

Dental Students Find More Work Than Play

Amidst the pungent antiseptic odors of the College of Dentistry laboratories, white-coated dental students labor tediously over plates and microscopes, anxious to acquire sufficient knowledge to make them good dentists.

A professional atmosphere prevails in the rooms and corridors of the building; all the students hurry by in a business-like manner, certain of where they are going and what they are going to do.

The life of a dentistry student is arduous. He has little time to himself during the five-year course, and is constantly buried in work.

Starting his dentistry curriculum at the Science and Technic building on University Park campus, the student spends his first two years studying anatomy, bacteriology, chemistry, physiology, and other sciences to acquaint him with the body and its functions.

After completing the first two years, the student leaves the campus and completes his course at the Dental Clinic building at 16th and Los Angeles streets. At the clinic, the scholar learns the workings of the dental profession. He is instructed in all the subjects necessary to a good dentist.

Attending class for only two years on campus, the dental student misses much of the campus activities. With this thought in mind the school directors appropriated a playing field on Exposition boulevard. Here, when he has time the student plays football or baseball like any other college student.

The Science and Technic building has a novel method of noting of the absences of its students. Each name is listed on a chart indicating individual courses. This chart is posted on the bulletin board. Every time a student is absent in a course a mark is made on the chart. When a certain amount of marks appear, a red pin is posted. This means that the student has reached his limit for absences in the course. If a blue pin appears, the amateur dentist may not take the examinations in the course. No blue pins dot the present chart.