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DOUGLAS M. LYON, DDS

PRESIDENT, AACB 1972-1973

Dr. Douglas M. Lyon was born in Wellston, OK July 22, 1913. He worked his way through dental school and graduated with honors from St. Louis University Dental School in 1938. He was elected to OKU. After graduation he took a position at that University from 1938-1941 to work as an Instructor in the Crown and Bridge Department.

Dr. Lyon was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1941. He spent 5 years in World War II at Ft. Benjamin Harrison General Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana where he was Assistant Director of the Dental Technicians School. He later was at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D. C. In 1946, St. Louis University requested that Major Lyon be discharged early because of the untimely death of his mentor Dr. Davis. He was appointed Assistant Professor and Chairman of Crown and Bridge Prosthodontics. In 1951 he was named Associate Professor and Chaired the Department until 1953. While at St. Louis University he was invited to be a charter member of the newly formed American Academy of Crown and Bridge Prosthodontics.

Dr. Lyon was invited to be Professor and Chairman of the Crown and Bridge Department at the University of Texas-Houston in 1953. He served in this capacity until 1975. He was curriculum coordinator beginning in 1969. He retired in 1978 as Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs, and was still Chairman of C&B. During his academic career he published in the JPD, JADA, and Dental Clinics of North America. He lectured extensively to various dental organizations in the U.S. and Mexico during his tenure. Douglas, or "coach" as some of his students and colleagues called him, was given numerous awards and accolades for his innovative teaching style.

He was a member of the ADA and components, Fellow of the American College of Dentists and was licensed in the states of Illinois, Missouri and Texas. He served with the Academy and was the President of the AACB in 1973. Dr. Lyon was awarded St. Louis University Alumni Merit Award in 1975 and appointed Professor Emeritus, Department of Occlusion and Fixed Prosthodontics, UTDB-Houston in 1983. He lived in retirement in Conroe, Texas for 24 year, moved to Little Rock in 2002. There, he passed away January 25, 2008 at the age 94.