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THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS

The attitude of the profession to its public relations is reflected in the program of the local and state organizations which hold and feature annual meetings. We have seen the program of the annual meeting of a number of the state bodies and note with approval the increasing tendency to feature the "Public Meetings". These meetings, are usually held at a church or school building, conveniently located in the community, and the general public is invited and urged to attend. The program includes the presentation of subjects pertaining to oral and general health, and considerations designed to improve the general dentist—patient relationship.

Some of the organizations, which have adhered to this policy, and their meeting dates, are listed below:

- The Old Dominion Dental Society—Roanoke, Va., April 10th and 11th.
- The Palmetto Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association—Columbia, South Carolina, April 25th-28th.
- The Florida A. and M. Clinical Association—Tallahassee, Fla., February 7th, 8th and 9th.
- The Mississippi Dental Society—Meridian, Mississippi, April 26-27.
- The Louisiana Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association—New Iberia, May 10th and 11th.
- The Georgia State Dental Society—Savannah, Georgia, May 9, 10, 11.

In keeping with this policy, the Robert T. Freeman Dental Society of Washington, D. C., emphasizes its Health Program annually during the month of May. This year, the program at the regular monthly meeting in May consisted of a panel discussion on the general topic, "Dentist-Patient Relationships."

We feel that all of our organizations, local, state and national should feature their public meetings and should arrange the program to attract and interest the public as well as to publicize dental service in a fair and ethical manner. This is surely not to be overlooked if the profession and the public are to meet on a ground of common understanding and mutual benefit. J. L. D.
Due to the socio-economic changes taking place in our country today, society as a whole is beginning to realize that it is in part more and more responsible for the cost of, not only elementary, high school, and college education of our modern-day youth, but for his professional education as well. Not that the youth himself is not willing to take the summer jobs of former years and earn school money, for he is. But the summertime jobs with their ready money are not available at the present time, and parents, because of the financial strain of the time, are unable to shoulder the entire load.

In order then, that our eager and brilliant youth might enter training for the profession of dentistry, cash assistance in the form of scholarships is offered to several students of our enrollment.

This form of aid comes from certain noble spirited individuals and organizations who, by their contributions, give tangible evidence of their desire to promote the cause of dental education. The amount of financial assistance, as well as the list of contributors, is increasing. We gratefully acknowledge the addition to our list of donors for the year 1938-39, the Lincoln Dental Society of Chicago. Such a spirit of cooperation is highly commendable and most welcome.

From time immemorial, the custom of giving prizes has proved itself to be of great worth in stimulating students to put forth their best efforts. To win a prize in this or that field of work, sets the successful one aside as the highest ranking individual in
that particular endeavor. We, in the College of Dentistry, are fortunate to have several such prizes, and are happy to say that our students religiously strive to attain them.

Donation to Student Aid by the Lincoln Dental Society of Chicago

As chairman of the Committee on Prizes and Awards, it is with pleasure that I outline below a list of the scholarship awards and prizes.

In the College of Dentistry, the available awards for the school year 1938-39 were:
1. The Frederick Pelham Barrier Faculty Scholarship Award ..............................................$ 175.00
2. The Dr. Louise C. Ball Award to a female student seeking the D.D.S. degree ................................. 175.00
3. The Dr. Louise C. Ball Award to a student in the class of dental hygienists ................................. 125.00
4. University Work Scholarships ........................................ 1,487.50
5. University Tuition Scholarships ........................................ 825.00
6. National Youth Administration Awards—
   Two at .................................................................$15.00 per month
   One at ......................................................... 30.00 per month
7. The Lincoln Dental Society of Chicago ...................... 100.00
8. Scholarships Fund from the Howard University Dental Class of 1926 ............................... 50.00
9. The Robert T. Freeman Dental Society Award..... 25.00

Prizes and cash awards in the form of prizes:
1. The Louise C. Ball Award of a Gold Plaque with a Gold Seal Certificate of Merit for the excelling essay on "Public Dental Health Education".

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2. Red Seal Certificate and Honorable Mention in the Louise C. Ball Essay Contest.
3. In the Department of Oral Hygiene: The Louise C. Ball Award of a Gold Plaque with a Gold Seal Certificate for the excelling essay on "Public Dental Health Education".
5. The Robert M. Hendrick Award of a silver plaque to the senior student showing the greatest proficiency in operative dentistry.
6. The Robert M. Hendrick Cash Award of Five Dollars to the dental hygienist showing the all round highest ranking.
7. The John A. Turner Award of a pair of dental forceps, to the senior student showing the greatest proficiency in oral surgery.
8. A Certificate of Merit from the American Society for the Promotion of Dentistry for Children for outstanding work in theory, technic and practice in preventive and restorative dentistry for children, accomplished during the undergraduate course in dentistry.
9. Internships: (The awarding of internships does not come under the province of the Committee on Prizes and Awards, but we are listing here the internships available.)
   Harlem Hospital
   Forsythe Dental Infirmary
   Freedmen's Hospital
   Murry and Leonie Guggenheim Clinic (2)

The Awards were made as follows:
1. The Frederick Pelham Barrier Faculty Scholarship Award
   Ellard Jackson
2. The Louise C. Ball Award to a female student seeking the degree of D.D.S.
   No Applicant
3. The Louise C. Ball Award to a student in the class of dental hygiene
   Fische Ella Simms
4. University Work Scholarships
   Ulysses Campbell
   Wendell Price
   Aston Cooper
   Stanford Roman
   Ptolomey Corbiere
   John Skinner
George Jones
Charles Michie
Herman Thompson
Wendell Urling

5. University Tuition Scholarships
Minnie Lee Carnegie
George W. Buckner
Hortenius Chenault
Jerome Matthews
Wendell Wake

6. National Youth Administration Awards
Hubert Dinguid
Adele Jane Gordon
George Johnson

7. Lincoln Dental Society of Chicago Award
James M. Grant

8. Scholarship Fund from the Howard University Dental Class of 1926
Ulysses Campbell
George Jones

9. The Robert T. Freeman Dental Society Award
   John W. Skinner

The recipient of the prize awards were:
1. The Louise C. Ball Award of a Gold Plaque with Gold Seal Certificate for the excelling essay on “Public Dental Health Education
   James M. Grant

2. The Louise C. Ball Award of a Red Seal Certificate and Honorable Mention in the Louise C. Ball Essay Contest
   Ulysses Campbell

3. In the Department of Oral Hygiene: The Louise C. Ball Award of a Gold Plaque with a Gold Seal Certificate for the excelling essay on “Public Dental Health Education
   Minnie Lee Carnegie

4. In the Department of Oral Hygiene: A Red Seal Certificate and Honorable Mention in the Louise C. Ball Essay Contest
   Barbara Elizabeth Ward

5. The Robert M. Hendrick Prize to the dental student
   Hortenius Chenault

6. The Robert M. Hendrick Prize to the Dental Hygienist
   Fische Ella Sirnrhs

7. The John A. Turner Award
   Hortenius Chenault

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   Freedmen's Hospital—Thomas W. Edwards
   Murry and Leonie Guggenheim Clinic—Hortenius Chenault
   and William K. Collins

To those individuals, organizations and units who made these contributions possible we extend, for the University, the College of Dentistry, and the recipients, heartfelt thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT M. HENDRICK, D.D.S.,
Chairman Committee on Prizes and Awards.

DENTAL EDUCATION AND GUIDANCE

DURING the current school year, the program for vocational guidance, with regard to dentistry, has been very effectively continued.

This has been made possible by general faculty participation and a very wholesome and helpful cooperation on the part of alumni. The officials of the schools visited have shown genuine interest and have gone to great pains to aid their students in obtaining information concerning the opportunities to be found in dentistry.

These opportunities, as most of us are aware, are acutely obvious in the southern portion of the country where the proportion between Negro dentists and Negro population reaches the great range of 1 to 25,000 or more.

This year the field work has been done by Dean Dixon and various members of the faculty. It has covered, and very thoroughly too, the southern states as far to the southwest as Oklahoma and Texas.

The response has been gratifying, and we hope by establishing and maintaining an informal advisory contact with students, that an increased interest in dentistry may ensue. Aside from this, it is important and advantageous that students make an intelligent approach to their preparation for public life.

EMMETT J. SCOTT, D.M.D.
Chairman Committee on Dental Education and Guidance.
RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS-IN-AID
OF
THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS

We are pleased to publish, in full, this announcement by the Committee on Dental Research of the American College of Dentists. It is hoped that there are some of our young dental graduates, with an attitude and an aptitude for Dental Research, who will give serious and thoughtful consideration to this announcement.

PURPOSE

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS offers The William John Gies Research Fellowships and Grants-In-Aid for the purpose of assisting, especially citizens of the United States of America or Canada, in the prosecution of problems in dental research.

The Research Fellowships and Grants-In-Aid are intended principally for those who are in the early stages of preparation for their life work and who express the intention of pursuing a career in one of the preclinical sciences fundamental to dentistry as teachers and investigators in dental schools or other institutions, or those who desire to approach problems in clinical dentistry through a discipline in one of these sciences.

The Research Fellowships and Grants-In-Aid are not intended primarily for those already well established professionally, but are designed to be of help particularly to young teachers and investigators with a dental degree, who are in need of small financial subsidies to study laboratory or clinical research problems.

A study of problems of socio-economic importance to the dental profession may be supported by either the assignment of Research Fellowships or by Grants-In-Aid.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS—GRANTS-IN-AID

A Research Fellowship, based on a service period of ten months, shall carry with it a stipend of not more than $1,000.00 for a single person, nor more than $1,200.00 for a married person.

The money appropriated for any Grant-In-Aid shall ordinarily not exceed $500.00.

The appropriation of monies for Research Fellowships and Grants-in-Aid shall be made by a sub-committee of the Committee on Dental Research appointed by the Chairman. This sub-com-
mittee, designated hereafter as the Research Fellowship Board, shall consist of four members in addition to the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee on Dental Research. Recommendations of the Research Fellowship Board shall be presented to the Board of Regents for consideration and approval. Four favorable votes are necessary for a recommendation to the Regents of an assignment of a Research Fellowship or a Grant-In-Aid.

**USE OF THE MONIES APPROPRIATED**

Monies are appropriated as Grants-In-Aid for the purpose of providing special materials and equipment peculiar to the project which are not otherwise available.

The entire stipend of the Research Fellowship is designed primarily to enable the recipient to conduct research in a well equipped laboratory unless the Research Fellowship Board specifies that a certain part of it be expended to provide special materials or equipment.

Under exceptional conditions and at any time the Research Fellowship Board may recommend the allocation of a sum not to exceed $100.00 to a worthy individual engaged in research whose financial condition warrants it. The name of the recipient shall not be published and shall be known only to the Research Fellowship Board and to the Board of Regents.

**DURATION OF APPOINTMENT**

Research Fellowships and Grants-In-Aid shall be for one year only.

**APPLICATION FOR A RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP OR A GRANT-IN-AID**

1. In the application there must be included
   (a) A brief but informative description of the proposed research, or the research in progress.
   (b) An additional explanation if the research in question has been previously supported from any other sources.
   (c) A statement of the source and the amount of any other aid being received for this specific project.
   (d) The reasons why the grant is needed and a list of proposed expenditures.
Research Fellowship and Grant-In-Aid funds will be transferred to and disbursed by the financial comptroller of the institution to which the recipient of a Research Fellowship or Grant-In-Aid is attached.

2. The Research Fellowship Board will consider each application with care, but shall not be required to assign reasons for not recommending a Research Fellowship or Grant-In-Aid.

3. All applications must be sent to the Chairman of the Research Fellowship Board who will prepare copies for distribution to the other members of the Board.

4. Each application should be accompanied by a summary of training and previous experience in research together with a carefully prepared list of the applicant's publications. Reprints and manuscripts should be submitted whenever possible.

5. Each applicant for a Grant-In-Aid or a Research Fellowship shall secure an advisor, acceptable to the Research Fellowship Board and preferably attached to the institution at which the work is to be done. This advisor shall sign the application jointly with the applicant, attesting his belief in the accuracy of the statements in the application and shall agree, if a grant is made, to act as advisor to the applicant during the period of the grant.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE RECIPIENT OF A RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP OR GRANT-IN-AID

An applicant must, within thirty days of notification, signify in writing his acceptance of the terms of the grant. Appropriations once made and accepted shall be used solely for the purpose for which the Research Fellowship or Grant-In-Aid was given, unless written permission to use them for a different purpose is obtained from the Research Fellowship Board through its Secretary.

It is understood that every recipient of a Research Fellowship or Grant-In-Aid agrees to account for all expenditures at the time of expiration of the Research Fellowship or Grant-In-Aid or at any time the Research Fellowship Board may require.

Any part of the funds not needed for the investigation for which the application was originally made shall be returned to the Research Fellowship Board at the expiration of the period for which they were granted.

It is expressly understood, furthermore, that all equipment or unused materials obtained by the recipient with money granted the
recipient of a Research Fellowship or Grant-In-Aid shall be regarded as the property of the American College of Dentists. Such equipment or materials, or the value thereof, shall be returned on demand of the Secretary of the Research Fellowship Board at the expiration of the grant unless either the Fellowship or Grant is renewed, or, following a request from the holder of the equipment or materials, written permission from the Secretary is obtained to retain the materials or equipment temporarily or permanently.

Every recipient of a Research Fellowship or Grant-In-Aid shall send to the Secretary a brief account of the progress of the investigation aided by the monies allotted. This report shall be in the hands of the Secretary of the Research Fellowship Board not later than one month prior to the expiration of the grant.

PUBLICATION

The Committee on Dental Research is aware of the fact that not every investigation yields publishable results. On the other hand, if the results of any investigation are publishable it is understood that the recipient of any Research Fellowship or Grant-In-Aid may publish them without restrictions in periodicals or journals approved by the American College of Dentists. "Without restrictions" is construed to mean that no attempt shall be made to patent the results or make gain from them individually or for any institution, excepting the American College of Dentists which may exercise the right of patent and only for the purpose of preventing exploitation of the public.

Part of a Grant-In-Aid may be used toward the expense of publication of research done under such grant, or an additional grant for such purpose may be made.

Any publication resulting from aid granted by the American College of Dentists, through its Committee on Dental Research, should carry a note to the effect that the research was aided by a "Grant from The William John Gies Fund of The American College of Dentists," or while a "William John Gies Research Fellow of The American College of Dentists."

Ten reprints of each publication resulting from aid given the author through either a Research Fellowship or a Grant-In-Aid shall be sent to the Chairman of the Research Fellowship Board of The American College of Dentists.
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Combine Postgraduate study with a visit to the World’s Fair.
Attend the National Dental Association Convention,
August 14-18, 1939, in New York City.