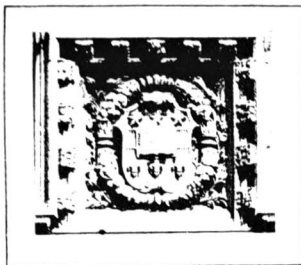


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Among the members of the June graduating class who received awards and prizes at the Senior Awards Program and Reception were: (front row, left to right): Dr. David Loshin, Dr. Douglas Langford, Dr. John Morrison, Dr. Linda Winter, Dr. Glenn Parry, Dr. James Stokes, and Dr. Arnold Jacobson. (back row, left to right) Dr. Arden Pulley, Dr. Klaus Warme, Dr. Raymond Tiffany, Dr. Karl Hussey, Dr. Dennis Clayburn, Dr. Robert Palmer, and Dr. Eugene Christensen.

Always a happy and relaxed preamble to graduation is the traditional Senior Awards Night and reception for the members of the graduating class and their families, sponsored by the School and the Dental Alumni Association. The festivities began at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22, and took place at the Breckenridge Inn, Lindbergh Blvd. and Highway 40. The awards presentation was presided over by Dr. Russell Duckworth of Wichita, President of the Dental Alumni Association. Those receiving awards were:

DENNIS ANDERSEN

Edward R. Hart Award, elected to Omicron Kappa Upsilon

DAVID LOSHIN

Dental Alumni Association Prize, American Academy of Gold Foil

Operators Certificate, Delta Sigma Delta Award; C.V. Mosby Award in Pathology, graduated Cum Laude, elected to Omicron Kappa Upsilon.

KLAUS WARME

Ann Bredall Award, Otto Brandhorst Leadership Award

LINDA WINTER

Anna Bredall Award, American Society of Dentistry for Children Plaque, Xi Psi Phi Scholarship Award

EUGENE CHRISTENSEN

American Academy of Oral Medicine Award, American Academy of Dental Radiology Certificate

JOHN MORRISON

Alpha Omega Award, Dentsply International Merit Award, Richard Bengel Acknowledgement Award in Crown & Bridge, graduate Cum Laude, elected to Omicron Kappa Upsilon

DENNIS CLAYBURN

American Academy of Oral Pathology Award

ROBERT PALMER

American Academy of Dental Radiology Certificate, graduated Cum Laude, elected to Omicron Kappa Upsilon

GLENN PARRY

J. D. White Award, American Association of Orthodontists Award, American Association of Endodontists Certificate, Academy of General Dentistry Award, graduated Cum Laude, elected to Omicron Kappa Upsilon

JAMES STOKES

International College of Dentists Award, graduate Cum Laude, elected to Omicron Kappa Upsilon

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Awards Night Festivities

GRADUATION (from page 1)

ARNOLD JACOBSON

American Society of Dentistry for Children Plaque

BENJAMIN GOODIER

American Academy of Periodontology Award, American Academy of Anesthesiology Certificate

WILLIAM BRENNICK

Delta Sigma Delta Scholarship Award

DOUGLAS LANGFORD

C.V. Mosby Award in Oral Surgery

KARL HUSSEY

C. V. Mosby Award in Orthodontics

RAYMOND TIFFANY

C.V. Mosby Award in Prosthodontics, graduated Cum Laude, elected to Omicron Kappa Upsilon

KEVIN KENNEDY

C.V. Mosby Award in Pedodontics

MILES MERRITT

Richard Bengel Acknowledgement Award in Periodontics

ARDEN PULLEY

Elected to Omicron Kappa Upsilon

The graduating class also honored Dr. James Carson by naming him as its Teacher of the Year.



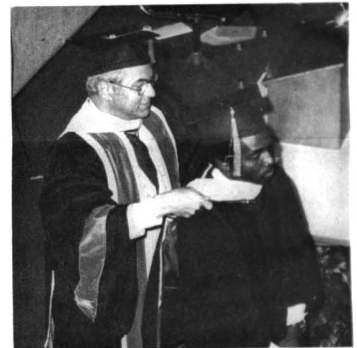
Associate Dean David A. Bensinger (left) congratulates Dr. Glenn S. Parry as he presents him with the Academy of General Dentistry Award given to the outstanding general practitioner in the graduating class.



Toasting each other on the completion of their undergraduate dental studies are four members of the June graduating class (left to right): Dr. Kevin Kennedy, St. Louis; Dr. Michael Watson, St. Louis; Dr. David Loshin, Cincinnati; and Dr. Miles Merritt, St. Louis. The celebration took place at the Senior Awards Program and Reception sponsored on the night before graduation by the School and the Dental Alumni Association.



Dean John T. Bird (right) extends his congratulations as he presents The C.V. Mosby Award to Dr. Karl Hussey, Florissant, Mo., for outstanding accomplishment in Orthodontics. The Senior Awards Program and Reception, attended by members of the graduating class and their families and faculty members and spouses, was held at The Breckenridge Inn in St. Louis County.



Associate Dean David A. Bensinger places the doctoral hood on Dr. Marion K. Greene, one of the 60 students who received degrees from the School of Dental Medicine at ceremonies on June 23. Of the degrees conferred, ten were Doctor of Dental Surgery, 44 were Doctor of Dental Medicine, and six were Master of Science in Orthodontics. The ceremonies took place in the courtroom of The Seeley G. Mudd Law School on the University's main campus.

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New Alumni

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

William Dennis Brennick	Butte, Montana
William Cannon Burns	Los Angeles, California
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DOCTOR OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Robert Carl Adler	Chicago, Illinois
Dennis Lee Andersen	Chula Vista, California
Charles Lanoy Anderson	Cascade, Colorado
Keung Wai Au	Hong Kong
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Stuart Jerome Horn	Syosset, New York
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Arnold Scott Jacobson	University City, Missouri
Duane Clay Keller	Columbia, Missouri
Kevin William Kennedy	St. Louis, Missouri
Richard Arthur Kirchoefer	St. Louis, Missouri
Michael Jay Kuttan	St. Louis, Missouri
Douglas John Langford	Redding, California
David Mark Loshin	Cincinnati, Ohio
Miles Jason Merritt	St. Louis, Missouri
Bradley William Mitchell	Springfield, Illinois
James McKinnon Mixson	Shawnee Mission, Kansas
John Wallace Morrison	Craig, Colorado
Robert Alan Palmer	Castro Valley, California
Glenn S. Parry	Riverton, Utah
Arden Orion Pulley	Logan, Utah
Eric G. Ratering	Bloomfield, Michigan
Richard Carl Rissel	Sea Girt, New Jersey
David Joseph Romea	New York, New York
James Everett Stokes	St. Louis, Missouri
Raymond Laurier Tiffany	Lewiston, Maine
Linda Kay Winter	Wichita, Kansas
Stephanie Athanasia Zotos	St. Louis, Missouri
Alan Edward Zweig	Great Neck, New York

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ORTHODONTICS

Jose Garza Garza, D.D.S.	Monterrey, Mexico
Joseph Patton Goodson, D.M.D.	Louisville, Kentucky
Gregory Roland Hoeltzel, D.D.S.	Mobile, Alabama
James Mumford Jolly, Jr., D.M.D.	St. Charles, Missouri
Alan Robert Weber, D.D.S.	Cincinnati, Ohio
Michael Stewart Wooddell, D.D.S.	St. Petersburg, Florida



Dr. Klaus A. Warne of Glendale, Calif., President of the graduating class, says a few words of farewell to his classmates and to the audience of about 200 guests.

That long-awaited day finally arrived on Wednesday, June 23, for those members of the Class of 1976 who completed all requirements for graduation and thus received the coveted diplomas attesting that they are Doctors of Dental Medicine or Doctors of Dental Surgery. In addition, six post-doctoral students in the Department of Orthodontics were awarded degrees of Master of Science in Orthodontics.

Eleven members of the class requested the D.D.S. degree; 43 received the D.M.D. degree.

The graduation ceremonies began at 4 P.M. and were held in the air-conditioned Courtroom of the Seeley G. Mudd Law School on the main campus.

Featured speaker for the graduation was the President of the American Dental Association, Dean Robert B. Shira of the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. Remarks were also made by Chancellor Danforth, Dean Bird, Dr. Charles Allen Thomas, Chairman of the Washington University Board of Trustees; and Klaus Warne, President of the graduating class. Other special guests were Dr. Samuel Guze, Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs, and Mr. I.E. Millstone, a member of the WU Board of Trustees and Chairman of its School of Dental Medicine Visiting Committee. Associate Dean David A. Bensing served as Grand Marshal. Degrees were conferred by Chancellor Danforth and Dean Bird.

An informal reception, arranged by the Registrar's Office, was held for graduating students and their families, faculty members, and special guests in the Law School lounge immediately after the ceremonies.

New First Level Class

New First Level (Freshman) Class

Aiello, Anne S.	N.Y.	Saunders, Yona G.	Mo.
Baker, Joe C.	Calif.	Schnaidt, Laura	Calif.
Berger, Robert F.	Calif.	Schwartz, Lloyd B.	N.Y.
Bezan, Kenneth T.	Ill.	Schwartz, Stephen H.	N.Y.
Boyle, Robert W.	N.J.	Shanas, Michael B.	Mo.
Brown, K. Birgitta	Ill.	Sigismondi, Richard M.	N.Y.
Bubenik, James	Mo.	Small, David M.	Calif.
Buongiovanni, George B.	Penn.	Storz, John P.	N.Y.
Choi, Richard	Calif.	Stovall, Dennis K.	Calif.
Chu, Alfred K.	Hong Kong	Sussman, Paul I.	Conn.
Coleman, George M. Jr.	Mo.	Teasdale, Russell C.	Calif.
Conte, Mario V.	Mo.	Thorpe, Kevin I.	Mo.
Cooper, Monte L.	Calif.	Veraldi, Thomas J. Jr.	N.Y.
Day, Frank J.	Wash.	Vesper, Paul R.	Ill.
Degener, Louis E. Jr.	Calif.	Vu, Lan Houg Thi	Viet Nam
Doan, Stephen D.	Calif.	Whitt, J. Michael	Fla.
Donohue, Thomas M.	Mo.	Wolf, Arthur E.	Utah
Ewell, Sherrelyn D.	Ark.	Young, Wu Wu	Calif.
Farmer, Thomas L.	Mo.		
Fredericks, John H.	Calif.		
Fujimoto, Lynn K.	Hawaii		
Hanley, Terry J.	Ariz.		
Hansen, Ralph E.	Calif.		
Harris, Richard S.	Penn.		
Hawkins, Robert E.	Ohio		
Hilli, Lee E.	Ill.		
Holcomb, Gail R.	Ill.		
Hom, John J.	Calif.		
Hope, Scott I.	Utah		
Horowitz, Fred L.	Ill.		
Huetter, Richard W.	Ohio		
Jelmini, Randy J.	Calif.		
Jolley, Craig W.	Calif.		
Jung, Steven T.	Calif.		
Kanegawa, Keith R.	Calif.		
Karby, Robert J.	Calif.		
Keating, Robert E.	Calif.		
Kelly, Sidney D.	Calif.		
Kemmerer, Robert P. Jr.	Calif.		
Krugman, Gary J.	N.J.		
Kurtz, Seymour L.	Calif.		
Lehman, David S.	Calif.		
Loose, Blair I.	Utah		
McCarthy, Mark X.	Mo.		
Madden, Daniel J. Jr.	Mass.		
Martinich, Robert L.	Wyo.		
Merkle, James E.	Ill.		
Murray, Scott B.	Calif.		
Needham, Jeanne E.	Calif.		
Neumeyer, Mary Theresa	Calif.		
O'Connor, Thomas E.	Mo.		
Oliver, Douglass M.	Tenn.		
Oppenberg, Jeffrey	N.Y.		
Paxton, Robert C.	Calif.		
Pogal, Meredith A.	N.Y.		
Rainero, David M.	Calif.		
Ransom, Doxey S.	Calif.		
Ravner, Warren	N.Y.		
Rivlin, Robert V.	N.J.		
Robinson, John T.	Ore.		
Rosenberg, Henry M.	N.Y.		
Rothchild, John A.	Ill.		
Rothstein, Mark S.	Calif.		
Rowan, Richard D.	Calif.		
Sadler, Norris	Colo.		
Sato, Mendel I.	Hawaii		

Award to Alumnus

Harold Singer

Last year, Harold Singer '34, a practicing dentist in Torrington, Connecticut for 39 years, was presented with an award for meritorious volunteer missionary service by the Litchfield County Dental Association for his work in bringing some of the benefits of American dentistry to foreign places.

Since 1966 Singer and his wife, Laverne, a registered nurse, have taken several different missionary trips to share the benefits of their skill and knowledge with peoples who possess little or no awareness of preventive dental care and oral hygiene.

Their first humanitarian venture was in 1966 to the island of St. Lucia in the British West Indies where in a three-week stay they established a dental clinic where none had existed before.

Since then the Singers have visited Guatemala, Honduras, Labrador, New Guinea, Africa and Mexico in missions where they tried to increase the level of awareness of oral hygiene.

Of the clinics in general, Singer said, "The first day of opening you find 30-50 people quietly gathered at 7:30 in the morning waiting for you. You finish for the day and there are still about as many outside the clinic. 'Tomorrow, tomorrow, you come back, tomorrow.' No problem. They walk home wherever it may be, one mile, three miles, eight miles away, barefoot. Tomorrow they're back again."

At St. Lucia, the Singers served the immediate needs of 250 patients, extracting nearly 750 teeth and they established a clinic where other professionals, like themselves, who are motivated to devote two weeks or two months may carry on where the Singers began.

When it comes to talking about the motivation behind their "working vacations" Singer seems a bit uncomfortable. Perhaps through modesty, he seems to find it difficult to express that motivation in words. "The word 'altruism' sounds too pompous," he says.

"It's for the satisfaction of giving," he says after some prodding, "and for the satisfactions I've got out of my life, particularly my work. I want to share that."



Acting Dean David A. Bensinger welcomes the new class upon their arrival at the school in early August.

Associate Dean David A. Bensinger served as Acting Dean of the School from July 1, to September. Dr. Bensinger was administrative head of the School until the arrival of the new Dean, Dr. George D. Selfridge on September 7.

Dr. Bensinger, a graduate of the St. Louis University Dental School, has been a member of our faculty since 1948. He was named Assistant Dean in 1967 and Associate Dean in 1973. A past president of the Missouri Dental Association and the Midwest Society of Periodontists, Dr. Bensinger practiced general dentistry until 1955 and since then has maintained a private practice in periodontics in addition to his academic duties. He served for four years as a member of the National Institutes of Health Review Committee and for seven years was editor of the *Bulletin of the Greater St. Louis Dental Society*.

Dean's Message

I look forward very much to periodic chats with you (for that's the way I look upon this message) through the medium of the **Dental Alumni Newsletter**.

Things have been going at a breathtaking pace since I formally took over my new duties on September 7. The days have been crowded with planning meetings with departmental chairpersons and other School officials and faculty members, as well as with officials of the Medical Center and the main campus. I've also been holding get-acquainted sessions with students and non-academic staff members of the School. We've gotten to know each other and I've learned a lot. And, meanwhile, there is a vast amount of written material to read and absorb. A not unusual workday, since I arrived starts at 7 a.m. and may end at 11 p.m. And I love every minute of it!

It also has been possible for me to meet many of the School's alumni and I'm looking forward to meeting many more in the months ahead — whether at alumni meetings outside St. Louis, or on your visits to the School, or at the alumni meeting on March 25-26, 1977 (I hope many of you are planning to attend, for it will be an important meeting). I'll also be greeting some of you at the Alumni Association's cocktail party during the forthcoming ADA meeting in Las Vegas.

Somehow we have also found time to travel to Arkansas to meet some alumni there, to visit ADA headquarters in Chicago, to attend a health manpower conference in Columbia (Mo.) and so forth. I'm grateful to Associate Dean David Bensinger for helping me move smoothly through this very busy, but necessary and useful, starting-up process.

John Bird has turned over to me a good, sound School with an excellent reputation and a dedicated group of loyal alumni. But, like almost every other private institution of higher education, it is a School with many serious problems. We are wasting no time in confronting those problems. In the months ahead, we're going to be telling you about a number of new programs and new approaches that will be aimed at not only surmounting the problems facing us, but pushing the School to new heights of achievement.

In this message, let me just mention a

couple of things as a starter:

The School will return to a four-year curriculum, beginning with the entering class in 1977. The three-year program was a worthwhile experiment, but our faculty has come to the firm conclusion — and I strongly concur — that the four-year curriculum provides a superior dental education. All presently-enrolled students will remain on a three-year program because they were admitted here on that basis. Next year's First Level class, and all future entering classes, will undertake a program of four nine-month academic years. Our Curriculum Committee is working very hard on the planning and design of a totally new and very modern four-year curriculum, to take effect next Fall.

I'm an emphatic believer in the responsibility of a dental school such as ours to provide an extensive, diverse offering of Continuing Education courses for the professional improvement of dentists. We have been slowly enlarging our Continuing Education program in recent years and I have now instituted a more rapid expansion. We offered two courses this month (October) and will have at least five more this Spring. I expect us to be offering at least 30 Continuing Education courses a year within the next couple of years. We already are attracting dentists from all over the Midwest to our courses (and even one from Saskatchewan, Canada) and we look for this interest to grow and widen as our C.E. offerings become better known.

There's more to tell you about: Some new plans to strengthen our clinic operation, the acquisition of some badly-needed additional floor space for the School, and other interesting developments — but I'll save those for future messages.

I want you to know that you are very important to us. We can achieve little without the strong support of our alumni. My door is always open to you and I'll be happy to hear from you in person, or by phone or letter, concerning your comments about the School, your criticism or — hopefully — your approval.

Let's get to know each other and, by all means, let's keep in touch.

Sincerely,
George D. Selfridge, Dean

Continuing Education

With the addition of five new courses, a schedule of six Continuing Education courses for the 1976-1977 academic year has been announced by Dean George D. Selfridge of the School of Dental Medicine. This represents the most courses to be offered by the School in a number of years and is indicative of Dean Selfridge's strong commitment to Continuing Education and his determination to expand and improve the School's program.

The six courses cover a wide range of dental interest, including oral diagnosis, endodontics, oral pathology, patient motivation, periodontics, and restorative materials.

The first course, titled "Motivating Your Patients in Preventive Dentistry," was a one-day training seminar for dentists and auxiliary personnel given on both Saturday, October 9, and Sunday, October 10. The seminar was led by S. William Oberg and Robert A. Rechner of the ADA's Bureau of Dental Health Education. The tuition of \$75 entitled each participating dentist to bring two auxiliary personnel to the seminar.

Dr. William K. Bottomley gave a course on "Diagnosis and Treatment in the General Dental Practice" on Saturday, October 23. Dr. Bottomley, a Captain in the Dental Corps of the U.S. Navy, is Chairman of the Department of Oral Diagnosis at the National Naval Dental Center, Bethesda, Md. The recipient of D.D.S. and Master of Science in Oral Surgery degrees from the University of Michigan, Dr. Bottomley is widely known as a lecturer to military and civilian dental groups and dental schools. His articles have appeared in *Oral Surgery*, *Oral Medicine*, *Oral Pathology*; the *Journal of the American Dental Association*, and the *Journal of Dental Education*, among other leading journals.

The course emphasized the role of the dentist as a specialist in health care delivery. Specific cases illustrated the contribution that the dentist can make in rendering a differential diagnosis which may be essential to the total health management of the patient. Current recommendations for the dental management of "heart" patients, diabetics, radiation therapy patients, and dialysis patients were reviewed.

On Saturday, February 12, 1977, a course on "Clinical Endodontics for the Family Dentist" will be given by Dr. Charles J. Cunningham. The course will present principles of endodontic therapy that the family dentist can use
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in a general dental practice. Dr. Cunningham is Chairman of the Department of Endodontics at the National Naval Dental Center.

"Oral Pathology for the General Practitioner" will be the title of a course to be given on Saturday, March 12, 1977, by Dr. Benton E. Crawford, Chairman of the Department of Oral Pathology at the National Naval Dental Center and Consultant in Oral Pathology to the National Institutes of Health.

An alumnus of the School, Dr. Robert W. Koch of the Class of 1959, will return on April 2, 1977, to give a course on "Controversies in Periodontal Therapy." Dr. Koch also was a faculty member at the School from 1963 to 1966 before returning to active duty with the Navy. He presently heads the Department of Periodontics at the National Naval Dental Center.

Dr. Nelson W. Rupp, Research Associate for the American Dental Association at the National Bureau of Standards, will give a course on "Esthetic Restorations, Cements and Amalgam: Some New Developments in Their Selections and Use" on Saturday, May 14, 1977. Dr. Rupp is well-known for his research in dental materials, much of it done during his 25 years of service as a Navy dental officer.

All of the courses will be accepted by the Academy of General Dentistry, Council on Continuing Education, for accreditation for membership maintenance, FAGD and MAGD. The courses also will satisfy continuing education requirements of state licensing agencies.

Advance registration is required for the courses. Tuition is \$50, including lucheon. For further information, write Mr. Irving Litvag, Director of Special Projects, Washington University School of Dental Medicine, 4559 Scott Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. 63110.



Dr. William E. Koch, Jr. (left) is apparently trying to give the lowdown on the new dean to Dr. Earl Shepard (right), while Dr. Shepard gives his attention to Dean Selfridge. Dr. Koch is Chairman of the School's Department of Oral Diagnosis and Radiology and Dr. Shepard is Lecturer in Orthodontics and Professor Emeritus of Clinical Orthodontics.



Dean George D. Selfridge and Mrs. Selfridge were guests of honor at a dinner given by Washington University Chancellor William H. Danforth on September 10 for local dental alumni leaders and their wives. The dinner took place at the University Club. Shown chatting before the dinner are (left to right): Associate Dean David A. Bensing, Dean Selfridge, and Dean Emeritus Leroy R. Boling.



Getting acquainted at the Chancellor's dinner were (left to right): Mrs. Leo M. Shanley, Mrs. Selfridge, Mrs. Danforth, Dean Selfridge, Chancellor Danforth, and Mrs. James M. Jolly.



Dean Emeritus Boling (left) smilingly listens as Chancellor Danforth engages in conversation during the cocktail reception prior to the Chancellor's dinner for Dean and Mrs. Selfridge.



Stepping outside for a breath of fresh air and some conversation during the alumni cocktail party for the School's new Dean were: (left to right) Mrs. George D. Selfridge, Mrs. David A. Bensinger, Dean George D. Selfridge, and Dr. John A. Mahoney. The party, attended by some 250 guests, was held September 11 at Alumni House on the WU main campus and was given by the Dental Alumni Association and the School. Drs. Selfridge and Mahoney probably are swapping old football stories; both were college football stars and are still avid sports fans.



Dr. Leo S. Shanley (left) and Mrs. Shanley (second from right) chat with Dean and Mrs. Selfridge and Associate Dean David A. Bensinger (right) in the living room of Alumni House. The portrait on the wall is of Robert Brookings, one of the University's great chancellors and benefactors. Alumni House was originally the home of Mr. Brookings and was donated by him to the University.

Alumni News

Dr. Kenneth C. Marshall ('40) has been appointed assistant to the vice president for dental affairs at St. Louis University Medical Center. He has been chairman of the graduate department of orthodontics since 1947. He helped organize the Orthodontics Department of the School of Dental Medicine at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, and served as the department's first chairman. A graduate of the Washington University

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School of Dentistry, he is the recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the school. He is president of the St. Louis Society of Orthodontists and chairman of the Council for Advanced Dental Education.

The U.S. Air Force has promoted Dr. Donald L. Steed, ('60), Prescott, Ark. to the rank of colonel. Colonel Steed is acting chairman of the department of oral surgery at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas. He earned his M.S. degree in 1969 at the University of Texas in Houston.

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Increase in

Alumni Contributions

Alumni Annual Giving to the School of Dental Medicine increased during the 1975-76 academic year over the preceding year. Over 570 dentists made gifts to the School. Their outstanding contributions enabled the Dental School to reach a percent of participation at Washington University second only to the Medical School. This is indeed a noteworthy achievement and verifies the fact that the dental alumni have a deep interest in the activities of the School by underwriting the development of dental education with their financial support.

I am fortunate to have joining me on the AAG Committee during the current year: Drs. Leo S. Shanley, President of the Boling Associates, Sy Baumgarten, President of the Century Club and his committee consisting of Joseph H. Laffler and Richard W. Brand. Dr. Russell Duckworth, President of the Dental Alumni Association and Dean George Selfridge have agreed to serve as ex-officio members of the Committee.

We hope to build on the excellent foundation established through Boling and Century Club membership drives in various cities throughout the nation. We feel that the alumni will want to maintain its role and to strive to recapture the leadership of all schools at the University.

I urge all to assist in this effort by contributing to the current alumni drive.

John E. Gilster, D.D.S.
Chairman
Alumni Annual Giving

New Post for Dr. Ring

Dr. John R. Ring, Professor of Anatomy and Chairman of the Department of Anatomy, has been appointed by Dean Selfridge to the additional post of Assistant Dean for Basic Sciences. It is Dean Selfridge's feeling that the newly-created assistant deanship will fill a void in the administrative structure of the School with relation to the basic science departments. Dr. Ring will improve communications between the basic science departments and will work with the departmental chairpersons toward a better integration of basic science teaching and an avoidance of duplication. A long-time member of the School's faculty, Dr. Ring has previously held the post of Assistant Dean for Pre-Clinical Instruction and Research in the early 1970s. He also will retain his responsibility as Director of Admissions for the School.

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Lasky Center Thrives

Although they may not be aware of it, hundreds of cleft palate and oral cancer patients in Missouri and Illinois are indebted for the outstanding treatment they receive, to two groups of energetic St. Louis-area women. The treatment is provided through The Lasky Center for Cleft Palate and Oral Cancer Rehabilitation at the WU School of Dental Medicine. The Center, headed by Dr. L. Woodrow O'Brien, has become nationally known for its innovative treatment of children and adults born with a cleft palate and/or cleft lip and for the rehabilitation of persons who have undergone radical surgery for oral cancer.

Without the fund-raising efforts and psychological support of the two groups of women volunteers, says Dr. O'Brien, it is unlikely The Lasky Center could continue its work. Last year, the Nadah Women's Organization and The Lasky Center Auxiliary together provided about 15% of the Center's \$80,000 budget. "Without Nadah and The Lasky Auxiliary," Dr. O'Brien notes, "The Lasky Center would clearly be in financial distress." (The balance of the Center's budget is provided by individual and organizational contributions and by patient fees.)

The Lasky Center recently celebrated its 10th anniversary. The establishment of such a center in St. Louis had been a dream of Dr. O'Brien for years, but he had been unable to find sources of funding. In the mid-1960s, his friend and fellow WU dental alumnus, Dr. Simon L. Baumgarten, interested a patient, Mrs. Abraham Greenspon, in the need for a center to aid cleft palate and oral cancer patients. She agreed to contribute \$25,000 to establish such a center, which would be named in memory of her parents, Mary and Jacob Lasky. The Center began operations with a handful of patients on June 1, 1966. During the 1975-1976 academic year, it recorded almost 2,000 patient visits.

It soon became obvious that community financial support would be required if the Center was to survive. Dr. Baumgarten interested several patients and members of his family in starting The Lasky Center Auxiliary to help publicize and raise money for the Center. The Auxiliary this year contributed \$5900 to the Center, raised under the leadership of Past President Mrs. Eileen Schneider, and over the last 10 years has given about \$35,000. Dr. Baumgarten's wife, Doris, is the current Auxiliary president. Money is raised in a variety of ways: through

Tag Days, an annual card party, winetasting parties, and diverse other projects.

The other pillar of financial and moral support has been Nadah, a group of dedicated Jewish women which has given The Lasky Center major priority on its long list of philanthropic projects. Through its own Tag Days collections, raffles, card parties, the sale of life memberships, and other projects, the hard-working Nadah members have raised enough money to give almost \$50,000 to The Lasky Center in the past eight years. Annual contributions have ranged from \$3600 to more than \$7000, depending on the amount of funds available.

Nadah was formed by ten women in 1940 in order to raise money for charities. The group's name itself stems from a Hebrew word meaning charity. Over the years, Nadah members—in addition to their support of The Lasky Center—have provided funds for pre-natal and post-natal care for indigent mothers, for mini-busses for the transportation of senior citizens, for dental care for retarded children, for a variety of medical research projects, and other worthy causes. Nadah became a major supporter of The Lasky Center in 1967 and, in addition to its annual contribution, has funded a laboratory and examining room for the Center.

Under the current leadership of Mrs. Pat Leve, President, and Mrs. Sylvia Covitz, Past President, Nadah and its membership of about 150 women have pledged their continuing support so that The Lasky Center can keep providing its vital care to hundreds of grateful patients.

Faculty, Alumni

Award Nominations

Nominations are being sought for the annual Alumni Citations and Faculty Awards to be presented by the Alumni Association at Founders Day on October 8, 1977.

Faculty Awards are presented to teachers who have shown unusual insight and responsiveness in their relationships with their students and who have demonstrated a genuine and continuing concern for education. Last year's recipients were Raymond Callahan, Professor of Education; Ronald Carlson, Professor of Law; David Gutsche, Professor of Chemistry and Chairman, Department of Chemistry; Morton E. Smith, Professor of Ophthalmology and Pathology and

Director, Ophthalmic Pathology Laboratory; and Robert Wykes, Professor of Music.

Alumni Citations are presented to alumni who have demonstrated success and achievement in their major field and who have made significant contributions in the areas of public service. Recipients of the 1976 Alumni Citations were Lois Blackwell, President and Director of the Judevine Center for Autistic Children; John Gardner, Professor of English, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and noted author; Jui Wang, Einstein Professor of Science, State University of New York at Buffalo; and Louis Zorensky, Lawyer and Real Estate Developer.

An anonymous Selection Committee composed of students, faculty and alumni will meet to select the recipients of the awards. The deadline for nominations is December 31, 1976. Please submit nominations for the faculty and/or alumni awards, with as much biographical information as possible, to: Alumni Association Box 1210, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. 63130

Irving Litvag Becomes Alumni Association Executive Secretary

The appointment of Irving Litvag, Director of Special Projects at the School of Dental Medicine, to the additional post of Executive Secretary of the Dental Alumni Association has been announced by Dean George D. Selfridge and Dr. Russell Duckworth, Alumni Association President. In the newly-created alumni position, Litvag will serve as a liaison between the School and the Alumni Association and will assist the officers of the Association in its administration.

"I hope that all dental alumni will look upon me as their representative at the School," Litvag said. "They can feel free to call upon me if they have any questions about School activities. If I don't know the answer, I'll do my best to get it for them."

Litvag has been a member of the School staff for the past four years, after 11 previous years of service as an administrator on the WU campus. His other responsibilities at the dental school include supervision of public relations activities and editorship of the School's semi-monthly internal publication, administrative responsibility for continuing education courses, and supervision of orientation activities for new students and graduation ceremonies.

A native St. Louisan, Litvag is a 1950 graduate of the WU College of Arts & Sciences. He held positions in radio journalism, advertising, and public

relations before joining the staff of the University in 1961. He also is an active free-lance writer and wrote *Singer in The Shadows*, a book published in 1972. Another book, *The Master of Sunnysbank: A Biography of Albert Payson Terhune*, will be published by Harper & Row in January.

New Student Award

Dean Selfridge has announced the establishment of a "Student of the Quarter Award." The award will be made each quarter to a student who has shown a strong commitment to dentistry and has earned the respect of the faculty and his fellow students. Although not necessarily related to outstanding scholastic performance, the award will recognize exceptional clinical judgement and the establishment of patient rapport that indicates a strong professional development. Each department chairperson, including those in the basic sciences, will be asked to nominate three students for the award each quarter. The winner will be determined by a point system, with the student most often nominated by the chairpersons being named the winner. The first award, later this month, will go to a Third Level student, while the February award will go to a Second Level student, and the April award to a member of the First Level class. The prize will be a small cash award and an entertainment prize such as football or hockey tickets.

On the Retirement of Two Good Friends

I have known Leroy Boling primarily as an office neighbor. But this physical proximity has provided an unusual perspective. From my adjacent office, I have seen and heard the alumni, old and young, coming back to visit a teacher whom they revere. It is plain that their visit to the School would not be complete unless they see Dr. Boling to reminisce with him about their adventures and misadventures as a dental student, to bring him up to date on their personal and professional lives. The joy and love with which they greet him makes obvious their feelings for him.

And I have also eavesdropped a bit on Dr. Boling's meetings with those from the other end of the time spectrum: the nervous, hopeful applicants for admission who visit his office for a personal interview. Desperately hoping for that coveted approval that means admission to dental school, they pour out their hopes and dreams. And as you hear Dr. Boling talk with them — treating each with great courtesy and patience — you can feel the empathy he has for these ambitious young people,

the concern he has for their feelings and needs. It is a good measure of the man.

With John Bird, I have worked very closely in my several years at the School. It would be proper to say worked "for" him, for he has been my boss, but it is more accurate to say worked "with" him, for that is the way John Bird makes the members of his staff feel. In my working career of some 25 years, I have worked under a number of gifted men. But never have I had a boss with the kindness, the sensitivity, the compassion of Dr. Bird. He is quick to give thanks for work well done and reluctant to blame when it is not. In the several years I have worked closely with him, I never have seen him lose his temper, though the pressures of his job often would have given him just cause. He is unfailingly cheerful and always courteous. And that courtesy is extended to everyone. Never have I seen a man in high position who is less concerned with hierarchy, rank, or status. So far as I can see, he is utterly without pretension or guile, a man of simple honesty and old-fashioned virtue. In short, to those who have been privileged to work closely with him John Bird is, in the finest sense of the words, a gentle man.

Our sadness at Dr. Bird's imminent departure is counterbalanced only by his obvious happiness and anticipation of his new life in California. It will be a wonderful life, I'm sure, and no one deserves it more.

We shall miss Leroy Boling and John Bird. I know I speak for everyone in wishing them both many years of good health, prosperity, and peace.

Irving Litvag

Dr. Robert Jones Dies

School faculty and staff members and students were saddened to hear of the death of Dr. Robert H. Jones, Assistant Professor of Operative Dentistry on October 3, 1976. Dr. Jones, who was 61 years old, died at his sister's home in Elizabeth, Arkansas, after a long illness. He had been hospitalized several times and had gone to his sister's home to recuperate.

A native of Schleswig, Iowa, Dr. Jones received his D.D.S. degree from the State University of Iowa in 1940. He served as a Navy dental officer from 1941 to 1950, rising to the rank of Commander. He was in private practice from 1950 to 1971 and joined our full-time faculty in 1972. Dr. Jones was survived by his sister and a daughter. His 24-year-old son died in Iowa just a few weeks before Dr. Jones's own death. Dr. Jones had desperately tried to travel to Iowa for the funeral of his son, but his own

illness prevented him from going at the last moment.

At Dr. Jones's personal request, the last words at his graveside services in Arkansas were spoken by Fred Allen, our School's Housekeeping supervisor. Mr. Allen also is Associate Minister of the Mount Zion Baptist Church in St. Louis. The two men had become close friends in recent years and sometimes would sit together in Dr. Allen's office in the evening and read and discuss the Bible together. Dr. Jones would bring his father's Bible with him. He always told Mr. Allen that he wanted him to officiate at his funeral and, after his death, his sister called Mr. Allen and told him that Dr. Jones had made the same request to her. A car and driver were sent to St. Louis to take Mr. Allen to Arkansas for the services.

Russell Wheeler Death

On August 16, 1976 one of the School's most distinguished alumni, Dr. Russell C. Wheeler died. A graduate of the School in 1919, Dr. Wheeler practiced dentistry in St. Louis for over 50 years and was a noted pioneer in the field of restorative dentistry. He was a member of the School's faculty from 1922 to 1951, rising to the rank of Associate Professor of Oral Anatomy. He did research in dental anatomy for 13 years as preparation for writing two textbooks that have become famous in the profession: "Atlas of Tooth Form" (1939) and "Dental Anatomy and Physiology" (1940). More than 60,000 copies of the atlas, now in its fourth edition, have been sold, while some 120,000 copies have been sold of the second book, now titled "Dental Anatomy, Physiology, and Occlusion" and presently in its fifth edition. Dr. Wheeler had received an alumni citation from Washington University and was named a Distinguished Alumnus by the Dental Alumni Association which he also served as president. Dr. Wheeler is survived by a son, a brother, and a sister.

Alumni Deaths

DeWitt T. Lewis—1940
Jack L. Tarchis—1933
Julius G. Godwin—1941
Russell C. Wheeler—1919
Gustav H. Vollmer—1917
F. Ralph Moore—1922



The guests begin to arrive at Alumni House for the festive dental alumni cocktail party introducing Dean and Mrs. Selfridge. The beautiful building on the south edge of the main campus was once the Chancellor's official residence and in recent years has housed the alumni and public relations offices and offered space for alumni receptions and meetings.

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