I want to congratulate Jonathan Wiens on his efforts in starting our AP Newsletter. The first issue is a great beginning, and future issues will certainly improve communication among the fellows and wives of the Academy. I believe the high quality of the publication is in accord with the traditions of the Academy. All of you can help in developing the newsletter by giving information to our editor for inclusion in it. I look at this as an opportunity to communicate not only on the business of the Academy, but also with news concerning personal information about the fellows and spouses. It should also be a forum for the fellows to sound off on matters of interest concerning the Academy and prosthodontics in general. Opinions are welcomed by the editor who began this activity with an excellent, thoughtful editorial in this issue.

The activities directed toward approval of the Academy of Prosthodontics Foundation are proceeding under the leadership of Cliff Van Blarcom, with the assistance of Brien Lang. Several requests for more information from the IRS have been answered. I am pleased to report that the AP Foundation has just received IRS approval as a Charitable Organization 501 (C) (3).

All committees are busily working on their activities for the year. Committee activities have long been an effective process in the Academy, and I'm sure this year's committee will be no exception. The Nomenclature Committee under Cliff Van Blarcom and the Principles Concepts and Practices Committee under Ron Jarvis are reaching the stages where new revisions are being developed. You have been asked to make your contribution to these activities, and these hard-working committees deserve your support.

The one unpleasant aspect of being a fellow in this Academy is that each year one or more of our colleagues pass away. So many of our fellows are one of a kind, and their passing leaves an unfilled void. This year is no exception with the loss of Raymond Nagle and Severn Olsen. I know that the many friends of both these men will miss them.

Rhobie and I wish all of you good health, happiness and success in the 1992, and we are looking forward to seeing you in Lexington. If you have suggestions for the good of the Academy please let us know.
Perspectives from the Editor

The ACP Proposes Parent and Board Sponsorship

Recently, the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) submitted a resolution to the FPO House of Delegates. The proposal states "...that the ACP is to be recognized by the ADA as the parent organization of the specialty of prosthodontics and the sponsor of the American Board of Prosthodontics (ABP)." The key words are "parent" and "sponsor" with the premise being that the ACP is the body which best represents Prosthodontics. Proposals of this magnitude are highly significant, pivotal and have the capability of changing the course of future events by shifting paradigms. Comprehensive analysis and final resolve will require that emotion be put aside or used only to underscore factual information.

A supposition may be made that while most prosthodontists know the requirements for ABP certification, many do not understand completely the evolution, mechanism, the people involved, and may fail to respond in an informed manner. Historically, the Academy of Prosthodontics sponsored the ABP from its incorporation in 1947. This was transferred to the FPO in 1972. The rationale then was "the FPO best represented Prosthodontics." Now it is being suggested that the FPO is no longer held in that light.

Analysis of FPO membership reveals that there are 17 member organizations which represent both the specialty and the discipline of prosthodontics. If we select parameters of: 1) must be a graduate of an ADA approved program in Prosthodontics and 2) represents American Prosthodontists and not limited specific geographic regions then the following organizations emerge: Academy of Prosthodontics-AP; American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics-AAFP; American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics-AAMP; and American College of Prosthodontists-ACP. This stringent test unfortunately eliminates our important and well respected colleagues from the north and the other 12 organizations which have played a meaningful role in the development of the specialty.

Currently, any FPO member organization is capable of nominating a Diplomate of the ABP for review by the Council for the Affairs of the ABP to potentially serve as a Board Officer/Examiner. The Council for the Affairs of the ABP is served by the: ACP(3 representatives); AP; AAFP, and AAMP(1 representative each); and 3 members-at-large to represent the 13 other organizations. The final decision rests with the majority vote by the "Active" Diplomates.

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Secretary-Treasurer Notes

It seems each day brings in new Academy business, either by mail, phone or FAX. Our fiscal year ended November 30, 1991, and the yearly accounting, tax returns and audit are proceeding. About three quarters of the dues have been received. If you have not sent yours in, please do so now.

The traditional Fellowship Breakfast will be held at the Chicago Hyatt Regency Hotel on Sunday, February 16 at 7:00 AM in the Addams Room (Old Tower). This informal get-together is for Life, Active and Associate Fellows who will be in Chicago for other meeting activities. Please return your registration form as soon as possible if you haven’t already done so. The Breakfast will be followed by a meeting of the Executive Council and the Board of Trustees of the Academy of Prosthodontics Foundation. Secretary-Treasurer of the AP Foundation, Cliff VanBlarcom, was especially thankful this Thanksgiving, as he received word from the IRS that the Foundation had been approved. A large number of you have made a donation to the Foundation when remitting your dues, for which we are all grateful.

President Smith has the committees working. The Local Arrangements Committee, under the direction of Chuck Ellinger, has a great social agenda planned in a delightful setting in Lexington, Kentucky. Charlie Swoope has put the finishing touches on a stimulating scientific program. Invite your friends to attend a meeting! There are no restrictions on the number of times guests may attend Academy meetings, or when they last attended. Don’t forget to come a day early to attend the Continuing Education course featuring Academy Fellows Bolender, Goodacre and McGivney on May 15.

Applications for Associate Fellow have been received for Stephen Campbell, James Chandler, Robert Gillis, Donald Kramer, Harold Litvak, Baldwin Marchack, Ross Tallents and Shane White. Support letters should be sent to the Secretary before February 10, 1992. My home address is:

32 Muirfield Court, Pittsford, NY, 14534.

On behalf of the Officers, Council Members and their wives, may 1992 bring the very best to each one of you and your loved ones.
News of the Fellowship

The 56th Annual Mayo Alumni meeting was held in Rochester, Minnesota October 16-20th. Fifteen of the eighteen former and current prosthodontic residents were present to recognize and offer personal testimony to William Laney for his dedication to the education of his residents and the specialty of prosthodontics. Bill was presented with a framed plaque which contained two original letters of numismatic and historical value that were signed by Dr. William and Dr. Charles Mayo in 1916. The letters flanked a bronze Mayo medallion and an inscribed plaque with the names of the eighteen residents. It was a heartwarming experience. The Laney's have recently moved. Bill and Sally's new address is:

Dr. and Mrs. William R. Laney
25015 North Onal Havon Drive
PO Box 31323
Río Verde, Arizona 85263-1323

Francis Panno was recently elevated to President-Elect of the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics.

The following Academy members were inducted as Fellows of the American College of Dentists:

James Lord
Gary Rogoff
Charlie Swoope
George Zarb

Theodore Jacobson is currently serving as President of the California Section of the American College of Prosthodontics.

The International College of Prosthodontists and the Japan Prosthodontist Society held a World Congress on Prosthodontics in Hiroshima, Japan during September 1991. At the conclusion of the meeting Academy Fellows Jack Preston and George Zarb were installed as President-Elect and Secretary.

Lexington Promenade

The Local Arrangements Committee has been working diligently for the past two years to have an interesting and exciting social program for the 1992 meeting.

For the Academy membership, their spouse and guest, we have plans that include activities at the Kentucky Horse Park, a state facility located a short distance from our hotel, and a Spindletop Hall, a University of Kentucky faculty and alumni club. A special event is planned for Sunday when we will travel to Churchill Downs in Louisville. We will enjoy a buffet and see some of the races on the card that afternoon. We will finish the day in grand style with a ride on an Ohio River sternwheeler, The Belle of Louisville.

Tours for spouses are being planned to Pleasant Hill a restored Shaker village. Authentic craft shops are open daily and lunch will be at the village dining room. Other possible tours include trips to Berea, Ky. and to a distillery in the area.

The Berea trip would include a visit to Berea College student industries and Churchill Weavers. If enough interest is shown a tour can be arranged to a nearby distillery that produces one of the more well known Kentucky bourbons. To orient our spouses to our great city, we are planning a city tour on Saturday. Included will be historic sites in the area and a visit to one of the local horse farms.

We are very excited that the Academy has chosen our city for our meeting. We pledge to do everything we can to make this one of your most memorable meetings.

Chuck Ellinger
Chairman, Local Arrangements

Call for Table Clinics

Dick Grisius reports the need for Table Clinics at the upcoming Lexington meeting. Secretary-Treasurer Graser sent out Table Clinic Applications with the previous mailing. Academy members are encouraged to apply as well as to promote other young talent. Please direct applications and inquiries to:

Dr. Richard J. Grisius
Director Dental Medical Services
Geisinger Medical Center
Danville, Pennsylvania 17822-1336
(717) 271-6355
A P Foundation Receives CO Status

The Academy of Prosthodontics Foundation was notified on November 19, 1991 that it had been accepted as a Charitable Organization under the guidelines of the I.R.S. Code. As a 501 (C) (3) organization we may solicit donations to the Foundation which will be tax deductible to the donor within the limits of their individual tax returns. The AP Foundation will be supporting the Continuing Education program this May. We anticipate a major fund drive during 1992 both at the individual and corporate level.

Clifford VanBlarcom
Secretary-Treasurer of the AP Foundation

Special Interest Groups

The following Academy members have a special interest in Skiing:

Jane Brewer     Lance Ortman
Jon Ference     Eric Rasmussen
Bill Kotowicz   Gary Rogoff
Glen McGivney   Vernon Shaffner
George Murrell  

Dick Grisius has deciphered the "flag message" from the last AP Newsletter:

"Californians stay out of Washington"

If anyone (except I.K.A.) knows what the study of Trochilidae is please correspond.

Photo Roster Update

John and Kash Young are in the process of correcting the Photo Roster and have a deadline of February 10, 1992 to allow enough time for collating and printing. It is important that if anyone has changes they should immediately contact Drs. Young and Graser. Technical information can always be faxed to John Young at 512-567-3443. Photographs may need to be updated and mailed to the address below:

UTHSC Dental School
Dr. John M. Young
Department of General Practice
7703 Floyd Curl Drive
San Antonio, TX 78284

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The 1990 ADA Dentist Masterfiles reveal that there are 2,862 educationally qualified Prosthodontists in the United States. The ADA Report of National Certifying Boards for Special Areas of Dental Practice indicates that there were 960 Diplomates of the ABP in 1990 of which 748 were "Active." We may compare membership numbers and Diplomate numbers listed in the adjacent table. This provides factual information that may be used to reach a preliminary conclusion; however, this does not necessarily forecast allegiance nor confer progenitor status. If control is shifted to a singular body will the "Academies" be asked to relinquish their nominating ability? Will they lose respect and credibility? The fact that we belong to multiple prosthodontic organizations heterogeneously is a conundrum, but may also represent the pathway or the method to offer conciliation to all concerned - the FPO.

Recent Prosthodontic graduates eagerly look for recognition of their accomplishments. The ACP membership requirements does just that and has resulted in substantial numerical growth. Sound argument may be made for one organization sponsoring the Board as with other dental specialties.

Singular sponsorship may represent a natural but difficult metamorphosis which could further focus the specialty. Unfortunately, it may be genetically programmed to a predetermined agenda which will occur whether we participate or not and to the eventual exclusion of others. Many questions may be raised.

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In closing, the important message is for all to become informed and to investigate the complete resolution proposed, the function of the FPO and ACP, as well as the various prosthodontic specialist organizations and those in the discipline. We will be called upon in the very near future to make a conscious decision based upon facts with the central goal in mind to protect the future of the specialty. Let your Academy Officers know your viewpoint.

Newsletter Editor

The views expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the Academy of Prosthodontics.