

alumni newsletter

Rex Witherspoon '46 Named Distinguished Alumnus



Distinguished Alumnus Rex Witherspoon

Each year the Alumni Association names a Distinguished Alumnus, and this year Rex Witherspoon of the Class of 1946 was chosen to receive the honor. The year of his graduation, he received the Alumni Award as the Outstanding Student and followed this up with an outstanding career in dentistry. After service and graduate training, in 1952

Rex established an oral and maxillofacial surgery practice which is now Witherspoon, Collins, Quinn, Collins and Gipson in Springfield, MO.

He has served his profession as president of the Springfield District Dental Society, president of the Missouri Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, president of the Midwestern Society of Oral and

Maxillofacial Surgeons as well as a ten year stint as Editor of the Journal of the Missouri Dental Association. During that time he received an award from the International College of Dentists for Outstanding Publication. He received the Dentist of the Year Award,

State of Missouri in 1984 and Doctor of the Year award from the the Springfield Dental Assistants Society in May, 2000. Rex has been named a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, as well as a Fellow of the International College of Dentists.

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Distinguished Alumnus and Mrs. Witherspoon

Friday Night Cocktail Party



Brooks Newbill, Ben Odom and Neil Ross, all class of '70.



Clinton Haynes, '47, and wife, Betty.



Robert Schaefer, '55, Mrs. Schaefer, Mrs. Meyer and Paul Meyer, '55.



Larson Keso and Jack Mahoney, both '55



Joseph Ecker, '61, Mrs. Ecker and Carl Barnum, '61.



Robert Schaefer, Leo Shanley and Charles Dickson, all of '55.



Charles Blake and Isadore Voda, both of '37.



Greg Hoeltzel and Daryl Foster, both of '70.

Friday Night Cocktail Party Continued



John Goin, '56, Mrs. Goin and Sam Guyer, '52.



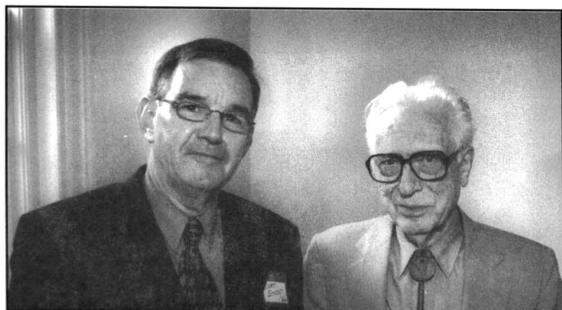
Shohreh Majidi, '90, Marsha Marden, '90, Pat Wilson, '73, Christine Kim, '90 and Joseph McMurray, '90.



Mrs. Brandhorst, William Brandhorst, '43 and Jack Gilster, '44.



Mrs. Ann Rose and T.M. Graber, '40.



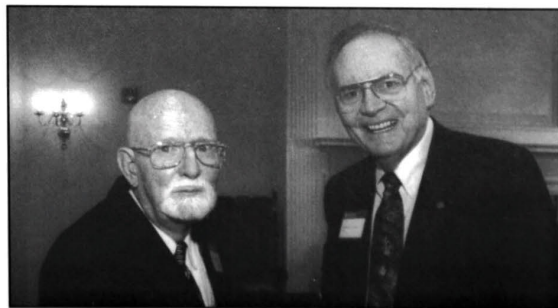
Kurt Studt, '66 and Charles Blake, '37.



John Goin, '56 and John Dyal, '55.



Kenneth Hogan '60 and Mrs. Hogan.



Perry Short and Sam Guyer, both of '52.

Friday Night Cocktail Party Continued



J. B. Hales, '65, J. Vesper, '65, and J. Young, '58.



G. Schroeder, '60, J. Laffler, '61, and Mrs. Schroeder.



Gamil Shaw, '75, Mrs. Reier and Robert Reier, '75.



Jerry Young, '58, Gail Holcomb, '79, Bob Boyle, '79 and Mrs. Young.



Marshall Manne, '60, Mrs. Manne and Donald Steed, '60.



Mrs. Shaheen, Ed Shaheen, '75 and Suzanne Morganti, '81.



Marsha Marden, '90 and Saba Khalil, '83.

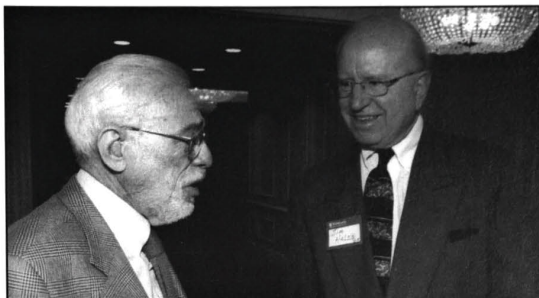


Charles Hunter, '75, Mrs. Hunter and David Jolley, Alumni Representative.

Saturday Night Banquet Party



The Class of '55 presented Dr. and Mrs. Meyer with this handsome silver tray for 45 years of Reunion planning.



Ovid Slavin '45 and Jim B. Hales, '65.



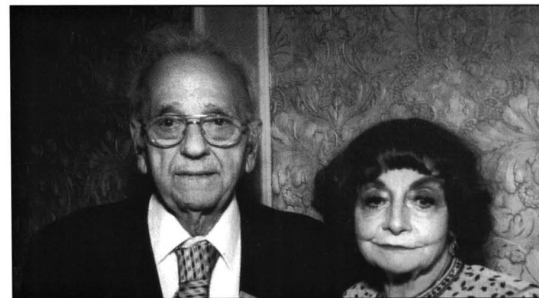
Distinguished Alumnus, Rex Witherspoon '45 and Editor Gail Holcomb, '79.



Dr. and Mrs. Greg Hoeltzel, '70.



Ms. Ann Rose, Dr. Graber's sister, Tom Graber, '40 with Mrs. Keso and Larson Keso, '55.



Dr. and Mrs. Nick Matsakis, '40.



Kermit Westerfeld, '40 with his significant other and Irving Levy, also '40.



Mrs. Brandhorst, Bill Brandhorst, '43 with John Dyal, 55.

Saturday Night Banquet Party *Continued*



Dean Emeritus George Selfridge, Mrs. Selfridge, Mrs. Mahoney and Jack Mahoney, '55.



Mrs. Clarke, Eugene Clarke, '65, Doxey Sheldon, '79 and St. Louis Society former president Gerda Thalheimer.



Mrs. McGivney and Jim McGivney, '75



New President Doxey Sheldon presenting retiring President Boyle with his commemorative plaque.



Tom Barker, '55, with longtime supply-room doyenne, Naomi Davidian.



Marsha Marden, '90, husband Jeffrey, Christine Kim, '90 and Mark Taylor, '90.



Kermit Westerfeld, '40, Mrs. Bill Stocker, '46, and Dean Emeritus Selfridge and Mrs. Selfridge.



Andy Kim, '84 and Mrs. Roger Parrott, '53.

Board Breakfast and Luncheon Business Meeting



The Alumni Association Board of Directors: Back row; D. Pulsipher, '66, R. Parrott, '53, M. Noble, '84, J. Huisinga, '64, P. Wilson, '73 and David Jolley, Alumni Representative. Front row; J. Gilster, '44, Co-editor; R. Boyle, '79, President; A Kim, '84, and G. Holcomb, '79, Co-editor.



In session at Board breakfast: D. Pulsipher, '66, Mike Noble, '84, and Andy Kim, '84.



In session: David Jolley, Alumni Rep, Gail Holcomb, '79, Co-editor and Jack Gilster, '44, Co-editor.



Luncheon business meeting.

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Our distinguished alumnus and his family: l. to r. daughter-in-law, Pat in front of her husband, Dr. Doug Witherspoon, a retinal surgeon; son-in-law, David Hayen and daughter, Valerie W. Hayen; wife, Jan in front of Distinguished Alumnus Rex; son Robert Witherspoon, a medical student at St. Louis University; daughter, Allyson Witherspoon, New York; and daughter, Megan with granddaughter, Kylee.

He is on the active staff of the Cox Medical Center and St. John's Regional Health Center in Springfield and has served on numerous hospital committees in both. Rex has been very active with the American Cancer Society serving on the Missouri Division Board of Directors for many years. He's served on the Boards of many civic organizations and as president of the Springfield Junior Chamber of

Commerce and of the Burrell Mental Health Center. Rex is an Elder and Trustee of his church.

He has been the dental team leader for a medical mission to Nicaragua every year since 1997.

Rex Witherspoon has served dentistry and his community with great distinction and energy. Washington University Dental Alumni Association is proud to count him one of ours.

Letter to the Editor

April 14, 2000

Dear Dr. Gilster,

I am the daughter of Ann E. Leonard, who retired from her position as Financial Aid Officer, after 27 years at Washington University's School of Dental Medicine. I'm writing to notify you of my mother's death in January and to see if you would, perhaps, like to include this in the Alumni Newsletter. I am enclosing an obituary article and a picture of my mother in case you choose to do

so.

The Dental School was so much a part of our lives growing up and such an important part of my mother's life. It seems that I spent most of my summers in the clinic (due to two front teeth that I fell and chipped and a number of cavities!). I have many memories of reclining in the big black chairs with a view of those big ugly windows with mismatched window pains and large belt-driven fans, listening to the shrill sounds of what seemed like

hundreds of buzzing drills for what felt like hours and hours. But I also have many fond memories of the friendly people who knew me by name and made me feel happy to go to "mom's work" with her. I knew my way around the old dental school pretty well. My favorite memory is standing next to the switchboard, watching with great fascination as Pauline Gilley with her headset on rapidly popped black and red wires in and out of the plugs so effortlessly

and the special way she had of saying "school-of-dentistry" as if it were one word. I feel that I've grown up with the Dental School and my own children have memories of going to see Granny at work. My mother made many wonderful friendships there, many of whom seemed like "family" to me.

Sincerely,
Jan Remspecher

(also see page 11 in school news)

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The 134th Annual Meeting

The Washington University Dental Alumni Association held its annual meeting in conjunction with the Greater St. Louis Dental Society's Mid-Continent Dental Congress on September 22 and 23, 2000.

The 134th Annual Session began Friday evening with a reception at the Alumni House on the Main Campus. After a well-attended and festive gathering, the classes celebrating their reunions headed off for dinners at numerous locations around the city. The honored classes for the weekend were the Sixty Year Class (1940), the Fifty Year Class (1950), and the two Twenty Five Year Classes (there were two graduating classes in 1975, Spring and Winter, as the school made a transition from the four year to the three year program). In addition to the classes of 1960, 1950, and 1975, the classes of 1940, 1945, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1985, and 1990 all had class-members return for the weekend. This was one of the better attended Alumni Meetings in some time, with 11 different classes attending representing 60 years of Washington University

dental education.

Early Saturday morning, the Alumni Association's Board of Directors met at the Frontenac Hilton to conduct the annual business meeting. Reports were given by the Finance Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Editors, and the Alumni Development Coordinator. The Board discussed the planning for the Dental Alumni reception during the ADA meeting in Chicago (October 2000). This meeting has been very well attended in the past, and the Board of Directors wanted to be sure that plans were in place to see that all who attended would enjoy the evening. The dates of September 14, and 15, 2001 were selected for the next Annual Alumni Meeting, which will again be held in conjunction with the Mid-Continent Dental Meeting at the Frontenac Hilton.

The noon luncheon business meeting was also held at the Frontenac Hilton with a quorum of loyal alumni present. A report of the meeting of the Board of Directors was given and appropriate action was taken. The slate of

new officers was presented and elected. They are:

President:
Dr. Doxey Sheldon '79

President-Elect:
Dr. Andy Kim '84

Vice-President:
Dr. Gordon Thompson '52

Secretary/Treasurer:
Dr. Zora Hanko '84

Editors:
Dr. Jack Gilster '44
and Dr. Gail Holcomb '79

The annual Saturday evening banquet was held in the Frontenac Hilton ballroom and the reunion classes were recognized with special honors given to the 25 Year Classes, the 50 Year Class, and the 60 Year Class. This

year the Distinguished Alumnus Award was given to Dr. Rex Witherspoon. Dr. Witherspoon and his family were introduced and he was given a commemorative plaque. Dr. Witherspoon spoke and delivered a slide show of the volunteer work he is involved with in Central America. It was an inspiring presentation and it served to reaffirm what an excellent choice he is as the Distinguished Alumnus for 2000.

The banquet concluded with the introduction and installation of the new officers. This brought the 134th Annual Meeting to a close.

Shepard Memorial Lecture

The 6th Annual Otolaryngology Shepard Memorial Lecture will be held on Wednesday, April 11 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Eric Newman Center of the Medical School

Complex. The speaker will be Capt. Joel Funari Chief of Service, National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, MD. He will speak on Dental Implants.

Bill Baker, '89 - His Olympic Anniversary

Many of our graduates have made us proud for their contributions to dentistry or to dental education or to their communities; but occasionally one of "ours" achieves fame in a completely different field. One of those is Bill Baker, '89, of Brainerd, MN. Dr. Baker is not only a good oral surgeon in his hometown, he has lived an adventure few of us could match.

In December, 1999, Sports Illustrated list-

ed the top ten sports moments of the 20th Century and named the U.S. Olympic team's "Miracle on Ice" victory over the Soviet Union in 1980 as first on the list. In the coverage of the observation last February of the Twentieth Anniversary of the event, it came to light that Dr. Baker was a member of that team.

Besides carrying on his practice of Oral Surgery, Dr. Baker

coaches children's and youth hockey teams in his hometown, where he considers himself just an average down-to-earth small town professional man. He has never traded on his Olympic fame and keeps his Gold Medal in a safe-deposit box.

After the Olympic event, Bill Baker went on to play in the NHL for three years while he earned a University of Minnesota business degree during the off-seasons. His next step

was to enter Washington University School of Dental Medicine with the Class of '89. During his stay at the dental school, few of his classmates knew of his Olympic fame. He graduated and then took post-graduate work in Oral Surgery.

Now, over ten years later, it's nice to know that in the late eighties we had an Olympic Goldmedallist in our midst.

Alumni and School News

Harold Schreiber, '47, was honored by the Greater St. Louis Dental Society on Sept. 22, 2000. He was named their Gold Medal Recipient for 2000 for his many contributions to dentistry and dental education. At the same banquet, Farhad Moshiri, '81 was named the Award of Merit recipient.

Wayne Lanier, '62, was selected the European Dental Project Director for the Cherokee Nation Industries European Dental Project, which

provides civilian general dentists, dental specialists, and dental hygienists for dental care in U.S. Army dental clinics in Europe. They live in the Ramstein-Landstuhl area of Southwest Germany.

Don Huebener, '69, is just finishing a term as President-elect and will soon be inducted as President of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

Word has reached us of the death in January, 2000, of Ann

E. Leonard long time staff-member of the School of Dentistry. She started in 1955 as secretary to Dr. Theodore Rosebury in the Bacteriology Department and finished her career with the School as Financial Aid Officer, retiring in 1983. Her wonderful British accent lent such class to every department she worked in. Elsewhere in this issue is a letter from her daughter with reminiscences of her own about the School. (p.8)

Of the three dentists who answered

perfectly all questions in the ADA Library and Archives Trivia Contest at the annual session in Chicago, one was our alumnus, Harold Scheer, '45 of Wichita, Kan.

Marvin Cohen, '65, has been interviewed extensively in the local media about his work in breath management. He has been characterized as an internationally recognized authority who wrote the section on halitosis for the Encyclopedia Britannica.

The Class of 1945



A. Sferra, T. Gray, H. Henrick, W. Carter, J. Neal, T. Prosser, O. Slavin and H. Scheer.

The Class of 1955



Back row, standing: J. Snitzer, P. Meyer, R. Holmes, L. Shanley, M. Tofle and T. Barker. Front row, seated: L. Keso, C. Dickson, J. Mahoney, J. Dyal and R. Schaefer.

The Class of 1960



O. E. Jones, F. Raney, D. Buercklin, G. Schroeder, E.W. Harder, D. Steed, M. Manne, J. Keethler and seated in front, K. Hogan.

The Class of 1970



Back row: S. Levitt, W. Hawks, G. Hoeltzel, S. Hall and B. Odom.
Front row: D. Foster, N. Ross, M. Pultman and B. Newbill.

The Class of 1990



Front row: Christine Kim, Stephanie Snyder and Marsha Marden.
Second row: Steven Kimbrough, Mario Abdenour, Mark Taylor and Hugh Montgomery. Back row: Joseph McMurray, Roger Nielsen, Douglas Rietz and Gregory Uelk.

The Class of Spring 1975



Front row: Michael Kalish, Dan Sullivan, Jim Unger, Don Richardson and John Mayfield. Second row: Alan Kleiman, David Durham, Gamil Shaw, Ron Hohenadel and Alan Broadbent. Back row: Randall Kleitz, Glen Mueller, Duane Beers, Paul Nativi and Robert Reier.

The Class of December 1975



Back row: J. Eagan, R. Rauktis and E. Berla. Front row: R. Waxler, R. Walkenhorst, E. Shaheen, M. Shrout, A. Wieselthier and C. Hunter.

Two of our former President's die

Theodore A. Behrens, '23, died on May 2, 2000 at the age of 101. He had lived in three centuries having been born in March of 1899. "Ted" was one of our "elder statesmen", a real gentleman in every sense of the word. He had graduated in 1923 with honors, receiving the OKU key. He practiced in Mount Olive IL for several years, and

then came to St. Louis to practice with a leading dentist, Dr. Arthur Engel. He eventually started his own practice downtown and remained there until his retirement in 1979. Dr. Behrens served as President of the Greater St. Louis Dental Society and as President of the Alumni Association in 1953.

Simon L. Baumgarten, '34, died on January 26, 2001. After graduation, "Sy" joined the staff of the old St. Louis County Hospital where he worked until being called to active duty in the Army in 1941. He served in Europe as part of the medical detachment of the 343rd Regiment. He returned to St. Louis in

1946, joining the staff at Jewish Hospital and establishing a private practice. Among other things, he was instrumental in the establishment of the Clef Palate and Oral Cancer Rehabilitation Center at the School. He served as President of the Alumni Association in 1970.

Alumni Deaths

David Felt '78	12/98
Leonard Huber '45	1/99
William R. Edwards '38	9/99
Samuel G. Sanders '54	10/99
Leland H. Keller '37	11/99
Robert J. Meisner '54	12/99
Sidney E. Jaynes '49	1/00
Edward K. Nakata '43	1/00
L. Marvin Brewer '57	2/00
Robert A. Heilig '63	5/00
Theodore A. Behrens '23	5/00
Robert E. Love '54	6/00
Frank W. Chambers '51	7/00
Howard I. Sato '55	8/00
David E. Boesvert '51	8/00
Gordon A. Smith '84	8/00
Dan Dorrington '84	10/00
Gunter Schmidt '37	10/00
Rodney Wong '73	10/00
Manuel J. Snitzer '32	10/00
Norman A. Grammer '43	10/00
Leroy M. Young '64	11/00
Michael C. Sills '75	11/00
Robert A. Harris, Jr. '33	1/01
Simon L. Baumgarten '34	1/01
Charles Marsh '53	2/01

Come to the 2001 Mid Continent Dental Congress September 13, 14 & 15, 2001

Thursday, September 13, 2001

- MANAGEMENT OF DENTAL INJURIES, Anthony J. DiAngelis, DMD, MPH
 - PRACTICE MANAGEMENT, Annette A. Linder, BS, RDH
 - OSHA, M. Dean Perkins, DDS, MPH
 - ENDO FOR THE GP, Joe Camp, DDS, MS
- COMPUTERIZED DENTAL OFFICE, Howard Gamble, DMD

Friday, September 14, 2001

- ADHESIVE DENTISTRY, Jamie Morgan, DDS
- DOCTOR-PATIENT HYGIENE EXAM, Karen Fulton Davis, RDH
- RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY, Terry Tanaka, DDS
- PRACTICE MANAGEMENT, G.L. Johnson, Jr.
- ORAL MEDICINE, Sol Silverman, MA, DDS

Saturday, September 15, 2001

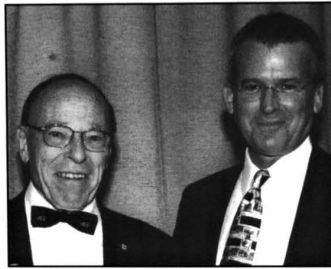
- PERIODONTAL WORKSHOP, Donald A. Rolfs, DDS
- RESTORATION WORKSHOP, David Federick, DMD, MS&D
 - PROSTHODONTICS FOR DENTISTS AND LABORATORY TECHNICIANS, Mark E. Connelly, DDS

The Class of 1940

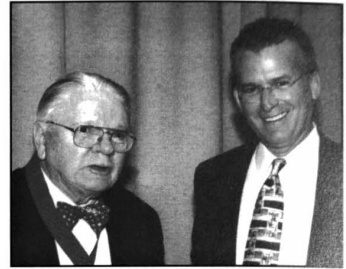
The Class of 1950



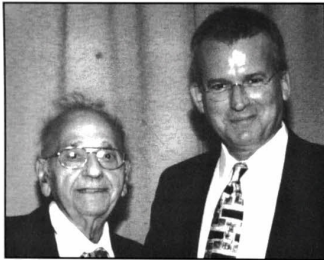
Kermit Westerfeld '40, with President Boyle.



T.M. Graber, '40, with President Boyle.



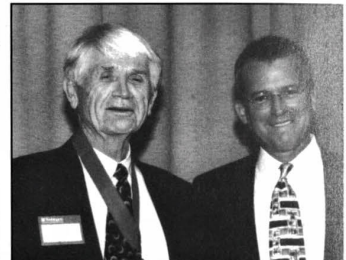
E. W. Foster, '50, with President Boyle.



Nicholas Matsakis, '40 with President Boyle.



Irving Levy, '40 with President Boyle.



Riley McCulley, '50, with President Boyle.

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