Dr. Steven Aquilino Receives the UI M.L. Huit Faculty Award

Dr. Steven Aquilino, Department of Prosthodontics, received the M.L. Huit Faculty Award during the Finkbine Dinner on April 17. The award is given to a faculty member who best characterizes the contributions of M.L. Huit, former UI dean of students, to university and community life. John Heineman, a UI liberal arts undergraduate, presented the award.

Dr. Arne Bjorndal to Receive the I.B. Bender Lifetime Educator Award

Dr. Arne Bjorndal, emeritus faculty and former head of Endodontics, will receive the 2008 I.B. Bender Lifetime Educator Award from the American Association of Endodontists (AAE). The award is given annually to a member "whose contributions to endodontics in the field of education have demonstrated excellence through selfless commitment to full-time educational pursuits, and whose valuable contributions have instilled in his/her students the desire to pursue excellence in their careers."

Dr. Bjorndal will receive his award during the 2008 annual meeting of the AAE.

BIKE FLORIDA   2007

Below is a recap by Dr. Rick Walton, Endodontics, of his recent bicycle trip in Florida.


The College of Dentistry Has its First White Coat Ceremony

The D1 students participated in the College of Dentistry’s first White Coat Ceremony. Dean David Johnsen and Dr. Michael Kanellis, Clinic Administration & Patient Care, began the ceremony. The ceremony represents the students’ transition to clinical privileges.

Collegiate Profile:
Dr. Manuel Gomez, Department of Endodontics
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Summer 2007: Cornfed Bike Rides Are Back!

Get your bike tires pumped up and dust off your seat. Don’t forget your helmet and gloves. It’s time to ride!!

As in the past, the Cornfed bike riders will meet at 6PM on Tuesdays. Go to the I-drive\Share\CORNFED directory for ride and leader info, as well as the Schedule.xls file.

The Cornfed bike rides are open to anyone who is interested. Riders do not need to be College of Dentistry-affiliated.

Coupons, Coupons, Coupons!
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GV Black: Father of Modern Dentistry and Faculty at the SUI Dental Department

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Recent Publications


125th Anniversary Booklets Available

Copies of the College of Dentistry’s 125th booklet are available in the 3rd floor Link area.

Lend a Hand to a Co-Worker

Due to her recent illness, Dr. Jane Chalmers, associate professor, Preventive & Community Dentistry, has exhausted her sick leave and vacation. Anyone who wishes to help Dr. Chalmers by contributing vacation time may pick up a catastrophic leave donation form from either Pat Zousel, Preventive & Community, or by clicking http://www.uiowa.edu/~eforms/hr/contrib.pdf. Once the form is completed, please send it to the Benefits Office, USB. Any contributions of one hour or more on Dr. Chalmers’s behalf will be truly appreciated.

FILLING STATION MENU

May 21, 2007 – May 25, 2007

Monday
Hickory Smoked Pork Sandwich w/Chips $4.75
Hot Turkey Sandwich w/Mashed Potatoes $3.95
Mashed Potatoes .80
Soup, Salad Bar, Deli, & Paninis

Tuesday
Beef Stroganoff over Noodles $4.95
   Buttered Noodles .80
Soup, Salad Bar, Deli, & Paninis

Wednesday
BLT Sandwich & Chips $4.75
BBQ Chicken Sandwich w/Chips $3.95
Mashed Potatoes .80
Soup, Salad Bar, Deli, & Paninis

Thursday
TACO BAR !!!
Macaroni & Cheese $3.50
Mashed Potatoes .80
Soup, Salad Bar, Deli, & Paninis

Friday
BBQ Beef Brisket Sandwich w/Chips $3.95
Mashed Potatoes .80
Soup, Salad Bar, Deli, & Paninis

A copy of the menu can be found on IntraDent:
http://www.dentistry.uiowa.edu
Manuel R. Gómez, D.D.S., Certificate in Endodontics
Clinical Assistant Professor
Department of Endodontics

Hometown: Bogotá, Colombia

Joined UI faculty: 2005

Professional Interests: Dr. Gómez instructs sophomore, junior and senior dental students in the Department of Endodontics and is the coordinator of Endodontics in Family Dentistry. He is interested in research related to new technology in endodontics, pulp biology and periapical pathology.

What would you do if you won the Lottery: The money would go towards my daughters’ education, a family trip, and a charity in Colombia.

How did you become interested in dentistry: When I was a teenager, I needed orthodontic treatment. My orthodontist’s personality and his job were a positive impact on my life.

Who is your favorite rock group: The Beatles.

Advice to dental students:

“Always take your time to listen to your patient, enjoy what you do, and treat your patient as you want to be treated.”

College of Dentistry
G.V. Black: the Father of Modern Dentistry

Dr. Greene Vardiman (G.V.) Black was born on an Illinois farm in 1836. His formal education was limited – during winter months he attended a one-room log school.

At the age of 17, Black studied anatomy and medicine in his brother’s medical practice for four years. The experience honed his observational skills.

G.V. Black then studied with a dentist, Dr. J.C. Speer, for several months. He assisted with patients and read Speer’s only dental textbook several times. Then Black opened his first dental practice.

His interest in dentistry, however, wasn’t limited to patients. G.V. Black researched the use of gold, silver, tin and mercury for tooth fillings and perfected the use of amalgam for fillings. His techniques for saving teeth resulted in the new field of preventive dentistry.

He was also the first documented dentist to use nitrous oxide gas for tooth extractions.

As an inventor, Black created a cord-driven dental engine in 1870 and later patented a foot motor. G.V. Black organized a classification system of five categories for tooth decay that is still used today (a sixth category has since been added).

He published several dentistry texts. His Operative Dentistry, first published in 1908, was published in its ninth edition in 1955. (The original 1908 edition was even reprinted in 1979.)

G.V. Black was also contacted by F.S. McKay and other dentists to study the cause of the brown stain (mottling) found on the teeth of patients living in certain areas of Colorado. The study of these mottled but caries-free teeth, which was caused by fluoride, eventually led to the use of water fluoridation.

Black became a professor in oral pathology at Missouri Dental College (they also gave him a DDS); a professor of pathology in the Chicago College of Dental Surgery (now known as Loyola University School of Dentistry); developed an affiliation with Northwestern University Dental School, and in 1897, he became dean of the school.

G.V. Black was also a faculty member of the State University of Iowa’s young Dental Department during the 1890 school year. In a letter written to his family on January 30, 1890, from Iowa City, Black commented,

There are some good things about this University and also some things that strike me very unpleasantly. The dental and medical departments are not working smoothly together. The dental students outnumber the medical, but still in those studies which they take with the medical classes, they seem to be neglected by the medical men—and this irritates…

I will begin on the last half of my month Monday, and I guess it will run by faster—It has been a little tedious—but the lecturing is becoming easier now. I found I was out of practice.

Tell me what is going on.

Old Man

As a result of his eminence, Black received an MD from Chicago Medical College; an honorary doctor of science from both Illinois College and the University of Pennsylvania; and a doctor of law degree from Northwestern University. He was the first president of the Illinois State Board of Dental Examiners and remained in that office for six years.

There is a statue of G.V. Black in Chicago’s Lincoln Park.

When G.V. Black died in 1915, the Bulletin of the Illinois State Dental Society honored him: “It is written that men are known by their works. Judged by this high standard, Dr. Greene V. Black, who has closed his long life, was a man of giant stature…Dr. Black’s work has circled the globe. It is his monument and will endure.”
These were some of the wonderful and varied sights and experiences of Dr. Rick Walton, Endodontics, his wife, Laura, and their Chicago friend, Arch Bryant. They joined 780 riders from all areas of the U.S. and Canada for seven days of bicycling and camping in mid-March. The riders gathered at DeLand High School, which is located 40 miles northeast of Orlando. The ride progressed to the east coast with camping stopovers at Flagler Beach, Daytona Beach and New Smyrna Beach.

Although the geographical area covered was not large, the daily rides zigzagged and meandered to offer a kaleidoscope of terrain and vistas. The diversity was amazing, particularly the contrast between the interior of Florida and the coast.

Visiting the Daytona Speedway was the highlight of the week. Although none of our little group are NASCAR fans, the Speedway experience was great. A major thrill was riding a lap (2.5 miles) on the racetrack itself. Speedway officials kindly opened the facility to Bike Florida bicyclists. We followed this by devoting a good part of the afternoon to Daytona USA. This consists of a museum/visitors center/amusement park, which had interesting history displays, an IMAX movie about the racetrack’s past and present, and a very exciting simulated driving of a race car at virtual reality speeds up to 200 miles per hour. (Rick came in ahead of the competition in his group!)

The total distance for the week was nearly 300 miles. This included two layover days with shorter distances. Longer days were 50-65 miles, with mostly flat terrain. This was reasonable for early in the biking season.

Overall, we had a great time, meeting lots of interesting bikers and locals. The experience was an atraumatic way to break in legs and bottoms for bicycling at home, with the bonus of perfect weather.
Coupons Available!

Dental Human Resources has three types of coupons available for faculty, staff and students:

**Six Flags St. Louis** — Buy one, get one free (Monday-Thursday); Pay only $29.99 Friday, Saturday or Sunday; (save $15 off the main gate price!)

**Worlds of Fun** (limited supply); (save $12 from April 7-May 31, 2007; save $8 all season) / **Oceans of Fun** (save $3.50) / **Ride & Slide** (save $7.00; valid for up to four all-day regular admissions) **Save even more with admission & meal packages!**

**Chick-Fil-A coupons**—Each coupon good for one free Chick-Fil-A chicken sandwich at the new Chick-Fil-A, located at Coral Ridge Mall.

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