

# alumni newsletter

## Travels With The Dean

Over the past year, Dean Selfridge and I have traveled to several areas of the country, visiting with our alumni and friends and spreading the news about our School and the progress that has been and is being made.

Last spring, we visited Salt Lake City, San Diego, Los Angeles, Orange County and San Francisco, re-establishing some old acquaintances and making many new ones.

In Salt Lake, we had dinner with the Joe Baughs, '57, the Elmer L. Sandbergs, '44, the Richard L. Ellis, '51, the Blaine R. Piersons, '73, the Kent Johnsons, '70, the Charles E. Parkin's, '55, and Bruce D. White, '69. Drs. Sandberg and Miltenberger organized our dinner at the lovely Salt Lake Hilton Hotel.

In San Diego, Dr. William C. Thompson, '57, hosted Dean Selfridge and me and we joined Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Barnum, '61, the James Knott's, '50, Harry L. Anscornb, '30, C. M. Hulsey, '67, James R. Bobbitt, Jr., '65, and Daniel McGivney III, '75.

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Ecker ('57, '62) and Dr. & Mrs. Joe Ecker ('61, '66) organized a lovely dinner at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Los Angeles. In attendance were Dr. and Mrs. Louis Schwarzbach, '75, the Klaus Warme's, '76, the Steve Iceland's, '73, the Raymond J. DiGiglio's, '76, and Dr. Michael Rieder, '71.

The Kona Hawaii Club was the scene of our dinner in Orange County, hosted by Drs. Doug Arakawa, '56, George Asawa, '63, and Sam Maehara, '65, and their wives. Drs. Ralph M. Ohta, '59, Donald K. Kanemaru, '55, Michael H. Yee, '77, and Dr. and Mrs. George W. Williams, '73, the William W. Senn's, '38, the Daniel D. Herr's, '75, joined us for dinner and an evening complete with an authentic Hawaiian show.

Winding up our trip in San Francisco, we spent a rousing evening over a wonderfully prepared dinner in Ristorante Orsi's wine cellar with Dr. and Mrs. Hank Dupree, '63, who organized everything, and Dr. and Mrs. Dick Shern, '62, the Lou Ruschin's, '64, and the David Kimball's, '59.

The Dean also attended the Oklahoma State Dental meeting, and the annual meeting of the class of 1940 in Arkansas.

This past fall we were in Anaheim, California during the A.D.A. meeting where we were hosted by the Southern California group at a lavish reception at "Club 33" inside Disneyland Park. Over 200 alumni and friends gathered for a delightful evening. (See pictures on pages 6-8.)

In November we attended the Greater New York Dental Meeting and joined many of our New York and New Jersey alums for Sunday brunch in Greenwich Village, planned by Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Forman, '43, and their daughter, Janet. Joining us were Dr. and Mrs. Milton Feldman, '35, the Joe Sanker's, '55, and Drs. Stuart Blaustein, '72, Richard Boguslaw, '73, Sanford Kirsch, '46, George Krugman, '37, Macon C. Michaux, '46, Matthew S. Pope, '43, and Abby Zelnick, '48.

While in New York, I was also able to visit with Drs. S. Charles Conarck, '46, and Anthony Valenti, '46.

I then visited Boston where I met Drs. Michael Segal, '62, Phil Lee, '68, and Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Racowsky, '71, for dinner.

Next, down to Washington D.C. where I visited with Drs. Robert Koch, '59, Steve Montgomery, '59, General Roger Hombs, '45, Drs. Donald W. Turner, '60, and last, but certainly not least, Dr. William D. Curtis, '35.

## Dental Explorer Program

The East-West auditorium was filled to more than capacity on the evening of November 9 as some 85 high school students and their parents attended the first meeting of the School's new Dental Explorer Post organized in cooperation with the Boy Scout Council. The program will give its young participants a fine overview and a great deal of information about all branches of the dental profession. On November 30, about 45 of the students returned here to hear a talk by Dr. Richard Brand on requirements for entering various dental education programs. On December 14, the post members visited the dental assisting and lab technician programs at Meramec Community College and on January 25 inspected the dental hygiene and dental assisting programs at Forest Park Community College.

Dr. Brand and two other faculty members, Dr. Monika Strong and Mrs. Janice Franklin, are serving on the Explorer Post committee along with Dr. Sanford Wax, an interested alumnus. About 50 of our students also have volunteered to help in the program by functioning as big brothers or sisters to the participating high school students. The young people will meet periodically and eventually will be given a taste of dental lab work by being allowed to work on wax models and cavity preparations.

This past January Dean Selfridge traveled to Hawaii to visit with out alumni during the Hawaii State Dental Meeting. He received a very warm welcome at a luncheon organized by Dr. Joseph Young, '54. The alums also offered suggestions for our upcoming Alumni Trip to Hawaii planned for next March, 1980 after the annual Alumni Meeting here in St. Louis. More about this later.

Dean Selfridge has been dubbed the "Traveling Dean" because he welcomes the opportunity to visit with alumni just about anywhere he's invited. The Dean and I both look forward to seeing many of you at our Annual Meeting here in St. Louis on March 15, 16, 17, 1979.

**Ilene Pearl**  
Director of Development



Who is this man? And what was he planning to do for the next thirty-three years? (Answer on page 5)

SAVE THESE DATES —

March 16 - 17

113th Alumni

Meeting

# 113th Alumni Meeting - Breckenridge Inn

## Schedule

### THURSDAY, MARCH 15:

9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

(School of Dental Medicine)

Continuing Education Course: "Oral Medicine and Clinical Pharmacology" by Dr. William Bottomley, Georgetown University, and Dr. Samuel Holroyd, U.S. Navy Dental Corps. Tuition: \$90. For registration form, write to the Department of Continuing Education at the School.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 16:

7:30 A.M.

(The Breckenridge Inn)

Board of Directors Meeting

8:00 A.M.

Registration (a hospitality room for alumni and spouses, with coffee and sweet rolls, will be open from 8:30 to 10:30 A.M.)

9:00 A.M.

Opening Message: John R. Neal, D.D.S., President

9:15 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Clinical Presentation: "Local Anesthetics and Vasoconstrictors (Drugs, Problems, and Solutions)" and "Special Topics: Treatment of Acute Necrotizing Ulcerative Gingivitis and Prophylaxis Against Subacute Bacterial Endocarditis" by Dr. Samuel Holroyd.

11:30 A.M.

Dutch Treat Bar

12 Noon

Luncheon followed by Annual Business Meeting and Report of the Dean

1:30 P.M.

Buses leave hotel for School of Dental Medicine for guided tours of the School, short courses with School faculty members (pre-registration required), conversation with faculty, students, staff. Buses will arrive back at hotel about 5 P.M.

6:30 P.M.

Dutch Treat Bar

7:30 P.M.

Banquet honoring special reunion classes of 1929, 1954, 1969 . . . installation of new officers of Dental Alumni Association . . . dancing

### SATURDAY, MARCH 17:

7:30 A.M.

(The Breckenridge Inn)

Past Presidents' Breakfast

8:30 A.M.

Eye-Opener Coffee

9:15 A.M.

Clinical Presentation: "Treatment of Common Oral Lesions" by Dr. William Bottomley

12 Noon

Luncheon honoring alumni and students involved in "Big Brother" Program (all alumni invited to attend)

Evening

Class Reunions



## Danner Named Distinguished Alumnus

Dr. Clark D. Danner of Manhattan, Kansas, has been designated "Distinguished Alumnus 1979" by the Washington University Dental Alumni Association for his many accomplishments in dentistry as well as in his community.

After his graduation from the University in 1954, Clark served two years in the Air Force and then located in Manhattan, Kansas where he has practiced general dentistry ever since. His leadership in organized dentistry can best be illustrated by listing the presidencies he's held: Riley

County Dental Association, Great Plains Dental Society, Golden Belt Dental District, and finally the Kansas State Dental Association. He also occupied a few other chairs on the way, including: president of the Kansas Unit of the American Society of Dentistry for Children, president of St. Mary's Hospital Dental Staff and an officer of the Kansas Academy of General Practice.

Clark is also a Fellow of the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists and a member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He has lec-

tured to many dental groups and given numerous programs on dental health to lay organizations.

His service to his community included board membership on the Manhattan PTA and the Manhattan Country Club and the presidencies of the Lee School PTA and of Toastmasters International.

Clark and his wife Nancy, have three children: D'Eari, 23, Dean, 21, and Dianne, 19.

Clark Danner has brought honor to Washington University in his outstanding service to our profession and to his community, and this is acknowledged with deep appreciation.

**Awards Committee**

## Three Short Courses Mar. 16

### Staple Implant Dentures - Drs. Warren Speiser and Walter Bisch

### Endodontic Controversies - Dr. Hugh Berry

### Restorative Dentistry - Dr. Mohamed Marzouk

As part of a plan to provide more solid clinical content to the forthcoming 113th meeting of the Dental Alumni Association, three interesting short courses—each lasting 2 1/2 hours—will be offered at the School of Dental Medicine on Friday afternoon, March 16. The courses will be taught by outstanding School faculty members and one non-faculty colleague.

Buses bringing alumni to the School will leave the Breckenridge Inn at 1:30 P.M. on March 16. Some alumni will participate in the short courses, while others may choose to take guided tours of the School led by faculty members or to talk informally with faculty, students, and staff. The buses will leave the School at 4:30 for the return trip to the hotel.

Each short course will be limited to 15 participants, with registration on a first-come, first-served basis. As we went to press, each course still had some openings for additional participants. The deadline for registration for the short courses is March 1. Tuition for each course is \$20. To register for a short course, use the Alumni Association meeting pre-registration form, which has been sent to all alumni. For further information, call Irv Litvag at the School, (314) 454-0387.

The edentulous patient with a problem lower denture has been the subject of much research aimed at solving this problem. Implant dentistry is one of the areas being explored for this purpose. It has a long, varied history and each year brings new treatments from the research area to the clinical area.

Recently the staple implant has shown considerable promise and has eliminated some of the previous problems with implants. This course will demonstrate both the surgical technique for the placement of the staple and the construction of the superstructure and the denture.

Dr. Speiser is a member of the School's Class of 1948 and received his master's degree in prosthodontics in 1960. He conducts a private practice in prosthodontics in suburban St. Louis and is a visiting lecturer in his specialty at the School. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics.

Dr. Bisch received his dental degree from Saint Louis University and also earned a master's degree in oral surgery from the same institution. He practices oral surgery in suburban St. Louis.

Whether to continue with the classic endodontic technique involving culturing, to continue to use silver cones, or to go entirely to use of gutta percha are perplexing problems that demand day-to-day discussion. The Sargenti controversy concerning the use of a paste filler continues to demand attention. Robust claims are made for the technique. These and all endodontic problems will be discussed, depending on the interest of the group.

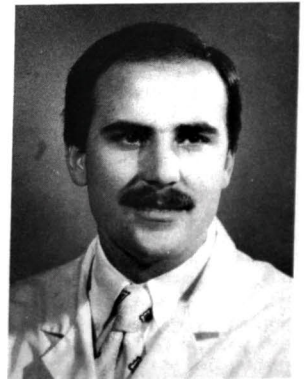
Dr. Berry will present a number of his own cases which display what he considers acceptable modern endodontics. Participants then will be given the opportunity to show radiographs of problem cases from their practices for discussion. (Ready mounts for radiographs will be available from the Department of Endodontics).

Dr. Berry is a 1952 graduate of the School and has been a member of the School's faculty since that time. He has been Chairman of the School's Department of Endodontics since 1969 and also has served as Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics.

Dr. Marzouk's course will be a lecture-slide presentation that will describe and discuss principles of restoring badly broken down teeth, emphasizing a feasible, simple, practical and modern approach. The presentation will discuss the applicability of the foundation-restoration approach versus restoration alone, recent developments in the restoring of endodontically-treated teeth, and bonded restoration.

The presentation will include recent modifications in cavity preparations for all new amalgams, composite resins, and isoinomere cement restorations.

Dr. Marzouk joined the School's faculty in 1973 as Chairman of the Department of Operative Dentistry after previously serving on the dental faculties of Meharry Medical College, Loyola University of Chicago, and Temple University. A dental graduate of Cairo University in Egypt, where he also taught for nine years, Dr. Marzouk earned a master's degree in Operative Dentistry at Indiana University.



Vic Trammell, a second-year student from Dexter, Mo, has been honored with his selection by the School as "Student of the Quarter." The selection is based on academic performance, attitude, interest, and other criteria. The selection is made by Dean Selfridge, with the advice of the faculty.

#### Officers of the Alumni Association

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## Faculty Notes

On September 22, Dr. Memory Elvin-Lewis, Associate Professor of Microbiology, delivered a paper on "New Drugs Derived from Plant Sources for the Treatment of Cancer" before the annual meeting of the Herb Trade Association in the University of California - Santa Cruz. Dr. Lewis discussed a number of active new anti-cancer drugs isolated from plants throughout the world that are now receiving clinical trials. At least one of them, from the East African plant Maytenus, should soon be ready for clinical use. Oleander, a tropical tree common in California, and the oak tree are among the specimens yielding drugs now being tested. Interestingly, the plants producing these drugs often are known to be poisonous. . . Dr. Alphonse Peterson, Assistant Professor of Clinical Oral Diagnosis and Radiology, was in Madrid, Spain, in September to give a lecture at the 66th annual World Dental Congress of the Federation Dentaire Internationale. Dr. Peterson spoke on "The Use of Electrosurgery in Reconstructive Surgery of the Lip, Tongue, and Ear." Dr. Peterson a nationally-known authority on electrosurgery and immediate past president of the American Academy of Dental Electrosurgery, gave a continuing education course on "Everyday Uses of Dental Electrosurgery" here on February 3, 1979, with Dr. William J. Kelly of St. Louis, also a past president of the American Academy of Dental Electrosurgery. . . We bid a hearty welcome to a new part-time member of the School's faculty: Dr. Leroy M. Baum, Jr., Clinical Associate in Operative Dentistry. . . Dr. Altug Kazanoglu, Instructor in Clinical Removable Prosthodontics, presented a table clinic titled "Fabricating Technique for an Immediate Removable Prosthesis" on October 19 at the 2nd International Prosthodontics Congress, held in Las Vegas. . . The October issue of the ADA Journal contains an article on "The Missing Orthodontic Elastic Band, A Periodontic-Orthodontic Dilemma" that was written by Dr. David C. Vandersall, former chairperson of our Department of Periodontics and now at the University of Kentucky, and Dr. David L. Varble, a graduate of our orthodontic program who is

now in private practice in Jerseyville, Illinois. The article features a case report of a woman patient in our graduate orthodontic program. A note with the article acknowledges the assistance of Steve Amsden, our School's photographer and audio-visual production manager, in preparing the photographs that illustrate the article. . . Another blessed event is being celebrated by Dr. Cheryl Stern of the Department of Operative Dentistry, who gave birth on November 17 to her second son. The baby, named Joshua Benjamin, is thriving.

Dr. Alphonse Peterson of the Department of Oral Diagnosis and Radiology presented a table clinic on "The Advantages of Electrosurgery in Corrective Oral Surgery in the Pediatric Patient" on November 18 during the 37th Dental Review of the Detroit District Dental Society. . . Drs. Harold R. Schreiber and Marshall Manne of the Department of Periodontics have been reappointed to the Missouri State Specialty Board in Periodontics. Dr. John E. Gilster of the Pedodontic Department is serving as Chairman of the Missouri State Specialty Board in Pedodontics. . . Dr. Alphonse Peterson, Assistant Professor of Clinical Oral Diagnosis and Radiology, gave a lecture to the South County District Dental Society on "The Use of Electrosurgery in Cosmetic Surgery of Orofacial Structures." . . Dr. Harold R. Schreiber, Professor of Clinical Periodontics, and Dr. Eric A. Berla, a member of our Class of 1975, are co-authors of an article on "Epithelial Dysplasia of the Gingiva," that appears in the January issue of the American Academy of Periodontology publication.

## Alumni Deaths

Leon J. Bain '31 on July 25, 1978  
Homer T. Kemper '13 on Oct. 30, 1978  
Rolland T. Matthews '19  
George W. Henske '12  
Walter Eckardt '35 on Dec. 17, 1978.

## Miss Steuernagel Now Professor Steuernagel

Hearty congratulations to our School's long-time (33-years) and revered librarian, Miss Harriett Steuernagel, on her recent appointment to faculty status as Associate Professor of Library Science in Dental Medicine. Miss Steuernagel, who plans to retire as head of her department next January, began her career at the School under Dean Otto Brandhorst after previously working in the Applied Science Department of the St. Louis Public Library. She is a graduate of Stephens College and Washington University, where she received her undergraduate degree, and earned a degree in library science from the University of Illinois.

Harriett holds another distinction that might surprise some people: she was one of those who introduced the Charleston to St. Louis. She was a professional dancer before she attended college and was a ballet solo dancer at the Muny Opera. She also was a member of the highly-popular Russell Markert tap dancing group that was featured in stage shows at the old Missouri Theater here. Markert and some members of the group later went to New York City and formed the legendary rockettes of the Radio City Music Hall, but Harriett chose to remain here and attend college. It was during some of those stage shows that Harriett and other dancers were among the first to perform the Charleston, the dance that became the rage of the Roaring 20's.

## Alumni News

Patrick Walker, '54, was recently elected director of the Fixed Prosthodontic Section of the American Association of Dental Schools. Pat is chairman of the fixed prosthodontic section of the Department of Restorative Dentistry at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry.

Clayton Johnson, '70, has recently been elected President of the Jefferson City (Missouri) Dental Society.

Ralph Rosen, '30, was recently appointed Editor of the Greater St. Louis Dental Society Bulletin. Ralph had served the Society in that capacity some years ago and led the fight for fluoridation of the St. Louis water supply from his position as editor. He is succeeding Gunter Schmidt, '37, who has served as editor for several years.

John W. Bull, '71, is President of the Panama Canal Zone Dental Society this year.

William B. Stocker, '46, is Immediate Past-President of the Missouri Dental Association, while Rex Witherspoon, '46, is Editor and John E. Gilster, '44, is Third Vice-President of the M.D.A.

### NEW SCHOOL

### PHONE NUMBERS

Dental School	454-0300
Mr. Litvag	454-0387
Library	454-0385

## MARK THESE DATES

Friday and Saturday March 16 and 17, 1979 Breckenridge Inn  
113th Annual Washington University  
Dental Alumni Meeting

Sunday, May 6, 1979 Muehlbach, Kansas City  
Missouri Dental Meeting  
Cocktail Party

Tuesday, June 19, 1979 Breckenridge Inn  
Senior Awards Night  
and Reception

## Continuing Education Program

Anyone desiring more information on any of the courses listed below should write the Department of Continuing Education, Washington University School of Dental Medicine, 4559 Scott Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110. The schedule:

**Saturday, Mar. 3**—"Patient Motivation for Dental Auxiliaries," Ms. Betsy Alden, Director of Auxiliary Education, Temple University.

**Saturday, Mar. 10**—"Humanodontics—The Application of Behavioral Science Principles to Dental Practice," Dr. James E. Cassidy, Associate Dean, Tufts University.

**Thursday, Mar. 15**—"Oral Medicine and Applied Pharmacology in Dental Practice," Dr. William K. Bottomley, Professor of Oral Diagnosis, Georgetown University; Dr. Sam V. Holroyd, Dental Corps, U.S. Navy. (Note: This course just precedes the Alumni Meeting week-end)

**Saturday, April 7**—"What to do when the Standard Dental Radiograph is Not Enough—Specialized Radiography for the General Dentist and Dental Specialist," Dr. Roger J. Adams, Assistant Professor of Oral Diagnosis and Radiology, Washington University (WU Class of 1974); Dr. D. Lorne Catena, Associate Professor of Oral Diagnosis, Southern Illinois University.

**Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22**—"Occlusion and Practice Management," Dr. Carl E. Rieder, Clinical Professor of Prosthodontics, University of Southern California.

**Saturday, April 28**—"The Science and Practice of Nutrition in Dentistry," Dr. Abraham E. Nizel, Professor of Nutrition and Preventive Dentistry, Tufts University.

**Saturday, May 5**—"The Clinical Application of Dental Materials," Dr. Wilmer B. Eames, Professor of Orthodontics, University of North Carolina.

**Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20**—"Recent Advances in Operative Dentistry for the General Practitioner," Dr. Ronald E. Jordan, Professor of Restorative Dentistry, University of Western Ontario (Canada).

**Saturday, May 26**—"Oral Rehabilitation for the Edentulous Patient," Dr. Robert W. Elliott, Associate Professor of Prosthodontics, Georgetown University.

**Saturday, June 2**—"The General Dentist and the Care of the Cancer Patient Receiving Radiation Therapy to the Head and Neck," Dr. Oscar N. Guerra, Director of Maxillofacial Rehabilitation, Ellis Fischel State Cancer Hospital, Columbia, Mo.

## School Yearbook

### Underway

For the first time in years, the School will soon have its own bound yearbook to provide, in photos and text, a record of activities here. A group of students has been working for some time on plans for the yearbook, which is scheduled to be distributed early in June of this year. The yearbook will be bound in hard covers and will have 112 pages, of which 10 pages will be devoted to advertising to help offset the cost of producing the book. The project started out as an activity of the Third Level class to provide a permanent record of that class, according to Ralph Hansen, one of the leaders of the project, but was widened to encompass all the students, along with faculty and staff members. Making it an all-school yearbook also made the project more economically feasible by increasing the number of potential buyers of the book.

Students who have been working on the yearbook include; photographers—Dave Small, George Coleman, Jim Merkle, Rich Choi, and Phil Guidice; advertising—Doug Oliver, Mike Shanas; layout—Ralph Hansen, John Storz, Bob Rivlin, Joe Baker.

The yearbook will include many photos of life at the School and some outside activities such as intramural sports in which School teams have taken part. Each member of the Third Level class will have an individual photo in cap and gown, while other students, faculty, and staff members will be shown in informal photos. The yearbook will be printed by the American Yearbook Company of Kansas City.

## Over Thirty-two Years on Faculty

Some recognition, and expression of appreciation, is certainly due some of the members of our faculty who served our Alma Mater for many years, and are still serving.

A faculty member still teaching after long service to Washington University School of Dental Medicine is **Walter A. Hesse**, Professor of Clinical Removable Prosthodontics. The genial man on Page One is the Walter Hesse who reported to the dental school on September 16, 1946, after service in World War II. His sense of humor, along with a good common sense approach to the subject of removable prosthodontics, have endeared him to the many students he has taught in these years past. And his terrific ability to communicate with patients has taught us all about chairside manner.

Another faculty member with long and continuous service to the School is **Leroy W. Peterson**, for many years the head of our Department of Oral Surgery. Pete still lectures on his specialty and makes himself available to our graduate students for advice and consultation. Leroy Peterson came to St. Louis from graduate training at the University of Michigan on July 1, 1946, and has provided many of our graduates with solid training in Oral Surgery over the years.

Not long after this came **Edward F. Allen**, presently Professor of Oral Diagnosis and Radiology. Ed came to Washington University from the University of Pennsylvania and on Dec. 1, 1946 joined the faculty to head the Department of Dental Medicine, which then encompassed Periodontics, Oral Diagnosis and Endodontics. Heading a department that is now three departments says something for his stamina. Although students may have found him a hard taskmaster, he held high standards and patients considered him the dentist with a "feather touch." He now holds down Oral Diagnosis and both students and the emergency patients appreciate his gentle manner and reliability.

Although he has just retired, it would seem unfair not to note long service to the School by one who started on the team earlier than any of the aforementioned three. **Robert E. Bedell**, came to the School as a brand new graduate on

October 1, 1944. His first duties were teaching in the Pedodontic Department although when he finished his training in Orthodontics he began devoting his efforts in that area alone. He has carried the burden of lectures and lab courses in addition to clinical teaching until just last summer. In addition to teaching, he has worked hard in Alumni Activities and just served as President of the Dental Alumni Association.

(In subsequent issues, other long time faculty members will be featured.)

## Dean Bird Plaque

Dr. James M. Jolly, Sr., Dec. '43, chairman of the alumni campaign for a plaque honoring Dean Emeritus John T. Bird, has been informed by the plaque's sculptor that a special plaster mock-up will be prepared for presentation at the banquet of the Dental Alumni Association on Friday evening, March 16.

The handsome plaque has been created by H. Richard Duhme, Jr., noted St. Louis sculptor and Professor of Art at Washington University, who sculpted a similar plaque honoring Dean Emeritus Leroy Boling. The plaques honoring the School's past deans are displayed in the corridor outside the Deans' Office on the third floor.

Dr. Bird is expected to attend the alumni meeting in March and to be present at the banquet for the presentation of the mock-up. The actual plaque is being completed at a foundry and will not be finished in time for the alumni meeting.

The new plaque, which will cost about \$3,000, is being financed by a special fund made up of contributions from School alumni. Additional contributions are needed to pay for the plaque. Any alumnus or alumnae of the School desiring to make a contribution to the plaque honoring Dr. Bird is asked to send a check as soon as possible to: Dr. Donald Sheldon, Washington University School of Dental Medicine, 4559 Scott Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63110. The check should be made payable to the Washington University Dental Alumni Association, but please mark on the check that it should be credited to the Dean Bird Fund.

**ANSWER:**  
Dr. Walter Hesse —  
Prosthetic Department  
Pictured in 1945.

## Dean's Message

We're looking forward, as we do each year at this time, to greeting many of you at the annual meeting of the Dental Alumni Association, to be held on March 16 and 17, at the Breckenridge Inn in suburban St. Louis. This meeting offers us a fine opportunity every year to get to know many of you whom we haven't met previously, to renew old acquaintances, and to bring you up to date—both in informal conversation and through our annual report to the alumni—on what is happening at the School.

Planning for this annual meeting is begun a year in advance, at the conclusion of the previous year's meeting. Although the meeting and its program is primarily the responsibility of the Dental Alumni Association, we at the School work very closely with your association officers in planning and presenting the meeting. In doing so, we have two main goals that fit neatly together—to constantly improve the annual meeting and to provide the alumni with the kind of meeting that they want.

I suppose the most common criticism of our annual meeting the last couple of years (which we take as a mandate to make changes) is that alumni want more significant clinical content in the meeting program. "The traditional social activities are fine," we have been hearing, "but they are not enough in themselves. We want some meaty, substantial, useful educational programs in the annual meeting, because that is what attracts us to attend and makes us feel that the meeting has been worthwhile."

All right, we hear you! Those comments have been taken very much to heart in planning our 1979 annual meeting and providing such clinical-educational programs has been uppermost on our minds as we put together the meeting format.

You asked for it? You've got it. First, the Alumni Association and the School have joined forces to bring back two of the most popular clinicians who have presented Continuing Education courses at the School in recent years.

Dr. William Bottomley of Georgetown University and Dr. Sam Holroyd of the U.S. Navy Dental Corps are clinicians with international reputations in their

specialties and they are outstanding teachers as well. An alumnus attending the Annual Meeting will have the chance for up to 10 hours of solid, productive sessions with these two distinguished dentists. They will jointly give an all-day C.E. course at the School on March 15. Then, on March 16, the entire morning will be devoted to a program by Sam Holroyd and the entire morning on March 17 will similarly be given to a presentation by Bill Bottomley.

In addition, we have come up with another educational plus: three mini-courses to be given at the School on the afternoon of March 16 by members of the School faculty. Chartered buses will bring participants in these courses to the School from the hotel, along with other alumni who will tour the School and meet faculty and students. These mini-courses will last for 2 1/2 hours, they will be practical and intensive, and will be an attractive addition to the education agenda for our meeting. (See another article elsewhere in this issue for more information about these courses.)

The alumni have told us what changes you wanted made in our annual meeting and we have complied. We're very excited about the improvement and we anticipate that, as you have indicated, they will mean a larger attendance of alumni at the meeting and a much greater feeling of satisfaction that the meeting has been worthwhile. We look forward to hearing your reaction.

Speaking of change and innovation, a big one is being planned for next year. As we've told you previously, we are planning an alumni trip and educational program in Hawaii for 1980, to begin immediately following next year's annual meeting of the Dental Alumni Association. A lot of work already has gone into planning both the educational sessions and the trip itinerary and they're not yet completely finalized. We have been making some changes recently, based on the expert advice of our energetic Hawaiian alumni. Very shortly, though, you should be receiving a complete announcement of the plans for this trip and we expect a great deal of interest among our alumni.

There is another special message that you'll soon be receiving from us concerning a much less pleasant subject.

I won't go into any details here, except to say that the School is now facing the most serious financial challenge that has arisen

since our desperate struggle against total extinction in the late 1960s. This is a challenge that doesn't find us pushing the panic button, but we are deeply concerned and we feel that our concerns must be shared with you.

I will briefly discuss the financial situation in my report during the business meeting after lunch on March 16. In addition, as I have mentioned, we plan to send each of you a message concerning the problems that we are facing and what you can do to help us.

The situation is by no means bleak or hopeless. We go into this battle with high optimism that we will come through in fine style. But it is a battle and we will need every bit of help we can get.

I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting. If I don't have a chance to greet you—by all means, come up to me and introduce yourself. Let's get together!

George D. Selfridge  
Dean

## Scrap Metal Contribution Program

Several of our alumni and friends have responded to our Scrap Metal program offered through J.F. Jelenko and Company.

To date, we have received a total of \$1,050.00 from the following contributors:

Dr. John S. Goin '56  
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Dr. Joseph Hagan of Crystal City, Mo., ADA Trustee from the Sixth District, was among the honored guests at the Disneyland reception and is shown chatting with Dean Selfridge and Ilene Pearl of the WU development staff.



Looking like they're enjoying the cocktail reception at Disneyland are two recent graduates of the School, Dr. David E. Sintek (left) '74, and Dr. Stephen Moriguchi '76.



Engaged in earnest conversation during the Disneyland reception were two classmates from the Class of 1960, Drs. K.M. Blatter (left) and Allen S. Farnsworth.

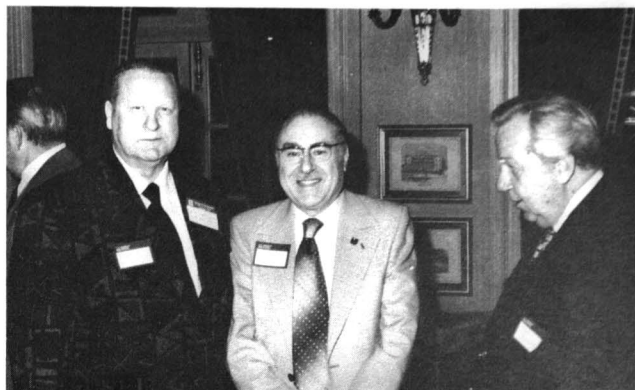


Providing a briefing on current happenings at the School is Dr. Shirley L. Pierce '61 (right), Chairperson of the School's Department of Community & Preventive Dentistry. Listening attentively are (left to right): Dr. John C. Edwards '61, Dr. A. Joseph Ecker '61, and Mrs. Ecker.

## A.D.A. Alumni Reception



Several hundred enthusiastic alumni of the School of Dental Medicine, their spouses, and other friends of the School were on hand last Fall for a cocktail reception held in connection with the ADA Annual Session in Anaheim, Calif. The party, held at the fabled Disneyland Park, featured a lavish buffet provided by a loyal group of California alumni. Among those on hand were (left to right): Dr. David L. Dains '54, Mrs. Dains, Mrs. J. Perry Short, and Dr. Short '52, who also is a member of the School's clinical faculty in Operative Dentistry.



Three distinguished colleagues from various parts of the country talk over old times at the reception, which was sponsored by the School, the Dental Alumni Association, and a group of interested alumni from California. Left to right are: Dr. William R. Alstadt '38 of Little Rock, Ark., a former President of the ADA; Dr. Isadore L. Voda '37 of Las Vegas, N.M., and Dr. Fred Fabric of St. Louis, a friend and former faculty member of the School.



Another happy group at the Disneyland party (left to right): Dr. David L. Dains '54, Miss Ilene Pearl of the WU development staff, Dean George D. Selfridge, and Dr. S. Douglas Arakawa '56.



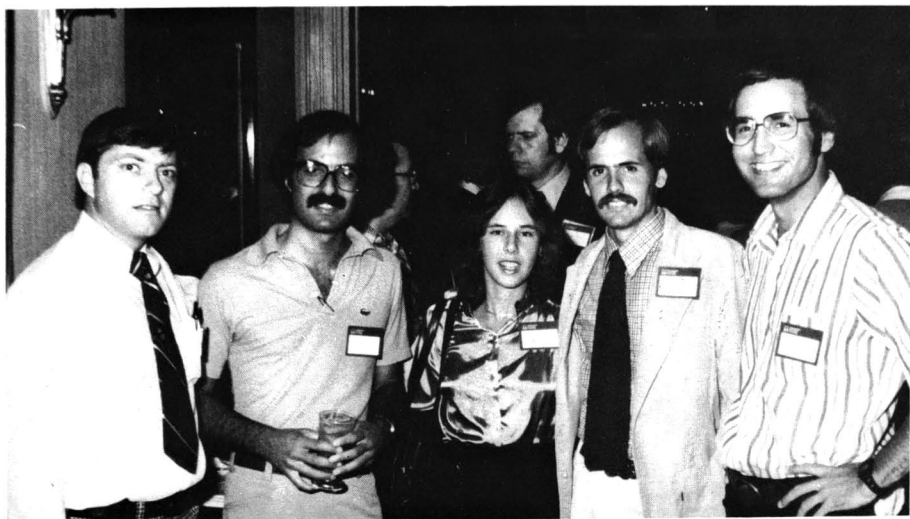
Two California alumni, Dr. Samuel R. Maehara '65 (left) and Dr. George Asawa '63 (right), renew acquaintances with an old friend of School days, Dr. John Hara '63, who practices and resides in the St. Louis area.



Dean George D. Selfridge (left) introduces our Dental Alumni Newsletter to a group of St. Louis University alumni who were guests at the reception: (left to right) Drs. Joseph Uelk, Joseph Grana, Dale Frost, and Chris Mangos. At right is Miss Ilene Pearl, Director of Development for the School.



Two alumni from the Midwest — Dr. Charles S. Kurz '24 (left) of Carlyle, Ill. and Dr. Charles W. Robinson '33 of St. Louis — got a lot of pleasure from observing the noisy, convivial activities at the cocktail reception.



The Disneyland reception was graced with the presence of many of the School's younger alumni. Shown here are (left to right): Dr. James B. McGivney '75, Dr. Alan E. Zweig '76, a young lady who was with Dr. Niethamer, Dr. Steven J. Niethamer '74, and Dr. William C. Burns '76.

## Alumni Annual Giving

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As the new year begins, end-of-the-year results have become available and though we have experienced a drop in total percent of giving, we are ahead of last year in total dollars. Our club returns are even more significant. We finished 1978 with 38 more Century Club members than in 1977. And the Boling Associates has more than doubled to 97 members. We have also welcomed three new Eliot Society members, Dr. George Asawa, '63, Dr. Juan Hutchings, '63, and Dr. Abby Zelnick, '48.

As you will note from the Dean's Message, the School needs and deeply appreciates this generous alumni help.

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