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## President's Message

The 1982 meeting is now behind us and we must congratulate and thank Dr. Harold Schnepfer and his officers for a very successful year.

Recognition of the contribution of Jim Vernetti was for me a highlight of the annual dinner. May I add my thanks and best wishes. Because of Jim's development of a teaching program, I have made no changes to the Special Clinicians Committee.

It is my hope that we may be able to increase the Study Club participation of our membership, and to encourage growth, especially in regions where the Academy is weak.

In conclusion, may I remind all committee chairmen of the need for preliminary reports to be sent to the Secretary- Treasurer at 2514 Watts Road, Houston, Texas, by January 26, 1983.

These reports will facilitate our planning at the interim meeting in Chicago in February.

To all members and their families, I send my thanks and best wishes for the season and for the coming year.

Norman C. Ferguson



Drs. Roy Fetterman, Ron Harris, Nelson Rupp, Julian Thomas. Drs. William Roberts, Norman Ferguson, Ralph Boelsche.

## American Academy of Gold Foil Operators Minutes of Board Meeting October 1982

The Board of Directors of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators met at 1:00 p.m. in Room 218 of the University Hilton, Los Angeles, California on November 3, 1982. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Harold Schnepfer.

Members in attendance were: Dr. Harold Schnepfer, Dr. Norman Ferguson, Dr. Ronald K. Harris, Dr. Julian Thomas, Dr. William Roberts, Dr. Nelson W. Rupp, Dr. Perry Dungey, Dr. Roy Fetterman, Dr. Paul Dawson, Dr. Jose Medina, Dr. Martin Anderson, Dr. Ian Hamilton, Dr. Chester Gibson, Dr. Clifford Miller, Dr. William Frank, Dr. James Vernetti, Dr. Alan Osborn, and Dr. Ralph A. Boelsche.

The minutes of the February board meeting were accepted as they appeared in the spring issue of the Gold Leaf. The financial report was read.

The chair recognized Dr. William Frank, Chairman of the local arrangements for the Los Angeles meeting. Dr. Frank welcomed the group to the city and gave a report of the activities. He announced that Dr. Clyde Leach, Chairman of the Operative Department of Dentistry at U.S.C., was prepared for the clinic meeting on Thursday, November 4, 1982. A schedule of the tours was outlined. Dr. Frank announced entertainment for the banquet would be instrumental music by students of U.S.C. music department, the Pasadena Crown City Chorus, and the speaker for the evening would be Mr. Nathan Pritiken.

The following committee reports were given:

### **Journal: Dr. Ian Hamilton, Editor:**

It was reported that ten articles, editorials, points of view and book reports had been published this year. There will be four issues for 1982.

A vote of appreciation was extended to the editors for outstanding jobs.

### **Public Relations Committee: Dr. Melvin Lund, Chairman:**

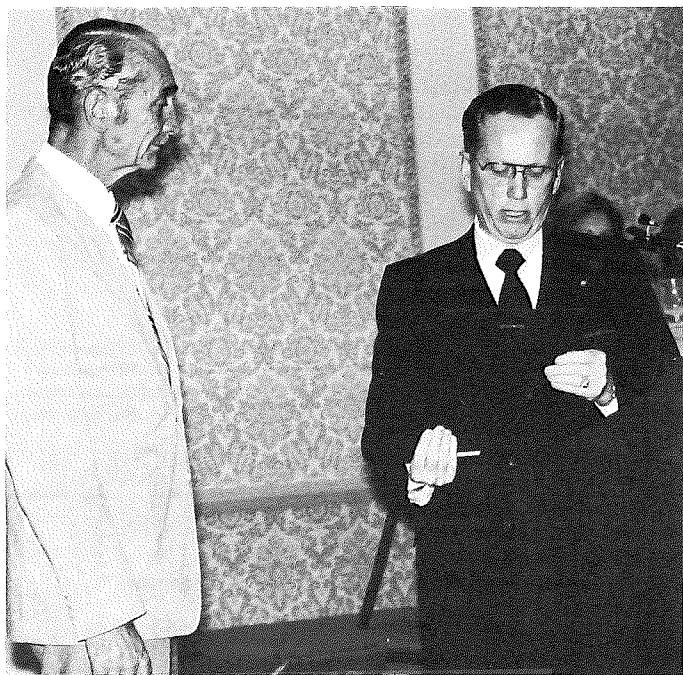
Letters written to the dental colleges throughout the nation had stimulated renewed interest in the schools in work with direct gold restorations. It received excellent response from many, opening the way for more contacts by the special clinicians group.

A vote of appreciation was extended to the chairman and his committee.

### **Special Clinicians Committee: Dr. James P. Vernetti, Chairman:**

An in-depth and conclusive report was presented by the Chairman, followed by discussions relating to the promotion and execution of various endeavors of the group with schools and study clubs. A written suggestion by Dr. Dan Frederickson was introduced relating to the data sheet of instructions on previous study club efforts. The idea of a video tape project done by the academy in conjunction with Williams Gold was discussed by the body. This is to be voted on at a later time. A motion was made by Dr. Ronald Harris and approved by

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Dr. Clifford Miller presents the 'Distinguished Member Award' to Dr. James Vernetti.

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The recipient of this award is Dr. James Vernetti.

Dr. Vernetti graduated in 1937, entering private practice. He is a Charter Member of the Foil (1959). He was also a Chairman and is a Member of the American Academy of General Dentistry, a fellow of the American College, the International College of Dentists, the Academy of General Dentistry and the Academy of Dentistry International.

Dr. Vernetti has also been associated throughout his professional career with teaching, and has long associations with U.S.C., U.C.L.A., and Loma Linda. In 1975 he entered the academic field on a full time basis with his appointment as Professor at the University of Texas Dental School at San Antonio. Having earned the respect of faculty and students alike he was selected as the commencement speaker in 1976, and was awarded a plaque as Most Outstanding Professor in 1979. An award (annual) was commenced in his name for Excellence in Operative Dentistry in 1978.

With such a heavy professional schedule, Dr. Vernetti still played a very active role in civic affairs. As a tribute to his dedicated service the Mayor of Coronado named 23rd May, 1975, Jim Vernetti Day, and presented him with the key to the city.

Dr. Vernetti has been a dedicated supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, a long time Rotarian, having served as President of the Coronado Rotary Club and having helped to organize the Oak Hill Rotary Club of San Antonio, Texas, serving as its first president.

Congratulations Jim upon your selection from the whole Academy.

## Past President's Message

The 32nd Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators is now History. There are several things that deserve mentioning about the meeting.

We had the largest number of operators for the Clinical Session in this history of the Academy. Thirty-seven members of the Academy displayed their talents in the preparing of direct gold restorations. Patient selection done by Dr. Clyde Leach, Chairman of the Operative Department at U.S.C., was superb. Many thanks, Clyde, for a job well done.

We are all deeply indebted to Dr. Bill Frank for the Local Arrangements. Everything went so smoothly...Ladies tours, afternoon tour to the Huntington Library, and the evening Banquet with excellent music and topped off with Dr. Nathan Pritikin speaking to us about our Health and Diet. Bill, we the Academy appreciate your hard efforts for an excellent program.

The Essays, again, were outstanding and interesting. I am hoping that Dr. Ron Harris will publish his paper in regards to some of his findings of cavity design for Class III's and V's, especially the Russian prep that is being taught under his leadership at Indiana.

We all have benefited from the work that the Committees did during this past year. I wish to thank all of the members of the Committees for their contribution to a successful year. I know it's not proper to single out one committee over another, but I especially wish to give thanks to Dr. Jim Vernetti for his untiring effort with the Special Schools Committee. The Academy has made big strides this year in introducing Direct Gold Teaching back into several schools curriculum.

Last, but not least, we the Academy are especially proud of our Distinguished Member recipient, Jim Vernetti. Jim, we are proud of you and salute you for your support and contribution to the Foil Academy. We were all saddened by Beth's sudden illness on the afternoon of your receiving the Award. We all hope and pray for her recovery.

Thank you, Members of the Academy, for your confidence in me to guide this Great Academy for the past year. It was an honor and privilege I will never forget.

Sincerely,  
Harold E. Schnepper,  
Past President  
AAGFO

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING—Continued

Dr. Julian Thomas to reimburse Dr. Vernetti for expenses of a trip to Chicago in December and to accept the report as given. All approved.

**Membership Committee: Dr. Lyle Ostlund, Chairman:**  
(Presented by the President)

It was reported that the Academy presently has a total of 429 members; 371 members are active and associates, 58 are life and honorary. The names of 13 applicants for associate membership, 4 applicants for active membership and 5 applicants for life membership were approved by the group.

**Necrology Committee: Dr. James Vernetti, Chairman:**

The names of Dr. F. L. Jacobson and Dr. William H. Gyllenberg were read.

**Education Committee: Dr. Allan Osborn, Chairman:**

It was reported that this committee made a survey of the educational attitudes relating to direct gold and cast gold among the Dental Schools of North America. The compiled findings of this survey were related to the various state boards of dental examiners urging continued requirements for direct gold in granting licenses.

The report was approved and highly appreciated by the board.

**Nominating Committee: Dr. Paul Dawson, Chairman:**

The following slate was presented with a vote to be taken in the general business meeting.

President:	Dr. Norman C. Ferguson
President Elect:	Dr. William Roberts
Vice President:	Dr. Ronald Harris
Secretary-Treasurer:	Dr. Ralph A. Boelsche
Councilmen:	Dr. N. W. Rupp, Dr. Julian Thomas, Dr. Roy Fetterman

A discussion for plans of future meetings resulted in a motion by Dr. William Roberts and seconded by Dr. Ronald Harris, that registration fees be raised to \$100 for members and guests, and \$60 for wives. The motion was approved.

Dr. Thomas moved and Dr. Roberts seconded the motion that a representative from Emory University School of Dentistry be invited to attend the 1983 meeting at U.C.L.A. This would be at the expense of the academy to make plans for the 1984 meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ralph A. Boelsche Secretary-Treasurer

## Didactic Program Highlights

Highlights from the didactic portion of the meeting brought us lectures from Mr. Vic Williams, Dr. Bruce Smith, Dr. Ronald Harris and Dr. Julian Thomas.

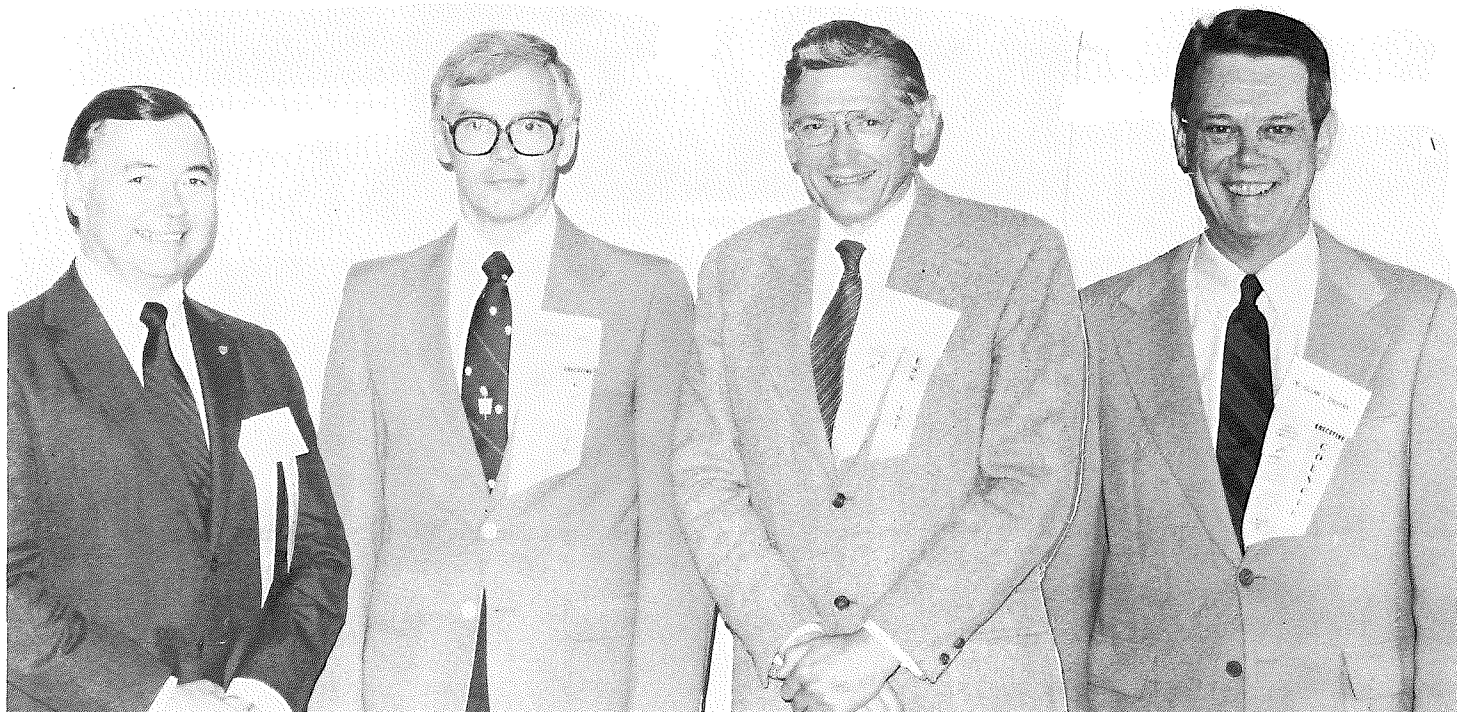
Mr. Williams gave us a fascinating account of the manufacture of Gold Foil; including the manner in which they have been able to produce the new platinized Gold Foil which is proving to be exceptionally pleasant to use. He also gave us a history of the Williams family dating back to the American Revolution where a distant scion acted as aide to George Washington and later served with the British in the West Indies. He also traced the movements of the firm in the U.S. and Canada.

Dr. Bruce Smith read an errudite paper on the more sophisticated techniques for the use of rubber dam; which included many extremely

helpful ideas from which we may all benefit. This he followed with a short discussion on the merits of different lubricants which helps to point up the continuing search for an ideal.

Dr. Ronald Harris traced the designs over the years of the different types of Class III foil preparation and the various types of direct filling gold that could be used in them. In view of the content and its historical significance, as well as factual and up to date methods of operation, it would be good to see this paper fully published.

Dr. Julian Thomas presented a paper on Gold Foil as a teaching material, which demonstrated so well why it has always been a standard for excellence, and its position in relation to other restorative materials used in operative dentistry. This is a paper which should have very wide circulation.



Mr. Vic Williams, Dr. Ronald Harris, Dr. Bruce Smith, Dr. Julian Thomas. Lecturers for the 1982 meeting of AAGFO.

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### BUSINESS MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AMERICAN ACADEMY OF GOLD FOIL OPERATORS LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The general business meeting of the academy was called to order at 7:00 a.m. on November 4, 1982, by the President, Dr. Harold Schnepfer.

Following a few announcements concerning the meeting schedule, the report of the nominating committee was read. The nominations were accepted by acclamation. The following officers were elected to be installed at the banquet:

President:	Dr. Norman C. Ferguson
President Elect:	Dr. William J. Roberts
Vice President:	Dr. Ronald K. Harris
Secretary-Treasurer:	Dr. Ralph A. Boelsche
Executive Council:	Dr. Nelson W. Rupp
	: Dr. Julian J. Thomas
	: Dr. Roy Fetterman

The meeting was adjourned to attend the clinical portion of the program.

The second session of the business meeting was held on Friday, November 5, 1982. Dr. Harold Schnepfer called the meeting to order.

Dr. Norman Ferguson, the 1982 program chairman, thanked those participating in all phases of the meeting and expressed a special tribute to the exhibitors.

Dr. Schnepfer presented the list of associate, active and life members being recommended by the membership committee. Accepted by acclamation.

Each committee chairman made a brief report of his work for 1982. These were well received and highly appreciated.

Following the lecture portion of the program the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

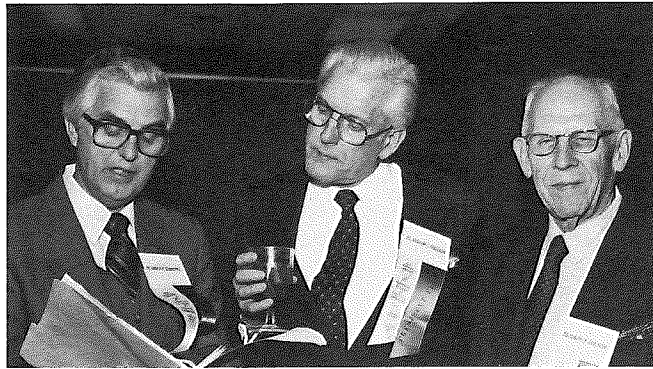
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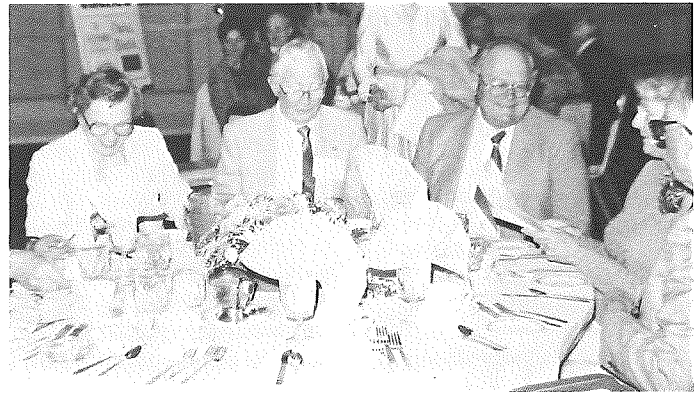
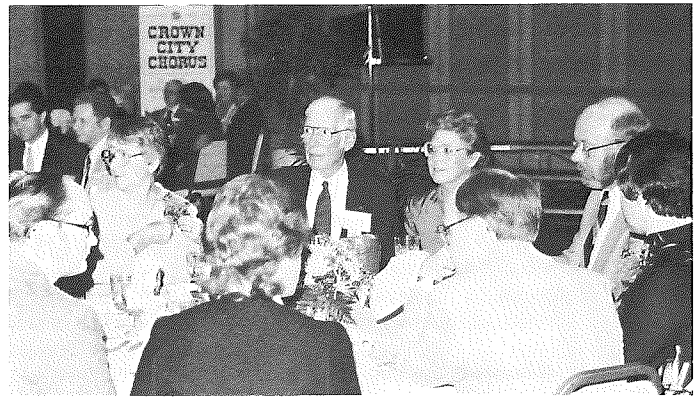
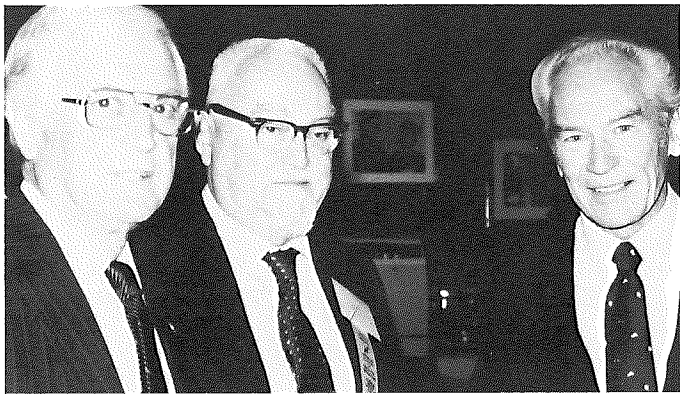
# *The Banquet*

The banquet was well attended and a great success with entertainment by the Crown City Chorus and students from USC music department.

Following presentation of the distinguished member award to Dr. James Verneti, we were entertained by a talk by Mr. Nathan Pritiken on the influence of diet on the health of the coronary arteries.

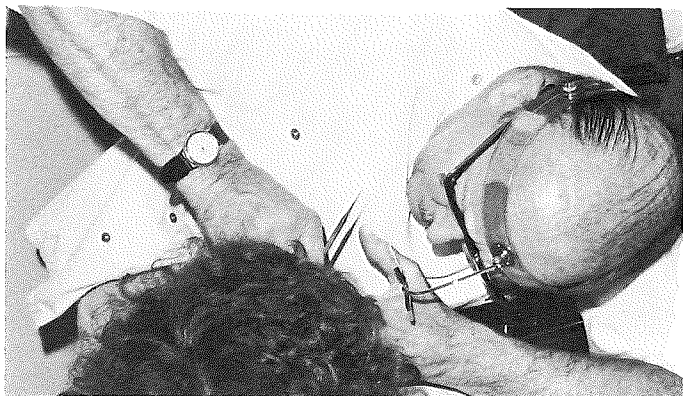


*Drs. Harold Schnepfer, Norman Ferguson, Ralph Boelsche.*

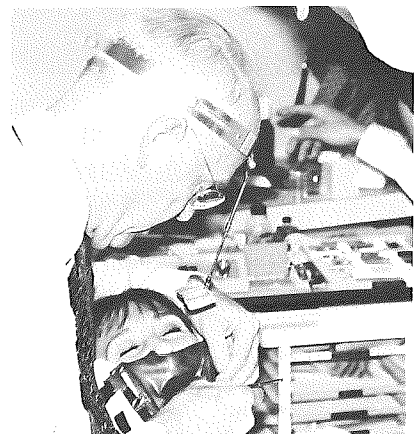
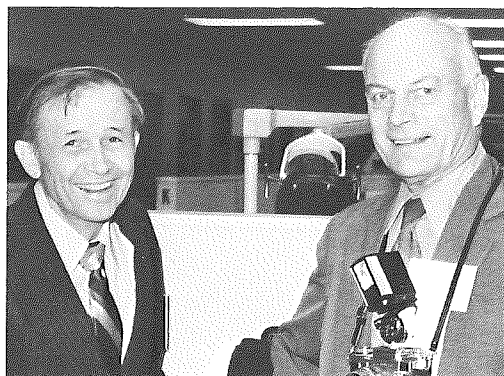
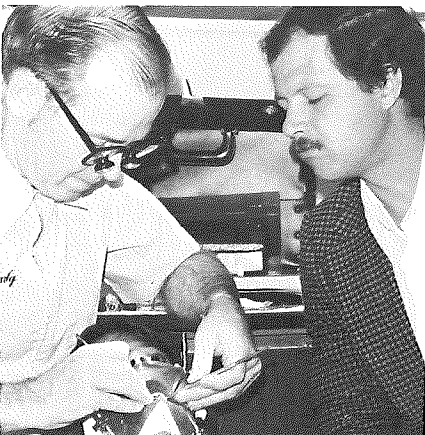
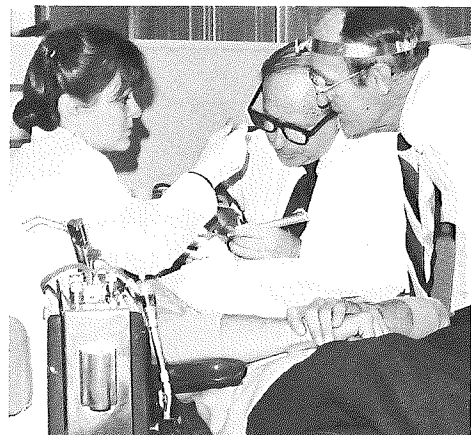
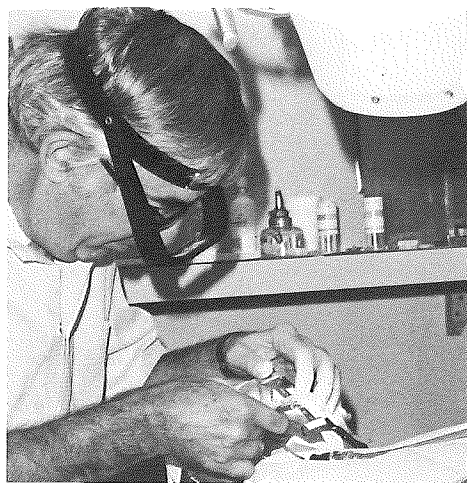
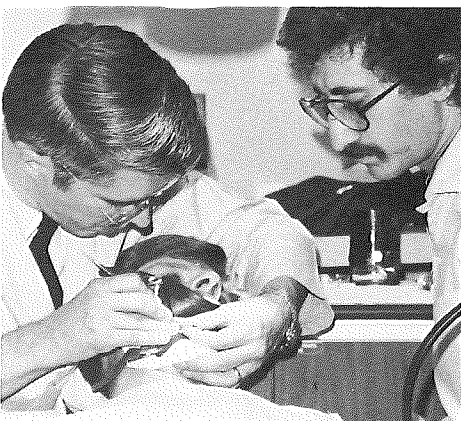
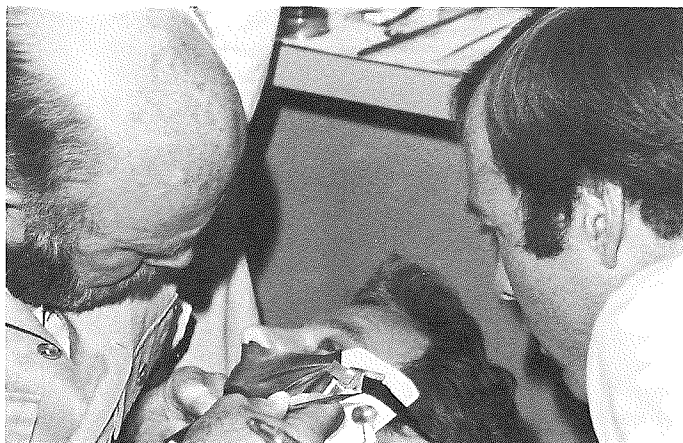
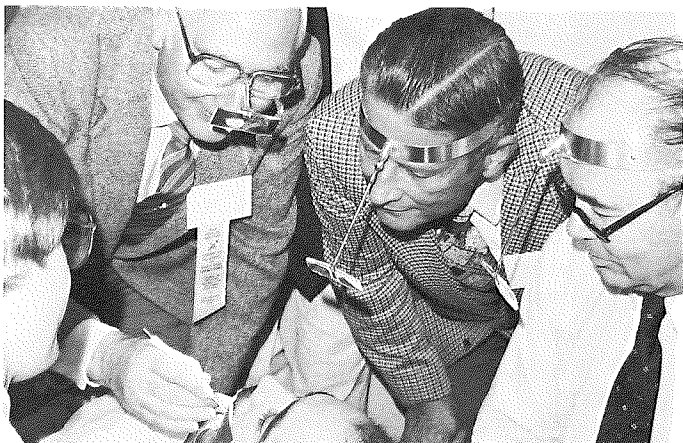


# *U.S.C. Dental Clinic*

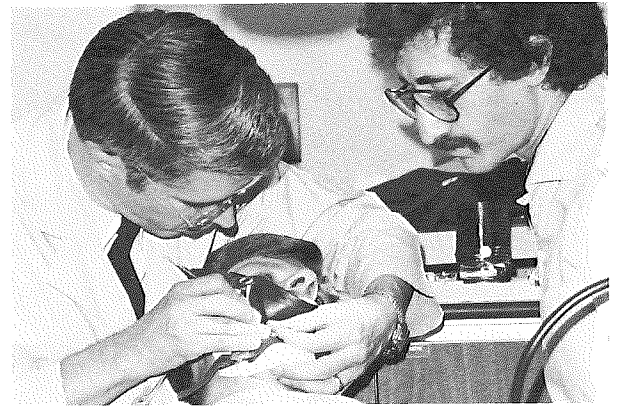
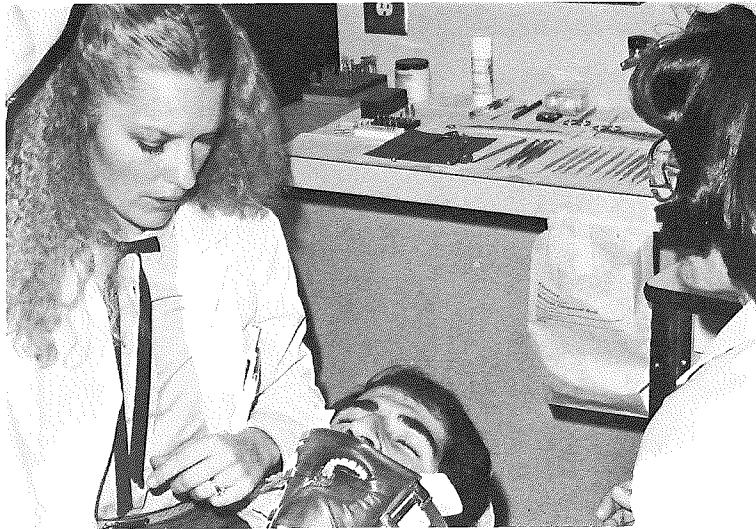
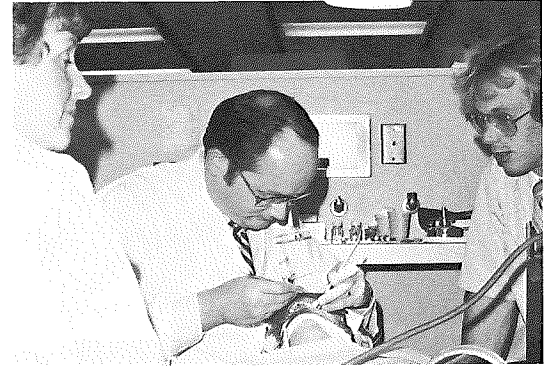
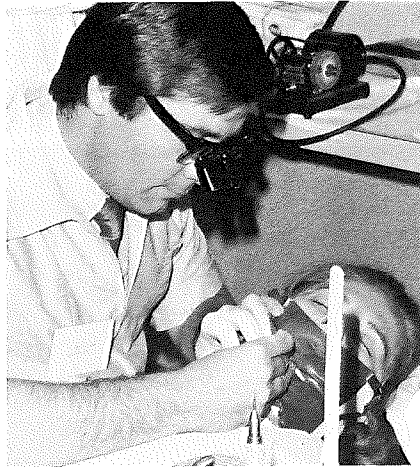
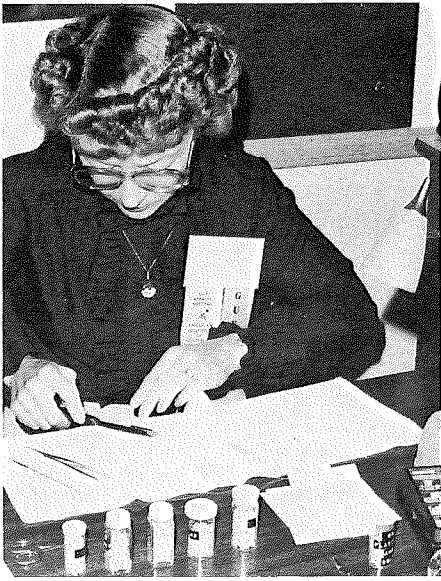
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*Dr. Beamish getting well down to his work.*







# NEWS IN BRIEF

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The American Academy of Gold Foil Operators has received Sponsorship Approval in Continuing Education from the American Dental Association.

The Academy would particularly like to record its thanks to those who have given of their time, and their hard work to make the annual Meeting of the Academy such a great success. We would like to single out Dr. Bill Frank, Dr. Clyde Leach, and Ms. Ursula Czoik in Los Angeles.

We would also like to thank all of the many supporters and suppliers without whom we could not function, and may we single out Vic Williams of Williams Gold, Bo Suter of Suter Instruments, American Dental, Almore, the Optival Companies and Ms. McShirley of McShirley Instruments. There are many more, please accept our deep felt thanks for all your devotion both to our Academy, and to the value of excellence in Service.

*Cliff Miller is reputed to have organized the Legends of Dentistry series on St. Patrick's Day, after a quick trip to the Blarney Stone. Ed.*

## Announcements from the Secretary

The Board of Directors and Committee Chairmen of American Academy of Gold Foil Operators will meet Wednesday, February 16th, 1983 at 1:00 p.m. in the Westin Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

Foreign Dentists Dues—including Canadians—**please** mail your 1983 dues in the form of a bank draft, or Money Order in U.S. Funds. Cheques are causing expensive problems for both the Academy and the individuals who choose to mail in this way.

If you have any corrections that should be in the roster supplement please send them to the office of the Secretary. This should be

done in writing even if you mentioned it in conversation. Send them with special attention to Roster Committee. Corrections should include spelling of name or address, change of address, change in membership status, and changes you would like published in regard to Study Clubs.

Thank you for your help.

Dr. Ralph A. Boelsche  
Secretary-Treasurer

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LEGENDS OF DENTISTRY** at ADA Building, Chicago.

**21st April a.m.**

Dr. Charles Stebner: Total patient care.

Dr. Ralph Phillips: Status of Dental Adhesive Materials.

Dr. Rex Ingraham: Practical consideration of occlusion.

**21st April p.m.**

Dr. Miles Markley: Conservative Dental Amalgams & Preventive Dentistry.

Dr. Wilmer Eames: Impression Materials & Casting Relief.

Dr. Jim Verneti: Helpful Hints.

Dr. Bill Ferguson, Moderator: Panel discussion of days lectures.

**22nd April a.m.**

Dr. Gerry Stibbs: Castings from start to finish.

Dr. Bruce Smith: Dental Ceramics.

Dr. Lloyd Baum: Innovations in Dentistry including Goldent Systems.

Dr. Julian Thomas, Moderator: Group discussion—Dr. Phillips, Dr. Eames, & Dr. Baum.

Dr. Paul Dawson: Table Clinics.

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