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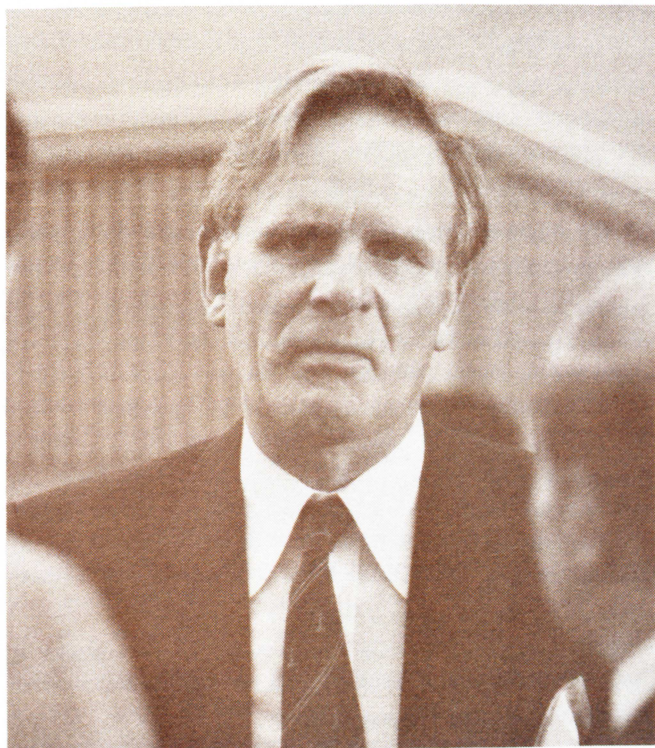
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Commencement

Dr. A. Richard Ten Cate, dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto, was the invited speaker at the Eastman Dental Center commencement on June 10, when thirty-two postdoctoral students received certificates after completing advanced study in general dentistry or a dental specialty.

Dr. Ten Cate, who received both his dental and Ph.D. degrees from The London Hospital Medical College of the University of London, is vice president of the International Association for Dental Research. He has published extensively on anatomy and histology, his fields of expertise.

Dr. Ten Cate proudly sported an EDC tie. He says, "You



Dr. A. Richard Ten Cate

should know that I have the right to do so for, in 1967 I spent three months at the old building, 800 Main Street East, as a very junior invited visiting scientist!"

The title of the address, which follows, is "Pride." For Dr. Ten Cate, commitment to pride is an intellectual obligation.

Pride of Title

My message today is a simple one and it is "be proud." I honestly do not know of a profession as reviled as dentistry—this in spite of Gallup polls placing us above most other professions in terms of respect, but not as nice guys. We know, of course, that we are nice guys but cartoonists, who perhaps more accurately reflect public opinion than Gallup polls, do not think so, and the profession deep down also knows that the public does not have too much regard for us. We walk about stooped, I suggest, not because of bad posture caused by the practice of dentistry, but because of a collective colossal chip we carry on our shoulders. We see ourselves as failed doctors, separated from medicine, unable to get into medical school, in spite of the fact we carry the title, "Doctor."

In some countries as, for example, in the United Kingdom, the dentist does not have the courtesy title, "Doctor," but the correspondence columns of their professional journals persistently plead for this distinction. In Australia there was the BTT degree (Been To Toronto), as it used to be possible to obtain in six months a DDS and the title, "Doctor," through the *ad eundum* route. But what is so important in a title? How ironic that in the U.K. the medical student struggles to obtain the appellation "Doctor" and then, if he wishes to be a surgeon, he struggles for more years to shed that distinction to become once more plain "Mr."

Paradoxically, on this continent, where we have the title "Doctor," the professions of medicine and dentistry are, I think, even more widely separated than in most countries and it is interesting to ponder why dentistry ever became divorced from medicine, especially when it is appreciated how central the face and oral cavity are to our well-being and psyche and considering how toothache has dominated the human condition over the centuries.

Historical Perspectives

In ancient Babylonia, toothache was attributed to a demon embodied in a worm:

After Anu (had created the heavens),
The heavens created the earth,
The earth created the rivers,
The rivers created the canals,
The canals created the marsh,
The marsh created the worm,
Then came the worm weeping before Shamash:

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Before Ea came her terms:

"What wilt thou give me for my food?
What wilt thou give me as mine to destroy?"

"I will give thee the ripe figs and soft pomegranates."

"Me! What are these ripe figs to me, and soft
pomegranates?"

Lift me up, between the teeth and the jaw-bone set me,
That I may destroy the blood of the teeth,
and ruin their strength."

This ancient text reflects well, and perhaps even better than the study of ancient skulls, the particular scourge that dental pain has been through the ages. Shakespeare wrote, "For there was never yet a philosopher/That could endure the toothache patiently," and it is recorded that, "There is only one certain condition which is more tragic than the toothache: that is that you are in love and cannot woo."

To cure the "toothache" we had, in the Middle Ages, the peasant doctor, his wife, the midwife, the bonesetter, the surgeon, the tooth-drawer, the smith, the flayer, the bleeders and the cuppers, the faith-healer, the storekeeper, the pharmacists, and finally, the minister. This list, as well as indicating the prevalence of dental disease, also probably explains why in the sixteenth century the barber surgeons chose to go their own way. If you are to establish an identity in this world, exclusivity is an essential requirement and, as all the world and his wife seemed to be practicing dentistry in these bygone days, it is easy to understand why perhaps the barber surgeons chose to abandon this aspect of health care delivery.

But as the barber surgeons chose to develop their ex-



Dr. Jorge Davila, *Pedo '70* and senior clinical and research associate in *pedo*, congratulates Stan Oldak, *Pedo '83*, on receiving his certificate.

clusive status, it was predictable that dentistry, too, in its own good time, would develop its own governance and this occurred in the nineteenth century. It was a development which, in terms of delivery of health care, I regret as it created the concept of allied health sciences instead of a unified health science profession. But paradoxically this development, I suggest, has also been good, for I doubt whether education and research in our discipline would have progressed as they have under the cloak of unity.

Pride In Advancements

I honestly believe that no other profession has done as much through research as we have to eliminate our *raison d'être*. Caries is now a preventable disease if we care to work at it and so, almost, is periodontal disease. As vice president of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR), I am proud of this accomplishment by my colleagues. Yes, I have returned to my theme, and you, too, should be proud of what has been accomplished.

Dr. Leon Williams, a remarkable and able man of many talents and the first president of IADR, summed it best some seventy years ago. He wrote, "We have been hammering and clamouring for I know not how many years at the door of medicine, asking, beseeching, begging for recognition as medical specialists. We give ourselves all sorts of names, oral surgeons, oral specialists, stomatologists and what not, in the hope we may gain a nod of recognition from the world that shall imply that we are somewhat more than what is generally conveyed by the term *dentist*; we have done nearly everything except the right thing, the dignified, manly thing. Now, if we will go to work in real, honest, earnest, we shall soon enter into our rightful and desired position without asking permission of any of the older organizations. The man who feels that he is master of the situation asks no favours of anybody. Just to the extent that our profession produces work worthy of recognition by the great scientific world, that recognition will come quickly and generously."

We have gone to work, we have done the right thing, and we have done work worthy of recognition by the great scientific world. But recognition is not coming as quickly or as generously as Dr. Williams predicted. Even so, we can and should be proud! We can hold our heads high and we should abandon any displaced sense of inferiority.

Dentistry at the Crossroads

I also think these efforts have placed us at a crossroads and now a sense of unease pervades the profession as it

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Lisa Lindeman, *GenDen '83*
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Development

Annual Giving

The Center's trustees, faculty and staff are very pleased to report that over 200 donors gave approximately \$34,000 to our first Annual Giving Campaign. The gifts will be used to enhance the Center's programs in patient care, postdoctoral education and research. Among the ways the donations will be used are:

- An Ortho graduate will work part-time to help develop EDC's new temporomandibular joint clinic for patients with chronic facial pain.
- The Basil G. Bibby Library will obtain a microcomputer to expand our data management capabilities.
- Prosthodontic students will have video equipment for self-paced instruction.
- General Dentistry will develop an EDC-based second year program emphasizing training for academic careers

and treatment of special patient groups such as geriatric and handicapped individuals.

Malinda Fischer, director of development, says, "The success of the campaign is due to the superb support the office of development had from many people. Dr. Basil G. Bibby wrote the first alumni solicitation letter, which was followed by a reminder letter from Dr. Bill McHugh. Mr. Jim C. Henderson, a Board member, gave the trustee leadership necessary to enlist first-time corporate commitment to Annual Giving. Drs. Stan Handelman and Jerry Graser led the in-house campaign. They were assisted by Drs. Ed Gilda, Dick Herbison and Bud Wentworth with follow-up. Mr. Paul Briggs, Board president, personally wrote to all present and past trustees. Dick Miller of our advisory council, helped to plan the campaign, and suggested that we list donors by geographical location to demonstrate the national and international flavor of the Center. Our donors, who are listed below, come from 24 states and 18 countries."

A special thanks to each donor for this commitment to the Center and to dentistry's future.

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ponders its future. Everyone recognizes that there is a tremendous backlog of dental disease to be attended to, but some also recognize that the winds of change are gathering force. We hear about manpower excess, about need versus demand, about declining applicant pools—all indicators of this unease. The American Dental Association has a massive inquiry under way into the future of dentistry. In Britain another inquiry into the future of dental education has occurred. But a note of caution. Prediction is a dangerous sport. Hitler predicted the Third Reich would last a thousand years; he was out only by 987! The captain of the Titanic got it almost right. His ship sank only once. One prediction though I can make with certainty, and that is that research will continue to drive us into a different future. How we cope with this future depends very much, if not entirely, on how the educational arm of the profession, the schools and centers such as Eastman, prepares the next generation. The task is by no means easy for our students still have to be taught to cope with the past (the backlog of

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untreated dental disease) as well as the future. But the signals are clear.

The Future of Dentistry

In Britain, the Nuffield Enquiry into Dental Education has recommended that schools reduce the repetitious element at present necessary in clinical teaching, by introducing an intern year. They also recommend that the teaching of basic sciences to dental students should occupy not less than the equivalent of two years and to a standard no lower than that appropriate for medical students.

The American Dental Association in predicting the future of dentistry has identified many practical concerns and some solutions but to its credit states that any strategy to cope with these concerns must be dictated by the following fundamental principle: "The profession's effectiveness in improving oral health has been immeasurably enhanced by the continued expansion of its scientific and research base. It is apparent to the committee that, for the public good, the profession must build upon this foundation. The continued discovery of new knowledge is a professional responsibility

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Ken Hebel, Prostho '83

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and essential for future growth. A climate of intellectual inquiry must be nurtured and supported or the profession will stagnate. Further, the profession must insure the timely transfer of new knowledge and technology into dental practice so that the public can derive optimum benefit from research efforts. Maintaining a strong educational system is equally critical to the future of dentistry. The profession cannot advance if its educational foundation is permitted to erode." Brave words that to many of you may appear to be a statement of motherhood, and they are, of course. But what I think both inquiries are trying to say, in a gentle way, is that the educational arm of the profession also needs to change and make no mistake, we are just as conservative.

A University Discipline

I remind you that dentistry has the privilege of being university based. Universities do not draw a sharp boundary between professional disciplines and the basic arts and sciences disciplines. They do emphasize the role of intellectual leadership that must be taken, whatever discipline. It is not just simply satisfactory for a university to limit its efforts in a particular field to the production of disciplinary practitioners who can meet those accreditation requirements demanded by some professional bodies. Nor is it appropriate for the professional disciplines to build a wall around themselves in the university setting. A university works constantly to change the boundaries of all the disciplines with which it is involved. It is within the framework of pushing back the limits of knowledge that these universities educate the future leaders and scholars. A university is an institution which not only teaches but also determines what is to be taught. And the thinking profession is telling us, the educators, that the educational scales need to be tipped more towards an academic base and away from the current technological weighting. It is worth quoting here from a national conference on the role of research in dental education. With respect to caries, Irwin Mandel (guest speaker at EDC's 1977 commencement), a past president of the AADR, writes: "It is clear that the need for operative dentistry will not disappear suddenly. There has already been a significant reduction in the percentage of dental services devoted to fillings: from 28 percent in 1969 to 23 percent in 1979, and this reduction should continue. It could eventually approach zero as an asymptote, but that may take 50 years. Does a 35 percent or a 50 percent reduction

in caries suggest reducing the curriculum time for operative dentistry by an equivalent amount? Clearly, the answer is no; as long as some people still have caries and existing fillings require eventual replacement, the appropriate skills have to be taught. But a new list of priorities must be established. . . the academic goal should be not only treatment of caries but prevention and eventual eradication of caries as a disease."

With respect to periodontal disease, the immediate past president of the AADR, Roy Page, writes, ". . . it will be necessary to drastically revise the curriculum to include much more information on microbiology, pathology, pharmacology, and immunology. In addition, there must be sufficient training and experience in research ideas and methods to ensure that each trainee can become independent, self-supporting, and productive."

On growth and development, Harold Slavkin, last year's EDC commencement speaker, said, "The time seems appropriate for commingling clinical problems with the recently acquired principles of cellular, molecular, and developmental biology."

Pride in Achievement

Sadly, in too many schools I see little evidence of change of this nature. We are still judged by our ability to teach "gold foil"—Heaven forbid—a superb technological skill, but biologically not defensible. As a dean I understand the pressures created in administering a dental school: the pressures of patient service; the pressure from the profession which resists change and wishes to produce clones; the pressures of providing adequate clinical supervision with too few staff; the pressure of having the most expensive physical plant in a university system (hospitals are usually not funded by educational dollars); the pressures of providing sufficient income to help maintain that facility. Under such pressures it is little wonder that many schools are reluctant or cannot afford to play the true role of a university and determine what needs to be taught. But leadership has to come and I think will as the winds of change force it, but it is not easy. I take pride—there is that word again—in my own school which I think has an academic base. At least I know I am criticized locally for our emphasis on research. My own Rochester experience allows me to state with authority that you have received a special education with an academic base of which you should be proud. I wish you all Godspeed as you face a different and challenging future. You have had, in my judgment, the right exposure to cope. Use it well in the years to come, and again be proud. Your predecessors and yourselves have earned that right.

Board of Trustees

Herbert W. Jarvis, president and chief executive officer of Sybron Corporation, and Richard M. Rosenbaum, a partner with Nixon, Hargrave, Devans & Doyle, have been elected to the Center's Board of Trustees.

Mr. Jarvis, who served in the Navy Air Corps from 1943 to 1945, graduated from Yale University with a B.S. in In-

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Alumni News



FIFTH ANNUAL ALLEN A. BREWER UPSTATE NEW YORK PROSTHO CONFERENCE. Prostho alumni attending included (from left to right) Rafael Ganddini, '80; Behruz Abadi, '77; Jerry Graser, '72, Prostho chairman; Allen A. Brewer, retired Prostho chairman; Clifford Fox, guest lecturer; Ross Tallents, '79; Ed Plekavich, '73; Jack Oster, '70; Peter Aborn, '76; and Gary Rogoff, '74. Peter and Gary lectured to the conference. Sandy Halperin, '78, also attended, but is missing from the picture.

Barrie Gillings, Intern '57, M.S. '60, has had several promotions recently. He is now professor at the University of Sydney (Australia) Dental School and lieutenant colonel, consultant in prosthodontics, to the Royal Australian Army. He says, "These and appointment as president, prosthodontic group, IADR 1982-83 mean that, following Parkinson's Law, I have risen to my maximum level of incompetence, and go no further." Barrie also writes of a "very welcome visit to my home by **Reginald Andlaw**, (Intern '58), now in charge of pedodontics at the University of Bristol. . . He won the Hatton Award with a food and caries study. We had a fine evening reminiscing."

Carsten Holten Ingerslev, Intern '62, is now practicing orthodontics in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Sadahiro Yoshida, Intern '62, has been elected president of the Japanese Society of Pedodontics.

Brian H. Clarkson, GenDen '68, has been appointed to head the Division of Cariology, Dows Institute for Dental Research, at the University of Iowa.

James E. Kennedy, Perio '68, M.S. '69, has been appointed dean of the University of Connecticut Dental School. He had been dean at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry.

Domenick Zero, GenDen '76, M.S. '79, looking lithe and fit, was a guest expert on proper dental care on the nationally syndicated Richard Simmons TV show. Irma Amsel, senior laboratory assistant in Perio, heard an announcement of Dom's impending appearance on the morning news and alerted many people at the Center who delightedly watched the show on GenDen's TV set.

Nikos Kafandaris, GenDen '78, writes from the University of Thessaloniki (Greece) Dental School, where he is a lecturer in prosthodontics, "All goes well with the family. The children are growing fast and we are happy to have them still around us."

Patricia Tarren, Pedo '78, writes, "In April I married David Kubes, a general dentist in St. Paul. He's a super person!"

Chung-Ming Tse, GenDen '79, says, "I have been with the Cairns Base Hospital in the Flying Dental Service (in Australia). In conjunction with another program, a privately funded yet world-known one, the Royal Flying Doctors' Service, we serve the medical and dental needs of the isolated communities and aboriginal reserves at the Cape York Peninsula, Northern Queensland."

Ed Chappelle, Jr., GenDen '80, says, "Washington is a good place to be in the spring, even if you are a dentist. Things are picking up a bit and I hope to be able to get involved in some worthwhile ventures."

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A quartet of EDC alumni at the AADR meeting in Cincinnati. From left to right, Eduardo Izaguirre, GenDen '80, M.S. '82; Brian Reed, Perio '82, M.S. '83; Hannes Greger, GenDen '82; and Fred Sakamoto, GenDen '81.

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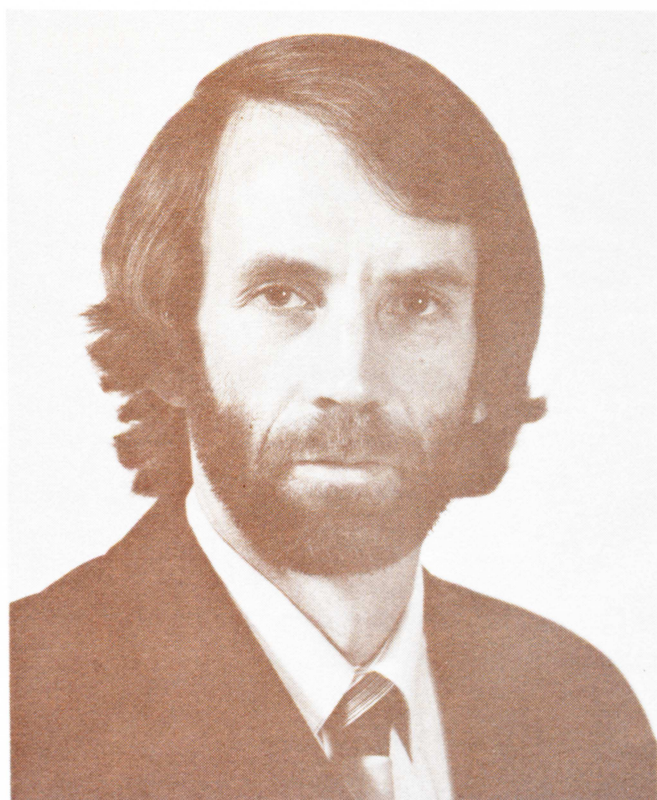
Michael Montgomery, GenDen '80, says he has "accepted a position as coordinator of a GPR program in Charleston, West Virginia. It appears to be an excellent opportunity for me and I'm enthused."

Harvey Nash, Perio '80, writes, "I opened a new practice in Ocean Township, New Jersey. My wife gave birth to a baby girl in August '82, 8 lbs. 6 oz. I now am the proud father of two girls."

Kevin D. Fleissig, GenDen '82, has assumed a practice in Rochester.

Yasmi Ornelas Crystal, Pedo '82, and her husband, David, visited Rochester from their home in Bound Brook, New Jersey. She was getting ready to take the boards for a New York license and then preparing to go into practice. She said, "I am learning how to deal with a very active practice from David!" She presented a paper at the AADR in Cincinnati, where she took the photo that appears on page 6.

Staff News



Dr. John D. B. Featherstone



Outgoing AADR president Roy C. Page (right) handing over the presidential gavel to incoming president William D. McHugh at the AADR meeting in Cincinnati on March 18, 1983.

Dr. John D.B. Featherstone has been appointed chairman of the Department of Oral Biology, formerly called the Department of Caries Research. He will assume his post July 1, when Dr. Martin E.J. Curzon, the current chairman, leaves for England, where he will become chairman of the Department of Child Dental Health of the School of Dentistry of the University of Leeds.

Dr. Featherstone, who came to the Center as a senior research associate in 1980, is a native of New Zealand. He took his B. Sc. with a joint major in mathematics and chemistry at the University of Wellington. He then studied in Manchester, England, for an M. Sc. in chemistry, and returned to Wellington for a Ph.D. in the chemistry of dental decay.

Dr. William D. McHugh, EDC's director, was elected the 12th president of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) when 2,000 dental researchers met in Cincinnati in March for the group's annual meeting.

As he accepted the presidential gavel, Dr. McHugh said, "... There is little doubt that without the efforts of this Association support for dental research would have declined even further than it has. It is clear... that much remains to be done if dental research is to come anywhere close to achieving its potential. While our Association can and will continue to vigorously represent us, each and every member must accept personal responsibility for spreading the story of dental research to friends, to colleagues in other disciplines, and to the practicing dental profession... Good communications are critical to success."

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dustrial Administration in 1947. After attending Boston University Graduate School of Business Management, he began his career with USM Corporation, starting in sales and advancing into marketing, product development and general management. He was president of the company, which had merged with Emhart Corporation in 1976, when he left to join Sybron. His bank and industrial directorships include Berkshire Life Insurance of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, the Shawmut Bank of Boston, N.A., and the Shawmut Corporation. He is active in many community organizations and is presently a trustee of the Rochester Institute of Technology and the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce, and a director of the United Way and General Cinema Corporation of Boston.

Mr. Rosenbaum received his undergraduate degree from Hobart College and earned his law degree from Cornell Law School, where he was president of the Law Student

Association and a member of the Cornell Moot Court Board. Long active in politics, he served as a member and assistant majority leader of the Monroe County (New York) Legislature, chairman of the Monroe County Republican Committee, and chairman of the New York Republican State Committee. Appointed a justice of the State Supreme Court in March 1970 by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, he was elected to a full fourteen year term that November and was one of the youngest Supreme Court justices to be elected. He is involved in community life and is currently a member of the board of directors of the United Cerebral Palsy Association, general chairman of the development fund drive of the Rochester Museum and Science Center, and a corporate member of United Way.



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