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SUBJECT: Dean Schaffer of School of Dentistry

At the School of Dentistry meeting the other day Dean Schaffer gave a real fine presentation on the objectives and plans and procedures for his regime. I think it would be well if you could chat with him but I will reiterate a few of the points he made as a guideline.

First of all we start with a fine staff. We have a good school but it could be better. It does not have the reputation or glory that it once had but now our job is to make it the best in the U.S.

"How will we accomplish this?" We have more potential than any college because we are located in the heart of the metropolitan area with clinical material - soft and hard lesions. We are part of the great University on the campus of the University and not isolated away. The Dental School is at the heart of a large medical center with the best basic sciences in the world available. We have fine relationships with the medical school, other medical sciences, public health and the Mayo Clinic.

Dentistry has not lived up to its full potential. It must draw upon the College of Education in order to get graduate students to be better teachers with proper educational psychology background. They must take more psychology as applied to Dentistry. They should have special relations with the Speech Department and need a full time speech pathologist in the school, to study tongue, lip and swallowing habits. Dentistry is closely related with chemistry and physics for material research; there must be close relationship with math and engineering in graduate training especially as determining forces of stress and strains.

The School has already called on Genetics which has made great contributions. He said what they needed was to expand the Cleft Palate Center, Services and Research, enlarge hospital dental services, expand dentistry into all areas in the hospital, internship and residency in a number of fields.

He said the theme of his regime will be preventive dentistry although the School of Dentistry has built its reputation upon restorative dentistry. We must preserve the oral health of an individual. He said that with the fine staff and alumni backing them they could again build the School of Dentistry back to be the best.