Dear Dental Alumnus:

Greetings from our magnificent new quarters in Hayden-Harris Hall. Although the building is not quite completed, we began the move in May to initiate "on site" planning for the changes characterizing our new program of dental education.

Curriculum innovations, started about four years ago, are being expanded. They will include a shift to 12-week trimesters, correlated laboratory experience using 16-student multidisciplinary labs, and a general practice approach in the clinics using an instructor team drawn from all clinical areas. The department of dental hygiene will enroll its first class in the third year of a baccalaureate program, and our first post-graduate students in endodontics, orthodontics, periodontics, and prosthodontics will be admitted. These are only a few of the changes that have been made or that are in the active planning stages.

Our plans for the dedication of Hayden-Harris Hall March 5-6 are described on page 4. Friday's meeting will be devoted to scientific sessions and the dedication will take place Saturday, March 6, 1971—131 years to the day after the founding day of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery. The faculty, the students, and I hope that each of you will find it possible to join us next March to share in this historic event.

Enclosed with this Newsletter are a card and addressed return envelope for your convenience in making your contribution to the 1970-71 Annual Alumni Giving Campaign. Dental alumni continue to be among the top givers among the university alumni groups, and for this we are deeply appreciative. With a new building and expanded activities, our needs for your support are multiplying. I hope that you will respond generously. Please make the check payable to the University of Maryland—it is tax-deductible.

Many thanks and warm regards!

Cordially,

John J. Salley
Dean

New Sketch
For masthead

For the last time, the old dental school building appears in our masthead. In the next issue, be sure to look for the bright new masthead incorporating this drawing of the new Hayden-Harris Hall. Appropriately enough, it is the work of third-year dental student Eric Lebowitz.
Dental Students Teach Youngsters Oral Hygiene

On the proper cue, a line of Head Start youngsters broke into wide grins, and much to their surprise, we each other displaying row upon row of red teeth. Each child laughs at the others, not realizing that his own teeth are equally as red. And it's all part of a lesson in oral hygiene.

The demonstrations, given to as many as 90 children a day, were presented by three senior dental students, who conceived the idea and carried it out by themselves. Cooper Kupis, Gordon Keyes, and Louis Var- mosky spent their summer in a community-minded way putting their dental education to work.

Arrangements for the program were made through the Department of Education and the Baltimore City Health Department.

A typical session of squeezing children begins with an introduction, which puts them at ease. The three leaders explain that they are students, too, so that all have something in common. Once rapport is established, the children watch a film teaching proper diet, toothbrushing techniques, and the names of the teeth. After the youngsters discuss their favorite parts of the film, those children who do not own toothbrushes are asked to step forward. "Magic red tablets" and the film, explained. The children readily closed tablets.

Through to their surprise, see

At the word "Go," children break out in wide grins, showing a lineup of red teeth, evidence of poor brushing methods. Following a short session of brushing, white smiles reappear and the children enthusiastically promise to brush regularly.

This program, repeated at a different school each day, was entirely organized by these three dental students, who felt the strong need for an educational program aimed at children. They are also planning an original coloring book, which will reinforce the points they make during their visits.

Even the best of teachers may not always be able to judge just how well or poorly their lectures come through to their students. To provide some form of feedback as a gauge of teaching effectiveness, Dr. Donald J. Forrester, pedodontics department head, has organized a regional conference—the first in the Southeast—for educators in his field of specialization.

Thirty-six representatives from 18 dental schools will attend the Southeastern Pedodontics Teachers Conference that Dr. Forrester has scheduled for October 15-16 at the university's Adult Education Center in College Park. Proctor and Gamble is sponsoring the meeting.

Participants will be divided into three groups, each of which will draft a lecture on some psychomotor skill relating to pediatric dentistry. Three physicians with specialized training in medical education will serve as advisors: Dr. Daniel Fleisher and Dr. Glen Brown, both of Temple University, and Dr. Frederick Ramsey, director of research in medical education at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

A representative of each group will present the lecture to the other two groups for criticism. Dr. Forrester has also invited students to attend the conference and participate in the criticism, in order to include appraisal of the lectures' effectiveness from the point of view of those unfamiliar with the subject.

Dean Salley will speak at a dinner meeting the first day, relating the art of teaching to the field of dentistry.

The second day of the conference will be devoted to small group discussions on controversial topics concerning the content and structure of current pedodontic programs. The purpose behind debating these topics, according to Dr. Forrester, is not to create unanimity of opinion, but rather to stimulate exchange of ideas among colleagues. The major emphasis will be on improving pedodontic teaching techniques through group interaction.

Dr. Forrester Organizes Pedo Teach-In

Dental School Pursues Good Neighbor Policy

Although relations between the United States and the military government of Peru have been somewhat strained by the Peruvian takeover of American oil interests and capture of American fishing vessels, people-to-people relations between the two countries continue to be generous and friendly.

One example of this was the warmth of America's response following the calamitous earthquake in Peru. Another example is the burgeoning pattern of Pan-American cooperation between the School of Dentistry and two Peruvian universities, Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos de Lima and Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia.

The most recent development in that pattern is the awarding of Fulbright scholarships to two members of the dental school faculty to lecture at San Marcos. Dr. Donald K. Hamilton, head of the department of oral surgery and chief of the department of dentistry at the University of Maryland Hospital, lectured and demonstrated in oral surgery. Dr. Irving A. Abramson, Director of dental education.

Dr. Hillenbrand Honored At Baltimore Commencement

Dr. Harold Hillenbrand was honored for his many years of distinguished leadership in the field of dentistry during the first commencement exercise that the professional schools have held in Baltimore since 1928.

He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from President Wilson H. Elkins after being introduced by Dean John J. Salley as "one of the world's foremost authorities in dentistry and dental education."

Dr. Hillenbrand has led the movement to advance standards of dentistry throughout the world. He was the first dentist to serve as advisor to the official U.S. delegation to the World Health Organization. During his career, which spans four decades, he has been both practicing dentist, a professor, an editor, and chief executive of the American Dental Association, a position from which he retired last year.

The School of Dentistry chose Dr. Hillenbrand to deliver the first Hayden-Harris Memorial Lecture in 1965, at its 125th anniversary celebration. At the school's 1969 honors convocation he received a citation honoring him for 23 years of service to ADA.

Another highlight of the commencement program was provided by a young man just embarking on his career. Robert A. Oblinger, president of the dental school graduating class but representing all the students, made a brief speech, which was greeted with a standing ovation.

A Challenge To Graduates

"We came here to learn how to help our fellow man, not to riot and destroy each other. We came here to get an education and we did get that education. And to those who would riot and destroy property I say, we sympathize with your cause, but your methods are not those of educated people."

"It is traditional for a commencement speaker to issue a challenge to the graduates. I shall do so with a quote from Socrates:"

"'Whom do I call educated? First, those who control circumstances instead of being mastered by them. Those who meet all occasions manfully and act in accordance with intelligent thinking. Those who are honorable in all dealings, who treat good-naturedly persons and things that are disagreeable; those who who hold their pleasures under control and are not overcome by misfortune; finally, those who are not spoiled by success."

"I now challenge you to use your education, to increase it at every opportunity, and to enjoy every unspoiled prize."

Robert A. Oblinger, D.D.S.
Class of 1970
Dedication Ceremonies Hail Oldest, Newest Building

The first dental school building in the world will be remembered during the dedication of the newest. The School of Dentistry began in a building that has long since succumbed to urban progress, but a bronze historical marker will be placed on the Mercantile Building in Hopkins Place, which now occupies the site, and the ceremony will be televised to the Dedication Day audience in Hayden-Harris Hall. The dual observance will take place on Saturday morning, March 6, and will be the culmination of two days of special events marking the dedication of Hayden-Harris Hall and the Triennial Meeting of the Alumni Association.

This is the original bronze plaque that was donated by the Maryland State Dental Association and installed on the building that came down to make way for the Mercantile Building.

In addition to the placing of the marker, the official dedication ceremonies will feature the Hayden-Harris Lecture. Following a luncheon for which Dean Salley will be host, alumni and other visitors may tour the building with student guides.

The preceding day will be devoted to meetings. A panel discussion on the interfaces of dental education with the university, the student, the profession, and the community will be presented in the morning; the afternoon will be devoted to scientific sessions, student clinic demonstrations, and closed circuit TV.

The U.S. Army Chorus will provide entertainment at the Friday night banquet.

You will be receiving further details as the dedication draws nearer; be sure to reserve March 4-6 for this event.

Appointments And Promotions

Dr. John J. Salley, dean of the School of Dentistry, has announced new faculty appointments and promotions for the academic year.

Dr. Ernest F. Moreland was promoted to director of educational and instructional resources; Dr. Dean E. McKinnon, oral pathology, to the rank of assistant clinical professor; and Dr. Frieda Rudo, pharmacology, to the rank of assistant professor.

Dr. Adolfo Bruni, oral surgery, was appointed associate professor.

Appointed to assistant professor were: Dr. Yung-Fen Chang, histology; Dr. Stephen H. Halem, periodontics and microbiology; M. Jane Healy, dental hygiene; Dr. Herbert L. Livingston, periodontics; Dr. Robert K. Nauman, microbiology; JoAnne I. Pepin, dental hygiene; Dr. James R. Swancar, oral pathology; Dr. Richard Winn, pharmacology.

Dr. Joseph P. Horn, oral surgery, was appointed assistant clinical professor. Clinical associate appointees include Dr. Donald E. McShane, periodontics, and Dr. Dale L. Wood, periodontics.

Dr. Leslie P. Gartner, histology, was appointed instructor, and William F. King, Jr. was appointed as assistant.

...Memories
Science Close to Conquering Caries, Dedication Audience Told

Dr. Jesse L. Steinfeld, surgeon general of the United States, told a University of Maryland School of Dentistry audience that science is close to conquering the problem of tooth decay.

"Perhaps of all the discrete entities which are being vigorously studied today . . . the one standing closest to the point of resolution is dental caries," he said in dedication ceremonies for the school's $12 million building, Hayden-Harris Hall.

Dr. John J. Salley, dean, presided over the March 4-6 ceremonies in which Governor Marvin Mandel presented Hayden-Harris Hall to the University of Maryland. Dr. Louis L. Kaplan, chairman of the Board of Regents, in accepting the building, remarked, "If ever patients are regarded as clinical material, this building will have been degraded and its use corrupted. We must never forget that the word patient comes from the Latin root which means 'to suffer.' Clinical material does not suffer. Human beings do. Human beings who will be coming here will bring with them . . . many emotional and psychological problems. In being sensitive to these human needs and feelings, those who learn and teach here will find their own humanity grow. Our personalities are honed and polished as we relate ourselves to others in human concern. There are people with hearts of stone and there are stones into which the pulsating warmth of the human heart can be infused. This is your great opportunity. Make the most of it."

Other features of the dedication included the placing of two historical markers. The Maryland Historical Society placed a marker on the grounds of the school, designating the University of Maryland as the oldest dental school in the world, and noting that dentistry is the only discipline in professional education to originate in the United States. The Maryland State Dental Association replaced a plaque on the original site of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, now the Mercantile Bank and Trust Building at Hopkins Place.
Peru Affiliation Established

The dental school has established a formal affiliation with Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, a dental school in Lima, Peru. Dr. John J. Salley, dean, has been conferencing with Peruvian administrators on dental education as chief consultant to the school through the World Health Organization. The affiliation, according to Dr. Salley, should broaden the exchange of faculty and will eventually include student exchange programs.

Among the first to participate in the faculty exchange is Dr. David Loza, a Fulbright scholar from Lima, working on a special course on occlusion here. Faculty members from both schools have traveled back and forth extensively in the past several months in order to formalize the affiliation. Dr. Roberto Beltran, director of the Lima school, has spent considerable time in Baltimore lately. Dr. Salley, Dr. McDonald K. Hamilton, chairman of the department of oral surgery, and Dr. Irving I. Abramson, head of the division of endodontics in the department of restorative dentistry, each visited Peru twice in the past six months to confer with administrators at the university there. In the next few months, Dr. Ernest Moreland, director of educational and instructional resources, and Dr. Charles E. Barr, associate dean, will visit Lima.

Faculty Footnotes

At the School of Dentistry, Dr. John J. Salley, dean, was recently installed as president of the American Association of Dental Schools. . . . Dr. Duane T. DeFore has joined the staff as associate professor of oral surgery. . . . Dr. Burton R. Pollack, professor and head of the department of community dentistry, was awarded a World Health Organization travel-study fellowship to inspect systems of health care delivery in Great Britain, Switzerland, Denmark, and the United States. From there he will attend the Federation Dentaire Internationale in Munich. . . . Jane Healy, assistant professor of dental hygiene, attended the Second Annual International Dental Hygiene Symposium in Montreux, Switzerland. . . . Patricia C. Starnes, chairman of the department of dental hygiene, presented a paper on the unique aspects of the University of Mary-land's dental hygiene curriculum. Annual Sessions of the American Association of Dental Schools. . . . Dr. Mark L. Wagner, assistant professor of pedodontics, participated in a Workshop on Instructional Skills for Medical Educators at the University of Illinois. . . . Jared Fine, junior student, was elected chairman of the new student section of the American Association of Dental Schools.

The dental school was well represented at the Inter- national Association for Dental Research by both faculty and students. Members of the faculty who gave research papers there include: Dr. Sophia Bals, assistant professor of pedodontics; Dr. Donald L. Olson, associate professor of pedodontics; Dr. Donald L. Green, associate professor and chairman of the department of pedodontics; Dr. John M. Greene, associate professor and chairman of the department of orthodontics; Dr. Samuel R. Rhee, associate professor of orthodontics; Dr. Donald L. Olson, associate professor and chairman of the division of oral diagnosis and radiology; Dr. Burton R. Pollack, professor and head of the department of community dentistry; Dr. D. Vincent Provenza, professor and chairman of the department of histology and anatomy; Dr. Stewart Shapiro, assistant professor of com- munity dentistry. Leah M. Staling, physiology instruc- tor, chaired a section on physiology. Students who de- livered research papers at the conference include: William L. Brecevis, senior; Donald B. Kimmel, senior; and Herman J. Sachse, sophomore. Many other faculty members attended.

Oral Health Institute Proposed by Dr. Hein

In his address to students, faculty, and guests at the Sixth Annual Powell Lecture on April 7, Dr. John W. Hein proposed that "we create an independent organiza- tion which will have the assignment of evolving and continually updating a master plan for dentistry. It might be called the American Institute of Oral Health." Dr. Hein, who is the director of Boston's Forsyth Dental Center and a former dean of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, stressed the need for the various segments in the oral health field to organize themselves and formulate a plan for the future role of dentistry before the federal government does it for them.

"Our greatest challenge," he said, "is to provide more dental care of higher quality for more people at lower cost." This would be the goal of his proposed institute in drafting a master plan.

He estimated that 60 per cent of the population, that is 120 million Americans, receive no dental care and that a substantial part of the 40 per cent who have been receiving care have a backlog of periodontal problems because dental care has become so "tooth-oriented." In discussing the details of his proposal, the guest lecturer used the term "oral health manpower" instead of "dental manpower" because his top management body would include not only dentists, hygienists, dental assistants, laboratory technicians, and educa- tors, but everyone—from economists to insurance men—involvement in the promotion and maintenance of better oral health.

Dr. Hein criticized the recent report of the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education for its unrealistic solutions and anti-research theme. (The report sug- gests that the dental manpower problem can be solved by immediately increasing the enrollment of dental schools by 20 per cent, shortening the training to three years, and training expanded-duty auxiliaries.)

The guest lecturer pointed out that dental schools are operating at full capacity and few would have room to set up clinical facilities to train vast numbers of expanded-duty auxiliaries. He went on to say that if dentists are going to head up teams of auxiliaries in the group practice of the future, they will need more training, not less.

An annual event at the School of Dentistry, the Powell Lecture is made possible through the gen- erosity of alumni Dr. William B. Powell and his wife, Dr. Elizabeth S. Powell of Arlington, Virginia.

Pass-Fail System Begins in September

This September the School of Dentistry will become the first dental school in the nation to adopt a complete pass-fail grading system.

According to Dr. Donald E. Shroy, chairman of the pass-fail committee, the new system is based on student performance and personality characteristics. One purpose of the new system, he says, is to "permit students to study course material for its true value, rather than for a specific numerical grade."

Final grades will be reported by each department as: honor—outstanding performance; pass—satisfactory comprehension of course material; conditional fail—below satisfactory achievement with only a fair degree of understanding; fail—ineptitude based on lack of understanding, comprehension, or perform- ance; incomplete—acceptable quality of work, but not all assignments are complete. A grade of conditional fail means that the student must undertake some form of remedial work. Grades, recorded on transcripts, however, will be reported as honors, pass, or fail.

Each department will also prepare an evaluation sheet on individual students, indicating the academic performance and personality characteristics of each. Evaluation reports will be used as recommendations for students who apply for graduate or postgraduate programs, or for transfer to another school.

Dr. Bell Collection Donated to School

The Dr. John P. Bell Collection of miniature figurines, gold castings, and wax carvings has been presented to the University of Maryland School of Dentistry by Dr. Bell's widow, Mrs. Mabel Bell.

The collection was accepted for the school by Dr. John J. Salley, who said that it was an invaluable con- tribution and will be seen for years to come in the museum of the new school.

Dr. Bell was widely known for his exquisite works of art which, in his lifetime, were exhibited in many places including the Enoch Pratt Library, National Museum of Art in Washington, D.C., and on occasion before the members of the Maryland State Dental Association. Dr. Bell was not only an outstanding dentist, but also a man of many facets and abounding enthusiasm. In his later years, he designed and built his own home, which was far ahead of its time in archi- tecture and conception.