

# MOMENTUM

News & Viewpoints for Eastman Dental Center Alumni & Friends

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## DENNIS H. LEVERETT NAMED ACTING DIRECTOR

The Board of Trustees of Eastman Dental Center has appointed Dennis H. Leverett, D.D.S., M.P.H., Acting Director. Dr. Leverett has been Chair of the Department of Community Dentistry since 1973.

Earlier this year, Dr. William D. McHugh informed the Trustees of his decision to retire as Director in 1994. Dr. McHugh will spend the next 18 months on sabbatical devoting full time to his research interests.

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Medicine and Dentistry in 1973 and to the rank of Professor in 1984.

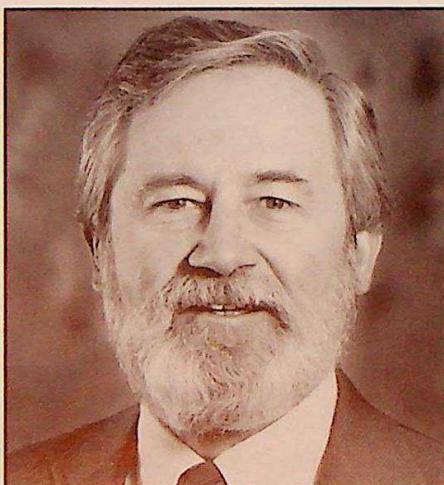
In addition to his work at the Dental Center and the University, Dr. Leverett was Dental Director, Monroe County Health Department from 1973 to 1989.

He serves on boards and committees of the National Institute of Dental Research of the National Institutes of Health, is a Diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health and is active in numerous other professional organizations. He is editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Public Health Dentistry* and the author of numerous articles in scientific and professional journals.

Dennis Leverett is the fourth director of the Dental Center since its beginning in 1915. Dr. Harvey J. Burkhart was the first director and credited with making the "Dispensary" a model for patient care. He was involved with the opening of five similar dispensaries in Stockholm, Brussels, Paris, London and Rome, all funded by George Eastman.

In 1947, Dr. Basil G. Bibby became the second director. Under his guidance the "Dispensary's" national and international reputation grew as specialty education and research programs were developed and adults as well as children were accepted for treatment. Dr. McHugh was named Director in 1970 and oversaw the construction of the present home of the Dental Center.

A search committee has begun the process of identifying candidates for the position of Director. It is anticipated that the international search will take at least 18 months.



Dr. Dennis H. Leverett

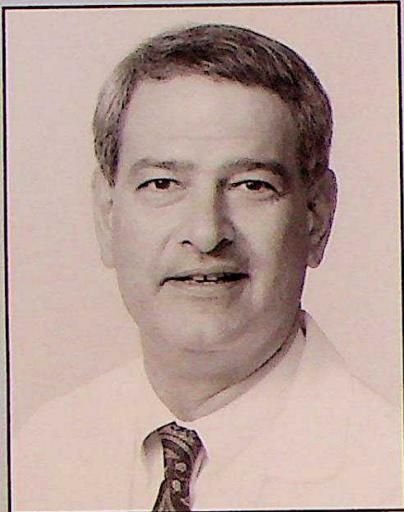
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appointment President, Elaine P. Wilson said, "Dr. Leverett's appointment assures the continuation of outstanding leadership at EDC. The knowledge and experience he brings to the position are extremely valuable."

A graduate of Ohio State and Harvard Universities, Dr. Leverett is a senior scientist and senior clinician and holds the rank of Professor at EDC. He was appointed to the faculty of the University of Rochester School of

## **WELCOME ABOARD...**



**Robert Jay Berkowitz,  
D.D.S., has been appointed  
Program Director for the Depart-  
ment of Pediatric Dentistry.**

Dr. Berkowitz comes to Eastman Dental Center from the Washington, D.C. area where he held the positions of Professor of Pediatrics at George Washington University School of Medicine and Associate Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at Children's National Medical Center.

Dr. Berkowitz is originally from Utica, New York, and received his D.D.S. from the State University at Buffalo in 1972. He completed his Pediatric Dentistry residency at Children's Hospital in Boston while holding a fellowship in Oral Microbiology at Forsyth Dental Center.

Dr. Berkowitz is working with the Center's Chair of Pediatric Dentistry, Dr. Pamela K. Den Besten to expand the Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program. The program will expand the residents' education in Pediatric Medicine and in the treatment of complicated problems in the operating room setting.

The research aspects of the program will be strengthened to attract residents interested in a combined Pediatric Dentistry and Ph.D. training program, as well as continued training of residents at the masters degree level.

## Save the Date

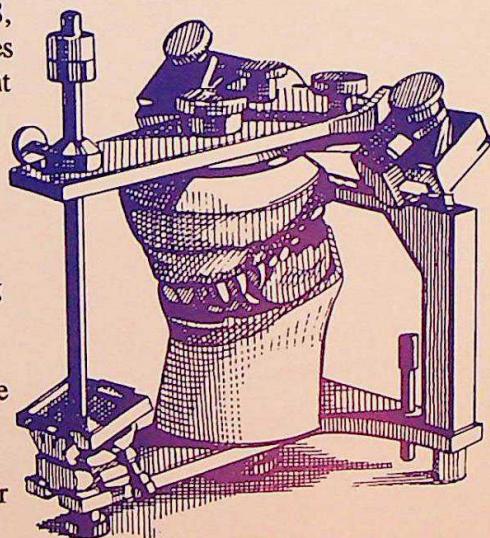
The Annual Allen A. Brewer Upstate New York Prosthodontic Conference will be held June 10-11, 1993. This annual conference honors the late Allen A. Brewer, D.D.S., the first chair of the Prosthodontic Department. It offers general dentists and prosthodontists in the Upstate New York area the opportunity to enhance their skills and update their education on removable, fixed and implant prosthodontics.

This year's conference titled "Twenty-five Years of Prosthodontic Training at EDC" commemorates the beginning of the Prosthodontic Residency Program

at Eastman Dental Center. In 1968, John A. Oster, D.D.S.,(Dr. Charles Oster's father) was the first resident to enroll in the program.

The Brewer Conference, normally a one day event, will feature two days of lectures this year. Approximately eighteen speakers will participate, including some EDC alums. Dr. Jane Brewer, daughter of Dr. Allen Brewer, will give a special keynote address in memory of her father.

Details and registration forms will be mailed in April. For more information call (716) 275-1143 or write the Office of Development and Communications.



## General Dentistry Begins New Year With A New Look

Change can be an unsettling experience for many people. "Unsettling" is an understatement if you're talking about the changes that took place in the Department of General Dentistry over the winter holiday.

"We called ourselves the mobile dental office, because we were sharing office space with some of the other departments. The first week we were treating GENDEN patients in ORTHO and the second week we moved upstairs to PERIO and PROSTHO," recalled Elizabeth Lattimore, Department Administrator.

During the brief period between December 22, 1992 and January 4, 1993, the Department of General Dentistry was infiltrated by an army of construction workers, plumbers, painters, rug layers, and various personnel from the Benco Dental Supply Company. They worked around the clock so that the Department would be running at full steam after the holiday.

In the midst of all the ladders and scaffolds, the Department continued to see emergency patients. Those staff members who remained over the holiday break, adapted to the chaotic conditions as they worked side by side with men in overalls—everyone trying to stay on schedule.

"Liz Lattimore was instrumental in the renovation process," commented Department Chair, Dr. Stanley Handelman. "She should be commended for holding the department together during this crazy time."

Her efforts were not in vain. On Monday, January 4,

1993, the doors of General Dentistry re-opened to a new clinic. The walls and carpeting that many of your fondly remember have been updated to reflect EDC as a state-of-the-art dental facility. The new waiting area is much brighter, yet still very soothing. The clinical space, displaying pastel colors, now features new floors and equipment, giving it a sleek, high-tech look. All of the twelve operatories have the Priority Chair by Adec and new lights by Pelton Crane.

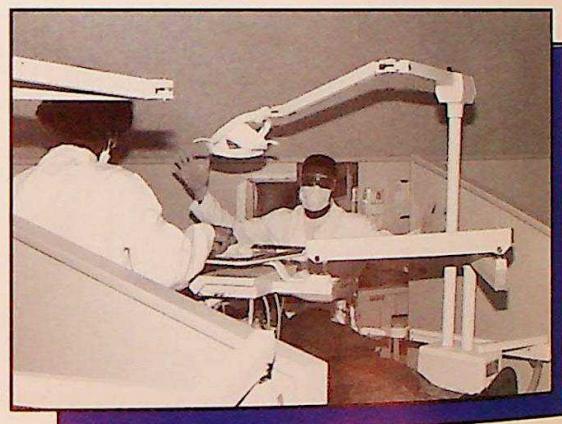
At a ribbon cutting ceremony unveiling the new space, Elaine P. Wilson, President of the Board of Trustees, remarked, "This is but one example of how Eastman Dental Center keeps pace in the changing world of Dentistry."

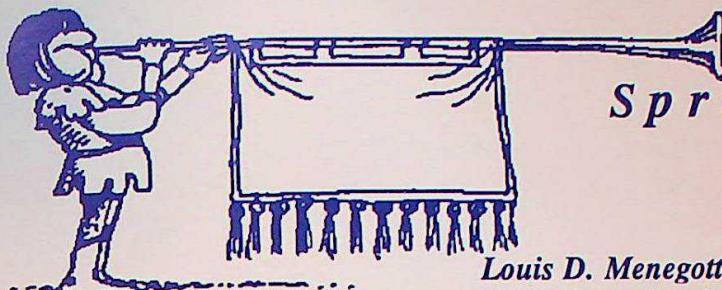
*Photos by: Richard Wersinger*

*Above: In the midst of chaos.*

*Right: We love our new work space!*

*Below: Liz Lattimore (far right), shares construction stories with Board of Trustees President, Elaine Wilson, Dr. Dennis Leverett, and Dr. Stanley Handelman.*





## Spread the Word

**Dr. Anibal M. Silveira** (ORTHO '83) has been appointed a full time faculty member at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry, Department of Orthodontics, Pediatric and Geriatric Dentistry.

**Michael J. Ternisky** (PEDO '69) is proud to announce that his daughter, Cris Ann (Medical College of Virginia, '91 and Pedo, University of Maryland, '93), will be joining him in practice this spring.

**Michael Spoon** (ORTHO '91) has been asked to serve as a consultant to the Council on Orthodontic Education's Orthodontic Educator's Workshop Committee.

**Ramon Castillo Mercado** (PEDO '67) holds the position of Dean, Faculty of Stomatology, School of Dentistry, University Cayetano Heredia, Lima, Peru. Additionally he is President of the International College of Dentists for all South American Countries and President of the Peruvian Association of Dental Research.

**Gad S. Heinic** (GENDEN '88) has been appointed Clinical Instructor and Assistant Clinic Director, Stomatology Clinical Center, Department of Stomatology, School of Dentistry, University of California in San Francisco.

**Michael Subbtoni** (ORTHO '81) has been awarded a certificate and inducted as a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics.

**Louis D. Menegotto** (PROSTHO '92) has been selected to receive the 1993 Tylman Research Award presented by the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics.

**Mamoru Sakuda** (ORTHO '64) is Director, Dental Hospital, and affiliated with the Faculty of Dentistry at Osaka University. He is President of the Japanese Association for Dental Research and Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Japan Orthodontic Society. Additionally, he served as Chair for the First Asian-Pacific Orthodontic Conference of the Japan Orthodontic Society.

**Harry E. Rosenstein** (PROSTHO '85) has been elected President of the Third District Dental Society of New York State.

**Enrique Vizcaino** (GENDEN '86), PEDO '88) has a new baby boy, Juan Diego. Only 8 months old, Juan already has his lower centrals and upper centrals.

**Jorge C. Mestre** (ORTHO '59) is busy traveling around the world lecturing on Orthodontics. He will be speaking to the Ibero-American Association of Orthodontists in Lima, Peru, in February; a local society of Latin dentists in Miami, Florida, in July; and the Ibero-American Association of Orthodontists in Seville, Spain, in October.

**Leif E. Washer** (PERIO '77) is in private practice in Yalesville, Connecticut. His oldest daughter Melissa, born while he was at Eastman, is already off to college.

**Richard Myers** (Clinical Associate, ORTHO) was installed as President of the Northeast Society of Orthodontists in December, 1992.

**Shachi Shantinath** (PEDO '86) received an NIDR fellowship in Dentistry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington Dental School. She is presently working in the area of parent-child health studying behavior among low income high risk families.

**Momentum** does its best to reach all our alumni, but sometimes events around the world limit our ability. After months of mail being returned from Kuwait marked: "Mail not being delivered at this time," it was exciting to receive a letter from **Kumasha E. AL-game** (PEDO '80).

Dr. AL-game lived in Kuwait throughout the Iraqi occupation and Gulf War. The suffering she endured with her husband and three children during the Iraqi occupation was finally relieved by American troops. On behalf of all Kuwaities, Dr. AL-game sends her "thanks, thanks and millions of thanks to President Bush and all Americans." She also wishes all at EDC a happy New Year.

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## A New Way of Giving

Many of you are preparing your 1992 IRS tax forms or have recently completed them. In doing so, you may have wished you had more charitable deductions in 1992. Although the Office of Development and Communications is always eager to accept monetary gifts on behalf of the Center, this type of donation is not always practical or possible. Eastman Dental Center offers you the opportunity

to turn cars, boats, trailers, motorcycles and RV's into tax deductible items.

Charity Fundings is a non-profit group which accepts all types of vehicles, regardless of condition and turns them into cash for a designated organization (EDC). Even if the vehicle doesn't run, Charity Fundings will give you a receipt for its blue book value and give EDC a check for the sale of its parts.

If you are trying to get rid of an old vehicle, don't accept an offer that is less than you are asking. Take the tax deduction and help EDC at the same time. For more information on making a contribution to EDC or the Charity Fundings program, call the Office of Development & Communications (716) 275-1143.

## Acting Chair Appointed in Community Dentistry

Dr. Leverett has appointed **Ronald J. Billings, D.D.S., M.S.D.**, to the position of Acting Chair, Department of Community Dentistry.

"Dr. Billings retains the position of Associate Director for Clinical Affairs," said Dr. Leverett, "and this appointment assures a smooth transition for the Community Dentistry Department since he has served as my assistant chair for the past 9 years."

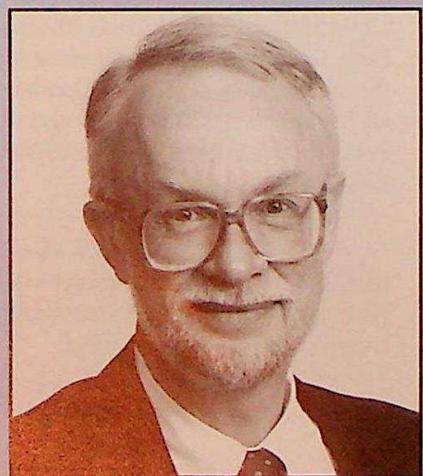
His other responsibilities at the Center include directing the mobile dental health program for children, better known as the Smilemobile Program. He holds academic appointments in the departments of Dental Research and Clinical Dentistry at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry.

Before coming to Eastman Dental Center, Dr. Billings held appointments at the Indiana University School of Dentistry, Oral Health Research Institute, Indianapolis; University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, Minneapolis; and University of Texas, Dental Branch, Houston.

He earned his D.D.S. in 1969 and M.S.D. in 1976 from Indiana University. He was awarded a post-doctoral fellowship by the National Institute of Dental Research (NIDR), a division of the National Institutes of Health, to study dental caries prevention at the University of Minnesota, School of Dentistry from 1976-79.

Dr. Billings' research involves the epidemiology, etiology, and prevention of

dental caries. He is currently the principal investigator of a major study funded by the NIDR to develop and refine a model for identifying children susceptible to dental caries prior to onset of the disease.



*Dr. Ronald J. Billings*

*To alumni, former and present faculty attending the  
AADR /IADR Annual Meeting in Chicago—*

*You are cordially invited to the  
Eastman Dental Center/University of Rochester  
Reception*

*Thursday, March 11, 1993*

*7:00-8:30 PM*

*Regent Room*

*Fairmont Hotel*

*Chicago, Illinois*

*Congratulations to our  
December graduates  
from General Dentistry:*

**William Lee**  
**John (Paddy) McCullagh**  
**Jane Watko**  
Completing a one year  
course of study

**Andreas Felix**  
**Anne O'Connell**  
Completing a two year  
course of study

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