I have spoken to a number of Prosthodontists who feel that they are being discriminated against by third party prepayment plans because no provision has been made to help patients pay for the work of specialists.

Every prosthodontist knows that there are many patients who have special problems which require the services of men with advanced skills. These individuals require much more time for treatment in addition to specialized care, and fees for their treatment must reflect this.

At present there is no guide for administrators of prepaid insurance plans to know who is rendering specialized care. Most insurance forms have no provision for information about the therapists’ background. A number of prosthodontists have already encountered problems with prepaid programs and the situation will worsen in the future.

Our patients are the losers because few prepaid programs provide for specialized care.

Other specialties are ahead of us in this area. They have dental care and review committees who are intervening with reasonable success to adjust fee claims. I think the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations is trying to do a very constructive service for patients who need specialized restorative care by identifying those individuals who have met the educational qualifications of The Council on Dental Education.

I look forward to the deliberations of this section at our annual meeting because they will consider questions such as these and a number of others related to the delivery of care to our patients.
home care. If they fail their brush and string test they must find another dentist less zealous in his demands.

Obviously, other factors including heredity, nutrition, metabolic variables, et al. are involved in dental disease. But let’s give full credit to these commendable efforts to help save people’s teeth.

It would be ridiculous to oppose such efforts. But, if too high a percentage of the energies of too many dentists is channeled in areas too restricted—prosthodontic programming may accidentally be minimized. Who is to improve the lot of those unfortunate who still lose their teeth? I hope I am wrong but I cannot escape a conviction that we who live the art, science and practice of prosthodontics are seeing a gradual, general de-emphasis of preparation for providing this essential service.

Apparently this began many years ago with decreased emphasis on requiring student competence in doing their own laboratory work in school. (“Why waste time with repetition—they won’t do it later anyway”). Technicians were provided so “more scientific” studies could be introduced. The capability to adequately direct technicians and avoid laboratory dominance over the fledgling dentist, can only be accomplished by adequate experience. Otherwise the laboratories, by default, are obliged to assume improper responsibilities.

This concerns me.

It is also obvious that the extent and character of prosthodontic teaching and student requirements is more than slightly varied in the numerous dental schools.

This concerns me.

The relatively new student authoritarianism is something else to consider. In one instance recently reported, the prosthodontic department chairman insisted that a clinical case be remade to acceptable standards. The student disagreed and protested strongly. You may have guessed that it was the chairman who was invited “on the carpet” to discuss the situation with the Dean. Another similar disciplinary case was reportedly taken to court by the student.

This concerns me.

There is some trend toward the three year undergraduate program. Results of this compression of learning and clinical experience predictably will be varied. Might we not train better dentists in a four year program of similar intensity? Federal aid seems to depend on playing the numbers game both on professional and paraprofessional levels. Some observers feel that this tends toward mediocrity. This concerns me.

A questionnaire recently received from the American College of Dentists includes the following:

“Do you believe that there is a need for concern about present and projected systems of dental service becoming social, commercial or industrial that the consumer will no longer be considered a patient?”

It would appear unavoidable that such consumerism emphasis would indeed tend to depersonalize traditional practice relationships. All of us have thought of people we treat as patients—not as customers nor consumers. The future of such relationship is open to question. This concerns me.

Again, I strongly support the emphasis on prevention and admit being at times argumentative, vociferous tooth saver. Numerous phases of improved technics aid in preserving formerly hopeless teeth. However, human nature being as it is, many people will not use all the aids available for their own welfare. Despite all innovative treatments (even including the ancient art of acupuncture) many people will still lose their teeth.

Well trained prosthodontists and general dentists with adequate time to personally attend the needs of a reasonable number of patients in the traditional, one to one, personal manner will continue to be needed. The long range continuation of adequate training and the traditional manner of rendering the treatment may indeed be an uncertain prospect. This concerns me.

It is not difficult to point out problems without offering solutions. But most of us have some ideas that might be helpful and should at least be considered. In future issues these will be pursued. Your own ideas may be the best offered. As your editor I invite and urge you to communicate and participate. Please take the time now to send me your ideas.

—J. D. Larkin

FOR MEN ONLY
(Not really but mainly)

A get acquainted cocktail party has been arranged for you and your lady on Tuesday evening October 23, 1973 from 6:30 P.M. There will be a no-host bar located beside the beautiful swimming pool of the El Tropicano. Following the party you may dine in one of the many fine restaurants that dot the San Antonio landscape.

An excellent buffet for the Wednesday luncheon is available to you men. You are urged to make your reservation since you really will not have time for a meal outside the hotel.

A time for work and a time for play. Wednesday evening has been planned as a time for play. The relaxing atmosphere of the original settlement of San Antonio should help all to unwind from the cares of the day. Please come in your most relaxing and gayest costume, sample the food of Mexico, dance with your partner and enjoy the heritage of the southwest. Even the transportation has been arranged to soothe and amuse you.

The only time set aside for the business of the College, including the election of officers, is the Thursday luncheon. Your attendance is urgently requested. The program includes plans for a speaker to aid our digestion and stimulate our thoughts during the luncheon.

Following the meeting in San Antonio, chartered buses will be available to take us to the APS headquarters hotel in Houston. NOTE: “Bus Ride to Houston Recommended” for more details.

—Bruce E. Stanbury

LADIES ONLY
LUNCHEON OLE’

A style show luncheon has been planned for the ladies Wednesday noon in the lovely River Room at the El Tropicano Motor Hotel. The hotel is known for its excellent cuisine amidst the background of a romantic river view.

The fashions will feature a South of the Border flavor from one of San Antonio’s finest style centers. Harriet Stewart and her committee will present unique gifts directly from Mexico to some fortunate guests.
PROPOSED CHANGES TO
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PROSTHODONTISTS BYLAWS

The constitution requires that all proposed changes shall be mailed to each fellow at least 30 days prior to a general meeting of the College. This shall constitute the required notification.

ARTICLE III
SECTION 1.
The Executive Council shall report its proceedings and make its recommendations to the College at each annual business session.

ARTICLE III
SECTION 7.
Delegates-at-large will be Fellows elected for a term of three years from the Fellowship body, with a new delegate elected annually. Initially, one delegate will be elected for a one-year term, a second delegate for a two-year term and a third delegate will serve the usual three-year term.

REASON: Last sentence is no longer appropriate since all Delegates-at-Large to the Executive Council are now elected for three year terms.

ARTICLE III
SECTION 9.
NEW SECTION

ARTICLE III
SECTION 1.
The Executive Council shall report its proceedings and make its recommendations to the College at each annual business meeting for appropriate action by the College.

ARTICLE III
SECTION 7.
Delegates-at-large will be Fellows elected for a term of three years from the Fellowship body, with a new delegate elected annually.

REASON: To formalize the appointment of a historian.

ARTICLE IV
SECTION 1.
Names and number of committees
The College shall have seven standing committees designated as follows:
1. Constitution and By-Laws
2. Membership and Credentials
3. Education and Advancement
4. Dental Laboratory Relations
5. Public and Professional Relations
6. Publications and Liaison
7. Necrology and Eulogy

REASON: To change the name of the Dental Laboratory Relations Committee to Auxiliary Dental Personnel and to add Ceremonies and Awards and Research to the list of standing committees.

ARTICLE IV
SECTION 5.

1. Constitution and By-Laws
2. Membership and Credentials
3. Education and Advancement
4. Auxiliary Dental Personnel
5. Public and Professional Relations
6. Publications and Liaison
7. Necrology and Eulogy
8. Ceremonies and Awards
9. Research

REASON: To formalize the appointment of a historian.

ARTICLE IV
SECTION 5.

d. Auxiliary Dental Personnel
It shall be the duty of this committee to review and establish desirable liaison with groups and associations of all Auxiliary Dental Personnel. Guidelines for tasks performed by such personnel shall be constantly reviewed by this committee which shall make recommendations to the Executive Council in this matter as deemed desirable.
h. Ceremonies and Awards Committee
This committee shall plan, supervise and conduct appropriate
 ceremonies and awards for the installation of officers, the
 induction of new fellows and honorary members, the recogni-
tion of Life Fellows and other individuals upon whom the
 College wishes to bestow special honor. It shall draft appro-
priate citations, when applicable, for approval by the Execu-
tive Council. It shall procure the appropriate forms of perma-
nent commemoration and shall plan such other ceremonies and
 awards as directed by the Executive Council.

i. Research Committee
It shall be the duty of this committee to stimulate, promote
and evaluate Prosthodontic research and determine areas where
more research is needed. It shall develop methods of reviewing
and presenting its findings to the College and make recom-
mendations to the Annual Sessions Committee.

REASON: To broaden the Dental Laboratory Relations Committees’
purview to encompass all auxiliary personnel and to define the
responsibility of the Ceremonies and Awards and Research
Committees.

ARTICLE IV
SECTION 7.
The Nominating Committee shall make nominations for all
elected officers in writing and deliver these written nomina-
tions to the Secretary at least forty-five (45) days prior to the
date of the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall
attempt to select its candidates on a diversified basis. The
Nominating Committee shall be composed of five members-
two from the Executive Council and three from the Fellows.

REASON: To provide for nomination of representatives of the College to the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations. To more
closely define members of the Nominating Committee and to assure that those members of the Executive Council with the
broadest overview of the College serve on the Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE V
SECTION 1.
Guests
Guests at the general meeting will be by invitation by Fellows
and will be limited by the meeting room capacity. Therefore,
requests for guests should be in 90 days prior to the meeting
so we can notify the Fellows how many guests they can bring.
The invitations will be extended by the Secretary with prior
concurrence of the Executive Council.

REASON: To make the invitation of guests more manageable administratively.

ARTICLE VI
SECTION 1.
Elections
Elections shall be held at the annual General meeting at which
time there shall be elected the President, President Elect, and
Vice President for a one-year term. There shall also be elected
one delegate-at-large for a three year term. The Secretary and
Treasurer will be elected at this same meeting on the years
their terms fall due.

REASON: To provide for election of representation to the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations.
ARTICLE VII
SECTION 2.
The annual dues will be $40.00 per year for Fellows and Associates. For Affiliates, the annual dues shall be $25.00 per year.

REASON: Existing dues, established 3 years ago, will not allow balanced budget. Inflationary cost increases and expanded activities of the College make necessary the minimal increase recommended. This will not create excessive reserves but it is hoped will maintain a stable financial condition.

ARTICLE VII
SECTION 4.
The Treasurer shall bill all active members (including newly elected applicants) for their annual dues during November of each year. Active members whose annual dues have not been paid by March shall be notified by the Secretary of their delinquency. Active members whose annual dues have not been paid by July shall again be notified by the Secretary of their delinquency, which notice shall be by registered mail, with return receipt requested.

REASON: To more closely define the deadline of delinquency in the payment of dues and to provide for a fine if a member is delinquent on 1 July following the year of billing. The fine is necessary to cover the administrative costs related to correspondence with delinquent members.

ARTICLE VIII
This Article and all its sections shall be repealed. Its objectives have been assumed by the Ceremonies and Awards Committee.

ARTICLE IX
SECTION 1.
Fiscal Year (renumber)

REASON: To change Article IX to Article VIII to maintain sequential numbers for all subsequent articles.

NEW ARTICLE

ARTICLE IX
SECTION 1.
Representation to the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations (FPO)
President Elect and the Secretary of this College shall be delegates to the House of Delegates of the FPO and shall serve terms in that body concurrent with their terms of office in the College. There shall be additional delegates elected to the House of Delegates of the FPO. Their number shall be one for each 100 of the sum of Fellows, and Associates or fraction thereof, less the first 100 Fellows. The Nominating Committee shall select the required number of nominees and three (3) alternates for this office. They will be chosen to represent a broad geographic distribution throughout the United States. They shall normally serve for a term of three (3) years. Initially an equal number of delegates shall be elected.
**REASON:** To set forth the method of determining the number of representatives to the F.P.O. To define who shall be representatives to the F.P.O. and their terms of office.

**SECTION 2.**

**Executive Committee of the FPO.**

When a delegate to the FPO is elected as an officer or to the Executive Committee of that organization, the vacancy created by such election shall be filled by appointment by the President of the College from among the elected alternate delegates, such appointments shall be for the shorter of the following:

a. Remainder of the term of the vacating delegate

b. Or for the vacating delegates term of office as an officer or Executive Committee member of the FPO.

**EXCEPTION:** If a delegate to the FPO is elected as an officer of the FPO and the term of the current member of the Executive Committee does not expire concurrently with the beginning of the newly elected officers term, the Executive Committee member shall assume the newly elected officer's place in the House of Delegates during the officer's term of office. Following this term he shall assume his place on the Executive Committee unless his term would have expired.

**WHY WILL I WEAR?**

It is said of San Antonio that it has but two seasons ---- Summer and January! While this may be an exaggeration, you can probably expect mild weather and will need only light weight knit type clothing for daytime wear and a light wrap at night. But just in case, bring a car coat or raincoat. This year the long casual dress is very popular in San Antonio for evening parties of all kinds.

**BUS TOUR**

On Thursday morning, October 24th, at nine o'clock, the ladies will leave the El Tropicano for a delightful bus tour of some of the highlights of historic and romantic San Antonio. After a tour through the King William area, heart of the German settlement, we will visit the San Jose Mission, known as the “Queen of the Missions.” From there we will go to Fort Sam Houston Quadrangle. We don’t want to give away all our surprises in advance but we will have a short rest and refreshments at a delightful home and we will stop at the Mexican Market for a few last minute “take home purchases.”

**WHAT WILL I WEAR?**

If you are not one of the hardy souls, we will drop you off at the El Tropicano about 12:30, but we do hope you can stay for a shopping trip and lunch (on your own) at one of our cities’ largest and loveliest malls. The busses will return you to the El Tropicano no later than four o’clock.

We hope you’ll find San Antonio to be everything you’ve expected and more. Savor its rich heritage and its multinational personality.

**EYE-OPENER FOR THE LADIES**

Our Hospitality chairman says you don’t need to wear a blue bonnet but you may see some in the Montego Room, a good place to start your day.

Enjoy meeting old friends and making new ones while partaking of our complimentary continental breakfast.

**ODDS AND ENDS**

Since the preliminary program has been published in the newsletter and because of the nature of the meeting this year, programs will not be mailed but will be available for everyone at the registration desk.

The membership roster will be made up and mailed to all members after the October meeting in San Antonio. This will permit the inclusion of new members in all categories and the roster will be more current.

The place of meeting committee chaired by Edwin H. Smith, Jr. was asked to suggest meeting sites for future years. The following list of tentative meeting places is submitted by your Executive Council.

- **Orlando, Florida --- 4-5 December 1974**
- **San Diego, California --- 22-23 October 1975**
- **Anaheim, California --- 10-11 November 1976**
- **Orlando, Florida --- 5-6 October 1977**
- **Las Vegas, Nevada --- 18-19 October 1978**
- **New Orleans, Louisiana --- 31 October 1 November 1975**

Last year we took a survey of all members of the College to determine where the meetings should be held. These meeting sites coincide with the decision of a majority of the members.
Please complete the attached form and mail immediately to Dr.'s Lang and Kelsey, School of Dentistry, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

NAME _____________________________________________

ADDRESS _____________________________________________

I wish to participate in the section (List three in order of preference).

1. _____________________________________________

2. _____________________________________________

3. _____________________________________________

REMEMBER: Early reply is important in order to receive all pre-session papers.

Everyone will be a participant in these deliberations.

ATTENTION

If you have not already done so, please complete and return the form indicating your selection of the section in which you wish to participate. Participants will be assigned to sessions in order of receipt of requests.

A complete description of the articles and the sections appeared in the American College of Prosthodontists June 1973 Newsletter.

Select three of the following sections and annotate them on the form in order of preference.

3) Psychology. Chairman - Alex Koper.
4) Physiology. Chairman - Robert L. Kaplan.
5) Occlusion. Chairman - Davis Henderson.
13) Hospital Programs. Chairman - William R. Laney.
14) Research and Journalism. Chairman - Carl O. Boucher.

Funds Available for Research

The National Institutes of Dental Research will be soliciting funds for Grants and Contracts for biomaterials used in maxillofacial prosthetics and prosthodontics. Since Grants and Contracts will be evaluated on their scientific merit members are reminded to carefully review their applications before they are submitted.

Invitation to New Applicants

All members are encouraged to contact dentists who are eligible to become Fellows, Associates or Affiliates of the College and encourage them to write to the Secretary for an application.

You wish, applications will be sent to the member for presentation to the applicant. Especially, students entering advanced prosthodontic education programs during 1973 should be made aware of the College.

Bus Ride to Houston Recommended

Many of you will be going to Houston following the meeting in San Antonio. If you wish to travel by air the flying time from San Antonio to Houston is 30 minutes. You must allow check in time plus travel a minimum of 1 hour (more during peak traffic hours) from downtown to the San Antonio Airport. The limousine fare is $1.25. If you depart prior to 10 P.M. the fare is $20.00, after 10 P.M. the fare is $10.00. Limousine travel time from the Houston Airport to downtown Houston is one hour or more depending on traffic conditions. The limousine will not take you to the Astrodome complex, their stopping point in Houston is the Shamrock Hilton. The Limousine fare at Houston is $4.00. Add taxi fare to your hotel.

Buses will be chartered to go from San Antonio to Houston. They will depart at our convenience from El Tropicano and take us to the A.P.S. Headquarters (Astrodome) Hotel in Houston. The travel time from San Antonio to Houston via bus is 3 hours. The fare will be $8.50. If you would like bus reservations be sure to so indicate on your Social Events Reservation form.
CONGRATULATIONS
NEW DIPLOMATES — 1973

The following candidates successfully met the requirements of the American Board of Prosthodontists. A total of forty-seven candidates were examined.

Thomas H. Alderson, D.D.S.
Joseph J. Berte', D.D.S.
Henry J. Bianco, Jr., D.D.S.
George A. Bloch, D.D.S.
Suresh C. Choudary, D.D.S.
S. George Colt, D.M.D.
Richard J. Grisius, D.D.S.
William H. Griswold, D.D.S.
Carl A. Hansen, D.D.S.
William Kate, Jr., D.D.S.
Donald C. Kramer, D.D.S.
William E. LaVelle, D.D.S.
Kenneth E. Mort, D.D.S.
Harry C. Mullins, D.D.S.
Randolph P. O'Connor, D.M.D.
B. Larry Pedlar, D.D.S.
John W. Porter, D.M.D.
Hight S. Redmond, D.D.S.
Glenn E. Richard, D.D.S.
Douglas N. Riis, D.D.S.
Forrest R. Scandrett, D.D.S.
Remo A. Sinibaldi, D.M.D.
Grady L. Sparks, D.D.S.
Ernest D. Svensson, D.D.S.
Philip C. Thomas, D.D.S.
Robert A. Todd, D.M.D.
Stephen L. Welsh, D.D.S.
Peter Whitbeck, D.M.D.
Gerald J. Ziebert, D.D.S.

THE ALAMO — Shrine of Texas Liberty. Most famous of the missions. Present building is the old chapel of Mission San Antonio de Valero, founded in 1718 by the Franciscan padres. In 1836, during the war for Texas independence, the Alamo was the scene of one of the most heroic events in the history of our nation. All of the defending Texas soldiers were killed here while besieged by troops under the Mexican general Santa Anna. The now reknowned battle cry “Remember the Alamo” later carried the Texans to victory.

reservation cards and current information about the meeting.

The Council also announces that guests will be welcome at the Orlando, Florida meeting which will be held December 4-5, 1974. The guest fee there will be $40.00 also.

HELP!
LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE PANICS
You can relieve this problem by your very prompt completion and return of the Social Events Reservation form being sent to you in a special mailing. It is imperative that advance reservations be made to insure adequate preparation for V.I.P. treatment.