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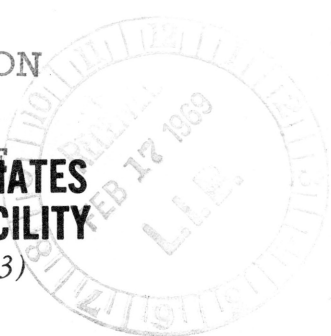


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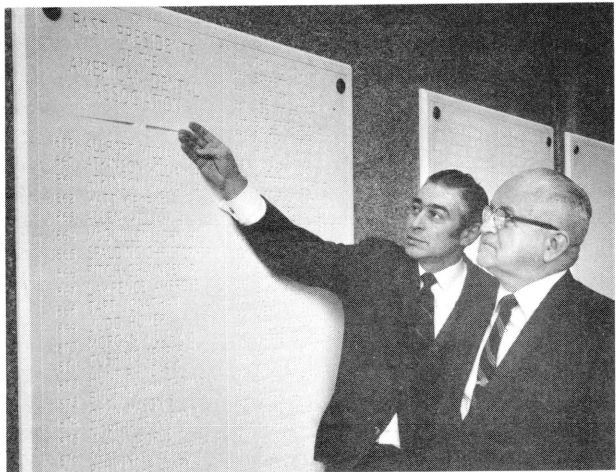
ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES REAFFIRM DENTAL SCHOOL CLOSING DECISION

The Board of Trustees of St. Louis University Jan. 26 reaffirmed its decision to discontinue sponsorship of the University's dental school following the 1970-71 academic year. "I think this is a final decision. I don't know of any plans to reconsider it," said Daniel L. Schlafly, Board chairman. Schlafly issued the following statement at the Board meeting: "At their meeting on Jan. 25-26, the trustees reviewed the entire situation regarding their earlier decision to discontinue the University's School of Dentistry. Although they are impressed with and appreciative of the interest and promised increased support from alumni of the school and the potential availability of federal funds for renovations of the present dental school facilities, the trustees have decided to reaffirm their original decision. Private universities, St. Louis University included, are facing a precarious fiscal future. It is imperative that such institutions pursue only those objectives that are commensurate with their assured financial potential. Now that the trustees have studied the University's academic plans for the immediate future, they have regretfully concluded that the responsibility of maintaining a school of dentistry, added to all of the other current burdens, would extend the University's resources beyond reasonable limits." Schlafly also said: "We had to take into consideration the five-year plan which noted that projected faculty salary increases for the whole university, increased scholarship aid to all students and the ever increasing costs of operating a private university."

The Board of Trustees announced
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Conduct Dental Group Practice Survey

The ADA Council on Dental Health is seeking the names of dentists in group practice for a survey on the present status of this method of practice. The survey is expected to provide details on the nature and experience of existing groups. Dentists in any type of group practice are requested to send their names and addresses to the Council on Dental Health, at ADA Headquarters.



Dr. Leland C. Hendershot, left, ADA editor, and Dr. Hubert A. McGuirl, ADA president, view the white marble tablets listing the past presidents of the Association. The three tablets were mounted recently in the east light court of the ADA Headquarters Building. In the west light court, four tablets were also mounted which constitute the war memorial. These tablets contain names of dentists killed in military action in World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.



The American Academy of Dental Practice Administration recently presented a \$1,400 check to the ADA Fine Arts Fund. Shown at the check presentation are from left: Dr. Roy Wolff of Clayton, Mo., AADPA president; Dr. Hubert A. McGuirl of Providence, R.I., ADA president; Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, ADA executive director; Dr. Harry M. Klenda of Wichita, Kan., ADA president-elect; Dr. Theodore Vermeulen of Chicago and Dr. Herbert Gustavson of Skokie, Ill., immediate past president of AADPA.

IADR-AADS To Meet In Houston

The 47th general meeting of the International Association for Dental Research will be held March 20-23 in the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston, Tex. It will be a combined session with the North American Division of IADR. Immediately following the IADR meeting, the American Association of Dental Schools will hold its 46th annual session in the Shamrock Hilton from March 23-26. Nearly 700 papers, the largest number ever, will be presented during the IADR meeting, ranging from immunization with enzymes against caries in the rat to dental research in manned space flights and to electron microscopic observations in diabetic gingiva. Dr. John B. Macdonald of Toronto, Canada, is current IADR president. He will be succeeded by Dr. Clifton O. Dummett of Los Angeles. "Trends in collegiate education affecting admissions and the dental curriculum" and a "Report of the study of undergraduate education in the sciences related to dentistry" will be among subjects to be discussed at the AADS session. Dr. John V. Olson of Houston, dean of the University of Texas Dental Branch, is current AADS president. Dr. Charles A. McCallum, Jr., of Birmingham, Ala., dean of the University of Alabama dental school, will be installed as new president at the close of the session.

Service Corps. Cover 1.4 Million

The National Association of Dental Service Plans has reported that as of Dec. 31, 1968, the 23 active dental service corporations had 391 private group contracts in force, covering 1,467,475 subscribers. Of these, 373 contracts, covering 1,449,613 were underwritten, and 18 contracts covering 17,862 were administered on a cost-plus basis. In addition, 179 administrative contracts involving publicly funded programs were in effect covering 252,559 beneficiaries. The combination of contracts in the private and public sector, totaled 570 with 1,720,034 persons affected, NADSP said. The following states have active service corporations: Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

European Caries Congress July 1-3

United States dentists have been invited to attend the 16th Congress of the European Organization of Caries Research (ORCA) to be held in Stockholm, Sweden, July 1-3. Further information on the meeting can be obtained from Dr. Thorild Ericson, department of chemistry, Karolinska Institutet, S-104 01 Stockholm 60, Sweden.

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Contributions to the ADA Relief Fund are listed as of December 31, 1968. Societies which have reached or exceeded their quotas are listed in captial letters; an asterisk precedes societies in which every member has made a contribution.

| | <u>Quota</u> | <u>Contri- bution</u> | <u>Pct.</u> | | <u>Quota</u> | <u>Contri- bution</u> | <u>Pct.</u> |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Alabama | \$ 1,150.00 | \$ 952.00 | 82.7 | Panama | \$ 30.00 | \$.00 | 00.0 |
| Alaska | 90.00 | 80.00 | 88.9 | Penn. | 7,170.00 | 6,551.50 | 91.3 |
| Arizona | 750.00 | 428.00 | 57.1 | Puerto Rico | 260.00 | 183.00 | 70.3 |
| Arkansas | 740.00 | 528.00 | 71.3 | R. I. | 570.00 | 216.00 | 37.8 |
| California | 6,030.00 | 5,459.50 | 90.6 | S. CAROLINA | 660.00 | 701.00 | 106.2 |
| Calif. So. | 6,890.00 | 6,313.00 | 91.7 | S. Dakota | 320.00 | 165.00 | 51.5 |
| Colorado | 1,440.00 | 1,100.00 | 76.4 | Tennessee | 1,680.00 | 209.00 | 12.4 |
| CONNECTICUT | 2,350.00 | 2,431.00 | 103.5 | Texas | 4,760.00 | 3,819.00 | 80.2 |
| DELAWARE | 260.00 | 276.00 | 106.1 | Utah | 730.00 | 551.00 | 75.5 |
| DIST. of C. | 780.00 | 782.00 | 100.3 | Vermont | 220.00 | 162.00 | 73.7 |
| Florida | 2,990.00 | 2,838.97 | 95.0 | VIRGINIA | 1,960.00 | 2,233.00 | 114.0 |
| Georgia | 1,530.00 | 760.00 | 49.6 | Washington | 2,410.00 | 2,023.50 | 83.9 |
| HAWAII | 580.00 | 987.98 | 170.3 | W. Virginia | 710.00 | 632.00 | 89.0 |
| Idaho | 370.00 | 72.00 | 19.5 | Wisconsin | 2,830.00 | 2,569.67 | 90.8 |
| ILLINOIS | 7,170.00 | 7,818.00 | 109.1 | WYOMING | 190.00 | 258.00 | 135.8 |
| Indiana | 2,460.00 | 2,448.00 | 99.5 | <u>Federal Dental Services</u> | | | |
| Iowa | 1,860.00 | 1,742.50 | 93.6 | Air Force | \$ 1,570.00 | \$ 976.50 | 62.2 |
| Kansas | 1,150.00 | 1,018.00 | 88.5 | Army | 2,000.00 | 888.00 | 44.4 |
| Kentucky | 1,450.00 | 276.00 | 19.0 | Navy | 1,770.00 | 901.00 | 50.9 |
| Louisiana | 1,410.00 | 946.50 | 67.2 | P.H. Serv. | 500.00 | 359.50 | 71.9 |
| Maine | 440.00 | 213.00 | 48.5 | VET. ADMIN. | 780.00 | 798.00 | 102.4 |
| MARYLAND | 1,680.00 | 1,942.50 | 115.7 | Students | | 656.00 | |
| Massachusetts | 4,070.00 | 2,260.00 | 55.6 | Graduate | | 263.33 | |
| MICHIGAN | 5,120.00 | 5,545.00 | 108.3 | Intern | | -- | |
| MINNESOTA | 2,990.00 | 3,037.00 | 101.5 | Resident | | 111.00 | |
| Mississippi | 620.00 | 338.00 | 54.6 | Misc. | | 990.01 | |
| MISSOURI | 2,480.00 | 2,606.44 | 105.1 | | | | |
| Montana | 440.00 | 145.00 | 32.9 | | | | |
| *NEBRASKA | 1,030.00 | 1,201.00 | 116.6 | TOTAL | <u>\$125,000.00</u> | <u>\$109,386.75</u> | <u>87.5</u> |
| NEVADA | 230.00 | 257.50 | 112.0 | | | | |
| New Hampshire | 370.00 | 233.00 | 62.9 | | | | |
| NEW JERSEY | 5,150.00 | 5,575.56 | 108.2 | | | | |
| NEW MEXICO | 400.00 | 424.00 | 106.0 | | | | |
| New York | 16,590.00 | 14,514.55 | 87.5 | | | | |
| North Carolina | 1,780.00 | 1,342.50 | 75.4 | | | | |
| North Dakota | 330.00 | 216.00 | 65.4 | | | | |
| Ohio | 5,880.00 | 4,829.74 | 82.2 | | | | |
| Oklahoma | 1,130.00 | 139.00 | 12.3 | | | | |
| Oregon | 1,700.00 | 1,092.50 | 64.2 | | | | |

ADA FORMALLY REDESIGNATES RESEARCH FACILITY AS RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The Research Facility in the ADA Headquarters Building has been formally redesignated as the American Dental Association Research Institute according to Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, ADA executive director. The term "institute" more appropriately and accurately reflects the interdisciplinary and interinstitutional aspects of the research programs conducted there, Dr. Hillenbrand said. Dr. Richard W. Tiecke, director of the Research Institute, said that the Institute occupies about 18,000 square feet of space on the fourth and fifth floors of the building and includes activities relating to immunology, microbiology, chemistry, biochemistry, spectroscopy, pharmacology, histology, pathology, bioengineering, biometallurgy, studies with isotopes, radiation and dental materials. In addition, there are four dental operatories, an instrument shop, animal facilities housing some 60 Rhesus monkeys and small animals, darkrooms, a supplementary research library and conference rooms. Dr. Tiecke said that the Research Institute is divided into four divisions. Dr. Peter Baram is director of the division of immunology; Dr. John Hefferen is director of the division of biochemistry; Dr. Harvey Lyon is director of the division of clinical studies and Dr. John Stanford is director of the division of biophysics.

Among the many studies conducted at the Research Institute is an investigation by the division of immunology aimed at determining the underlying mechanism of delayed hypersensitivity. According to Dr. Baram, the Division is currently engaged in "pure" research although any discovery could prove of practical use in dental areas. Other work in progress includes:

--Neuraminic acid on oral cancer cells and its interference with prevention of oral cancer immunity;

--Methodology necessary to determine stannous fluoride and other inorganic entities in microgram quantities in micro-anatomical areas;

--Relationship of diet and salivary secretions to the composition, formation and quantity of dental calculus;

--Development of standard test methods for biomaterials and instrumentation,

--Dosimetry of absorbed radiation from diagnostic dental x-ray machines.

Harvard Starts Summer Careers Program

A Health Careers Summer Program directed toward increasing the pool of qualified applicants to medical and dental schools from among minority and other disadvantaged groups will be undertaken in the summer of 1969 by the Harvard medical school and the Harvard dental school with the cooperation of the Harvard summer school. The initial grant to launch the Harvard program has been made by the Josiah Macy, Jr., Foundation of New York. Financial support for the continuing program is actively being sought from private as well as government sources. Those who enter the Harvard Health Careers Summer Program will be encouraged to participate for three summers following their freshman, sophomore and junior years in college. In the early years of the program it is anticipated that some will enter as upperclassmen. Provisions also are being made to permit the entrance of high school seniors who have been admitted to colleges.

Two types of course offerings will be involved in the Health Careers Summer Program. One will involve those courses regularly taught in the Harvard summer school with the addition of small group tutorials. The second portion will be of a clinical nature not involving the Harvard summer school offerings. The usual course load at the Harvard summer school is one full course or two half courses. To afford some degree of continuity, individual students will spend much of their clinical time in the same facility. Their clinical tutors will be staff members of these institutions. A variety of experiences will be offered including the opportunity to become a member of a clinical team.

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Sept. 24, 1967, that the University would phase out the dental school after the 1970-71 academic year. The trustees cited continuing operating deficits and the prospect of about \$9 million in capital expenditures at the school. Freshman students were not accepted last September; there are 68 sophomores, 45 juniors and 50 seniors. After the Board's initial announcement of the school's closing in 1967 the alumni of the school formed an ad hoc committee to find ways to keep the school open. The Board then studied a report from the New York firm of Taylor, Liberfeld and Heldman paid for by the ad hoc committee. The report stated that the school probably could stay open if alumni members increased contributions to about \$600,000 and if federal financial assistance was increased.

Dr. Calvin C. Weiss, chairman of the ad hoc committee, said the committee would meet soon to consider whether it should continue its efforts.

New Welfare Dentistry Pact In B.C.

The provincial welfare department and British Columbia's dentists have reached a new agreement on dental service for public assistance recipients. The pact ends strained relations resulting from some dentists' refusal to treat welfare cases except on an emergency basis, according to the Governors' Letter of the Canadian Dental Association. The partial boycott began last July when dentists protested the province's inadequate payments for these patients. Formerly, dentists received 57 per cent of their 1966 fee schedule. As of this year, they will be paid at 75 per cent of their 1968 fee schedule. The dentists had sought parity with physicians who receive 90 per cent of their fee schedule for work under the B.C. medical plan. Reportedly, the settlement may pave the way to a dental care program covering all B.C. residents. The agreement is reported to include an undertaking by both parties to work toward organizing "the apparatus of the dental association so that it can get into a dental care program," according to the CDA publication.

Tasmania Approves Statewide Fluoridation

On Dec. 20, the Governor of the Australian State of Tasmania approved a statewide fluoridation law. The new act provides for a fluoridation committee of five members appointed by the minister of health. The committee makes recommendations of fluoridation directly to the minister, who notifies the Rivers and Water Supply Commission or water authority that fluoridation is to be instituted in a given city or district. Membership of the committee must be composed of an engineer, a dentist, a biochemist and a physician. The fifth member of the committee, who also serves as its chairman, is the director of public health.

Committee functions include:

--Investigations to determine the practicability of adding fluoride to a public water supply;

--Examinations of drugs, medicines and dentifrices relative to fluoride content and recommendations on their packaging, prescription and sale;

--Investigation of industrial conditions, foods and other matters which might relate to fluoride intake and recommendations on resolution of problems which might create more than optimum levels of fluoride intake.

The committee has full authority to inspect all waterworks and water supplies and refusal by water authorities to permit the inspections may result in a fine. The committee is the only body with authority to make recommendations on fluoridation. The legislation resulted from recommendations made by the Royal Commission into the fluoridation of public water supplies which studied the safety and efficiency of the measure.

Urge Reporting Of Pornographic Mail

Dentists receiving unsolicited pornographic materials in the mail are urged to complete post office form No. 2150 which is available at all post offices. The form is a request to be removed from the mailing list of the sender. Postal authorities have advised that they can prosecute only when pornographic materials are received by an individual after he has completed form 2150.