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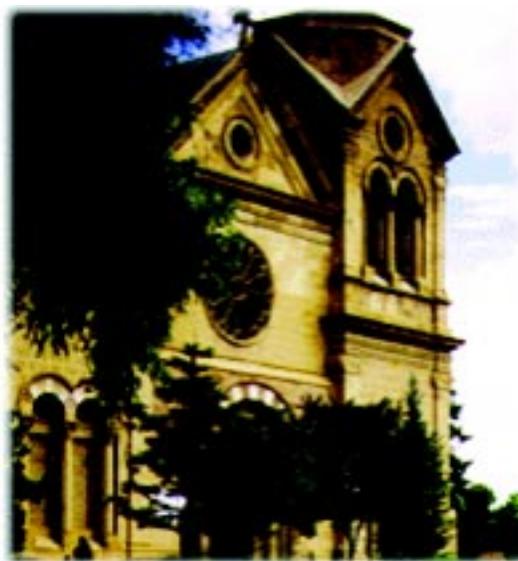
By Sree Koka

This year the Academy of Prosthodontics (AP) meeting appears to start before the meeting actually starts. Two social events will have come and gone before we even sip our first cocktail at the Welcome Reception or take up a mouthful of salad at the Welcome Dinner scheduled in its customary Thursday night spot. On Wednesday and Thursday (16th and 17th), Dave Wands will chaperone the anglers among us through two days of rainbow trout fishing, and on Thursday morning, the self-described golfers among us will take on the challenges of a new course in Santa Fe, the Marty Sanchez Links de Santa Fe, chosen by the discerning eye of organizer Steve Parel. If you are interested in either of these events please check the AP web page that Steve Eckert recently updated (www.academyprosthodontics.org) and/or the literature sent to us by Jon Wiens.

The scientific program for Santa Fe opens with an outstanding collection of speakers chosen to celebrate this Jubilee year of the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry. Dr. Brien Lang will introduce the Celebration Program and describe the themes of Vision, Discovery and Predictability. The expert speakers that follow Dr. Lang will take up these themes

and draw upon their clinical and research backgrounds to show us how their fields of interest will progress while keeping an eye on where their field has been. As one listens to Dr. Jane Brewer discuss the Science of Color, Dr. Bob Kelly discuss Ceramic and Metal/ceramic Restorations, Dr. Avishai Sadan update us on "High Strength Ceramics", Dr. Fred Rueggeberg describe the journey "From Vulcanite to Vinyl", Dr. John Wataha look into the "Future of Casting Alloys", or hear Dr. George Zarb discuss "Implant Prosthodontics in Search for a Disease", one will appreciate even more the advances we have made and obtain a glimpse of the advances yet to come.

Saturday morning promises to be anything but a yawner as Dr. John Ivanhoe offers an update on Snoring and Sleep Apnea. (He may be looking for subjects for an upcoming study so make sure to stay awake while he talks!). Following Dr. Ivanhoe, Associate Fellow Dr. Thuan Dao will discuss pain associated with whiplash. Another Associate Fellow, Dr. Kent Knoernschild follows with a description of the role that biofilms may play as we aim to offer our patients



St. Francis Cathedral, Santa Fe

restorations with optimum biocompatibility. Two implant-supported presentations follow; Dr. Glen Wolfinger will relate his experience with implants that have been functionally-loaded immediately after surgical placement, and Dr. Steven Sadowsky presents an update on mandibular implant-retained overdentures. The final presentation of the morning will provide Associate Fellow Dr. Larry Brecht the opportunity to discuss evolving technologies and new paradigms in the care of the pediatric craniofacial patient. The traditional Academy outing takes us to the Alan Houser Compound. Here the works and life of Apache artist Alan Houser, a former recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship in Painting and Sculpture, are presented and celebrated.

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Perspectives from the Editor

by Steven Eckert

The Future of Prosthodontics

My, isn't that a pretentious title? This should be a pretty heavy column, filled with deep thoughts and remarkable suggestions for this specialty. I guess that's possible but I have to admit that one never really knows until the piece is written, published and read. For now, we can only hope that there is some cogent thought in the following paragraphs.

First I should probably admit how most of these columns are developed. You see, I'm one of those folks who think in the shower. I've even been observed writing on the glass door with a bar of soap so that I don't forget the brilliant ideas that just came to me. Quite an image isn't it? Well, living in the land of 10,000 lakes I can probably do some in depth thinking since there is so little worry about draining any of these bodies of water. On the other hand, a move to the desert of Arizona might make the Perspectives section much shorter. Rather than the "Future of Prosthodontics" you might read about that day's breakfast.

Getting back to the topic, I won't pretend to know the next paradigm shift in prosthodontics. Frankly if I could envision the next major development I would probably be working to see it implemented today rather than waiting for it to be rolled out tomorrow. Predicting the future sure has not been my strong point, if it were I would have been shorting stocks for the last year and would now have a house in Hawaii near that group of retired dental implant developers. I venture to guess that even the most visionary among us can only provide general directions for the future but few hard details. So where, you are probably asking, is this discussion going?

You really needn't hold your breath waiting for profound thoughts. My vision of the future is similar to that of many others. The future of this specialty is found in the individuals who will lead it. This doesn't only mean the young prosthodontists of today, although they will certainly contribute, it really describes the folks who have yet to consider prosthodontics as an option. It could be the kid who mows your lawn, the girl scout selling cookies or the neighbor with blue and green spiked hair and earrings placed everywhere but their ears. When it comes to creative, insightful leaders we just don't know which of these young folks will carry the baton.

What we do know however is that the specialty depends upon strong leadership in the future just as it has had in the past. Like in the computer business, if we put good data in it is possible to get good data out but if junk goes in there is no chance to get anything but junk out. The same is true in prosthodontics, the stronger and more prepared our incoming graduate students are, the more information they will absorb and the more capable they will be upon completion of their programs.

Personally I doubt that education standards, increased program lengths and newly mandated areas of study will result in better trained specialists unless these guidelines are somehow linked to highly qualified students beginning training. Getting these folks interested in prosthodontics is the dilemma that we face. The incoming students must be intellectually inquisitive, hard working and demanding of themselves. They probably will not be the easiest to teach because the favorable characteristics don't always lend themselves to an easy

going, non-confrontational personality.

As clinicians, researchers and educators we must be prepared to respond to the challenges of working with folks who have been exposed to more material than we were. It means that the future for us is one of ongoing scrutiny of our techniques, study of new subjects and a willingness to change when change is needed. So as we pass the baton let's remember that it is this constant progression from generation to generation that keeps the profession going. Despite the contributions made to prosthodontics by members of this Academy, perhaps our greatest contribution will be found in the people that we encourage joining it in the future.

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Secretary Treasurers Notes

by Jon Wiens

Planning for Santa Fe

On my way to Santa Fe! I would like to thank everyone for their patience as we have transitioned the Secretary-Treasurer responsibilities. By now everyone should have received his or her registration information. Please contact me immediately if you haven't. Enclosed with the registration information was your quick reference Roster with the most recent updates received at the time of printing. Also, enclosed were the Minutes from last year's Annual Business Meeting in Quebec. One of the motions of interest was that the Fellowship resolved to reinstate the mandatory attendance requirement for Active and Associate Fellows with consideration for written excuses subject to the approval by the Executive Council. Please contact the Secretary by letter if external events will prevent your attendance in Santa Fe. The Local Arrangement Committee and the Secretary-Treasurer have received several inquiries about Santa Fe and we have collected information that will be important to make your adventure a pleasurable one.

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT SANTA FE

At 7000 feet, Santa Fe is even higher than "The Mile High City" of Denver. Please allow yourself time to adjust to the altitude. We suggest refraining from strenuous exercise until you have had time to adjust. Be aware of the altitude and if you have any questions, consult your physician about precautions. Because you are closer to the sun you can easily become sun burnt, so please make sure to use sunscreen during your visit. Drink a lot of water, as it is dry year round. Also, you may wish to use body lotion and moisturizers, and especially a

lip protector of some kind. In May, during the day, Santa Fe temperatures are typically in the high 70's, while the evening temperatures can be in the low 60 degree Fahrenheit range. Please be sure to bring a variety of clothing and plan on dressing in layers so you will not be caught off guard by sudden changes in the weather for outdoor events.

GETTING TO SANTA FE

The best flight destination is Albuquerque, New Mexico, which is served by the major airlines and is only 60-90 minute drive from Santa Fe. President Landesman has directed that we will have an AP Hostess on Thursday in the Albuquerque Airport to greet your arrival. Look for the courtesy booth and the **AP Hostess** as you pass through the baggage claim area, as they will direct you to the transportation area. There are shuttle coaches, limousines, or car rentals that can be arranged for your convenience in advance of your arrival. You can also reach Santa Fe directly from other adjacent cities, such as Denver, via United Express and America West Express commuter flights (18 passenger turboprops). At the Santa Fe Municipal Airport there is ground transportation directly to the hotel on the Road Runner or Express Shuttle (20 minutes). Once you are in Santa Fe there are many attractions in town to keep you busy. If you decide to rent a car it is highly recommended that you reserve a vehicle prior to your arrival due to the high demand by tourists. There is adequate hotel and public parking in town. A car is necessary if you want to explore the greater Santa Fe area.

DAY-BY-DAY EVENTS IN SANTA FE

Golfers and fly fishermen have a wonderful opportunity for pre-meeting fun at fabulous resorts in the area. Fellows Dave Wands and Stephen Parel have arranged guided fly tours on the San Juan River and tee-off times at the Marty Sanchez Golf Course. A contribution by the Secretary-Treasurer will be made to the AP Foundation for the angler who catches the most and/or biggest fish and for the duffer with the lowest score and/or "closest to the pin" tee shot, as judged by Dave and Steve respectfully. The "empty hook" angler and/or the golfer with the highest score will receive complimentary lessons. For the early birds, we have arranged for 12 people to visit the home of Georgia O'Keefe on Thursday morning. There is also a Georgia O'Keefe Museum in town. President

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AP Foundation

Contributions and Memorials
should be made to the
**Academy of Prosthodontics
Foundation**
and sent to:

Dr. Donald C. Kramer
Secretary/Treasurer

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Howard and Lynne Landesman will host us to a Welcome Reception featuring the sounds and sights of Flamenco and the acclaimed return of the pictorial Academy journey with a ten-year review of the “Barrack - Marchack Slide Extravanzas.”

Scientific Program Chair Gary Rogoff has put together a star-studded program, including an all day 50-year celebration for the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry. The Friday Jubilee Celebration will include a luncheon that will be cosponsored by Straumann, USA. Registrants will receive a keepsake memento at the luncheon. As a result of the all day program on Friday the First Business Meeting is scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

For the spouses and significant others, your Local Arrangements Committee have something planned for everyone. The Spouse/Guest Hospitality room will be located in the Old House Restaurant in the Eldorado Hotel. Friday, when the scientific session is in progress, the morning begins with a two-hour lecture on the “ins and outs” of Santa Fe. Departure follows to the Bandelier Monument to visit the cliff dwellings and a quick return back for time to explore Santa Fe. In the afternoon, you may want to take an art lesson held by Joan Schoenfeld at the Audubon Center or at another off site location. All supplies will

be provided and you will be able to take your work home with you. There are no scheduled events for Friday night (open night). Check with the Concierge for dinner reservations so that you will not be disappointed as the local restaurants become very busy on weekends. Saturday morning, the Santa Fe Cooking School will offer a class on Contemporary Santa Fe Cooking #1. Enjoy a fabulous meal

On Saturday afternoon, the buses will take us to the Alan Houser Sculpture Garden. This multimedia local Indian Artist is world renown for his massive bronze sculptures. We will visit the private compound for a tour of the foundry, the desert garden and all of its sculptures, museum, and a step by step demonstration of how the sculptures are fabricated from the wax to investment in cristobalite, to casting and welding. We will have a pouring demonstration as part of the tour. The Eldorado Hotel will cater dinner on the range. Western and layered attire would be appropriate for the local Native American entertainment and an outdoor event.

The President’s Reception, a black-tie affair, is scheduled to begin on the rooftop courtyard on Sunday evening. We will then traverse to the Anasazi Ballroom for the Installation Banquet with dancing and music by the Little Big Band. The Scientific Program concludes at Noon Monday with the Annual Business Meeting immediately following.

While all event details have been finalized, remember to check for any time and location changes that will be listed in the final Program Book, which you will receive when you arrive at the hotel. Visit our Academy website at

www.academyprosthodontics.org or the Santa Fe website at www.santafe.org for additional information about events and local attractions. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me, see you there!



Santa Fe Gallery

that you will prepare under the direction the Chefs of Santa Fe. Please understand that some of the side-events are limited in capacity. Early registration is strongly encouraged. We will do our best to accommodate everyone.

Rainbow Trout Fishing

by Dave Wands

New Mexico's beautiful San Juan river, south of Durango, CO flows through high desert terrain framed by cottonwoods, willows, and is surrounded by tamarisk thickets, covered hills dotted with sagebrush and juniper. Deep pools and runs, tailwaters with riffles braided around small islands, and wide flats, provide the wading fly fisherman a world-class experience. The river resembles a clear spring creek with the prolific populations of aquatic insects. However, the formidable currents and sandstone ledges slippery with algae, sometimes make wading treacherous. The most productive stretch is 3.75 miles immediately downstream from the Navajo Dam, with an estimated 8,000 trout per mile. The selective omnivorous feeding trophy rainbows averaging 3-4 pounds, inhabiting 42-46 degree water, grow about 6 inches a year. Primarily a "nymph" river, the



San Juan offers spectacular mid-afternoon dry fly fishing.

A McKinzie river drift boat guided day or half-day float trip will maximize your fishing experience, although float tubes and wading are popular below the dam. Guides recommend a 5 or 6 weight 9' fly rod with a floating line and 12-14' leaders with 5X to 7X tippets, and use a unique three fly dropper technic with a strike indicator fishing the channels and

feeding lanes with size 18-24 midge larva and pupa imitations. The San Juan is primarily a catch and release fishery, barbless hooks required, although one fish over 20" may be kept.

The San Juan River is one of the three best tailwater fisheries in the West and May is an excellent month to maximize catching these trophy rainbow trout. Contact Dave Wands 360-352-2688 or E-mail DaveWands@home.com for additional information after visiting Soaring Eagle Outfitters web site sanjuanflyfishing.com who will host our group providing first class lodging, meals and guide service. Reservations can be made now with Janet Zachry 1-800-866-2719. This fly fishing trip will be a fondly remembered wonderful experience for those who have never been trout fishing or the very experienced angler alike.

A Glimpse at the 83rd Annual Session

AP 2001	WEDNESDAY MAY 16	THURSDAY MAY 17	FRIDAY MAY 18	SATURDAY MAY 19	SUNDAY MAY 20	MONDAY MAY 21
MORNING		TROUT FISHING	GET ACQUAINTED BREAKFAST	NEW FELLOWS BREAKFAST	SCIENTIFIC SESSION	SCIENTIFIC SESSION
			BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT TOUR	SCIENTIFIC SESSION		
AFTERNOON	RAINBOW TROUT FISHING	GOLF AT MARTY SANCHEZ LINKS DE SANTA FE	SCIENTIFIC SESSION	MEMBERS BUSINESS LUNCHEON	ASSOCIATE AND LIFE FELLOWS LUNCHEON	ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
	SAN JUAN RIVER	GEORGIA O'KEEFE HOME TOUR	JPD JUBILEE LUNCHEON	SANTA FE COOKING SCHOOL		
	SOARING EAGLE LODGE			FIRST BUSINESS MEETING		
EVENING		WELCOME RECEPTION AND DINNER		ALAN HOUSER FOUNDATION COMPOUND SOCIAL OUTING	PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION	INSTALLATION BANQUET

Lou Blatterfein

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and past president of the Greater NY Academy of Prosthodontics.

Lou's greatest honor was being named a Section Editor of The Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry when Judson Hickey took over as Editor. He remained in that job for 17 years, where his ability to critic and edit gained him international acclaim.

He is proud that he is now a giver. Lou is philanthropically oriented, making annual contributions to nonsectarian and selective religious organizations. In 1985 his gift of \$250,000 created the Dr. Louis Blatterfein Center for preclinical Sciences at NYU and in 1996 NYU named the Dr. Louis Blatterfein Department of Prosthodontics in recognition of his gift of \$500,000.

His interests revolved around spectator sports (he was a frequent attendee at all the major sporting events in the New York area) and travel. He has been to 2/3 of the states in the US and to 22 countries worldwide, some numerous times.

He was always interested in dancing and had taken lessons in American and Latin Dancing. A frequent attendee at ballrooms, nightclubs and discos, he met and began seeing a famous Cuban dancer who helped him refine all the Latin dances. She gave him the incentive to bring his skills to a very high level. With Lou's natural rhythm they became an excellent dance team and traveled together all over the Caribbean. It was off to Argentina to learn the Tango, Brazil the Samba and the Dominican Republic for the Meringue. This travel provided contact with international professional

dancers and dance instructors. A frequent visitor to pre-Castro Cuba, he has fond memories of being in Havana which had an orchestra playing at the airport. Lou's love of dance had him and his companion doing a mean Tango while they waited for their plane. People there, as well as in the numerous places he danced, though he was an instructor and tried to hire him to give lessons. Their 25 year relationship was ended by her death, but Lou never lost the dance bug. His ability to lead, improvise steps and "take what the music gives" made him a highlight at Academy dinner dances.

Lou has always been a bundle of energy. He doesn't know where he got it from, but he still has it. He still loves to put on the music and dance. Please join with me in saluting my friend and colleague, Louis Blatterfein.

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Day Four of our 83rd meeting continues the ongoing "Evidence-Based Dentistry" themes initiated at previous meetings. This morning's program has been tailored to meet responses obtained from those surveyed after last year's EBD program and as such we will hear Dr. Dennis Johnston discuss the challenges of "Calibration", and Dr. Clark Stanford offer an overview of "Statistics". Speaking of which, what's the probability that the President's Reception and Installation Banquet will once again prove how tuxedos and fine dresses really can make us look even more handsome (boys) and beautiful (girls) than we really are? Of course, the boys Glen McGivney, Steve Parel, Ron Jarvis and Ted Riley did manage to look beautiful in their fine dresses at last year's outing too.



Santa Fe Fiesta

The final session holds a potpourri of topics: *in vitro*, clinical, and "perspectives" will be presented. Dr. Donna Hecker will describe the deformation that occurs

at the implant-abutment interface under load, Dr. Tom Barco will discuss the use of "Onplants", and Dr. Jeffrey Rubenstein will update us on advances in the field of maxillofacial prosthetics. Following on, complications and failures associated with fixed prosthodontic restorations will be presented by Active Fellow Dr. Charles Goodacre before Life Fellow Dr. David Wands offers his perspective on the Academy of Prosthodontics. The scientific session of the 83rd meeting closes with a topic close to the heart of each of us, specifically the decline in applications (particularly those from outstanding students) to prosthodontic residency programs. Active Fellows Dr. Gary Goldstein and Dr. David Felton will employ their present or past experiences as Directors of Residency Programs to discuss the potentially somber future of prosthodontics.

Outreach

by Jim Chandler

Outreach Project in Montezuma Creek, Arizona Navaho Indian Facility

There are five hundred and fifty officially recognized Native American tribes in 35 states. Only 400 Indian Health Service dentists serve the 1.5 million tribal members. Because of this imbalance, the Academy of Prosthodontics began a relationship with the Indian Health Service to provide prosthodontic care to under-

eral hundred thousand dollars in benefits to the Indian Health Service.

In July 2000 an Academy group of dental technicians and students led by Drs. Jim DeBoer, John Agar, and Eric Rasmussen treated Navaho patients in Montezuma Creek, Arizona. Humans have lived in the Four Corners area for

tist. Dr. Agar said that most of the Indians from this remote area do not speak English and needed dental care badly. The Navaho tribe suffers from a high incidence of diabetes and associated periodontal disease. The facility provided an interpreter and Dr. Agar said that while the patients initially seemed unsure, they quickly warmed to the Academy group to the point where twenty two patients were treated with thirty three-units of prosthetic restorations.

The daily contact with the Navaho people was as fulfilling as the care given. While watching the prosthodontists at work, the 17-year-old daughter of a staff member decided that "she wanted to be a dentist". Another young woman who is a graphics major in college said that the denture construction process "showed how art can be combined with health care to help people".

This year's outreach effort was assisted by the donated services of a commercial dental lab. And, as always, the assistance of the Indian Health Service was invaluable.

Academy Outreach Programs are a rewarding experience for the participants, the Academy and for the patients. The opportunity for service, challenge, camaraderie and learning is an inviting combination. If you are interested in participating at an Academy Outreach site in 2001, please contact the Outreach Committee chairman, Eric Rasmussen.



*John Agar, Jerry Andres, Eric Rasmussen and
Jim DeBoer at AP Outreach*

served Native Americans. Since 1993, the Academy Outreach Program has treated patients in Oklahoma, Montana, Arizona, Alaska and Utah providing sev-

over 10,000 years and it is now the Navaho homeland. The Montezuma Creek Health Care facility is a regional medical center with a dental clinic but no den-

Life Fellows

by Gary Goldstein

Dr. Louis Blatterfein

You had to see Lou Blatterfein lecture. At exactly 8 AM he would begin and at exactly 8:50 he would end. Never running over and never coming up short. As a student and again as a junior faculty member I attended his lecture series many times and was always impressed by his ability to communicate without all the audio visual aids we have today. Very few lecturers would stand up in front of an audience without their slides, but Lou never needed them. He knew the right words, the right inflections and the right examples to put a clear picture in every student's mind. Whether it was "like bringing coal to Newcastle (England)" (an early version of bringing ice to an Eskimo) or "that's like shooting a flea with an elephant gun," he got his point across. Every time I sat in on his lectures I came away more knowledgeable about prosthodontics.

One of Lou's famous quotes was "if you have nothing to say, dazzle them with your footwork". Well Lou never needed footwork in his lectures, he saved that for the dance floor. He is the consummate professional; articulate, well prepared and organized. A demanding educator and clinician, a perfectionist in everything he does, Lou led by example.

I met with Lou on a recent Tuesday at NYU to catch up on his activities. Here is what is happening with this great gentleman.

Lou will be 90 on July 19th and is doing well. He has curtailed most of his outside activities as he is taking care of his invalid sister.

He feels his greatest achievement was first and foremost his dedication to dentistry. After graduating NYU with BA, Lou was given a full scholarship to dental school and graduated in 1933 as the Valedictorian of his class.

He started teaching in the preclinical area and worked his way up the ranks to Professor. After 42 years of service to NYU he retired in 1978 and was awarded Professor Emeritus status. He is proud to have studied and taught with such legends as Victor Sears, Clyde Schuyler, Merrill Swenson and Vincent Trapozzano. He combined teaching with a successful private practice from which he retired in 1988.

During his 10 year term (1965-75) as Sec/Treas of Omega Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon he converted an "orphan in a storm" back to being a prestigious organization. He made it his goal to upgrade the dignity and prestige of the chapter. Through his efforts the Annual Induction Dinner became a black tie af-



fair at some of the most prestigious hotels in New York (St. Regis, St Moritz, Essex House etc.). He initiated the Annual Seminars as a member benefit, started a chapter newsletter and initiated the Student Table Clinic program. All of these are still active today.

Lou is the longest dues paying member of the American Prosthodontic Society, having joined in 1938. He is the only living Charter Member of the American Board of Prosthodontics, a Charter Member of the American College of Prosthodontists and a Charter Member

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