

Qualifying Date Extended

by FRED SOARES

Due to mid-terms, bad weather and the usual time-consuming routine of school an insufficient number of golfers have qualified for the tournament to date. Therefore, the qualifying date has been extended to April 15. This means that you have the first two weeks of April to play your qualifying round and the last two weeks to play your final two rounds. It's a tight schedule, but it's also a good excuse to get away from the hectic life and pressure of school. The qualifiers will be placed in four flites ac-

cording to their qualifying rounds. Roos Bros. is donating trophies for the winners of each flite. The last two rounds will be added to the qualifying round and the lowest totals will determine the winners in each flite. Ties will be played off by an extra round. The tournament ends April 29 so get out to any of the three courses (Hardin. Park, Lincoln Park, or Sharp's Park) and start swinging! Submit your score cards to me personally or mail them to SYNAPSE, att.: Fred Soares, Box 47, U. C. College of Dentistry, San Francisco.



Some of the students and members of the faculty of the dental school were seen recently getting in shape for the tournament. Pictured above are, left to right, Don Swatman, Jim Starr, Jerry Jensen, Tom Basta, Dr. Hawkins, and Dr. Leggett.

Bacchus Medicalis

by ANN POPE

April 12th is the big date! That's when a new King Bacchus will reign over the 8th annual Bacchus Medicalis. His court will convene, appropriately enough, in the Royale Room of the Hotel Richelieu. This dance of all dances boasts a King elected from candidates representing various fraternities and living groups.

For eight years, the Associated Students of the Medical Center have sponsored this semi-formal spring dance. Bacchus, meaning the Greek god of wine, is the traditional theme, and many a "wine-taster" will vie for the title.

From nine 'til one, Phil Bovero's orchestra will be playing, with accompanying liquid refreshments for every one. The \$4.00 Bid per couple, will be sold at the book store and by class representatives. This bid includes all refreshments for the evening.

SPRING FORMAL

by IRISH MEYERS

Yes, the school year is passing by quickly and we are again looking forward to the occasion of the Spring Formal. This event will end the social activities for the Dental School.

The evening's agenda will begin with a cocktail party at a dental fraternity house. We hope you won't forget at this point to make it over to the Corinthian Yacht Club where dinner will be ready and waiting, deliciously prepared by Ray Ward and his staff from the Student Store. After you have wine and dined, Phil Bovero and his men will provide music for dancing.

It is going to be super, colossal, an evening that none will want to miss. The date has been set for May 10th.

Candidates for KING BACCHUS

Delta Sigma Delta
TOM BASTA

Nu Sigma Nu
DON GILLO

Phi Chi
HOWARD MORRELLI

Xi Psi Phi
ROGER KISNER

State Dental Convention Coming Soon

by JERRY VON DER AHE

The 87th annual scientific meeting of the California Dental Association will be held April 15, 16, and 17 at the Fairmont Hotel. This is the northern convention, which is held annually in San Francisco because of the facilities available here. The southern convention is held the preceding week in Los Angeles.

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One hundred and sixty essayists and clinicians will present subjects in all major phases of dentistry. There are four headliners from the University of California. Dr. Robert F. Brigante will present a speech entitled "Placebos, Unlimited—in the Esthetic Compromise" at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Tohga Room; at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the Hunt Room he will demonstrate "Variations for the

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Student Council Meets To Solve Medi-Cal Dilemma

by JERRY DUGGER

If you read no other article in this paper, you must read this! It may seem strange that such a small item as the lack of student support of Medi-Cal sales this year could mean, potentially, the end of the many student activities on this campus. Activities which we all take for granted. These however are the facts. The source of funds for these activities is mainly, the \$2 refund on A.S.U.C. Berkeley student body cards purchased by Med. Center students.

Due to the steadily decreasing interest in the rather phlegmatic Berkeley sports program since 1951, card sales on this campus have resulted in less and less revenue. With our own student body's increase in number and the coincident decreasing age of our students, interest in our own activities has meant a steady increase in our spending. Thus in recent years we have gone from an operating fund in excess of \$3500. to our present fund of \$1200.

The cost of this year's bigger more-representative, more colorful Medi-Cal is \$4200. To meet this expense \$1600 in ads have been sold, \$100 in sales of the books, \$500 from campus fraternities, \$1100 is still needed to pay the bills. From where will the \$1100 come? Either through sales of additional books or from the student body treasury.

If this deficit is to be paid with student body funds, the sad remains of our treasury would not even be enough to get our own annual activities off the ground

and the ground lost to student apathy in the years necessary to reaccumulate enough money to operate our own campus activities would be disastrous! The facts are clear and the outlook is obviously grim. Your support is needed. By buying a Medi-Cal you aren't pouring your money down the drain but you are receiving full value—a record of the rough days of school the good times and the bad, the people you were "walled in" with. Like the old family photo album

that you periodically get a kick out of looking through. Your student body officers and representatives have gotten behind this thing and are making a big effort on your behalf. Don't let student government and student activities fall by the wayside and the life on "the hill" become one of all work and no play. Buy your Medi-Cal during this week's sales campaign—and don't be irate if you are bird-dogged by these kids. Do your part—buy one. No excuse is a good one!!

Ten Top Killers

HEART DISEASE

by DAVE WINEGAR

This is the first of a series of articles based on the top ten killers in the United States. The topic will be designed to explain the causes of death in the order of their importance, bringing into focus the latest developments in prevention and treatment of the particular disease. Emphasis will be placed upon current developments and experiments contributed by our own U. C. Medical Center and staff.

Heart Disease dominates first place on the list of killers in the nation today. And rightly so, for the mortality rate is 480 deaths per 100,000 policy holders in cases involving the heart as a unit, while there were 330 deaths per 100,000 policy holders from car-

diovascular-renal disease, according to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. The death rate in San Francisco in 1952 resulting from cardiovascular ailments was approximately 500 per 100,000 people, population. Heart Disease far outreaches the next of the top ten killers, cancer, which has only 12 deaths per 100,000 policy holders.

The causes of heart diseases are still somewhat obscure, but a good deal of progress is being made in their investigation. At present Dr. Henry D. Moon of the Pathology Department is concerned with experiments determining the affects of nutrition on arteriosclerosis. He is primarily concerned with the coronary arteries since they seem to be the most vulnerable. In fact, arteriosclerosis occurs in almost every individual in varying degrees until about the fortieth year, after which it gradually subsides. According to Dr. Moon, a study of the major coronary arteries of 250 individuals, most of whom died suddenly from traumatic or natural causes, has shown that multiple pathologic processes participate in the development of coronary arteriosclerosis and have an orderly sequence in their development. These processes bear certain similarities to the formation of scar tissue. It seems that the presence of animal fatty acids such as those of dairy products and meats are principal factors involving the process of hardening of the arteries. The fats tend to coagulate around the scar tissue causing irritation and further development of scar tissue, thus inhibiting the physiological processes of the arteries.

Heredity also plays an important role in heart diseases, according to Dr. Moon. Surveys have shown that subsequent generations die prematurely due to the same disorders. Apparently some cardiovascular systems are more prone to scarring; however, the reason for this has not been established as yet.

As for treatment, surgery and diet control seem to be the main cures. Surgery entails the opening of constricted mitral or pulmonary valves, or replacement of sections of arteries. There is an artery bank for the latter similar to the well known eye bank. Also, Ivalon, a synthetic product similar to dacron or nylon is used as a material for synthetic arteries.

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Candidates for the coming dental school election are, from left to right, Jan Walters, Tom Moore, Margin Matson, Dick Jennings, Jerry Von der Ahe, and Jim Dawson. Tom Moore has withdrawn from the election since this picture was taken. Not pictured is Vice-Presidential candidate Jerry Geernaert.

Dental School Elections

by PEGGY STELLER

Spring—, finals—, vacation—, a new Fall semester—, but wait! Where are the new plans and ideas? Who's going to carry them out?

Let's go back to the Dental School student body election in the Spring of 1957. Who were the personalities? What were some of the issues up for debate?

In looking into the background of the two presidential candidates, a common ground exists on which a comparison may be built. Both candidates, JIM DAWSON and DICK JENNINGS are married and have a family of two children, five years or under. Each has served his time in the Armed Services, and upon discharge has ensued dentistry as his profession.

But here the similarities end, for each is an individual—a personality!

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EDITORIAL

Two years ago the students within the College of Dentistry started a little scoop sheet called the "Hy-Dent." Perhaps many of you in the other schools have seen it. The "Synapse" is a direct result of this humble mimeographed beginning. The paper is now concerned with the lives and activities of everyone on this campus—students, faculty and non-academic personnel—all 3800 of you.

All school presidents have been notified about the "Synapse" and we soon hope to have more participation from the other schools. The paper is a monthly for the remainder of this semester, but beginning next fall, we plan to bring it out bi-monthly. Effort on the paper has been organized to a point where each person's job is limited to 2 to 3 hours time per month. Each job is specific and no conferences or meetings need be attended. A complete charter is now being drafted by your executive council and should be completed by the end of this semester.

The paper is designed to provide a much needed source of communication on this campus and a common meeting ground for everyone.

The staff has worked hard to make this first all-campus issue a success. You are the judges of this effort. If anyone would care to participate as a reporter, especially people from other schools outside of dentistry, we will certainly welcome you.

The paper is trying to be representative of the entire campus—write to us and get the entire story. All comments and offers of assistance should be mailed to "The Synapse," Box 47, U.C. College of Dentistry, San Francisco.

The paper is paid for primarily through advertising, but currently receives subsistence from the Dental Student Body Fund, the A.S.U. C.M.C., The Dean's Office in Dentistry and others who are now coming forward. Please note our advertising and patronize those who patronize us.

Welcome to "Synapse"—we hope you like it.

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ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

The dental students have a treat in store for them this Wednesday. You have all read Abigail's column in the Chronicle and no doubt have seen her write-up in the January 25th issue of Time magazine. Now you are going to have the opportunity to see her in person. Abby, in the space of one year, has become the fourth ranking love-lornist in the nation. Her column is printed in over 80 newspapers throughout the country. It started in the "San Francisco Chronicle" and now is spread from the "New York Daily Mirror" to the "Portland Oregonian". Abby has spoken to many groups such as ours and has proven to be very entertaining. After her talk she will be available for a short question and answer period, so come prepared for a good time.

During the meeting all the candidates discussed in this issue for election to offices in the School of Dentistry will be presented to you. Refreshments will be served free of charge.

The meeting will be held this Wednesday evening, April 10th, in the San Francisco Room, Moffitt Hospital beginning at 7:30 p.m. Don't miss a minute of the program. Come early and get a good seat.

Unfortunately, because of the limited room available, the meeting is restricted to the students, faculty, and non-academic personnel of the School of Dentistry and their husbands or wives. With the opening of the Student Union next year, this type of meeting will be campus-wide.

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Newman Club News

The U. C. M. C. Newman Club is presenting a lecture "Commentary on the Prayers and Actions of the Mass" by Rev. Bernard J. Moran, the Newman Club Chaplain. This talk should prove of interest to non-Catholics as well as Catholics and everyone is invited to attend. The date is April 24 at 8 p.m. The place is St. Anne's Library at Funston and Judah Streets. Throughout the year the Newman Club presents interesting talks on the various phases of religion and the ever important role it plays in our lives. The announcement of these talks are posted throughout the Medical Center and all students are welcome to attend regardless of religion.

The average layman has little or no knowledge of the various sizes and shapes of his natural teeth. Nothing illustrates this more than our pugilistic reporters writing in the sporting columns of our daily papers.

NEW ORTHODONTIC LABORATORY FACILITIES

by NEAL WELLES

The Orthodontic students are enjoying the facilities offered in the new laboratory opened within the last month. The new laboratory, located on the 7th floor of the clinics building next to the Orthodontic division office was designed by Dr. West, Dr. Paden, Dr. Wylie, Dr. Snider, Dr. Mathews, and other members of the division staff. It affords modern facilities designed for the needs of the orthodontic students. Besides providing the standard equipment of model trimmers, vibrators, heat treating oven, etc., there is an ionic polisher, high frequency lighting which eliminates the need for individual desk lights; a model drying oven and mechanical plaster mixer being planned. The laboratory will have no janitorial service and the responsibility of cleaning will be left to the students. The six Sophomore orthodontic students under

the direction of Dr. Paden, are occupying the new nine unit laboratory having moved from the end of the Junior-Senior laboratory. The lab units are of special low design with comfortable castor chairs and affords three units for further expansion. The members of the Orthodontic staff and the students are pleased with these much needed facilities.

The medical essayist was having difficulty with his new dentures. Reading a paper on "Catharsis in Chronic Colitis," the physician stumbled over a sentence that sounded like, "The patient gave a history of being consonated for 72 hours." A venerable M.D. interrupted. "Doctor, you said 'consonated'. Didn't you mean 'constipated'?" "Ah, yes," blurted out the essayist, "It's this new denture. Apparently I am having trouble moving my own vowels."



NEXT WEEK WE'VE GOT TO GET ORGANIZED...

BILLBOARD REVIEW

by BOB NEWMAYER

This section is presented as a condensation of material posted on the bulletin boards which may be of interest to the dental student.

Bacchus

The biggest and "bestest" blast of the year should bring a Richter Count of 9.0 to the Royale Room of the Hotel Richelieu on April 12. It's tradition that nobody goes away saying they didn't have fun. The tariff is \$4.00 per couple and includes unlimited refreshments. Phil Bovero's orchestra plays from nine until one. Don't miss the Bacchus Medicalis.

Polio Inoculations

All students up to the age of 40 at the Medical Center should receive inoculations of Poliomyelitis Vaccine. There has been shown as high as 80% lower incidents of attack rates with 1 or 2 inoculations and as high as 90% with three. Experience states that the older a person is when struck the more severe the attack can be. It is important to receive inoculations before the summer months arrive. They are scheduled on Wednesdays only, April 10, '17, and 24 at Student Health.

Dental Convention

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Characterized Denture." Dr. George A. Hughes will speak on "Centric Relations" at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the Tonga Room. Dr. Perry A. Ratcliff will speak on "Diagnosis and Case Presentation for the Periodontal Patient" at 4 p.m., Monday in the Venetian Room and on "Therapeutic Procedures and Economic Principles for the Periodontal Patients" at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Venetian Room. Dr. Sol Silverman, Jr., will speak on "Geniatrics and Tissue Changes Problems of the Aging Denture Patient" at 2 p.m., Tuesday in the Tonga Room and again at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the Hunt Room. A prosthetic panel with Drs. Brigante, Hughes and Silverman is scheduled at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Tonga Room.

Seven senior students from U.C. are participating in a demonstration table on the "Practical Application of Endodontic Teaching." They are Richard Abrahamson, Kiyoto Aradawa, Gerald Dugger, Melvin Feldman, Nelson Johanson, Dean Judd and Stanley Wedding.

There will be a limited clinic schedule for the juniors and seniors but most lectures will be held as usual.

American History and Institution Memorandum

Candidates for the Bachelor degree must satisfy requirements for American History and American Institutions either by exams given in History, April 6 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. and Institutions on April 13, also at 1:30 to 3:00, or by completion of a recognized course. Although no unit credit is given for the examination, the requirements can be met by taking this exam and also receiving credit for courses completed in the other part of this requirement. See Bulletin outside of Rm. 62B, U.C. Hospital Bldg. for further information.

Summer Sessions

There are to be two sessions of school this summer, the first from June 17 thru July 27 and the second, July 29 thru Sept. 7. All students in the school of Dentistry and Pharmacy must notify the Office of the Recorder not later than June 7 for the first session and not later than July 22 for the second session. Registration for each session falls on the beginning date for each session in Rm. 62B, U.C. Hosp. Bldg.

Essay Contest

Here is a chance for a junior student to win himself a 1st prize of \$500 or a 2nd prize of \$300 as well as attaining an early start of nationwide professional recognition by writing a short essay of not more than 2,500 words on some phase of Prosthetic Dentistry. It is sponsored by the American Denture Society to encourage students to present technical writings. The letters are to be sent to the dental school. You may file either through the Dept. of Prosthetics or with the Dean. See the 6th floor bulletin for more details.

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HEART DISEASE

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Recently a new drug has been developed called Inversine. It operates as a ganglionic blocking agent that controls heart rate. It is advantageous in that it is taken orally as opposed to the more obsolete drugs that were introduced intravenously.

At present there are several activities occurring at the Medical Center which are promoting further investigation into heart disease. A systematic tabulation of the progress of heart patients entitled the Case Progress Index is being formed. Also a Cardiac Research Institute is being organized on the 13th floor of Moffitt Hospital with Dr. Malcolm S. Watts as acting director. Dr. So-koo and Dr. Farquhar have recently undertaken research in an important new field in arteriosclerosis: the influence of unsaturated and saturated vegetable oils on blood cholesterol and lipoprotein levels.

Wax Hardener, Anyone?

There are always some humorous events which enliven even the most harassing situations. Such an occurrence took place in the Freshman Laboratory one day recently during a Morphology period.

The substance of the humor was in the conspiracy of Glen Stilley and Park Stompro. Their first victim was Diane Smith who succumbed to the suggestive comments which these men were making about the miraculous qualities of a "wax-hardener" they supposedly were using to prevent fracture in functioning wax against wax. Diane, realizing the potentialities of this "hardener" went immediately to the student store to procure a bottle (of the "hardener" that is). And a bottle she got, for the store, going along with the gag, had some aerosol ready for the occasion. Duke Lewis followed Diane and almost provoked an exodus.

But someone foiled the scheme, and soon the truth about the "wax-hardener" was revealed. Some freshmen are wiser, however, and a good laugh was had by all.

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CAMPUS CHATTER

By DON MAGRINI

Recently the Wives Club staged a ham dinner for the members which was quite a success. Seventy people were in attendance and fifty-two dinners were served. The wives surely deserved recognition for having prepared the entire evening, meal and entertainment. There was dancing after the meal and everyone had a most pleasant evening.

Congratulations to the Dick Davis' who had an addition to the family on St. Patrick's Day. Dick says that the little gal is sporting shamrock diapers.

Talk of the 7th floor clinic: Dental Assistants rushing to the chair of "Casanova" Judd.

Coming events at the Psi O House include a South Sea Party to be held March 30. If preparations are any indication, the event promises to be a success. Dress will be in the mood of the event so that the members will really have an opportunity to "live it up". Incidentally, conversation is still going about the Grecian-type beauty seen with Carl Shrieve at the last party. His buddy, Calypso Hicks is expected to make quite a smash at the South Sea Party.

The Don Penners' are resting easily after having the wheels removed from their house.

Messrs. Geernaert, Dawson, and Bernard who share the same job are constantly discussing trading nites so that 2 of them may attend parties. With their type of job, who needs parties? They are night watchmen at an empty warehouse and have plenty of slumber-time.

From out of the West (anonymous): Vic Pacquet, Psi O's answer to Wyatt Earp, except that he's much slower on the draw, has been noticed making frequent trips (on the sly) to Hollister. What gives, "quick-draw", seminars?

Nuz Eyetem: Psi O's basketball team withdrew from league competition because of the "sore feet" of its potential star—"Wild Bill" Starmer.

Ray Nicholls wants to know if you've heard about the guy that is so square that he thinks Eartha Kitt is a box of garden tools.

Plug: typing done by No. 1 sister.

XI PSI PHI NEWS
by ROGER KISNER
and JOHN MERCHANT

The reverberations from the ZIP house last Saturday was the Sophomore's Western Dance with the SAE's Hillbilly Band from the Berkeley Campus making the noise, but not quite all of it. With straw on the floor, rural type murals, and square dancing, the ZIPS were in high spirits and had a roaring time.

On a political note, there are a couple of ZIPS running for office; Jim Dawson for president of the Dental School and Jerry Vonder Ahe for vice-president.

The month of March brought a new face to the kitchen when John Holgenhorst took over as the new chef. John is the best, and we hope that he will be around for a long time.

This month's sad story concerns Russ McCallian, who really didn't break his leg skiing. In the aftermath of one dental supply house's senior feed, some of the seniors came in somewhat wound up and had to be cooled off by those who were brave enough to face the flying missiles. The casualty list included cuts and abrasions, a set of teeth marks on an arm, several very wet seniors, and Russ McCallian. Russ, in sympathy, bought himself a get-well present, a Porsche coupe. We hope that Russ will be able to get that old cast off soon so he can drive his new car.

DELT DOINGS
by MORY CORBETT

The Delts started off this semester with their traditional "pajama party". With the California Room decorated in a harem atmosphere and all the various varieties of pajamas, it was quite a sight to behold. Costumes ranged

from long, red flannel underwear to cute little "shorties". The only groans came from the freshman when they found out that it was traditional to use their mattresses as part of the decorations.

I think all the Delts are getting married this summer. All the grooms-to-be are busy preparing for the joyous occasion. Matty Abbate is busy building a cabinet for his hi-fi set while Bob Santos is building the whole hi-fi set. Joe Soldevila is only worried about one thing, and that is finishing his last partial denture! Mory Corbett walked up and down every hill in San Francisco and finally found an apartment. And everybody in the house has been trying to persuade O. L. Shoemaker to quit sleeping so much and do something.

We had our freshman initiation at the beginning of March and some of the fellows are still recuperating. Fred Caso thought he had frost-bite, and Frank Silvey is still trying to learn to pick up marshmallows.

The Delts were hosts for the regional conclave for Delta Sigma Delta over the weekend of March 15th. It was attended by members from the College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Universities of California and Southern California and proved to be an enlightening experience for all.

On March 23rd the champagne flowed like water at the Champagne Party. Everyone danced and enjoyed the refreshments all night. There is one sure way to find out how many fraternity members you have—give away free champagne.

You sure can tell when spring hits the Delt house, the poker table becomes a permanent piece of furniture in the living room. Almost every night Andy Krotoski, Nels Johansen, Larry Louie, and several others can be found enjoying a game of chance.

In closing, all the Delts want to congratulate Henry Wong on a speedy recovery from a suspicious case of T. B. We're glad to have you back Henry!

SENIOR HYGIENIST GOSSIP
by GAIL GAVALLER

Bridge lessons are now the current interest of some of the girls. Julie Holway, the pro bridge player, has been passing on her knowledge of the game to Donna Fenton, Joan Allen and Mary Field.

Girl scouts, PTA meetings and mouth exams are keeping the girls in the Dental Health Education elective on their toes. The seven girls are conspicuously busy with lesson plans, transportation arrangements and visual aids. "You did very well", is the witty saying now connected with the group. Those who are "the dentist's best advertisers" are: Rodeama Abrams, Gail Gavaller, Gail McDonald, Eugenia Sharevitch, June Wagner and Betty York. Keep up the good work.

Folk dancing anyone? A lively group of D.H.'s and dental students take a weekly Tuesday safari to Sutter St. for a gay evening of folk and square dancing. Delores Hoffman and Gail Gavaller head the list and manage to bring along Bill Young and Dick Trethway.

Merle Ensler and Ken Elcino have set the date. It's a wedding on June 8. After the honeymoon they will be living in Los Angeles where Ken is taking his internship. Merle is busy with plans and of course has the usual jitters and sleepless nights.

JUNIOR HYGIENIST GOSSIP
by LIBBY FUMRIMAN

Spring is here, or just around the corner anyway, and congratulations are in order for Karen Lindberg and Roger Tennyson, a Sophomore dental student, who announced their pinning a short time ago.

The class held their dinner dance recently in Marin. To start the evening off, a cocktail party was held at the beautiful Marin County home of Pat Sibbitt's Aunt where Carol Aasletten said she ate so many chips and dips that she was barely hungry for dinner. Afterwards everyone proceeded to the atmospheric Bermuda Palms for dinner and dancing. Some lucky girls even received Grade A, government inspected corsages of the Crystal Palace Market variety. During the course of the evening Jerry Jensen and Rudy Kopfer could be seen searching for their shoes which were later discovered floating in the blue waters of the Caribbean. Ann Pope was in charge of the cocktail dips and Margie Sokol handled the dinner arrangements. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Our numerous well-wishes go to Jeanette Sanborn who has been calling the hospital her home for the past six weeks with chicken pox followed by acute pneumonia. We certainly have missed her in class. We're happy to report that she is on the road to recovery, and that visitors are now allowed in small groups.

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THE LITTLE GIRLS IN BLUE

by TRISH MEYERS

The Medical Center is jointly made up of many schools of which little is really known. Many have asked—me just how does a girl in Dental Hygiene prepare for her two year course at the University of California Dental School, division of Dental Hygiene, and what are her curricular and extra-curricular activities after she is admitted. Since this issue of the paper is distributed throughout the Medical Center, I thought it would be a good opportunity to describe the Dental Hygiene program and its objectives.

Once a girl has decided upon entering the field of Dental Hygiene, she takes a two year preparatory course at any University or College which gives her a broad background in the Liberal Art field.

After she has been accepted as one of the group of eighteen Hygiene students, which is determined by her grade point average, her education continues to prepare her as a Dental Health Educator. In this specialized field, she gets a broad background of the basic sciences along with specific courses in Dentistry, such as Oral Interpretation, Periodontology, and Orthodontic.

Along with her theory courses on this campus, the Hygiene student begins to learn the techniques of scaling and polishing on a mannequin. During the first semester she begins to use the practical application of scaling and polishing on clinic patients. By the end of her two years of

clinical experience, the hygienist will have given approximately 150 mouth hygienies and will be adequately trained to use her skill in a dental office, working under the supervision of a dentist.

Other extra-curricular activities are part of the students' program. Each girl devotes several hours a week at different institutions giving mouth hygienies. Sometimes she may have as many as five or six patients in a period of three hours. Mouth exams in the public school are also part of this program. The hygienist records defects of the children's teeth, and notices are sent home to the parents notifying them that dental work should be done immediately. The hygiene student will also

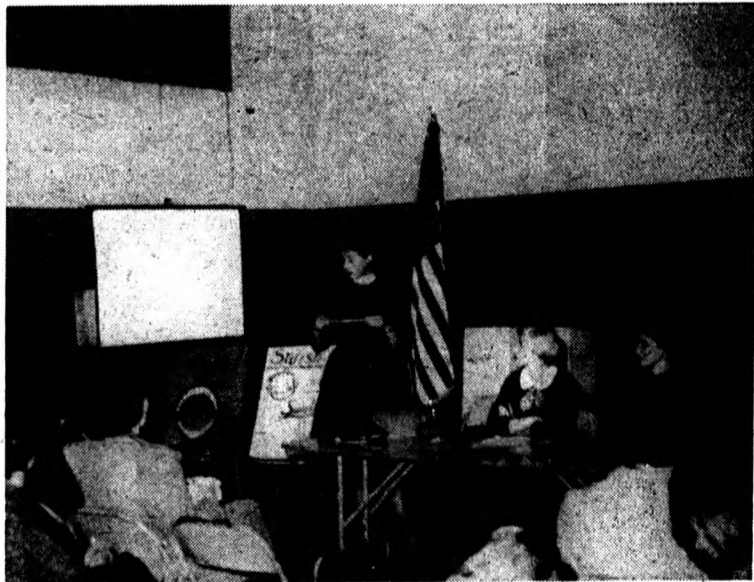
experience teaching dental health to elementary and Junior High School groups. She begins this valuable experience with prepared 20 minute lessons to the various age levels. Her main points include (1) definition of a hygienist; (2) proper nutrition; (3) importance of regular dental visits; (4) proper and regular brushing. These lessons are supplemented by the use of stories and visual aids such as charts, models, movies, flannel board, experiments, and other methods of making the story of teeth interesting to the children.

Later on she has experience in educating adult groups, such as parent-teacher associations, professional and non-professional

groups. Her presentations can be performed with ease and skill, for once the hygienist has learned the art of teaching dental health, she can speak to any group.

In California there are only two Universities that offer a Dental Hygiene program — both as part of the Dental School. The University of California is the only one that includes actual teachers' training in its curriculum. This is an invaluable experience that will give the dental hygiene student more confidence in herself, and will also benefit the community by her ability to convey information specifically, accurately, and interestingly. She will be able now to set up dental health educational programs within her community, promoting the prevention of dental diseases.

The dental hygiene students' objective while in school, is to get as much background as possible, so that in the future she will be an asset to her dentist and her community. Upon graduation and receiving a B. S. Degree in Dental Hygiene and passing the State Board Examinations, she will be qualified as a Dental Health Educator to work in private practice, Public Health, City School Systems, or at the University. The Dental Hygienist has now the background, knowledge, skill and experience to teach others the importance and care of their teeth. Through her conscientious efforts of educating all groups, the problem of oral and dental disease will be realized by the public and subsequently reduced.



Shown giving a panel discussion for the PTA of Sharp Park grammar school are, left to right, Trish Meyers, Gail McDonald, and Rodeama Abrams.



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MATHILDA VAN STOO

Dear Mathilda:

I hope you can help me, because I am nearly frantic! It's my husband, the rascal. He has been having his teeth cleaned by this hygienist, and I find it's been going on for a while now. Dearest Mathilda, is it true that you should have your teeth cleaned every week? And are hygienists really that busy that they sometimes have to make appointments at night?

S.L.O'B.

Dear S.L.O'B.

Two can play this game. If you start having evening dental appointments this rascal husband of yours may suddenly find that a cleaning every six months is sufficient.

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Dear Mathilda:

I am a second year medical student with a terrific problem. I have never gone out with a girl in my life. Up to now I have always made excuses to myself such as—I have very little money—I have no car—or, I really don't have any time to spare. After much self analysis, I have come to the conclusion I am just plain scared of girls. Next year I have to do clinical work including physical exams. Mathilda if I have some pretty girl assigned to me I know I will die. Even now when I think about it my throat goes dry and my hands go clammy. What can I do?

S. H. Ook.

Dear S. H. Ook:

As for the throat, try a life saver. (Please excuse this Dr. Simmonds.) Now, for the clammy hands—just handle her with kid gloves.

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Dear Mathilda:

I am a physical therapy senior going steady with a dental student. All the time he wants to look in my mouth, count my fillings, etc., and I have never objected, but the other day I was studying for a lab practical when he came over and I asked him if I could practice some physical therapy on him. Mathilda I have never seen anybody so mad. He left shouting all kinds of insulting things. Do you think he was being fair after all the times I have opened my mouth for him?

Muscles.

Dear Muscles:

No!

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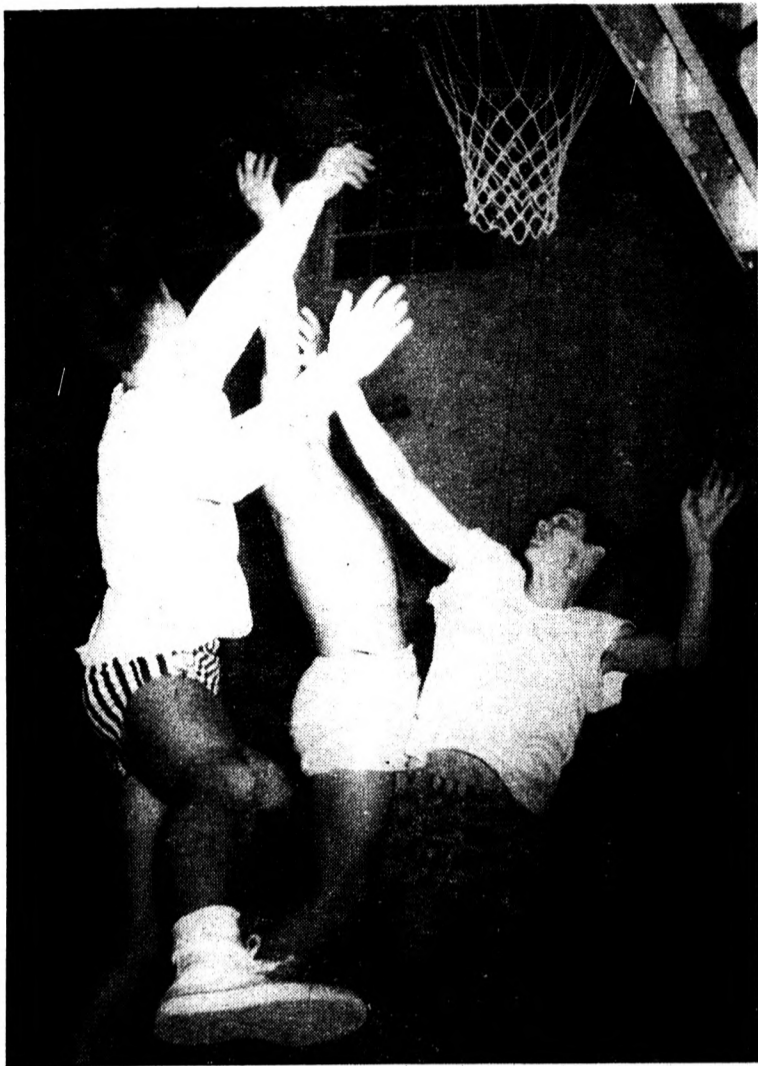
Confidential to Bob:

Shame, Shame.

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If you have a problem write to Mathilda Van Stoo in care of the Synapse, Box 47, U. C. College of Dentistry. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Medical Center Basketball League



Rudy Kopfer (left) and Ron Salter (right) reach high for two points in the recent Soph. Med.-Zip game.

SOPH MEDS BEAT ZIPS AND DELTS

by MITS FUKUMURA

The intramural league has been slowed up these past weeks due to mid-terms. Many of the teams were forced to forfeit their games since they lacked sufficient players. Kappa Psi, Rho Pi Phi, and Alpha Omega have forfeited games within the past few weeks.

However, there have been some exciting games played lately. The Soph Meds beat the Zips by a score of 37 to 25. The Med team played its usual dominating game. Bob Albo led the team with his outstanding rebound and defense work, while Griffith, Hayes, and Laughlin led the defense. The Zips on the other hand didn't quite play up to their potential. This game as far as the Zips were concerned was one of those games in which no one made any baskets and nothing went right. However, Ron Marenda,

who was high point man of the game did manage to keep the Zips in the game in the early moments of play. Both Norm McDonald, who came out of retirement especially for this game, and Ralph Juhl did an excellent job of rebounding despite the height and weight advantage of the Soph Meds. Tom Boyce, Rudy Kopfer, Jerry Von Der Ahe, Dick Abrahamson, and Ron Salter all played a good floor game to help the Zip's cause.

Another interesting game was played between the Delts and Soph Meds. Although the Meds beat the Delts 46 to 29, the 29 points scored by the Delts is the highest scored against the Meds. As usual, the Meds were led by Albo and Hays. The Delts due to lack of height were unable to rebound. Bob Santos did a good job of rebounding despite the height advantage of the Soph Meds. The offense was led by Maurice Corbett; Jack Cleveland and Larry Lee both did an excellent job on defense. Although the Delts managed to hit a good percentage of all their shots, they still missed the services of their ace hook and jump artist, Hank Chinn. Chinn, it seems, had a slight touch of the flu, so he was brought to the gym by the Delts as their official scorer. Larry Louie, also out of action due to a cold, was the official photographer of the game.

An interesting game coming up in the near future will be between the Zips and the Delts, the second and third teams, respectively. The Alpha O's, who still have yet to win a game, always play a good game, but somehow seem to lack the man power which is necessary. However, they will probably win a game sometime in the future.

Below are the standings as of Wednesday, March 27:

Soph Meds	13	0
Zips	12	2
Delts	10	2
Phi Delts	6	7
Kappa Psi	5	9
Sen. Meds	5	9
Rho Pi Phi	4	9
Alpha Omega	0	14

Dental School Elections

(Continued from page 1)

JIM DAWSON is a junior Xi Psi Phi (Zip). As a Soph. he began specializing in the field of orthodontia. His home is in San Rafael.

Background:

- A. University of California, Berkeley—four years.
1. A.B. in Psychology;
 2. President U.C. Manager's Society;
- B. U.S. Air Force
1. Rank — Staff Sergeant;

GOALS:

1. Promote greater union between the classes;
2. More definite and working organization of committees;
3. Help with the organization and problems of the new Student Union.

DICK JENNINGS is a junior and is presently in general operative dentistry. His future plans are to specialize in prosthetics. Dick's home is in St. George, Utah.

Background:

- A. Dixie College, St. George, Utah, three years.
1. Commissioner of Amusements;
 2. Teaching assistant in bio-science division on a fellowship.
- B. U.S. Army
1. Rank—Master Sergeant;

GOALS:

1. To carry on the work of the present very successful student body President in a manner becoming the office;
2. Advocate reform in various student body policies, with an eye focused on the Student Store;
3. Organize an active campaign to move graduation from the Berkeley to the San Francisco Campus.

A further look into the election campaign revealed other interesting personalities. The Vice-presidential spot is contested by two candidates, JERRY GEERNAERT and JERRY VONDER AHE.

JERRY GEERNAERT is a junior Psi Omega. He plans to enter the field of pedodontics and later orthodontics. Jerry, his wife, and family of four have made their home in San Francisco.

Background:

- A. U.C., Berkeley—1 semester
- B. San Francisco City College—2 years
- C. U.S. Navy
1. Rank — Ensign;
 2. Recruit Petty Officer of company in Boot Camp;

GOALS:

1. Create school spirit and student relations;
2. Improve student-faculty relations.

JERRY VONDER AHE is a sophomore, and a member of the Xi Psi Phi (Zip) fraternity. He is interested in general operative dentistry. Jerry's home is in Brentwood, California.

Background:

- A. University of California, Berkeley—2 years.
- B. Holds present office of social chairman for Xi Psi Phi (Zip) fraternity.

GOALS:

1. Increase interest and cooperation in student affairs and government by keeping the students informed of the activities of the Council.
2. Promote cooperation and help in organizing the Student Union and in solving its problems.
3. To obtain a variety of good speakers for Student Body meetings.

MARGIE MATSON is the candidate for the office of Student Body Secretary-Treasurer. Margie is a Junior Dental Hygienist. Her home is in Alhambra, California.

JAN WALTERS is the candidate for the office of Social Chairman. Jan is a Junior Dental Hygienist from Santa Rosa, California.

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