Indiana University School of Dentistry
Calendar of Events

February 2011

“To Be a Black Professional in Today’s Society”
Among IUPUI’s Programming for Black History Month

Dr. Vanchit John-Led Group Proposes “Growing Our Own” Philosophy to Solve the Increasing National Problem of Faculty Shortages in Dentistry

February Issue Dedicated to the Memory of Robert “Uncle Bob” Bogan, IUSD’s 1st Associate Dean for Student Affairs
The School of Dentistry’s PARKING LOT GREETER program is bringing much-appreciated assistance to the school’s patients – and to anyone struggling with the lot’s permit swiper, a sense of relief. “I’m always looking for volunteers,” says program coordinator Pamela Lovejoy. “Anyone with an interest in helping out should email me” (plovejoy@iupui.edu).

As the image of Dr. Jeffrey Dean above reflects, helping out in the parking lot during this exceptionally harsh Hoosier winter has not always been sunshine and roses – on bad weather days you will see just how literal the phrase “service above and beyond the call of duty” can be. Dr. Dean and others volunteering on Dec. 13, for example, found themselves contending with several inches of fresh snow, albeit with smiles and a determination to be as helpful as possible to our patients. “Dr. Bill Babler and I were out there a couple of weeks ago in the snow, and I’ve been out there with others when temps were 9 degrees and the wind was blowing right on us,” says Pam. “Dr. Jack Windsor is working on getting a key to the booth so that we can get out of the weather, and that will be nice.”

Winter may be testing the volunteers, but Pam’s getting positive and helpful comments from patients and volunteers alike. “I’ve received a lot of feedback from volunteers that range from ‘this is a lot of fun’ to ideas about how the parking entrance could be redone to make access easier.”

Patients, on the other hand, are extremely glad to have assistance, especially those who have disabilities or are elderly. Patients seem well acquainted with the notorious permit swiper, whose performance has been spotty. “The most common thing I’ve been asked is: “What’s wrong? Is the swiper not working again?” says Pam.

The program is a success thus far because of the people supporting it. “I really want to express my thanks to everyone who has bundled up to provide this service to our patients,” says Pam. “Many have been volunteering to do several shifts a month.”

If you’d like to help out, send Pam an email. Daily shifts are about 8:45-9:15 a.m. (or till the check-in line in the lot disappears) and about 12:45-1:15 p.m.

WE’LL BE BACK!

DEAN’S TOWN HALL MEETING for all students, staff, and faculty; noon in DS S116
9 (Wed.)
Among IUPUI’s events and activities celebrating BLACK HISTORY MONTH is a panel discussion this evening addressing what it means “To Be a Black Professional in Today’s Society,” 5:30-8 p.m. in the Multicultural Success Center at IUPUI’s University College – Taylor Hall. The panelists will join participants in a reception afterwards. Everyone welcome, and no registration is necessary. Check out all of February’s Black History Month activities at the campus website: www.iupui.edu.

During the month in which we celebrate African Americans’ contributions to American history, we give a special shout out to one of the IU School of Dentistry’s most famous grads: Dr. Gregory Bell of Logansport, Ind. A member of IU’s DDS Class of 1961, Gregory Bell was already a star before he entered the doors of the dental school: he was an Olympic Gold medalist in the long jump during the Games in Australia in 1956. Dr. Bell had also been a nationally ranked athlete during his undergrad education at IU, winning both NCAA and Big Ten long jump championships multiple times. From 1954 to 1959, he consistently had the best jump in the world, and at age 25, he became the fifth man in the world to jump 26 feet.

Throughout his life, track and field has been only one of many of Dr. Bell’s interests and pursuits. When we visited him in Logansport in 1987, we were surprised to learn that he’s also a lover of poetry who both writes poems and performs public readings. He has composed poems on many subjects including everything from family reminiscences to tributes to Martin Luther King Jr.

According to a recent story in the Terre Haute Tribune-Star, Dr. Bell, at age 80, is still serving as director of dental services at Logansport State Hospital, a job he took in 1969 after teaching at Howard University in Washington, D.C., for a year and practicing for several years in Terre Haute.

In January, Dr. Bell gave the keynote address at the 11th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast and Celebration at Ivy Tech Community College near Terre Haute. Reporter Howard Greninger of the Tribune-Star interviewed him afterwards for the story at this link (access may be temporary):

11 (Fri.)
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE for the Student Research Subcommittee meeting on Feb. 25

FACULTY ENRICHMENT, 9 a.m.-noon. No classes or clinics. Programming to include presentations on obstructive sleep apnea and the role of pharmacology in didactic medical education in U.S. dental school curricula. More details coming soon.

CE course AN UPDATE ON ORAL HEALTH PRODUCTS FOR HOME USE, the 2nd program in the 2010-2011 Dental Hygiene Series. For more details and to register go to http://www.iusd.iupui.edu/Depts/CE/Default.aspx.

Dance to Your 's Content

12 (Sat.)
Annual IUSD VALENTINE’S DINNER AND DANCE, 7-11 p.m. at Fountain Square Theatre, 1105 Prospect Street. Dinner is served at 7:30 p.m. $30 per person – deadline to get your funds into the mailbox of Megan Davenport (D’4) or Karen Baird (D’4) is Feb. 4 (be sure to include your name and number of guests). Checks are payable to IUSD SAC.

16 (Wed.)
NOMINATIONS FOR IUPUI’S STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR are due by 5 p.m. today in the IUPUI Office of Student Employment. For the details go to http://uc.iupui.edu/nominate, and if you have questions contact Jennifer Weinmann, jenweinm@iupui.edu.

18 (Fri.)
RESEARCH COMMITTEE, 9 a.m. in OH 110

23 (Wed.)
Congratulations to Diane Spaulding (B.A.’72), Indianapolis, who is one of three persons to be honored this evening with a MAYNARD K. HINE MEDAL at the 2011 IUPUI Alumni Leadership Dinner, University Place Hotel. An IU graduate in Arts and Sciences, Diane Spaulding has been supportive of IU’s alumni activities in numerous ways over the years. For example, she is a past president of the Alumni Council of Volunteers, and she was also instrumental in the development of IUPUI TRIP (Translating Research into Practice) by participating in a community group that helped to determine how best to communicate the significance of the work IUPUI campus researchers are doing. As the spouse of dental alumnus Douglas Spaulding (DDS’83), she has also been a frequent participant in the dental school’s Fall Dental Alumni Conference.
23, 24 (Wed., Thurs.)
AMERICAN EQUILIBRATION SOCIETY annual meeting, Chicago (Downtown Marriott)

23-25 (Wed.-Fri.)
ACADEMY OF OPERATIVE DENTISTRY annual meeting, Chicago (Millennium Park Hotel)

24 (Thurs.)
22nd annual JOSEPH T. TAYLOR SYMPOSIUM features as luncheon speaker Dr. Gilbert Rochon, president of Tuskegee University. The program, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Campus Center, is presented by the School of Liberal Arts in association with the Department of Geography. To read about all the presentations and to register (by Feb. 17) go to http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/index.php/signature/C69.

7th annual ORAL HEALTH POLICY FORUM for DDS Class of 2011 once again features keynote speaker Dr. Burton Edelstein, founding director of the Children’s Dental Health Project (www.cdhp.org) and the country’s leading oral health policy expert. Faculty are welcome – contact Dr. Karen Yoder. From 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Indiana Dental Association conference room. Morning program and IDA-presented luncheon is followed by a visit to the House and Senate Chambers of the Indiana State House.

24, 25 (Thurs., Fri.)
AMERICAN PROSTHODONTIC SOCIETY annual meeting, Chicago (Swissôtel Chicago)

24-26 (Thurs.-Sat.)
CHICAGO DENTAL SOCIETY’S MIDWINTER MEETING, McCormick Place West Building. Classes at IUSD are as usual. Clinic closures on Thursday and Friday: Comprehensive Care, Pediatric Dentistry, Grad Prosthodontics, Grad Operative Dentistry. Closed Friday: Grad Periodontics. DDS Class of 2012 is invited to the American Dental Association Success Seminar in Chicago on Friday.

25 (Fri.)
STUDENT RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE, 8 a.m. in DS B29

IUPUI’s 2011 EDWARD C. MOORE SYMPOSIUM ON TEACHING EXCELLENCE, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Campus Center 450. Check the Website for programming (which as of this writing was not yet available): http://ctl.iupui.edu/ecmoore.

IUSD ALUMNI RECEPTION co-sponsored by Dean John Williams, the IU School of Dentistry, the Indiana Dental Association, and the IUSD Alumni Association; 5-6:30 p.m. at the Hyatt McCormick Hotel, room CC12B, 2233 Martin Luther King Drive, Chicago. Held in conjunction with the Midwinter Meeting. Everyone welcome – RSVP to Karen Jones, kdeery@iupui.edu.

25, 26 (Fri., Sat.)
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FIXED PROSTHODONTICS annual scientific session, Chicago (Downtown Marriott)

25-27 (Fri.-Sun.)
IU Alumni Association’s WINTER COLLEGE, Biltmore Hotel in Miami: www.alumni.iu.edu/wintercollege

26, 27 (Sat., Sun.)
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY annual meeting, Chicago (Drake hotel)
People, Places & Things

LUCKY LOSS: A TALE OF ERIC, ME, AND TRADER JOE. Trying to loosen heavy chunks of ice from your car after a major storm like the one Indy had this week is a lot like trying to dismantle an igloo. When I found my car buried in ice at my home on Feb. 3, I tried walking to Trader Joe’s grocery store instead of driving. When that slip-sliding effort proved treacherous by road, I backtracked to pursue a short cut across an expanse of lawn and trees. The lawn was just as slippery as the road, so after nearly putting my eye out on a frozen tree limb, I knelt on the ice, trying to choose between moving forward or shuffling home. In that low-profile position, however, I spotted something sticking out of the ice. I was surprised to see it was a man’s wallet – one containing hard-earned cash and all the other private stuff you would expect to find. When I pulled out the driver’s license, I was astonished to find the picture of a familiar face — what are the odds of that happening? I had in my possession the wallet of former IU School of Dentistry tech center staffer Eric Stock, who left IU last summer and now works for the Indiana Hand to Shoulder Center near St. Vincent Hospital, which is a mile down the road from Trader Joe’s. Eric, the lucky dude, was relieved to hear from me, and to learn that his wallet, and all of its contents, had fallen into the friendly hands of a former co-worker. He said he had apparently lost it on Feb. 2 on his way home from Trader Joe’s. Like me, he had decided to foot it to Joe’s from his northwestside home after realizing his ice-entombed automobile would be taking him nowhere soon. —Sue Crum, publications director

SPIRIT & PLACE FESTIVAL ENTRIES DUE SHORTLY. March 4 is the deadline for faculty members and student groups on our campus to submit programs for consideration in the 2011 Spirit & Place Festival, whose theme this coming November is the celebration of THE BODY. The festival is a project of the IU School of Liberal Arts’ Polis Center. Program ideas are welcome in the areas of healthcare, bioethics, sexuality, and gender identity. To learn more about the organization go to www.spiritandplace.org. Application guidelines for the Nov. 4-13 program:

PLANS FOR CHINESE TRANSLATION OF IU’S FAMOUS TEXTBOOK UNDER WAY: The 9th edition of one of IU’s – and America’s – longest running textbooks will be translated into Chinese, Dr. Jeffrey Dean, one of the book’s three editors, has learned.

Dentistry for the Child and Adolescent, which celebrated its 40th year in print in 2009, will be translated into Chinese by the People’s Medical Publishing House. Various editions of the book have already been translated into about a half dozen other languages.

Dr. Dean edits the textbook with Dr. Ralph McDonald, the original editor; and Dr. David Avery. Drs. McDonald and Avery are both retired IU professors of pediatric dentistry, and Dr. McDonald is also an IUSD dean emeritus. The book has more editions than any other pediatric dentistry textbook in the country, and it is believed to hold the world record as well.

Dr. Dean was in Beijing in December to speak at the First Global Conference of Chinese Dentists, an event he says drew altogether about 10,000 dentists. Dr. Dean directed his own talk to about 250 pediatric dentists. He toured the dental school at Sun Yen-sun University in Guangzhou, which signed a Strategic Alliance partnership with IU earlier in 2010, and the dental school at Peking University. While
in China Dr. Dean also joined discussions with representatives from the Chinese Nursing Association, which he says has about 4 million nurse members, including about 20,000 who are dental nurses.

STUDENTS: RUB SHOULDERS WITH YOUR FUTURE COLLEAGUES IN APRIL. As chair of the Indianapolis District Dental Society’s New Dentist Committee, Dr. Michele Kirkup of Restorative Dentistry says the IDDS is holding a free seminar this spring at the Indiana Convention Center. The DENTAL NETWORKING SEMINAR is designed to provide an environment for students and dentists to meet and exchange information with a variety of individuals offering career and business opportunities. You don’t have to be a dental student to participate – students enrolled in any IUSD program (dentistry, graduate dentistry, dental hygiene, dental assisting) are welcome to attend. Save the date – Saturday, April 9 – and watch for more details coming from the IDDS.

From left: Drs. Vanchit John, Gerardo Maupomé, Domenick Zero, and George Willis

DENTAL FACULTY NAMES IN THE NEWS. Working with colleagues at six other U.S. dental schools, Dr. Vanchit John, chair of Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs, has written a paper that casts the spotlight on a serious and growing problem in dental education nationwide – the scarcity of full-time faculty. In an article published in January by the Journal of Dental Education (“Recruitment, Development, and Retention of Dental Faculty in a Changing Environment”) Dr. John et al. touch upon a variety of solutions including one they are calling “Growing Our Own,” an organized effort to identify and mentor students who have the makings of educators. To learn more about the report, see this IU news release: http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/normal/17016.html. Dr. John was subsequently interviewed on this topic by the Chronicle of Higher Education for an article in its current issue (access may be temporary): http://chronicle.com/article/To-Fill-a-Faculty-Shortage-in/126197/.

Dr. Gerardo Maupomé, professor of preventive and community dentistry and a Regenstrief Institute affiliated scientist, recently gave an interview to National Native News, a public radio program out of Alaska, on research that he and several colleagues out West conducted on strategies to use in preventing dental caries in the youngest American Indians. Published in the autumn issue of Ethnicity & Disease, the paper, titled “Dental Caries in American Indian Toddlers after a Community-based Beverage Intervention,” was funded by the Native American Research Centers for Health and the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. The study is described in further detail in this IU School of Medicine news release: http://communications.medicine.iu.edu/newsroom/stories/2011/preventing-tooth-decay-in-the-youngest-american-indians1.

When news broke in January regarding the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ new recommendations for maximum allowable amounts of fluoride in drinking water (0.7 milligrams per liter per day, down from a range of 0.7 to 1.2 milligrams per liter per day), the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel
newspaper turned to Dr. Domenick Zero, associate dean for Research, for more information. Dr. Zero stressed to reporter Jennifer Boen that the key is balance. “My reaction to this is that it is a measure being taken to be on the safe side and minimize exposure to fluoride, he said, hastening to add that the real danger is that there is potential for people overreacting. “If you lower the levels of fluoride,” he said, “some people may not be getting enough to prevent caries.” Access to the article may be temporary: http://www.news-sentinel.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110117/LIVING/101170305.

In search of information for a national story about ways for consumers to handle their dental costs in tough economic times, Associated Press reporter Tom Murphy, associate dean for Clinical Affairs, about the cost-saving measures associated with having care managed at dental schools. The article received wide publication nationally at the beginning of February, including in the Los Angeles Times (access may be temporary): http://www.latimes.com/business/nationworld/wire/sns-ap-us-money–health-dental-discounts,0,5071817.story

IUSD Dean William Crawford (1940-1945)

IU’S MAIN DENTAL CLINIC AND MINNESOTA’S: SEPARATED AT BIRTH? When Dr. William Crawford resigned his deanship at the IU School of Dentistry in 1945, he did so in order to return to his alma mater, the University of Minnesota, to accept the dental deanship there. In an interview with the Minneapolis Star-Journal shortly after his arrival, Dr. Crawford said with confidence that he was “pretty sure” that sugar was the culprit behind society’s increase in dental decay, and – like his modern-day counterparts – he blamed too much candy and pop for the dental problems of the young.

Dr. Crawford also agreed with a Harvard anthropologist’s opinion that dental schools and dentists hadn’t stepped up to the plate to address the disease, and instead had been content to be “carpenters” of the mouth instead of scientists. But Dr. Crawford also talked about dentistry being on the verge of a discovery (fluorine) that would halt caries and improve the oral health of future generations.

This fascinating look into Dentistry’s past was reprinted by the Minneapolis Star Tribune in December 2010, along with five photos showing dental scenes at Minnesota’s dental school. We urge you to read the rest of the interview and also scroll down to the fifth photo to take a look at Minnesota’s main clinic, which was laid out almost identically to our 1930s clinic, complete with an enormous bank of windows opposing a wall containing a balcony:

AD CAMPAIGNS THAT HAD TEETH. When Advertising Age, a key source for marketing and media news, named its top 100 ad campaigns of the entire 20th century, two of those campaigns championed products for teeth. Ranked at #38 was Crest’s “Look, Ma! No cavities!,” a 1958 campaign by Benton & Bowles, who also brought us the #51-ranked “Please Don't Squeeze the Charmin.” And coming in at #59 was “You'll Wonder Where the Yellow Went When You Brush Your Teeth with Pepsodent,” a 1956 ad created by Foot, Cone & Belding, the same folks who dreamed up the #9-ranked “Does she….or doesn’t she?” campaign for Clairol hair coloring.

DR. BOGAN WAS ONE OF OUR BEST. A great teacher, mentor, and administrator, said Dr. Timothy Carlson. A true gentleman, said Dr. Larry Garetto. A special person and friend, said Dr. Larry Goldblatt.

“Dr. Bogan was one of my truly favorite people in the world,” said Dr. Chris Guba. “He guided me well when I was in dental school.”

Besides Chris Guba, Dr. Robert “Uncle Bob” Bogan expertly (and usually with a gentle sense of humor) guided 2,737 other dental students during his 26 years as the school's first associate dean for Student Affairs. He retired in 1990, after serving 36 years on the IUSD faculty altogether, 30 of them as a full-timer.

Along the way he managed to give all of us, students and employees alike, what we needed from time to time: his undivided attention, compassion, empathy, and support.

Dr. Bogan died in December at the age of 84, and we deeply mourn his loss.

In the 1980s he received two highly deserved honors from the IU Alumni Association for “unique contributions” and “outstanding abilities and accomplishments,” but mostly he will be remembered and loved just for being the kind of professor who possessed many “great dad” characteristics.
When Dean **Maynard Hine** named Dr. Bogan to be his “#2 man” in the 1960s, Dr. Bogan’s twin sons, then age 7 (now a radiologist and optometrist), couldn’t understand the working relationship between Hine and Bogan when the boys were invited to check out their dad’s new office for the first time. They decided it must be akin to employees in a principal’s office. “It’s like this, Dave,” young Michael explained to his brother, pointing into Dr. Hine’s office. “That guy in there is the Head Spanker. And Daddy’s going to be the Assistant Spanker.”

The reality, of course, was that Bob Bogan never laid a hand on anyone. But that didn’t stop him from touching many, many hearts.

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**End February 2011 Calendar**

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