Two new personnel at NSB dental clinic

By Carol Dalton

The Dental Clinic welcomes the addition of new personnel to the clinic. Two new dentists arrived this month bringing the number of dentists in the NSB Dental Clinic to three.

First to arrive was Dr. Tom Klaene from Kentucky, and second Dr. Roy Davis from New Jersey. With their arrivals we hope to have the clinic opoperating more efficiently, and be able to handle a larger number of patients than we have been able to in the past three months with only one dentist in the clinic.

In addition to Dr. Klaene and Dr. Davis, we also have on Smith, the newest addition of dental assistants that have been working in the clinic for about a month and a half. With their assistance and that of Mabel Panigeo and Lorena Ningeok who have been working with the clinic for years, the Dental Clinic is once again operating with a full complement of dentists and assistants.

It will take a while for scheduling appointments to settle down, and for the staff to become familiar with the clinic, but we hope to be able to serve the community the best we can. With this in mind, we will be able to begin dental field visits to the villages. Our schedule for November/December is the following:

Nuiqsut Nov. 29-Dec. 3 Atqasuk Dec. 5-Dec. 10 Wainwright Dec. 13-20

The other village trips are scheduled for January/February, and advanced notice will be given to each village for the exact dates. If there are any questions about our field visit schedule, either consult your health aide who will have our tentative schedule, or call the dental clinic.