



# alumni newsletter

## Richard Brand Recipient

### of Faculty Service Award



Richard W. Brand accepting the Faculty Service Award presented at the Annual Banquet.

From time to time the Alumni Association presents the Faculty Service Award to a member of our School's faculty to recognize outstanding service. This year, it was with a great deal of pleasure that the Board was permitted to recognize a long-time member of our faculty who has served our profession, our Alma Mater and particularly our students, Richard W. Brand.

Richard Brand was born in Pittsburgh, PA and after attending local schools, attended and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh Dental School in 1958. In 1964 he completed a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Anatomy and Cell Biology, also at the University of Pittsburgh. He had been a Public Health dentist in Virginia and then practiced in Pennsylvania from 1958 till 1961. From 1961 to 1965 he taught at the University of Pittsburgh Dental School. In 1965 he came to St. Louis to teach at Washington University: general histology,

oral histology and gross anatomy, and from the mid 70's he taught many graduate level courses in his field.

Dr. Brand also became involved in administrative duties related to student affairs both at Washington University and at Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine from 1970 on and as well serving as Director of Admissions at our school since 1984. He has been retained by the Medical School as Assistant Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs, and will also teach anatomy there.

He received a Washington University Founders Day Faculty Citation in 1979, has been a Fellow in the American College of Dentists and will be inducted into the International College of Dentists this autumn. He has been an active member of the St. Louis Dental Society, the Missouri Dental Association and the American Dental Association as well as of the American Association of Dental Schools and the International Association for Dental Research. He is a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, having served as its Secretary from 1983 to 1985.

Richard Brand has not only served as an outstanding role model to young dental students, an example of what the dentist can contribute to the profession and the community; he has been a forceful advocate for the student in the dental school. His role as Director of Admissions brought many fine young people into our midst and therefore it seems singularly appropriate for the Alumni Association to recognize him in this way. The Medical School is fortunate to have fallen heir to his talent.

## Roger Parrott Recipient

### of Distinguished Alumnus Award



Distinguished alumnus, Roger Parrott, accepting the honor at the Banquet.

Roger L. Parrott, '53, was honored at the May 18, 1991, Annual Alumni Meeting as Distinguished Alumnus of Washington University School of Dental Medicine. Each year, the Alumni Association names an alumnus who has served the School, our profession, the community and the Association with dedication and energy. The honoree is selected by an anonymous committee of the Association.

Roger Parrott was born in Sumner, IL and after attending local schools and college, entered the School of Dentistry in the autumn of 1949. He graduated with the Class of 1953, and was the recipient of the American Society of Dentistry for Children Award that year. Roger started teaching in the Department of Dentistry for Children, working in the Children's Dental Clinic of the St. Louis County Health Department and started a private practice. He remained on the faculty

for ten years until 1963 and was elected to Omicron Kappa Upsilon. He served as President of the St. Louis Society of Dental Science, as President of the Missouri Unit of the American Society of Dentistry for Children in 1961, and as a Missouri delegate to the American Dental Association meeting in 1971. He is a member of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists and Delta Sigma Delta Dental Fraternity.

Roger served the Greater St. Louis Dental Society as its Secretary-Treasurer for 11 years. He was a Founder of the Dental Health Theatre and has been a member and past treasurer of the Board, the Foundation of the Greater St. Louis Dental Society. In 1984, the Greater St. Louis Dental Society honored Roger and his wife, Joanne, with the Society's Gold Medal Award for their service to the Society, the Profession and the community. It was the first time this honor had been bestowed on a husband and wife and recognized Joanne as well as Roger for service to dentistry.

Roger is on the Board of Trustees of the Alumni Association and has been a member of the Eliot Society since 1969. He serves on the Board of Directors of the North County YMCA and has been a Board member of the United Methodist Church for 25 years. Roger and Joanne have four children, Dennis (D.M.D. '78), Nancy, David and Beth.

We can be proud to claim him as a fellow alumnus and take pleasure in honoring him for his devotion to his profession, his Alma Mater and his community.

## President's Message



New Alumni Association President Joe Laffler, '61, addressing the Alumni.

The Washington University School of Dental Medicine has not ceased to exist. True, it no longer occupies the building on Scott Avenue, and it no longer has students to train. But 125 years of growth, learning, development, leadership, and adapting to change produce far more than a building, or a group of students.

The school still exists in the body of knowledge contained in our library. Although integrated into the library of our colleagues at the medical school, the Harriet Steuernagel collection will continue to be a valuable resource. The rare book collection is an invaluable asset to the heritage of our school and our profession.

The school still lives in the room

at Whittemore House that contains the memorabilia such as the dean's plaques, class pictures and historical items. All alumni are welcome and encouraged to visit whenever you are able.

But most importantly, the school exists in the body of alumni who entered our profession through its portals. Of all the groups and organizations I've been associated with, I've enjoyed and been most proud of our alumni. If it wasn't for you, the history of the school would have been much less distinguished, its ceasing to function as an institution of undergraduate education far less lamentable and its life span far shorter.

It is we, the alumni, who represent and embody the life of the school. It is up to us to promote and encourage all of the worthwhile principles with which we were entrusted. As long as we value our education and heritage and associate with one another for a common purpose, our school lives.

It is the goal of your association to continue to promote the interests of all alumni. We will continue to hold our annual meetings honoring graduation milestones and encouraging reunions. We will continue to recognize alumni of outstanding achievement. We will sponsor social events at the A.D.A. and Chicago Mid-Winter meetings and any other where there is sufficient interest. We will continue the newsletter. And we are presently in the process of

creating a new alumni directory for distribution next spring.

You will soon receive a questionnaire regarding your listing in that directory. We want it to be as accurate as possible, so please help us by returning the information promptly. Those we don't hear from will require a second mailing to attempt to include everyone. You will help us keep costs down by keeping the second mailing as small as possible. Everyone will receive a new directory.

I felt our recent meeting in May was a huge success. The participation was excellent. Those who attended enjoyed a full and worthwhile agenda. I was especially pleased with our continuing education segment. We had a day and a half of fast paced and stimulating programs on a variety of current topics. The presenters were all fellow alumni and they did an outstanding job. Special thanks to Samir El-Moffi, Harold Schreiber, Ken Rotskoff, Mark Travis, Barry Goldenberg, Tom Graber, Jerry Young and Bernie Williams. It gives me a great deal of pride to be associated with men like these.

Warren French recently completed a shortened term as president of the Association. He was installed last September. Warren provided strong leadership during this difficult transition period and did a whale of a job organizing the May meeting. He deserves our congratulations and thanks for a job well done.

Pat Wilson has completed his tenure as secretary-treasurer turning the job over to Dorey Sheldon. This is the only officer who customarily serves more than one consecutive term. Pat has done outstanding work since taking the job in 1987. He has converted our record system to the computer and increased efficiency greatly. Thank you, Pat, for your excellent service in this most important position.

We welcome Kurt Studt as Vice-President. We are looking forward to having Kurt work with us in leading our association into the future.

I'd like to make the point that we intend for the Alumni Association to continue. I've noticed that there has often been some misunderstanding about the structure of our Association. We have always been an independent organization. Although a great deal of activity in the past has been directed at supporting the school, we have never been an arm of the school. Future activities will be determined by the imagination, desires and needs of you, the membership. Let us hear from you with your suggestions.

This is a great organization. It has a history of outstanding accomplishments. It is made up of outstanding people. I believe it will continue to be a valuable asset to its membership. We, the officers, will work to deserve your continued support.

So it seems to me.

Joe Laffler, '61 President

## Washington University Dental Alumni Association Officers and Board of Directors 1991-92

Dr. Joe Laffler '61, President  
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Dr. Mike O'Connell '84, St.  
Louis, District XIII  
Dr. Roger L. Parrott '53, St.  
Louis, District XIII

### Washington University Reception at ADA Meeting in Seattle

Date: Sun. Oct. 6  
Hours: 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Hotel: Westin/Thurston Room

# The 125th Annual Alumni Meeting



Immediate past president (as of May 18) Warren French accepting his commemorative plaque from new president Laffler.

fying Concept for Temporomandibular Dysfunction;" and Bernie Williams '69, "Predictable Restorative Dentistry."

Alums could not attend the actual Graduation Ceremony, but some decided to attend the traditional Graduation Luncheon on Friday, the 17th to applaud our new alumni and welcome them to the Association. Then from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., an Open House and Reception was held in the School of Medicine Library for a tour and to view the exhibit of the dental rare book collection and some dental school memorabilia. The Bronze Plaques honoring past deans are being installed, along with other memorabilia, in a special room at Whittemore House on the main campus and should be available for viewing by mid-summer. Then Friday evening the annual Cocktail Party and Reception was held at the Women's Building on the Hilltop Campus.

Saturday morning a trolley car tour of St. Louis was made available. The guides for the tour were captained by Joan Huisinga (Mrs. Jim Huisinga, '63). Then from 11:30 to 2:00, an excursion on the Belle of St. Louis riverboat was a very popular event of the meeting.

The climax of the festive weekend came that evening at the annual dinner dance at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown St. Louis. The evening started with cocktails, and after the guests were seated, a twenty minute video presentation including highlights in the history of the School, its students, faculty and staff. Patricia Parsons, last year's Distinguished Alumnus, offered a toast. After dinner, Don Huebener opened the program and introduced the President of the Alumni Association, Warren French. Members of the Fifty Year Class, the Class of 1941, and the Twenty-five Year Class, the Class of 1966, were then recognized and introduced. The Distinguished Alumnus of 1991, Roger L. Parrott, was introduced and presented with his plaque, after which he made a short acceptance speech. A Faculty Service Award was presented to Dr. Richard Brand, in recognition of his years of devoted service to the School. Dr. Gordon Thompson then rose to give a touching tribute to recognize the faculty who stayed with the School to teach this last Class. Dr. Richard Brand then presented a tribute to the Staff and Special Guests and Dean Smith recognized the Deans Emeriti and Faculty Emeriti. The beautiful and nostalgic evening ended with dancing. It was a very special banquet to mark this historic occasion and to honor 125 years of dental education at Washington University.

This past year has been an unusual one, to say the least; and therefore this past Alumni Meeting — our 125th — was also somewhat unusual. The Association felt that the closing of the School deserved special recognition at the very time of its closing and last graduation. Thus, the timing of the annual meeting was altered for this one year only.

Our last several meetings have been held in conjunction with the Greater St. Louis Mid-Continent Dental Congress in the Fall giving our visiting Alums a chance to attend Continuing Education Courses. To make this special annual meeting as desirable and interesting as possible, Continuing Education Courses were given on Thursday and Friday, May 16 and 17. All eight essayists are alumni of Washington University and the outstanding lineup included: Samir El-Mofty, '87, "Tell Tale Signs of HIV (Update on AIDS);" Harold Schreiber, '47, "Regenerative Therapy in Periodontics;" Ken Rotskoff, '69, "Microsurgical Reconstruction of the Temporomandibular Joint" with a video of the actual surgery; Mark Travis, '75, "Innovations in Esthetic Implant Surgery;" Barry Goldenberg, '82, "Predictable Implant Prosthodontics;" Tom Graber, '40, "The Litigious Triangle, Doctor, Lawyer and Insurance Company;" Jerry Young, '58, "A Uni-



Retiring Secretary-Treasurer Pat Wilson (left) accepting a token of the Association's appreciation for his devoted service from President French.

The Alumni Association would like to give special recognition and express its deepest appreciation to our outstanding Alumni essayists for the recent Continuing Education Program during the Meeting. In alphabetical order:

**SAMIR EL-MOFTY**  
**BARRY GOLDENBERG**  
**TOM GRABER**  
**KEN ROTSKOFF**  
**HAROLD SCHREIBER**  
**MARK TRAVIS**  
**BERNARD WILLIAMS**  
**JERRY YOUNG**

'87  
'82  
'40  
'69  
'47  
'75  
'69  
'58



President Warren French presenting a token of the Alumni Association's respect and affection to Dean Richard Smith.

## Class Reunions



The Class of 1951 held a gala reunion to celebrate forty years of Dentistry and at this table were seated, clockwise from the left foreground: Howard Trovillion and Mrs. Trovillion, Mrs. Ellis and Richard Ellis, Mrs. Kreader and Lester Kreader.



At another table were seated, Class of '51, clockwise from left: Neal Newton and Mrs. Newton, "Bud" Roeder and Mrs. Roeder, James Coleman and Mrs. Coleman, and Lloyd Helm and Mrs. Helm.



At a third table, Class of '51 were seated, clockwise from the left: Reuel Vammen, Mrs. Whitlock and Lowell Whitlock, Mrs. Russell and Wesley Russell, Carrick Berry and Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Vammen.



Last year, the Class of '55 had its 35th reunion. This excellent picture was included in the Newsletter, but Blaine Sorenson was not identified. This was a pretty special class and Blaine was a pretty special student of mine. Herewith, the picture, with all correctly identified: Front row; l. to r. Jack Mahoney, Don Kanemaru, "Bo" Shanley, Charlie Dickson, Ray Mills, and Blaine Sorenson. Back row: Gordon Love-ridge, Milt Tofle, John Dyal, Tom Barker, Larson Keso and Paul Meyer.



The Class of 1961 met to celebrate 30 years of dentistry: Back row; l. to r., Stan Kimball, Jerry Parrish, (partly hidden), Joe Laffler, Wade Watts, Larry Thompson and Roland Cartwright; Second row, Lavon O'Dell, Carl Moelling, John Reel, Fred Eberle, Joe Phelps, and John Holcomb; Front row, Blair Thurgood, Bob Aubell, Carl Barnum, Joe Ecker, Akiharo Shishido and Warren French.

## Class Reunions



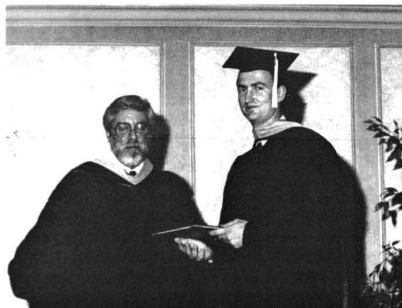
The Fifty Year Class, resplendent in their commemorative medallions, are here pictured, l. to r.: Bob Dormire, Sol Cohen, Norm Shipley, Dan White, Ed Hunter, Bob Sullivan and Bruce Fickel.



The twenty-five year class of 1966 met and here stood for their photograph: Front Row: Dee Pulsipher, Jerry Hastings, Jim Evans, Brian Thornley, Kurt Studt, Charles Kelley; 2nd Row: Sam Pick, Richard Meyer, Noel Stoker, Rusty Lines, Dave McCracken, Dave Moore, Jim Wetzel, Alan McCoy; Back Row: Harmon Probst, Don Spurgeon, Jeff Wombolt, Robert Miller, Tom Ahlers, Joe Honich; Not in picture: Gary Welch.



The annual O.K.U. Banquet was held to honor new members, l. to r.: Richard Ng, his wife, Sonya Wu, Lourdes Arguelles, honorary staff member, Gloria French, faculty member Dr. Andy Kim, staff member Cheryl Genovese, and Henry Lancaster.



Peter Kimball, right, accepting his diploma from Dean Richard Smith.



Commencement became a real family affair for Calvin Kanemaru, here pictured with family members including his parents and brothers and sister. Far right is brother Les Kanemaru, '87.

## Graber Awarded Honorary Degree

At the Commencement on May 17, the University conferred the honorary degree of doctor of science on "Tom" Graber '40, educator, researcher and practicing orthodontist.

T. M. Graber, author of more than 15 books and 750 articles, is considered one of the most widely published orthodontists in the world today. His published work includes standard textbooks for both graduate and undergraduate training. For the past four decades, Graber has devoted himself to education and research. While teaching orthodontics at Northwestern University, he co-founded its Cleft Lip and Palate Institute in 1947.

Later, he co-founded and became director of the Kenilworth Dental Research Foundation in 1964, a position he still holds today. As a professor at the University of Chicago from 1967 to 1982, he founded the orthodontic section of the Pritzker School of Medicine.

Today, he continues to maintain a private orthodontic practice and serve as visiting professor at the University of Michigan. Graber earned a degree from Washington University's School of Dental Medicine in 1940, a master's degree in orthodontics from Northwestern University Dental School in 1946 and a doctorate in anatomy from Northwestern's Medical School in 1950.

## Welcome! New Alumni Class of 1991

Lourdes Arguelles  
Alen Bakhtamian  
Thao Hoai Bui  
Steven Robert Connelly  
Walter Allen Conway  
Arman Davoudian  
Carmen Elisa De Jesus  
Todd Randal Denson  
Carlos Alberto Diaz-LaBoy  
Massoud Hejazi  
Craig Taylor Holyway  
Arnold Tsutomu Ichiuji  
Eman Elam Joseph-Traynor  
Clavin Mutsushi Kanemaru

Henry Everette Lancaster, Jr.  
Ronald Vernon Linder  
Magali Muniz-Mariani  
Marlon Keith Moore  
Ruth Mari Ohata  
Luong Van Phan  
Kermit Mason Radke, Jr.  
Ivan Enrique Rodriguez  
Samuel Bret Sanders  
Stanley David Snyder  
Sonya Lee Wu  
Kenneth Orlando Wynn  
Julien Zenker

## Graduation Day 1991



**Class President Lourdes Arguelles giving the student address for her class at the Commencement Luncheon.**

The 1991 Washington University School of Dental Medicine Commencement, the 125th and last, was held on the Hilltop campus on Friday, May 17. The traditional Commencement Luncheon was held at the Breckenridge Frontenac immediately following.

After the luncheon, introductory remarks were made by Dr. Donald Huebener, Secretary of the Faculty and Dean Richard Smith welcomed the new graduates and their families and guests. Many staff, faculty and alumni were also present to mark this final important event in the history of the School. Dr. Warren French, President of the Alumni Association, spoke to the assembly followed by the President of the Class of 1991, Lourdes

Arguelles. The diplomas were then presented to the new graduates by Dean Smith and Associate Dean Richard Brand. The following prizes and awards were then presented by Dr. Huebener:

The Academy of Dentistry for the Handicapped, **Massoud Hejazi**  
Academy of General Dentistry Award, **Ivan Enrique Rodriguez**

The Academy of Operative Dentistry Award, **Lourdes Arguelles**

Aesthetic Dentistry Award, **Thao Hoai Bui**

Alpha Omega Award, **Richard Ian Ng**

American Academy of Dental Radiology Certificate, **Ivan Enrique Rodriguez**

American Academy of Oral Medicine Award, **Peter Thatcher Kimball**

American Academy of Periodontology Award, **Richard Ian Ng**  
American Association of Endodontists Certificate, **Alen Bakhtamian**

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Award, **Alen Bakhtamian**

American Association of Orthodontics Award, **Richard Ian Ng**

American Association of Women Dentists, **Lourdes Arguelles**

American College of Prosthodontics, **Henry Everette Lancaster, Jr.**

American Dental Society of Anesthesiology, **Walter Allen Conway**

American Society of Dentistry for Children Award, **Ruth Mari Ohata**

Richard Bengel Acknowledgment Award for Crown and Bridge, **Todd Randal Denson**  
Richard Bengel Acknowledgment Award for Periodontics, **Sonya Lee Wu**

Anna Bredall Awards, **Lourdes Arguelles, Henry Everette Lancaster, Jr.**

Certificate of Recognition in Geriatric Dentistry, **Carmen Elisa De Jesus, Calvin Mutsumi Kanemaru, Marlon Keith Moore**

Dean's Award for Faculty Practice, **Carlos Alberto Diaz-Laboy, Arnold Tsutomu Ichiji, Eman Elam Joseph Traynor**

Delta Sigma Delta Award, **Richard Ian Ng**

Delta Sigma Delta Scholarship Cash Award, **Richard Ian Ng**

Dentsply International Merit Award, **Luong Van Phan**  
Edward R. Hart Award, **Richard Ian Ng**

International College of Dentists Award, **Ronald Vernon Linder Ishiyaku**

EuroAmerica Publishers, Inc. Award, **Walter Allen Conway**

National Board Dental Examination Awards:

Highest Overall Average Part I, **Kermit Mason Radke, Jr.**

Highest Overall Average Part II, **Henry Everette Lancaster, Jr., Magali Muniz-Mariani, Kermit Mason Radke, Jr.**

Highest Individual Score Part I, **Peter Thatcher Kimball, Richard Ian Ng, Kermit Mason Radke, Jr.**

Highest Individual Score Part II, **Steven Robert Connelly**



**Top scholar Richard Ng receives his diploma at the luncheon.**

Pierre Fauchard Academy Award, **Richard Ian Ng**

Quintessence Awards: Clinical Achievement In Restorative Dentistry, **Magali Muniz-Mariani**

Clinical Achievement in Periodontics, **Richard Ian Ng**

Washington University Dental Alumni Association Prize, **Richard Ian Ng**

J.D. White Award, **Ruth Mari Ohata**

Xi Psi Phi Anatomy Prize, **Henry Everette Lancaster, Jr.**

Xi Psi Phi Scholarship Award, **Walter Allen Conway**

Omicron Kappa Upsilon, **Lourdes Arguelles, Henry Everette Lancaster, Jr., Richard Ian Ng, Sonya Lee Wu**

Doctor of Dental Medicine cum laude, **Raymond Scott Hlavaty, Peter Thatcher Kimball, Richard Ian Ng**



**1991 Class President, Lourdes Arguelles, paying tribute to the loyal faculty who remained to teach her class, the last class to graduate from Washington University School of Dental Medicine. Those honored faculty members are standing behind her and to the right on the line.**

## Annual Alumni Reception



Dean Emeritus George Selfridge



Three members of the Class of '86 reminisce at the Annual Alumni Meeting Cocktail Party, l. to r.: Peter Indzonka, Tim Arrington and Brian Hendrickson.



Also at the Cocktail Party were l. to r. Clint Haynes, '47, David Moore, '66, David McCracken, '66 and Mike Matlof '67.



Dean Emeritus David Bensinger



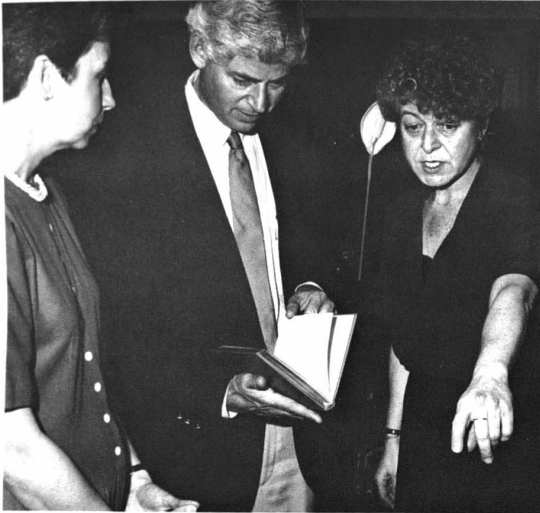
Dean Emeritus John Bird



The Class of '85 was represented here by Steve Bowen and his wife and Colin Shaw.



## Tour of the Steuernagel Library



Carole Murray, formerly dental school librarian, now at the Med School library, left, and Michael Matlof '67, get information on the Rare Book Collection from its director, Susan Alon, at the Library Open House, May 17.



One of the showcases of dental school memorabilia on display at the Medical School Library.



Former Dean John Bird '43, Kent Davis, '74 and Professor Emeritus Harriet Steuernagel enjoying the Library Open House.



Also attending the Med School Library Open House were: Margaret Toalson, '45, Lyle Calton, '47 and Greg Newton, 81.

## Earl Shepard Dies



The late Earl Shepard, left, here with his good buddy, Dean Emeritus George Selfridge.

Long-time faculty member and active alumnus, Earl Shepard, '31, died on May 18, 1991 after a short illness. He had devoted his life to his profession and to his Alma Mater. It was ironic that death came on the very night on which the Alumni Association was marking the closing of the School with a gala banquet and program featuring the traditions and history of the School Earl had served so long and fought so hard to save.

Earl was born in Marine, IL, 82 years ago. He graduated from our School in 1931 and opened a general dentistry practice in Edwardsville. In 1938, he began specializing in orthodontics and moved his practice to the St. Louis area where he practiced until his retirement in 1984, except for four years service in the Army during World War II.

## Alumni Deaths

Paul Schick '37	July, '90
Meyer Baer '31	Dec. '90
Joseph Steinberg '52	Jan. '91
Everett C. Brooks '29	Jan. '91
William Miller '27	Feb. '91
Gordon Pepple '33	Mar. '91
Patrick Flanagan '83	Mar. '91
Ernest Vincent '53	
Earl Shepard '31	May '91

Earl served on the Faculty from the time of his graduation until his retirement, rising to the position of professor and chairman of the department of orthodontics from 1953 to 1975. He served on the staffs of Barnes Hospital since 1954 and St. Luke's Hospital since 1979. He was Alumni Representative on the University's Board of Trustees from 1956 to 1959 and was President of the Dental Alumni Association in 1955. He was recognized by the Alumni Association as Distinguished Alumnus ('68) and by the University as a Founder's Day Distinguished Alumnus ('84) and also as a Distinguished Faculty member ('64).

He was active in the American Dental Association, the Missouri Dental Association and the St. Louis Dental Society, as well as in the American Association of Orthodontics. He served as Secretary of the American Board of Orthodontics from 1972 and served as Executive Director of the Board of Orthodontics from 1972 and served as Executive Director of the Board from 1977 to 1987. He also served on the board of Boys Town of Missouri in 1961 and again from 1966 to 1972.

Earl Shepard's devoted service to his country, to his profession and to his school is an inspiration to us all. He will be sorely missed.

John E. Gilster, D.D.S.

## 1991 Mid Continent Dental Congress

Mark your calendars now for the 50th Anniversary Mid-Continent Dental Congress, scheduled for September 12-14, 1991. This year's meeting promises to be one of the best in its 50 years of existence.

First of all, it shifts to the beautiful, new Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Clayton. Secondly, the speakers lined up to present their programs have something to offer everyone in your office. Your staff will enjoy seeing Linda Miles and Jennifer de St. Georges. The exhibitors promise to be present in force, showing the dental community all that is new for use in our offices.

**Thursday, September 12, 1991**  
Ms. Jennifer M. de St. Georges — Practice Management  
Dr. Alvin J. Fillastre — Restorative Procedures  
Dr. William K. Bottomley — Oral Diagnosis

Dear John:

The periodontal health of all the children in this country is of utmost and prime concern to all in the responsible dental community. For years NCDHM themes have been directed mainly toward emphasis on prevention and treatment of disease of the **hard** oral tissues and the various corollary subjects; it's working.

With the obvious success of nutrition education, sealants, fluoride installations and fluoride therapeutic measures, it is remarkably apparent that the time has come for the dental profession to now shift the educational emphasis in the forthcoming years. The prevention of disease and maintenance of health for the **soft** tissues . . . especially the periodontium, is due consideration to now meet the national goals as stated in **Health People 2000**.

Next to the common cold, periodontal disease is the country's most prevalent disease. Nevertheless, according to a study recently released to the public, the majority of Americans do not understand the causes and consequences of periodontal disease, or how to prevent it. There is definitely a gap between the public's understanding of periodontal disease and the reality that three out of four Americans will have periodontal disease in their

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lifetime. It therefore stands to reason we must be responsibly aggressive in educating the public. Children in public, private and parochial elementary school systems are a logical, special target group to include in any public educational program. . . . National Children's Dental Health Month is obviously a perfect platform for such an effort to support current programs already targeted toward adults now being promoted jointly by the American Academy of Periodontology and the American Dental Association.

Let's give it our best effort for the sake of our nation's children and their health.

NCDHM belongs to all of us, regardless of our "memberships." Yes, it's an organized dentistry program . . . but it's for all of "us" . . . it's "we" . . . not "them" . . . NCDHM even belongs to those dentists who for whatever reason, are not part of formal organized dentistry. It belongs to each and every member of the dental team; the dentist; the hygienists; the dental assistants, and the dental secretaries, and the laboratory technicians.

NCDHM also belongs to the educators and parents of the children the program was created to serve; the nurses; the secretaries and the administrators.

**But Most Importantly!!!!**

NCDHM belongs first and foremost to the children it was intended to serve . . . yes our future adults. Best served when they receive essential timely service as children.

Children . . . their dental health, their dental health education, and their dental care, are to be the total focus of those of us who carry those responsibilities for the welfare of the patient served.

Douglas K. Ross, DDS, MAGD '63  
215 East Columbia Street  
Farmington, Missouri 63640

\*Credit is given to writers from Bausch and Lomb Dental Care Division, the American Academy of Periodontology, the American Dental Association and some other special people for their opinions and ideas so eloquently stated in **Healthy People 2000**; and especially to Dr. Samuel D. Harris; for his inspiration and guidance as an innovative pediatric dentist, willing to fully support his convictions in very meaningful ways.

## Ex-Drill Instructor Mourns School's End

Gordon Thompson sat at a desk in the middle of the clinic floor. He was finishing the paperwork that a death necessitates.

In this instance, the death was not that of a person. It was the death of an institution.

Washington University's School of Dental Medicine officially shut down Friday. It was 125 years old.

Thompson, who is 62, was in a melancholy mood, and not just because he's out of a job and doesn't know what he's going to do.

His melancholy was a little deeper.

The school stood for positive things. It instructed students in

the honorable profession of dentistry, and the clinic, where the students honed their craft, provided a service to the community.

Quality dental services at bargain prices — at least if you didn't have the attitude that time is money.

Dental work took time.

A student would work for a few seconds, and then stand chair-side while the work was examined by one of the drill instructors.

That's not meant as a cheap pun. The clinic instructor would march over with the authoritative air of a gunnery sergeant and probe and poke around in the patient's mouth while the student-dentist nervously awaited the results of the inspection.

Thompson was one of those clinic instructors.

There were about 150 dental chairs in the clinic, and on Friday morning, I wondered aloud which of them had been my home away from home 10 years earlier while serving as my wife's first-ever crown and bridge patient.

"Back row near the middle," said Thompson.

In the relative quiet of Friday morning, it was almost hard to recall how vibrant the place had once been. In atmosphere, it had resembled a very busy bus station.

Maybe that's because a lot of the patients were bus people, rather than airplane people.

As a long-term, multiple-appointment patient, I had the op-

portunity to meet more than a few of them. They were an interesting bunch, these people to whom time did not mean money.

They're out of luck now, dental-wise.

In that way, like the school, they're victims of the '80s.

In the '70s, dentistry was a hot profession. In the last years of the '70s, more than 15,000 students applied each year to dental schools in this country.

That number steadily decreased in the '80's.

The hot degree, in the decade of junk bonds and hostile takeovers, was the MBA.

By 1989, fewer than 5,000 students were applying for admission to dental schools. That's total. For all the dental schools in the country.

At the beginning of the decade, there were two applicants for every dental school slot. By the end of the decade, the figure was 1.3 applicants for each slot.

Economically, the clinics are always money-losers.

Without government money, or help from the mother university, the private schools had no choice but to raise tuition, which made it that much more difficult to compete with the state-run schools.

Although the dental school at Washington University was receiving some federal research money, it wasn't enough.

The best argument for keeping the school open was the service it

provided to the community.

Maybe in the '60s, an argument like that would have carried weight. It didn't in the '80s.

In June of '89, Washington University announced it would close its dental school.

In fairness to the university, other private universities were making the same bottom-line choice.

Georgetown, Emory, Farleigh Dickinson and Oral Roberts have also shut down their dental schools.

A couple of weeks ago, the dental school alums had a dinner-dance to celebrate the school's 125th birthday and to mourn its impending death.

It was Thompson's task to introduce the faculty.

"Sadly, some of our paths may not cross again," he said, "but we will have an enduring bond of camaraderie. Because at a certain time, at a certain place, under an increasingly difficult situation, we did the best we could."

On Friday morning, as we stood in the empty clinic, I remembered it the way it used to be. Although I didn't ask him, I'm sure Thompson was doing the same thing.

BILL MCCLELLAN

(reprinted from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, June 2, 1991. Mr. McClellan's wife is Mary Donahue '82).



Gordon Thompson, '52, long time faculty member, in one of the lighter moments during his reminiscences and tributes to the faculty members who remained to the end.

## Alumni News

Don Spurgeon, '66, is President-elect of the Montana Dental Association. He will assume the Presidency for the 1991-92 year.

Marion Ivanuck, '46, Steeleville, IL, now retired, has been named to the Monroe-Randolph Bi-County Health Department Board. Dr. Ivanuck served as the interim administrator of the department last year. The present appointment is for three years.

Cliff Hurt '54 and John Dyal '55 were named Life Members of the

Texas Dental Association (and the ADA) at the May 6 Texas Dental meeting in San Antonio.

PLEASE!! Write me at 629 Country Club Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63121 — NOT to the Dental School — if any honors or appointments or career moves happen to you or any of your classmates. YOU are my only source of these news items.

ED.—JACK GILSTER



President of the Association Warren French shares a tender moment with his right hand gal, his wife, Mattie.

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Dear Alumni,

With the official closing of the School of Dental Medicine sadly behind us, our plans for managing post-closure concerns are now being implemented. The academic and financial aid records for all of our alumni will be maintained and serviced respectively by the Registrar's Office and Financial Aid Office of the Washington University School of Medicine. Specific addresses and telephone numbers are listed according to the services to be provided by each office.

Mrs. Annie Miller, the Assistant Financial Aid Administrator of the School of Dental Medicine, and I will continue employment with the University in the Registrar's Office at the School of Medicine. Our primary responsibility will be to service your academic records. Providing certifications, academic transcripts, and other documents you require will continue to be our highest priority.

Sincerely,



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