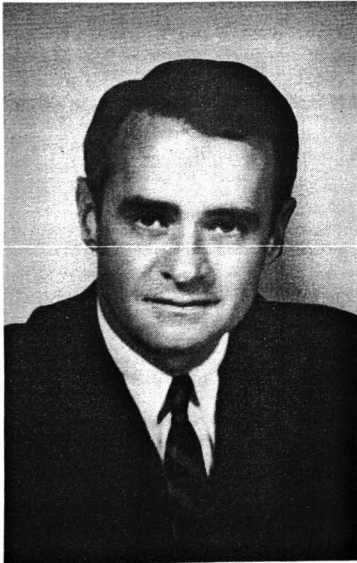


# alumni newsletter

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## Senator Thomas F. Eagleton Speaker at Rededication Banquet



The Honorable Thomas F. Eagleton, the junior United States Senator from Missouri, will be the featured speaker at the banquet of the 107th annual Alumni Association Meeting on Saturday evening, March 10, at the Bel Air East Hotel. The banquet will be dedicated to the celebration of completion of an extensive five-year renovation of the School's building.

Senator Eagleton vaulted into international prominence last summer when he was selected by Senator George McGovern to run as his vice presidential running mate on the Democratic presidential ticket. The disclosure that Senator Eagleton had received psychiatric treatment some years ago and the subsequent decision by McGovern to drop him from the ticket produced world headlines. As a result of the furor, Senator Eagleton has

become one of the nation's best-known and most popular political figures and he remains as one of the persons most frequently mentioned in discussions of Democratic presidential and vice presidential possibilities for 1976.

Born in St. Louis in 1929, the son of prominent business and political leader Mark Eagleton, Senator Eagleton served for two years as a naval officer and received his A.B. degree, Cum Laude, from Amherst College in 1950. He went on to Harvard Law School, where he was graduated Cum Laude in 1953.

After engaging in the private practice of law in St. Louis for three years, Senator Eagleton was elected Circuit Attorney of St. Louis -- at the age of 27 -- in 1956 and served in that office for four years, followed by successive four-year elected terms as Attorney-General and Lieutenant-Governor of Missouri.

He was elected to the United States Senate in November, 1968. Widely respected as one of the hardest-working and most articulate young liberals in the Senate, he has served as Chairman of the District of Columbia Committee and as a member of the Labor & Public Welfare and Public Works Committees and the Special Committee on Aging.

Senator Eagleton is married and the father of one son and one daughter.

Note  
Change Of  
Meeting Place  
Belair East Motel

## Dean's Message

My thanks to those of you who wrote to express your views in response to my letter last October on considering changing the name of the School to School of Dental Medicine and changing the degree granted to D.M.D. A strong majority of you favor changing the name of the School, and you prefer the D.M.D. degree change three-to-one. The faculty have registered their preferences, and we will soon have those of the students. Each vote in all three groups will be given the same weight, and on the basis of the final count, the Administrative Council and I will decide whether to recommend changes to the Chancellor.

Thoughts and activities are turning intensely toward the Annual Meeting of Alumni March 9, 10, 11. Our most excellent Secretary, John Durham, Associate Dean David A. Bensinger, Director of Special Projects Irving Litvag, and a Planning Committee are working hard on the many details of the School re-dedication in conjunction with the Alumni Meeting. President William Stocker has also given much attention to the coordination of affairs and made a trip to St. Louis specifically to help plan this outstanding celebration.

It seems most appropriate that the Re-dedication be held at a time when many of you will be in town, because you have been so instrumental to the success of it all. After six years of struggle and turmoil up the hill, we\* deserve this beautiful plateau, on which we find ourselves, for a time of refreshment and celebration. You will be amazed at the appearance of the renovated and re-equipped building. There have also been significant changes in operational programs, but they are harder to see, and much more remains to be done.

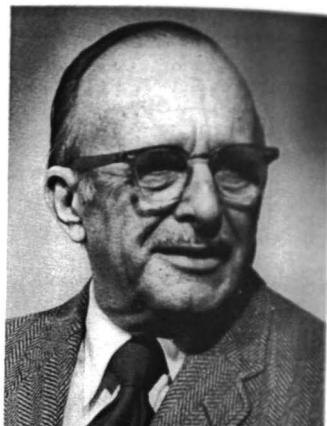
After celebrating, we\* will be moving on. Toward what?

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Washington University  
 School of Dentistry  
 1973 Alumni  
 Association Meeting



PAT PARSONS



PHILLIP VIERHELLER



PETER PULLON



REX WITHERSPOON

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

Thursday morning,

Post-graduate course, "Modern Practice of Fixed Prosthodontics," Samuel E. Guyer, D.D.S., School of Dentistry

Thursday evening,

Century Club Cocktail Party,  
 Alumni House, 6510 Ellenwood

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

BEL AIR EAST HOTEL

Registration

8:00 a.m.,

9:00 a.m.,

Opening Messages, William B. Stocker, D.D.S., President and John T. Bird, D.D.S., Dean of the School of Dentistry

Essay on "Expanding Dental Curriculum Into The Dental Community," Peter Pullon, D.D.S., Associate Professor of Dental Pathology

10:30 a.m.,

Ladies' Complimentary Coffee, Suite 1700

12:00 p.m.,

Dutch Treat Bar

12:30 p.m.,

Luncheon honoring the Class of 1923

1:30 p.m.,

Round Table Discussions:

**Pedodontics**, Pat Parsons, D.D.S., Roger Parrott, D.D.S., William Stocker, D.D.S.

**Endodontics**, Hugh Berry, D.D.S., George Wiseheart, D.D.S.

**Prosthodontics, Fixed**, Samuel Guyer, D.D.S., Clifford Neill, D.D.S.

**Prosthodontics, Removable**, Phillip Vierheller, D.D.S., Warren Speiser, D.D.S.

**Periodontics**, Harold Schreiber, D.D.S., Jules Snitzer, D.D.S.

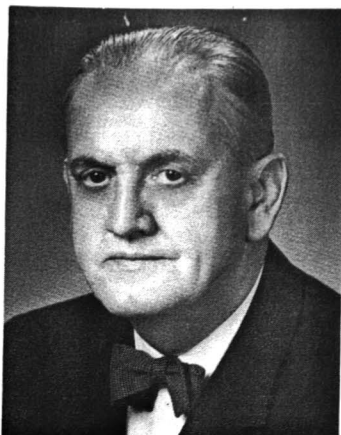
**Oral Surgery**, Hamilton R. Young, D.D.S., Robert Hirschi, D.D.S., Rex Witherspoon, D.D.S.

Friday evening,

Class Reunions



HAROLD SCHREIBER



HAMILTON R. YOUNG



SAMUEL E. GUYER

**SATURDAY, MARCH 10**

- 8:00 a.m., Past Presidents' Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m., Eye-Opener Coffee, Mayan Room
- 9:00 a.m., Essay: "Prevention and Treatment of Complications Associated With the Surgical Removal of Impacted Third Molars"  
Rex Witherspoon, D.D.S.
- 10:00 a.m., Essay: Restorative Dentistry:
  1. Diagnostic Procedures
  2. Philosophy of Occlusion
  3. Combined Dental Therapy
 Clifford Neill, D.D.S.
- 11:30 a.m., Annual Business Meeting
- 12:00 p.m., Lunch at Personal Option
- 6:30 p.m., Dutch Treat Bar
- 8:00 p.m., Rededication Banquet



CLIFFORD NEILL

**The Honorable Thomas F. Eagleton,**  
United States Senator, Speaker  
Mayan Room  
Bel Air East Hotel

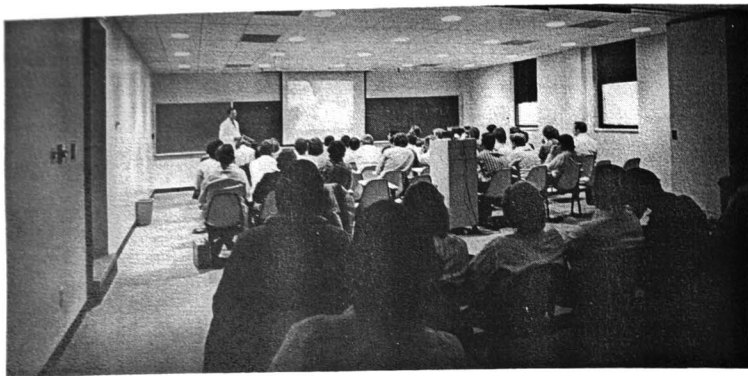
**SUNDAY, MARCH 11**

10:00 a.m. to  
2:00 p.m.

Open House and Guided Tours of the New School of Dentistry  
Facilities



HUGH BERRY

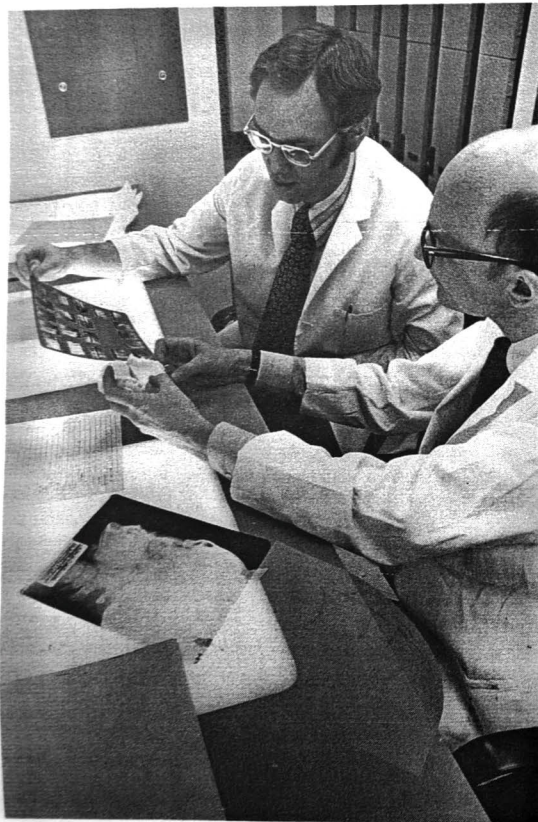


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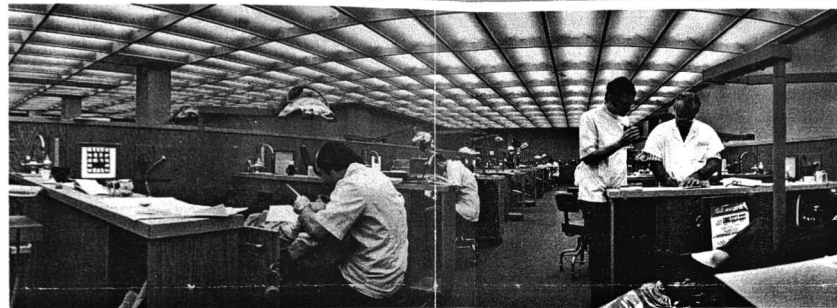
*The  
"Forward Look"  
in Action*



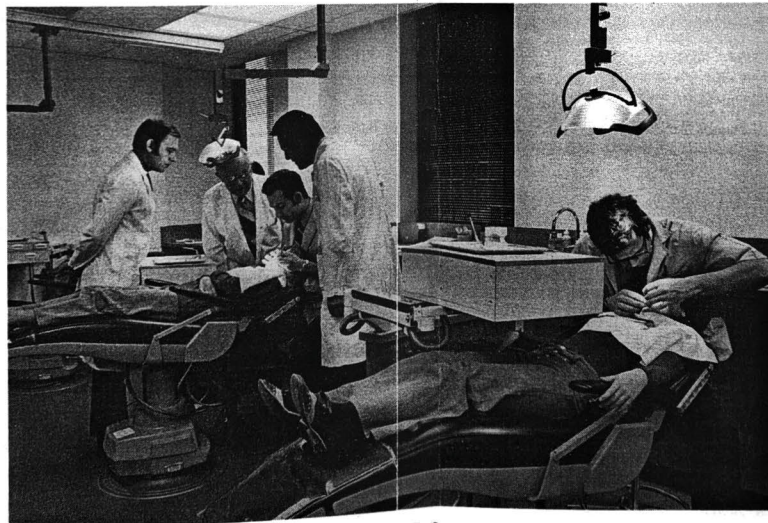
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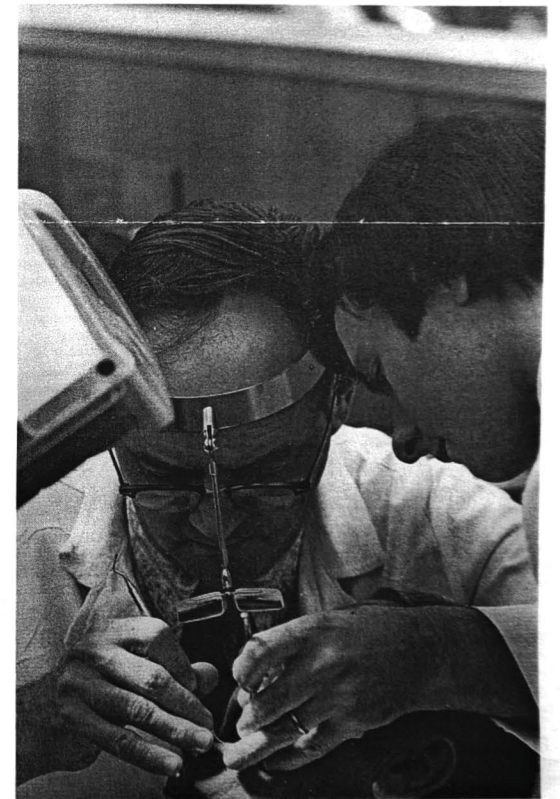
*Diagnosing*



*Clinic Floor*



*Consulting*



*Demonstrating*

## Three Alumni To Be Honored



**KENNETH MARSHALL**

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Washington University Dental Alumni Association provide for the annual naming of Distinguished Alumni who have "made outstanding contributions to the art and science of dentistry or who have rendered important service to the Profession, to the Association or to the School of Dentistry." This year three alumni of Washington University have been accorded this honor by the Association. They are Ralph Rosen, Class of 1930, L. Woodrow O'Brien, Class of 1935, and Kenneth C. Marshall, Class of 1940.

**Ralph Rosen** has distinguished himself in the years since his graduation in proving that the pen is indeed mighty. During his years as Editor of the St. Louis Dental Society **Bulletin** (1946-53) he fought long and hard for the fluoridation of the St. Louis water supply, recommending it six months before the American Dental Association. In 1956, the battle was won and fluoridation in St. Louis became reality. His editorials, quoted often in city papers, were extremely important factors in this victory for dental health in our city. In 1963, he received the Achievement Award from the St. Louis Dental Society "in recognition of his untiring efforts for better public health in securing the fluoridation program for the St. Louis Metropolitan Area." He is a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon and a Fellow of the American College of Dentists. He served in 1955 as President of the American Association of Dental Editors, also serving this organization as its editor from 1956 to 1965. He



**RALPH ROSEN**

has been a contributing editor to the **Journal of the Missouri Dental Association** since the year of his graduation and is presently editor of the **Washington University Dental School Alumni Newsletter**. For many years, he served on the Council on Dental Health both locally and in the state Association, serving as its Chairman in 1952. He has written several articles on endodontics and has been active in local organization of his fraternity, Alpha Omega.

**Woody O'Brien** has served on the faculty of his Alma Mater almost continually since his graduation, principally in the field of prosthodontics. The only break in his teaching was his stint as Chief of the Prosthetic Section with the 21st General Hospital Unit during World War II. He is now retired with the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. His work in the rehabilitation of cleft palate patients is widely recognized, as well as his work with patients suffering from tissue loss due to oral and maxillo-facial cancer. He is presently Director of the Lasky Rehabilitation Center as well as Professor of Maxillofacial Prosthodontics. On the staff of both Barnes and Jewish Hospitals, he is also a Consultant to the Veterans Administration. He is a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, a Fellow of the American College of Dentists and an honorary member of the St. Louis Speech and Hearing Society. He served as President of the Washington University Alumni Association in 1966. He has presented essays and clinical demonstrations before many dental organizations both here and abroad.



**L. WOODROW O'BRIEN**

**Kenneth Marshall** took advanced training in orthodontics immediately upon completion of his military service during World War II and joined the faculty of St. Louis University School of Dentistry in 1947 and has risen to his present position as Professor, Director and Chairman of the Graduate Orthodontic Department at that school. During these years, he was responsible for the development of the Graduate and Post-graduate Studies Program at St. Louis University School of Dentistry, and for the building of the largest orthodontic department in the country. Active in all university affairs, he is a member of the St. Louis University Medical Center Joint Conference Committee and as a member of the St. Louis University Athletic Council. He has been visiting lecturer at Baylor University, the University of Tennessee, the University of Michigan, and the University of Kentucky. He is a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon and a Fellow of the American College of Dentists and has received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the University of Michigan Orthodontic Alumni Association and the U.S. State Department AID Citation for the Foreign Orthodontic Teaching Program. He has lectured widely throughout the United States and several foreign countries. In building an outstanding department of orthodontics in our sister university, he has brought honor also to his Alma Mater, Washington University.

**John Gilster**  
Chairman Awards Committee

## President's Message

In this, my last official message, there are several items I'd like to mention for your consideration. After seven years on the W. U. D. S. Alumni Board of Directors, I have become convinced that there is a serious need of more effective use of communications between faculty, alumni, students and administration. The fault does not lie with any one segment. We all share in the blame for not more effectively using the means that are available.

Personal conversations, whether at a cocktail party or Society meeting, are excellent for trying out an idea or even spreading a rumor. Why not give the idea maximum exposure—directly to the powers that be or if you prefer anonymity, a signed letter to the Newsletter is acceptable. In fact, our editor Ralph Rosen is constantly pleading for letters from the Alumni—which he seldom gets—unless the information he gets is mistaken or one's name is misspelled. But "Letters to the Editor," suggestions, etc. tell what you are thinking and builds reader interest.

Perhaps the most important means of communication is attendance and participation in the Alumni Meeting, particularly the business meeting. Here is where you may exchange your ideas with the so-called "powers that be." If your idea is good, you will get action. Isn't that better than griping over a cocktail about the imaginary "clique" that "runs things?" This is not an Alumni privilege, it is an Alumni obligation to make valid suggestions to improve our Alma Mater. May I cite some areas that have been "whispered" about?

**Item:** Curriculum changes, some feel, would be desirable from their experience since graduating.

**Item:** Some believe there is need for greater utilization of Alumni as instructors, preceptors, visiting clinicians, lecturers, etc. Yet, because we as Alumni have not indicated a willingness to serve, the school has hesitated to call on us. Express yourself!

**Item:** We need to utilize our Newsletter as a forum for the exchange of opinions and complaints. Only you can establish an informative Letter to the Editor column.

**Item:** The Administration asked for Alumni viewpoint regarding change of degree and name of school. Did you express your viewpoint? Then don't gripe about the ultimate decision.

**Item:** Allegations from some that the only time the school is interested in them is during a fund drive. Our Alumni have been the most responsive of Alumni and are to be congratulated. It is also true that the University and Dental

## DEANS MESSAGE—

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The future is never clear, but the sense of our Re-dedication, I believe, is toward "Modern Dental Education for Patient Care." This same statement could have been made and probably was at various stages of this honorable School's advancement, but the meaning has changed with the times.

We\* have saved the School and naturally are thinking, "For what?" For people and programs is what I would say. Here is where our real mission lies, and now for sure we have a good base from which to meet it. People's needs change and their programs must change accordingly. Patients need and want dental care under modern conditions, and the School is a part of meeting those needs.

I feel sure that as we\* move through the years ahead, that same strong feeling of mutual support which has brought us here will continue and bring with it success.

Come to the Alumni Meeting and enjoy it and add to the Celebration with a Forward Look.

*\* hundreds of people; especially alumni, students, staff and faculty*

**John T. Bird, (December, 1943)  
Dean**

School place high value on loyalty evidenced by your attendance at Alumni Meetings and post-graduate courses. Come and see where your money went. You will be proud.

**Item:** Many faculty members and students do not avail themselves of the opportunity to attend our annual Alumni Meeting. I believe they should be encouraged to become active with us as one other step in eliminating a communication gap.

I could go on and on, but I think you see my intent—to have a strong, active, vital alumni organization; matched with continuing advancement in our school's excellence; to have students and faculty who feel a part of the "family"—all these desirable ends can only be met by a spirit of mutual efforts at communication. Or it seems to me! "Nuff said!

Without the untiring and dedicated efforts of John Durham, I believe little could be accomplished by our alumni governing body. It is especially difficult when the president and 90% of the Board of Directors live away from St. Louis. I owe John a big thanks for much help and, in many cases, carrying the ball for us almost single-handed. Thanks, John, from us all!

Finally, my thanks to you, the Alumni, for granting me the honor and privilege of serving you as president. The year has given me insight into many

## New Appointments

Dr. Hugh G. Berry was appointed Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs. Dr. Berry will succeed Dr. Richard D. Morrison, who continues to serve as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Community Health and Preventive Dentistry.

Also announced by Dr. Bird was the appointment of Dr. Peter A. Pullon as Director of Clinics for the School of Dentistry, in addition to his duties as Chairman of the Department of Pathology.

Dr. Berry will be responsible for the educational program of the School of Dentistry. He will continue the development and implementation, begun by Dr. Morrison, of the School's new curriculum, which permits the individual student to progress toward his degree at a pace suitable to his aptitude and interest.

Dr. Berry will continue in his previous posts as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Endodontics. He became a part-time faculty member of the School of Dentistry following his graduation from the School in 1952 and was engaged in the private practice of dentistry in St. Louis from 1952 to 1968. He became a full-time member of the faculty in 1968 and was promoted to full professor last April.

Dr. Berry is a diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics, a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon honor society in Dentistry and Xi Psi Phi dental fraternity, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater St. Louis Dental Society.

Dr. Peter A. Pullon has been named chairman-elect of the Dental Section of the American Association for Cancer Education and will serve as chairman of the group in 1973-74. Dr. Pullon recently joined the faculty of the School of Dentistry as associate professor and chairman of the department of pathology.

The American Association for Cancer Education is made up of members of the medical and dental professions who work to improve and expand training in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of cancer in professional schools. Dentists play an important role in the diagnosis of head and neck cancer and also become part of the treatment team involved in the care of patients with such diseases.

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problems that beset our school but I am confident our administrators have the demonstrated ability to cope with problems. With all working together, our school can't help but continue to gain academic stature.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Wm. B. Stocker, President

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Dr. Pullon, a 34-year-old native of Kalamazoo, Michigan, is a graduate of Albion College in Michigan and earned his degree in dentistry from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. He also has a master's degree in oral pathology and diagnosis from Michigan and is a candidate for a master's degree in education from Temple University.

Dr. Pullon, who resides at 872 Rrenderer in Warson Woods, was a faculty member at the Temple University School of Dentistry and School of Graduate Studies from 1968 until his recent move to St. Louis. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Oral Pathology and a Diplomate, American Board of Oral Pathology.

## News Notes

Russell Wheeler who is at present Research Professor, Dental Anatomy and Physiology has just completed an appointment as a consultant for the Revision of Dorland's Medical Dictionary, 25th edition. It is perhaps the most widely purchased medico-dental text.

Dr. Wheeler's appointment as consultant covered a period of over four years. This appointment was certainly a credit to him and to dentistry for he will doubtlessly be named a contributor on a fly leaf of the 25th edition—another D.D.S. who helped maintain our foothold on the "medical scene."

If your editor may be permitted a personal note:—while in Nairobi, East Africa, last December I visited a laboratory technicians' training school supervised by a former student at U.C.L.A. When he heard I was from St. Louis, he wanted to know if I knew "Tooth Form"

Wheeler. The Good Word sure gets around—Congratulations, Russ.

Dr. David A. Bensinger, Associate Dean for Planning and Development of the School of Dentistry, was installed on Sunday, February 11, as President of the Mid-West Society of Periodontists. The installation took place in Chicago at the annual meeting of the Society, which includes dentists from 12 midwestern states.

Dr. Bensinger is President-elect of the Missouri Dental Association. A graduate of the St. Louis University School of Dentistry, he has been a member of the Washington University faculty for 24 years, holding the post of Associate Professor of Dental Medicine, and has been Associate Dean for five years. He supervised the recently-completed renovation of the School of Dentistry building.

Dr. Bensinger served for three years as a member of the Review Committee on Dental Education of the National Institute of Health.

John Tsunehiro '68 last summer started a two year residency in general dentistry in a V. A. Hospital in Washington, D.C. He and his family are living in Silver Springs, Maryland. His father David Tsunehiro '31 and brother Davis, Jr. '63 are practicing on the Island of Kauai.

Blair Thurgood D.D.S. '61 has received a M.S. degree in removable prosthodontics from the University of Iowa.

John Simpson, D.D.S. '56 has arrived for duty at the Tachikawa, Japan Air Force Base where he will be on the staff of the USAF hospital.

Ed Bohlmann '43 has been named Public Relations Chairman for the West-

ern District Dental Society of the Southern California Dental Association. Bohlmann appeared on Sunday evening, Feb. 4th, as a guest panelist on an hour long television show in Los Angeles in connection with Children's Dental Health Week. Bohlmann is specializing in Orthodontics, with offices at 12585 Venice Boulevard, Mar Vista, California, 90066.

Dean Boling was the recipient of the Award of Merit from the St. Louis Dental Society at its January Inaugural Meeting.

Colonel John Frost, D.D.S. '42, was honored in special retirement ceremonies at Fort McPherson, Ga. headquarters of the Third U.S. Army. He received the Legion of Merit. Dr. Frost entered the Dental Corps in 1942, served in the European Theater during World War II and subsequently in the Far East, Europe and the U.S.

*The editor is glad and sorry, glad that someone read the last Newsletter and sorry his information source was in error. Associate Dean George Burnett officiated as Chairman of the Section on Research at the last A.D.A. Convention and not as Vice-Chairman.*

## Deaths

CARL LATTNER '40, past president of the W.U. Dental Alumni Association, in St. Louis at age 57.

WILLIAM JAMES ALLEN '31, died Oct. 18th, 1972.

WALTER THOMAS AVERY '16, died Oct. 21st, 1972.

GLEN REX INGRAM '30, died Nov. 8th, 1972.

JAMES IRVIN SMITH '29, died Dec. 10th, 1972.

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