50th Annual Session of the Iowa Section of the AADR Research Day

The 50th Annual Session of the Iowa Section of the AADR Research Day is planned on February 18, 2003, from 8:00AM to 1:00PM, beginning with our keynote speaker, Dr. Lawrence Tabak, director, National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research.

NOTE: Clinics will be closed until 1:00pm.

Special arrangements have been made to increase the space for poster presentations.

Once again the Max Smith Undergraduate and Graduate Competitions will be held. This is an oral presentation with an award of $500 for each category. At 5:00 p.m. there will be a reception at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Coralville (formerly the Clarion) for a presentation of the Max Smith awards.

For further information about the upcoming 50th Annual Session, please contact either Dr. John Warren or Dr. Teresa Marshall.

President Bush Budgets $382.4 Million for NIDCR

President Bush has budgeted $382.4 million for the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR). The research money will focus on oral cancer, craniofacial disorders and topical thalidomide while also providing funds “to augment and expand” research in dental schools.

The NIDCR research initiatives will include:
- Deciphering molecular signaling and regulatory networks involved in squamous cell carcinomas of the head/neck (the most common oral cancer);
- Fostering partnerships between clinicians and scientists to develop more rigorous diagnostic criteria regarding clinical/molecular anatomy and also the biochemical aspects of craniofacial conditions;
- Studying how effectively oral lesions from HIV/AIDS respond to thalidomide when applied topically;
- Phase II funding, to be developed in collaboration with dental education/research organizations, which will provide funding for improving infrastructure in dental schools, including recruitment of research personnel and expansion of research capacity.

For additional information, go to http://www.nidr.nih.gov.

Mandatory Training for All Faculty, Staff and Students Re: HIPAA and New Federal Privacy Regulations To Be Held in February

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, (HIPAA) was passed in order to standardize the use, exchange and storage of electronic healthcare-related information. The law also requires the College of Dentistry to take measures to ensure the privacy and security of patient health information. This includes providing information to patients about their rights regarding their health information. The new federal privacy regulations associated with HIPAA will go in effect April 14, 2003.

The new regulations require training programs be developed covering information security and patient privacy. To comply with the regulations, all faculty, staff, and students must attend a mandatory training session (see schedule below). If you miss a date, you can attend the next available session. All training must be completed by the deadline April 14, 2003.

Notice: The HIPAA training schedule has been revised. To view the revised HIPAA training schedule:
- Go to the College of Dentistry’s Website (http://www.dentistry.uiowa.edu/); logon to IntraDent (collegiate network); click on Clinics; click on HIPAA.

For further information, contact Drs. Steve Stefanac or Heather Adu-Sarkodie.

Recent Publications


FILLING STATION MENU
February 10-14, 2003

Monday:  Soups:  Chicken w/Wild Rice; Minestrone
          Beef Tips w/Pasta
          BBQ Pork w/Chips
          Potatoes/Gravy
          Italian Blend Veggies

Tuesday:  Soups:  Beef Vegetable; Chili
          Sausage Calzone
          Chicken Stuffed w/Wild Rice
          Potatoes/Gravy
          Morocco Blend Veggies

Wednesday:  Soups:  Chicken Noodle; Chili
           Beef Swiss Steak w/Potato
           Monte Cristo w/Chips
           Potatoes/Gravy
           Corn

Thursday:  Soups:  Potato; Tomato Orzo
           Chicken Creole w/Rice
           Vienna Dog w/Chips
           Potatoes/Gravy
           Kyoto Blend Veggies

Friday:   Soups:  Garden Vegetable; Cheesy Wild Rice
           Chicken Enchilada
           Pastrami on Rye w/Chips
           Potatoes/Gravy
           Mediterranean Blend Veggies

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK
February 10-16

Join the Kindness Movement. Brighten someone’s day
and help make your school, workplace, or community a better place by doing random acts of kindness. Here are a few ideas of the way you can spread kindness and take part in this celebration:

- Read a book to a child
- Pick up litter
- Buy someone lunch today
- Donate a book to a library
- Visit someone in a care facility
- Give a teacher or friend a note of appreciation
- Shovel the walk of an elderly neighbor
- Pay a compliment at least once a day
- Adopt a homeless pet at the humane society
- When drivers try to merge into your lane, let them in with a wave and a smile
- Send a gift anonymously to a friend

The possibilities to practice kindness are endless. Be creative! Make the celebration a year-round event by doing an act of kindness every day. Source: Random Acts of Kindness Foundation, www.actsofkindness.org

(From your friendly College of Dentistry Wellness Ambassador, Vicki Green)

Thoughts to Ponder …

My mind not only wanders, it sometimes leaves completely.

The best way to forget all your troubles is to wear tight shoes.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight because by then, your body and your fat are really good friends.

Just when I was getting used to yesterday, along came today.

Sometimes I think I understand everything, and then I regain consciousness.

Amazing! You hang something in your wardrobe for a while and it shrinks two sizes!

Skinny people irritate me! Especially when they say things like, “You know, sometimes I just forget to eat.” Now, I’ve forgotten my address, my mother’s maiden name, and my keys. But I’ve NEVER forgotten to eat. You have to be a special kind of stupid to forget to eat.