



# alumni newsletter

## Three Black Weeks in May

May 13, 1989 (from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

"Washington University officials say they may be forced to close the University's dental school because of budget deficits and problems in attracting and retaining students while charging one of the highest tuitions in the nation.

"The university's administration disclosed Friday night that closure of the School of Dental Medicine was under serious consideration after an internal report described problems confronting the 123 year old school . . ."

June 2, 1989 (from the Washington University Record)

"The Board of Trustees has decided to close the School of Dental Medicine according to an announcement made June 2 by Chancellor William H. Danforth"

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Dentists, Class of 1989, march into the Quadrangle for graduation ceremonies May 19.

## Graduation Day - 1989

Graduation was held May 19 at the Hilltop Campus, with a luncheon following at the Breckenridge Inn-Frontenac. After the luncheon, opening remarks were made by Dr. Donald Huebener, and Dean David Bensingler welcomed the graduates and their guests. Dr. William Brandhorst, President of the Dental Alumni Association spoke to the assembly, followed by Dr. Gregory Jorgenson, president of the graduating class of 1989. Diplomas were then presented to the graduates by Dean Bensingler and Associate Dean Richard Diemer. The following prizes and awards

were then presented:

- The Academy of Dentistry for the Handicapped — Michael Saxe
- Academy of General Dentistry Award — Lee Cory Evans
- The Academy of Operative Dentistry Award — Winsome Henry-Ward
- Alpha Omega Award — Michael Saxe
- Alpha Omega Undergraduate Scholarship Award — Gregory Jorgenson
- American Academy of Dental Radiology Certificate — Jennifer Cha
- American Academy of Oral

- Medicine Award — Pamela Bacon
- American Academy of Oral Pathology — William Baker
- American Academy of Periodontology Award — Edward Vahey
- American Association of Endodontists Certificate — Daniel Duerson
- American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons Award — William Baker
- American Association of Orthodontists Award — Gregory Jorgenson

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## Graduation Day (Continued from page 1)



Stephanie Wong, daughter of Walter Wong, '59, on the left and Darren Nakamatsu, sport beautiful leis from their native Hawaii at Graduation.



Pam Bacon, left, and Cathy Smith, daughter of Fred Smith, '63, the last of a long line of W.U. dental graduates, pose prettily on the big day.

American Association of Women Dentists — Winsome Henry-Ward  
 American Dental Society of Anesthesiology — Jose Velazquez  
 American Society of Dentistry for Children Award — David Fedewa  
 Richard Bengel Acknowledgment Award for Crown and Bridge — Curtis Howa

Richard Bengel Acknowledgment Award for Periodontics — William Baker  
 Anna Bredall Awards — Paul Tran; James Rosell  
 Delta Sigma Delta Award — Curtis Howa  
 Delta Sigma Delta Scholarship Cash Award — Winsome Henry-Ward  
 Dentsply International Merit Award — Kenneth Irigoyen; Curtis Mitchem

Pierre Fauchard Academy Award — Gregory Jorgensen  
 Advanced Standing Program Dean's Award — Mario Abd Ennour  
 Edward R. Hart Award — Dimitrios Tellios  
 International College of Dentists Award — Edward Vahey  
 Ishiyaku EuroAmerica Publishers Inc. Award — Jay Skolnick  
 National Boards Awards:

Highest Overall Average Part I — Gregory Jorgensen  
 Highest Overall Average Part II — Gregory Jorgensen  
 Highest Individual Score Part I — William Baker; Gregory Jorgensen; Matt MacLean  
 Highest Individual Score Part II — Winsome Henry-Ward; Gregory Jorgensen  
 Quintessence Awards: Research Achievement — Winsome Henry-Ward  
 Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry — Michael McMahan  
 Clinical Achievement in Periodontics — Matt MacLean  
 Washington University Dental Alumni Association Prize — Gregory Jorgensen  
 J. D. White Award — Kenneth Irigoyen  
 Xi Psi Phi Anatomy Prize — Gregory Jorgensen  
 Xi Psi Phi Scholarship Award — Curtis Howa  
 Omicron Kappa Upsilon — William Baker; Lee Cory Evans; Winsome Henry-Ward; James Holland; Curtis Howa; Gregory Jorgensen; Matt MacLean  
 Doctor of Dental Medicine Cum Laude — Winsome Henry-Ward; James Holland; Gregory Jorgensen; Matt MacLean; Michael Saxe

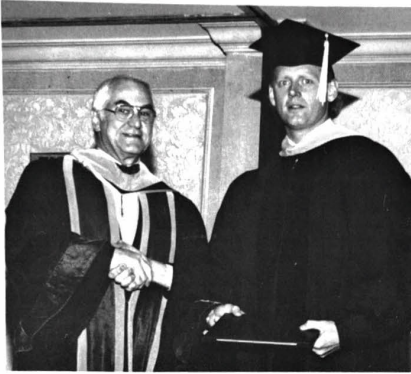
## Dean's Message

On July 1st, Dean David Ben-singer began a one year sabbatical prior to retiring after more than 40 years at Washington University School of Dental Medicine, and I assumed the position of Dean, for what we already know will be a brief and difficult few years.

Plans for the phase-out of the school are presently being formulated. Our faculty and staff are evaluating the effects of closure on their personal future plans, while at the same time preparing to continue the job of educating more than 100 new dentists, orthodontists and oral surgeons. I am pleased to be able to report that all accepted incoming freshmen who requested our assistance have been successfully placed in other institutions. Dr. Richard Brand, Ms. Marie Cuccia-Liddy, and their staff in the Office of Student Services are to be congratulated for their outstanding effort in helping these students.

In 1989-90 we will offer complete Sophomore, Junior and Senior schedules. I have advised the students beginning their Sophomore year that we feel it would be in their own best interests to transfer to

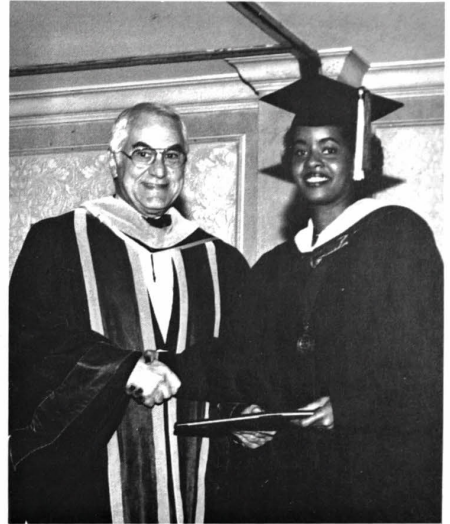
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William Baker, new alumnus, receives congratulations from Dean Bensinger.



New Graduate and President of his class, Greg Jorgenson, delivers the Student Address at the Luncheon.



New graduate, Winsome Henry-Ward, receives her diploma from Dean Bensinger.

## Welcome New Alumni: Class of 1989

Abd-Ennour, Mario E.  
 Abdurrahim, S. Vathiyar  
 Bacon, Pamela M.  
 Baker, William R.  
 Bellido, Rosa  
 Benson, Bruce A.  
 Bhaiji, Tahira  
 Bhatt, Bhalchandra G.  
 Brockmeier, Daniel W.  
 Burris, Robert S.  
 Cha, Jennifer S.  
 Chaudhri, Harkiran S.  
 Chin, David N.  
 Cigno, Antonio G.  
 Coello, Carlos A.  
 Coleman, Emmett L.  
 Duerson, Daniel C.  
 Dzundzev, Victoria  
 Eshraghi, Mark HR

Evans, L. Cory  
 Fedewa, David J.  
 French, Robert C.  
 Friedman, Gregory L.  
 Fulton, Alma R.  
 Hellmann, Gregory D.  
 Henry-Ward, Winsome A.  
 Holland, James M.  
 Holloway, Jeffery W.  
 Howa, Curtis M.  
 Huhn, Douglas A.  
 Irigoyen, Kenneth R.  
 Jeffreys, Carl E.  
 Jensen, Darrell R.  
 Jorgensen, Gregory J.  
 Keo, Sambath  
 Khattab, Samy M.  
 Leong, David J.  
 MacDougall, Douglas J.

MacLean, Matt D.  
 McMahan, Michael S.  
 Mitchem, Curtis R.  
 Mortezaie-Fard, Golshan  
 Nakamatsu, Darren Y.  
 Nazareno, Josefina J.  
 Nguyen, Chi K.  
 Nguyen, Dinh H.  
 Nickell, Scott B.  
 Pinkas, Aviva  
 Rammohan, Chennapor  
 Reddy, Konreddy J.  
 Rosell, James R.  
 Ruiz, Alberto A.  
 Santiago, Estelita A.  
 Saxe, Michael D.  
 Schaeffer, Lilia  
 Shern, Bradley G.  
 Sherstobitoff, Ronald J.

Siddigui, Mohammed A.  
 Sills, Timothy J.  
 Skolnick, Jay  
 Smith, Catherine J.  
 Song, Susan S.  
 Sullivan, Kenneth D.  
 Tellios, Dimitrios (Jim)  
 Torres-Ramirez, Aixa M.  
 Tran, Paul L.  
 Vahey, Edward P.  
 Velazquez, Jose J.  
 Westbrook, Perry L.  
 Williams, Christopher J.  
 Wong, Stephanie M.  
 Yee, Sharon W.  
 Zeigler, Joseph M.

## OKU Holds Induction of New Members

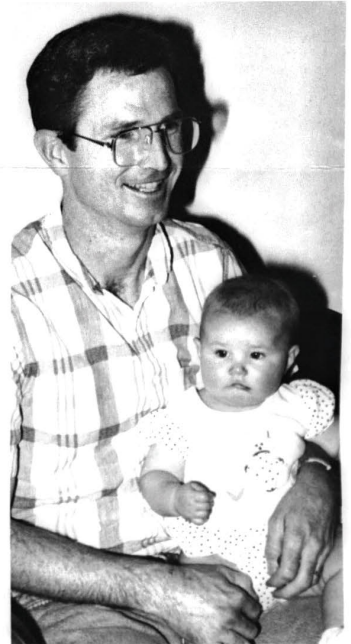
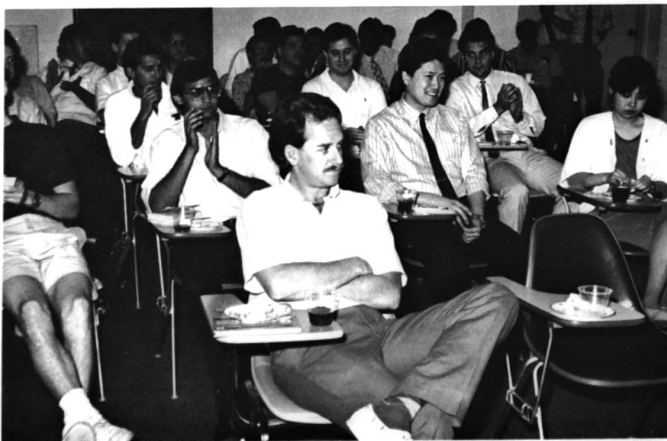


Seniors who became members of Omicron Kappa Upsilon in May: L. to R. Front, Greg Jorgensen, Winsome Henry-Ward, Curtis Howa, Cory Evans; Back, James Holland, William Baker, and Matt MacLean.

The formal induction of the national dental honor society, Omicron Kappa Upsilon, was held on May 18 at Whitmore House. Senior students William Baker, Cory Evans, Winsome Henry-Ward, James Holland, Curtis Howa, and Greg Jorgensen were elected into the society. Behnaz Yalda received the William Kramer Award of Excellence, an award given to

recognize a rising junior dental student at each Component Chapter school who has demonstrated scholarship, character, and the potential promise for the advancement of dentistry and service to humanity.

Dr. Donald Gay was inducted as an honorary member from the faculty.



An unusual attendee at the "letters" meeting is this infant with "Daddy" Jim Rosell.

Members of the Class of 1989 waiting to receive the traditional "letters" confirming that they have graduated. This informal meeting has been considered more exciting than Graduation Day itself.

### MacIntyre '61 Receives Award

Dr. Martin L. MacIntyre '61 and professors Ichiro Takazoe and Michael Rudolph are the winners of the 1989 Johnson & Johnson Preventive Dentistry Awards, announced the Federation Dentaire Internationale, which administers the competition.

The annual worldwide competition is designed to recognize innovative, preventive approaches to oral health. Prizes are awarded in two categories: dental research and community programs.

Dr. MacIntyre and Professor Rudolph shared the \$4,000 community program award. Dr. MacIntyre, a U.S. dentist working in Saudi Arabia, was selected for his work at an oil company in Dhahran providing dental care services to company employees and their families. About 200,000 people in the area have received care as a result of Dr. MacIntyre's program.

Sept. 1 is the deadline for entries for the 1990 competition. Applications should describe an innovative approach to preventive dental health care in research or community outreach.

### Dr. Brian F. Thornley Elected



Dr. Brian F. Thornley '66, a dentist in general practice for 22 years in Logan, Utah, was elected as the 1989-90 president of the Utah Dental Association. The UDA represents nearly 1,000 dentists in the state of Utah.

Long active in organized dentistry, Dr. Thornley has served on several state committees and as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President and President-Elect of the Utah Dental Association. He has also served in all leadership positions of the local dental society, including President of the First District Dental Society. He is a member of the American Dental Association, where currently he is a member of the ADA House of Delegates.

He is also a member of the Academy of General Dentistry and the Pierre Fauchard Academy, an international honor dental organization. He is a charter member of the

Logan Dental Study Club. He was recently nominated and accepted to be a Fellow in the International College of Dentists and will be inducted in November at the annual ADA meeting in Hawaii.

He completed his Bachelor of Science degree at Utah State University in Logan, Utah in 1962. He graduated with honors from Washington University School of Dentistry in St. Louis, Missouri in 1966. Upon graduation he was elected to the honorary dental fraternity Omicron Kappa Upsilon.

Dr. Thornley has been active in his local community, in Scouting, and is a member of the Logan Chamber of Commerce. He has served many years in leadership positions in the LDS Church. He and his wife, Jean, have six children: David, Christine, Robert, Steven, Jonathan and Mark and one grandson.

### Harvey Ando, '82 Dies Suddenly

In a letter from his father, we learned recently of the unexpected death of Harvey Ando, '82. Harvey died on Dec. 10, 1988, at the Montefiore Medical Center in Bronx, NY of aplastic anemia, a disease of the bone marrow. He was a third year resident in oral surgery at Montefiore.

### Dean's Message

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another institution to complete their education, but that a full Sophomore year will be provided so that they could choose to move either now or next year. Our incoming Junior and Senior classes should be able to complete an excellent education here.

In the month before the June 2nd meeting of the Board of Trustees that resulted in the decision to close the school, I was faced with the challenge of trying to develop a program, a budget, or a philosophy that would enable the school to remain open. It was a stressful and complex task. During that time, I leaned heavily on the experience and insights of David Bensinger. Twenty-one years ago, he was able to find a way to keep us going. This time, our struggle was unsuccessful. The problems of budget deficits, increasing costs, and declining enrollment could not be overcome.

I also want to express my sincere appreciation to the many alumni who wrote or called, and to Dr. William Brandhorst and the other local officers of the Alumni Association, who worked with us during this difficult period.

I hope to be able to provide you with more information as it becomes available.

Richard J. Smith, Dean



Newsletter (and School) photographer, Ed Gill, put together a photo album of events surrounding last year's dedication of the Harriet Steurnagel Library. Here, Harriet, left, accepts the album from Ed.

## Letter to the Chancellor

May 30, 1989

The Chancellor and Board of Trustees  
Washington University  
St. Louis, Missouri 63130

Dear Sirs:

I write you today with the greatest feeling of urgency and concern about the future of the Dental School.

Our School, at age 123, is the oldest dental school West of the Mississippi. It has produced some of the leaders in dentistry over these many years. The core of faculty and research persons which has produced good dentists is still there and producing. If the School closes, the facilities and team will scatter and disappear.

Due to unforeseen developments, there was a loss of \$240,000 last year, the first deficit since the reorganization in 1967. There is a projected deficit of \$450,000 for this next year but a good class has been accepted for this September and the future does look brighter for dentistry.

The cycle of too many dentists which has decreased the pool of prospective students will soon turn around, just as it has done for teachers and engineers. There will again be a demand for good dental education and a larger pool of dental applicants will surface.

Another very important aspect to the possible closing of the School is the loss of dental service to the large number of patients currently being seen at the clinic. Washington

University has helped provide an important community service through the dental school clinic, offering good dental treatment at affordable fees. St. Louis can ill afford to lose such a facility.

As a dedicated and loyal alumnus, faculty member and fund-raiser, I feel certain we can find funds to turn this around in the next few years, if we can only get your help to remain open and operating for that time. Once the doors are closed, it is lost forever.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours very truly,  
John E. Gilster, D.D.S.  
Class of 1944  
Professor Emeritus  
Pediatric Dentistry

## Letter from the Chancellor

June 6, 1989

Dr. John E. Gilster  
629 Country Club Drive  
St. Louis, Missouri 63121

Dear Jack:

I appreciate your note on the letter to the Chancellor and Board of Trustees. The hardest thing about the decision, from my standpoint, was the commitment of you and many of your colleagues, the hard work that has gone into the school and the dedication of faculty, students, staff and alumni.

I truly think the key question is whether a private independent university should continue to attempt to mount a strong program in dental education. If so, how much would it cost and where would the money come from?

Emotionally, I regret the outcome.

With best regards,  
Yours sincerely,  
William H. Danforth  
Chancellor

## Letters to the Editor

(Excerpts)

Yours truly, who has for many years been deeply involved in fund-raising for our Alma Mater, received a brief phone call from a current faculty member (and friend) on May 12. "You really should come to the faculty meeting today. The Chancellor is to speak and it sounds critical." And that was the only reason that I became aware of the decision to close the school before the above article greeted me in the morning news, Saturday May 13. Only four days before, I had made a sizable contribution to the school and had urged another to do so!

In essence, we were given three weeks to raise TWENTY MILLION dollars, because we had just experienced a two hundred and forty thousand dollar deficit. The Administration made it impossible to save the school and that must be my answer to the cries I've heard of "Why didn't you — or someone — try to save the dental school?"

I am not only deeply sorry to see such a fine school close, I am profoundly embarrassed at the many years in which I have "put the arm on" my friends to contribute to the school. I honestly thought we could keep our heads above water, and I am troubled deeply by the appearance to me that the decision to close was made quickly and arbitrarily, with no regard for many

loyal faculty, administration and alumni.

John E. Gilster '44

"I am sorry to hear about the closing of our School. It is just like losing an old friend."

Sincerely,  
Homer (C. Wieser, D.D.S., '38)

"Well, it finally happened. The school is closing. I can remember when I was a student in the mid-thirties, the school had to pay its own way, or else . . . I wonder among all the schools in the University system, how many operate in the black?"

I hope that the alumni association keeps going, so that the alumni have something to look forward to. It would be a shame to see a total eclipse of a One Hundred and Twenty Three year Institution and its associated groups disappear.

Hasta Luego, this is not goodbye  
Is(adore Voda, D.D.S., '37)

"It is a sad thing to see the school closing, in my opinion it is a fine educational institution and I am

glad I had the opportunity to go there. I am sorry the future generations will miss it. I'm afraid it won't be long before all of the privately endowed dental schools will be gone and everything will be under control of the government, but I hope the young people will continue to fight it and maybe win as we did in the Sixties."

Thanks again,  
Fred (Lee, D.D.S., '43)

"Like many others I'm extremely sorry to see Washington University close. I wrote Dave Bensinger to express my regret. Jack, I want to thank you for your many contributions to Dentistry and to the Dental School. I'm sure many graduates appreciate your fine efforts; but, usually, few write to tell you."

Sincerely,  
William (R. Alstadt, D.D.S., '38)

Feb. 25, 1989

Dear Victoria Frank,

I am an alumnus of the class of 1937, retired here since my birthday Feb. 6; arrival to settle in 1972. Will celebrate my wife Ethel's and my wedding 50th anniversary on Christmas Eve this year. Have 3 daughters and 5 grandchildren, all good looking of course. I practiced in

Passaic and Clifton, N.J. for 5 years before being called in as a Reservist to the Army Air Corps in Apr. 1942. Served in anti-sub air units for a year and then went to No. Africa to join an Aviation Engineer Regiment, the 21st. I was in charge of 3 Battalion dentists. Then we were moved to Italy where we built the fields that mounted the massive air raids on Germany and Austria. Then transferred to So. France, near Marseilles, till the surrender in 1945. Then to Paris and Frankfurt, Germany where I eventually became the Dental Senior Officer at Hq. in 8th Air Force at Schlanenbad. After the war, I practiced in Jersey City, N.J. and as soon as I could in 6 years, left to move with my wife and 3 girls to Los Angeles where I practiced till I retired in 1967. Life has been good to me, what with a cabin cruiser and later a motor home to travel the U.S., Mexico and Canada. After 4 years of retirement in Orange County, I found it boring and we decided to move here. It's been grand and my dentist here is a Walter Wong whose office is just 1/2 block away and is an alumnus also of Wash. Un.

Gratefully Yours  
Dr. Philip Ellison  
P.S. I should mention that I am quite active in civic affairs here.



Early this year, Dean Bensinger visited with the Eliot Society members from Hawaii.



Dr. R. J. McCune, center, with the two seniors who were exchange students to England this spring; left, Curtis Howa and, right, Cory Evans.



At a special dinner in December, senior student Darrell Jensen poses with his Scholars in Dental Medicine sponsors, Stuart and Betty Stanhope '43.

**Chris LoFrisco** became the student commissioner on the Council of Accreditation of the ADA beginning in December. He will serve as a representative of the Council of Students form the AADS and the ASDA. He will be a student voice on the Council of Accreditation and will also be part of an on-site accreditation visit . . .

**Marzban Patel, D.D.S.**, associate professor of restorative dentistry, delivered a presentation to the Mexican National Dental Congress in Acapulco, Mexico. Topics of his lectures included "Tissue Management in Fixed Prosthodontics," "Ceramo-Metal Restorations in Complete Mouth Rehabilitation and Color in Dental Ceramics," and "Restoration of Endodontically-Treated Teeth." . . .

**Thomas Schiff, D.M.D.**, associate professor and chairman of diagnostic services at the School of Dental Medicine, was awarded the 1988 Distinguished Service Award by the American Academy of Dental Radiology at its annual meeting in Washington, D.C. . . .

**Robert J. Liddy, Jr.**, assistant professor of behavioral science in the Department of Dental Education at the School of Dental Medicine, gave a presentation at the St. Joseph Health Center in St. Charles. The presentation topic was "Impaired Professionals." . . .

**Memory Elvin-Lewis, Ph.D.**, professor of microbiology in biomedical sciences at the School of Dental Medicine, was a featured speaker at the First Congress of the Asian Federation of Clinical Pharmacologists held in November in Lucknow, India. The purpose of the conference was to promote better interaction between pharmacologist and scientists of different countries.

Elvin-Lewis is interested in the development of phytochemicals (herbal drugs) for use in dentistry. She addressed the Department of Preventive Medicine at the King George Medical College, discussing "The Jivaro of Peru: Their Ethnobotany and Uses of Medicinal and Dental Plants," and also talked to the Department of Dental Sciences about AIDS in dentistry . . .

**Samuel E. Guyer, D.D.S.**, Professor Emeritus of restorative dentistry, has been reappointed chairman of the Examining Committee for the Specialty of Prosthodontics for 1989 by the Missouri Dental Board . . .

**Thomas Schiff, D.M.D.**, associate professor and chairman of the Department of Radiology at the School of Dental Medicine, lectured during the 10th Mexican Dental Federation meeting in Mexico City. He spoke about radiation safety as well as preventive dentistry. Schiff recently received the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service. The commendation reads: "These distinctive accomplishments of Colonel Schiff reflect upon himself, the Air National Guard and the U.S. Air Force." . . .

**Harold R. Schreiber, D.M.D.**, professor of clinical periodontics at the School of Dental Medicine, has been selected to serve on the American Red Cross Bi-State Tissue Services medical advisory committee. The committee provides guidance in both medical and regulatory affairs and helps provide scope and direction for tissue services . . .

**Donald V. Huebener, D.D.S.**, professor of Pediatric Dentistry and director of the Division of Pediatric Dentistry at St. Louis Children's Hospital, was a visiting professor at the Lembaga Kedokteran Gigi in Jakarta, Indonesia. He presented courses titled "The Fissure Sealant System," "The Alveolar Molding Appliances for Cleft Lip and Palate Infants," "Dental Care for Special Children" and "Comprehensive Care for Craniofacial Anomalies." In addition, he conducted a continuing education program titled "Pedodontics — Composite Systems for 1988" for dentists in Jakarta, Bandung and Surabaya. Huebener also visited Harapan Kita, the Children's Hospital of the University of Indonesia, and the Prince Philip Royal Dental Hospital in Hong Kong . . .

**Dr. Richard Brand**, assistant dean of Student Services and professor of Anatomy, has been elected Chairman-Elect of the St. Louis Section of the American College of Dentists. . . .

**Dr. Donnie Mayhew**, Department of Periodontics, has become a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology. . . .

**Dr. Rebecca German** has been awarded a three-year NIH grant for \$371,205. The title of the grant is "Ontogeny of Feeding Behavior in Primates." The research focuses on biomechanics of suckling. Part of this research will be done at Harvard University where Dr. German holds a faculty appointment. Dr. German will also be presenting a

paper entitled "Mechanism of Suckling" at the American Association of Dental Research Meeting in San Francisco . . .

**Drs. Philip Osdoby and Marilyn Krukowski** have been awarded a five-year NIH grant for \$595,000. The title of the grant is the "Cellular Basis of Craniofacial Bone Disorders." The research focuses on understanding bone cell interactions and how these interactions may be modified with age. This grant renews a previously-funded three-year project. Dr. Osdoby was an invited speaker the Twenty-First European Symposium of Calcified Tissue held in Jerusalem, Israel, in March. Dr. Krukowski is an invited speaker at Pennsylvania State University Biochemistry Seminar Series . . .

**Dr. Dean Dessem**, Assistant Professor of Anatomy and Biomedical Sciences, is setting up his new laboratory in what used to be the Pathology Conference Room. Dr. Dessem's research focuses on understanding neural regulation in the oral region . . .

**Dr. Paul Schlesinger and Ms. Catherine Koziol**, in collaboration with investigators at Jewish Hospital, have recently published two papers entitled "Receptor-Mediated Uptake of Mannose-6-Phosphate Bearing Glycoprotein by Isolated Osteoclasts and Cytoplasmic pH Regulation" and "Chloroideol Exchange in Avian Osteoclasts." . . .

**Dr. Memory Elvin-Lewis, Ph.D.**, professor of microbiology in biomedical science at the School of Dental Medicine, delivered a series of lectures in mid-January at Cairo University School of Dental Medicine, the Dental Syndicate in Cairo, and the Midwinter Dental Symposium in Luxor on the subjects of AIDS in dentistry and plants in dentistry. The Egyptian Clinical Dental Society sponsored her trip. . . .

**Dr. James McGivney** of Oral Pathology and **Mrs. Pat Deschler** of Oral Diagnosis participated in a homicide trial on Wednesday, March 15. They both testified about dental impressions, photographs, and bite mark analyses that they performed in June of 1988. Their testimony linked a suspect's teeth to a bite mark found on the forearm of a murder victim. Following their appearances, they were interviewed by Post Dispatch columnist Bill McClellan. The trial was conducted

in Clayton. **Dr. Ayse Kolfof** also assisted in the taking of the suspect's dental impressions . . .

**Thomas Schiff, D.M.D.**, associate professor and chairman of the Department of Radiology at the School of Dental Medicine, lectured in Malaysia Feb. 28-March 2 as a guest of the Malaysian Dental Association. He gave talks in Kuala Lumpur, Penang, and Melaka on topics relating to radiology and diagnosis.

**Drs. Philip Osdoby, Patricia Collin-Osdoby, and David Webber** have been awarded a NIH grant for "Osteoclast Medicated Bone Remodeling." This is a five-year grant of \$400,000 and is part of a Program Project Grant originating at Jewish Hospital. The title of the Program Project is "Calcium Regulation, and Bone Cell Function and Aging." Dr. Louis Avioli, Professor of Medicine, is director of the project.

**Marc B. Abrams, D.D.S.**, associate professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery at the School of Dental Medicine, was co-author of "Recurrent Osteoblastoma of the Mandible," which was published in the October 1988 Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. In addition, Abrams wrote "Temporal Mandibular Joint Arthroscopy," which appeared in the September 1988 Bulletin of the Greater St. Louis Dental Society. Abrams attended the International Conference on Osseointegrated Implant of the Jaws at the Washington Medical Center in Washington, D.C. . . .

**Stephen W. Hiatt, D.D.S.**, assistant professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Schools of Medicine and Dental Medicine, had a paper published in the March 1989 Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. The paper was titled "Management of a Mandibular High-Flow Vascular Malformation." . . .

**Samir K. El-Mofty, D.M.D., Ph.D.**, professor and chair of the Department of Oral Pathology in the School of Dental Medicine, presented a clinicopathologic conference on sarcoidosis, amyloidosis and lymphoepithelial lesions of the major salivary glands at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Oral Pathology, held in Savannah, Ga.



## Joanne and Roger Parrott '53 Featured



The May 1 issue of the ADA News carried a long article on dental "wives" as a part of an issue largely devoted to the ADA Auxiliary. The article entitled "Spouses work 'hand-in-hand' for dentistry" included a long section on Joanne and Roger and their family's activities in supporting dentistry. The following excerpt is reprinted with permission of the ADA News:

Whether she's manning marionettes at the dental health theater, donning the "Dr. Ted E. Bear" costume at a St. Louis Blues hockey game or making a presentation for local school children, Joanne Parrott can usually be found knee-deep in dental health education concerns.

Mrs. Parrott, who calls herself a "very rusty" registered nurse, admits that before she married her husband, pediatric dentist Dr. Roger Parrott, she wasn't too interested in his chosen field. "I went to the dentist every six months, and I thought as a profession it was okay, but it was my husband who really got me hooked on dentistry."

He hooked her by taking her to lots of dental seminars, both general and clinical, she remembers. As a result, she says she has "just the biggest collection of unrelated dental facts" stored in her brain.

Mrs. Parrott got started in education when her four children were ac-

tive in scouting and she gave dental health education puppet shows for the troops. She also presented programs for her church.

As dental health education chairman for the St. Louis auxiliary, she directs its dental health theater program. This includes all kinds of tasks, from changing light bulbs to helping educators write their scripts. The theater is open weekdays all year long and offers a marionette show and many educational programs for all ages. "If an auxiliary member can't make it to the theater, I fill in," she explains. "The theater program reaches about 25,000 people every year."

Mrs. Parrott also makes educational presentations for area children at schools and at dental health

fairs. Last year she arranged for the auxiliary mascot, Dr. Ted E. Bear, to appear at a St. Louis Blues professional hockey game, in addition to his appearances at supermarkets and health fairs. The Blues invited Dr. Bear back for this season.

As Dr. Bear, Mrs. Parrott sports a sign that says, "I give bear hugs." "I have given thousands of bear hugs," she says proudly, "and you wouldn't believe all the people, especially the teen-agers, who ask for them!"

A bit too modest to tout her accomplishments, Mrs. Parrott says it takes the help of others to get things done. But a few years ago the St. Louis Dental Society singled her out for its prestigious award of merit in recognition of her work in

dental health education. In the same year, her husband received the society's gold medal award. "I was very pleased because in its more than 100-year history, this was the only time a husband and wife were ever given these honors."

Mrs. Parrott has also been honored by the International College of Dentists and Delta Dental of Missouri for her active role in the community. And though she continues to be active in the dental health concerns of her community and serves as editor of the Missouri auxiliary newsletter, she has urged younger members to take over leadership roles to "get some new ideas going."

Dr. Parrott, who practices with his oldest son, Dr. Dennis Parrott, says not only are his wife's programs a great help to the community, but they help promote his practice as well.

"The programs she does are well received," he says, "and they've done a lot to teach area children about how to take care of their teeth."

"He's so supportive," says Mrs. Parrott. "I couldn't do it without him. And my children, too, have been great supporters. Whether it was stuffing envelopes, working on benefits or education projects — they have always been a tremendous help."

The Parrotts' daughter Nancy is working toward her commercial pilot's license, but when her dad needs help at the dental office, she's willing to fill in. Their younger son David, a certified public accountant in Dallas, was always Mrs. Parrott's research assistant when she needed facts and figures for her dental health presentations, and daughter Beth provides artwork for auxiliary brochures, posters and promotions.

"Dental children of all ages are a great help to the profession," says Mrs. Parrott. "It's terrific that they can get involved, too."

## National Geographic Show Explores Scientists' Peruvian Trip.

A December, 1988 Peruvian expedition by two Washington University scientists, Walter H. Lewis, Ph.D., Professor of biology, and his wife, Memory Elvin-Lewis, Ph.D., Professor of biomedicine at the School of Dental Medicine was the lead story on National Geographic "Explorer" feature on April 9, 1989 on WTBS, a cable TV station.

During the 1980s, the Lewises

made several journeys to the tropical forests of Peru to collect plant specimens and observe the cultural traits of the Jivaro Indians whose use of hundreds of plants for medical purposes makes them the custodians of a medical treasure-trove. The Jivaro Indians have an effective plant remedy for nearly every human malady. "We have found most things that the Jivaro

says work consistently do work," says Elvin-Lewis, who has traveled much of the world researching different cultural uses of plants for dental and medical purposes.

The Lewises also are exploring the potential for an antiviral drug against hepatitis B that would be derived from a species of palm tree common in that area.

## Tribute Fund

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### Former Alumni President Phillip G. Vierheller, Jr., D.D.S. 1906-1988

Phillip Vierheller, Jr., '29 Prosthodontist, and former faculty member at Washington University School of Dentistry, died December 14, 1988 of pneumonia at St. Luke's Hospital-West at the age of 82. A memorial service was held December 17 at Lupton Chapel in University City. Interment was private with no visitation.

Phil Vierheller was born in St. Louis, August 3, 1906 where he later attended McKinley High School and Washington University. He received his dental degree from the School of Dentistry in 1929, and began his dental career. He specialized in Removable Prosthodontics and taught Clinical Prosthodontics at Washington University where he was an assistant professor from 1949 to 1956. Dr. Vierheller served as president of Missouri Dental Board from 1956 to 1966, and then returned to the School of Dentistry at Washington University as professor and Chairman of Clinical Prosthodontics until his retirement in 1975. He was given the title of Professor Emeritus of Prosthodontics. He also served in the South Pacific with the Navy as Lt. Commander from 1943 to 1946.

Dr. Vierheller was active in organized dentistry — past-president of the Missouri Dental Association, Greater St. Louis Dental Society, Washington University Dental Alumni Association, and the Midwest Academy of Prosthodontics, Fellow of International College

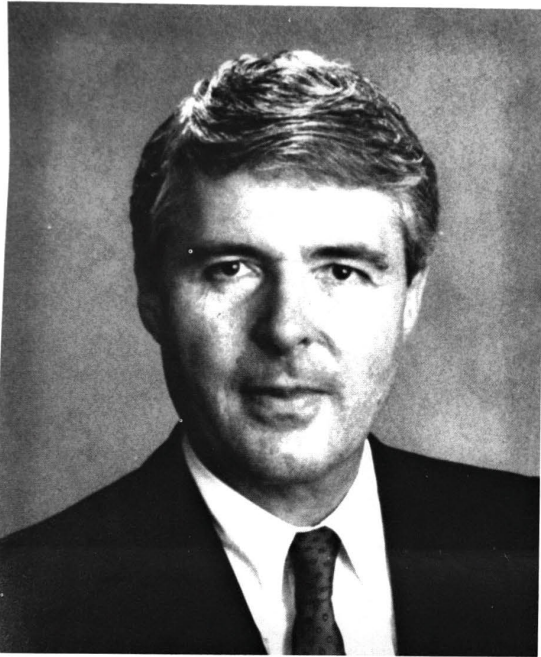
of Dentists and American College of Dentists, member of THETA XI, Xi PSI PHI, and Omicron Kappa Upsilon fraternities. He received the Washington University Founders Day Faculty Award in 1974 and was chairman of the dental division of the United Fund in 1955.

Surviving Dr. Phillip G. Vierheller, Jr., are his wife, Janet B., a daughter, Phyllis Powers, two grandsons, and their great-grandsons.

### Alumni Deaths

Dr. Larry S. Lester '62 - 04/10/86  
 Dr. Joseph Y. Reed '42 - 10/01/86  
 Dr. Melvin C. Paxton '57 - 05/??/87  
 Dr. David J. Shepherd '46 - 06/01/87  
 Dr. Donald L. Hansen '54 - 07/??/87  
 Dr. Edward A. Reisse '32 - 05/26/88  
 Dr. Irving E. Medoff '32 - 05/01/88  
 Dr. Harry G. Snyder '34 - 05/22/88  
 Dr. Howard K. Mueri '31 - 06/??/88  
 Dr. O. J. Schlicht '14 - 08/17/88  
 Dr. John H. Wilbanks '39 - 12/01/88  
 Dr. Paul C. Langenbach '35-12/01/88  
 Dr. Harvey S. Ando '82 - 12/10/88  
 Dr. Phillip G. Vierheller '29-12/14/88  
 Dr. Harry L. Ancombe '30-01/21/89  
 Dr. Boyd Tarpley '37 - 01/06/89  
 Dr. Abram Friedman '36 - 02/20/89  
 Dr. Lee R. Scheib - 31 - 2/??/89  
 Dr. George W. Burnett '43-03/18/89  
 Dr. Richard E. Hopkins '28-05/25/89  
 Dr. Raymond Haun '47-04/30/89

### Joseph Ecker Board Certified



The American Board of Orthodontics is pleased to announce that A. Joseph Ecker, '61 has successfully completed all phases of its comprehensive examination for certification of Orthodontics. The American Board of Orthodontics is recognized by the American Dental Association as the only certifying board in the specialty of orthodontics.

The board was established in 1929 and is the oldest specialty board in dentistry. Currently, there are about 8,000 orthodontists in the United States and Canada and 21\* have attained certification as a

"Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics."

A. Joseph Ecker received his dental degree from Washington University, 1961; and his specialty education in orthodontics from Washington University, 1966.

He is a member of the American Dental Association and the American Association of Orthodontists.

He conducts his practice of orthodontics in Camarillo, CA.

Dr. Ecker and his wife, Doris, have three children, Tony, Robert and John.

### C.E. Course was held March 10-11.

A Continuing Education course, "Update in General Practice 1989" was held here at the School of Dental Medicine on March 10-11, 1989. The course was planned to offer the dentist in private practice an intensive, entertaining, systematic overview of dental practice and also to help the general practitioner

prepare to take the AGD fellowship examination in July (16 AGD credits offered). The course allowed the specialist in dental practice who is isolated from the other specialties but needs a brief overview of what's new, to hear the latest trends, techniques and material changes.

### I. L. Voda Honored

At the 80th Annual New Mexico State Dental Convention in June in Albuquerque, I. L. Voda, '37 was the recipient of the State's Gold Medal Award. The plaque accompanying the award stated "The New Mexico Dental Association is proud to honor Isadore L. Voda, D.D.S. by award-

ing him its highest honor, The Medal of Distinction, a standard by which all future leaders will be judged."

Dr. Voda also received proclamations from the Governor of New Mexico and from the Mayor of Albuquerque.

### Larson R. Keso Elected AAO Trustee



Dr. Larson R. Keso, '55, '60 of Oklahoma City, OK, has been elected a trustee of the American Association of Orthodontists. Dr. Keso will represent the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists on the AAO Board of Trustees.

Dr. Keso received his dental and orthodontic degrees from Washington University in St. Louis, in 1955 and 1960 respectively. Since 1985 Dr. Keso has been a member of the Southwestern Society's delegation to the AAO House of Delegates. He had served previous terms as both a delegate and alternate delegate, and he was a member of the AAO Council on Practice Administration. Dr. Keso is also a past president of

the Southwestern Society and the Oklahoma Orthodontic Society.

A diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, Dr. Keso is also a member of the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists. Since 1960 he has been affiliated with the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center, as a consultant in orthodontics and a member of the faculty in a general practice residency.

Dr. Keso has offices in Oklahoma City and Edmond. He has been involved in the Chambers of Commerce in both cities and is a member of the Kiwanis Club.



The Dental School is almost hidden by the new overpass constructed by the School of Medicine between the Medical Dorm and the Radiology Building (Old A and P bakery). Cost of overpass has been estimated at almost a million dollars. (This picture taken from parking lot east of the dorm.)

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