



alumni newsletter

Deans Message

Our 1980 alumni annual meeting in March was, by any measurement, a huge success! Your alumni association moved the meeting to a new hotel this year and the reaction of those attending the meeting to the new facilities was tremendously enthusiastic. The meeting and guest rooms were excellent and the food and service were first-rate. With so many differing tastes and viewpoints to serve, it is unlikely that every alumnus and spouse attending an annual meeting will be happy with it; but this year, I am delighted to say, the compliments were plentiful and the complaints were minimal. Pending a final decision by its executive committee, your association is planning to return next year to the fine Marriott Pavilion Hotel.

We also received many expressions of thanks from alumni at the meeting for the outstanding clinical presentations by Drs. Lawrence, McCoy and Osetek. The meeting rooms were almost filled for these fine programs - the best attendance we've had since I came to the School. (I might say that our meeting also got rave reviews from the visiting clinicians. Joe Lawrence, who is an associate dean at the LSU dental school in New Orleans, commented that he has never experienced the enthusiasm which was apparent throughout the meeting and we all should be proud to be part of such a great organization.)

Following the meeting — the next morning in fact — a merry group of some 60 of us departed St. Louis for the sunny climes of Hawaii. It was the first Mid-Pacific Dental Conference, sponsored by your alumni association, and once again I can point to a very successful event. The entire trip went very smoothly, exactly as planned, and the reaction was unanimously favorable. We offered eight continuing education courses in Honolulu and all were well-attended and well-received.

Bo Shanley and Tom Prosser, the president and president-elect,

respectively, of your alumni association, traveled to Hawaii with their wives and their happiness with the trip and all the arrangements gives us reason to believe that your association will be planning more such trips in the future. You'll be hearing about them.

I want to thank our energetic and extremely loyal Hawaii alumni group for the hospitality they showed us. They hosted a reception for our visiting group and took many of us individually on sightseeing expeditions.

Some members of our Hawaii group went on to Maui for a brief extension of the trip, but I returned to Los Angeles for the annual meeting of the American Association of Dental Schools, always a valuable opportunity for me to meet deans and other officials of various schools to discuss developments of dental education. While in the area I spent a wonderful evening with the Orange County Alumni group.

It's not only our Hawaii alumni who are very loyal and supportive of the School. That certainly can be applied to our alumni as a whole. As I have mentioned to you in past Dean's Messages, our dental alumni have for some years been leading almost all of Washington University's alumni groups in the measure of support they have been giving to their School. The record continues to be a bright one. As I write this Message, the figures show that our alumni have contributed \$110,382 to the School during the current academic year that will end, for fiscal purposes, on June 30. Though our participation is one of the highest in the U.S. the actual contributions are still not up to the level of some other dental schools, but it is steadily improving and that causes us to feel a sense of gratitude and much optimism for the future.

Another measure of your support and interest is your backing for the Dental Alumni Association and that, too, is on the upswing. The number of alumni who have paid their 1980 dues to the association has surpassed 1979 and more dues

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A Visit with Julius Walther, '10

It's been said that age is not a number, but rather a state of mind. And if that is true, then the "oldest living local graduate" of the dental school is not old at all, but as young as the most recent graduate. Julius Walther, '10, recently visited with Dean Selfridge at the School and told us a little about what he's doing "now"—and also what it was like "then."

Julius A. Walther was born in a small town in Northwest Missouri, the son of Lutheran minister; and, in fact, the grandson of a founder of the Missouri Synod - Lutheran Church. He told us, with a twinkle in his eye, that since minister's children have notorious reputations for being mischievous, he didn't want to disappoint anyone. And, as a result, he was kicked out of Concordia prep school in 1904. This was fortunate in that he availed himself of the opportunity such freedom allowed by spending that summer bicycling down the Pike at the St. Louis World's Fair. It was, indeed the most beautiful, most fascinating Fair ever.

Dr. Walther worked four years to earn enough money to go to dental school; but then found that his earnings were only enough for

the first year of the three year curriculum. In fact, just like today, he finished school in debt, \$2300, which took him ten years to repay. His office, next to his brother's drug store, only netted him \$60 the first month, \$40 the next month, and \$19, the third month. But a prominent dentist expressed interest in the quality of Dr. Walther's dental care and suggested he move to the Metropolitan Building at Grand and Olive, then a very prestigious location.

Julius Walther taught the first course in endodontics at the School, but was unable to continue in that capacity due to his busy private practice.

Dr. Walther retired in 1965 and has been able to devote most of his retirement time to his favorite hobby, fishing. As testament to his skill in that field, he tells us of 250 pounds of fish in his freezer. He was 93 on May 4 and just recently renewed his drivers license. Except for using a cane, he is in excellent health and spirits, a credit to Washington University as an Alumnus who personifies every good thing our profession stands for.

John E. Gilster

114th Annual Alumni Meeting



"If the Panama Canal had been properly cleaned and shaped, we wouldn't have lost it," argues Dr. Hugh Berry '52 (right) as Dr. James Mason '52 (center) reacts with skepticism and Dr. Clifford Neill '46 listens tolerantly. Dr. Berry, Chairperson of the School's Department of Endodontics, was among the faculty members involved in a "Lunch and Learn" session.



Dr. Patricia Parsons '57 (right), Chairperson of the School's Department of Pedodontics, was among faculty members who participated in a "Lunch and Learn" session with alumni during the annual meeting. Seated here with Dr. Parsons are Dr. J. D. Patterson '52 of Searcy, Ark., and his daughter Alma Elizabeth, who will be a member of the School's entering class in the Fall.



The Spring meeting of the Alumni Association board of directors apparently had a sobering effect on those attending: (left to right) Drs. Thomas Yager '64, Dee Pulsipher '66, and Robert E. Bedell '44, a former president of the Association.



"OK, the corsage is ready; bring on those old grads!" Ready to help welcome alumni to the Annual Alumni Meeting, held at the Marriott Pavilion Hotel in St. Louis, are Mrs. Jeanne Felsch (left), administrative secretary at the School, and Mrs. Marie Murphy of the Deans' Office staff.

Officers of the Alumni Association

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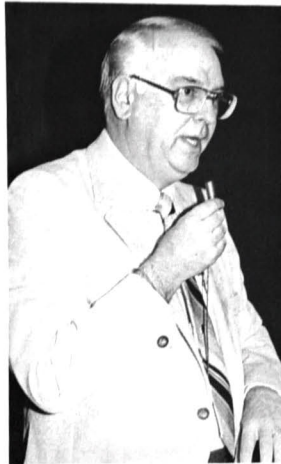
Wearing equally solemn looks during the board meeting, held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting in March, were: (left to right) Irv Litvag, executive secretary of the Association; Dr. Donald G. Sheldon '61, secretary-treasurer; Dr. Doxey Sheldon '79, and Dr. Dennis Stovall '79.

About 250 alumni of the School, with members of their families, gathered in St. Louis on Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8, for the 114th Annual Meeting of the School's Dental Alumni Association. Most of the meeting activities took place at Marriott's Pavilion Hotel in downtown St. Louis.

The festivities actually began on March 6 when three visiting clinicians—Drs. Joseph Lawrence, Richard McCoy and Edward Osetek joined to present an all-day Continuing Education Course at the School. A large crowd attended the course, including a number of members of the Class of '79, who were the guests of the School and the Alumni Association at the course. Among the '79 graduates were Drs. Michael Shanas, Lloyd Schwartz, Thomas Farmer, Robert Boyle, Gary Krugman, Gall Holcomb, Perdita Jay-Fisher, Mario Conte, James Bubenik and Keith Kanegawa. On Thursday evening, March 6, members of the Dental Century Club (annual contributors of \$100 or more to the School) gathered for a cocktail party and reception at Ellenwood Alumni House on the main campus.

The Annual Meeting activities on Friday morning at the Marriott Pavilion was high-lighted by a clinical presentation by Drs. McCoy and Osetek. Dr. McCoy spoke on "The Restoration of Endodontically Treated Teeth" and Dr. Osetek on "The Preservation of the Pulp in Endodontics." This was followed at Noon by a luncheon, the business meeting of the Alumni Association and a report on the School by Dean Selfridge.

Following the Friday luncheon, a "Lunch and Learn" session took



Dr. Joseph J. Lawrence of Louisiana State University was one of the clinicians who presented outstanding scientific programs during the 1980 Annual Alumni Meeting. Dr. McCoy of the U.S. Navy Dental Corps and Dr. Edward Osetek of Northwestern University were the other two excellent clinicians at the meeting.



place. Faculty members of the School were stationed at tables and alumni were invited to talk informally with them and to discuss questions in the various dental specialties. A bus delivered some alumni to the School about 2:30 p.m. for an informal visit lasting about an hour and a half.

On Friday evening, the annual banquet honored special reunion classes and also featured the presentation of awards to distinguished alumni Dr. T.M. Graber and Dr. Wm. Curtis and the installation of the new officers of the Dental Alumni Association. On Saturday morning, Dr. Lawrence presented a program on "Case Analyses in Periodontics" and this was followed by a luncheon in honor of alumni and student participants in the "Big Brother Program." Guest speaker at the luncheon was Dan Dierdorf of the St. Louis Football Cardinals.



Dr. Dan P. O'Brien congratulates Dr. T. M. Graber, Class of '40, as he presents his award as "Distinguished Alumnus." Dr. Graber, who lives and works in Chicago, was cited for his outstanding career as teacher, practitioner, and author.



Also honored by selection as a "Distinguished Alumnus" was Dr. William D. Curtis of Washington, D.C. and the Class of 1935, who was cited for his long and devoted service to the School and the Alumni Association. Dr. Curtis was unable to come to St. Louis for the meeting and asked his old friend, Dr. Earl Shepard (right) to accept the award from Dr. O'Brien in his behalf.



Two members of the 50-year class of 1930 were able to attend the banquet and received their commemorative certificates from Dean Selfridge (right). The golden anniversary graduates were Dr. Ralph Rosen (left) and Dr. Herbert Kuntz.



The breakfast for past presidents of the Dental Alumni Association is another welcome feature of each Annual Meeting. Shown here are (left to right): Dr. Theodore A. Behrens '23, Dean George D. Selfridge, Dr. W. Neal Newton '51, and Dr. Edward H. Hunter, Jr. '41. Dr. Behrens was president in 1953, Dr. Newton in 1967, and Dr. Hunter in 1964.

Alumni Banquet — March 7, 1980



Among the many guests enjoying the cocktail hour prior to the Annual Alumni Meeting banquet were (left to right) Herbert F. Hitzeman, Jr., WU Vice Chancellor for University Relations; Mrs. Hitzeman, Dr. Larson R. Keso '55, and Dr. John E. Gilster '44, association president in 1969 and presently its Editor.



(Left to right) Washington University Chancellor Dr. William H. Danforth and Dean Selfridge.



(Left to right) Mrs. W. Neal Newton, Mrs. George D. Selfridge, Mrs. Ivry Litvag.



(Left to right) Dr. Steven Levitt '70, Mrs. Levitt, Mrs. Sanford Wax, Dr. Sanford Wax '71.



(Left to right) Mrs. Kermit Westerfeld, Dr. Kermit Westerfeld of the high-spirited Class of 1940 with straw hat and light-up button; Mrs. Leroy Peterson, Dr. Leroy Peterson, long-time member of the School's oral surgery faculty.



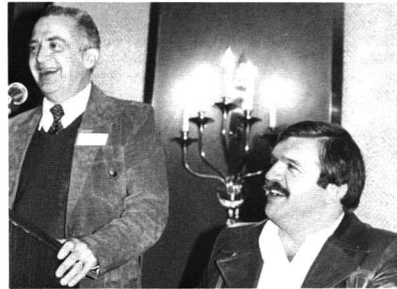
(Left to right) Dr. John R. Ring, Assistant Dean for Bio-Medical Sciences and Director of Admissions; Dr. Donald G. Sheldon '61, association secretary-treasurer; Miss Harriett Steuernagel, School librarian, and Mrs. Ann Leonard, School registrar. A resolution saluting Miss Steuernagel, librarian for the past 34 years, on her forthcoming retirement was read during the banquet program.

The O'Briens — Two Generations of Alumni Leaders

The handsome O'Brien family was on hand in almost full force at the alumni banquet to applaud Dr. Dan P. O'Brien as he completed his term as President of the Dental Alumni Association. Shown here are (top row, left to right): Dr. Richard O'Brien '68, Patrick O'Brien, Dr. Dan P. O'Brien '64, Mary (Mrs. Dan) O'Brien, and Dr. L. Woodrow O'Brien '35. (Bottom row, left to right): Allison (Mrs. Richard) O'Brien, Mrs. Esther Kruger, mother of Mary O'Brien; Timmy and Brian O'Brien, and Julia (Mrs. L. Woodrow) O'Brien. Patrick, Timmy, and Brian are the sons of Dan and Mary O'Brien. Dr. L. Woodrow "Woody" O'Brien also is a former President of the Dental Alumni Association, having headed the organization in 1966.



If the shoulders of the man on the right seem abnormally muscular—it's not surprising: he's Dan Dierdorf, all-pro offensive tackle of the St. Louis Football Cardinals, who was the highly entertaining guest speaker at the Big Brother luncheon during the Annual Meeting. Dr. W. Neal Newton (left) is Chairman of the Big Brother Program, which matches St. Louis-area alumni with students at the School in order that the alumni can advise and assist the students and introduce them to private dental practice.



Big Brother Luncheon

Luncheon



Enjoying the repartee at the Big Brother luncheon were Dr. Joseph Honich '66 (left) and Michael Crial of the School's Class of 1981.



Also in attendance at the Big Brother luncheon were (left to right): Phil Guidice of the Class of 1981, Dr. Benny King '63, luncheon chairman; and Dr. Roland Cartwright '61.

Class of 1940 Gift

Members of the Class of 1940 have contributed more than \$1,100 to the School as a special class gift in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of their graduation.

A number of members of the class were in St. Louis on March 7-8 for the annual meeting of the Dental Alumni Association, at which time they celebrated their graduation anniversary.

The funds contributed by the Class of '40 have been used to help pay for a new Belmont x-ray machine for the School's Department of Oral Diagnosis and Radiology. The new machine is expected to be delivered to the Department in late Spring. A plaque acknowledging the role of the Class of '40 in helping to provide this new equipment will be affixed to the x-ray machine.

Alumni News

Dr. Eugene W. Christensen, a member of the Class of 1976 was the subject of a feature article in the December issue of *Dental Management* magazine. He is conducting a busy private practice in his home town of Antonito, Colorado, while also operating a 240 acre ranch complete with a herd of 360 sheep and lambs. He plans soon to increase the herd to about 1000 head. Gene spends about 35-40 hours weekly at his dental office and devotes the rest of

his time to working his ranch, aided by his wife and their two daughters. His father raised sheep and Gene had his own prize-winning herd while in high school. "You either love sheep or hate them," the article quotes Dr. Christensen as saying. "I happen to love them."

Dr. Shirley Austin of Dearborn, Mich., a member of our Class of 1966, recently was elected Vice President of Student Clinicians - American Dental Association. SCADA is composed of dentists who, while students, created table clinics that won local school

competitions and then participated in the national competition at the ADA Annual Session. This table clinic competition for dental students has been a feature of the ADA meeting for the past 21 years. Dr. Austin and other WU students have been participants in this program in the past, but in recent years - unfortunately - few of our students have expressed any interest in developing such table clinics.

John Edwards, '61, is President of the New Mexico Dental Association this year.

Hawaii Conference



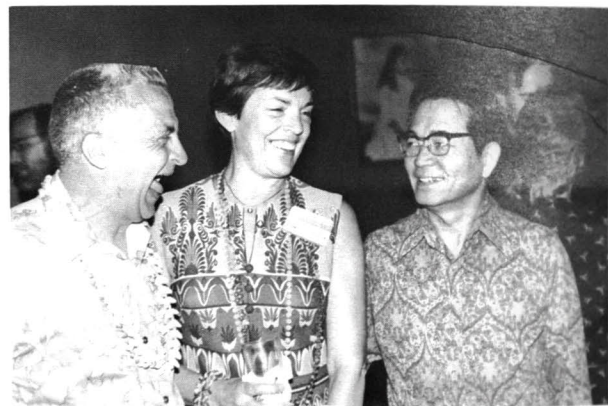
The Mid-Pacific Dental Conference, sponsored by the Dental Alumni Association in Hawaii on March 10-14, brought some 30 alumni and their spouses to Honolulu, where they were royally received by alumni residing in Hawaii. Dean Selfridge is shown here with Dr. and Mrs. James Y. Higa '55.



The happy group of 1946 classmates and their ladies pose for a photo in Honolulu: (top row, left to right) Drs. Clifford Neill, Robert Sager, Daniel Kugiya, George Blaich, and Ralph Akamine. (Lower row, left to right) Mrs. Neill, Mrs. Sager, Mrs. Kugiya, Mrs. Blaich.



(Left to right): Dr. and Mrs. Kenji Uejo, Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Hirata.



Dr. and Mrs. W. Neal Newton '51 express their delight at being in Hawaii to Dr. Norman Y. Ueda (right) '51.



(Left to right): Dr. Donald Y. Miura '44, Dean Selfridge, Dr. Kenji Uejo '60.



Dr. Walter Wong '59 (left) and his classmate, Dr. Stanley H. Masaki.

"What Did You Think of The Trip to Hawaii?"

Caribbean Cruise— March 22-29, 1981

At its meeting on April 23, the Executive Committee of the Dental Alumni Association approved plans for sponsorship of a 1981 "Seminar At Sea" combining the many attractions of a 7-day Caribbean cruise with an outstanding educational program for dentists and their spouses.

The cruise will take place on March 22-29, 1981, immediately following the 1981 Annual Alumni Meeting, which will be held in St. Louis on March 19-21. Departing from Miami, the gala cruise will take place aboard the **Carnival**, one of the popular "Fun Ships" operated by Carnival Cruise Lines of Miami. The cruise will be planned and supervised by Kirkland Group Travel Services of Kansas City, the company that did such an outstanding job with the 1980 trip to Hawaii.

The cruise will include stops at three ports of call: Samana, Dominican Republic; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. Educational programs totaling some 20 hours will be presented to alumni and spouses.

Full information on the cruise will be mailed to all alumni in September. Meanwhile, though, reserve the dates of March 22-29, 1981, on your calendar for a delightful event — the first "Seminar At Sea" of your Dental Alumni Association. (Incidentally, this cruise is not limited to WU alumni, so you are welcome to tell your dental friends who are alumni of other schools about it and encourage them to come, as well.)

Anyone desiring more information about the plans for the cruise is invited to call Irv Litvag at the School, (314) 454-0387.

DR. DALE J. CARTWRIGHT, Cabool, Mo., Class of 1954 - "Florence and I enjoyed the entire trip very much. It was a great group of people to be with. I didn't hear a single complaint from anyone about the arrangements or facilities and that is certainly unusual for a large group. I think Kirkland Group Travel Services did a real super job of handling all the arrangements."

DR. CLIFFORD G. NEILL, Carbondale, Ill., Class of 1946 - "It was a great experience for many reasons - the fine educational program, the rest and relaxation, the chance to visit with classmates and old friends. The wives all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. The entire trip was well-planned and well-managed."

DR. PAUL BIEGLER, Belleville, Ill. (non-WU Alum) - "It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience. The environment and our traveling group were terrific, and I thought all the arrangements for the trip were superb."

DR. GEORGE F. BLAICH, Poplar Bluff, Mo., Class of 1946 - "We enjoyed this trip more than any we have taken in recent years and we travel extensively. All the arrangements and the educational programs were excellent. Our hospitable Hawaiian classmates showed us a wonderful time. Our trip was so well-handled that it was the most effortless trip we have ever taken. Everything ran smooth as silk."



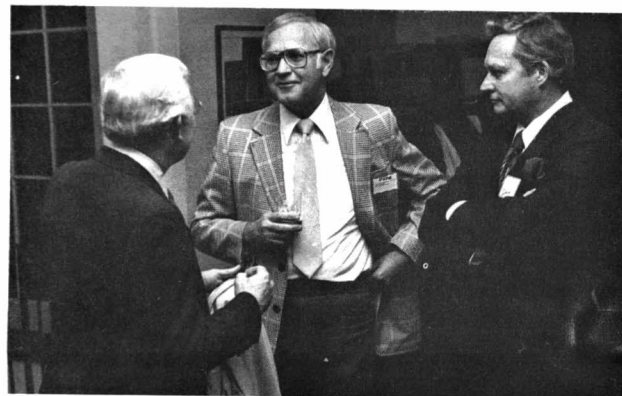
(Left to right): Dr. and Mrs. Dale Cartwright '54, Dr. Clark D. Danner '54, and their class mate, Dr. John M. Watt.



(Left to right): Dr. and Mrs. Robert K. Kuribayashi '56, Dr. Joseph W.C. Young '54, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Y. Miura '44.

Faculty Dinner

One of the most enjoyable social events of the School year is the pot-luck dinner given by the Faculty Wives Organization. A large number of faculty members and spouses feasted at this year's dinner, held several weeks ago at Alumni House on the WU main campus. Shown here working up an appetite for the food were: (left to right) Dr. Groves Cooke, Dr. Gordon Thompson, Dr. Samir El-Moffy, Dr. Mohamed Marzouk, and Mrs. Marzouk.



Shooting the breeze while awaiting the opening of the buffet line at the pot-luck dinner were (left to right): Drs. Lyle Calton, Graydon L. Ballard, Jr., and Sam Holroyd.



Dr. David Bensinger reacts with awe and Mrs. Bensinger with amusement as Dr. Richard Brand demonstrates the deft hands of a teacher of anatomy in carving a plump turkey for the pot-luck dinner.

Faculty Notes

Dr. Memory Elvin-Lewis, head of our School's Section of Microbiology and Associate Professor of Microbiology, is the author of a series of articles that are being published in 1980 issues of the *Journal of Preventive Dentistry*. Noting that a number of products from plants already are used in modern dentistry, the articles will focus on the exploration of folk dental practices to help discover other plant products that can promote better dental health. The February issue of the journal included articles by Dr. Lewis on "Plants Used for Teeth Cleaning throughout the World" and "Chewing-Sponges for Teeth Cleaning". Future articles will discuss commercial teas as an alternative means of obtaining fluoride when water supplies are deficient and the empirical rationale behind a variety of

substances obtained from plant sources used to relieve toothache, ameliorate periodontal disease, treat oral infections, and extract and blacken teeth . . . Dr. Alphonse Peterson, Associate Professor of Oral Diagnosis and Radiology, presented a table clinic on "The Use of the Thermal Knife in Oral Biopsy Surgery" at the big Midwinter Meeting of the Chicago Dental Society . . . Dr. Samuel E. Guyer, Chairperson of our Department of Fixed Prosthodontics and a national leader in the Prosthodontics specialty, has been appointed by the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations as a member of a Prosthodontic consultant group to the A.D.A. Council on Dental Education and the Commission on Accreditation. He will be one of 17 noted prosthodontists serving on this consulting group. The appointment was made by the federation at its executive meeting in Chicago on February 16. Dr.

Guyer is a past president of the Federation, the highest individual post in the prosthodontic specialty, and now serves on the Federation's Executive Committee as a delegate of the American Academy of Crown & Bridge Prosthodontics. Congratulations to Dr. Guyer on this latest honor accorded him by his colleagues . . . Dr. Memory Elvin-Lewis, Associate Professor of Microbiology, has been re-elected as secretary-treasurer of the Dental Microbiology Chairmen's Association and selected chairman-elect of the Microbiology & Immunology Section of the American Association of Dental Research . . . Two well-known personalities from our School played leading roles in the Kirkwood Theatre Guild production of Neil Simon's "The Sunshine Boys" earlier this month. Dr. Joseph Laffler, Assistant Professor of Dental Sciences, played the co-starring role of Willie Clark (the part played by Walter Matthau in

the movie). The other thespian from the School was the skeleton used in basic Anatomy lectures. The familiar bones played the role of "Mr. Melnick" in a burlesque doctor skit in the play . . . Louise (Weezie) Livingstone of Radiology and Dr. Mark Pultman were married, April 26th. Mark is a part-time member of the Operative Dentistry faculty and has a private dental practice in Bridgeton. Congratulations to the happy couple . . . Dr. Sam Holroyd and the Department of Periodontics are looking forward to the completion, expected this summer, of an enclosed area in the clinic that will be used for periodontal surgery and for perio treatment in connection with the Department's newly-instituted recall system. The new area, involving six clinic units, will provide a highly efficient facility for the Department . . . Dr. David Barnes, Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs, recently

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Clarence Koch Dies

Clarence W. Koch, '21, died on November 2, 1979. He graduated *summa cum laude* from Washington University School of Dentistry and taught at the school from 1921 to 1923. He practiced orthodontics in Little Rock (Arkansas) from 1923 until his retirement in 1962. Because of his outstanding leadership, he was given Arkansas Dental Association's Distinguished Service Award in 1965, and had been called the Father of Orthodontics in Arkansas. Among his many important contributions to our profession, he was especially active in the American College of Dentists, particularly by developing the fundamental design of the mace and torch which symbolize the American College. Besides his professional activities and honors, he was also a civic, fraternal, and church leader.

Letter To The Editor

On August 8, 1979, our son, Dr. Darrell G. Johnson, died of a rare type of cancer called mesothelioma of the pericardium. We wrote to the School of Dental Medicine informing them of our loss and requested that they inform your office.

If you printed the information in your alumni newsletter, we would appreciate your sending two copies of that newsletter to us. We are compiling a record of Dr. Johnson's life and activities. Since dental school was one of the most important times of his life we would like all information possible.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Charles H. Johnson

**Plan to Attend
115th Alumni
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March 20-21, 1981
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Spring, 1980

Alumni Deaths

Henry O. Ellis '28
1979
Zolman E. Brown '49
June, 1979
Gilbert Yang '38
August, 1979
Glenn W. Ozburn '28
November, 1979
Clarence W. Koch '21
November, 1979
Edwin B. Probasco '10
December, 1979
Louis E. Kotoske '30
December, 1979
Rolland T. Matthews '19
December, 1979
Jacob L. Yospur '31
December, 1979
Louis H. Renfrow '17
December, 1979
Harry E. Goddard '33
January, 1980
Stanley Maslona '68
January, 1980

Dr. Kahn Visits Research Facilities Abroad

Dr. Arnold Kahn, Associate Professor of Anatomy, returned recently from a quick visit to England, France and Israel, where he visited research laboratories and met with researchers and also gave several seminars.

Dr. Kahn's first stop was at Oxford University in England where he visited the Medical Research Council Unit in Bone Physiology at the Nuffield Orthopedic Hospital. In addition to conferring with members of the research staff on their mutual research, Dr. Kahn presented a seminar on "The Role of Mononuclear Phagocytes in Bone Resorption." Next came Paris, where he visited various laboratories at the Institut d'Embryologie du College de France and also presented a formal seminar on "Cell Lineage in Embryonic and Adult Bone." Also on the agenda in Paris was a visit to the Calcified Tissue and Mineral

Metabolism Laboratory at the Hospital des Enfants-Malades, where Dr. Kahn also led a discussion on the origin of bone cells.

Dr. Kahn then traveled on to Israel where he attended the 4th International Workshop on Calcified Tissues, which was held at the Kibbutz of Kiryat Anavim. At the Workshop, Dr. Kahn presented a paper on the topic "Osteoclast Precursors are Present in Preossification Chick Circulatory System."

While in Israel, Dr. Kahn met with Dean Yair Sharav and Professor Mario Ulmansky of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Hospital Dental School in Jerusalem to discuss the possibility of a faculty-graduate student exchange program with our School. Negotiations on the possibility of such a program are continuing.

Continuing Education Course Schedule

DATE	TOPIC	INSTRUCTOR
Sat., Sept. 6	"Oral Pathology and Diagnosis for Dental Hygienists"	Dr. Gilbert Lilly University of Iowa
Sat., Sept. 13	"Oral Diagnosis for the General Practitioner"	Dr. William Bottomley Georgetown University
Sat. & Sun., Sept. 27 & 28	"The Management of Crown & Bridge and Occlusion in General Practice"	Dr. Jerry Young St. Louis, Mo.
Wed., Oct. 1	"The New Restorative Dental Materials"	Dr. John Hembree Univ. of S. Carolina
Sat. & Sun., Oct. 25 & 26	"Orthognathic Surgery"	Dr. Farhad Moshiri, Dr. Allen Sclaroff Washington University
Sat. & Sun., Nov. 1 & 2	"Challenges in Dentistry"	Eight Clinicians Washington University
Sat., Nov. 8	"Aeopsis Standards in the Dental Office"	Dr. James Crawford Univ. of N. Carolina
Sun., Nov. 9	"Iontophoresis (Electrical Medication of Hypersensitivity)"	Dt. Louis Gangarosa Med. College of Georgia
Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 20 & 21	"Clinical Pedodontics"	Dr. Paul Starkey, Dr. David Avery Indiana University
Sat. & Sun., Dec. 6 & 7	"Complete Denture Construction"	Dr. Phillip Jones Shawnee Mission, Kan.

For further information on any of the above courses, and enrollment forms, contact: Department of Continuing Education, Washington University School of Dental Medicine, 4559 Scott Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110

Century Club Cocktail Party



Members of the School's Century Club were entertained at a cocktail party the evening before the start of the Annual Alumni Meeting. Shown here are Dr. Kenneth Marshall '40 and Mrs. Marshall.



Dr. Everett C. Brooks (left) '29 and Dr. James H. Lyon '51.



(Left to right:) Dr. Clinton E. Haynes '47, Dean Selridge, Dr. John G. Durham '56.



Dr. John Griffiee '60 (left) and Dr. Godfrey W. Schroeder '60, vice-president of the Dental Alumni Association.



Dr. William S. Brandhorst '43 and Mrs. Brandhorst.



Dr. Robert E. Bedell '44 (left) and Dr. John H. Houseman '46.

Some Reminiscences of The Class of 1929

My class and I feel it would be appropriate to review the history of Washington University School of Dentistry prior to the enrollment of the Class of '29 as Freshmen, and also to tell you "how it was" for us fifty years ago. There were one hundred fifteen Freshmen in the class of 1929, and this was the largest entering class in the history of the school. The reason for such a large class is worth comment.

Following World War I there were adequate numbers of students in each class, as the veterans did get some help and education. However, by 1922, students were decreasing in number. Some of the eastern schools had attempted to increase the amount of time of dental training in the schools to try to upgrade dental education. Washington University School of Dentistry proceeded along the same course. At one point, they required a class to take some of the basic courses with the students at the medical school. This apparently was not a pleasant relationship and was discontinued after one or two years.

It was evident that a change was in the making in dental education. Washington University recognized this and considered combining the Medical and Dental schools by offering the same curriculum the first two years and conferring a Bachelor of Medicine degree. Then, a student wanting a D.D.S. degree would take two more years in dental school. A two-year college program was considered seriously, but the decision to require one-year college as pre-dental was established.

Some of the eastern schools were already requiring more educational training than high school graduation before entering a dental school. However, there was a drop in the number in the entering classes. Even though in 1924 the school graduated 31, the entering class of that year had only 16 students.

There was serious talk that the School of Dentistry would be forced to close. A request was sent to Chancellor Hadley, a friend of the dental department and a great chancellor, to indicate the future of the school. Alumni were contacted and the matter put before them. Much conversation and a great show of support resulted. It was

customary about this time, and for some years following, to have the Deans of various dental schools meet at least once a year. The Carnegie Foundation apparently attended some of these Deans Meetings and encouraged more time in dental training. Because of their research and interest, they were formulating a report which became available in the fall of 1924.

Two years pre-dental required - 1926

The faculty decided not to make any changes in entrance requirements; but, in September, 1924, Chancellor Hadley requested that two years of college be required for the entering students in 1926 and this was then adopted by the faculty. Dr. W. J. Gies directed the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and made a report to the American Dental Schools of various programs of instruction. A two year pre-dental with three year dental program, as well as a two year pre-dental with a four year dental program were both recommended by Dr. Gies. The first was voted on and adopted. This was discussed by the faculty but there is no record of action on the matter.

In April, 1925, Mr. Bixby, Vice President of the Corporation, stated that the dental school should be accommodated by placing it in a building of Washington University School of Medicine and that the Corporation spend \$600 to renovate the building to be occupied in 1926. About this time, Dean Bartlett and Dr. Pippin, after attending a meeting of the American Dental Schools, reported that the 2-3 plan suggested by Dr. Gies had met with much dissension. Chancellor Hadley, however, met with the Carnegie Foundation heads and again recommended the 2-3 plan. It was adopted. The graduation class of 1925 had seven graduates; however, due to transfers from other schools the classes for the next three years were larger, with a total of 157 students.

Still, the lack of students was evident and serious. The educational requirement of the two other dental schools in the state of Missouri was four years of dental training without any pre-dental education. The Missouri State Board required only four years of dental training; however, the New

York Board did require more. After a study by the faculty in conjunction with New York State, arrangements were made for the school to meet conditions and comply with state Board examiners of all states. It should be noted that the 2-3 year plan did not start until the fall of 1926.

A decision was made that the School of Dentistry would accept, for one last year, students for the class beginning in 1925 who had no college pre-dental training. All medical sciences were then also to be taught in the dental school, relieving the Medical School of their participation in the dental program.

Old dental school facilities

The School of Dentistry located on Twenty-Ninth and Locust Streets had been a private club building. There were only 35 dental chairs in the clinic, three dental laboratories, one science laboratory, and one small room for radiography. The library consisted of piles of dust-covered books and periodicals. There were two full time faculty with the Dean and others on part-time. There were only foot engines, owned by the students, with one chair in one room designated for extractions and another similar arrangement for impressions for prosthesis. There was one full-time secretary in the administrative office and one full-time person in the dispensing room for the clinic.

When the school opened in September, 1925, there was confusion in its full extent. The students did not know what to expect or where to find any answers. The Freshmen could get some information from students of the upper classes but, in most cases, this just added to the confusion because of changes taking place. The faculty seemed similarly confused since they had so many students that they did not know what to do with the number of bodies which were often in the way. So the shuffling continued day to day and all seemed to move in a favorable direction. There was little or no complaining from either faculty or students.

A few science courses, such as chemistry, were taught by faculty members from the main campus. Most of the basic courses were

taught by practitioners in the fields of medicine or dentistry as needed for the course. All instructors came on scheduled hours for their lectures or laboratories. With the 35 chairs in the clinic assigned to the seniors, the juniors used those that were left. For example, in 1927, seniors used all of the chairs, and a junior had to borrow a chair from a senior when he was not using it. The class of 1921 entered the school with much confusion and paid their tuition of \$125 per semester. They had to furnish their own foot engines, instrument case and instruments required for the year of scholastic standing. All personal possessions had to be stored in a locker or guarded closely, as things left alone seemed to disappear. The Freshmen and Sophomore years were spent in lectures and laboratories, but the time was well filled from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day for six days per week, except when there was a football game at Francis Field. The school closed at noon Saturday for such an athletic event.

There was such camaraderie in this class that the close friendships during the years of training still exist today. Many things happened to keep things lively but they are too personal to relate. With so many minds working, there was always someone who would advance a very interesting idea, which of course had to be tried. There were only about three or four of the class who were married, and this left the young bucks "foot loose and fancy free" to look for activity and they usually found it even though only one or two owned an automobile.

New dental school planned

During this time the Chancellor, Board of Trustees and Faculty of the Dental School began discussing the location of a new dental school. It was evident something had to be done to provide a physical plant for clinical training of the class. So on March 31, 1927, a local paper announced that \$250,000 would be spent by the University to construct a new building for the School of Dentistry. The building was to be erected on Scott Avenue. This was under the administration of Chancellor Hadley who died in December 1927. The building was

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payments are expected to come in. Your association was on the verge of bankruptcy a few years ago. Now, its revival and the increase in your support has put the Association on a very stable financial footing and enabled it to broaden its services and programs for you, for the School, and for the students. One shining example of this increased activity is the Big Brother Program, created and supervised by our alumni, which is now in its second year and a big success. The School is proud of the role it has played (by providing staff help and planning assistance) in the tremendous comeback of your Association.

I told you in my last Message of the strengthening of our faculty by the addition of several key members of our full-time faculty. We are continuing to recruit intensively for more such gifted teachers and hope to have further additions to the faculty for the 1980-81 school year. In saying this, however, we must emphasize the vast contributions of our dedicated part-time faculty members. They are still, and always will be, a vital part of our educational program. Our appreciation is extended to everyone of these teacher-practitioners.

Applications for our 1980 first-year class are now being intensively examined by our Admissions Committee, chaired by Assistant Dean John R. Ring. The faculty and student members of this committee spend uncounted hours studying and discussing each application (which includes grade transcripts, letters of recommendation, and other materials) in order to come up with the best possible 85 class members. It is a difficult, wearying, largely thankless, incredibly important task, and they do it well. This year they have studied about 2,200 applications. This is about the same number received last year. As forecast by Bob Ring, who keeps a close eye on such trends, the recent decline nationally in applications to dental schools has apparently leveled off and the numbers probably will remain fairly stable for a few years. The important thing is that we again have a healthy ratio of some 25 applicants for each available place in the entering class and this allows us to be selective and to choose only the best qualified potential dentists.

The coming school year will find us with four classes of students for the first time in some six years. We'll be fully back in a four-year program and we'll again have two classes of students in the clinic. This will improve our clinic revenue picture and help greatly in bringing us through the period of financial stringency of the past couple of years.

The School's Task Force, which I discussed in my last Message, held its first meetings in January and we are now preparing for the next sessions in late April. The first meetings were intensive, far-ranging, and exciting. The Task Force members asked some significant questions, listened and absorbed a great deal, and put forth a few preliminary challenges to our own thinking. This is good and healthy and it will prove to be extremely valuable in the long run. One of the major reasons for the existence of the Task Force is to bring some incisive, independent points of view to bear on the School. All of us will profit from these discussions and we are looking forward very much to the continuing work of the Task Force and to the detailed report it eventually will compile.

Dr. Sam Holroyd and his Department of Periodontics are looking forward to the completion, expected this summer, of an enclosed area in the clinic that will be used for periodontal surgery and for perio treatment in connection with the department's newly-instituted recall system. The new area, involving six clinic units, will provide a highly efficient facility for the department.

Assistant Dean David Barnes, our clinical director, has recently supervised the installation of a new central appointments system, located just off the ground floor patient waiting room. The system includes cross-indexes and files for an ongoing record of students and patients. All clinic appointments will be recorded by this office, which will assist students in keeping their clinic time fully scheduled. Among other things, the new service will enable the constant monitoring of clinic traffic to be sure that the proper faculty-student ratio is maintained. It will make for much smoother functioning of our clinical appointment procedures.

The School's financial battle is a constant one, with inflation the implacable foe. Our tuition con-

tinues to escalate and we see no end line to this, given the serious fiscal woes of our economy. But please be assured that — with our unceasing efforts to hold down expenses combined with your increasing level of financial support — the tuition will remain at the lowest possible level. Your help, your backing, is ever more important to us in these difficult times. With you on our side, we will continue to do our job and do it well.

George D. Selfridge,
Dean

Missouri Paper Reports on Mobile Unit

The subject of some extensive coverage recently was one of the mobile dental units sponsored by the Missouri Elks Association and operated by our School's Department of Community & Preventive Dentistry. The **Southeast Missourian**, a daily newspaper in Cape Girardeau, did a story on the work of a mobile unit which was stationed in Cape from Jan. 7 to March 21. The article noted that, in its first three weeks at Cape Girardeau, the mobile unit provided free dental treatment to 110 children — treatment that would normally have cost the parents of these handicapped youngsters more than \$7,000 in fees.

The article includes a number of quotes from Dr. David Small, a 1979 graduate of our School and now a faculty member in the Department of Community & Preventive Dentistry, who supervised the work of the unit in Cape Girardeau. Patients were treated under Dr. Small's direction, by members of our third-year class, who rotate into the unit on one-week assignments. One picture with the article showed Dr. Small in conversation with one of his young patients, while a second photo showed Dr. Small and student Alan Levi treating a patient, and — in the background — students Seymour Felthardt and John Houseman caring for another patient.

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Annual Giving Committee Report

As we approach the end of the fiscal year, alumni contributions are at an all-time high. There are 440 members of the Century Club (compared to 390 at the same time last year); 139 Boiling Associates (compared to last year's 114); and total giving already exceeds \$116,000 (compared to \$81,000 this time last year).

(Reminiscences cont.)

dedicated in the spring of 1928. The building was certainly a beautiful structure, with modern facilities and accommodations for the students. It had the latest in dental chairs and units with electric motors. There were 80 operating cubicles in the main clinic. Each student had his own laboratory bench, and casting and vulcanizing equipment was made available by the school. Other scientific laboratories and lecture rooms were well equipped and serviceable. There was a library organized and established on the third floor and open for use by the students and faculty and alumni. The faculty and students moved into the building at 4559 Scott Avenue in June, 1928. The Seniors numbered 78 and occupied all except two of the chairs in the clinic and all of the laboratory benches. For that year the juniors had to borrow a chair from a senior who was not using his chair and unit. There were new requirements for the number of restorations per students and they had to be met. The two chairs not occupied by students were used by Dr. J. R. Pendleton, head of the clinic, one for examinations in operative and assignment of patients to students and one for Crown and Bridge and Prosthodontic examinations and assignment to students. There were some problems but most could be overcome. However, one difficult one was the shortage of patients. Since we had moved far away from the old school on 29th and Locust, many of the clinic patients could not find or could not get to the new location. Therefore we lost a large number of clinic patients. Also, with such a large class, many more patients were needed. The students were resourceful enough to bring in many of their own patients from the outside. They were permitted to do this and keep the patient for their own use in training. Even with this problem, some students placed over 100 gold foil restorations, 15-25 bridges and an equal number of removable appliances along with amalgams and plastic fillings during the year. However, with 78 starting the senior year some did not fare so well and at mid-semester in the spring of 1929, five were told they could not accomplish enough to graduate. They were advised to leave school. When the letters were given at the end of the year, four more did not complete the work required, and only 69 graduated. However, it should be noted that all

nine did return and graduate at a later date.

The Class of '29 was the first to graduate from the new school, the largest in the history of the school, and possibly was partly responsible for the new school at its present location. At this time (March 1979) there are 44 members still alive of that class of 69. Many are practicing still, some have retired and some have pursued other vocations in life. At this 112th annual meeting of the Alumni association, we of the Class of '29 have 22 members present.

We of the Class of '29 are pleased to be graduates of the school, and Dean Selfridge, we hope to see this institution grow and develop so that we may be even more pleased with it in the future.

E.C. Brooks, D.D.S.
(Presented at the Alumni Banquet,
March 17, 1979)

Student Hill Commended for Work with VA

Dean Selfridge recently received a letter from Col. John P. Baker of the Veterans Administration West Side Medical Center in Chicago commending Third Level student Lee Hill for his work there during the two-week Christmas break. Lee spent the vacation working with the Anesthesiology Service at the medical center and, as Col. Baker wrote, "adapted well to performing anesthesia techniques and emergency resuscitation measures... he remembered very well the instructions, principles and procedures he learned during his summer externship with our department." The letter went on to state that: "Lee Hill is an asset to himself and to your School. He should be encouraged to explore further opportunities to nurture his understanding and skills in Anesthesiology."

Maxillofacial Prosthetics Featured in WU Publication

The current issue of *Scope*, monthly newsletter of the WU School of Medicine, included an excellent full-page feature story on our School's new Maxillofacial Prosthetics clinic. The feature included a large photo showing Dr. Donald Gay, Assistant Professor of Maxillofacial Prosthetics and head of the clinic, and lab technician Michael Kent working together on a prosthesis.

The article explained that the clinic, the only one of its kind in the St. Louis area, works with non-living materials to make artificial substitutes for body parts that can't be replaced with living tissue. Dr. Gay and Mr. Kent (with the assistance of secretary-assistant Jean Oberle) treat

patients with a full range of devices including eyes, ears, noses implants and various oral prostheses for rehabilitation in cancer surgery or cleft palates. The story emphasized that Dr. Gay must also deal with the patient as a person with serious emotional problems in addition to the physical scars. Other specialists are usually involved in a case, such as surgeons, pediatricians, orthodontists, speech pathologists, social workers and ear, nose and throat specialists. Both Dr. Gay and Mr. Kent are talented artists and they are working in a field which requires artistic skill, in addition to technical and anatomical knowledge.

Holmes Knighton is Accident Victim

A one-time member of our School's faculty, Dr. Holmes T. Knighton, was fatally injured recently when he was struck by a car in Richmond, VA. Dr. Knighton, 77 years old, taught here from 1946 to 1950. He also served on the faculties of the University of Louisville, the University of Alabama-Birmingham and the Medical College of Virginia, where he taught from 1951 until his retirement in 1973. Dr. Knighton, a dental graduate of Tulane University, was a former president of the International Association of Dental Research and was the author of many articles on dentistry and microbiology.

A Practice Placement Service

The Alumni Advisor Program (Big Brothers) is considering a new activity in an effort to help the student in his transition to private practice. Starting a practice placement service is under consideration at this time, with implementation of the service to get under way early next year.

Alumni will be asked to keep us informed of any practices which become available or of associate-ships which might be opening. The alumnus would, hopefully, serve as the contact man between the new graduate and the retiring dentist or the dentist seeking an associate.

As time of the graduation of the Class of 1981 approaches, more information will be published.

W. Neal Newton, Chairman

SAVE THESE DATES

March 20-21, 1981

115th Alumni Meeting



One of the nostalgic highlights of each annual meeting of the WU Dental Alumni Association is the gathering of old classmates for class reunions. This year's meeting, held in St. Louis on March 7-8, was no exception as members of several classes got together for partying and reminiscing. Shown here are members of the 25-year reunion Class of 1955 as they gathered to receive certificates commemorating their anniversary of graduation from Dean George D. Selfridge (far right). The certificates were presented during the annual meeting banquet.

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