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ATTENTION, CRAWFISH LOVERS

The annual NODA spring crawfish party is back again by popular demand. It will be held Friday, April 19, 1991, 7:00 to 11:00 pm, at the American Legion Home, 3001 River Road (at Causeway Boulevard).

There will be all the mudbugs you can eat, all the soft drinks and beer you can drink, with great music for after-dinner dancing. Dan McKay and his Oldies Mobile Sound Show will entertain you with your favorite music and contests for fun and prizes.

AND IT'S FREE, if you call Mona Whittington at the NODA office, 834-6449, before April 15. She'll send you a free ticket. Without tickets, the cost is \$10 per person. So call now!

Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouller!

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NODA TO AWARD PRIZES

Table clinic event set April 10

The annual NODA-LSUSD Student Table Clinic competition will be held Wednesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at Vista Shores Club, 5958 St. Bernard Avenue.

Each student at LSUSD is invited to participate in the competition. This year over 30 table clinic presentations will compete for \$750 in cash prize awards donated by NODA.

Post-graduate and dental students, student hygienists, and student dental technologists from LSUSD will compete for \$100 first prizes and \$50 second prizes awarded in each student category. NODA members serve as judges of the competition.

Additionally, the winner in the dental student category will be sponsored by Dentsply to compete at the National Student Table Clinic

competition to be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Dental Association, October 5-10, in Seattle, Washington.

Topics scheduled for presentation include pediatric dentistry, periodontal surgery, microabrasion, implants, esthetics, patient education, and strengthened porcelain crowns. There is a topic of interest to everyone in every dental office.

Plan now to bring your assistants, hygienists, and technicians for a very educational and informative evening. Reservations are not required. Just come and see what's new and exciting in dentistry.

There will be a cash bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Dr. Allan Rappold, chairman of the event, will be your host and master of ceremonies for the prize awards.



Officers, Jubilarians honored at Installation Dinner

(Photos on Page 5)

President Dr. Mike Robichaux, the other new officers and the Board of Governors of NODA were formally installed at the annual dinner dance March 2 at the English Turn Golf and Country Club.

A highlight of the affair was the presentation of a plaque to Dr. Edmond C. Haase for his 50 years as an association member.

Twelve members were cited for their 25 years of service. They are Drs. Ronald A. Barrett, Ronald B. Bergeron, Robert J. Culver, Robert J. de Boisblanc, Joseph L. Dongieux, James M. Rooney, John J. Sheridan, Ewell T. Smith, Vance L. Wascom, Guy A. Ribando, Raul F. Ramirez and Anthony J. Tridico.

Diane Ribando was presented a bouquet of roses in appreciation of her work and that of the NODA Auxiliary of which she is president.

Special guests also were Mr. and Mrs. Robichaux of Thibodaux, parents of Dr. Mike, and Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard, also of Thibodaux, parents of his wife Mae.

THE AIDS CONTROVERSY

ADA challenges risk estimates

Atlanta-The American Dental Association urged the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to avoid issuing guidelines that would mandate health care workers to be tested for the virus that causes AIDS.

ADA policy calls on HIV-infected dentists to stop performing invasive procedures or disclose their HIV status.

"This policy is not to be construed as a call for mandatory testing of health care workers, nor is it to be used as a justification for health care providers to demand to know the HIV status of their patients or to refuse treatment to

several surveys of dentists on needlestick and sharp injuries. These surveys indicate that such injuries sustained by dentists are substantially fewer than CDC estimates.

The ADA also said there are important differences between dentistry and surgical procedures in medicine. The percent of injuries in which the sharp object is likely to recontact the patient is much less for dentistry.

"The risk for the patient of being infected with HIV in a dental practice, according to our calculations, is lower than any on CDC's list of selected risks in health care settings," said Dr.

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HIV-infected patients," said Enid Neidle, Ph.D., ADA scientific affairs director.

The Association testified at a CDC conference on guidelines for health care workers infected with the human immunodeficiency (HIV) or hepatitis viruses.

The CDE recently reported possible HIV transmission from an infected dentist to three patients but did not say how the virus may have been transmitted. This is the only reported case of doctor-to-patient transmission in the 10 years of experience with AIDS.

Responding to preliminary CDC estimates of the risk to patients contracting HIV through a dental office, the ADA challenged CDC's calculations of 10 to 100 patients potentially infected in the past ten years as being too high. Instead, the ADA estimates the number ranges from one to seven patients potentially infected.

ADA calculations are based on data from

Neidle.

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The ADA also said the CDC estimate of risks to patients from HIV-infected dentists assumes there are more invasive procedures performed by dentists than actually occur.

"Dentistry is by no means universally invasive," the Association said in related testimony by Dr. Michael Perich, assistant executive director for dental practice. "Some procedures are completely non-invasive and some invasive procedures, defined by the CDC as those that predictably result in patient bleeding, are only marginally invasive," Dr. Perich said.

The Association plans to convene a workshop soon to classify dental procedures in terms of whether they are invasive and to what extent.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Members may still take advantage of our monthly automatic bank draft program for the *prepayment of 1992 dues* by calling the NODA Central Office for the appropriate authorization form as soon as possible.

If you complete and return the form by April 12, you will have 9 months in which to prepay your 1992 dues. You may join this program in any month in 1991. However, you will have fewer months to deduct, which will increase the monthly deduction.

You may also pay current or next year's dues through VISA or MasterCard. Again, call the Central Office for further information and the necessary authorization forms.

Pharmacology Update May 15

"Pharmacology Update" is the title of the final scientific program before the summer break. It will be held Wednesday, May 15 at 7 p.m. at the monthly general membership meeting in Auditorium A of the LSU Dental School.

Featured will be Dr. Joseph Moerschbaecher, head of the pharmacology department at the Louisiana State University Medical Center, and Dr. Anthony Indovina, oral surgeon.

They will take questions after their presentation, following which refreshments will be served.

Sponsor of the meeting will be The UCL Financial Group, which is also a new advertiser in *NODA News*.

The UCL Financial Group has been in New Orleans for 90 years. The firm specializes in helping clients obtain professional assistance when dealing with the complex financial problems caused by taxes, retirement, illness and death.

They work with the client's attorney, accountant and trust officer to establish plans to achieve specific goals, with consideration given to income and estate taxes, gifts, trust, employee benefits, government programs and investments.

DR. RON LEMON TO HOLD SPLINT BLEACHING WORKSHOP MAY 3-4

Those who missed Dr. Ron Lemon's program on splint bleaching at the January meeting will have another chance when he conducts a workshop Friday and Saturday, May 3-4, at the LSU Dental School.

This is a hands-on workshop on a lively

ject in dental practice.

Dr. Lemon, head of the department of endodontics at LSUSD, is conducting clinical research on bleaching agents. He is a well known lecturer and author in esthetics and endodontics.

Dr. Lemon is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and a Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics.

Information about the workshop can be obtained by calling 948-8584.

CPR COURSES SET

Two CPR "C" courses will be held for NODA members in the coming months.

The first will be conducted Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Touro Infirmary. Cost is \$25. Reservations, on a first come first serve basis, will close on April 15.

The second CPR session is Saturday, June 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Touro Infirmary. Cost is \$25 and reservations, first come first serve, close June 6.

Send check with reservation request to: Dr. Francis G. Martello, 1502 Amelia St., New Orleans, LA 70115. Phone 891-9119.

Dr. Murphy heads CDHM committee

Dr. Thomas Murphy has been appointed chairman of Children's Dental Health Month for 1991-92.

He succeeds Dr. Sam Miano who has held the post for the past two years.

National Children's Dental Health Month, observed each February, is an ADA-sponsored program and one of the top public service projects of the New Orleans Dental Association.

NEW ADA PAPER

The ADA Council on Dental Care has published a new document entitled, "What Every Dentist Should Know Before Signing a Dental Provider Contract."

According to the ADA, "the information is very important for members who are considering any contractual relationship with a third-party payer."

Copies may be secured by calling the American Dental Association's toll-free number: 1-800-8099.

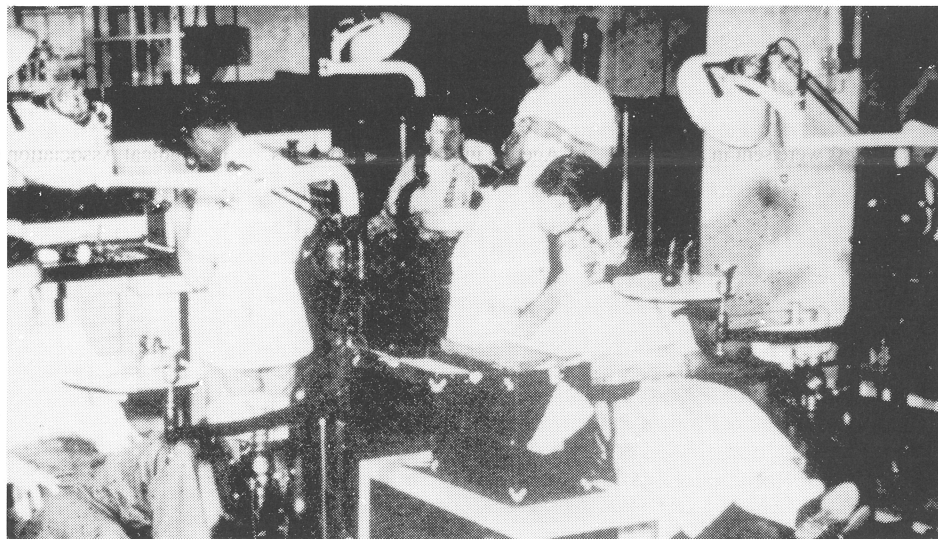
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Dr. Soileau is editor and chairman of the NODA News Committee. Members are Drs. Joseph Asercion, Edwin Brown III, Ronald Carr, George Cerniglia, Frank Herbert and David DeGenova.

Pictures from the Past



The year is 1959. This is the Bieber Hall lab for histology and pathology at the Loyola Dental School. Recognize anybody?



The operative clinic at Loyola, a busy (and crowded) place. Thanks to Dr. Allan Rappold for sending in these photos. If you have any old pictures of interest, send them along!

Coming in May!

"PHARMACOLOGY UPDATE"

- Dr. Joseph Moerschbaecher, Chairman
Pharmacology Department, LSU Medical Center

- Dr. Anthony Indovina, Oral Surgeon
Wednesday, May 15, 1991

7 p.m. LSU School of Dentistry Auditorium A

Sponsor: The UCL Financial Group

DENTAL DATA

ANTIBIOTICS AND CONTRACEPTIVES

An estimated 10 million women in the United States and about 60 million in the world are currently taking oral contraceptives.

If a dentist prescribes a certain antibiotic and the patient takes it while continuing to take the oral contraceptive, conception and pregnancy could be the result.

Recently, two dentists have settled out of court for wrongful

pregnancies, writes Fred F. Cowan, PhD, in the January issue of *Impact*, Academy of General Dentistry.

Antibiotics prescribed by the dentists allegedly interfered with the action of oral contraceptives regularly taken by the patients.

Cowan writes that most current drug interaction indices state that this interaction may occur for griseofulvin, an antifungal antibiotic rarely used in general dentistry.

However, also listed are the penicillins such as ampicillin, amoxicillin, oxacillin and penicillin V that are commonly used in dentistry.

Cowan states it may be wise to warn female patients of child-bearing age before an antibiotic is prescribed that there may be a possibility that the effectiveness of the oral contraceptive may be reduced. Be sure to place the warning on the patient's chart. ■

DID YOU KNOW?

From the Bulletin of The Stanislaus Dental Society, Modesto, Calif., come these interesting facts:

- Barrels of oil the United States imports from Iraq and Kuwait annually: 290,000,000;
- Barrels of oil that could be saved by raising U.S. auto-efficiency standards by 2.75 miles per gallon: 290,000,000;
- Average number of words in the written vocabulary of a 6 to 14-year-old American child in 1945: 25,000;

- Average number today: 10,000;

- Estimated number of M&Ms sold each day in the U.S.: 200,000,000;

- Estimated number of unfilled cavities in the U.S.: 500,000,000. ■

The great use of life is to spend it for something which will outlast it.

—William James

DINOSAUR STARS IN NEW ADA FILM

Dudley, a child dinosaur, stars in a new ADA animated film that teaches children about good oral health.

The 8-minute film follows Dudley through a dental check-up where he meets Dr. Benchley, a dinosaur dentist, and his receptionist, assistant and hygienist.

Dudley receives a fluoride treatment, finds out why the dentist and dental team members wear masks and gloves and learns the names and uses of dental instruments.

"Dudley Visits the Dentist" is geared toward viewing in dental offices, day care centers and schools, and can be ordered through the Department of Saleable Materials, ADA WATS, extension 2639. ■

SENIOR SMILE WEEK SET

The 5th observance of National Senior Smile Week is May 12-18.

Program planning kits for *Smile America - A Healthy Smile is Ageless* were sent in January to dental societies, auxiliaries, public health departments and dental schools.

The ADA's Department of Public Information and Education also distributed brochures and posters to nursing homes, senior centers, libraries and restaurants. ■

The greater part of progress is the desire to progress.

—Seneca

WASTE STUDY MAY HELP DENTISTRY

Dentists may benefit from technology developed in response to the federal medical waste tracking experiment, said the Environmental Protection Agency in a report to Congress.

The 1988 Medical Waste Tracking Act encouraged development of innovative waste treatment and destruction technologies and most of the newer treatment methods are for disposal of sharps.

The EPA report suggests the agency may recommend extending parts of the program but seek exemptions for dentists and other small generators.

The ADA continues to meet with EPA officials to urge exemption for dentists or minimal regulation. EPA sends a final report to Congress in September.

Almost all (98 percent) of 2,684 dentists covered by the two-year experiment generate less than 50 pounds of medical waste a month. Some 95 percent of physicians and veterinarians are also "small quantity generators."

The vast majority of medical waste is produced by hospitals, which are less than 4 percent of regulated facilities, while nearly 80 percent of the waste generators in the experimental program (dentists and other small quantity groups) produce only 3 percent of the waste. ■

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.

—Benjamin Franklin

A NEW WAY TO COUNT CALORIES

From the South Carolina Medical Association comes this list of calorie-burning activities that gives a whole new slant to calorie-counting.

Tally the calories you burn in these exercises each day. They may total far more than you think.

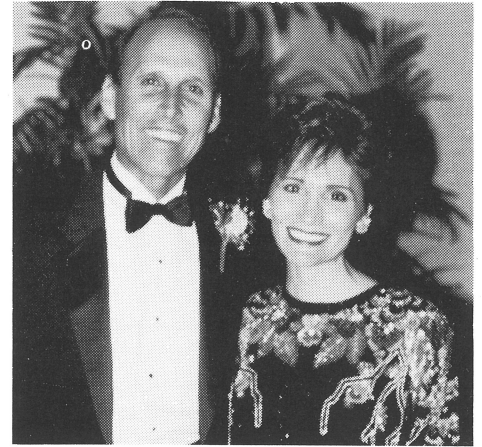
Beating around the bush	75
Jumping to conclusions	100
Swallowing your pride	50
Climbing the walls	150
Throwing your weight around	*50-300
Dragging your heels	100
Pushing your luck	250
Making mountains out of molehills	500
Adding fuel to the fire	150
Hitting the nail on the head	50

*depending on your weight ■



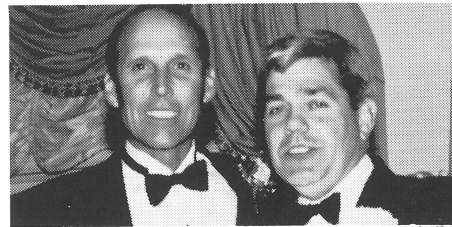
Officers, Board of Governors are officially installed at English Turn dinner.

NODA News goes to the Installation Dinner



President Mike Robichaux with outgoing president Darlene Bassett.

John Franck greets new president at installation dinner. A large crowd attended the event at the plush English Turn Golf and Country Club.



Mike with his family: Hal, wife Mae, and Myles.



New president with office staff, from left, Lisa Schroeder, Nancy Schwab, Pam Ciko and Theresa Young.

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Continuing Education Corner

In an effort to keep the membership attuned to available C.E. opportunities at the L.S.U. School of Dentistry, this area will be devoted to informational updates.

Friday, April 26	LSU Alumni Day featuring Dr. Jackie Dzierzak.
Friday-Saturday, May 3-4	Hands-On Bleaching Workshop. Dr. Ron Lemon. (Jazz Fest Weekend).
Friday, May 4	Radiology Course for Dental Assistants, \$85.
Friday-Saturday, May 17-18	Third Annual Periodontal Surgery Hands-On Course. Drs. Cassingham, Broxon, Caudill and Evans.
Friday, June 7	"OSHA - Its Impact on Modern Day Dental Practice"

For information about these courses, call (504) 948-8584

COMING NODA EVENTS

April 10, 1991
LSU School of Dentistry Student
Table Clinics
Dr. Allan Rappold, Table Clinic Committee Chairman
7:00 PM, Vista Shores Club

April 19, 1991
Annual Crawfish Party
7:00 PM, American Legion Hall

May 15, 1991
"Pharmacology Update"
Dr. Joseph Moerschbaecher, Chairman, Pharmacology Department, LSUMC
Dr. Anthony Indovina, Oral Surgeon

7:00 PM, LSU School of Dentistry,
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WE WANT YOUR NEWS

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