College Member was Hostage in Kuwait

Editor's Note: From August 2 until December 9, 1990, Dr. Robert T. Baima, a fellow of the College, was held hostage in Kuwait, during its occupation by Iraq. At the request of the Editor of The ACP Messenger, Dr. Baima has prepared an account of the events that occurred during his time there.

On August 2, 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait. I was there. I had moved to Kuwait in January 1989 to accept a two-year position in a private hospital that would take advantage of my dual training in prosthodontics and periodontics. Being single, 37 years old, and mobile, I felt that it would be an opportune time to experience the life of an expatriate for a limited period of time.

Nothing in my personal or professional background, however, could have prepared me for my experiences at the center of what came to be called the "Persian Gulf Crisis."

Prior to the invasion, I had enjoyed a pleasant lifestyle in Kuwait and I had made the acquaintance of some of very nice people.

All of this changed abruptly on the morning of August 2, 1990. At 7:55 a.m., the dental technician for the hospital knocked on my door. I opened the door, and the only word she could say was "Hostage.

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The ACP Messenger Announces Prosperity in the 90's

Over 2100 members strong and in the midst of an administrative reorganization aimed at strengthening our solidarity, the American College of Prosthodontists will move through the 1990's gaining authority, responsibility, and respect. Conditions for the College to assume its rightful station in the dental profession will be realized in this, the last decade of the 20th century. To usher in this prosperity, and mark a significant point in the history of the College, The ACP Messenger debuts.

Capitalizing on new, and now affordable, computer publishing technology has resulted in a change in the structure, process, and management of the College's newsletter. Reducing labor intensive and time consuming tasks in the layout and production of the publication permits a shifting of expenditures to items that enhance the display of information, expand the versatility of the newsletter, and expedite the distribution procedures. Furthermore, as the capabilities of this technology are fully utilized, the transfer of "news" will nearly be automatic, making College members the most well informed prosthodontists in the world.

In the President's report [pg. 2], Dr. Fowler details the benefits of membership in the ACP. He specifically cites the newsletter as a major source of professional enrichment for members. Such an acknowledgement of high value charges the editor to maximize the membership benefit potential of the newsletter. With this objective in mind, a sectional format has been used to restructure the newsletter. It should expand the scope of offerings to members by reducing redundancy in reporting, consolidating information, and organizing the presentation of material. Publishing and editorial consultants have provided guidance and have made recommendations that will allow the newsletter to reach its full potential.

The ACP Messenger will intentionally provoke its readership. No subject will be too sensitive to report. All College members will be encouraged to express an opinion. The ACP Messenger will be the voice, conscience, and agent of the American College of Prosthodontists. It will be the product of a group effort, representing the thoughts, ideas, and principles of College members. It will be read, referenced, and quoted by other dental specialists, general dentists, allied health, and the public. It will be the source of information on the specialty of prosthodontics.

The 1990's hold great prosperity for the American College of Prosthodontists. Let us make the most of every opportunity. Please welcome the premier issue of The ACP Messenger.
Goodbye 1990, Welcome 1991!

The past year was a productive one for the College. Under the outstanding leadership of our past President, John B. Holmes, the College moved on a steady but progressive course. Significant advances were made in many areas including education and advancement, geriatrics, temporomandibular disorders, implant prosthodontics and the private practice arena. The long overdue addition of an Executive Director has proved to be a tremendous asset to the FPO and ADA, and the development of a reorganization plan for the College.

The 1990 Annual Session in Charleston was an unqualified success! Attendance was somewhat affected by our country's involvement with the Persian Gulf crisis, but the final attendance was almost 600 members. The colonial setting of Charleston offered the perspective of revisiting the past back to 1650 and gaining a new appreciation for its prominence in both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. It was also significant that this 21st Annual Session was a joint meeting of the American College of Prosthodontists and the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada.

Hands across the border in the common interest of our specialty.

Those attending enjoyed a new dimension to the term "Southern Hospitality." Our heartiest congratulations are extended to the many individuals whose meticulous planning and hard work made our stay comfortable, entertaining and professionally rewarding. Annual Sessions Chair Ned Van Rockel and Local Arrangements Chairs Bob Strohaver and Jack Martin are to be especially commended for the planning, organization and execution of this 1990 Annual Session. Thank you and accolades to your committees for a job well done.

One of the decisions made this past year was to implement a dues restructuring with an increase of $100 for Fellows and Associates. This was part of a Bylaws change approved at the Business Meeting during our Annual Session in Tucson that included a graduated dues schedule for recent Associates and annual dues of $40 for Affiliates. Like taxes, this may not be a very popular decision but it is necessary if the College wishes to progress with the goals and objectives approved by our membership. You should be aware that in June of 1988 some 60 College members from all levels of our membership gathered in San Antonio to initiate goals and objectives that would set the course for the College during the next five years. Some of these objectives have been met while many others are being actively pursued by the College to fulfill its obligations to the specialty.

The member may say - what does the ACP do for me? This question has been posed before not only of the College, but of other organizations to which we belong. May I address some of the benefits that an ACP member enjoys either directly or indirectly?

A member has the opportunity to belong to a College. According to Webster, "a college is an organized body of persons engaged in a common pursuit or having common interests or duties." The College was initiated in 1970 to provide a prosthodontic organization based only on advanced training as a criterion for membership.

Initial areas of interest included:

1. making the College a vehicle to help students in prosthodontics,
2. offering all possible aid to those preparing for board examination,
3. presenting programs of interest to the specialist and,
4. improving prosthodontic treatment for the patient. These areas of interest and purpose are still being pursued today.

On a more local level, College members have the option to join together to form a Section. Currently there are twenty-nine Sections where a member can enjoy study club camaraderie providing education and exchange of information. The Section also provides a member important representation within the College and a vehicle to represent the specialty within your state. Under the new reorganization plan, there will be even greater opportunity for the Sections to become involved in the governance of the College.

The College recognizes that over 50% of its members are in full-time private practice and sponsors an Annual Private Practice Seminar. In addition to planning this seminar, Dr. Tom McGarry and his Private Practice Committee have expended maximum effort to develop a Private Practice Procedural Manual. This available manual has assorted business forms, patient informed consent forms, letters and other pertinent information that will serve as an invaluable aid to new practitioners in the administration and development of their practice.

In the arena of peer review the College publishes a Peer Review Manual for prosthodontic procedures and sponsors a Peer Review Seminar for benefit of its members. Additionally, a Peer Review System video is available to ACP Sections for in-depth training of peer review procedures. The College is supportive of the ADA philosophy that specialists have the right to be examined and judged by specialists.

The College has developed and adapted a Code of Ethics which has also been accepted by the FPO. The Ethics Committee has recently completed Guidelines for the use of the ACP Logo and Guidelines for Advertising. The intent is to enhance the professionalism of the College and its members with ultimate benefit to the patient.
The College sponsors an annual research competition and an annual essay competition to encourage young prosthodontists and those enrolled in postdoctoral programs to share knowledge and information with their colleagues. This year a cash award equal to the first, second and third place monetary awards are being sent to the finalists’ institutions for use by the Prosthodontic Program Directors to advance prosthodontic research.

Another benefit that College membership offers is the opportunity to serve and be involved in the activity or specialty area of your choice. There are presently 21 Standing Committees and eight Ad Hoc committees that would welcome your time, talent and energy.

Future College activities will include but not be limited to:

1. Implementation of the Journal of the American College of Prosthodontists:
   Our efforts in this direction have met with some frustrations and setbacks but an Ad Hoc Committee will pursue this objective with vigor. As the leader of our specialty it is incumbent for the ACP to have our own quality journal in concert with the other dental and medical specialties.

2. Public and professional relations/marketing:
   The College must take the initiative in promoting the specialty to the public. There has been some reluctance from the College, owing to the costs involved, but there will be increased activity as we look to the marketing expertise of Dr. David Schwab, our Executive Director.

3. Strategic planning:
   From the FPO sponsored Prosthodontics 21, there were many more questions than answers for the specialty of prosthodontics. A special Ad Hoc Committee for Strategic Planning has been charged to select those questions and topics that are most appropriate and timely for the College to undertake.

   This year will be one of transition as we attempt to streamline our operations with a major reorganization plan. I am reminded of the quote by Mark Twain, “Most people would rather die than change, and most do.” As a progressive organization, the College must be ready for changes and be flexible enough to meet the needs of its members and the specialty. The strength of our College lies in its membership. We will be able to accomplish our goals and objectives only with your support!

In an effort to improve the responsiveness and administration of the ACP, the College continues to improve its administrative structure by utilizing selected professionals for specific projects and by developing an overall reorganization plan for the College.

With regard to acquiring needed expertise, the following professionals have been retained. Ms. Sue Turner of Decatur Travel is the College's official travel agent. The speakers at last year's annual session in Charleston received their airline tickets well in advance at discount prices thanks to Sue's efforts. College members who wish to avail themselves of Sue's expertise may call her toll free at 1-800-241-2377.

Mr. Randall K. Berning, JD, LLM, one of the nation's leading experts on legal issues affecting dentists, has been retained to conduct a legal audit for the College. The results of the audit will enable the College to keep its corporate house in order and anticipate future legal needs and concerns. Mr. Berning maintains offices in Burlingame, CA; Chicago, IL; and Washington, D.C. An affiliated Chicago-based firm, Gardner, Carton, and Douglas, will serve as liaison with the Executive Director to meet the College's needs for legal counsel.

Tsakopulos Brown & Company, certified public accountants, are reviewing the College’s financial and tax documents in preparation for the change in the College's fiscal year. Beginning this year, the fiscal year will be the same as the calendar year, January 1 - December 31. This change will simplify the budgeting process.

NeigerDesignInc. prepared the new format for The ACP Messenger. The newsletter is written on a word processor and printed directly from a disk. This change substantially reduces typesetting charges.

In terms of overall administration, the Executive Council continues to work on a reorganization plan. The goals of the reorganization plan are to expand the Executive Council, enhance the role of the Sections, reduce the number of committees, promote greater efficiency, reduce travel costs, and utilize the volunteers’ time more effectively.

As key individuals are identified who can help the College and as new administrative procedures are adopted, the College will be in a better position to set priorities and meet the needs of the members.

Open debate on controversial issues is healthy for an organization — it allows a consensus to be reached, unifies membership support, and engenders enthusiasm for action. To provide a public forum for the exchange of opposing viewpoints on matters pertaining to the advancement and prosperity of the College, The ACP Messenger introduces the POINT/COUNTERPOINT Section to the newsletter. A pressing issue to the College will be brought to the membership in each Messenger, seeking responsible comment for publication.

**THE QUESTION:**
Should the American College of Prosthodontists require its members to belong to the American Dental Association?

College members prepared to respond to the question posed, should submit a position statement, not to exceed 250 words, by May 1, 1991. Please include your name and address with submission, and mail to:

**Point/Counter Point**
c/o Patrick M. Lloyd, DDS, MS
Editor-in-Chief,
The ACP Messenger
5000 West National Avenue (11G)
Milwaukee, WI 53295
College Increases Exposure at National Gerontology Conference

Over 3,700 health care providers attending the 1990 Scientific Meeting of the Gerontology Society of America had an opportunity to view the College's educational exhibit. Held in Boston from November 16 to 20, the meeting provided the College with its third consecutive opportunity to exhibit. Volunteers from the area who staffed the exhibit included: Drs. Vartan Ghugasian, Stephen Gordon, Ryuji Hosokawa, Jeff Raphael, and Nai-Huei Wang. In addition to distributing literature about the College, they answered questions concerning the special services prosthodontists provide, the training requirements to be a prosthodontic specialist, and the credentialing processes for certification. Each individual stopping by the booth was encouraged to contact the Central Office of the College to obtain a listing of prosthodontists in their area so that appropriate referrals could be made.

Further exposure for the College at this meeting was gained by a symposium prepared and presented by ACP members entitled "The Specialty of Prosthodontics: Services and Expertise in High Demand by the Elderly." Consisting of four individual presentations and a discussion section, the symposium was moderated by Dr. Richard Besdine, Director of Traveler's Center on Aging, University of Connecticut. Contributing to the program were College members Gary Rogoff, Steven Morgano, Thomas Vergo, Patrick Lloyd, and Stephen Gordon. For copies of the primary and supporting abstracts for this symposium please contact Patrick M. Lloyd, DDS, MS, Chairman, Geriatrics Committee ACP, 5000 West National Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53295.

Reno 91

Reno, Nevada and the Nugget Hotel will play host to our 1991 Annual Session, November 7-10. Situated near the majestic Sierra Nevada Mountains with Lake Tahoe and historic Carson City only a short drive away, Reno is an ideal location to make your trip both enjoyable as well as professionally beneficial. Make your arrangements now and plan to attend what we hope will be one of the best Annual Sessions in the history of the College.

John Burton, Annual Sessions Chairman, says his committee has worked diligently over the past year to develop an outstanding professional and social program that promises several new features and includes all your favorite traditional activities. Of particular note is that the scientific session has been expanded to four days and a limited attendance registered clinic has been added. In addition, Local Arrangements Chairman Robert Ahlstrom and his committee are putting the final touches on what promises to be a unique array of entertainment activities for both spouses and members alike.

The scientific program will include four separate sessions in Geriatric Prosthodontics (see article on the Council for Geriatrics), Critical Issues in Implant Prosthodontics, What's New in Fixed Prosthodontics, and New Frontiers in Related Topics. Featured speakers will include such recognizable names as Roland Meffert, Dan Sullivan, John Farrah, Roy Page, Karl Leinfelder and Claus Seibert, just to name a few.

Plan now to be in Reno, November 7-10. Enjoy the vast natural beauty of this Western wonderland, take a chance on Lady Luck, and broaden your professional skills at the 1991 Annual Session.

A.A.M.P. Announces Annual Research Award Competition

All prosthodontic and maxillofacial prosthetic residents or graduate students who have completed programs within the past three years are invited to participate in the annual Research Award Competition offered by the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics. First prize is a cash award of $1,000 and second prize is $500. The two finalists must present their research papers at the Annual Meeting of the Academy in Reno, Nevada, November 3-6, 1991. The research topic must be directly related to maxillofacial prosthetics. Deadline for submission of manuscripts in May 1, 1991. For further information contact Donald C. Kramer, D.D.S., 3622 Robinson Road, Missouri City, Texas, 77459.

Executive Council Expresses Gratitude to Kenneth L. Stewart

The Executive Council of the American College of Prosthodontists acknowledges a depth of gratitude to Dr. Kenneth L. Stewart who for the past six years served as the Editor of the College's newsletter. Through this period he directed the production of sixteen regular issues of the newsletter and one special issue. Dr. Stewart provided members with detailed information on major college activities during his tenure as editor. He introduced members to the goals and purpose of the Education Foundation of the American College of Prosthodontists. He provided updated information on state Sections as they expanded from 18 to 31. Information concerning the need for and ultimate hiring of an Executive Director for the ACP was brought to members through the Newsletter. Finally, who could forget Dr. Stewart's special issue on the FPO, "Should We or Shouldn't We?" For your time, personal commitment, and willingness to publish even the latest of late submissions we thank you.
State and Regional Meetings Slated

New Jersey - The second Statewide Symposium of the American College of Prosthodontists, New Jersey Section, and the New Jersey Society of Periodontists will be held Wednesday, April 24, 1991, at the Radisson Hotel in Newark, New Jersey.

Dr. Ralph Yuodelis will speak on "Restoration of the Comprehensively Involved Dentition." The course will include an up-to-date review of the correlation between periodontal and restorative procedures, including implants.

Dr. Yuodelis, Professor and Director of Graduate Prosthodontics at the University of Washington, has presented over 400 postgraduate courses throughout the world. He has published extensively and is co-author of Periodontal Diseases: Basic Phenomena, Clinical Management, and Occlusal and Restorative Relationships.

Dr. Yuodelis is past president of the American Academy of Crown and Bridge Prosthodontics, Washington State Society of Prosthodontics, the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry and the Academy of Osseointegration.

Dr. Yuodelis' presentation is open to all interested individuals. The enrollment fee for the course is $95 for members and $145 for nonmembers. Luncheon is included.

Registration for the full-day program begins at 8:00 a.m. To register, contact either Dr. Theresa Segat, 841 Ridgewood Avenue, Oradell, NJ 07649, (201-265-0450); or Dr. Richard Kaplan, 519 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006 (201-228-8500).

Wisconsin - The Wisconsin Section of the American College of Prosthodontists is hosting a Midwestern Regional Meeting of the ACP in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Friday, April 19, 1991. The morning session of this all-day program features half-hour presentations by representatives from each state in the midwestern region. The afternoon portion of the program will be provided by Dr. David Schwab, Executive Director of the ACP. Dr. Schwab will not only provide information on strategies for marketing a health profession, but he will also discuss his responsibilities in the College and his perception of the organization having now been its Executive Director for one full year.

Each member of the College in the midwest region will receive further information in the near future. If there are any questions regarding the program please direct them to Dr. Eric J. Rasmussen, President, Wisconsin Section ACP, 4002 Monona Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53716, 608-222-6606.

John J. Sharry Prosthodontic Research Competition

The John J. Sharry Prosthodontic Research Competition, sponsored by The American College of Prosthodontists, will be held in Reno, Nevada on November 9, 1991. The Prosthodontic Research Competition is held to stimulate and acknowledge original research in prosthodontics by students.

Persons are eligible for competition if they are currently enrolled in a postdoctoral prosthodontic program or have completed their program less than three years from the date of the competition. Other authors are limited to the student research advisor. Papers must not have appeared in print or been presented at a major meeting.

Abstracts must be submitted to the Chair of the ACP Research Committee no later than April 15, 1991. Please note the following:

1. Title of paper is followed by an abstract of 500 words or less.
2. On a separate sheet, include name of author, address and phone number. Title of paper should also be on this separate sheet. Abstracts are sent to the Selection Committee without identification (for obvious reasons).
3. A letter of recommendation from research advisor must accompany the abstracts.

Six abstracts will be selected by May 15, 1991, and all authors will be informed of the decision on or about June 1, 1991. The six semi-finalists will be required to submit manuscripts upon notification. The Research Committee members will select three manuscripts from the semi-finalists to compete for the first place award. The manuscripts of the six semi-finalists will be forwarded to the Editor of the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry, for consideration of publication.

The three candidates selected to present their papers at the Annual Meeting will receive travel and one day per diem expenses. Air transportation will be funded by the American College of Prosthodontists, based on the closest normal U.S. Port of Entry from the foreign country to the Annual Meeting site and return to the port of entry, if applicable. The first place award will be $1,000; second place, $500; third place $250. All three finalists will receive a plaque and all volumes of Classic Prosthodontic Articles. A contribution equal to the first, second, and third place monetary awards will be sent to the finalists' institutions, for use by the Prosthodontic Program Director in advancing prosthodontic research.

For further information, please contact Dr. Joel O. Martin, Chairperson, Research Committee ACP, UMMD-New Jersey Dental School, Office of Academic Affairs, Rm. B812, 110 Bergen Street, Newark, NJ 07103-2425.

ACP Essay Award Competition

The College has established an Essay Award for outstanding articles published by an advanced prosthodontic student. The article submitted for the Essay Award must be written while the author was an advanced prosthodontic student and must be published in a refereed journal, within four years of completion of the training program. Any member of The American College of Prosthodontists who is in good standing may nominate a qualified candidate.

Nominations, with the published article, must be submitted to the Central Office no later than 1 May of the year in which the nominee will be considered.

Finalists in the John J. Sharry Prosthodontic Research Competition are not eligible.

The nominee selected to receive the Award will be presented a plaque and a monetary award of $1,000.
Fellows to Receive Ballots for Board Election in April

Dr. Noel Wilkie, Chairman, Council of the Affairs of the American Board of Prosthodontics, has announced that the ballots for election will be distributed to all diplomates early in April. These ballots must be returned to the Council by May 2, 1991. This year's nomination slate includes two members of the American College of Prosthodontists.

Dr. Harold Litvak is the official nominee of the American College of Prosthodontists, the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics, the Northeastern Gnathological Society, and the American Equilibration Society.

Dr. Litvak received his dental degree from Tufts University in 1962 and subsequently served in the U.S. Air Force until 1965. He completed his specialty training in 1967 and received a Masters degree in 1969 from New York University College of Dentistry. Dr. Litvak received his certificate from the American Board of Prosthodontics in 1972. At the New York College of Dentistry he is a Clinical Professor, Postdoctoral Division, Department of Prosthodontics and Occlusion.

He is a Past President of the Northeastern Gnathological Society and Vice President of the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics. He has actively served the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations for 19 years as a delegate and since 1988 has been Treasurer. He was elected twice to the Council for the Affairs of the ABP. A member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, he is a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontics, a member of the American Academy of Crown and Bridge Prosthodontics, a member of the American Equilibration Society, a member of the American Prosthodontic Society, and a member of the Academy of Osseointegration.

Dr. Litvak has presented many national and international lectures and has contributed to dental literature. He maintains an active four-day private practice in a most successful group practice limited to prosthodontics.

Dr. Charles A. Goodacre, also a Fellow of the ACP, has been nominated for the Board. He is the official nominee of the Academy of Denture Prosthetics and the American Academy of Crown and Bridge Prosthodontics.

Dr. Goodacre is presently Chairman of the Department of Prosthodontics at Indiana University School of Dentistry. He obtained his D.D.S. degree, Summa Cum Laude, from Loma Linda University in 1971 and then attended Indiana University where he received an M.S.D. degree in 1974, majoring in both Prosthodontics and Dental Materials.

His teaching experience has been at both the predoctoral and postdoctoral prosthodontic levels. He currently directs the graduate courses in Fixed Prosthodontics and has been course director for predoctoral Fixed Prosthodontics, Occlusion, and Tooth Morphology. Clinical experience has included three years of full-time private practice and 16 years of part-time practice.

Dr. Goodacre has authored or coauthored 57 journal articles and research abstracts, is a coauthor of the 4th edition of Johnston's Modern Practice in Fixed Prosthodontics and has contributed to two other textbooks: The Science of Dental Materials and Dentistry for the Child and Adolescent. He has presented over 80 national and international lectures or courses, received the President's Award from Loma Linda University in 1970 and has twice received the outstanding full-time instructor award from the dental school senior class.

He is a member of the American College of Prosthodontists, Academy of Denture Prosthetics, American Academy of Crown and Bridge Prosthodontics, American Prosthodontic Society, International Association for Dental Research, Omicron Kappa Upsilon, American Dental Association and state and local societies.

Future ACP Meetings

1991, November 7-10
JOHN ASCUGA'S NUGGET, Reno, Nevada
1992, November 5-8
HYATT REGENCY, Tampa, Florida
1993, October 28-31
WYNDHAM, Palm Springs, California
1994, November 3-6
HYATT REGENCY, New Orleans, Louisiana
1995, October 19-22
HYATT REGENCY CRYSTAL CITY, at Washington National Airport, Arlington, VA

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Dr. Harold Litvak, DDS, MSD

Charles A. Goodacre, DDS, MSD

I immediately called the American Embassy for information. They advised me to stay where I was, the situation was temporary...

On August 15, the Iraqi authorities announced that all Westerners were to report to various hotels in Kuwait, under pain of reprisal. Since it had become apparent that the Westerners who were complying with this directive were being placed at missile sites and military installations, I decided to ignore the order. Instead, I went into hiding in a residential area with several other Western friends of various nationalities—American, Canadian, Maltese and British. It was fortunate that I had
left the hospital at this time, because the next week the Iraqi Secret Police came looking for me by name. They placed a gun to the head of the manager of our hospital, demanding information about my location, which he did not know. He was forced to sign an affidavit saying that if he was withholding information as to my whereabouts, he would be executed.

We were taken to a soccer stadium, where I felt we were to be executed.

The period of hiding, approximately four months, was a very tense and often terrifying experience. During the entire time, we were fed and protected by several Arabs, but especially Kuwaiti Nationals. These Kuwaitis protected us at their own peril, for the penalty for aiding and abetting Westerners was death. Indeed, several Kuwaitis were summarily executed when they were caught aiding Westerners, or with American and/or British paraphernalia in their homes. We were always subject to unexpected search and seizure from either the Iraqi Army or from the “Popular Army.” The situation became increasingly dangerous when the Iraqi Secret Police moved in and occupied the entire block of homes across the street from our villa. The Secret Police, as well as the “Popular Army,” were responsible for most of the atrocities that occurred during the occupation.

The day-to-day existence became quite mundane, as we attempted to stay out of sight, yet pass the time. Scrabble, cards, reading, and chores became the time-passers. Our best and often only source of news was BBC and Voice of America. The Iraqi and “Popular Army” patrols passed by several times each day, making it extremely difficult to concentrate on anything. During November, for example, the soldiers came to our gate five or six times, either looking for food or attempting to loot our home. Luckily, my Canadian host was able to keep them at the gate with a combination of bravado and bluff.

The most terrifying experience occurred on September 15, when we were picked up by the Army in an early afternoon raid. They took all of our food, robbed us of money and jewelry at gunpoint, stole our clothes, shoes, electronics, and cars. We were then taken to a soccer stadium, where I felt we were to be executed. Fortunately, this did not happen. We were taken to a hotel, from which we were transported to Baghdad the next day. In a major stroke of luck, however, a young Shiite Muslim had provided us with false driver’s licenses a few weeks earlier. These forgeries fooled the Iraqi Secret Police, and allowed us to be set free after several hours of intimidation.

On the return ride to our home, one of the Secret Police repeatedly placed an assault rifle under my left eye, played with the trigger and the safety, and made shooting noises. Needless to say, this was a frightening experience for me, although to him it was quite hilarious, and he giggled incessantly. At the end of the experience, however, we did escape and returned to our villa to wait out the remainder of the time.

When it was first announced that we were to be released, it was very difficult to believe. At first I believed that it was a ruse, just to get the rest of the Westerners out of hiding. A similar event had happened earlier, when Iraq announced that the women could go free. When the woman left their homes, the Iraqis noted from which homes they exited, then went in and took the men away to be hostages. So, we were quite leery. Finally, after two days, the Embassy contacted us and told us to be ready to leave Sunday morning, December 9.

On December 9 we left for Baghdad by way of an Iraqi Airlines jet chartered by the US State Department. There was a several hour layover in Baghdad, after which we boarded another Iraqi Air jet and flew to Frankfort, Germany. The final scare occurred when the Iraqi pilot missed the runway at Frankfort, and had to circle and bounce the plane down on the second try. Amazingly, the flight attendant said, “Thank you for flying Iraqi Airlines. We hope to see you again in the near future.” We collectively greeted this announcement with a combination of disbelief and derision.

Because of the limitations on the amount of baggage we were able to take with us, most of my clothes, all of my books, professional photography equipment, records and, worst of all, approximately 15,000 clinical slides had to be left behind. This, of course, represents my entire professional life. If or when I will be able to reclaim these possessions, no one knows. In addition to being dispossessed, all of my financial assets are still frozen in Kuwaiti banks. So, although I am extremely thankful to be alive and intact, it is under somewhat difficult circumstances.

I was by no means the worst off of any of the people who were incarcerated, nor do I intend to depict myself in any way as a hero. The real heroes are the Kuwaitis, who risked their lives on a daily basis so that the Westerners could survive. ♦

Home in time for Christmas, Dr. Baima celebrates with his mother, father, and sister in Hurley, Wisconsin.
The 21st Annual Session of the American College of Prosthodontists was a joint meeting with the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada held in Charleston, South Carolina October 30 - November 3, 1990. The Omni Hotel at Charleston Place was the site of what was acclaimed by many to be one of our most enjoyable meetings. Member attendance was second only to the Baltimore meeting in 1988 and spouse attendance was high.

The program entitled “20 years of Excellence” was developed by Annual Session Chairman Ned B. Van Roekel and involved several changes in format. Speakers were limited to two projectors, most talks were thirty minutes in length, and timing lights were used to facilitate staying on schedule. This approach permitted more papers to be presented, with less extraneous material, and allowed a wider variety of topics to be discussed. The total of fifteen excellent papers presented during the Scientific Session may be a record;

feedback from attendees regarding the format and the quality of the content was very positive and complimentary.

The Private Practice Seminar, under the direction of Thomas J. McGarry, continues to grow and has become the favorite part of the program for many members. Highlights of the seminar included introduction of a new Private Practice Manual, and presentations on

implanatology and marketing a prosthodontic practice.

The Table Clinic Program was also revised at this session. Table clinicians were provided only with a draped, eight foot long table with no electrical outlets. This required table clinics to be relatively self-explanatory, without the sometimes lengthy slide shows. Under the direction of Assad F. Mora, 23 Table Clinics were presented which was a large increase from previous years. Many attendees reported that this was the best Table Clinic Program to date.

Commercial exhibits organized by Mohammad Mazaheri were arranged in the Grand Hall surrounding the meeting rooms. The 29 exhibitors were generally very pleased with the location of their booths and with the meeting. Surprisingly, several exhibitors claimed to have done more business at this meeting than at the ADA or the Greater New York meetings.

Social activities focused on Southern hospitality, good service and excellent Charleston cuisine. The Early Arrival Dinner was held at the Old Exchange Building and featured a tour of the dungeon. The Early Arrival Dinner was held at the Old Exchange Building and featured a tour of the dungeon. The Reacquaintance Cocktail Party at the Omni featured a Halloween theme and a large selection of excellent hors d’oeuvres. Daily horse-drawn carriage tours of the Old City left from the hotel. Tours of Patriots’ point Maritime Museum, Fort Sumter and Magnolia Plantation were available for spouses. Tee times were available at local golf courses which some members used to full advantage.

The President’s Dinner with John B. Holmes presiding was a black-tie affair with a dance band, fresh floral arrangements on each...
Members at the Annual Session in Charleston were able to discuss new developments in dental products with commercial exhibitors.

table, and a five-course dinner featuring twin entrees of grilled wild quail and petite filet mignon. The symbolic gavel was passed to incoming President James A. Fowler, Jr. during the festivities.

In closing, thanks to all those who participate in the Charleston Meeting and helped with the hundreds of details required to make it all work. Special thanks to Linda Wallenborn and to the Omni Hotel Staff for outstanding support and assistance. It was a great team effort and now we can relax a bit and look forward to Reno.

Carl Schulter (Memphis, TN) and Kenneth Turner (Atlanta, GA) discussed the reorganization plans of the College.

Educators/Mentors Seminar Examines the Future of Prosthodontic Training

The Educators/Mentors Seminar held during 1990 Annual Session of American College of Prosthodontists was attended by approximately 65 participants. Dr. Robert M. Morrow began the seminar with his presentation entitled "The Current Status of Advanced Education in Prosthodontics." He listed four main areas of concern – financial, curriculum, student selection and specialty recognition.

Financial problems were discussed as they related to both the student as well as the program. For many students, tuition plus other costs during a training program can become prohibitive. Assistance is needed in the form of stipends as well as institutional support such as can be provided by graduate teaching assistants. The programs are under more pressure to provide additional income. Dr. Morrow explained how they have begun to accomplish this by using a differential fee between graduate and undergraduate services. Although it has only been in effect for a short time, they continue to have adequate numbers of patients.

Curriculum is seen as a second major problem. With the exponential increase in new information, materials, journals and other techniques, it is becoming increasingly more difficult to adequately cover the necessary information in two years. Dr. Morrow suggested that we sometimes tend to retain the older traditional material, and should consider reevaluating the curriculum. New material, such as dental implants, temporomandibular disorders, and geriatrics, make it essential to have the curriculum periodically reviewed. Some schools have already gone to a threyear program.

A third concern is student selection. There appears to be a decreasing pool of quality applicants, especially in programs which do not provide a stipend. Prosthodontics needs to increase the quality of applicants seeking advanced training. It would be beneficial if all candidates selected for prosthodontic training had at least a year of general practice residency training, military dental service or private practice experience in order to minimize the amount of time required to bring students up to a proper level, and maximize the amount of new material which can be disseminated through the program. One way of increasing dental students' interest in prosthodontics would be to have greater exposure between undergraduates and specialty students. This can sometimes be obtained through the use of graduate teaching assistantships.

The fourth concern Dr. Morrow highlighted was a need for a greater specialty recognition. The American College of Prosthodontists has made great strides in this direction, but more needs to be done. The specialty of prosthodontics must be more closely linked to the increased interest in geriatrics, as well as providing support to this rapidly growing segment or our population. The specialist in prosthodontics should be adequately recognized, especially at the state level. Peer review of the prosthodontist should be by other prosthodontists. Last, but not least, third party payments should recognize and appropriately compensate the specialist in prosthodontics.

Dr. James L. Lord, President of the FPO, continued the program by providing an update on the status of implementing recommendations of the Prosthodontics 21 Symposium. A steering committee has been charged with bringing to action and completion the policies and recommendations of the Symposium. The Steering Committee consists of Drs. Jesse Bullard, Chair 1989-90, James Lord, Chair 1990-91, William Kuebker, Chair 1991-92, Robert Wesley, John B. Holmes, Edward Plekavich and Stephen Bergen. Consultants will be added as needed. They are charged with the responsibility of determining goals and objectives and establishing a five year time frame for assigning tasks and follow-up on their completion.

The final presentation by Dr. Brien R. Lang was entitled "Where We Are Going! Predicting the Future of Prosthodontics."

Based on reports by dental epidemiologists, it is estimated that edentulism will decrease by the year 2000. However, there will be an increase in the number of older adults by then, with a predicted 80% gap in unmet prosthodontic services. By 1995 there will be five million people in the United States who are over 95 years of age and active, with the majority being edentulous. The need for complete dentures will be with us for at least the next three decades.

It is also predicted that there will be an increase in the number of partially edentulous patients, with a concomitant need for restoration using fixed and removable partial dentures. The number of patients receiving implants is also growing at an extraordinary rate. By 1992, the number will have grown to over 300,000.

It is important that prosthodontic procedures get greater recognition by the insurance industry. Many prosthodontic procedures are
The specialty of prosthodontics is still facing an identity crisis. What is the difference between the general practitioner and the prosthodontist? Many general practitioners as well as the public do not understand the difference. We must increase the public's awareness. A goal should be to have the specialty of prosthodontics recognized by the public at the same level at the other specialties. The American College of Prosthodontists should take an active and aggressive role in developing a professional partnership between the general practitioner and the prosthodontists in order to enhance their relationship. We should strengthen the general dentist's skills in diagnosis and treatment planning, which will allow all to benefit, but primarily the patient.

With regard to advanced education in prosthodontics, Dr. Lang predicted that there will be greater need to provide more opportunity for research. Presently, those pursuing a M.S. degree are exposed to research and education, but not taught how to teach or be a researcher. Prosthodontic programs must provide an opportunity to pursue a Ph.D. in the basic sciences. He said that prosthodontic specialists need to be better prepared to compete for research dollars. In 1987, the NIDR budget consisted of $110.5 million. Of this, $16.1 million was devoted to restorative materials, $33.5 million to periodontal disease and only $534,000 to implant research. In 1990 the NIDR's budget was $99.5 million.

In conclusion, prosthodontic research was part of the smallest component ($12.1 million) delegated to technical and health behavior.

In concluding his remarks, Dr. Lang said that the future of prosthodontics can be bright, but we must all take an active role in accomplishing this. The American College of Prosthodontists has been the leading organization advancing the specialty. Now is the time for College members to promote the specialty in every professional arena: private practice, academia, and research.

Gerald N. Graser, DDS, MS
Chairman, Educators/Mentors Seminar

Annual Session Receives Record Sponsorship

Calcitek Sponsors Cocktail Party
Calcitek, Inc., a company of Sulzermedica, provided significant financial support for the re-acquaintance cocktail party held during the College's 1990 annual session in Charleston, SC. The well-attended party featured shrimp and other seafood specialties from the Charleston area. Held on the eve of the annual session, the party had the ambience of a class reunion, as College members from around the country used the occasion to rendezvous and reminisce. According to D. Keith Grossman, Vice-President for Sales and Marketing, Calcitek considers itself to be "partners with prosthodontists, working to improve the dental health of the American public." Calcitek has expressed interest in supporting this event this year in Reno, and possibly making their support an annual event.

Members who wish to express their appreciation to Calcitek or inquire about their products are invited to call the company toll free at 1-800-854-7019 (in California 1-800-542-6019) for information.

Warner-Lambert Sponsors President's Dinner Dance
Warner-Lambert Company provided financial support to offset the cost of the President's reception held during the 1990 annual session in Charleston, SC. The President's reception, a black tie, gala affair, featured gourmet cuisine, the presentation of awards, and a fine band that set the tempo for the evening.

According to Dr. Michael L. Barnett, Warner-Lambert's Director of Dental Affairs, the company was "proud to share with the College its tradition of excellence in dental health."

David Schwab, Ph.D., ACP Executive Director, reports that Dr. Barnett has already indicated that Warner-Lambert is interested in sponsoring the President's Reception again this year in Reno.

Members who wish to contact Warner-Lambert are invited to call toll-free 1-800-223-0812; New Jersey residents are asked to call 1-800-338-0326.
Affiliates/Associates Seminar Meets for Last Time

The 1990 ACP Annual Session marked the final meeting of the Affiliates/Associates Seminar. The deletion of the Clinical Phase II of the Board Examination has eliminated the need for a significant part of the seminar. An expanded version of the Board Preparation Course will be offered at the 1991 Annual Session in Reno. It will provide comprehensive coverage of all portions of the examination, incorporating the changes recently instituted.

The final seminar attracted well over 90 members. Many were interested in finding out how the Board was planning the transition from the old to the new format of examination. Drs. Ronald Desjardins and Ronald Woody, Board Examiners, answered questions from attendees and discussed the options available to those candidates testing in 1991. They confirmed the implementation of an entire new format for the examination in 1992. Dr. William D. Culpepper, Executive Director of the Board, announced that all inquiries and applications should be directed to him:

Dr. William D. Culpepper
Executive Director
American Board of Prosthodontics
P.O. Box 8437
Atlanta, GA 30306

Advice and recommendations for Affiliates and Associates on each aspect of the Board Examination were offered by College Fellows. Dr. Allen Carr (Columbus, OH) talked about the Patient Presentation and the Oral Examination. He reviewed his Board Case and explained his defense for the treatment rendered. The Phase II examination in Removable Prosthodontics was covered by Dr. Donna Dixon (Iowa City, IA). She emphasized the need for a timetable — without one the candidate can easily get behind. Because the materials and equipment at the examination site are not always conveniently accessible, Dr. Dixon suggested that candidates bring everything they may possibly need. This includes premeasured stone, plaster, denture teeth, lathe, handpieces, etc. Dr. James Allen (Augusta, GA) commented on the Fixed Prosthodontic Phase II Examination. He reviewed the criteria for patient selection and offered practical advice on how to maximally prepare prior to getting to the examination site. A thoroughly developed timetable was indispensable, according to Dr. Allen. It should even allocate time for the possibility of having to repeat certain procedures. Finally, he cautioned those who may be trying to avoid the use of porcelain in their retainers; examiners are reluctant to compromise esthetics. Therefore, if you are in doubt, be prepared to construct porcelain fused to metal restorations.

Speaking for the value of Board Certification to the private practitioner was Dr. William Kaylakie (Austin, TX). He believes that more and more people are becoming aware of what it means to be a boarded prosthodontist. Several new patients have recently entered his office and asked if he was boarded. The public is seeking out all forms of specialty health care today, and prosthodontics is no exception. Dr. Kaylakie wholeheartedly encouraged College members to seek certification.

The site for the 1991 Phase II clinical exam will be the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston - School of Dentistry. Dr. Mark E. Connelly, Chairman of the Department of Removable Prosthodontics discussed the treatment and laboratory facilities at the school. He reported that a new laboratory had just been built and that it was fully equipped for all aspects of fixed, removable, and maxillofacial prosthodontics.

The public is seeking out board certified specialists

In commenting about accommodations, Dr. Connelly said there were plenty of hotels in the immediate area.

The seminar concluded with an open invitation to those planning to challenge the Board in 1992 to attend the Board Preparation Course at the Annual Session in Reno. All were reminded that the College will continue to do all it can to support its members seeking board certification.

Dale L. Cipra, DDS
Chairman, Affiliates/Associates Seminar

Dental Specialty Organizations Unanimously Endorse Formation of Council for Geriatrics

After one complete year of discussion, negotiation, and planning, all eight ADA recognized specialty organizations have endorsed the formation of a Council of Dental Specialties for Geriatrics. The Council will have an official linkage with the Dental Specialty Group. The Council will maintain regular contact with the Group regarding all Council activities, as well as seek advice, support, and authorization to conduct business.

On October 14, 1990, the first working meeting of the Council of Dental Specialties for Geriatrics was convened in Boston. The meeting was chaired by the College's Geriatrics Committee Chairman, Patrick M. Lloyd. Additional College representation was provided by Stephen R. Gordon. All specialty organizations, excluding the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the American Association of Public Health Dentistry, were represented. In delineating the role of the Council, the following purpose was identified:

To serve as a unified body representing the professional responsibilities, contributions, and interests of dental specialties regarding the clinical, educational, research and policy concerns of the elderly patient.

Goals identified by the Council members include:

1. Share information concerning the geriatrics activities conducted by individual specialty organizations,
2. Prepare consensus reports concerning the clinical, educational, and research issues in dental care for the elderly, and
3. Collaborate in the production of inter-specialty programs in geriatrics.

Members of the Council expressed a strong interest in organizing a national meeting of dental specialists for geriatrics. In preparation for such a conference, each specialty representative will encourage the incorporation of a geriatrics component into their 1991 annual sessions. In response to this initiative, John F. Burton, Annual Sessions Chair has integrated a half-day geriatrics program within the 1991 ACP meeting.

At the June Council meeting, a program will be drafted for a national conference, a definitive date will be selected, and potential sponsors will be identified. At the August Dental Specialty Group meeting, a comprehensive, detailed action plan for the conference will be delivered by the Council.
First Delegate Meeting

The 21st annual session meeting in Charleston was a tremendous success and the sections delegate meeting was a vital part of the program. This first delegate meeting brought together members from each section, ACP Officers, the ACP Executive Director, and other interested members to discuss issues of concern to the sections on a state by state basis and nationally. Several sections presented reports on issues of advertising, intra-state specialty board examination, formation of regional section meetings, and other important sectional activities.

President John B. Holmes presented certificates to three new sections and they are: Nebraska; president, Paul A. Hansen, Connecticut; president, Dr. Pablo Cuevas, and European; president, Dr. Gene Withrow. President Holmes congratulated these new sections and addressed the delegates. He discussed the history and growth of the sections, the important role that sections play within the ACP and their own states and countries, and challenged the sections to become active within their states and countries and the ACP.

Dr. Arthur Nimmo presented a report on a survey, conducted by the ACP Education and Advancement Committee, of State Dental Board Examinations and State Specialty examinations in Prosthodontics. His presentation enlightened each section of the requirement for licensure in each state. This has allowed each section to compare requirements of other states and to inform members within their section of any shortcomings of their state dental examination. The survey of state specialty licensure was most informative and opened the floor to discussion of the importance of state specialty examination. This presentation was extremely important to the sections who are actively involved in updating their state dental practice act and the board examination requirements. Further information can be obtained by contacting Dr. Arthur Nimmo.

ACP Reorganization Plan

Dr. David Schwab addressed the delegates and presented a preliminary outline of the ACP reorganization plan. A motion to accept the concept of the reorganization plan in principle was made, seconded, and passed. This acceptance by the sections is a positive note to assure an active role within the ACP and to develop leadership for the future. In order to completely develop this plan, each state should have a section, a delegate, and a vote to assure equal representation by the membership. If your state does not have a section, seriously consider forming one to participate in the governance of the ACP and to represent your specialty within your state.

Section Activities

In order to streamline the flow of Section activity information, the editor of The ACP Messenger has requested that all information be sent directly to him. Please take this opportunity to expose other members of the College to the programs and projects your Section sponsors. ✪

Carl W. Schulte, DDS
Chairman, Sections Committee

Massachusetts Section Recruits Affiliates

Over forty graduate students from the four Boston area prosthodontic programs attended a reception hosted by the Massachusetts Section of the ACP. With a primary intent of recruiting new College affiliates, Section members explained the benefits of membership in the ACP. An evening of refreshments with social and professional interaction provided the perfect environment to encourage support of the specialty through the ACP.

Graduate students were also invited to attend the Section’s Annual Scientific and Business Meeting held in conjunction with the Yankee Dental Congress. The educational portion of the program was provided by Dr. Gerald N. Graser, Program Director of Prosthodontics at the Eastman Dental Center. Dr. Graser presented a half-day program on assorted issues in fixed and removable prosthodontics. Forty members and graduate students were able to take advantage of the information presented by Dr. Graser. During the business meeting, Section members officially approved a change in the name of the Section from the New England Section of the ACP to the Massachusetts Section. This name change was in compliance with the College’s new recommendations for Section designation. Dr. Stephen Campbell was congratulated by all in attendance for receiving one of the 1990 distinguished faculty awards at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. ✪

ACP Roster Update

With your 1991 dues statement each Fellow and Associate should have received an update to the Roster, with addresses, telephone numbers, codes, etc. Please be sure that you fill in the codes that are listed for the elements of prosthodontics that you practice. There has been one omitted from the listing which is for “Temporomandibular Disorders” (“T”). If you would like to have “T” listed with your codes, please notify the Central Office. ✪

In Memoriam

Dr. Joe Bates Drane Jr., 72, died Nov. 5 at his Houston home. In 1953, he joined the faculty of The University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston and held a dual appointment with UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, where he was founding chairman of the Department of Dental Oncology from 1976 until he retired in 1980.

With resources from both institutions, he established one of the first training programs for maxillofacial prosthodontics residents in the United States. He was one of the first clinicians to study radiation-induced tooth decay and laid the groundwork for establishing fluoride level protocols for head and neck cancer patients. He also developed innovative methods to help restore facial features and function for head and neck cancer patients.

Drane was a longtime member and former president of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics. He received that organization’s highest honor, the Ackerman Award. The J.B. Drane Society, established by his former residents, is named in his honor. In 1989 he became the fourth honorary member of the American College of Prosthodontists. He was an active member of the local, state and national branches of the American Cancer Society.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Allen Drane; daughters, Claudia Elizabeth Folsgrove and Janet Rose Drane; sons, John Russell and Col. Joe B. Drane III, USAF; sisters, Elizabeth Haynsworth and Virginia McAllon; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. For those wishing, donations may be made to Cancer Research-Development Office, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Memorial Donations - 197, 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030. ✪

The ACP Messenger
Corporate Donations Contribute to Success of Foundation Auction

Much of the credit for the financial success of the ACP Education Foundation’s silent auction goes to the dental companies who generously donated merchandise. The 252 individual items that the Foundation auctioned were contributed by 60 dental manufacturers and distributors. The generous corporate donations saved the Foundation the expense of purchasing merchandise for the auction and therefore allowed the Foundation to reap the full benefit of their sale.

Core-Vent Corporation was again a major contributor to the Education Foundation providing products with a retail value in excess of $6,700. Attachments International and Interpore International both donated over $5,000 worth of supplies and equipment. Dentsply International provided denture teeth value at $4,360. Nobelpharma supplied instrument and torque driver sets with a retail value of $4,063. Bausch & Lomb’s total contributions were valued at over $3,000. The items donated by Teledyne Hanau had a retail value of $2,500.


Contributors providing dental supplies and equipment valued between $500 to $1,000 included: Den-Tal-Ez, Inc./Star Division, J.M. Ney Company, L.D. Caulk, Professional Dental Technologies (Rodadent), Steri-Dent Corp., Denar Corp., Dentec Corp., Benco Dental Supply, Pro-Dent Systems, Inc., Whaledent International, Miles Inc. Dental Products, and Beavers Dental Products/Division of Sybron Canada.


The Education Foundation gratefully acknowledges the contributions of the dental manufacturers and suppliers and wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to each corporate donor.

Donations to the Foundation

Several members of the American College of Prosthodontists and other interested individuals have already responded to this year’s fund raising campaign and made generous contributions to the Education Foundation. Dr. Noel D. Wilkie and Dr. and Mrs. Stephen F. Balshi, parents of Foundation President Thomas Balshi, have made contributions at the $1,000 Benefactor Level.

Carl Schulter, Robert Sproull, Ken Turner, Carl Andres, Stephen Bergen and William Priester have made donations at the $500 Gold Level.

Those who have contributed at the $100 Silver Level are Ken Stewart, John Depner, Richard Seals, Harold Ortman, William Kuebker, Roger Vitter, Jeffrey Markowitz, Bruce Valauri, J.N. Markov, Vincent Mariano, Lloyd Landa, Joseph Huryn, Don Trachtenberg, Frank Tuminelli, M. Mazaheri, David Clary, H.J. Crosthwaite, Gordon Christensen, Susan Brackett, James Fowler, Robert Varjan, Edward Plekavich, Edgar Kopp and Harold Litvak.

All tax deductible contributions at the silver, gold and $500 platinum levels will be acknowledged with attractive certificates of appreciation. Contributions at the Benefactor Level will receive special recognition.

Silent Auction Nets $20,000

The American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation is pleased to announce that the silent auction conducted during the past year will provide over $20,000 for support of Foundation programs and projects. It is important to remember that the $20,000 figure reflects the expenses incurred procuring the merchandise, conducting the auction and supporting the personnel involved. As with all Education Foundation activities, the silent auction did not involve the expenditure of any American College of Prosthodontists resources.

The success of the silent auction is in part due to the generous donations of the dental industry and the active participation of the College membership. Sixty dental companies responded to the individual items with retail values in excess of $58,000. The generosity of the contributing dental manufacturers is to be commended and the Foundation hopes the membership will keep our contributors in mind when making dental purchases.

The response of the membership to the silent auction was also extremely gratifying. Literally hundreds of bids were received on the items offered for sale. Of the 145 people bidding on various items, 84 different individuals won the right to purchase the merchandise at prices considerably below retail value. The highest bidders have now been informed and as their money is received the manufacturers and suppliers are notified to ship the items directly to the winners.

The Education Foundation would like to recognize Stephen Bergen, David Schwab, Lauren Lapin and Linda Wallenborn for their tireless efforts in conducting the silent auction and for making this fund raising project so fund-raising successful. Through the efforts of these individuals, the contributors of the dental industry and the participation of the membership, the American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation was able to expand its support base and provide an additional alternative for our fund raising activities.

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Three investigators were honored for outstanding, original research in prosthodontics at the 21st Annual Session of The American College of Prosthodontists in Charleston, South Carolina. The papers of the three finalists in the John J. Sharry Prosthodontic Research Competition were present to over 500 prosthodontists during the Scientific Program, and the awards were presented by Mrs. Rachael Sharry during the Annual Business Luncheon.

Dr. Ting-Wey Yen from the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas received the first-place award of $1,000 for his paper, entitled "The Effect of Acid Etching on the Flexural Strength of a Feldspathic Porcelain and a Castable Glass Ceramic." Dr. Yen was sponsored by Dr. R. Blackman.

Dr. David R. Cooley, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Department of the Air Force, San Antonio, Texas, and the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas received the second-place award of $500 for his research paper, entitled "The Advantages of Coated Titanium Implants Prepared by Radio Frequency Sputtering from Hydroxyapatite." Dr. Cooley’s sponsor was Dr. Stewart Windeler.

Dr. Donald M. Belles, also at the Wilford Hall Medical Center, Department of the Air Force, and the University of Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas won the third-place award of $250 for his investigation, entitled "Effect of Metal Design and Technique on the Marginal Characteristics of the Collarless Metal-Ceramic Restoration." Dr. Belles was sponsored by Dr. Robert J. Cronin, Jr.

Besides the monetary awards provided by the American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation, all three received airfare and per diem expenses to the Annual Session, a recognition plaque, the three volumes of Classic Prosthodontic Articles, and a Study Guide for Certification. This year for the first time matching monetary awards were presented to the sponsoring institutions for the support of original research by students in postdoctoral prosthodontic programs.

John J. Sharry Research Competition winners: Left to Right: Dr. Joel O. Martin, Chair, Research Committee; Ting-Wey Yen, 1st Place; Donald M. Belles, 3rd Place; David R. Cooley, 2nd place.

Francis V. Panno Addresses "Dentistry and the Law" Conference

Dr. Francis V. Panno represented the American College of Prosthodontists and the speciality of prosthodontics during a panel discussion on dental implants at the Third Annual Dentistry and the Law Conference held in Chicago on November 9, 1990.

The National Conference was presented by Randall K. Berning & Affiliates in cooperation with Loyola University of Chicago—School of Dentistry and The Institute for Health Law at Loyola University of Chicago—School of Law.

Dr. Panno, a Fellow in the College, emphasized the need for implant treatment to be prosthodontically and not surgically driven.

"Patients want implants for the prosthetic treatment options that they provide," Dr. Panno said. "Implants are a multidisciplinary modality which require the skills and cooperation of all the participants, including the patient. Each participant is important in achieving the best results for the patient’s treatment goals. To accomplish this, the overall treatment must be prosthodontically driven."

Dr. Panno is Professor and Chairman of the New York University College of Dentistry, Department of Prosthodontics and Occlusion. He has private practices in Mamaroneck and New York City, New York.

Kenneth D. Rudd Honored in Texas

Kenneth D. Rudd, a long-standing faculty member of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, has been named Ashbel Smith Professor. Dr. Rudd, Professor of Prosthodontics and Associate Dean for Continuing Dental Education was nominated for the honor by his university peers. The UT Board of Regents approved the nominations at its October meeting in Dallas. The professorship is named for Dr. Ashbel Smith, known as the "Father of The University of Texas." Smith was the first president of the UT Board of Regents from 1881-1886. The UT system created the professorships to honor faculty “demonstrating excellence in teaching, scholarship and . . . (who bring) distinction to the institution as a result of academic accomplishment."
Meetings and Conferences Calendar

April 12 & 13, 1991  Northeastern Prosthodontic Society, Boston, MA, Contact: Dr. A. Albert Yurkstas, Tufts University, One Kneeland Street, Boston, MA 02111

April 17-21, 1991  American Association for Dental Research/International Association for Dental Research, Acapulco, Mexico, Contact: AADR/IAADR, 1111 14th Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20005

April 24-28, 1991  Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics, Richmond, VA, Contact: Dr. Joseph P. Bodo, Jr., 7123 N. Armenia Avenue, Tampa, FL 33604

April 26 & 27, 1991  Carl O. Boucher Prosthodontic Conference, Columbus, OH, Contact: Robert A. Strohaver, 171 Ashley Avenue, Charleston, SC 29425


May 19-24, 1991  Academy of Denture Prosthetics, Wintergreen, VA, Contact: Dr. Charles C. Swoope, ADP Secretary, 8255 NE 26th Street, Bellevue, WA 98004

June 18 - 21, 1991  The Pacific Coast Society of Prosthodontists, Empress Hotel, Victoria, B.C., Contact: Dr. Robert G. Tupac, 465 N. Roxbury Dr., Ste. 801, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

August 24 & 25, 1991  Association of Prosthodontists of Canada, Quebec City, Quebec, Contact: Dr. Brian Kucey, Secretary/Treasurer, 273 Bonnie Doon Prof. Bldg., 82nd Ave. & 83rd St., Edmonton, Alberta T6C 4E3


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

November 1, 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, Nevada, Contact: Linda L. Wallenborn, 1777 N.E. Loop 410, Suite 904, San Antonio, TX 78217

December 6 & 7, 1991  The Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics, Plaza City Hotel, New York City, New York, Contact: Dr. Daniel Budasoff, 140 West 58 Street, New York, NY 10019

Annual Scientific Sessions of Dental Specialty Organizations

April 17-21, 1991  Standard Bearers for Endodontists, Sponsored by the American Association of Endodontists, Ramada Renaissance Techworld, Washington, D.C., Contact: Irma Kudo, Executive Director, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 1501, Chicago, IL 60611


May 18-26, 1991  Annual Session of the American Academy of Oral Pathology, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Contact: Dr. Dean K. White, Secretary-Treasurer, University of Kentucky, College of Dentistry, Lexington, KY 40536

May 24-28, 1991  44th Annual Session of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Marriott River Center, San Antonio, Texas, Contact: Dr. John A. Bogert, Executive Director, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 1036, Chicago, IL 60611

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

October 2-5, 1991  The 77th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Periodontology, Vancouver, Canada, Contact: Barbara Connell, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60611

October 3-5, 1991  American Association of Public Health Dentistry Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, Contact: Helen Doherty, 10619 Jousting Lane, Richmond, VA 23235

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
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Florida – Chairman, Department of Prosthodontics. Full-time, tenure track position. Experience in teaching, research, service and patient care required in order to supervise programs in fixed, removable and maxillofacial prosthodontics; intramural faculty practice. Applicants should have interest in development of advanced education program and expansion of implant program. DDS or DMD degree from accredited US dental school required, board certification or eligibility desirable. Academic rank and salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. Selection process will be conducted under provisions of Florida’s “Government in the Sunshine” and Public Records Law. Send curriculum vitae by April 15, 1991 to Dr. Joseph C. Kehoe, Associate Dean, University of Florida College of Dentistry, Box J-405, Health Science Center, Gainesville, FL 32610-0405.

Michigan – Full-time, tenure-track position available at the Assistant/Associate Professor level in the Department of Prosthodontics. Responsibilities include preclinical and clinical teaching and supervision in research, graduate, postgraduate education and faculty dental service plan. Graduate training in prosthodontics (Board eligibility or certification) is required with a master’s degree in prosthodontics preferred. Clinical experience in all aspects of prosthodontics is required. Teaching and research experience is required at the Associate Professor level and desired at the Assistant Professor level. Eventual licensure in Michigan is expected. Rank and salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

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Ohio – The Ohio State University College of Dentistry is seeking two full-time faculty in advanced prosthodontics at the Assistant/Associate Professor level. Advanced education required and teaching experience preferred. Duties to begin July 1, 1991 and include preclinical and clinical teaching and research. Candidates must demonstrate a strong potential for original research and be eligible for licensure in Ohio. Intramural practice opportunity available. The Ohio State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Send supporting documents to Dr. M. H. Reisbick, Chairman, Section of Restorative & Prosthetic Dentistry, Postle Hall, 305 W. 12th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

Texas – Occlusion and Fixed Prosthodontics. A full-time, 12-month, tenure-track position is available in the Department of Occlusion and Fixed Prosthodontics beginning spring/summer 1991. Post-graduate degree or certificate in prosthodontics is required. Previous teaching experience highly desirable. Responsibilities include teaching in the graduate and undergraduate programs and participation in departmental continuing education and research efforts. Academic rank and salary commensurate with qualifications. The University of Texas is an EEO/AA Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Send curriculum vitae to: Dr. H. Phil Pierpont, Chair, Department of Occlusion and Fixed Prosthodontics, University of Texas Dental Branch, P.O. Box 20068, Houston, TX 77225.

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ADA Seeks College Member to Present Seminar
The American Dental Association has requested the College’s assistance in developing a seminar for general dentists taught by a prosthodontist.

The ADA currently sponsors other seminars for general dentists taught by specialists in cooperation with the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and the American Academy of Periodontology.

Tentatively titled “New Frontiers in Prosthodontics for the General Practitioner,” the goal of the seminar will be to provide an interesting and informative course for general dentists, to acquaint the audience with recent advances in prosthodontics, and to provide guidelines to general dentists for referring a patient to a prosthodontist.

The person selected to present this seminar should be available to conduct six to eight full-day seminars per year for state and local dental societies and study clubs in locations around the country to be determined by the ADA beginning in 1992.

The ADA will pay all travel expenses and a minimum honorarium. The ADA will also consider paying a modest seminar development fee.

College members interested in presenting such a seminar should submit a curriculum vitae and brief suggested course outline to David Schwab, Ph.D., Executive Director, ACP, 500 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60202-2818.

The deadline for written responses to be received by the Executive Director is May 15, 1991.

After all responses have been evaluated, the ACP Executive Council will make the final recommendation to the ADA.

What is a Prosthodontist?
Every prosthodontist has been asked this question. First from family and friends, then from dental school classmates, and finally from patients.

What is a Prosthodontist?
The College can help you answer this question through a new, attractive brochure. Written in layman’s language, the brochure presents a brief overview of the services prosthodontists provide. The brochure emphasizes that prosthodontics is one of only eight specialties recognized by the American Dental Association.
The brochure can be included in a new patient welcome packet, placed in the reception area for patients to take with them, or distributed to other dentists and physicians who refer to prosthodontists.

For a free sample of the What is a Prosthodontist? brochure and an order form, contact the Central Office at 1-812-829-7236.