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The College of Dentistry
Welcomes Dr. Gerard Byrne

We welcome Dr. Gerard Byrne to the Department of Prosthodontics and the College of Dentistry. Dr. Byrne most recently had a private practice in Poole, England. He received his dental degree in 1978 from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. He came to the U.S. for his graduate training at Indiana University and received his M.S. and certificate in prosthodontics in 1983. Dr. Byrne taught at Loyola University and the University of Connecticut before returning abroad in 1995.

Dr. Byrne and his wife, Patricia, have three children.
Dr. Byrne will be teaching both the predoctoral and postdoctoral students in Prosthodontics. His office is S413; please stop by and introduce yourself.

Recent Publications

Drs. Rick Walton and Jeff Markt’s Double Century Bike Ride

A double century bike ride (200 miles) represents 21 ½ hours of riding, from 3:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Fourteen years ago, a dental patient, Jeff Feist, mentioned this informal annual ride to Dr. Rick Walton, Endodontics. Feist, who organizes and leads the ride, is from Fairfield, Iowa, where the bike route begins. This year, Drs. Walton and Jeff Markt, Prosthodontics, joined Feist, along with Gary Obadal, another dedicated Iowa City biker; and Colleen Chapleau, associate director of the Iowa Marrow Donor Program and Adult Blood and Marrow Transplant Program. (In 2003, Colleen joined Lance Armstrong’s “Tour of Hope” for the bike ride from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C.). (Cont. on bottom of column 2)

The group endured nearly four hours of heavy rain in the early morning hours but the sun eventually persevered. The group stopped for breakfast at a convenience store in Denmark. At Ft. Madison, they crossed the bridge into Illinois and rode 50 miles east before turning around to retrace their route. They stopped at a convenience store in Good Hope, Illinois, for lunch. The riders had dinner at the same convenience store in Denmark before undertaking the last 55 miles of the ride. At 11:30, a very tired group reached Fairfield again.

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Dr. Steve Levy’s Iowa Fluoride Study Funding is Renewed by NIH

The Iowa Fluoride Study, which Dr. Steven Levy, Preventive & Community, and colleagues, began in 1991, has been renewed by NIH for another four years with additional total funding of $2,670,840.

The study has followed participants since birth by collecting detailed fluoride exposure intake and dietary intake estimates from parents at 3-6 month intervals. The primary teeth were examined at age ~ 5 years and the early permanent teeth were examined at age ~ 9 years for dental fluorosis and caries. During the current grant, fluoride intake and exposures and dietary intake data will continue to be collected, and the permanent dentition will be examined at age 13. The goals of the Iowa Fluoride Study are to relate children’s longitudinal patterns of fluoride intake to the occurrence of dental fluorosis and to relate patterns of fluoride exposures/intake and dietary patterns to dental caries.

Dr. Levy is the program director for this study. Co-investigator faculty include Dr. James Wefel, Pediatric Dentistry and Dows; Drs. John Warren, Teresa Marshall, and Deborah Dawson, Preventive and Community and Dows; Dr. Karin Weber-Gasparoni, Pediatric Dentistry; and Dr. Michael Kanellis, assistant dean for patient care, and Pediatric Dentistry. Other investigators and research assistants include Dr. Julie Gilmore, Preventive & Community; George Bergus, Family Medicine; Dr. Phyllis Stumbo, Clinical Research Center; Judy Heilman, Dows; and Joan Grabin, Barbara Broffitt, Marlys Dunphy, Cheryl Richmond, Chuck Dufano, Heather Pallister, and Barbara Simon, research assistants from Preventive & Community.

MORE 2005 IOWA STATE FAIR PHOTOS —SEE PAGE 4 (Online Only)

Iowa vs. Northwestern Tickets/Bus Trip Available For Hawkeyes Who Want to Attend Nov. 5th Game

The Department of Family Dentistry has been able to secure tickets to the Iowa vs. Northwestern football game on Saturday, November 5, 2005. The cost of this trip will be $85 per person, which includes a ticket to the game and the bus trip. The bus will leave from the DSB parking lot. If you are interested in joining the fun, call Jean or Cheryl at 335-7322 ASAP. Go Hawks!

(See photo on page 4—online only!)
Double Century Bike Ride

Drs. Markt and Walton reported that the route included farm land that was alternatively rolling and flat. Rick described the long ride as “hitting your head with a hammer. It feels so good when you stop!” He added, “Riding the last leg at night is the most difficult. You are exhausted, both from many hours of pedaling and from sleep deprivation. Muscles ache and your butt and feet are sore. You are surrounded by darkness. The only thing visible is the faint beam from your tail-light and the red tail-light of the bike ahead. You become mesmerized by that tail-light and mentally drift off into another dimension. But, nonetheless, it is all fun and challenging.”

Dr. Markt concurred with Dr. Walton and added, “The best thing about the ride involves the people involved, both on the road and within the group. When the entourage stops in a town and tells inquirers where they’ve been, where they are going, and how far they are riding, the people are kind but incredulous to the point of thinking the riders could be out of their collective minds.”

Within the group itself are fantastic personalities with great stories and experiences, and riding so far with someone builds long-lasting camaraderie. For instance, Dr. Markt said he will forever relish being able to tell friends and relative that he has “twice ridden 200 miles in a day with a guy who ran marathons on six of our seven continents!”

(See a photo of the double century riders on page 4—online only.)

Captain
Rich Ballandby,
Dows, on
Lake of the
Ozarks,
Missouri

Appointments
Karen Wolf
Adjunct Assistant Professor
Periodontics

Michael Spector
Assistant Professor
Family Dentistry

Gerald Byrne
Associate Professor
Prosthodontics

Marsha Kinser
Patient Account Rep
Business Office

David Lickteig
Post-Doc Research Scholar
Preventive & Community

Bruce Partnoy
Assistant Professor
Oral Surgery

FILLING STATION MENU
September 12-16, 2005

Monday: Soup Du Jour
DELI MEAT: Ham
BBQ Beef Sandwich
Potatoes/Gravy

Tuesday: Soup Du Jour
DELI MEAT: Roast Beef
Florentine Stuffed Shells w/Marinated Vegetable Salad
Bacon & Cheddar Chicken Sandwich
Potatoes/Gravy

Wednesday: Soup Du Jour
DELI MEAT: Turkey
Green Chili Pork Burrito w/Rice & Beans
Maid Rite Sandwich
Potatoes/Gravy
Buttered Corn

Thursday: Soup Du Jour
DELI MEAT: Salami
Beef Lasagna w/Side Tossed Salad
Pork Tender Loin Sandwich
Potatoes/Gravy
Scandinavian Mix Vegetable

Friday: Soup Du Jour
DELI MEAT: Pastrami
Hot Roast Beef Sandwich w/ Mashed Potatoes & Vegetables
Fried Chicken Breast Sandwich
Potatoes/Gravy
Fresh Green Beans

A copy of the menu can be found on IntraDent:
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More 2005
Iowa State Fair Photos

Rachel Finkelstein, daughter of Dr. Mike and Twila Finkelstein, works the OPRM booth at the Iowa State Fair.

Dr. Steven Vincent, head, OPRM, talks with an Iowa State Fair attendee who stops by the booth.

Rachel Finkelstein and Penni Ryan, director of alumni relations and continuing education, hand out toothbrushes.
The 2005 Double Century Bike Riders

(Left to Right) Dr. Jeff Markt, Jeff Feist, Gary Obadal, Colleen Chapleau, and Dr. Rick Walton