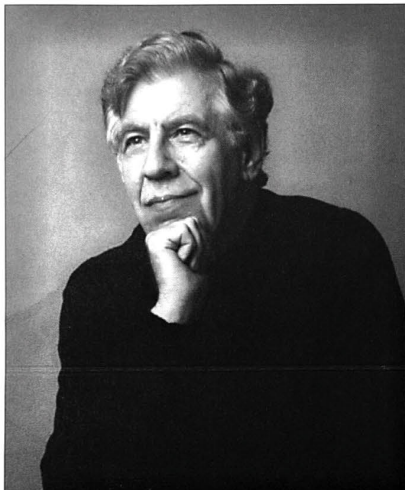


alumni newsletter

Robert Gorlin 1997 Distinguished Alumnus



Robert Gorlin

Robert Gorlin '47 longtime educator and international authority on Oral Pathology, was honored by the Alumni Association at its annual banquet on Saturday, September 20, 1997, at the

Regal Riverfront Hotel in St. Louis.

The award is presented each year during the annual meeting of the Association to an alumnus of the School who has distinguished himself (or herself) through contributions to the dental profession. The award recognizes Dr. Gorlin's long and outstanding career in dental education.

Besides his dental degree, Dr. Gorlin holds a Master of Science Degree (Chemistry) and two Honorary Doctorates in Science from Universities in Greece (Athens and Thessalonica).

Dr. Gorlin has held joint appointments with the University of Minnesota Schools of Dentistry and Medicine as Professor of Pathology, Dermatology, Pediatrics, Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Otolaryngology. He has also served as president of The International Association for

Dental Research (1959), The American Academy of Oral Pathology (1966-67), and The International Society of Craniofacial Biology (1969-70). In addition, Dr. Gorlin served for thirty years as Editor of Oral Pathology of the prestigious *Journal of Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology*.

His 55 page curriculum vitae lists many more honors, including authorship of some 547 articles, chapters, books and motion pictures.

He was also named by our own University as a Founders Day Distinguished Alumnus in 1974.

Robert J. Gorlin has contributed, and still contributes, greatly to our profession and is an example of the very finest in dentistry. Washington University Dental Alumni Association is proud to name him Distinguished Alumnus of 1997.

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The 131st Annual Meeting

The Washington University Dental Alumni Association held its annual meeting in conjunction with the Greater St. Louis Society's Mid-Continent Dental Congress at the Regal Riverfront Hotel on September 19 and 20, 1997. This was the first year that the meeting was held at the Regal Riverfront (formerly Stouffer's) which is located just west of the Arch. This location allowed those in attendance to have a spectacular view of the Arch and surrounding national park.

The cocktail party and reception was held Friday evening at the Alumni House on the Main Campus. After a very well-attended reception, the various classes held their reunion dinners at different locations around the city. The Fifty Year Class held a dinner-reunion for the 14 members present to mark the occasion. The Ten Year Class was also well represented and they gathered for a special celebration, also.

On Saturday morning, the Association's Board of Directors met at the Regal

Riverfront to conduct annual business and put forward a slate of officers for the upcoming year. Reports by the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee and the Editor were heard.

The Directory Committee report was given by Dr. Gail Holcomb. The Dental Alumni Directory was to have been mailed to all alumni during the fall of 1997, but the company in charge of the publication failed to make a complete mailing to all alumni so that all information could be updated. The company is now in the process of reviewing and completing that mailing. Publication and distribution should occur in late 1997 or early 1998. This directory will be mailed at no charge to all alumni. It is paid for by our Alumni dues, a portion of which is budgeted each year to go into the directory budget so that a new and updated version can be distributed every five years. The new directory will contain e-mail and fax numbers which will make it even easier to keep in touch with classmates and friends.

The Alumni Development Report was given by Dr. Pat Wilson. This report included the status of the Harriet Steuernalg Library Fund and the Shepard Lecture Series Fund (please see the separate article in this newsletter for date and location of the 1998 lecture).

The 1998 meeting will again be held to coincide with the Mid-Continent which will be held at the Regal Riverfront Hotel on September 18 & 19, 1998.

The noon luncheon-business meeting of the Alumni Association was also held at the Regal Riverfront with a quorum of loyal alumni present, including numerous members of the Fifty Year Class. A report of the Board of Directors was given and appropriate action taken. The slate of new officers for 1998 was presented and elected. They are: Dr. John Goin, '56, President; Dr. Michael O'Connell, '84, President-Elect; Dr. Robert Boyle, '79, Vice-President; Dr. Doxey Sheldon, '79, Secretary-Treasurer; Dr. Jack Gilster, '44, and

Dr. Gail Holcomb, '79, Co-Editors. The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

The annual banquet was held in the dining room of the Regal Riverfront Hotel on Saturday evening. Various reunion classes were acknowledged, with special emphasis on the Fifty Year Class of 1947. The traditional presentation of the medallions to the members of the Fifty Year Class took place after Dr. Lyle Calton reminisced about his classmates and shared experiences.

The President introduced the Distinguished Alumnus, Dr. Robert Gorlin, '47, and briefly summarized his exceptional career, most of which has been in research. Dr. Gorlin then responded with a gracious acceptance followed by a fascinating address and a remarkable slide presentation.

The new officers were installed and the 131st meeting of the Washington University Dental Alumni Association was concluded.



Distinguished Alumnus Robert Gorlin proudly exhibiting his plaque.



Dr. John Goin, '56, new President of the Association, left, presents the Past-President's plaque to Pat Wilson, '73, retiring President.

Board of Directors Meeting



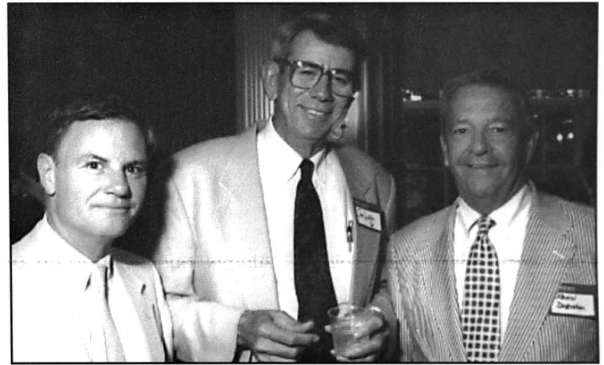
The Board of Directors met on Saturday morning, September 20.



President Pat Wilson, '73 calls the meeting to order with the President-elect, John Goin, '56, at his right.



Co-Editor Gail Holcomb, '79 and classmate-husband-vice-president Bob Boyle.



Former association presidents Warren French, '61, Joe Laffler, '61 and John Durham, '56.



Secretary-Treasurer Doxey Sheldon, '79 reading the minutes of the last board meeting.

Shepard Memorial Lecture

The Shepard Otolaryngology Memorial Lecture will be given on April 8, 1998, at the Newman Center of the Medical School. The lecture will be directed especially to the physicians from 7 to 8 a.m. It will be directed especially to the dentists from 9 to 11 a.m. A

continental breakfast will be served. Continuing education credit will be offered. The speaker is scheduled to be Dr. Geza Terezhalmay, Head of Oral Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. His topic will be Management of Acute Pain in the Dental Practice.

Alumni Cocktail Reception



Dr. John Goin, '56 and Naomi Davidian, long-time supply room boss.



Drs. Suzanne Morganti, '81 and Gordon Thompson, '52.



Mrs. and Dr. James Dunham, and Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bacon, both of the Class of 1977.



Professor-Emeritus Bob Ring, Don Oliver, '63 and Mrs. Ring.

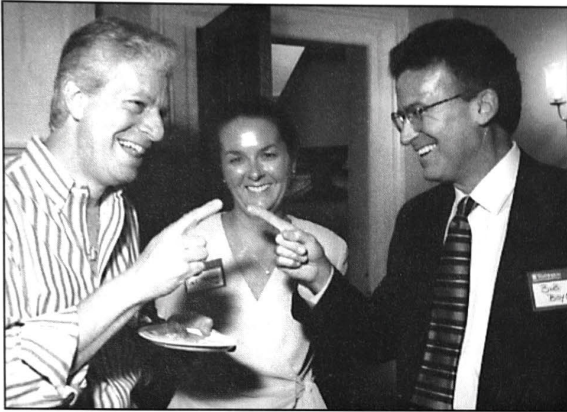


Faculty (and Alum) wives, Rita (Gordon) Thompson, '52, Betty (Clint) Haynes, '47, Jane (Sam) Guyer, '52 and Lucille (Bob) Ring.



Drs. Lisa Ryan, '87, Jack Gilster, '44 and Gordon Thompson, '52.

Alumni Cocktail Reception *Continued*



Classmates Paul Rubenstein, Gail Holcomb and Bob Boyle of the Class of '79.



Dr. Bill Brandhorst, '43, Mrs. and Dr. Dan O'Brien, '71, both of the men are former association presidents.



Mrs. and Dr. Gunter Schmidt, '37 and Dr. William Lee, '29.



The Class of '37 gets together: Drs. Isadore Voda, Gunter Schmidt and Charles Blake, seated, and Dr. George Krugman, standing.



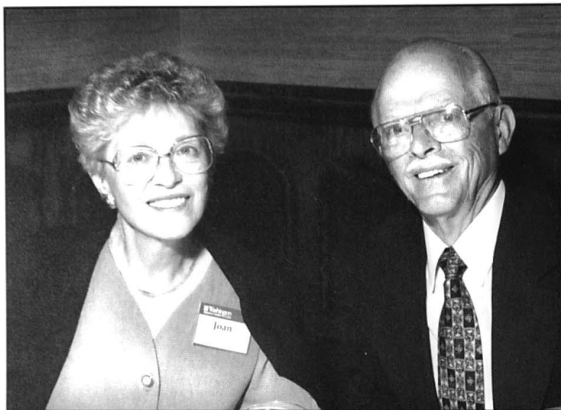
Drs. Don Busbey, Jr. and Charles Carroll, both '57 and Sam Guyer, '52.



Drs. Joseph Laffler, '61 and Harold Schreiber, '47.

Class of 1947

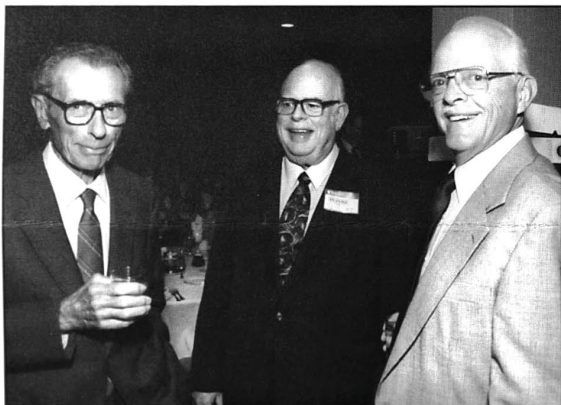
50th Reunion



Joan and Gerry Clark.



Mrs. and Dr. Robert Boon, and Mrs. and Dr. Richard Lyon.



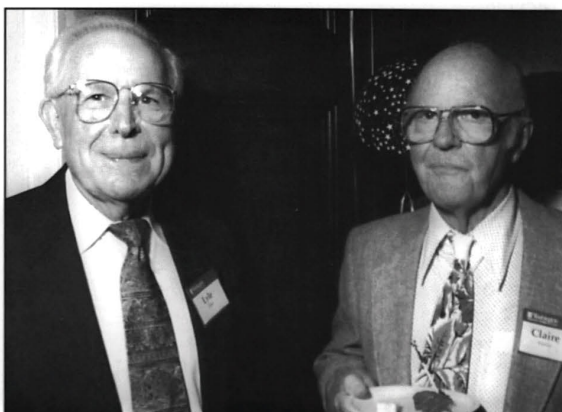
Drs. Howard Marx, Wayne Biggs and Gerald Clark.



Drs. Melvin Becker and J. Fletcher Burge.



Secretary-Treasurer Doxie Sheldon presenting the Commemorative Medallion to Dr. Clinton Haynes of the 50 Year Class.



Drs. Lyle Calton and Claire Varven.

Man's Job Takes Bite From Boredom

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Jim McGivney, '75 did not join the Navy to see the world, but years later, it seems to have worked out that way.

Last month, for instance, he went to Guam. A couple of years ago, he went to Mexico. A couple of years before that, he went to Hong Kong.

All because of the Navy, at least indirectly.

In the late '60s, McGivney did a hitch in the Marine Corps. He was a rifleman, and served in Vietnam.

When he got out, he decided to become a dentist. The Navy had a program in which it would pay for dental school if the new dentist would then serve in the Navy. McGivney enrolled in the program and graduated from the Washington University School of Dental Medicine in December 1975. Had the Navy given him an assignment and a duty station right then and there, McGivney would have become exactly what he wanted to be - a regular dentist.

But the Navy didn't have a slot for him until May. Looking for something to do between December and May, McGivney took a couple of courses in advanced pathology.

He got to know the people in the local forensic medicine community.

When he got out of the Navy in 1979 - he spent his entire hitch in

San Diego - he became the forensic dentist for the St. Louis area. In addition to practicing dentistry at his Affton office and at St. Louis University, McGivney is the fellow who uses dental records to determine the identities of bodies. He handles bite-mark cases.

A few years ago, when an oil-drilling ship went down in a typhoon in the South China Sea, the company that owned the ship wanted to identify the remains of its crew. The father of one of the officers of the company was a physician and had heard McGivney lecture. So the company hired McGivney.

Many of the crew members had no dental records. Instead, McGivney was given photographs and had to match the photographs with skulls. He spent two months in Hong Kong.

A couple of years later, a Mexican diplomat was murdered in this country. After his body was taken to Mexico and buried, authorities arrested a man and discovered a bite mark on his chest. Had the diplomat bitten his killer during a struggle?

McGivney accompanied some FBI agents to Mexico where the body of the diplomat was exhumed. The dentist prepared a cast of the diplomat's teeth and later compared them to the bite mark on the suspect. It was a

match, and the suspect pleaded guilty.

Last month, McGivney went to Guam to help identify the bodies of 225 people killed when the Korean Air jetliner crashed there.

The authorities thought of him, he said, because of the work he had done in November when two planes collided on the runway in Quincy, Ill. McGivney heard about that crash on the radio and called the coroner's office to see if it needed any help. It did, so McGivney drove to Quincy.

"It was the perfect situation for dental identification," McGivney said. "The bodies had been burned so they couldn't use fingerprints, and all the people were local, so dental records were readily available. There was another forensic dentist there from Chicago, and we got the bodies identified right away."

So when the disaster in Guam occurred, McGivney was one of seven dentists sent to Guam. The dentists, incidentally, were part of a team of more than 100 people who were sent as part of the government's Disaster Mortuary Services. In addition to identifying the bodies and determining the causes of death - especially important regarding the cockpit crew because of possible implications concerning the reason for the crash -

the team embalmed the bodies and prepared them for shipment.

The FBI had fingerprint teams. There were pathologists to determine the causes of death. Dentists and anthropologists assisted in identifying bodies that could not be identified through fingerprints.

There were also a number of morticians to do the embalming work.

"We worked 12-hour days," said McGivney. "It was hard work, especially regarding the dental identifications. For some reason, dental X-rays are not very common in Korea."

In 10 days of work, the dentists successfully identified 15 of the bodies.

During the work, one of the morticians had a heart attack and died.

"His colleagues had him done up and embalmed almost immediately. We had a memorial service for him within a couple of hours." McGivney said.

Despite the long hours and gruesome nature of the work, it was interesting to be part of such a large, well-functioning team, McGivney said.

"There was a lot of camaraderie. It was almost like being in the military again, but for only 10 days."

With another exception, too. In his new role, he gets to see the world.

Bill McClellan

Class of 1987 Reunion



Left to right: Dr. and Mrs. Russell Rainey, Dr. Betsy Berbos and husband, Mrs. and Dr. Torgerson.



Left to right: Mrs. and Dr. Neil Torgerson, Drs. Valerie McDavid and Betsy Berbos.



Left to right: Drs. Suzanne Degnen, Betsy Berbos and husband.



Left to right: Dr. and Mrs. Richard Snitzer, Dr. Ron Dinning and his fiancée.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Dr. Gilster:

Enclosed with this letter please find photos from our class reunion. I placed a label on the back of each photo to identify the individuals in the picture. I hope it is useful.

The break down of my class is as follows:

Oral Surg.	8	Prosthodontics	1
Periodontics	2	General Practice	51
Law	1	Orthodontics	3
Pediatrics	5	Endodontics	1

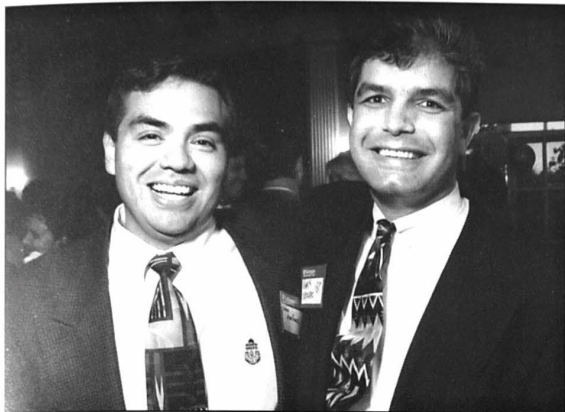
Everybody had a great time during their stay in St. Louis. The next class reunion is in 2002. It will be

held in L.A. California. We are updating our class file. Please ask people to provide me with their correct address, phone number, e-mail or web site address. They can mail me that information or send me an e-mail at www.kidsdentistry.com or hshedighi@aol.com.

Dr. Gilster, thank you for your time and help with this matter. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,
Homer Sedighi, D.M.D.

Class of 1987 Reunion



Dr. Stanley Arellano and Homer Sedghi.



Left to right standing: Dr. Phillip Jensen, Dr. Douglas Jacobson, Dr. Lisa Ryan and Dr. Mark Singer. Seated: Mrs. Jensen, Dr. Homer Sedghi and Mrs. Sedghi.



Dr. Leo Chin and his significant other.



Left to right: Dr. Suzanne Degnen, Dr. Glenn Edwards and Mrs. Edwards.



Seated at a large table, left to right: Dr. Sophia Bednarski, Dr. Phillip Nouri, Dr. Cynthia Seat-Nouri, Dr. Degnen's husband, Dr. Suzanne Degnen, Dr. Lisa Juels, Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Edwards, Dr. Stanley Arellano, Dr. Ayse Kilfoy and husband.



The other end of the table!

Alumni and School News

Kurt Studt, '66, former President of the Alumni Association, has been appointed clinical associate professor of applied dental medicine at Southern Illinois School of Dental Medicine in Alton, IL.

Valerie (Candy) McDavid, '87, graduated in July (97) from the 3 year periodontics residency at the University of Missouri at Kansas City and is completing her Masters thesis in oral biology. She is practicing periodontics in Kansas City and Jefferson City and has been named a consultant to the Missouri Dental Association's Council on Education to organize the new Cross Disciplinary Training Program. She continues to serve as Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserves and has just accepted a faculty appointment with the UMKC Dental Hygiene Division.

Also from the Class of 1987, **Douglas Jacobson**, who pursued a degree in law after graduation, practices international law in Washington, D.C. and was planning a trip to Bosnia soon after the alumni meeting.

David Jolley, our hard-working alumni representative on the main campus, has received a recent promotion. He has been named as senior

director of development for the George Warren Brown School of Social Work. He joined the University in January 1991 as director of development for social work and the School of Dental Medicine.

"This promotion not only recognizes David's fundraising and constituent relations accomplishments," Jones said, "it also recognizes the positive attitude and team spirit he displays on a day-to-day basis."

Edith Boling, widow of longtime faculty member and Dean, **Leroy Boling** died on July 29, 1997 at the age of 93. She was a devoted friend and booster for the School and generations of graduates.

Warren French, '61 is president-elect of the Missouri Academy of General Dentistry and recently addressed some of the faculty and the junior and senior students of UMKC School of Dentistry. This visit was prompted by his suggestion and adoption of a resolution by the Missouri AGD to pay the student membership fee for all junior and senior dental students for the AGD. In his presentation, he stressed the importance of continuing education, which is the foundation of the AGD.

A Letter from the Editors

Since the closing of the dental school, there is less and less new news. As the editors we certainly try to include all of the news items and Alumni information to which we have access. However, because our Alumni are scattered across the U.S. and the world, we know that we simply do not get all of the Alumni news. We are particularly interested in Alumni achievements or awards which occur outside of the St. Louis area; we would love to include these in the newsletter so that classmates and friends are able to keep up with each other. Also, we would like to be able to include pictures and summaries of meetings or social events at which our Alumni are reunited. These pictures and updates would add a greater depth to our newsletter and help us to expand our reports on events that take place outside of the St. Louis area. The summary of the event may be as brief or detailed as necessary, but we would certainly appreciate having the faces in the photos identified.

We are open to any other suggestions for this publication, if there is anything which you may like to see included, please let us know. Please contact **Jack Gilster** (314) 389-7144 or **Gail Holcomb** (Paradox5@aol.com) with any questions or information.

The Alumni Association is making every effort to remain active and responsive to the needs and wants of the dentists who make up our membership. We have the support of the Main Campus in our efforts to maintain our Alumni Association, but we need the Alumni support to keep our organization vital. Please continue to show your support by joining the Alumni Association, attending Alumni events in St. Louis and other cities, and volunteering to be a part of the leadership of the Alumni Association.

THANK YOU!!!!

Gail Holcomb, '79
Jack Gilster, '44

Harriett Steuernagel Dies



Fumio Tsuji, '52, worked in the library during his student days. Here he presented Harriett a Hawaiian lei he had brought with him to honor the occasion of the dedication of the Steuernagel Library.

Beloved librarian Harriett Steuernagel, who served the dental school for over fifty years, died on November 11, 1997 at the age of ninety. She had joined the staff in 1946 and officially retired in 1981; but she continued her steward-

ship of the dental school library, which was named for her in 1988. She worked for her beloved library until shortly before her death.

Born in Jackson, MS on May 23, 1907, she attended Stephens College where she earned an A.A. degree in

1929. She received her B.A. in English from Washington University in 1932 and a BSLS (Library Science) at the University of Illinois in 1937. It was not common knowledge, but she early pursued a career in ballet and had danced at the St. Louis Muny Opera and was one of the original Rockettes.

Even after she "retired" and became Librarian and Associate Professor Emeritus in 1981, she just wouldn't quit and rest on her laurels. She served as a Consultant in Dental Education, earning the deepest gratitude from the students for her efforts in guiding them through the rocky seas in their pursuit of Graduate Education. The Class of 1986 presented her with a Certificate of Honor, in recognition of her service to them. She

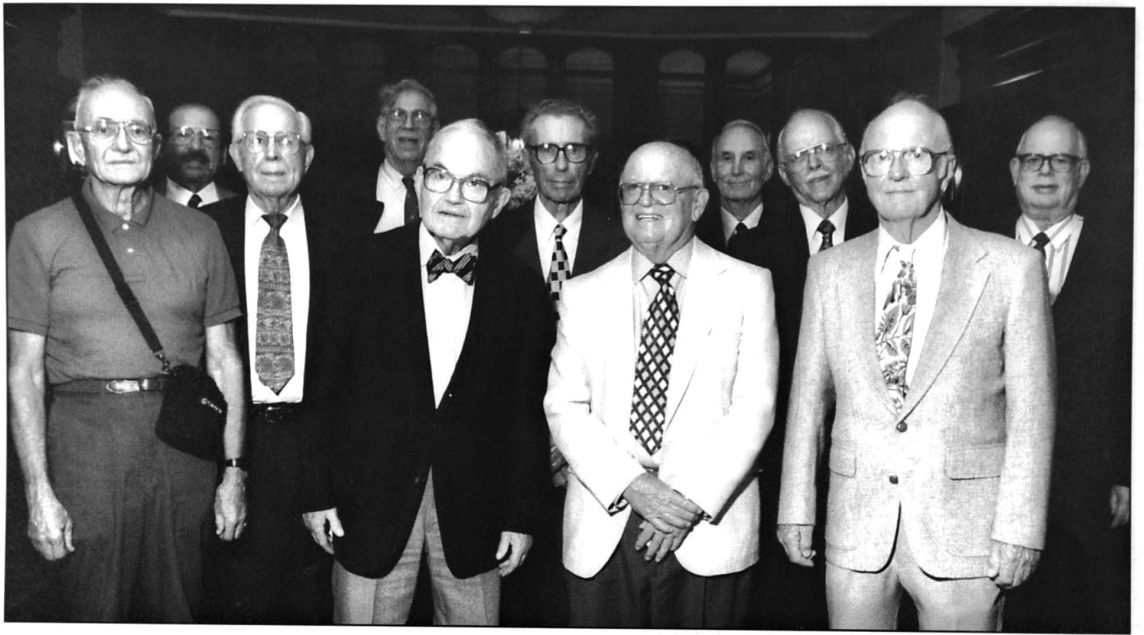
received the Award of Appreciation from the Missouri Section of the International College of Dentists in 1985. She also received the Special Libraries Association Honor on her retirement in 1981.

In addition to her responsibilities as librarian at the dental school, she held many committee appointments and offices in the Special Libraries Association, Medical Library Association, and the American Association of Dental Schools (AADS). She headed the AADS committee on Standards for Dental School Libraries for several years.

Harriett will long be remembered by her many friends on the faculty and by the hundreds of dental graduates of our School for her devotion to the School and dentistry.

Alumni Deaths

Barry R. Root, '75	1/95	Fred A. Christenot, '54	1/27/97
Henry B. Green, '32	1/95	Harold Singer, '34	1/28/97
Charles F. Warren, Jr., '67	6/95	Eugene J. Lofgreen, '40	3/10/97
John C. Edwards, '61	7/10/96	Perry C. Sturmon, Jr., '44	4/16/97
Louis J. Ruschin, Jr., '64	9/9/96	Richard E. Moist, '40	4/28/97
David A. Kaufman, '71	11/10/96	Walter J. Winterhoff, '31	5/15/97
Robert V. Hattenhauer, '47	11/25/96	J. Rogers Wellman, '29	5/31/97
Judd L. Tarrant, '53	12/5/96	Douglass M. Oliver, '79	6/1/97
Edgar A. Romo, '34	1/1/97	Gordon L. Hirth, '44	9/26/97
Stuart C. Stanhope, '43	1/12/97	Feron Waters, '44	11/11/97



The Fifty Year Class – 1947 Left to right: Drs. Richard Lyon, Melvin Becker (in shadow), Lyle Calton, Robert Gorlin (in back), Homer Perkins, Howard Marx, Jerry Rhodes, Robert Boon, Gerald Clark, Claire Varven and Wayne Biggs. (Also attending but not pictured were: Harold Schreiber, Clint Haynes and Fletcher Burge).

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