

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 23, 1970

AN IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL of the School of Dentistry will be held at noon Wednesday, March 4 in Room 114. Business to be conducted will include the election of committee members under the new Constitution and Bylaws of the School. Stuart Siegel, a junior dental student, will make a brief statement on the Southside Dental Clinic at the start of the meeting.

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IN 1966 THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION established an International Reference Center in Copenhagen which is devoted to investigation of precancerous diseases of the oral cavity. Collaborating centers were established in England, Germany, Jerusalem, Hungary, India, Malaysia, and two in the United States (one at Indiana University School of Dentistry, Department of Oral Pathology, and the second at Emory University in Atlanta). The centers circulate cases and information dealing with various precancerous diseases. The first meeting of this organization was in Copenhagen in 1967 and the most recent one was in January, 1970 at Bombay.

Dr. William G. Shafer represented the United States, along with Dr. Charles A. Waldron of Emory, at the week-long meeting. Following are some of Doctor Shafer's comments:

The trip from Indianapolis to Bombay is about 30 hours by plane, the route being Indianapolis-New York-Frankfort-Zurich-Athens-Tel Aviv-Bombay. Because the trip would have been very tiring straight through, I elected to take a one-day break at Zurich, continuing on by Swissair rather than TWA. On this flight we skipped Tel Aviv and had an intermediate stop at Karachi instead.

It only took a few hours after arriving in Bombay to realize that the poverty in that country is beyond belief. The temperature, fortunately, is very pleasant at this time of the year and never gets cold. It is very common to see people rolled up on the sidewalk sleeping all night simply because they have no homes. A large excavation was being carried on next door to our hotel (the Taj Mahal Hotel) and the entire foundation was being dug by hand shovels by literally hundreds of workers, at least half of whom were women. Some of the workers started at 5:30 in the morning and were still working at 6:30 or 7:00 at night.

For the American stomach, Indian food is literally dynamite. I was well stocked with paregoric and other intestinal antispasmodics but, because I knew enough from other travels not to touch water or any native food, they weren't needed. One hotel did serve American food; a complete dinner including filet mignon and magnificent French pastry cost 22 rupees (about \$3). My dietary water was completely replaced by Indian beer which leaves much to be desired. I am certain that it is brewed one day, bottled the next, and sold the next. Liquor was too expensive to drink: a bottle of Scotch costs about \$30.

The meeting itself was held at the Tata Institute for Fundamental Research, which is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful and fantastic scientifically equipped institutions in the world. It is paradoxical how poverty and elegance can co-exist in a country such as India. There was very little time for sightseeing and as one resident told us, once you have seen one street, you have seen the city. Our hotel faced on the Arabian Sea and sunset there is unbelievable. Nearly every night there was an official function which had to be attended, usually finishing about 10:00 or 11:00, and the meeting started promptly every morning at 9:00 a.m. The last session ended Friday afternoon and we left Bombay that evening around midnight for the return trip.

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EXCERPTS FROM "CURTIS R. BURKE'S CIVIL WAR JOURNAL" were contributed to the December, 1969 issue of the Indiana Magazine of History by Dr. Richard A. Misselhorn. The journal is described as "a rare example of a Southern soldier's record of his participation in the Civil War as a member of John Hunt Morgan's cavalry and of his experiences as a prisoner of war." A copy of the magazine is in the Dental School Library.

FROM THE LIBRARIAN'S DESK comes the following:

Let the Library hear from you if you have a hobby, craft, collection, special interest area or what-have-you which could be used in the library display case.

Your avocational and leisure moment talents and activities will be of great interest to your co-workers, fellow students, et al, as well as all who pass along the corridors of the west wing. So drop into the library and let us know what you have. (Editor's Note: Right now there is an interesting art exhibit in the display case.)

DR. RALPH G. SCHIMMELE, Director of Dental Auxiliary Programs at Regional Campuses, reports that bids will be let next month for the new \$5 million Indiana University-Purdue University Regional Campus classroom-laboratory facility at Fort Wayne. The new building will house expanded dental hygiene and dental assisting programs and a new dental laboratory technology program.

MR. NELSON A. PERRY has been appointed Assistant Professor of Radiation Therapy at the School of Medicine and will also participate in the teaching of dental radiology. His services will be available to faculty and graduate students who are carrying on research involving radio-isotopes. Mr. Perry has degrees from the University of Louisville and the University of Oklahoma.

DR. HANS FREUDENTHAL, a pedodontist in private practice in Sao Paulo, Brazil, has spent the past several weeks in the Department of Pedodontics, for the purpose of extending his clinical experience. Doctor Freudenthal writes a column on Brazil in the International Dentistry section of the Journal of the American Dental Association.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES being presented in March and April:

- March 4, 1970 - Systemic Therapeutics in Dentistry
- March 9 & 10, 1970 - Orthodontic Management of the Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate Child
- March 11, 1970 - Today's Successful Dental Practice
- March 11, 1970 - A Symposium for Dental Hygienists
- March 18, 1970 - Inhalation Analgesia with Nitrous Oxide and Oxygen
- March 19, 20, & 21, 1970 - Relative Analgesia
- March 25, 1970 - Orthodontics for the General Practitioner
- April 1, 1970 - Practical Applications of Precision Attachment Bridgework

NEW ARRIVALS SINCE OUR LAST PUBLICATION:

MR. GERALD L. DAVIS, technician, is assisting Professor Gifford in the Biochemistry Department.

MRS. NANCY HANSEN recently joined the Oral Pathology Department.

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