

the SCOOP

a quarterly newsletter of the maine dental hygienists' association

• fall 1994

President's Message

This autumn has been an exciting time for me with the Maine Dental Hygienists' Association. Our activities have included; monthly meetings of the Maine Board of Dental Examiners' in Augusta (additional information is in this issue of SCOOP), the semi-annual meeting, "The Fall Connection, and continuing education courses for dental hygienists through out Maine. I also look forward to The Conference, District I meetings, Annual Session in Chicago and Annual Meeting at the Samoset Resort. I encourage all to attend and support our effort.

It is most gratifying to see our members renew, join and student members take advantage of the ADHA conversion plan during the summer. Professional commitment leads to empowerment and is needed for the future of dental hygiene.

At the Fall Connection MDHA put out a call for volunteers. Hygienists, members and nonmembers came forward to become involved on many levels. Thank you! Ruth Collard filled the remaining position on the SCOOP staff as editor. Anyone interested in helping on any committee or with any activity please refer to the MDHA Directory printed in this issue and make that phone call.

In conclusion, bring a fellow hygienist to the District I Meeting at The Conference - January 19 to 21, 1995, in Boston, Massachusetts and pass along a ADHA membership application, speak of your membership in your professional association. Be proud that you have made the commitment.

See you in Boston.

Kristine E. Blaisdell, RDH
President, MDHA

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Kris Blaisdell (right), President of M.D.H.A., presents Diane Blanchette, of University College, a donation from MDHA for the Endowment Fund and the Annual Donation to S.A.D.H.A.

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Kristine is a 1970 graduate of Westbrook College. She is currently employed as a dental hygienist with the practice of Dr. William Dennis in Cape Elizabeth. She and her husband, Bruce, live in Cape Elizabeth. They have a grown daughter, Meredith.

PRESIDENT-ELECT - Michelle J. Gallant, RDH

Michelle is a 1990 graduate of University College and is currently employed full-time as a dental hygienist with the practice of Drs. Philip Higgins and Jonathan Goss in Camden. Michelle held the position of MDHA's Vice President last year. She lives in Rockport with husband Shawne, and their two dogs, Max and Roxie.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT - Alexis D'Ascanio, RDH, BS

Alexis is a 1983 graduate of Westbrook College and is currently completing her Masters Degree in Adult Education and Human Resource Development at the University of Southern Maine. Alexis works part time at Falmouth Community Programs as a Program Assistant. She and her husband, Michael, live in South Casco with their two children, Nicholas and Lauren.

VICE PRESIDENT - Marji Harmer-Beem

Marji is a 1977 graduate of Westbrook College and has recently completed her Masters in Adult Education at University of Southern Maine. Marji attained her certification to administer local anesthesia from Phoenix College in Arizona and is also Past President of the South Coast Component. She works full time at Westbrook College as an Assistant Professor. Marji and her husband, Paul, live in South Freeport with their two children, Lucas-age 12, and Emily-age 11.

SECRETARY - Christina Corbin-Price, RDH, BS

Christina is a 1983 graduate of Westbrook College and has recently completed her Bachelors of Science in Business Administration from Westbrook College. She works full time as a dental hygienist with the practice of Dr. Jeffrey Finegold. Christina held the position of Sales Editor of SCOOP from 1991-1994. She and her husband, Donald, live in West Buxton.

TREASURER - Joanna Bradley, RDH, BS

Joanna is a 1991 graduate of University College and has a Bachelor's Degree in Health and Family Life Education from the University of Maine at Orono. She is working full time as a dental hygienist. Joanna and her husband, live in Topsham.

THE 1994 FALL CONNECTION REVIEW

Hygienists from across the state traveled to the Ramada Inn in Bangor for the third Semi Annual Meeting... THE FALL CONNECTION.

The morning of October 15th started with the MDHA Business Meeting. Kris Blaisdell, MDHA President, welcomed everyone including special guests Cara Lickwar, SADHA President - Westbrook College, and Tricia Carter, SADHA President - University College. Other guest were Helena Gallant Tripp, RDH, ADHA District I Trustee, Lisa Potter, RDH, ADHA District IV Trustee, and Paula Sullivan, RDH District I Student Liaison.

During the Business Meeting, Alexis D'Ascanio, presented an informative MDHA Orientation and Overview for all those present. She also spoke on the history of MDHA.

Lisa Potter was the speaker for the Continuing Education Program titled, "Prevention of Occupational Pain: Simple Solutions and Survival Techniques." Hygienists at the program were given helpful information and exercises that will helpful in the work place.

Saturday afternoon at the informal Question and Answer Round Table, Students and Hygienists who attended were able to ask questions to both District Trustees and Student Liaison, Paula Sullivan. Many questions were asked in regards to ADHA features offered and how the state of Maine could retain and increase its membership.

Saturday ended with a reception for S.A.D.H.A. students and advisors. Kris Blaisdell presented the University College Endowment Fund a donation from MDHA. Donations were also given to Westbrook College and University College SADHA Programs.

The weekend finalized on Sunday with the Strategic Workshop. The workshop focused on the goals and objectives for MDHA which were compiled at last years Fall Connection. Helena Gallant-Tripp helped to facilitate the workshop. Focuses were legislative issues and membership.

Again this year the Chinese Auction was a success! Executive Board Members donated handmade items for the auction. \$100.00 was raised and donated to ADHA Oral Institute for Health

MDHA would like to thank everyone for attending and look forward to presenting a wonderful 69th Annual Meeting June, 1995.

Michelle Gallant, President-Elect

November 19, 1994,
MDHA Executive Board Meeting,
9:00-11:00 am, Freeport McDonald's

January 19-21, 1995,
"The Conference 1995" - Broaden Your
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*Do you have an event you'd like to add to our calendar? Please let us know! Send us a postcard with the date, time, location, topic, and name of speaker.
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COMMUNITY ISSUES

by Debbie Andrews, RDH, BS

In this column, Joyce Duffy, RDH, from the Center for Community Dental Health in Portland, explains CCDH's initiative to revise the practice act to reflect the actual job practices of hygienists working in public health settings.

There are large populations within our communities that are not engaged in the dental health care system (e.g., public or private schools, hospitals, institutions or non-profit agencies). At the same time, dental hygienists, practitioners providing entry level care, are limited in their ability to perform community "triage" due to restrictions in the rules and regulations in the current Dental Practice Act.

This issue is being addressed by the Center for Community Dental Health in its frustration to reach these populations. Examination of the Practice Act clarified for us that the limitation arises from the definition of "Patient of Record." For example, it is not legal to perform dental screenings for children in your community schools or Head Start centers without "the general supervision of a dentist" who must "examine the patient of record" on an

annual basis. CCDH initiated a campaign to rectify this problem and has formed a coalition of support to establish a new section in the Practice Act, PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION STATUS. This can be accomplished by the Maine Board of Dental Examiners through an administrative procedure called rule-making. The new wording is meant to clarify issues that have been raised regarding "patient of record" and also to strengthen professional supervision. It structures policy guidelines for the professional team who will provide dental services to the populations targeted under this amendment to the Practice Act.

Working collaboratively with the Maine Board of Dental Examiners to develop appropriate language, the following DEFINITION has been approved by the Board to be brought to a Public Hearing, scheduled for January 13, 1995.

Relevant paragraphs from the proposed additions to the statute and our coalition's interpretation are as follows.

The Board may grant "public health supervision" status to a dental hygienist in situations the Board



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deems appropriate in its discretion, giving due consideration to the protection of the public.

Dental hygienists are educated, licensed professionals mandated to protect the health and well-being of our patients and communities of patients. The dental hygiene profession practices under written standards of care, i.e., OSHA, CDC guidelines and State Board rules and regulations, eliminating the need for additional standards.

“Public Health Supervision” means that a dental hygienist with an active Maine license practices in a public or private school, hospital, institution or non-profit agency provided that the service is rendered under the supervision of dentist with an active Maine license. In each program the dentist should have specific standing orders or policy guidelines for procedures which are to be carried out, although the dentist need not be present when the procedures are being performed.

This would allow the hygienist access to the large population of the underserved who are not being referred for routine care, by heightening the public’s awareness of normal oral conditions versus one of disease through preventive education and dental hygiene duties.

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A written plan for referral or an agreement for follow up shall be provided by the public health hygienist and a summary report at completing of the project or once a year and shall be reviewed by the supervising dentist. (Please note that this is the proposed wording.)

This reaffirms the partnership and strengthens communication between professions. These guidelines allow for an efficient system by preventing the need to transport charts from field operations, reinforcing the mandated documentation of treatment, and facilitating review of charts for reporting purposes.

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The hygienist or supervising dentist shall keep the Board informed of each location at which the hygienist is practicing under public health supervision.

This is an existing registration rule.

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A dental hygienist wishing to practice under public health supervision status must register with the Board for approval, providing the following criteria are ful-

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filled:

- A. the particular proposed practice setting, including the proposed supervision, will be adequate to accomplish the goal;**
- B. the appropriate public health guidelines can be followed in the proposed setting;**
- C. adequate standards of care can be maintained in the proposed practice setting; and**
- D. the proposed supervising dentist is readily available.**

The supervising dentist is responsible for assuring that these criteria are met when issuing “specific standing orders or policy guidelines.”

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We need a show of support from the community at large, which could be demonstrated, for example, by attendance at the hearing, letters to the Board, statements of need and anticipated benefits from recipients or their families, and calls to the Board members and legislators. If you have any questions, or wish to join in this effort, please contact Bonnie Vaughan or Joyce Duffy at (207) 874-1025 or 1-800-640-6886.



PUBLIC HEARING TO BE SCHEDULED

The Laws relating to the Practice of Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, and Denture Technology are the statutes and rules by which the Maine Board of Dental Examiners regulates the practices within dentistry in Maine. In discharging its duties the **MBDE may adopt rules** which are necessary for the implementation of the laws. The rules may include, but need not be limited to, requirements for licensure, interviews for licensing and renewal, continuing education, inactive licensure and use of general anesthesia.

The following rule proposals have received preliminary approval from the MBDE. After discussion and revision the MBDE voted to proceed to public hearing, the mandatory next step in the regulatory process that will potentially insert these rules into our current practice act. A public hearing is scheduled to provide members of the public and the profession an opportunity to present opinions and information regarding the issues. This input is taken under advisement by the board and a final ruling is rendered; regulatory protocol is then followed to finalize the process.


The public hearing has tentatively been scheduled for Friday, January 13th, the location is to be announced. Public hearings are published in newspapers throughout the state each Wednesday. This will be an important opportunity to express your views regarding the practice of dental hygiene and to learn more about our regulatory process. I encourage everyone to attend!

Section 4 Public Health Supervision Status

The Board may grant "public health supervision" status to a dental hygienist in situations the Board deems appropriate in its discretion, giving due consideration to the protection of the public. "Public health supervision" means that a dental hygienist with an active Maine license practices in a public or private school, hospital, institution or non-profit agency provided that the service is rendered under the general supervision of a dentist with an active Maine license. In each program the dentist should have specific standing orders or policy guidelines for procedures which are to be carried out, although the dentist need not be present when the procedures are being performed. A written plan for referral or an agreement for follow-up shall be provided by the public health hygienist and a summary report at the completion of a program or once a year and shall be reviewed by the supervising dentist. The hygienist or supervising dentist shall keep the Board informed of each location at which the hygienist is practicing under public health supervision.

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A. LICENSURE OF GRADUATES OF A DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION (ADA) COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION (CODA).

To be licensed, candidates in this category shall meet the following requirements:

1. Have received, at least, an associate and/or baccalaureate degree from a dental hygiene program accredited to CODA and provide a notarized statement from the Dean of the school affirming that the applicant has met all applicable degree requirements;
2. Have successfully completed, with a passing grade, the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination;
3. Have successfully completed, with a passing grade, the Northeast Regional Board Dental Hygiene Examination;
4. Have successfully completed the jurisprudence examination given by the Board; and
5. For any applicant who has completed NERB more than one year prior to application for licensure in Maine, have successfully completed a personal interview before the Board.

B. LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT.

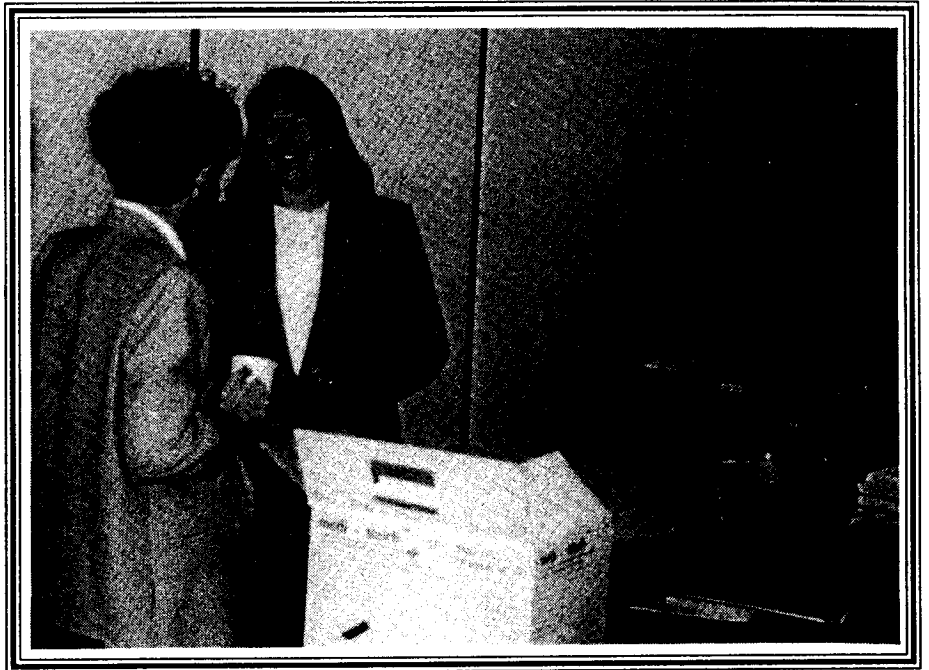
1. Have graduated from an accredited dental hygiene program;
2. If the candidate was graduated subsequent to 1964, have successfully completed, with a passing score, the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination if such examination was required;
3. Furnish proof, satisfactory to the Board, that the candidate has been duly licensed to practice dental hygiene in another state after full compliance with the requirements of its laws;
4. If the candidate was graduated subsequent to 1970, have successfully completed, with a passing grade, the Northeast Regional Board Dental Hygiene Examination if such examination was required;
5. Have engaged in active clinical practice for a minimum of five years prior to application;
6. Have successfully completed the jurisprudence examination given by the Board; and
7. Have successfully completed a personal interview before the Board.
8. The Board may at its discretion waive the NERB exam if all other requirements have been met.



NORTHERN COMPONENT

The Northern Maine Dental Hygienists' Association and the Aroostook County Dental Society co-sponsored six hours of continuing education on September 30, at Cary Medical Center in Caribou. The six hour workshop consisted of three speakers presenting information on carpal tunnel syndrome, stress management for dental professionals and periodontal instrumentation. Paul Marquis, RPT, Celia Giles, CMT and Joleen Lee, RDH, MEd, delivered valuable information that can be used not only at the office, but other parts of our lives as well to approximately eleven dental hygienists on that day.

The next component meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1, 1994, at 6:30 at Pat's Pizza, in Presque Isle. The business meeting will be used to plan upcoming national Children's Dental Health Month activities including Sugar Out Day and a future continuing education course. All dental hygienists are welcome to help plan these activities and of course, have pizza!



Joleen Lee and Cheryl Labbe

YEAR OF ORAL HEALTH ORAL HEALTHCARE FACTS

- Oral health is critical to and indivisible from total health. Many early indications of life-threatening illnesses such as HIV, oral cancer, and diabetes are often detected in the mouth first.
- Oral cancer is more common than leukemia, melanoma of the skin, Hodgkin's disease and cancers of the brain, liver, bone, thyroid gland, stomach, ovaries, or cervix.
- Even minor oral infections, if left untreated, can worsen until they have to be treated in hospital emergency rooms, where the care is far more expensive and focused on treating symptoms rather than the disease.
- The Institute of Medicine estimates that 50 percent of Americans do not receive regular oral health checkups.
- 95 percent of all Americans are afflicted by oral diseases — tooth decay, gum disease, oral cancer, or genetic or acquired oral defects.
- The National Dental Research Advisory Council estimates that 37-40 million Americans have no health insurance and many more — an estimated 150 million — have no dental insurance.
- Every dollar invested in regular preventive oral healthcare saves \$8 and \$50 in more costly restorative or emergency care.
- The National Institute for Dental Research reports that more than \$100 billion was saved during the 1980s through improvements in oral health.
- Over 50 percent of the homebound elderly have not seen a dentist in more than 10 years.
- Each year, over 164 million hours are missed from work and 52 million hours from school due to oral health conditions.

NATIONAL DENTAL HYGIENE MONTH — OCTOBER

The theme of this year's celebration is "Oral Health for a Healthy Life." ADHA chose this theme in recognition of April 7, 1994, which was designated as World Health Day by the World Health Organization to kick off the Year of Oral Health.

To commemorate NATIONAL DENTAL HYGIENE MONTH (NDHM) and the **Year of Oral Health**, ADHA operated a free oral health information hotline for consumers during the month of October, of which MDHA participated.

MDHA hosted a reception at the Fall Connection honoring SADHA presidents, students and advisors.



AROOSTOOK COUNTY ACTION PROGRAM & WESTBROOK COLLEGE TEAM UP FOR ORAL INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Aroostook County Action Program's (ACAP), Dental Health Education Program served as an internship site for BS degree student, Marcy Holland RDH, during the spring semester of 1994. Diane Williams, RDH, BS, ACAP Dental Health Education Consultant wrote a proposal to Ellen Beaulieu RDH, MPH, Director Dental Hygiene Program of Westbrook College requesting assistance in developing an oral injury prevention program. Marcy worked primarily in Southern Maine on the 135+ hour internship, faxing materials to Ms. Williams for review and evaluation as necessary. The program is targeted at educating individuals such as junior and senior high school students athletes, coaches and parents of the benefits of using mouth protectors during sporting events, including practice time. An added benefit of the Westbrook internship collaboration with the ACAP Dental Program is the establishment of a valuable resource on mouth protection in which other dental professionals and educators can utilize.

Educational materials, which included a one page flyer and a four page brochure were developed for distribution to participants. The flyer summarizing what mouth protectors do, types of mouthguards and facts regarding oral injuries was also distributed to local sporting good retail-

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ers who gave them to customers that purchased "contact sports" accessories such as athletic shoes, baseball gloves, balls, etc.

In addition to the reading materials, a slide presentation was developed for use in educating the target population. Approximately 25 slides accompanied with a script narrative was presented at three high schools to test the project. The 15 - 25 minute slide module delivers an overview of types of mouth protectors, pictures of actual oral injuries incurred during sporting events, statistics of oral injuries for various sports and the cost of mouth protectors versus the cost of oral injuries. Positive feedback was received by both teachers and students.

The oral injury prevention program is a great resource for dental hygienists or dentists to utilize when asked to speak about oral injury prevention in the classroom setting to students, coaches or parents. Anyone wishing to borrow the Oral Injury Prevention Program should contact, Dianne Williams, RDH, ACAP Dental Program, P.O. Box 1116, 38 North Street, Presque Isle, 04769, (207) 768-3026.



INSURANCE ENDORSEMENT

MDHA executive board voted to endorse the Massachusetts Casualty Insurance Company as the provider of non cancelable disability income insurance for our active members. Lise Williams of the Williams Agency in Kennebunkport is our program coordinator. A packet and introductory letter will be mailed to members who did not meet Lise at the weekend of our Fall Connection. If you have any questions or wish to request additional information, please contact Ms. Williams at 967-4354.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MDHA is in the process of establishing a phone tree. Would members please add their phone numbers on application forms. This will save considerable amount of time.

S.A.D.H.A. Presidents Trisha Carter (University College) and Cara Lickwar (Westbrook College) received certificates of recognition for their support at the Fall Connection.



SOUTH COAST COMPONENT PLANNING MEETING

Thursday, November 17th at 6:00 PM
Meeting will be held at 294 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04102. We will be discussing Component issues and planning for upcoming events. If you cannot make the meeting but have any ideas or concerns you would like addressed, please call Amy White at (207) 874-0948 or drop a note in the mail.

If you plan to attend, please call and leave a message with Amy at 874-0948. Also call if you need directions.



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**WELCOME!!!!
MDHA would like to welcome the
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SHARON SNIVELY - BANGOR
LORNA TURNER - BANGOR
LANA WEBB - LEVANT
ALICIA WOODWARD - GOULDSBORO**

NORTHEAST REGIONAL SADHA CONFERENCE

The 33rd Annual Northeast Regional SADHA Conference will be hosted by West Virginia University, Division of Dental Hygiene on March 24 & 25, 1995. The Northeast Regional SADHA Conference is designed to provide education, leadership development, networking and a lot of fun for students and faculty from ADHA Districts I, II, & III.

This is a student centered activity which is designed to be of minimal expense to the student. As a result, the planning committee is exploring many avenues for financial support, including corporate support. We are also reaching out to each constituent association in the Districts I, II, & III to financially support, to the best of their ability, this worthwhile educational effort. Please respond to us by December 30, 1994.

Thank you in advance for any and all consideration. If we can answer any questions, please contact us at (304) 293-3417.



UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, SADHA

In September the University of Maine, SADHA students attended Maine Health day. They organized a table clinic to promote oral health awareness. Our primary focus was on the effects of smoking on the oral tissues.

We have begun organizing fund raising activities in the hopes of once again attending The Conference and Yankee Dental Congress, at Boston in January.

Some activities include vending Tom Watt, year supply of toothbrushes raffle, "Absolute Hygiene" T-shirts and sweatshirts, and raffle tickets for various donated crafts and items from local businesses. Please call 581-6055 if you are interested in any of these items for sale.

This years officers are Pres. Tricia Carter, V.P. Tiffany Turcotte, Treas. Jennifer Spaulding, Sec. Brenda Chouinard, and Advisor Diane Blanchette.



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CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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The committee is forming up some ideas for next spring and fall '95 courses. Any suggestions on course subjects or any good speakers you have attended will be greatly appreciated. Call Sherry Ritchie at 775-2191 or Susan Lindsay at 879-0817.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming courses.



WESTBROOK COLLEGE SADHA

SADHA has begun another interesting and exciting new year. The new officers include CO-Presidents, Julie Morin and Cara Lickwar; Vice President, Jennie Kendall; Treasurer, Julie Bolduc; and Secretary, Michelle Masse.

The monthly meeting in October involved discussion about the Lobster Raffle on October 26, The Fall Connection, and a car wash scheduled for parents weekend on October 15 and 16.

New business included a Blood Drive scheduled for November and a food drive to benefit the surrounding community. Members agreed that canned goods could be dropped off at the Coleman Dental Hygiene Building on campus. Raffles are also being planned for Thanksgiving and also Christmas.

In order to make this the best year possible, please send any ideas and suggestions to: Westbrook College, Attention: Dental Hygiene - SADHA, 716 Stevens Ave. Portland, ME 04103.

Westbrook College Notes

Table Clinics will be held in the Dental Hygiene classroom on Friday, February 24, 1995 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. All are invited to attend. Two continuing education credits for Category 1 will offered.

The Dental Hygiene Program will arrange refresher courses of at least twenty hours, with directed clinical experiences with patients, for hygienists seeking them as they change positions or return to the profession. Call Ellen Beaulieu, Dental Hygiene Program Director at 797-8999 to make arrangements.

Westbrook College alumni and others are welcome to attend basketball games, cultural performances, lectures and other interesting programs on campus throughout the year. Please call 797-7261 Ext. 218 to receive a calendar of upcoming events.

SIGMA PHI ALPHA
Honorary Membership Nomination

Sigma Phi Alpha is the national honor society of the dental hygiene profession. Its purpose is to recognize and honor scholarship, service and character in the field of dental hygiene. Membership is comprised of faculty charter members who found the chapters, outstanding graduates of dental hygiene programs and honorary members. Each chapter can elect up to two graduates members and one honorary member per year.

Honorary members are people outside of the dental hygiene profession who have "made an outstanding contribution to the progress and development of the art, science, literature or public understanding of the dental hygiene profession through educational or community services," according to the constitution of Sigma Phi Alpha. These individuals may be dentists, legislators or any others who have played a role in the promotion of dental hygiene. Feel free to nominate one or more individuals to either Maine chapter of Sigma Phi Alpha by completing and returning the form below.

Sigma Phi Alpha
Honorary Membership Nomination

Nominee name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please briefly explain how this person has contributed the dental hygiene profession through education or community services.

Nominated by _____

Phone _____

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