



alumni newsletter

Dean's Message



New Dean Richard Smith addresses the luncheon-business meeting of the Association.

The past few months have been busy. Before reviewing for you the status of our phase-out, I want to first dispel what must be a common assumption concerning the environment at Washington University School of Dental Medicine these days. While I certainly cannot speak for everyone, our daily lives here are not filled with melancholy. The faculty and staff are determined to provide our remaining students with an outstanding dental education, and to close the school with pride and dignity. Our clinics are full and many faculty members continue to have busy schedules of research and consulting.

As a result of our recommendations over the summer to students

beginning the Sophomore year, only 13 members of the class returned, the rest choosing to transfer immediately. The returning Sophomores are participating in the extraordinary opportunity of receiving an entire year of dental education in classes small enough to be conducted as seminars. We expect all members of this class to transfer elsewhere to complete their Junior and Senior years.

The present Junior and Senior classes are proceeding in fine fashion. Our faculty-student ratio is perhaps better than at most times in the past, and our patient pool remains strong. In fact, at recent luncheon meetings that our Associate Deans and I held with the officers of each class, the students expressed concerns about far fewer issues than typical of past years.

Over the past few months, decisions have also been reached concerning plans for our specialty programs in orthodontics and in oral and maxillofacial surgery. These too will close. A final class of six new orthodontic students arrived on July 1 and will complete their program by June 1991. The oral and maxillofacial program is difficult to phase-out for two major reasons: the program extends over four years and the last class accepted would be placed in the position of never having residents from later classes to assist them. For these reasons, we are planning on all present oral and maxillofacial surgery residents either graduating or transferring by June 1990.

Perhaps the best news of the past few months concerns plans for our Harriett Steuernalg Library. The dental collection will

Max Kornfeld Distinguished Alumnus

Max Kornfeld, '24, was named the 1989 Distinguished Alumnus by the Alumni Association. A plaque proclaiming the honor was presented him at the 123rd Annual Banquet on September 9 at the Adams Mark Hotel.

Dr. Kornfeld has had a long and distinguished career in dentistry and has brought honor to his Alma Mater time and again. He is the author of MOUTH REHABILITATION, one of the definitive texts in dentistry. A new edition has just come out this year. He has served on the faculty of Washington University and also on the faculty of St. Louis University. He is a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon and the American Academy of Prosthetic Dentistry; and is, as well, a Fellow of the American College of Dentistry and of the International College of Dentistry.

Dr. Kornfeld has served as President of the St. Louis Dental Society in 1951 and as President of the Missouri Dental Association in 1957. He was honored by the Urban League of St. Louis in 1957 for his leadership as Presi-



Distinguished Alumnus, Max Kornfeld, '24, graciously accepts the recognition of his Alumni Association at the Annual Banquet.

dent of the SLDS in integrating its membership thus "contributing to the improvement in the standards of dental care for all citizens."

be continued in the new medical library. Over 80 major journals and most of the books will be transferred. A bronze plaque in the lobby of the library, as well as a book plate on the inside front cover of each volume, will identify the collection. This visible academic continuation of our school, as well as the permanent recognition of Harriett (who continues to come to work every day and brings joy to all who see her), means a great deal to me. In order to ensure that there are

funds to continue the acquisition of new books and journals, we are beginning an endowment campaign for it. I hope that those of you who know Harriett or who share with me the satisfaction of this permanent functioning memorial to the school will contribute. There will not be many other opportunities to perpetuate your Alma Mater. I hope you will consider supporting us.

I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Richard J. Smith, Dean



Former Alumni Association President, Dee Pulsipher, '66, advises new President, "Skip" Magruder, '68.



H. Groves Cooke, III, '70, and Doxie Sheldon, '79, practice as tooth-paste ads at the Century Club Party.



Some members of that enthusiastic and active Class of '40: Ken Marshall and wife Helen, Richard Moist and Kermit Westerfeld.



Mrs. Jane and Dr. Gregory Hoeltzel, '70, pose happily here with Dr. Earl Shepard, '31.



Beloved Edith Boling, widow of former Dean Leroy Boling (right), visits with Anna May Ballard (Mrs. Graydon, '62) and Clayton and Betty Connelly, '54.



New Dean Richard Smith (right) makes a point in a discussion with Samir El Mofly, '87 and Arthur Miller, '59.

123rd Annual Alumni Meeting

Members of the School's Dental Alumni Association met on September 9 in St. Louis for the 123rd annual meeting. The Board of Directors breakfast meeting and the banquet that evening were held at the Adams Mark Hotel, also the site of the Mid-continent Dental Congress of the Greater St. Louis Dental Society. The luncheon and business meeting was held at the nearby Washington University Club, in a slight departure from tradition.

A special feature of this year's luncheon was a formal presentation of the bronze plaque of former Dean Selfridge which will be mounted on the wall outside the Dean's office at the School. The formal dedication of the plaque will be held on a soon-to-be announced date next year. The annual business meeting of the Association was held followed by a question and answer session with new Dean Smith and retiring Dean Bensinger.

The highlight of the banquet was the presentation of the Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award to Max Kornfeld, '24. Dr. Kornfeld's distinguished career is outlined in a separate article. (See page 1)

Former Dean David Bensinger was presented with a beautiful special gift by the Association in appreciation for his dedicated service to the School as Dean.

Special tributes were paid to all the reunion classes attending, with the Classes of '79, '64, and '39 singled out for most of the attention.

Dr. William Brandhorst, Mar. '43, retired as President of the Association and was succeeded at that post by H.E. "Skip" Magruder III, '68. Warren E. French, '61 is the new President-elect; Joseph Laffler, '61 is the new Vice-President; and Patrick Wilson, '73 continues as Secretary-Treasurer. John E. Gilster, '44 and John Hara, '63 continue as co-editors of the Alumni Newsletter.



Alumni Association officers, new President, H.E. "Skip" Magruder, '68, former President, Sanford Wax, '71 and Secretary Treasurer, Patrick Wilson, '73, discuss and study the agenda for the noon business meeting and lunch.



Former Dean George Selfridge and Mrs. Selfridge admiring the Bronze Plaque in his honor which was unveiled at the Alumni Luncheon.

The Class of 1939



Four members of the Fifty Year Class are here pictured with Dean Smith. L. to R. Dr. Leroy Ritter, Decatur, IL, Dr. Robert Sturtevant, Fresh Meadows, NY, Dean Smith, Dr. S.J. Cassara, Patchogue, NY, and Dr. Ivan Staley, Decatur, IL.

President's Message

As with most new president's messages, I would like to give you an outline of what I hope our Association will accomplish in the next year. As the year progresses, hopefully, I will be able to let you know that things have been accomplished in a timely fashion.

The first goal the executive committee has set for itself is to continue to aid the students. This will be especially important for the remaining two classes, as they face special obstacles which we hope to make as smooth as possible. I also believe it is important to realize we need to offer assistance to the faculty as the School's days wind down.

While we need to continue business as usual, it is important that we position the Association to be able to function once the school is closed. To do this, various people are working on a new Constitution and By-laws since our Association will probably be an organization with only one function! That will be to organize reunions. It is a job we plan on taking very seriously and will do our very best to make your reunion as pleasant as possible.

In the meantime, I have set up a group of alumni to work with Dean Smith and others at the University to ensure that the important memorabilia will be preserved. As to what will be retained, and where, I do not know at this point. As we find out more on this subject, I will pass on the information to you.

It is known at this stage, there is an interest in moving most of the present library to the Medical School Library. Also, some of the rare books will be sold to allow for an endowment to support the dental periodical collection that will be transferred to the Medical School Library.

Your President-elect, Warren French, is working on the reunions for the final graduation, May, 1991. The Board of Directors is planning on this graduation/reunion being a grand affair. It is our hope that it will be used by most of us to bid a fond farewell to our Alma Mater. Make your plans for the spring of 1991 to attend the graduation, since we expect many of your classmates and fellow alumni will be attending.

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Pat Wilson is in the process of gathering information on publishing a final directory of graduates and their addresses and phone numbers. If you need to change any of this information, please let us know as quickly as possible, so your friends and classmates may find you in the future.

Your Board of Directors and I will be doing everything in our power to make the transition taking place as easy as possible on both the students and faculty. If any of you has a special request as to any memorabilia, please give me a call or drop me a note. See you next fall.

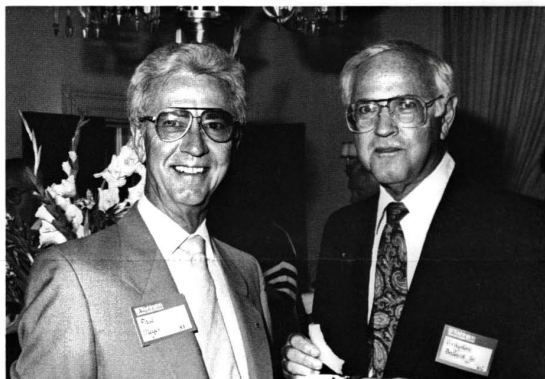
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The 10-year Class of '79 was one of the largest reunion classes ever to come back for an Alumni Meeting. Unfortunately, the quality of the photograph made it impossible to identify each of the 38 persons, particularly in the back rows.



E. C. "Barney" Brooks, '29, longtime Professor of Crown and Bridge, reminisces happily with John Durham, '56.



Paul S. Meyer, '55, named Distinguished Alumnus by the Orthodontic Alumni Association. Pictured here with Graydon Ballard, Jr. '62.



Retiring Dean, David Bensinger, accepting the gift from the Alumni Association in appreciation of his service as Dean. Left to right, President Brandhorst, Dean Bensinger, new Dean Smith and Mrs. Smith.

Paul Meyer Honored

Paul S. Meyer, '55, associate professor of clinical orthodontics, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the orthodontic department for his 31 years of dedicated teaching. The award was presented at the annual dinner of Washington University Alumnae of Orthodontics, held at the Hyatt Hotel, by Frank Miller, president of the organization and one of Meyer's ex-students.



William S. Brandhorst, '43, receiving the Past-President's Plaque from New President Magruder.

School and Faculty News

Dean Smith announced the following administrative changes in early August:

Dr. Richard Brand has been promoted from Assistant Dean to Associate Dean of Student Services; Dr. Groves Cooke and Dr. Marvin Speer have been appointed as Co-Directors of the Division of Endodontics in the Department of Restorative Dentistry; Dr. Richard Diemer has had a change in appointment from Associate Dean of Educational Development to Associate Dean and Director of Educational Development; Dr. William Malone has assumed the position of Chairman of the Department of Restorative Dentistry; Dr. Jim McCune is Associate Dean of the School of Dental Medicine and Clinic Director; and Dr. Phillip Osoby has had a change in title from Acting Chairman of the Department of Biomedical Sciences to Chairman of the Department of Biomedical Sciences . . .

Dr. Allen Sclaroff has been promoted to Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He is serving as Chairman of that Department already . . .

Dr. William Malone has received an appointment with tenure as Professor of Restorative Dentistry, effective August 1, 1989 . . .

Dr. Samir El-Mofty presented a clinic-pathological conference on sarcoidosis, amyloidosis and lymphoepithelial lesions of the major salivary glands at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Oral Pathology in Savannah, GA recently . . .

Dr. Memory Elvin-Lewis has been appointed to the Board of Consultants and Referees for the Indian Journal of Dental Research (Indian Section of the

International Association for Dental Research) sponsored by the India Society for Dental Research . . .

New part-time faculty members are Dr. Gilbert Cyr, Jr., Instructor, Endodontics; Dr. J. Courtney Gorman, Instructor, Endodontics; Dr. Faye Licata, Instructor, Restorative Dentistry; Dr. Michael Schroer, Assistant Professor, Endodontics; and Dr. Homer Sedighi, Assistant Professor, Pediatric Dentistry . . .

Donald V. Huebener, D.D.S., professor of pediatric dentistry and director of the Division of Pediatric Dentistry, at St. Louis Children's Hospital, presented papers at the second International Congress of Cranio-maxillofacial Surgery in Florence, Italy. Huebener presented "Dentoskeletal Development During Childhood Following Unicornal Synostosis Surgery in Infancy." He also attended the sixth International Congress on Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies in Jerusalem, presenting papers on cleft lip and palate. In addition, Huebener attended the 67th Annual Session of the International Association for Dental Research in Dublin, Ireland, where he presented preliminary results of continuing research on facial development and early unicornal synostosis surgery. While in Ireland, he also spoke at the Royal Dental Hospital and Dental School at Trinity College Dublin . . .

On September 17, Lt. Col. Thomas Schiff was honored by the Missouri Air National Guard. He was retiring after spending 27 years in MoANG, from 1963-1989. During the ceremony Lt. Col. Schiff was awarded a plaque which included the following statement:

"In appreciation of your outstanding service to the MoANG . . . 3 Oct. 1989 . . . with this award go our best wishes and sincere thanks for a job well done."

University Honors Brandhorst



William S. Brandhorst, '43 (Mar), named Distinguished Alumnus by the University, here pictured with his wife, Emily at the Century Club cocktail party.

Annually, the University recognizes alumni for their outstanding professional achievement, contributions in areas of public service, exceptional service to the University, or any combination of the three. This year, Bill Brandhorst, '43, was so honored at Founders Day on October 21.

Immediate past president of the Washington University Dental Alumni Association, and a graduate of the School of Dental Medicine in 1943, William Brandhorst received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Dental School in 1986. He received his B.S. degree from Harvard University in 1939 and an M.S. degree in orthodontics from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 1948. He is a former president of both the Harvard and the University of Michigan Clubs in St. Louis. He is a clinical professor of orthodontics at the Washington University School of Dental Medicine and a member of the St. Louis Children's Hospital Cleft Palate Team.

Dr. Brandhorst and his wife Emilie were founding members of the William Greenleaf Eliot Society, and he has served as chairman of the Eliot Society Membership Committee for the School of Den-

tal Medicine since 1984. He has also served on numerous committees in the Dental Alumni Association. His tireless devotion to the profession and to Washington University is a family tradition, begun by his father, Dr. Otto Brandhorst, who was dean of Washington University's Dental School. It was noted that this was the first time two generations of one family had been so honored, since Dr. Otto Brandhorst was also a distinguished alumnus.

Dr. Brandhorst is a fellow of the American College of Dentists, past president of the Midwest Society of Orthodontists, the Missouri Dental Association, and the St. Louis Dental Society. He has also been very active in the American Association of Orthodontists, serving as chairman of its Council on Orthodontic Education. A world traveller, Dr. Brandhorst was recently appointed to the advisory council for the Washington University Travel Lecture Association.

Although he is personally unassuming and modest about his accomplishments, friends and colleagues alike say he is one of the most respected, prominent, and well-liked members of the dental community.



Alumni Deaths

Ward Justi, '51	3/22/89
Percy Lunn, '35	5/24/89
Dale Hyer, '55	7/19/89
John Clarkson, '47	8/23/89
John Welty, '50	9/7/89
Robert Winkelmeyer, '50	11/10/89

Alumni News

The following is a portion of a letter sent to Dr. Diemer by Dr. Cory Evans, Class of 1989:

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and the other faculty members are coping well with the closing of the school. It is a shame that the school must close, because it is, and has been, a great place to learn dentistry.

I am enjoying my residency very much and am gaining more and more confidence in my dental education every day. I feel that the education that I received at Washington University is second to none. I am constantly being asked questions by my colleagues like, "What would you do with this case?" and "How did you do that?"

The other residents I am working with are from Baylor, Creighton, and the University of Washington. They are competent, skilled practitioners who have each passed their respective boards. However, not only do I have much more clinical experience, but I seem to have more confidence than they in most areas. I feel especially competent in oral surgery (Thanks in part to my trip to England, and to Dr. Spackman), pediatric dentistry, and fixed prosthodontics. I will always be grateful to the dedicated faculty and staff for their selfless efforts on my behalf. Who knows, someday I may even have this wonderful education of mine paid for!

Hamilton B.G. Robinson, a faculty member from 1938-1943, and Arthur S. Miller (DE '59) are the co-authors of the 5th Edition, COLOR ATLAS OF ORAL PATHOLOGY, published by J.B. Lippincott in December 1989.

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The Class of 1944



The Class of 1944 held a rowdy reunion dinner complete with reminiscences and white baseball caps presented by Buzz Sandberg (who also was recognized and envied for having the youngest child, 7 year old David). Above, front row, l. to r., Perry Sturmon, Jack Gilster, Bill Howell, Donald Miura, Bob Bedell and Feron Waters; Back row, Jim Clark, Gordon Hirth, Vernon Becker, Ben Alstadt, Elmer Sandberg, Jim Blakemore, Dave Kagan, Don O'Brien, Don Washington, Vladislav Ignatov and Warren Vammen.



Two members of the Class of '44 who sparkplugged their 45th Reunion, Elmer "Buzz" Sandberg and wife, Patty, of Salt Lake City and Dave Kagan and wife, Bebe, of Longmeadow, Mass.



Two other members of the 45th Anniversary Class, 1944, Donald Washington, Henryetta, Oklahoma, and Jim Clark, of Odessa, Texas.

The Class of 1969



The Class of '69 smiles for the birdie. Front row: J. Kirkpatrick, R. Taylor, R. Antoine, J. Burchfield, C. Beard, T. Ferre, R. Collet and R. Nishimura; Back row: T. Wehrmeister, R. Rose, M. Sennett, J. Arnold, D. Huebener, D. Lamb, M. Stebbins, G. Colpitts, J. Phelps, J. Gormley, K. Ferraro, M. Lorenz, B. Williams, K. Rotskoff, P. Niedner, I. Kushner and S. Asher.

The Class of 1954



The Class of '54 looks up to the photographer. Front row: R. Heath, L. Nacht, P. Tinnin, C. Connelly and P. Walker; Second row: D. Moody, C. McCoy, C. Hurt, H. Hall, R. Hill, J. Davidsmeyer, E. Davison, J. Young, D. Cartwright and C. Danner; Back row: R. Everitt, H. Dallam, E. Kling, J. Amos, J. McDonald, F. Freeman and D. Dains.

The Class of 1964



Members of the 25 Year Class who attended their reunion are pictured here: L. to R. (Back row) Kent Karstens, Lou Ruschin, Jim Huisinga, Tom Yager, and Ed Stuedli; (Second row) Barry Jasper, David Krutchkoff, Ron Egami, Bob Mueller and Bob Dunbar; (Front row) Dennis Atkinson, Tom Doherty, Charles Manning, Dan O'Brien and Tom Scimo.



Alums of the thirties, forties and fifties (early) will fondly remember the Alumni Meetings held on February 22 each year at the School. The Biochem Lab was transformed into a Buffet Service for the luncheon of cold cuts and spaghetti. This happy group at a late forties Alumni Luncheon were: Dr. John Adams, Professor of Crown and Bridge, Dr. Carl Lattner, '40 (in back), Dr. Ken Borgwald, '38, Dr. Ed Hunter, '41, and Dr. Jim Jolly, '43 (Dec.). (The 1990 Meeting will be held during the Mid-Continent Meeting September 6, 7, 8 again at the Adams Mark Hotel).

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