

The Angle Orthodontist Turns 75! Here's a Free Gift for You

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In 2005 *The Angle Orthodontist* will be 75 years old! Birthdays deserve gifts, and we have an early one for you. Remember when you received a gift that was completely unexpected and a real surprise? Something you may not have even realized you wanted? It gives you a really good feeling, doesn't it? Well, get ready because we have one for you today.

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If you have acquired a reverence for literature and orthodontic publications, you will share with me the excitement of this event. This gift will go on giving to everyone today and will continue to give to generations yet to come.

Now, stretch your imagination a bit. While this gift is

your personal library to use anytime you want, the wonder of digital information also puts a copy of it in the personal library of everyone on the globe! And if you think this is my imagination run amok, I want to remind you that we get more manuscripts submitted from overseas (in our electronic system, <http://angle.allentrack.net>) than we do from US orthodontists.

We regularly get calls and e-mails for past articles at the editorial office. Awhile ago a student at a new orthodontic program called me asking for a copy of a classic article published years ago in *The Angle Orthodontist*. He said his program was new and not in a medical center with a library where he could locate it. Now The EH Angle Education and Research Foundation has guaranteed for the indefinite future that this student and every other student need only have access to an Internet connection and any article is there and waiting to be recalled by author or subject or date, etc. When you see new patients who report in their history that they have an unusual syndrome or condition, you can simply run it through a search and you will find what we have published about it. Sure, you can do this now with PubMed today, but the difference is that PubMed can give you only an abstract and the reference. The EH Angle Foundation will give you the complete article at a click of your mouse!

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