

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From R. West

Your reference to the carving of sphenoid bones brought back a particularly fond memory of over thirty years.

At a meeting in Melbourne, Steven Seward, Alec Roach, John Heath Jnr. and I were discussing the training of orthodontists. Dr Seward mentioned that during his two years training in America, any spare time he had was taken up with the carving of a sphenoid bone. I suggested that any dentist could carve a sphenoid bone. Dr Roach then produced a bone which I, in the course of time, carved in wax. I later wished that I had not spoken out – however, I have the consolation of now belonging to a legion of sphenoid carvers.

To any dentist I now say: 'Enjoy the feeling, all you need is a lump of wax and a knife'.

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