Council, Dr. Elliott stated that in his view, "it is the members of our College who deal with that segment of society which has the most difficulty adapting to the edentulous state. How to get them to the dental office, how to finance their care, how to help them regain their self esteem and obtain adequate nutrition is a challenge to the members of the College."

The Executive Council determined that an effort should be made to bring a message from the College to the White House Conference on Aging WHCA. President DiPietro appointed an Ad Hoc Committee for this purpose. The members of the committee are: Drs. James Brudvik (Chairman), Robert W. Elliott, Jr., George Schuetz, Quince Davis, John Goodman and Juan Gonzales.

The committee has been charged to develop a relevant position statement for the College and to request time on the agenda of State, regional and national conferences to present it.

As the program develops members may be called upon to present the College position to the conference being held in that individuals area.

## FINAL REPORT STUDY ON ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION

The task force on advanced dental education sponsored by the American Association of Dental Schools with the support of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation has issued its final report entitled "Advanced Dental Education: Recommendations for the 80s."

The methodology of the task force its composition and funding have been detailed in previous NEWSLETTERS.

There were eleven recommendations made by the Task Force. They are as follows:

1. That the ADA and the AADS review periodically and analyze all available

information on the status of predoctoral dental education in the United States. Every five years these organizations should report the success of the dental schools in meeting the professions stated goals for predoctoral education.

2. That the number of positions in general practice residencies and other advanced dental educational programs designed to better prepare students for general practice should be increased to accommodate approximately one-half of the dental school graduates by the mid 1980s.

3. That the total number of first year clinical dental specialty positions be decreased.

4. That ADA, through its Council on Dental Education, undertake a major study of dental specialization to review the purpose of dental specialty recognition and to accomplish the most effective structuring of those areas deserving specialty recognition.

5. That patient care revenues should be a major source of support for advanced clinical dental education programs.

6. That the Federal and State governments and other public and private agencies, including dental insurers, provide support to develop and evaluate a broad range of model programs for advanced education in the general practice of dentistry.

7. That the AADS and the ADA Council on Dental Education jointly developed a standard financial information system for advanced dental education programs.

8. That all dentists in advanced general practice programs be provided stipends.

9. That there be increased Federal, State, and private support for advanced education programs preparing dentists for careers in education and research.

10. That Fellowships, assistantships, and loans be available to support dentists preparing for careers in education and research.

11. That there be created an independent commission on advanced education in medicine and dentistry.

This report contains a great amount of interesting data and opinion which will have a bearing on the future of the dental specialties in general and prosthodontics in particular. All College members are urged to obtain and read the full report.

A copy of the report may be obtained by writing the AADS at 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036. At present no charge is being made for a copy.

# 1980/81 COLLEGE LEADERSHIP

The College is dedicated to implement the desires of the membership for the benefit of the public they serve.

To accomplish this the Executive Council must know member's desires. All are encouraged to communicate such ideas to the Council.

The Affiliate breakfast, private practice seminar, review of relevance of advanced prosthodontic training, nomenclature committee, and synopsis of annual session papers are a few examples of the innovative ideas of College members.—What are yours?

Following are those chosen to represent the membership for the 1980-81 College year.

An asterisk denotes those who were elected to a new office at the recent annual official session.

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Dr. John J. Lucca

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Dr. Robert W. Elliott, Jr.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Several events at the recent Executive Council meeting in San Antonio beautifully illustrate how members of the College can interface with the Executive Council to further the aims of the College.

Last spring, Frederick Muenchinger, one of our members in private practice in Traverse City, Michigan, wrote asking that the College consider an educational advertising program for the public concerning the specialty of prosthodontics, patterned after the program organized by the American Association of Orthodontists. His letter was placed on the agenda of the Executive Council in July and was referred to Dwight Castleberry, Chairman of the Public and Professional Relations Committee. Dwight was asked to have his committee evaluate the request and report on their recommendations at the October Executive Council Session. As a result of Frederick's letter, the objective of the Public and Professional Relations Committee for 1980-81, as approved by the Council in October reads as follows: "Resolved: The Public and Professional Relations Committee adopt as a goal for 1980-81 the development of a suitable format for a campaign that will accurately, ethically and tactfully inform and educate individuals in matters pertaining to prosthodontics." Finances rule out an advertising campaign on the scale conducted by the orthodontists (and there were reservations concerning the word "advertising") but the need to *educate* was accepted as the real challenge. Frederick is to be congratulated on seeing a need and presenting his idea.

Steve Welsh also had an idea and requested agenda time on the October Executive Council Meeting in San Antonio. He proposed that the College consider sponsoring a ½ day program

for mentors of prosthodontic training programs to be held in conjunction with the College's Annual Session in St. Louis in 1981. The objective of the program would be to upgrade the preparedness of candidates for the board and to establish a dialogue between mentors and the members of the American Board of Prosthodontics. As a result of his presentation, Steve Welsh will chair an ad hoc Committee for a Mentors' Program. Once again a member saw a need, presented his idea and will see it bear fruit.

Pat Murphy also requested time on the Executive Council agenda as the Chairman of the subcommittee on Insurance of the College's Committee on the Private Delivery of Prosthetic Care. Pat wanted council endorsement of an Insurance Claim Form his committee had designed and for a political plan to get the United States Congress to pass needed legislation clarifying that dental services for an underlying medical condition are allowable services under Federal Law, Section B of Title 42. This was an extended educational process for everyone present — but we did finally adjourn at 6:00 P.M. In this instance, the actions needed to proceed in this arena were carefully developed.

It is hoped that these short vignettes of the College processes in action will help in the understanding of how the College functions and the important role each of us has in insuring that the College remains a dynamic force in prosthodontics.

—Robert C. Sproull

## ITEMS OF INTEREST RESULTING FROM ACTIONS OF THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Sections of the Council on Annual Session are to be discontinued following the 1981 meeting in Kansas City, Missouri. The program for the Scientific Session will be developed by the Council with the aid of appointed consultants.

Part of the Ethics Code related to specialty announcement will be revised to reflect the new House of Delegates policy that specialists may use the term "specialist in" or "practice limited to" at

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their option in the announcement of their services. Section 5C which applies will now read, dentists who chose to announce specialization should use 'specialist in' or "practice limited to" and shall limit their practices exclusively to the announced special area(s) of dental practice, provided at the time of the announcement such dentists have met in each approved specialty for which they announce the existing educational requirements and standards set forth by the American Dental Association. "The College supported the use of the term "specialist in."

The agreement reached by the leadership of the American Dental Association and the American Association of Dental Examiners relative to the administration of the National Board examination was approved by the AADE General Assembly and the ADA House of Delegates — for details of this agreement see page four of Volume 8, #2 of the NEWSLETTER.

At the direction of the House of Delegates "radiation guidelines" will be developed by the American Dental Association Council on Legislation in consultation with other ADA agencies for review and consideration by the 1981 House. The Association believes that any necessary regulation should remain in the province of individual States. Further the delegates directed the following policy relating to exposure of dental radiographs; "dentists who choose to delegate the task of exposing radiographic film should delegate the function to personnel who have had sufficient training in quality and safety of such procedures."

## A PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW

A number of years ago when the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations was formed the dues were assessed to the members on a capitation basis. About eight years ago the dues for the members was fixed at one-hundred dollars per member and non-member individuals were assessed twenty-five dollars per year. Additionally if the individuals failed to pay the assessment of twenty-five dollars then their member organization was subject to expulsion from the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations. What has happened since then?

During the first year there was much confusion and about half of the individuals paid their assessment. It was therefore decided to extend the new assessment procedure for another year and thus one years' assessment was collected from most members in two years. To date some individuals have never paid the assessment. The Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations has never taken any punitive action against any of its' members. How have the members reacted to the delinquent individuals?

It is understood that some organizations have expelled individuals from their organization. Other organizations have paid the individuals assessment from the organizations' treasury. Other organizations have taken no action against delinquent individuals. Thus we find the twenty different member organizations have reacted in different ways to the Federation of Prosthodontics Organizations' assessment program that has never been enforced. Is this fair to individuals that have been expelled from their Organizations? Is this fair to individuals that did pay the assessment?

It can be conceded that the capitation basis of three dollars per member was not enough money to support the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations which was the original dues system. Why didn't the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations change the amount from three to ten or fifteen dollars per person and retain their original dues system? Why did they adopt the complicated system of assessing individuals that are not members of the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations? If the original dues system was in effect today it would require the preparation of twenty-one statements at a cost of less than fifty dollars. What does the current system cost?

In 1972 there were approximately 2,500 individuals that belonged to one or more organizations. On the basis that the preparation of statements, postage, printing and recording of monies received cost an average of \$1.00 per individual then the assessment system costs \$2,500 per year versus \$50.00 if members were billed. Postage alone will exceed \$400.00 for the mailing in 1981. Since the current system has been adopted it is estimated that the mechanics of collection have cost at least \$17,500.00 (7 x \$2,500) and this figure is probably low.

It is fervently hoped that the Federation of Prosthodontic

Organizations will revert to their original method of collecting dues. Over a period of eight years the current assessment system has proven too expensive, unfair, unmanagable and most importantly unenforceable. Reversion to the original simple system would ensure collection of all of the dues and fairness to both individuals and members. More importantly it would save debating about the dues during the delegates meetings thus allowing the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations to promote Prosthodontics, the only legitimate reason for its' existence.

—Stephen O. Bartlett



Dr. Bernard Jankelson addresses Private Practice Seminar.

## PRIVATE PRACTICE SEMINAR GROWS

The third annual seminar for private practice prosthodontists was held on October 8, 1980 in San Antonio. Its theme was building and expanding a practice, using management principles for the 80's. Discussion leaders included College members Doctors Charles Walowitz, Gordon Christensen and Bernard Jankelson. The seminar was sponsored by the Committee for Private Delivery of Prosthodontic Care.

Dr. Walowitz, of Lutherville, Maryland pointed out the importance of honesty and a good reputation in building a practice. Although dental education often stresses techniques, he emphasized that in a successful practice, philosophy and standards determined which techniques will be used. His practice offers maxillofacial, fixed and removable prosthodontic treatment.

Dr. Jankelson, founder of Myotronics Research, expressed his belief that aspects of removable prosthodontics have not progressed significantly since he attended dental school in 1924. He shared his research techniques

involving the musculature and demonstrated how he obtains more accurate records for prosthodontic restorations.

Management by exception is the rule for Dr. Christensen's office and Research Center. He has a PhD. in psychology, and education and emphasizes trust and consideration in treating patients. Dr. Christensen suggested that the practitioner avoid an authoritarian attitude and inform the patient of every procedure to obtain his support and respect.

Sixty-five prosthodontists participated in the discussions. One hundred College members have participated in at least one of the three seminars. The next seminar will be held in St. Louis, Missouri on Monday, October 19, 1981.

## ADVERTISE?

If that headline is eye catching then the advertising budgets of the Academy of General Dentistry at \$575,000 (\$30.00 assessment per member) the American Association of Orthodontists at 2 million dollars (1981 assesment of \$230.00 per member); and the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons at 1.2 million dollars (\$275.00 per person assessment) should be startling to College members.

In a related action in New Orleans the House of Delegates of the American Dental Association rejected a \$37.00 per member assessment for an advertising progarm of the American Dental Association.

This subject was thoroughly discussed at the Executive Council meeting preceding the Annual Official Session of the College in San Antonio. The Council felt that educating individuals would be a better goal than advertising.

The distribution of the pamphlets, developed by Dr. Dwight Castleberry's committee on public and professional relations, to physicians, other dentists and lay persons is a step in the educational process.

Dr. J. D. Larkin, former editor of the NEWSLETTER, has mailed copies of the appropriate pamphlets to dentists and physicians in his area to let them know what a prosthodontist is, does and can do.

It is suggested that all College members distribute those pamphlets which had been mailed to them previously.

To reorder write: Central Office Director, Suite 145E, 6800 Park Ten Blvd., San Antonio, Texas 78213.

## WASHINGTON SCENE

The following are quotations from the Washington NEWS BULLETIN Volume 13, #8, October 1980, a publication of the Washington office of the American Dental Association.

**Lame Duck Session:** On November 12th Congress returned for the first lame duck session in a Presidential year since 1948. The overwhelming cause for this session is the need to finally determine the amount which can be spent during fiscal year 1981 on Federal programs and the need to specifically appropriate the funds for these purposes.

While the money bills will be the focus of attention, there is potential for enactment of some health related bills during the anticipated nearly five weeks of the lame duck session. A conference is expected to begin on the House and Senate approved measures to extend and significantly modify the health professions education assistance program. The major differences in these bills will lessen the possibility of final enactment.

**FTC Oversight Hearings:** During the lame duck session one of the focal points of congressional debate will continue to be the regulatory role of the Federal Trade Commission.

Senator Ford D. KY, has announced a committee on Consumer Protection on other round of FTC hearings on the Commissions, if any, with respect to regulated professions. The hearings are scheduled for November 19 and 20th.

The Association will testify during the first day of hearings on behalf of the dental profession.

It is expected that the hearings will focus on the primacy of State action with respect to regulation of professions.

**Health Manpower:** House and Senate conferees are scheduled to begin meeting soon after Congress returns in a effort to reach agreement on a new health manpower law. Funding authorities under the current statutes, which were to expire on September 30, have been granted an emergency extension through December 15th. Prospects that congress will be able to reconcile the conflicting House and Senate passed versions of H.R. 7203 are rated as no more than even at this juncture. The absence of any negotiations on health manpower at the staff level during this election is viewed as a negative sign on the willingness of the two sides to negotiate the issues.

**Radiation:** Senator Jennings Randolph's radiation health and safety legislation is attached as an amendment to the Senate version of the health manpower legislation, H.R. 7203, which passed the Senate September 19th.

The amendment (now Title V of the bill) will be considered in a House Senate conference in November. Title V would impose Federal standards for the education and credentialing of dental auxiliaries who use diagnostic X-ray equipment in the dental office.

The association (ADA) has consistently testified against this legislation and is urging conferees to reject the amendment.

**Military Dependent Dental Care:** Legislation (H.R. 8189) to establish a cost sharing program of comprehensive dental care for an estimated 2.5 million military dependents passed the House of Representatives on October 2nd. Beneficiaries would, under the Bill, be guaranteed the choice of receiving dental care from civilian practitioners. Military installations would be allowed to provide only a limited amount of care for dependents on a space available basis. Senate action on the proposal is uncertain during the lame duck session. It is understood that the projected first year cost of the program, 187 million dollars, would be the major obstacle to Senate approval.

**Kehoe Amendments:** Representative Ken Holland, D-SC, has introduced H.R. 8213 which would amend the Kehoe law to permit an increase in the allowable deductible contribution from the current \$7500.00 to \$12,500. a year. In addition the legislation includes a cost of living escalator which would permit this \$12,500. figure to rise or fall in accordance with changes in the consumer price index. A Senate sponsor and additional House co-sponsors are being sought.

## ACTIONS OF F.P.O. HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The FPO House of Delegates met in Chicago, Illinois on September 15-16, 1980. The following is an unofficial report of actions taken by the House of Delegates:

1. The representation of member organizations in the House of Delegates was changed to one delegate for the first 100 members or less, a second delegate for the next 101 to 500 members, a third delegate for the next 501 to 1000 members and a fourth delegate for all members in excess of

one thousand. (Editors comment: This change gives one delegate to any organization even if it has as few as 15 members and only 3 delegates for organizations that has up to 1000 voting members.)

2. The standing committees of the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations were reduced to five:

- a. Officers.
- b. Oral Health.
- c. Consultation with the American Board of Prosthodontics.
- d. Dental Practice.
- e. Education and Research.

3. One committee member will be appointed by each member organization. The initial committee seat assigned to a member organization will be determined by lottery.

4. The student award project was rejected.

5. The Mosby company was requested to initiate a single billing procedure and in the interim return rebates within 60 days.

6. Support was voted for the New York resolution presented to the American Dental Association House of Delegates which would eliminate use of the term "specialist in" as currently authorized by the code of ethics of the American Dental Association and return to the terminology "practice limited to". See related article elsewhere in the NEWSLETTER.

7. William A. Pruden, II was elected to the American Board of Prosthodontics.

Various policies approved by previous action of the House of Delegates were considered and approved, approved as amended, or rescinded. — Publication of a list of those policy statements of the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations still in effect is anticipated.

## ADVANCED PROSTHODONTIC TRAINING TO BE REVIEWED

The relevance of educational programs in the specialty of prosthodontics has been a subject of discussion for a number of years. Dr. Stephen L. Welch proposed at the most recent meeting of the Executive Council that a program be conducted to improve the preparedness of candidates for examination by the Board and to establish a dialogue between graduate program directors and the Board.

To achieve this end an Ad Hoc Committee on Advanced Prosthodontic Training has been appointed by Dr. DiPietro. It is presently anticipated that a seminar organized to implement the committees goal will be held in St. Louis on the afternoon of the day of the private practice seminar.

Committee members are Drs. Stephen L. Welch (Chairman), William J. Pagan, Ross H. Hill and John J. Ostrowski.

Additional details will be published as they become available.



President Morrow delivers Presidential address.

## COLLEGE MEMBERSHIP EXCEEDS ELEVEN HUNDRED

In his presidential address President Morrow announced that the College continues to grow and that the membership now exceeds eleven hundred.

He emphasized the importance of affiliate members to the continued growth of the organization and urged all members to give consideration to the creation of a College Journal.

He spoke of the relationship of the College to the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations and about the committee which he had appointed to study the relationship between the FPO and the ACP especially as it concerns the sponsorship of the American Board of Prosthodontics. He cited the need for thorough discussion of this sensitive issue and a need for deliberate action.

Dr. Morrow expressed his pleasure in serving the College, thanked those on whose support he relied and noted his confidence for the future of the College based on an active membership and a solid record of past accomplishments.

## FUTURE MEETING SIGHTS

For planning purposes the College anticipates the convening of Annual Official Sessions in the following cities and hotels for the years listed. The American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics currently plans to meet in the same cities in the hotels whose names are enclosed in parenthesis. This information is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

1981 — Marriott Pavillion  
(Stouffer's Riverfront),  
St. Louis, Missouri

1982 — Hyatt-DelMonte  
(Hyatt-DelMonte),  
Monterey, California

1983 — Sheraton  
(Sheraton)  
San Diego, California

1984 — Hyatt Nashville  
(Raddison)  
Nashville, Tennessee

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Dr. Ronald D. Woody, appointed to the editorial board of the Journal of Dental Research.

Dr. William Pruden, II, elected to the American Board of Prosthodontics.

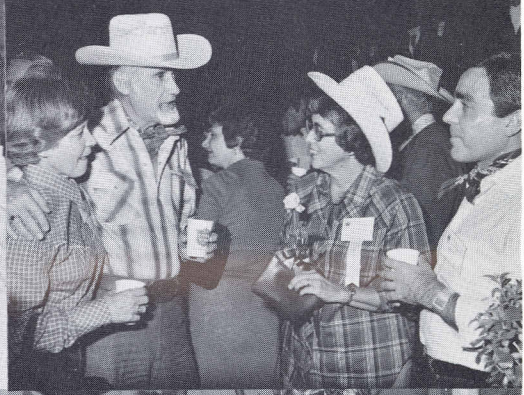
Dr. Seymour "CY" Birnbach, elected president of the American Association of Maxillofacial Prosthetics.

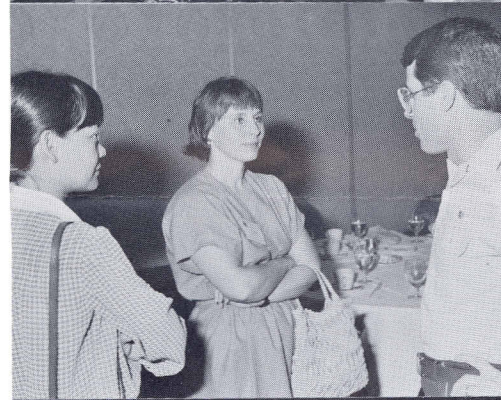
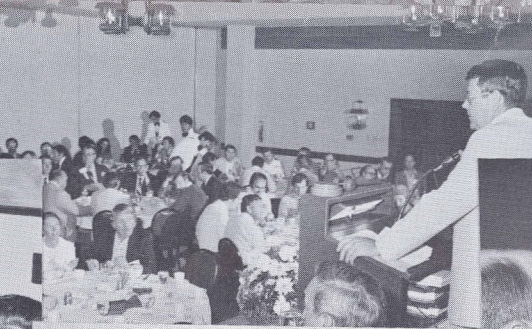
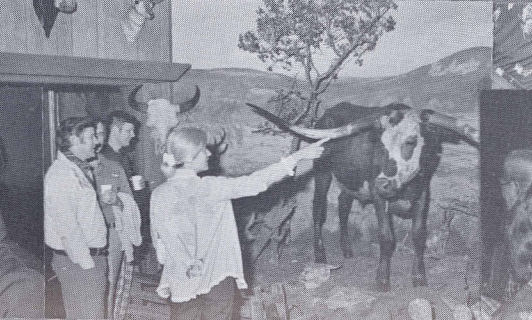
Dr. John Mose, elected to Fellowship in the American College of Dentists.

Dr. Cosmo DeSteno, appointed chairman, Removable Prosthodontics Section of the Council on Annual Session of the American Dental Association.

Dr. Leslie L. Gracey, successfully completed the examination of the American Board of Prosthodontics and has been elevated to the status of Fellow of the College — Congratulations!

Dr. Robert K. Fenster, elected to Fellowship in the International College of Dentists and appointed Chairman of the Department of Prosthodontics at Georgetown University School of Dentistry.







## AFFILIATE BREAKFAST A SUCCESS

Despite the early hour approximately 55 affiliates attended the College's first affiliate breakfast at the recent meeting in San Antonio. Fellows Tom Huff and Michael McGinnis discussed their Board examination experiences and presented some suggestions for those planning to take the certifying examination of the American Board of Prosthodontics. Their comments were well received by a very interested group. That their presentations were successful could be easily determined by observing the speakers surrounded by affiliates long after the breakfast had ended. Comments of those in attendance were uniformly favorable and several associates indicated an interest in participating in a similar program. President Di Pietro has said that this suggestion will be implemented at the St. Louis meeting next year within budgetary constraints.

The College can take justifiable pride in these special programs. Certainly it could do no better than to provide such service to the members who are preparing for the board examination. Dr. Huff and Dr. McGinnis were singularly responsible for the successful breakfast meeting and deserve sincere thanks for sharing their views and experiences. With the past breakfast a successful first, those interested can anticipate an outstanding complimentary affiliate/associate continental breakfast next year.



President Morrow presents plaque and a \$1000 check to Dr. Gordon Gates winner of the Fourth Annual Research Competition.

## GORDON GATES WINS RESEARCH AWARD

The three finalists in the Fourth Annual Research Competition presented their papers before the College at the Annual Meeting in San Antonio. As an innovation this year, the members attending the meeting acted as judges for the competition. A very interesting variety of papers were presented. A tabulation of the evaluation forms completed by the audience determined the first, second and third place awards.

All three presenters received a plaque, the first two volumes of Classic Prosthodontic Articles and expenses to the meeting. The first place winner received a check for \$1,000.

The first place winner was Dr. Gordon Gates from the University of Washington. His research topic was 'An Evaluation of Mandibular Arch Width Change'. Dr. Gates sponsor was Dr. Jack Nicholls who has now sponsored two consecutive graduate students to first place awards. Dr. Gates is currently on the faculty of Loma Linda University Dental School.

The second place winner was Dr. Ilze Eglitis from Loyola University of Chicago. Her research topic was 'The Presence of Immunoglobulin IgG and Complement Factor C3 In Inflammatory Hyperplasia Associated With Maxillary Dentures'. Dr. Eglitis was sponsored by Dr. William F. Malone. She is currently Co-Director of the General Practice Residency program at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Albany, N.Y.

The third place winner was Dr. Alejandro Obregon of the University of Minnesota. His topic was 'A Comparative Study of the Effects on Color of the Opaque and Porcelain Surface Texture in the Ceramo-Metal

Restorations'. Dr. Obregon was sponsored by Dr. Richard J. Goodkind. Dr. Obregon is currently in private practice in Mexico City.

The research competition remains one of the foremost ways by which new members of the specialty may advance themselves in front of their peers. The experience and exposure of the competition is helpful not only for the individual involved but also for the sponsoring program.

Everyone involved with a graduate prosthodontic program is urged to impress on the graduate student the importance and the potential benefits of the competition. Please contact the Chairman of the Research Committee for further information or assistance.



Dr. Huff addresses affiliates as Secretary Sproull and Dr. McGinnis listen.



Dr. Russell Stratton with participants in Removable Partial Denture Workshop.

## AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PROSTHODONTISTS CO-SPONSORS THIRD WORKSHOP ON REMOVABLE PARTIAL DENTURE DESIGN

With the leadership of President-elect Dean L. Johnson, a participation workshop in removable partial denture design was offered on Monday, October 13 at the American Dental Association's Scientific Session in New Orleans under the joint sponsorship of the American Dental Association and the American College of Prosthodontists.

The course which was limited to 55 students was sold out.

Comments of those attending were uniformly complimentary relative to course content, training aids and information gained.

Faculty members in addition to Dr. Johnson were the following members of the College: Dr. William A. Welker, Dr. Cosmo V. DeSteno, Dr. Thomas D. Wise, Dr. William A. Jennings, Dr. Edmund A. Travaglini, Dr. John B. Holmes, Dr. Robert J. Leupold, Dr. Richard J. Grisius, Dr. Russell J. Stratton, Dr. Robert W. Elliott, Jr.

## STUDYING FOR THE ABP EXAMINATION?

The new addition of "Study Guide for Certification" made its appearance at the annual official session. It may be obtained at a cost of \$15.00 U.S. for members or \$20.00 U.S. for non members. (See order form elsewhere in the NEWSLETTER).

Dr. Cosmo V. DeSteno, Chairman of the Education and Advancement Committee requests that, "any errors in the questions, answers or references be recorded and sent to him in the following format".

- I. Page number:
- Question or paragraph number:
- Change to:
- II, III, etc.

Of interest is the fact that the American Board of Prosthodontics now requires a signed statement that the examinee has "executed all laboratory procedures except the fabrication of the removable partial denture framework."

Dr. DeSteno requests that those who take the February examination forward to him copies of the questions asked on the Board examination with answers and references if known.

Information concerning the certification examination and/or corrections to the study guide will be published in the NEWSLETTER after review by the Education and Advancement Committee. Dr. DeSteno's address is: Cosmo V. DeSteno, D.M.D., Ph.D., Chairman, Education and Advancement Committee, 203 Godwin Avenue, Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450.

## AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PROSTHODONTIC NOMENCLATURE FORMED

Those attending the Scientific Program of the Annual Official Session heard Executive Councilor Dr. Jack D. Preston speak on the vagaries, inaccuracies and inconsistencies related to the use of prosthodontic terminology in the scientific literature and in other oral and written communications.

The Executive Council having access to Dr. Preston's research in this area of concern appointed an Ad Hoc Committee on Prosthodontic Nomenclature. The members of the committee are: Drs. Jack D. Preston (Chairman), Robert A. Tanquist, Joel C. Gelbman, Harold W. Preiskel, Edwin H. Smith and Don W. Morgan.

Relevant suggestions or comments are welcomed by the committee and may be addressed to the Chairman at 6120 Canterbury Drive, #104, Culver City, California 90230.

## WERE YOU RIGHT?

A self assessment examination was distributed at the Annual Official Session of the College in San Antonio. Therefore no mini examination will be published in this issue of the NEWSLETTER. Following are the correct answers to examination questions distributed in San Antonio.

Dr. Cosmo DeSteno, Chairman of the Education and Advancement Committee states, "that the questions represented facimilies of those actually appearing in the American Board of Prosthodontic Examination"; and "that the questions and references are not necessarily complete or entirely accurate".

## ANSWERS AND REFERENCES

1. c; Peyton 5th, p. 336
2. b; Rahn 1 ed., p. 235; Kruger 4th, p. 437
3. d; Glossary Pros. Terms
4. b; Glossary Pros. Terms
5. b; Bhaskar
6. a; Beumer
7. d; Kruger 4th, p. 435; Skinner 7th, p. 544
8. d; Bhaskar 5th, p. 622
9. a; Shafer 2nd, p. 299
10. d; Payton 5th, p. 309
11. b; Shillingburg, p. 291; Tylman 7th, p. 80
12. c; Kornfield, p. 162-165
13. b; McCracken 5th, p. 325; Skinner 7th, p. 577
14. 1; Boucher 7th, p. 170
15. b; JPD 1976, p. 319; Chalian, p. 434
16. d; Sicher 3rd, p. 319 & p. 329
17. e; Chalian, p. 331
18. 2; JADA 1967 May, p. 952
19. 2; Swenson, p. 112; Heartwell, p. 237
20. 4; Dykema, p. 531; Kornfield, p. 389  
Tylman, p. 464
21. 3; McCracken, p. 16
22. 4; Skinner, p. 387
23. a; Chalian, p. 133
24. a; Chalian, p. 358; JPD 1976, p. 321
25. c; Chalian, p. 199

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS APPROVED

Changes to the constitution requiring a written ballot were approved as follows:

1. Article 2, Membership Section 1, (For: 511, Against: 8)
2. Article 2, Membership Section 3, (For: 507, Against: 13)
3. Article 2, Membership Section 5, (For: 510, Against: 8)
4. Article 2, Membership Section 7, (For: 510, Against: 8)

Amendments to the bylaws and policy statements published with the March 1980 issue of the NEWSLETTER were approved at the business meeting held in conjunction with the Annual Official Session in San Antonio.

The two recommended changes to the bylaws published with the August NEWSLETTER were not placed before the membership due to insufficient time to satisfy the 30 day requirement that bylaws must be before the membership. Therefore a mail ballot will be conducted. If the membership votes affirmatively the proposed changes would be effective at the next Annual Session in St. Louis.

## SYNOPSIS OF PAPERS GIVEN AT THE ANNUAL OFFICIAL SESSION IN SAN ANTONIO

The following are synopses prepared by Captain Donald G. Garver, DC USN of some of the papers presented at the Annual Official Session held in San Antonio. Additional synopses will be presented in future issues of the NEWSLETTER.

**Title:** Developmental Aspects of a New Tooth Material

**Presenter:** Dr. Richard A. Smith

An historical review of human tooth replacements preceded a discussion on the development of porcelain and acrylic resin denture teeth. Comparison of advantages and disadvantages between porcelain and acrylic resin denture teeth were pointed out pertaining to (1) tooth damage during finishing procedures; (2) tissue abuse beneath the denture base; (3) marginal staining at the juncture of the tooth and denture base; and (4) abrasional wear of denture teeth. This information supported the essayist's stated need for a new denture tooth.

An alternative material has been developed for the purpose of fabrication of a new type artificial denture tooth. Dr. Smith presented information about this new tooth material aluding to abrasion resistance, solvent and craze resistances, improved integral bonding ability, improved grinding and repolishing qualities, and greater resistance to heat. This new denture tooth is being tested at universities in the United States. Preliminary results of three to four year studies during patient wear show less occlusal wear than that seen in conventional acrylic resin denture teeth. Staining appears to be less and laboratory results as to impact, heat, and grinding resistance appear to be improved.

Further information about, or inquiries pertaining to, this essay should be addressed to: Dr. Richard A. Smith, Dentsply Int., 500 West College Ave., York, PA 17404.

**Topic:** The American College of Prosthodontics and the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations, Past, Present and Future

**Presenter:** Dr. Robert W. Elliott, Jr.

An historical review of major decisions of the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations and their impact upon the American College of

Prosthodontics now and in the future was presented. This information was given as background for a further discussion of (1) the manner in which the annual assessment for the FPO is established; (2) the establishment of guidelines for a prosthodontist's professional actions; (3) the sponsorship of the American Board of Prosthodontics; (4) delegate representation to the FPO.

Dr. Elliott also presented a partial listing of the accomplishments of the ACP since its beginning in 1971. These major actions follow: (1) surveying the salaries of prosthodontists; (2) publication of two editions of *Classic Prosthodontic Articles*; (3) publication of *A Study Guide for Certification*; (4) establishment of an annual prosthodontic research competition; (5) printing of a self-assessment examination for members of the ACP; (6) production of a new testing technique to discover color deficient students and doctors; (7) printing of the ACP directory; (8) publication of an ACP newsletter; (9) establishment of a Central Office Director position and a central office for the College.

Dr. Elliott concluded his presentation with an open invitation for all ACP members, who so desire, to attend the meetings of the ACP executive council.

Further information about, or inquiries pertaining to, this essay should be addressed to: Dr. Robert W. Elliott, Jr., 8732 Falls Chapel Way, Potomac, MD 20854.

**Title:** Oral Complications of Cancer Therapy

**Presenter:** Dr. Samuel Dreizen

In the field of chemotherapy, Dr. Dreizen suggested that a combined dosage of cell cycle dependent and cell cycle independent drugs in small amounts could reduce toxicity to the tissues. Due to the fact that most agents used are immuno-suppressive or mylo-suppressive, there tends to be increased bleeding and mucocitis of body tissues. Treatment schedules should reflect knowledge of and concern for the effects of prolonged and continuous dosage administration. Furthermore, multiple and single organism infections are prevalent and all have the potential of being fatal to the weakened patient. The advent of new penicillin family antibiotics and amino-glycocides have given the profession new treatment modalities to make the patient more comfortable. The amino-glycocides should be accompanied by the administration of granulocyte transfusions in the presence of neutropenia.

Radio-therapy treatment of either ortho or mega volt variety will kill salivary gland cells. Effects of this salivary gland damage results in: (1) Xerostomia - 6,000 RAD dosage will produce a 97% reduced salivary flow at the 6-week level; (2) Radiation mucocitis - swelling and redness followed by denuding and ulcerated painful tissues; (3) radiation caries - appears clinically within three months and will occur in 100% of patients without fluoride therapy and proper oral hygiene methods; (4) radiation necrosis; (5) nutritional cripples - usually in the form of vitamin deficiencies.

A very practical approach for prognostic evaluation of chemo- and radio-therapy treated cancer patients was presented.

Further information about, or inquiries pertaining to, this essay should be addressed to: Dr. Samuel Dreizen, Professor and Chairman, Department of Oncology, University of Texas Dental Service Institute, Houston, TX 77025.

**Title:** The Attachment Retained Distal Extension Prosthesis

**Presenter:** Dr. Harold W. Preiskel

Dr. Preiskel considered the advantages and disadvantages of various attachment systems with particular reference to problems of oral hygiene, tissue support, retention and esthetics. The essayist described the denture abutment interface and mentioned the importance of the doctor being fully aware of the physical properties of the materials being used, the method of retention selected, the intended path of insertion and the compliance with spatial relation of the prosthesis to the abutment.

The distal extension prosthesis is among the most difficult to construct and Dr. Preiskel commented that the best extension denture is one that is tooth supported; his reason being that denture supporting tissues are elastic in nature and only rebound after momentary pressures — constant pressure causes deformation. Dr. Preiskel pointed out that the proper residual tissues should support the removable prosthesis for the first .3 mm worth of movement in a vertical direction. Also, alignment of multiple extracoronal hinge attachments did not seem to be of much importance due to the fact that patients do not masticate bilaterally. Management of horizontal movement can be accomplished best by cross-arch bracing regardless of statements made by the manufacturer of the selected retainer.

Various attachments including semi-precision, intercoronal and extracoronal types were discussed. Comments on the utilization of the most simple system to manage the patient's problem were followed by a suggestion to use retainers having laboratory technique procedures that were easy to understand and accomplish. Dr. Preiskel alluded to the doctor's responsibility of making sure that adequate space existed for the placement of the attachments during the abutment preparation phase of treatment.

He stated that functional and esthetic removable partial dentures are usually expensive in cost and that training in professional services of this nature must encompass (1) a cognizance of the patient's individual problems; (2) a thorough knowledge of the oral environment; (3) a thorough knowledge of dental material science; (4) the need for excellent clinical expertise; and (5) the necessity to continually upgrade knowledge.

Further information about, or inquiries pertaining to, this essay should be addressed to: Dr. Harold W. Preiskel, Dept. of Prosthetic Dentistry, Guy's Hospital, London Bridge SE1 9RT, England.

—Donald G. Garver

## SPECIALTY GROUP MEETS

On October 11th, 1980 the representatives of those organizations sponsoring specialty boards recognized by the American Dental Association met in the New Orleans Hilton at 2 p.m.

Dr. Dewey Bell, president of the FPO and Mr. Peter Goulding of the firm of Bishop and Goulding, represented the specialty of prosthodontics. Dr. Robert Elliott attended as a guest, representing the American College of Prosthodontists.

A chart of statistical information relating to the members of the dental specialty group was distributed. Organizations represented on the chart were the American Academy of Oral Pathology, the American Academy of Pedodontics, American Academy of Periodontics, the American Association of Endodontists, the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, the American Association of Orthodontists, and the American Association of Public Health Dentists. A copy of the chart may be obtained by writing to the NEWSLETTER editor.

Among topics discussed by the conferees were:

1. The definition of primary dental care and primary dental care provider.

The group unanimously agreed to support the definition proposed by the American Dental Association Council on Dental Health and Dental Health Planning which did not exclude specialists as primary health care providers.

2. The use of the term "specialist in" versus the term "practice limited to" was discussed and no consensus was sought or taken.

3. "The task force on advanced education in dentistry" report was discussed. A member of the group was delegated to speak with Dr. Harry Bruce executive director of the American Dental Association to obtain a status report.

4. Dental manpower was discussed. No action was taken. See related article elsewhere in the NEWSLETTER.

5. Malpractice insurance, geriatric dentistry, and institutional advertising were all agenda items which were reviewed without definitive action.

6. The group took notice of the formation of a Federation of Dental Diagnostic Services composed of organizations interested in oral pathology, radiology, oral diagnosis and dental medicine. The viability of this organization was questioned.

## FELLOWS EULOGIZED

The deaths of Fellows Jack M. Buchman, George B. Foote, Weston V. Hales, Arthur L. Roberts, and Claire W. Sauser have occurred since the last Annual Session.

Dr. John Mose, Chairman of the Necrology and Eulogy Committee, spoke of the life and professional contributions of each at the Annual Official Session in San Antonio. A brief prayer was offered for these departed colleagues.

A letter of condolence is sent to the next of kin by the President and a memorial gift is sent to the American Fund for Dental Health in the names of the deceased.

## LOOKING FOR A STUDY PARTNER?

If you are looking for someone to join you in studying for the American Board of Prosthodontics examination, let the NEWSLETTER know and your request will be published in the classified section.

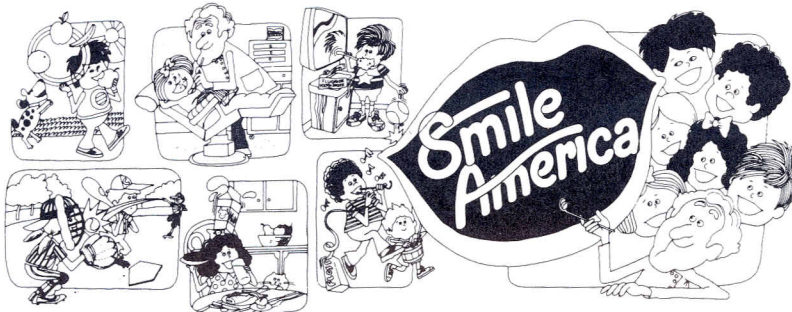
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**COLOR COUNCIL MEETING:**

On February 8 to 11th, 1981 there will be a Color Conference held in Williamsburg, Va. on "Creativity — the Common Denominator: Artists and Scientists Working Together". The joint sponsors: The Inter Society Color Council and the Canadian Society for Color, have assembled an impressive array of speakers from many backgrounds to stimulate interest and discussion from people in a wide variety of color related activities.

For further information contact: E. L. Cairns, General Chairman, c/o E. I. duPont and Company, C and P Department, B-6268, Wilmington, Delaware 19898. Telephone: (302) 774-4022.

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