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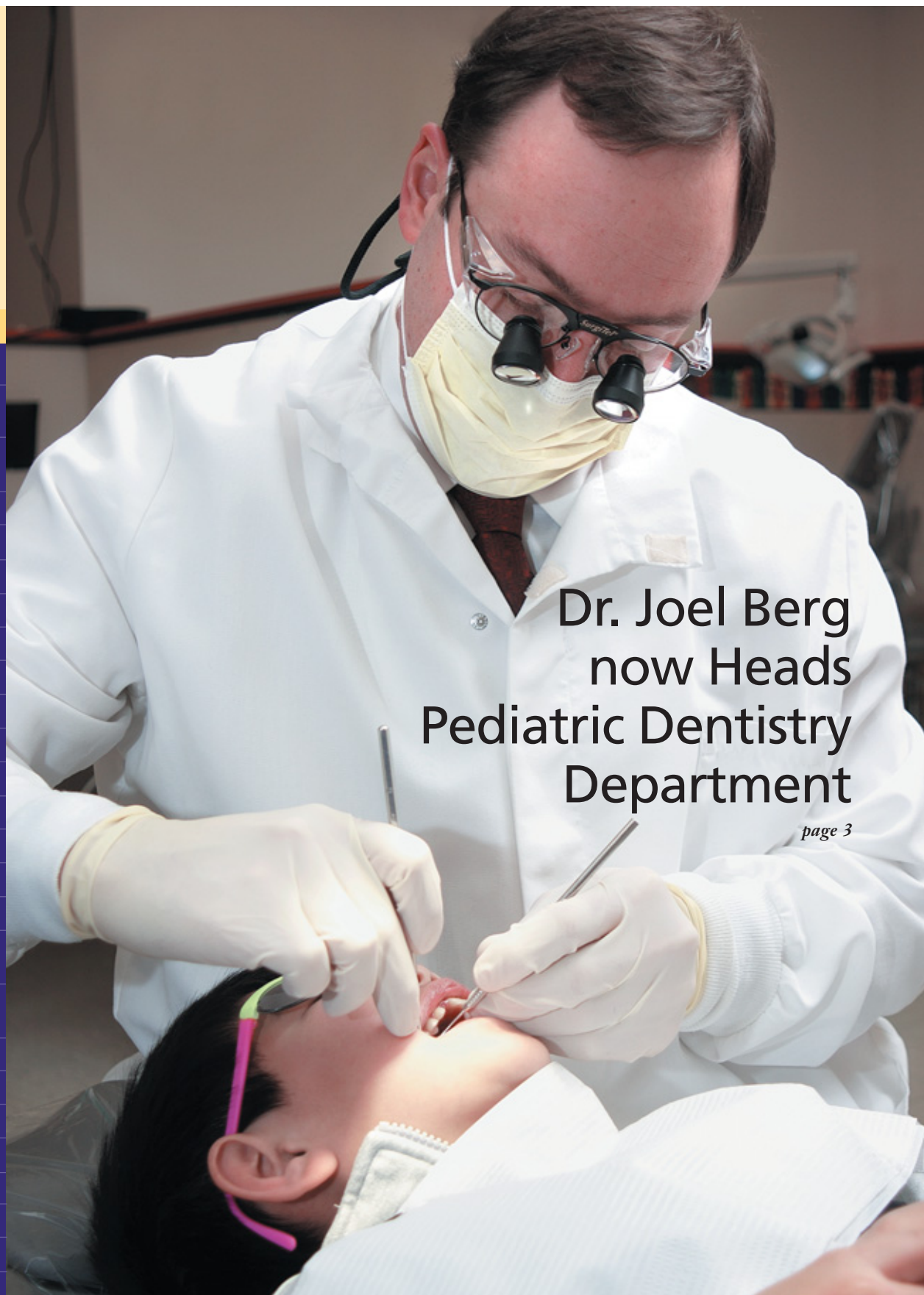
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COVER PHOTO: Dr Joel Berg and 8-year old patient Minh Hue Khuu.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## PRACTICE MANAGEMENT RETREAT

D-1 Clinic, UW School of Dentistry  
Saturday, April 12, 2003  
8:30am – 3:00 pm  
Open to UW graduates of School of Dentistry  
Classes of 2001 & 2002

## TALENT NIGHT 2003

HUB Auditorium, UW Upper Campus  
Saturday, April 26, 2003  
7:00 – 9:00 pm

## FULL BOARD MEETING

Washington Athletic Club  
Monday, April 28, 2003  
6:30 – 8:30 pm

## BITE OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, May 17, 2003  
1:30pm TeeTime  
Trophy Lake Golf Course  
Port Orchard, WA

## SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY SPRING PICNIC

Waterfront Activities Center  
Saturday, May 31, 2003  
2:00 – 5:00 pm

## DEAN'S CLUB DINNER

2003 Distinguished Alumnus Presentation  
Columbia Tower Club  
Friday, June 6, 2003  
6:30 – 9:00 pm

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST DENTAL CONFERENCE

Washington State Convention Center  
Thursday and Friday, July 24-25, 2003  
7:00 am – 5:00 pm

## 5TH ANNUAL DENTAL ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, September 19, 2003  
Trilogy Golf Club at Redmond Ridge  
Redmond, WA  
TeeTime - 8am

## DENTAL ALUMNI FOOTBALL HOMECOMING & BRUNCH

Center for Urban Horticulture  
Saturday, September 20, 2003  
10am-12noon  
Game: UW vs. Idaho

## Are you interested in being a class representative?

The following classes do not have a class rep: '60, '82, '86, '88, '89, '99.  
If you are a member of one of these classes, and are interested, please call the Dental Alumni Office at the University of Washington at (206) 543-7297.

# Dr. Joel Berg Now Heads Pediatric Dentistry Department

On February 1, 2003, Dr. Joel Berg joined the faculty as the new Chair of Pediatric Dentistry for the University of Washington School of Dentistry. “Dr. Berg,” says Dean Martha J. Somerman, “is an individual who has demonstrated dynamic leadership and has the capability to establish a comprehensive program in pediatric dentistry that combines excellence in clinical training with a strong program of research.” He left a prestigious position as Vice President of Clinical Affairs at Philips Oral Healthcare to return to academia.

Dr. Joel Berg received his DDS degree and certificate in Pediatric Dentistry from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. He also received his Master of Science degree from the Graduate College of the University of Iowa. Dr. Berg is a Board Certified Pediatric Dentist. He is President of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation and a member of the Advisory Council for the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. He is a fellow in the American College of Dentists and a Fellow in the International College of Dentists. In addition to his membership in a variety of dental societies and organizations, he has held numerous leadership positions in the ADEA and the AAPD. He has served on many local, regional and national committees and councils. At Philips Oral Healthcare, he managed the organization’s professional relations efforts, as well as a team of clinical researchers and scientists.

“I am very enthusiastic about working at the University of Washington,” says Dr. Berg. “I hope to effectively utilize that which I have learned over the past 8 years in industry to manage the changing needs of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. This department has a history of excellence over several decades. The ingredients for success that exist in the departmental environment comprehensively are outstanding.”

Dr. Berg began his academic career at the University of Texas – Houston in 1985, where he

became Associate Professor with Tenure in 1989. He was Director of the Postgraduate/Residency Program in Pediatric Dentistry in Houston from 1989 through 1995, during which time he conducted numerous clinical trials evaluating restorative materials. Dr. Berg was Executive Vice President for Research and Clinical Affairs of ESPE America from 1995-1998, and was head of the Scientific Department for ESPE Dental AG from 1998-2000, when he lived in Seefeld, Germany. He is the author of over 100 manuscripts, abstracts and book chapters regarding a variety of subjects including restorative materials for children and other work related to biomaterials. He lectures regularly on restorative materials for children, as well as on the subject of early diagnostics for dental caries. His current research interests include the development of dental caries prevention programs using risk assessment models, and new technology supported early phase diagnostics.

Dr. Berg counts among his immediate objectives, “...further integration of the various components of the program, including the activities within the Dental School, the Children’s Hospital and Regional Medical Center, and other important clinics and programs. It is my intention to bring together the collective inputs of faculty, students, alumni and the local practicing community of pediatric dentists, in order to create a unified voice to serve the mission of the department.”

“A strong department,” he believes, “will result in international recognition – recognition achieved through (1) focused outstanding research, (2) serving as a model for educating general dentists and pediatric dental specialists, and (3) serving the patients needing our services. A strong department must also train leaders of the future – with the new MCH leadership training grant recently acquired by the department, we are better enabled to fulfill that objective.” 🐼



Dr. Joel Berg and 8-year old patient Minh Hue Khuu.

## New Maternal Child Health Care Center for Leadership Education in Pediatric Dentistry Established

The University of Washington School of Dentistry Department of Pediatric Dentistry has announced the establishment of a new maternal child health (MCH) Center for Leadership Education in Pediatric Dentistry. The purpose of this new center is to prepare pediatric dentists to become leaders in education, policy, health administration, research, advocacy and public service focused on oral health of children and families – through leadership training, a Master's in Public Health (MPH) program and research collaboration. A second aim is to become a resource for curricula, continuing education, consultation and technical assistance to MCH providers, state agencies and other oral programs in important areas including cultural competency, professionalism and inter-professional collaboration. Ours is the third and newest pediatric dentistry leadership training center of this kind in the country. The other two are at the University of North Carolina and the University of Iowa.

The new center, funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) through a Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) training grant, will collaborate with other UW-MCHB funded leadership training centers in nursing, pulmonary medicine, nutrition, social work, and public health as well as MCHB-funded centers outside the University of Washington. The Center's team, headed by Penelope Leggott, DDS, professor in the UW Department of Pediatric Dentistry, and Wendy Mouradian, MD, a pediatrician and co-director of the Surgeon General's Conference on oral health, includes Lynne Robbins PhD, co-director of the School of Medicine's Teaching Scholars Program; Colleen Huebner, PhD, MPH, director of the Maternal and Child Health Program in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine; Bryan Williams, DDS, MSD, MEd, director of Dental Medicine at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center (CHRM); and Doug Schaad, PhD, Department of Medical Education and Biomedical Informatics. Together, this interdisciplinary group is developing collaborations with other leadership training initiatives at the University.

The Advanced Training in Pediatric Dentistry now offers two distinct tracks: first is the established two-year program in Pediatric Dentistry, meeting all of the requirements for specialty certification, including a Master of Science in Dentistry (MSD); second is the new three-year program which incorporates additional leadership training and culminates in either a dual degree (MSD/MPH) or an MSD and a certificate in education leadership in collaboration with the Teaching Scholars Program in the Department of Medical Education and Biomedical Informatics and Department of Dental Medicine at CHMRC. Students enrolled in the two-year MSD program will also have leadership training opportunities.

Currently, plans are to graduate 3-4 pediatric dentists per year, 15-20 over the next 5 years; 8 with a MPH/or Leadership in Education certificate, and follow them for short and long-term outcomes. This program will also collaborate with UW's recently funded Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Pipeline grant on development of curriculum to prepare dental students to spend time in underserved communities. According to Principal Investigator Dr. Penelope Leggott, DDS, MS, "We were able to recruit all of our top choices for the 2003 entering class, and we are very excited to begin this new endeavor with such top-notch, gifted candidates."

The UW Center for Leadership Education in Pediatric Dentistry will create a vision for leaders in pediatric dentistry capable of caring for individual children and families and committed to addressing barriers to improved oral health of mothers and children, including children with special health care needs.

Presently, there is a serious national shortage of dentists and especially pediatric dentists, and too few participate in Medicaid programs. General dentists are not trained to provide oral health care for infants or children with special health care needs, and medical practitioners are not trained to promote children's oral health. Leaders in pediatric dentistry are urgently needed to address these critical and emerging issues in oral health for MCH populations. *(continued on page 25)*



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MELVIN L. WILENZICK



Melvin L. Wilenzick

It is hard to believe that we are in the winter of 2003. The weather in the Seattle area has been fabulous. We are told that we will probably have water conservation this summer, and the skiers and snow boarders are upset with the current warm temperatures and lack of snow. Many students are really happy that the school year is marching right along, especially the seniors of the class of 2003. They have so many things on their minds, so many decisions to make that will determine their personal and professional lives.

It is funny how things that go around, come around. I have been out of dental school almost 37 years. When I graduated in 1966, our country was in the middle of the Viet Nam conflict (war). Dentists were being drafted. Some were barely into their new practices when the call came. Times were good for a beginning dentist, but a tough decision regarding military service had to be made. Along with many fellow classmates, I was in the reserves, so we knew we were going to active duty upon graduation. As I write this, we are in an apparent holding pattern regarding a war in Iraq. Perhaps by the time this is printed and mailed, a decision will be made. This must be heavy on the minds of the seniors. Luckily, there is no current draft, and unless a student is already committed to the military, there should be no concern about being *selected* to service should we find ourselves in a prolonged conflict.

All this was brought to my mind recently at the dental alumni-sponsored program concerning beginning a practice/ practice opportunities. This program is held every two years for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students. After a great buffet meal, short presentations from various speakers described some opportunities available to the seniors upon graduation. These choices varied from starting a new practice, associating and/or purchasing a practice, doing volunteer service, continuing dental education, going into the military service, and teaching/researching in dentistry. I really felt this was a great program and that the students got a lot of information from those who are experienced in each of these areas. My thoughts at this time in my education were directed to the military, where I knew I would be for two years. Maybe I would have been more worried if I had to make decisions, as those graduating now will have. We didn't have a program like this when I was in school, but I know this was a great service to provide to the current upper-class students.

Another upcoming and important activity is the annual Ernest Jones Memorial Lecture scheduled for Friday, March 28, 2003. This is always a great presentation and is an easy, and inexpensive way to amass CDE credit hours. On that day, we will have a luncheon at the Don James Center during which we hold our annual Dental Alumni Association business meeting. It is a good way to visit with old friends and classmates as well as to hear the dean give a 'state of the school' presentation. Make your plans now to attend.

The alumni association is pleased to welcome Dr. Richard Weston '58, Dr. Al Leonard '62, and Tony McLaughlin '83 to the Alumni Board of Directors. There are still openings for other class representatives in the years 1960, 1982, 1986, 1988, 1989, and 1999. Please consider volunteering for this important function if you are a member of a class with no representative.

I would like to encourage those who have yet to send in their annual dental alumni dues to do so. Most of these funds contribute to much needed dental school student scholarships. I feel our association is healthy and will continue to provide essential assistance to the school and students.

# WSDA Dental Legislative Day

**"It is a win-win situation for the UW Dental School to provide oral health care to people who have no where else to turn for these services, while at the same time our dental students receive essential clinical training."** Dean Martha J. Somerman



*Clockwise from upper left:*

- Left to right: Dr. Barry Feder, Dr. Bryan Edgar, Dan Bruce ('05), Paul Nielson ('05), Rep. Glenn Anderson (R-5<sup>th</sup> District), Chris Herzog ('04), Eric Kvinsland ('04) and Mike Horn ('04).
- Back row left to right: WSDA Vice President Dr. Larry Lawton, WSDA President Elect Dr. Mark Walker and WSDA board member Dr. Sue Hollingsworth. Seated left to right: Eileen Cody (D-34<sup>th</sup> District), Dr. Mary Krempansky Smith and Dr. Rhonda Savage.
- Left to right: WSDA President Elect Dr. Mark Walker, Associate Dean James Steiner, Dean Martha J. Somerman, WSDA President Dr. Robert Shaw and WSDA Vice President Dr. Lawrence Lawton.
- Associate Dean James Steiner, left, and Rep. Frank Chopp (D-43<sup>rd</sup>), Speaker of the House.

**"If you don't have oral health, you're not healthy."** Former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop



**"We need to continue to remind our legislators that despite traffic issues and the budget, life goes on and there are other concerns as well."** WSDA President Dr. Robert Shaw

Photos courtesy of WSDA.

## Dentistry Needs Better Public Image

The new year is well underway and we are now ready to move forward after a thorough accreditation review by the American Dental Association Accreditation Team. I am pleased to report that we did very well. To fully appreciate the stellar outcome of the review, it would be helpful, especially for those of you who have not been academics, to define some of the terms typically used in these procedures. There are three categories of conclusions used by accreditation teams to summarize their findings: 1) accommodations – programs, resources, etc. within the School that are deemed by the team to be excellent, 2) suggestions – where some modifications in programs, procedures, etc. may prove helpful. These are advisory only and are not required for accreditation purposes, and 3) recommendations – these are areas of weakness which need to be addressed in order to achieve full accreditation status. The team was very impressed with the School and gave us 34 accommodations covering a variety of areas in both undergraduate and graduate programs. There were just a few ‘suggestions’, which we will address during the year, in our undergraduate program. Congratulations to everyone involved.

On January 24, I, along with Dr. James Steiner, Associate Dean for Student Services, attended the WSDA Dental Legislative Day in Olympia. It was a real joy for me to have spent time with some of our wonderful students, as well as with many members of the professional dental community. Dr. Steiner and I were so proud of our 36 dental students who traveled to Olympia to promote dentistry's legislative agenda. After a briefing breakfast, the students split off into groups to present their points of view to 24 individual legislators, while many WSDA representatives attended leadership meetings with various lawmakers.

Of primary and immediate concern is Governor Locke's proposed cut in Medicaid funding for adult dental services. Such a development would be devastating to the mission of the UW School of Dentistry, which relies heavily on the adult Medicaid population for undergraduate and graduate clinical education. In fact, over 26% of our patients and approximately 23% of our revenue comes from treating these patients. Even more disturbing, our School is often the last resort for this population, including those with disabilities who receive dental care in our DECOD clinic. It is

very likely that if these services were to be no longer available to Medicaid patients, they would receive no care whatsoever.

Other issues on the agenda included: expanding access to dental care by increasing the roles of dental hygienists and qualified dental assistants, discussion of proposed regulation covering the use of dental amalgam, and matters related to community water fluoridation. All of these issues very much impact our School and our profession, and I urge you to express your views to your legislators. For more information, contact the WSDA at [www.wsda.org](http://www.wsda.org) or by email: [wsda@wsda.org](mailto:wsda@wsda.org).

As I mentioned in my last column, the University is gearing up for the, as yet unnamed, UW development campaign, chaired by Mr. William Gates, Sr. In a recent meeting with Mr. Gates, I asked him the same question I have been posing to many of my colleagues, our students, alumni and to representatives of local professional dental organizations. “What does the UW School of Dentistry mean to you and how do you feel about dentistry?” I appreciated Mr. Gates' answer, which was brief and very constructive. In sum, while he recognizes that technical aspects of dentistry have improved, he felt that we needed to make known to the public more about many of the exciting discoveries and innovations that the discipline is pursuing to enhance the well being of society.

His response was a great segue for us to present to him a few of such projects underway in our School, our significant accomplishments, our vital role in the community, and our ambitious future plans and goals. I believe that Mr. Gates, who is passionate about education, who expresses this passion through personal commitments and extensive fundraising for many educational programs (including the UW where he serves as a regent and as chairman of the upcoming development campaign), will be an effective advocate for our School and its programs. I am convinced that he appreciates the passion that the faculty, staff and students feel toward dentistry, its importance to overall individual health, and the essential role our School plays regionally and on a national scale.

The meeting with Mr. Gates, Sr. was extremely valuable for me. Among other things, it made me acutely aware of the importance of public perception and the significant (continued on page 25)



Martha J. Somerman



## The Dean's Holiday Party

Dean Martha J. Somerman and her husband Norm Schiff hosted the annual dean's holiday party in the ballroom of the University Tower Hotel on Tuesday, December 10, 2002. Three hundred and fifty faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of the School of Dentistry attended the festive occasion. The evening included socializing, great food and beverages, and relaxing to the sounds of harpist Susan McLain. It was a wonderful evening as guests enjoyed having the opportunity to talk to our new dean and to hear a few words from both Martha and Norm. Joel Berg also said a few words to the gathering about his appointment as the new chair in Pediatric Dentistry. 🍷

- A. Dean Martha Somerman and her husband Norm Schiff.
- B. Dr. Joel Berg, the newly appointed chair to Pediatric Dentistry, addressed the crowd.
- C. Dean Martha Somerman addressing the large gathering.
- D. Judy Allen, Ian Hamilton, Marty Anderson, and Robert D. Allen.
- E. Class of 2004 students Amy Moslander, Jessica Smith and Wendy Scott.
- F. Class of 2003 students Alex Kang and Rich Walker.
- G. Jon Kvinsland and Mari Kvinsland talking to Johnny Johnson.
- H. Douglas Walsh and David Pitts.
- I. Steve Albright, Jim Jensen and Sarah Fraker Jensen.







## Suzzallo...What's the catch? BY WALT SAUNDERS

Where in today's society can you become a member of a club with nothing down and zero dollars for the rest of your life? What's the catch? Well, the University of Washington has something magnificent and it is called the 'Henry Suzzallo Society.' When you make a future or deferred gift commitment to the University in your will, we honor your gift by offering you membership in the Henry Suzzallo Society.

When Henry Suzzallo became president of the University of Washington in 1915, he told audiences "we are building a University of a thousand years." The University has demonstrated the wisdom of this long-term vision. Its character and quality have depended not only on public support but also, and increasingly, on private donations.


In 1997 a new recognition society, named for President Suzzallo, was created to honor those individuals who have provided for a future gift to the University under their will, living trust, life insurance policy, retirement plan, or similar commitment. Over the years, we at the University often have learned of a person's generosity only when the person passed away and a gift was received from their estate. This is why we want to recognize, honor, and say "thanks" now.

What are the benefits of membership to the Henry Suzzallo Society? Your name will be included in occasional University publications

along with others that have made similar commitments, unless you prefer to remain anonymous. You will be invited to one or more events at the University of Washington each year. Another benefit is that it provides an opportunity for similarly minded alumni and friends to gather periodically to learn more about the University of Washington and its innovative work, and have the opportunity to meet faculty, students, or administrators.

In a letter to a donor, Martha Somerman, Dean of the University of Washington School of Dentistry stated, "as the School faces the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, our faculty strives to train the finest, most skilled and compassionate oral health practitioners, researchers and educators...Your future or deferred gifts will guarantee the continuation of our quality programs in furtherance of the public's well being."

Just remember the Henry Suzzallo Society was created to thank you. It is a loving way for the University to honor, recognize, and especially to acknowledge your thoughtfulness for your future gift commitment.

If you need more information about making a future or deferred gift to the University of Washington School of Dentistry, Sue Corbett or Walt Saunders in Development will be pleased to assist you. You can reach us by telephone at (206) 685-9350 or email at [ws3@u.washington.edu](mailto:ws3@u.washington.edu). 



## Doris J. Stiefel ('54) Named 2003 Distinguished Alumna

Dr. Doris J. Stiefel has been selected by the Board of Trustees of the University of Washington Dental Alumni Association to receive its Distinguished Alumna Award. The Award was established to recognize individual alumnus/alumna who by their professional achievements and contributions have distinguished themselves, have enhanced the profession, have improved the welfare of the general public and have brought honor to their Alma Mater.

Dr. Stiefel made history when she became the first woman ever to graduate from the University of Washington School of Dentistry in 1954. She grew up in Aachen, Germany. In 1938 when she was nine, she fled with her family to England to escape Hitler's Germany. She lived in England for ten years, which included training for two years at the Royal Dental Hospital in London before moving to Seattle with her family at age 19. Female dentists were common in England, but a rarity in the United States. Her determination to be a dentist helped her to fulfill her dream. She was accepted into dental school. She graduated near the top of her class with the honor of the Mosby Award and election to Omicron Kappa Upsilon. She was also a Phi Beta Kappa graduate and received her BS in basic medical sciences.

During the early phase of her career, Dr. Stiefel juggled the responsibilities of a private practice with raising three children with her husband Ernest. She received an M.S. in oral biology in 1971, followed by a three-year stint doing basic research. In 1974, she accepted an appointment to serve on the advisory board of a new training program launched with a four-year grant – Dental Education for Care of the Disabled (DECOD). The following year she was appointed director of DECOD. During her

19 years as director, she secured more than \$3 million in grant funds for the DECOD program. She spearheaded the development of an innovative series of predoctoral, postdoctoral, and auxiliary training programs in the care and management of patients with disabilities. She also extended the program's services and training activities to community facilities such as nursing homes and rehabilitation centers. The program is recognized nationally and internationally.

Dr. Stiefel was elected a fellow of the Academy of Dentistry for the Handicapped in 1989 and of the International College of Dentists in 1991. She received the Service Award from the Seattle King County Dental Society in 1996 and the Harold Berk Award from the Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities in 1997. On the national level, she was a board member of the Federation of Special Care Organizations in Dentistry from 1987-1990 and a board member of the Academy of Dentistry for the Handicapped from 1983-1991 and president from 1998-1990. She was a representative to the International Academy of Dentistry for the Handicapped from 1993-1994. She has served on the editorial review boards of *Special Care in Dentistry* and *Journal of Dental Education*. She was a full-time faculty member at the UW for 22 years.

Dr. Doris Stiefel is a pioneer whose career is marked by dedication, innovation, accomplishment and the heroic service to the population of special patients, nationally and internationally. She will receive the Distinguished Alumna Award at the University of Washington School of Dentistry 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Dean's Club Dinner to be held on Friday, June 6, 2003 at the Columbia Tower Club in downtown Seattle. The event will begin at 6:30 pm. Please join us in honoring Dr. Doris J. Stiefel. 🍷

# The Nineteenth Annual Dean's Club Dinner and 2003 Distinguished Alumna Presentation

# 19th

at the

Columbia Tower Club  
76th Floor, Bank of America Tower  
701 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 6, 2003

Special Guests of Honor:

**DORIS J. STIEFEL, DDS**

2003 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA

**JAMES C. STEINER, DDS**

2003 DEAN'S CLUB HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD

The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres and no-host beverages  
6:30pm

Dinner and program begin at 7:15pm



## Reservation Card

I wish to attend the 19th Annual Dean's Club  
Dinner on Friday, June 6, 2003.

I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ people. (\$80/per person)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner Selection \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner Selection \_\_\_\_\_

### DINNER SELECTIONS

- A. Poached Filet of Salmon
- B. Grilled Filet of Beef Tenderloin
- C. Grilled Baby Vegetables in Phyllo Pastry

- ☐ I would like to sponsor a dental student at the dinner.  
I have enclosed \$80/per student for this purpose.
- ☐ I will not be able to attend, but wish to sponsor a dental  
student at the dinner. I have enclosed \$80/per student  
for this purpose.



## Payment Information

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Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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*Credit card payments can be made over the phone by  
calling 206-543-7297 or FAX 206-543-6465.*



## Melvin Wilenzick, DDS ('66)

### *U.S. Army: A Good Place To Start*

“Being an ‘army brat’ and spending time myself in the service, I am prone to promoting the military as a benefit. The army helped to relieve the tremendous pressures of dental school. It was a time to relax and vent some steam. Certainly, the military as a career for a dentist will only appeal to a few,” says Dr. Melvin Wilenzick, “but to join for a few years gives you the chance to travel and learn before settling down to your chosen location.” As the son of a career military dentist, he would know.

After graduating from the UW School of Dentistry in 1966, Dr. Wilenzick began his active service in the army as a Captain in the Army Dental Corps. Much like the rich educational experience of living all over the United States and even in Japan by the time he completed high school, Dr. Wilenzick learned a great deal from living and practicing dentistry in various locations while in the army. “I think my time as an army dentist helped to increase my dental skills and speed before starting my own practice.”

Having attended 13 grade schools, 2 junior highs and 3 high schools in 12 years, it is not surprising that Dr. Wilenzick chose to establish roots in the Puget Sound and remain in practice for 31 years in the same place –Bellevue, Washington. Times were tough in 1971, when he first opened his practice. These were the ‘Boeing depression’ days and the infamous ‘Will the last person to leave Seattle, turn out the lights’ billboard. Start-up was slow. Fortunately, his wife, Mariam, also a UW graduate whom he married after his second year in dental school, had taught school while he studied dentistry. Dr. Wilenzick worked during the summers, and with the help his parents provided with tuition, he did not graduate with the extreme debt of many dental students today.

When Dr. Wilenzick first opened his

practice, he worked five days a week and also spent one day a week at the Children’s Health Clinic, a King County Dental Public Health program that provided oral health care to disadvantaged kids. While his children were young, he spent his spare time involved in little league baseball and basketball with his children, who both graduated from the UW –son, Michael, a Microsoft employee and daughter, Marci, a paralegal for a Seattle bankruptcy firm.

After his kids were out of high school, feeling a need to be involved in organized dentistry, Dr. Wilenzick became the UW School of Dentistry 1966 class representative. He has also been an active participant in Seattle District Dental Society Committee work. And as the current President, he supports the UW through the Dental Alumni Association. Recognizing the School as a tremendous asset to the community in terms of both patient care and education, he is proud of the Dental Alumni Association’s work to keep the School’s alumni ‘connected’ and to support dental school programs, especially scholarships. He also enjoys participation in an online dental discussion group, where dental professionals from all over the world primarily, U.S. and Canada, keep current on changes in dental procedures and practices. The dental study club to which he belongs has evolved into one whose members study diagnosis and treatment planning and has “greatly enhanced his knowledge of dentistry and the patient treatment he provides.”

In many ways, Dr. Wilenzick epitomizes the typical UW School of Dentistry alum. He is a dedicated dental practitioner, he has remained in the Seattle area (as have approximately 75% of our alums) and he now dedicates time to organized dentistry. It seems that his start as an army dentist, has resulted in a very rewarding end as a committed and prosperous dental professional. 🐾



*Clockwise from upper left:*

- Left to right: Dr. Wilenzick's daughter, Marci; daughter-in-law, Sue; and son, Michael.
- Left to right: Dr. Wilenzick's son, Michael; Dr. Wilenzick; daughter, Marci; and wife, Mariam.
- Dr. Wilenzick and his wife, Mariam, on the inaugural cruise to Vancouver, B.C. of the 'Radiance of the Seas.'

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## Class of 2003 Students Visit Malmo University in Sweden



Ronald Hsu, Lars Hollender, Garin Liu, Megan Shields and Lindsay Posner

With support from the UW Dental Alumni Association, four students from the class of 2003 had an opportunity to visit the Malmo University Center for Oral Health Sciences in September, 2002. Under the initiative of Dr. Lars Hollender and interested students, with the cooperation of the Malmo University administration, faculty, and staff, the exchange became possible. Four students from the University of Washington participated. Garin Liu, Megan Shields, Lindsay Posner, and Ronald Hsu were treated to two weeks of presentations, in-class observations, and a variety of cultural experiences. The students returned with renewed excitement in dental education and gained a greater appreciation

of the arts and sciences of dentistry as practiced in a different environment.

Swedish dental scientists have long been recognized in producing much of the important and meaningful dental research and development, especially in regard to cariology and TMJ studies. But the most significant contribution is the Branemark dental implant system. In order to gain a better perspective in the use of dental implants, the four UW students visited Malmo Dental Clinic and Branemark Centre, both situated by Malmo harbor, and were given the opportunity to observe a full-arch maxillary reconstruction surgery using six implant fixtures. Dr. Jan Hakansson, the performing dentist, gracefully walked the students through his 45 minute procedure as he explained each step and

the rationale behind them, during the surgery. It was a tremendous learning experience for the students.

Malmo University also showcased a patient education oriented computer program called the Cariogram, developed by Dr. Brathall and his associates. This program, using complex algorithms, computes the caries risk of an individual based on eleven variables, such as diet patterns, oral hygiene practices, bacterial culture counts, and salivary rates, etc. By altering the variables, based on patient's report, a clinician can show the patient his or her risk in developing decay on a pie chart. By varying the parameters, a dentist is able to demonstrate immediately the impact simple behavior changes can have on the patient's oral health. It is still under development, but promises to be one of the best caries assessment tools, as well as a patient motivation tool. Properly used, it will greatly enhance the practice of preventive dentistry.

Of all the objectives in going to Sweden, the most important to the visiting students was the observation of Problem Based Learning (PBL), in action. Malmo University began the practice of PBL in the early 1990's and after the initial adjustment period developed this instrumental method into something the students cherish and love. With this method, students are given specific clinical problems and encouraged to seek information regarding the problem through a variety of sources. Each study group, comprised of eight students and a tutor, meets twice a week, and the students are given the chance to present their findings to each other. In this interaction, students not only learn about the problem at hand, but also the process in solving a problem. Although PBL may not teach students as much material as our traditional methodologies, the students feel they will retain the material much more effectively.

In Sweden, dental school curriculum is comprised of five years of training, free to the students starting at age 18. Doctorate degrees require additional course work. ❖

## Dan G. Middaugh Dental Student Professional Service Award

On Wednesday, February 5, 2003, five students from the UW School of Dentistry were awarded \$1,000 checks in recognition of their service as student leaders. The five students are Jeff Lingenbrink ('03 Student Council President), Ronald Hsu ('03 Class President), Brian Almond ('04 Class President), Chris Piper ('05 Class President) and Peter Pellegrini ('06 Class President). The award was presented to each at a special dinner held in their honor.

Also attending the event were Dan Middaugh, Associate Dean at the School; Steve Hardymon, Executive Director of WSDA; Mark Walker, President-elect of WSDA; Mel Wilenzick, President of the UW Dental Alumni Association; Rod Wentworth, President of Seattle-King County Dental Society; and Randy Newquist, Acting Director of Dentistry Development and Alumni Services.

At the dinner, the students and the professional leaders from the community were able to discuss issues of mutual interest. Students gained valuable insight into the role and importance of organized dentistry. Dan Middaugh told the



assembled group, "I have established this award to encourage students to continue their involvement in organized dentistry as dental students and as practicing members of the profession after graduation." 📧

Left to right: Dan Middaugh, Brian Almond, Peter Pellegrini, Jeff Lingenbrink, Mel Wilenzick, Chris Piper, Ronald Hsu, Mark Walker, Steve Hardymon, and Rod Wentworth.

## Delta Sigma Delta To Meet in April

Delta Sigma Delta (DSD), an international dental fraternity and the largest dental fraternity in existence, will hold its Annual Western Regional Meeting in Seattle on the University of Washington campus in April.

Established with the vision to bring together dentists who possessed the desire to render the best dental services in the highest professional manner, this fraternity was intended to bring together the most talented students of dentistry. With the establishment of the Supreme Chapter, it broadened its membership to include outstanding teachers and practitioners.

The ARM rotates every year to one of the following campuses: UCLA (University of California/Los Angeles), UCSD (University of California/San Diego), OHSU (Oregon Health Sciences University), USC (University of Southern California) and UOP (University of the Pacific).

The tentative schedule for the Annual Regional Meeting is as follows:

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April 4: 'Welcome Reception' for students and DSD alumni.

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April 5:

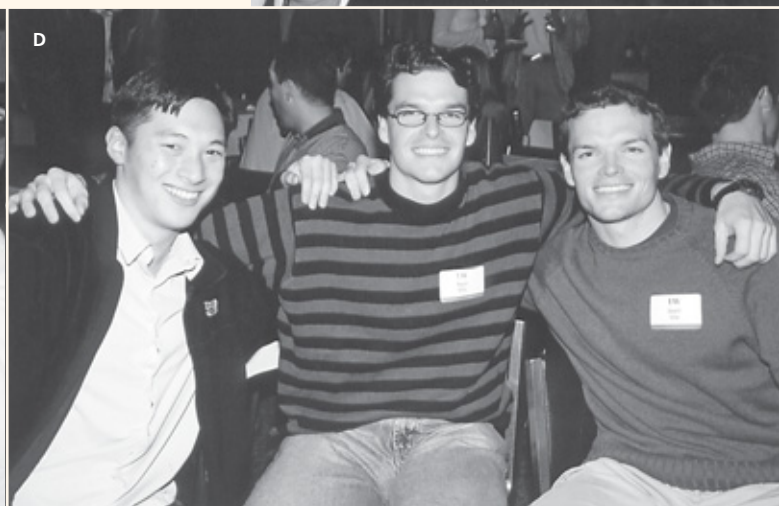
- A tour of the UW School of Dentistry opens the activities
- Lecture by Dr. Thomas Junge on Implantology
- DSD Meetings for Alumni and Students
- Formal Dinner and Reception at the Seattle Yacht Club

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Members of Delta Sigma Delta wishing to attend this Annual Regional Meeting (ARM) may contact: [tvong@u.washington.edu](mailto:tvong@u.washington.edu) or [ggganzkow@aol.com](mailto:ggganzkow@aol.com)

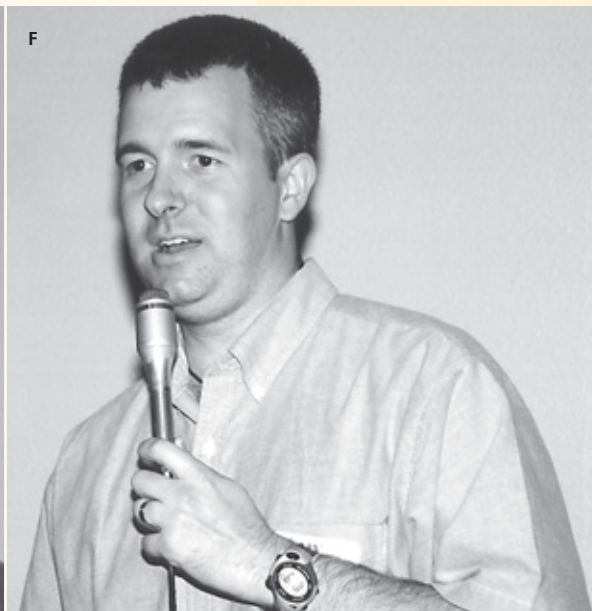
## Mentor Reception Brings Students and Alumni Together

The Washington State Dental Association, the UW Dental Alumni Association, the UW School of Dentistry and the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) team up together each year for the Mentor Reception. This year the event was held on Friday, November 8, 2002 at the Center for Urban Horticulture. Over 200 alumni, students and professional leaders came together to make this event a great success. The evening consisted of socializing, wonderful food and beverages and a short program. The program consisted of remarks from Dean Martha Somerman, WSDA President Bob Shaw, Dental Alumni President-elect Amanda Tavoularis, and WSDA 1<sup>st</sup> Delegate and ASDA Representative Nathan Russell '03. The evening is an excellent opportunity for students and their mentors to get together and discuss the concerns and challenges that the students are facing in dental school. 🍷

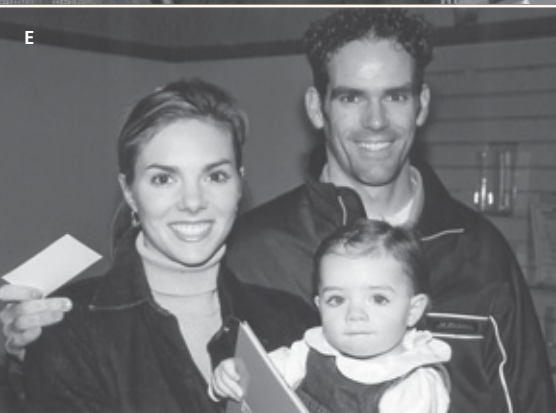




- A. Dean Martha Somerman
- B. WSDA President Bob Shaw
- C. WSDA Vice-President Larry Lawton and Stuart Ayling '03.
- D. Mike Kang '02, Ryan Gile and Jason Gile '06.
- E. UW Dental Alumni President-elect Amanda Tavoularis
- F. WSDA 1st Delegate and ASDA Representative Nathan Russell '03.
- G. Jeff Parrish '79 talks to Jessica Smith '04 and Wendy Scott '04.
- H. Mitchell Edlund '04 and mentor father Rolf Edlund '73.
- I. Travis Hackney '05 and Seattle-King President Rod Wentworth.
- J. WSDA President Mark Walker, WSDA Executive Director Steve Hardyman and Sandy Hardyman socializing at Mentor Event.







## Beginning A Practice/ Practice Opportunities Program

The UW Dental Alumni Association's Beginning A Practice/Practice Opportunities Program was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2003 at the Center for Urban Horticulture. One hundred twenty five 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year dental students and their guests attended the event, chaired by Dr. Ross Drangsholt '92.

The first part of the evening was a program talking about the many paths one can take after graduation. Speakers were Dean Martha Somerman, Amanda Tavoularis '95, Carrie York '91, Sherwin Shinn '74, Steve Broughton '97 and Ross Drangsholt '92. They talked about GPRs, associateships, buying a practice, specialty programs, public health, building a practice, and academic/research opportunities.

The second part of the evening was practice opportunities. The students had the opportunity to move around the room and talk to those represented. Those participating and talking to students were Dr. Jay James and Dr. R. Scott Williams from Grandview, WA; Dr. James Hamilton from Hermiston, OR; Robert Wilson of Eugene, OR; Dr. Nathan Lukes from Bethel, AK; Gwen Lundgren and Dan Becraft of CTI/Merrill Lynch; T Sgt Jose Fonseca of the US Air Force and Major Kevin Ellingwood of the US Army.

The students attending appreciated talking to the presentors and learning more about their options and opportunities after graduation. 🐾

- A. Ross Drangsholt '92, the event chair.
- B. Carrie York '91, Nikole O'Bryan, and Amanda Tavoularis '95.
- C. Tech Sgt Jose Fonseca, Air Force Health Professions Recruiter.
- D. Drs. Jay James and R. Scott Williams talking to students.
- E. Elizabeth and Tim Gatten '03 and their daughter Kate.
- F. Steve Broughton '97.
- G. Jerri Shinn talking to students.
- H. Mel Wilenzick '66, Sherwin Shinn '74, Jerri Shinn, and Steve Albright.

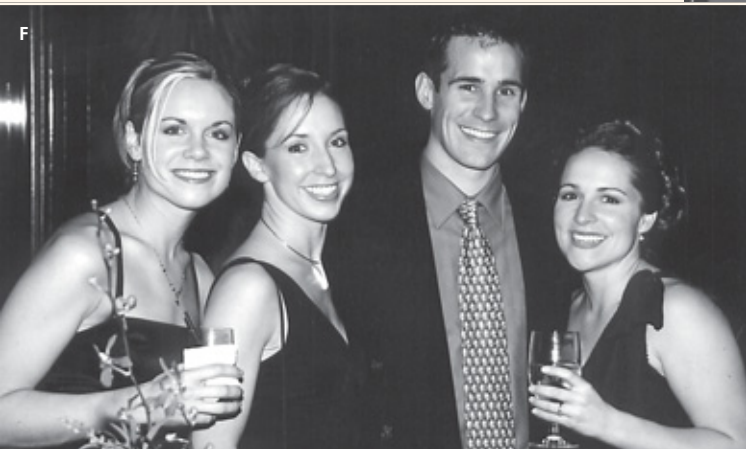
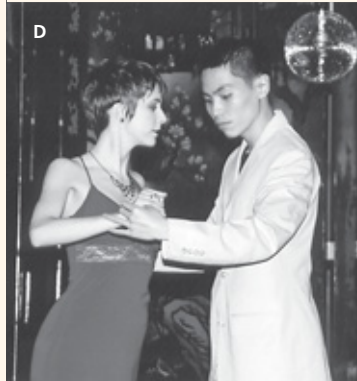
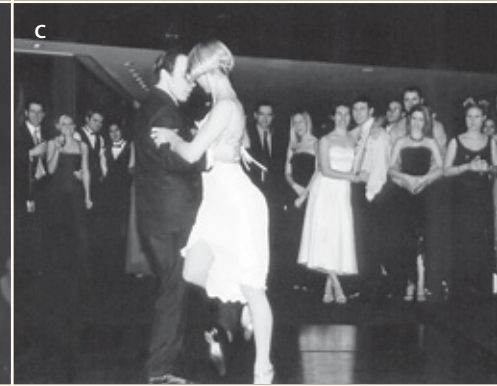
## Tango In the Tower

The Winter Semi-Formal Dance 'Tango In the Tower,' sponsored by the Class of 2004, was a great success. The event was held on Saturday, February 1, 2003 at the Columbia Tower Club in downtown Seattle. The Club is located on the 76<sup>th</sup> Floor with a spectacular view of the city. It made the perfect setting for an elegant evening of dancing and socializing for the 200 guests who attended. The crowd was a nice mix of students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the School.

Those responsible for making this event possible were committee members Jessica Smith, Wendy Scott and Irene Parkhill. The host to use the Club was Dale Bloomquist. The sponsors were the Class of 2004 and the UW Dental Alumni Association.

The dancing was kicked off by Garin Liu, 4<sup>th</sup> year dental student, and his company of Argentine Tango dancers. The dance floor was packed for the rest of the evening with music by DJ E Rock. The evening consisted of dancing, socializing, a dessert buffet and beverages. It was a wonderful event! 🍷

- A. Drs. Stephanie Marvin and Patrick Fleege enjoying the dance.
- B. Wendy Scott and Jessica Smith.
- C. Argentine Tango performance captivates the audience.
- D. Garin Liu and Mary Brannigan perform a tango.
- E. Paula Cipolla, Barbara Johnson, Robert Johnson and Steve Albright.
- F. Shannon, Terra Bobb '03, Andrew Schmidt 'Ortho, Trena Carpenter '03.
- G. Danelle Swearingen, Colin Del Rosario '02, Teresa Vong '03 and Mike Kang '02.





## 2003 MLK, Jr. Community Service Award Presented to Dr. Peter Milgrom

*To produce change, people must be organized to work together in unites of power.*

— DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On January 16, the Health Sciences Center paid tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. at the annual celebration honoring the birthday of this great statesman and defender of civil rights. This year, Dr. Peter Milgrom, DDS, received the 2003 School of Dentistry Community Service Award.

Dr. Milgrom, professor in the Department of Dental Public Health Sciences, was recognized as exemplifying Dr. King's principles through his commitment to addressing community needs, particularly communities of color and low income; development and implementation of significant programs to improve the human condition; and outstanding effort to protect and empower individuals.

More specifically, Dr. Milgrom actively participates in research projects aimed at reducing oral health disparities. He is the principal investigator of the Northwest/Alaska Center to Reduce Oral Health Disparities, which addresses the needs of the poor, minority, and rural children and their caregivers. This NIDCR/NIH funded project is a collaborative effort of the UW School of Dentistry, the School of Medicine, Heritage College, the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, the Yukon-Kuskokwim Native Health Corporation, the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, the Northwest Tribal Epidemiol-

ogy Center, Washington Dental Service Foundation and the Medical Assistance Administration. He also serves as a tireless volunteer for several regional health and oral health organizations.

Through his work, Dr. Milgrom labors to right the 'silent epidemic' plaguing underserved children in our State and throughout the United States. For thousands of children in Washington, dental care is nonexistent, and the consequences range from pain, to dropping out of school, to emergency dental surgery, and sometimes even to death. Dr. Milgrom, the many people staffing the agencies listed above, and the entire UW Department of Pediatric Dentistry struggle on a day-to-day basis to remedy the problem of the disparity in access to oral care for these children.

"This award," says Dr. Milgrom, "is a high honor for me and also for the School of Dentistry and the Northwest/Alaska Center to Reduce Oral Health Disparities. All the students, members of the School faculty, and members of every dental society in the State need to personally do more to ameliorate the oral health disparities in Washington State. All of us who have a unique favored position in society need to be role models. I look forward to the day we all become forceful advocates for meaningful community service and the solution to these vexing problems."

It was very fitting that Dr. Milgrom be recognized during a program commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr., who selflessly dedicated himself to attain equality for all. The Health Sciences 2003 program included opening of the program by Polly Olsen, UW School of Medicine; remarks from UW Interim President Lee Huntsman; music performances by the Eckstein Middle School Senior Jazz Band; poetry readings by Roosevelt High School students from "Hands for a Bridge" project; keynote speaker Pramila Jayapal, activist, writer and director of the Hate Free Zone Campaign of Washington; student speaker, Anthony Kelley; and Marie Bach singing "Gai Xuan (Girl of Spring)". The program was concluded by the singing of the civil rights movement anthem 'We Shall Overcome' by everyone in attendance. 🍷

Dr. Milgrom, back row-far left, with UW dental students & faculty, Kaiser Permanente staff members and Health Occupations students from Centralia Community College at the UW Community Dental Clinic in Longview, WA.



## NEW MATERNAL HEALTH CARE CENTER *(continued from page 4)*

"This center will dramatically change the culture of the pediatric dentistry residency program, enriching it with leadership training and additional outreach activities. It will increase the number of leaders who will address critical and emerging problems in children's oral health, such as health disparities, access to care in rural areas and needed research. We have found our pediatric dental graduate students very eager to collaborate with others in community settings and educational activities, and we believe they

have the potential to move the field forward, if offered the right training experiences," says Wendy Mouradian, MD and co-principal investigator of this grant.

In Spring 2004 there will be a national Leadership Conference in Seattle, co-sponsored with the Maternal and Child Health Leadership Training program in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, which will focus on what leadership is and how it can be measured and evaluated. 📧

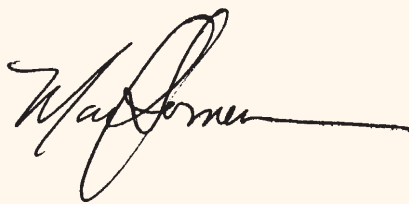
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role communications will play in the future progress of our School. With this in mind, I have asked Connie Lehmen, Assistant Director of Development and Alumni Media Relations, to focus on conveying to all School stakeholders, the excitement, the enthusiasm and the creativity that permeates our environment, and how this translates into an institution that fosters the very best of what each of us here has to offer. We would appreciate your help in this regard. Please contact Ms. Lehmen directly ([cmlehmen@u.washington.edu](mailto:cmlehmen@u.washington.edu)) with any information or thoughts on new programs, projects, unique patients, activities, or awards that we might incorporate in this important effort. Some of these might, with your permis-

sion, be used in news releases.

In closing, I want you to know how valuable your ideas and insights are in shaping what we do at the School. I encourage you to continuously monitor us and guide us with comments and suggestions on any issues involving our mission, goals, programs or activities. 📧



## New!!

We would like you to send us comments and suggestions that you may have concerning our School, its mission, goals, programs or activities. From time to time, we will print them, or portions of them, in our newsletter, depending on space available. We look forward to hearing from you.



## Dr. Lars Hollender Named a Fellow




It was recently announced that Fellowship in the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology was conferred upon Dr. Lars Hollender, DDS, at the 2002 Annual Session. Dr. Lars G. Hollender, a professor and director of oral radiology at the radiology clinic in the Department of Oral Medicine at the UW School of Dentistry, was nominated for this honor by two Fellows, and there was unanimous agreement with this recommendation by the Nominating Committee and the Executive Council.

Noted in the Academy's 2002 Autumn newsletter, Dr. Hollender's accomplishments in all aspects of oral and maxillofacial radiology are so exemplary that he serves as an example of what OM radiologists should strive for in their careers.

As described in the By-Laws, the Fellowship is an esteemed honor bestowed upon an Active

or Associate member who has achieved noteworthy excellence in two of the three following areas: (a) accomplishment of significant research as evidenced by an exemplary record of published contributions to the literature, (b) recognition as a distinguished teacher of radiology, and (c) reputation among colleagues as an outstanding clinician as a result of many years of superior patient care.

Dr. Hollender is also a certified specialist in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology in Sweden and is a Diplomat of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology. He has published over 100 articles and several textbook chapters.

Because Dr. Hollender was unable to attend the Academy's 2002 meeting, he will be formally and publicly recognized at the 2003 session in Chicago. When contacted about his new fellowship, he said, "Being awarded this Fellowship provides me with a renewed inspiration to continue to improve myself in this field of dentistry which has been such an integral part of my professional life. I started teaching oral radiology as a dental student, and I hope to motivate dental students to consider graduate training in oral radiology." 


## Dr. Keith Phillips Awarded American College of Prosthodontics Education Foundation Scholarship



Dr. Keith Phillips, director of the UW Graduate Prosthodontics Program, recently received notification that he has been selected as a recipient of a \$12,500 scholarship to the Misch International Implant Institute for the year 2003. This scholarship is provided by the Biohorizons Implant Company as part of their commitment to the recent capital campaign of the American College of Prosthodontics


Education Foundation (ACPEF).

The first session of this course was held in Detroit, Michigan January 24-26, with four subsequent meetings in March, June, August and October of this year in Dearborn, Michigan.

"It is an honor to have been selected by the ACPEF to represent them at this implant course," says Dr. Phillips. "The goal is for prosthodontists to better understand the surgical aspects of dental implant placement, and with this education I hope to better train prosthodontists in our program at the University of Washington." 

## UW School of Dentistry Awarded ADC Grant

The School of Dentistry was informed January 10, 2003 that it has been awarded one of ten \$100,000 W.K. Kellogg/American Dental Education Association 'Access to Dental Careers' (ADC) grants. The ADC grant is for \$25,000 per year for four years and will provide scholarships for underrepresented minority and economically disadvantaged students. This grant will help with

the implementation of the pipeline portion of the five- year \$1.5 million Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Pipeline, Profession and Practice Grant awarded to the School in September (see Fall 2002 Dental Alumni News). 

Watch for further information on this award in upcoming issues of the Dental Alumni Newsletter.



## *Talent Night 2003*

**Dental Student Council**

*presents*

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On Saturday, April 26, 2003

HUB Auditorium

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7 pm

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## Giving Back: Dr. James R. and Mrs. Joyce Oates Establish New Scholarship

*"Dentistry has been good to me. Why not share with my younger colleagues now!"*

These are the words of Dr. James R. Oates (DDS '79) in the note he sent to the University of Washington School of Dentistry along with a check for \$50,000. With this generous donation, Dr. Oates, currently a practitioner in Elk Grove,

California, and his wife Joyce, have established the James and Joyce Oates Scholarship for Clinical Excellence in Metallic Restorations. Dr. and Mrs. Oates fulfilled two important personal goals with this gift to the School. They honor two of Dr. Oates' former UW School of Dentistry instructors, Drs. F. Lloyd Jacobson and Lyle E. Ostlund, and they hope to inspire dental students to learn how to, and then create, high-quality metallic restorations.

Dr. Oates had always promised Dr. Jacobson, who passed away during Dr. Oates' senior year in dental school, that he would do the best he could in the placement of high-quality metallic restorations. Dr. Jacobson was a mentor to many UW dental students, including Dr. Sam Anderson. In fact, Dr. Anderson and members of his University of Washington dental school class ('51) formed a study

club in 1953, which is still active today. Later, a clinic in the School was named after Dr. Jacobson as well. Dr. Anderson says that, "Dr. Jacobson had a tremendous desire for excellence." Like Dr. Oates, he remembers him as an expert in all restorative materials, especially amalgam.

Dr. Oates worked extensively with Dr. Ostlund during his third and fourth years in dental school and found Dr. Ostlund to be very caring and motivating while leading the way to restorative excellence in gold onlay castings. Dr. Ostlund's gold work, he says, "was impeccable. Dr. Ostlund had a gift for passing this knowledge on to students in a very positive way." Recently Dr. Oates received a letter of thanks from Dr. Ostlund, who resides in Everett, Washington with his wife, Pat, for honoring him with this scholarship. "It is thrilling for me that it (the gift) will be used for a scholarship for a student who has demonstrated clinical excellence in the restorative use of metallic materials. You have honored me in a totally unexpected way. Thank you. You have also honored your school and dentistry."

This scholarship is a means for Dr. Oates and his wife to enable students to receive the finest training in metallic restorations, considered by him to be the foundation for understanding occlusal anatomy of proper tooth form and function. "If students do not have the proper concept of occlusal anatomy, it is difficult for them to place artistic composite restorations. When you have learned to carve an alloy rapidly and correctly," says Dr. Oates, "it makes it so much easier to do high quality direct composite restorations."

Teresa Vong, a fourth-year dental student and the first recipient of this scholarship, says, "I am very honored to receive this scholarship and so appreciate Dr. Oates and his wife for making this possible." Ms. Vong is the grandmaster of Delta Sigma Delta, an international dental fraternity. This scholarship will provide help to many more students like Teresa for many years to come. At a time when State support to our University is shrinking, scholarships such as the new James R. and Joyce Oates Scholarship provide essential aid which would not be available elsewhere. ❖



Dr. James R. Oates and his wife, Joyce Oates.



Dr. Ostlund.

Dr. F. Lloyd Jacobson.

# Corporate Friend:

## Perry N. Burkhart, Jr. - Burkhart Dental Supply Company

BY WALT SAUNDERS



Associate Dean James Steiner, Dean Martha Somerman, President Perry Burkhart, and Branch Manager Jerry Ritsema at Burkhart Dental Supply in Tacoma.

When you look in the dictionary for the definition of a 'Renaissance man', it would say: a person who has wide interests and is an expert in several areas. Perry N. Burkhart Jr. fits this definition perfectly. He loves to hike and walk in the beautiful, serene mountains. In fact, he and his wife, Sharon, are accompanied by their six charming goats who help them carry some of their equipment so they can enjoy their walks and hike even more. Recently Perry has taken up the painting of beautiful landscapes. For many years he has had a nursery and a passion for growing breathtaking rhododendrons in a rainbow of colors. He has over 600 different varieties. And finally, both he and Sharon enjoy putting quality time into their home. In fact, they have invested a lot of energy into constructing their last four homes, which they are very proud of and have given them a great sense of accomplishment.

Yes, Perry Burkhart is a 'Renaissance man', but he is also the President of Burkhart Dental Supply Company based in Tacoma, Washington. Before returning to the family business, Perry worked as a chemical engineer in Portland for five years after graduating from the University of Washington. He said his background gave him a good understanding of the dental profession because dentists rely on chemicals for repairing teeth and other restorative procedures. Perry has a certain familiarity with the dentist's office from X-rays and chairs to teeth for dentures.

The Burkhart company, a full-service distributor of all kinds of dental products from impression and restorative materials to sterilizers, recorded \$100 million in revenue last year. The family is an employee-owned firm – the 95<sup>th</sup> fastest growing private company in Washington State in the year 2000. Today, it is one of the largest family-owned dental supply businesses in the United States. The firm has grown from a four-employee operation in 1945 to one which now has over 350 employees in 15 offices across the country, including Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arizona, Texas, Utah and California.

In 1888, dentist William E. Burkhart, Perry's

great-grandfather, founded the company. Between practicing dentistry, running the dental supply business, and publishing a quarterly dental journal, Perry's great-grandfather still found time to help establish the Tacoma College of Dental Surgery and to serve as its first president. The school has since moved to Portland, Oregon and today, the college is known as the Oregon Health Sciences University School of Dentistry.

"The secret of Burkhart Dental Supply's longevity and growth lies in adapting to change and treating its employees well," says Perry Burkhart. It's also a tribute to the vision of its founder, William Burkhart. He saw a need in the fledgling state and filled it. Working as a dentist, he found it difficult to obtain supplies, so he decided to buy the products himself and sell them to other dentists in the area. "Even though they have grown and become a big company, they have kept the personal service," Burkhart said. "The real key has been the people. It has been highly skilled, caring people who have made our company successful."

Paired with good people are good computer systems. The computer advantage is apparent in the company's large warehouse. There, the computer selects the bin containing items for each order, whether that be for cotton balls or drill bits. The correct bin automatically moves forward, and a light flashes, then the employee selects the correct number of items required and adds them to the order.

"This was the first such computerized carousel system installed for the dental industry," Burkhart said. "It helps us improve our order accuracy by reducing errors. It cuts warehouse steps. And it takes fewer people to get out the orders. Orders sent in the mid-afternoon can be filled the same day. Dentists no longer need to have an extensive inventory, as they can order items for quick delivery," Burkhart noted.

For the future, the company plans to stay abreast of the rapidly changing world. And, with this 'Renaissance Man' in command, President Perry Burkhart believes there is no reason why it won't be here for another 100 years. 🍷



## CLASS OF 1952

**Rollin L. Hurd** - I was honored by the Retired Fighter Pilot's Assn in Tucson, AZ on Oct 1, 2002. I was presented with the Bronze Star and a Silver Star Medal for saving lives during WWII as a combat medic for an infantry company. Generals did the presentation and an honor guard was present. Four members of a family whose father and husband's life had been saved during action were present. They presented me with a beautiful clock engraved with "Thank you Doc." They knew for all these years what I'd done and they came from Wisconsin for the presentation and to meet me and thank me. How great it was! Dr. Hurd is the author of the World War II novel, *Promise to Mellita*.

## CLASS OF 1953

**Jack Perrodin** - I am looking forward to seeing everyone from our great class on the occasion of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Friday, June 6, 2003.

## CLASS OF 1954

**Robert D. Gross** - Retired and love it!

## CLASS OF 1955

**Johnny N. Johnson** - Class of 1955 held its 47<sup>th</sup> class reunion at Mill Creek Country Club. Bob Hawkins from Montana, Dick Ehret from California, and Ed Hoffman from California attended along with about 20 other members.

## CLASS OF 1960

**Curtis French Smith** - Now in my third year as Associate Dental Director at Washington Dental Service.

## CLASS OF 1961

**Roger A. Meyer** - Elected to fellowship in the American College of Dentists, 2002. Fellow of the American College of Surgeons since 1991. Associated with a 14 doctor private practice of various head and neck surgery specialists. Associate Clinical Professor of Plastic Surgery at Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta. I have three grown children and two grandchildren. I miss the physical beauty of the Pacific Northwest, but the Gulf of Mexico is much warmer for swimming. If you are visiting Atlanta, would like to hear from you.

## CLASS OF 1962

**James Lynn Lee** - The class of '62 spent six days (some more, some less) at Kah Nee Ta High Desert Resort and Casino the last weekend in June. The outing was well attended and activities included visiting, eating, rafting, swimming, partying, visiting the Warm Springs Indian Tribal Museum, attending the Pow-Wow, PCRA professional Indian rodeo, horse back riding on Chief Delvis Heath's remuda of mustangs and just kicking back. There are seven fewer than at the commencement in 1962, one who hasn't practiced dentistry for years and is a rancher in Wyoming, another who is in the ministry, some who are retired from military, academia and private practice. One who has taken Paul Hornugs advice and is still practicing just took his third bride. Such stamina!

## CLASS OF 1963

**Wallace Berrett Brown** - Stan Dorius (Class of 1963) and his wife Barbara are serving as missionaries in Slovenia for the LDS Church. They will be there one and a half years.

I (Wally Brown) am serving as District Governor elect for Rotary International Service Organization. Will be district governor for Rotary District 5420 (Utah) for the Rotary year July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004.

## CLASS OF 1966

**Gary Y. Dodobara** - My son Steven Y. Dodobara, a 2002 graduate from Univ of Pacific Dental School, joined my practice in Federal Way this August.

## CLASS OF 1968

**J. Kent Bagley** - I have two of my sons in practice with me here in Pasco. It is great. I'm in no hurry to retire. I love it!

## CLASS OF 1969

**Gordon L. Douglass** - Currently President of American Academy of Periodontology.

## CLASS OF 1970

**Wayne G. Hill** - After retiring in 1999, Laurel and I spent four months in Alaska on our 57' ocean going power boat "Long Ranger." We then

left Seattle in June of 2000 and have traveled by boat to Central America visiting Mexico, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Panama, Columbia, Guatamala, Honduras, and Belize. We have spent the last one and a half years on the East Coast traveling as far north as the Bras d'or Lakes of Northern Nova Scotia and the Bay of Fundy. We wintered last year in the Bahamas and this year (2003) we will be in the Eastern Caribbean. We will return to Seattle in the Fall of 2003.

## CLASS OF 1972

**Russell Bruce Timms** – 2003 finds me preparing for another “four month vacation” to Bosnia with the US Army reserve for another Peacekeeping Mission. On the positive side a promotion to Colonel takes some of the sting out of the absence from the practice. Serving on the Dental Quality Assurance Commission is a rewarding and challenging assignment. Participating as an examiner for WREB and CRDTS has proven to be most interesting. As soon as I get home from Bosnia in August, I complete 20 “good” years in the military and retire from the USAR in October due to attaining Senior Citizen Status at age 60.

## CLASS OF 1974

**John J. Deviny** – Has been retired from private practice for five years and spending time involved with community work and travel. Working part of the year as one of several host dentists on the Washington Dental Service Foundation Smilemobile. Helped develop and coordinate an internship on the Smilemobile for 1st year dental students in the summer of 2002 and continue to advocate for opportunities in community health for health professionals.

## CLASS OF 1976

**Richard R. Imholte** – Greetings to the Class of '76. After twenty-six years of practicing in a modest dental office in Longview, I just built my “dream office” in 2002. Now I'm guaranteed to still be working at our 40 year reunion. Stop in for a visit, I would love to see you.

## CLASS OF 1977

**Kenneth Earl Patterson** – Hardly a day goes by that I don't remember with gratitude the experiences of dental school. I still cheer for the Huskies. Seattle is still my favorite big city. Our youngest is now 17. Six siblings have fled the nest. We have six beautiful grandkids with two more coming. I am looking forward to getting a capable associate so Gay and I can go visit the kids and grandkids more. We even plan on a trip to Seattle!

## CLASS OF 1978

**Susan Marie Hollinsworth** – was elected to the WSDA Board of Directors. John Davis was appointed by Gov. Gary Locke to DQAC (Dental Quality Assurance Commission) following another classmate, George McIntyre, who was “retired from service” after 6 years.

**John Weaver** – Still in Olympia in practice. Kristin 23 is in a teacher certification program in Seattle, Sean 20 in a music program in Nashville, TN. All are well. Best to all!

## CLASS OF 1979

**Douglas Leen** – After 20 years, I sold my practice in the Pike Place Market, spent two years traveling to New Zealand and Norway, then worked as a part-time dentist on Alaska's Northern Slope in Barrow, Nome and Shishmoref. In May of this year, after a 12 year restoration, I drove my 1899 Tug “Katalidin” up the Inside Passage

where I accepted a two year commitment with SE Alaska Regional Health Consortium working with the Tlinget Indians in Haines, Alaska. Come visit at: [www.dougleen.com](http://www.dougleen.com)

## CLASS OF 1990

**Robin E. Reinke** – Reappointed to a second term on the Washington State Dental Quality Assurance Commission and serving as Vice-Chair. Went to Antarctica in Feb-March, 2002 and took some amazing photos of penguins.

## CLASS OF 1991

**Geri Kern (Senft)** – Accepted a teaching position at the Oregon Health Sciences University School of Dentistry in Portland. She is the course director for the 3-quarter pre-clinical operative dentistry course for freshmen and sophomore dental students and is a clinical instructor for junior and senior dental students.

## CLASS OF 1992

**Hashim Chothia** – Serving on the Health Volunteers Overseas Steering Committee from 2002 for a period of 5 years.

## CLASS OF 1995

**Amanda Tavoularis** – On August 17<sup>th</sup>, Tyler Geving and I were married. We had a small ceremony in La Conner, WA and took our honeymoon in Cancun. We enjoyed snorkeling and an unlimited golf package.

## CLASS OF 2001

**Lisa R. Dekker-Reed** – I had a beautiful baby girl, Tiffany, on October 22, 2002.

# REUNIONS

## Class of 1997

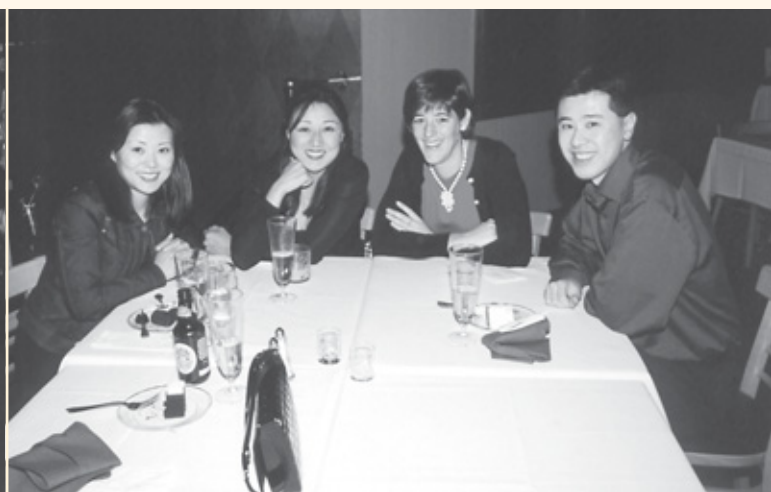
The University of Washington DDS Class of 1997 recently held their 5<sup>th</sup> year reunion. The event was organized by Class Representative Collins Woodside. It was held at Pier 57 in downtown Seattle. Everyone had a great time catching up.

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*Right: Class of 1997 at Reunion.*

*Below, left: Jeromy Peterson, Greg Knutson and Vicki Knutson enjoy socializing at the Reunion.*

*Below, right: Yung Suh, Sun Bang, Collins Woodside, and Wallace Wong.*



## Class of 1958 To Celebrate 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion

The Class of 1958 will be celebrating their 45<sup>th</sup> year reunion on September 12-13, 2003.

The reunion will be as follows: Friday morning, September 12, 2003, golf for the class at Everett Golf and Country Club. Dinner in the evening at the Washington Athletic Club in downtown Seattle. Tailgating and football at Husky Stadium the next day on Saturday, September 13, 2003. It will be the UW vs. Indiana.

Additional information will be mailed in the spring of 2003, including all times and costs of the events. The reunion committee consists of George Fraley, Ted Ramage, Dick Westin and Gene Wilskie. Please contact any of these classmates for additional info. Dick Westin can be reached at 14407 SE 47<sup>th</sup> Place, Bellevue, WA 98006, (425)746-1641, email at Wyrbendr@AOL.com or Fax at (425)643-1972. Please mark your calendars now for a fun filled weekend. We hope to see everyone at the Reunion!

## Class of 1983 To Celebrate 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Plans are being made to have a 20<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion for the class of 1983. If you would like to help or have questions, please contact Tony McLaughlin at (425) 883-1253.

## Class of 1973 to Celebrate 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion

The Class of 1973 will be celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> reunion on Saturday, July 26, 2003. During the day, there will be two locations to gather and reminisce. There will be a golf tournament at the Fort Lewis Golf Course beginning at 11am. The course is located at Exit 116 off I-5.

For those who don't play golf, a picnic will be held at Fred Wemer's cabin on American Lake beginning at 11am. The cabin is located six miles north of the golf course just off I-5. We will have a catered lunch and will end the picnic about 4pm. He has most of the water toys of the old days and there are several unique attractions within 200 feet of the cabin, including a 1/2 mile woods walking trail, a trout pond, a demonstration gold mine, and 1930's old English castle with a 100 year old resident. The group will spend time gathering and telling stories.

At 6pm, the group will have a banquet dinner at the Fort Lewis Golf Course Club House with a program. The cost for the banquet and picnic will be no more than \$60/ per person. Dr. Wemer could use some help putting together the evening program. To offer suggestions or to help, please call Fred Wemer at (206) 522-5076 or email at cwfw123@aol.com or mail at 4526 51<sup>st</sup> Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105.



# IN MEMORIAM

## **Joseph Max Sim (Class of 1957)**

passed away on Sunday, December 29, 2002 of complications resulting from a stroke. He was 78 years old. Joe was born on May 13, 1924 in Leavenworth, WA, the eldest son of John Grant Sim and Margaret McPherron Sim. On July 1, 1950, Joe married Patricia Marie Vaux in Kirkland, WA. They have celebrated 52 years of marriage. Joe and Pat's family include son Murray Scott Sim and wife Nancy of Manitowoc, WI, daughter Rochelle Marie Dorssers and husband Willie of Novato, CA and Joseph Max Sim, Jr and wife Holly Helterhoff of Waterford, MI. Joe is also survived by his four treasured granddaughters, Erica and Rebecca Sim, and Latosha and Mariah Dorssers, all of whom have brought him great joy. He is also remembered by brothers William and Dale Sim, both of Port Hadlock, WA and Duane Sim of Nielton, WA. They have been preceded in death by brother Robert Sim of North Bend, WA.

Starting in 1943, Joe served in the US Army Air Corp as a flight instructor and crew commander on B-17 and B-29 bombers. After the war, he pursued a career in pediatric dentistry, but continued to serve his country in the National Guard in both Alabama and Illinois. As a member of the Alabama National Guard, Joe was activated to serve during the Vietnam War, providing dental services to children of the families at Fort Campbell, KY. While serving he introduced four handed dentistry to the Army Dental Corp, a significant advance in treatment at that time.

Joe attended the University of Puget Sound at Tacoma and graduated from the University of Washington Dental School in 1957. He received degrees in Psychology, DDS and MS, specializing in pediatric orthodontic dentistry. Joe spoke five languages.

As a dentist Joe maintained private practices in Twisp, WA; Birmingham, AL; and Wood River, IL. In addition to

cares for patients, Joe moved forward as an international educator, lecturer, author and computer software developer. Professional writings include *Minor Tooth Movement in Children I and II*, as well as over 50 journal articles. Joe taught at the University of Alabama from 1966-71, and was hired as Chair of the combined departments of Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics at the new School of Dental Medicine at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville from 1971 until 1987, when he retired Professor Emeritus.

The International Association for Orthodontics in Milwaukee, WI recently named a library in his honor. Even in retirement, Joe continued to teach and lecture throughout the world.

Joe Sim was a passionate trout fisherman, fly rod craftsman, and fly tier. He shared his enthusiasm with others by teaching numerous classes in fly tying over the years. Joe was a talented photographer and writer of novels, short stories and poetry. Like his father before him, Joe was a skilled pomologist, and ran a 2.5 acre commercial orchard with over fifty varieties of apples at his Edwardsville home for many years. As a husband, father, grandfather, brother, friend, healer, teacher, mentor and neighbor, Dr. Joseph Max Sim will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

**Robert A. Hall (class of 1969)** passed away on August 16, 2002 from complications of leukemia treatment. He was 59 years old. Bob was born in Chicago, IL in 1943 and moved to Seattle in 1961 to attend the UW on a gymnastics scholarship. He became a two-time All American athlete and had three individual NCAA finishes—4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places in consecutive years on pommel horse and 4<sup>th</sup> in all-around. In 1965 he helped lead the Husky team to 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the NCAA, the highest finish in school history. In his senior year, Bob served as captain and was named the team's Most

Valuable Gymnast. After graduation, he competed internationally for the United States for 5 years, and in 1988 he was inducted into the Husky Hall of Fame.

Bob was a first year dental student when he married Lynn Daly. He graduated from the UW Dental School in 1969 and enjoyed his dental practice in the Renton Highlands for 30 years until his retirement July 1, 2002.

His main focus, however, was his family and their life at home in Beaux Arts Village and at their cabin on Hood Canal. He and Lynn had 36 loving years of marriage and three sons, Keith, Brian and Eric. Lynn and his sons were his best friends and joy of his life. He is also survived by his sister, Donna Kolb of Texas, his brother Richard of Illinois, his daughter-in-law Edie, and many extended family members. During his illness, Bob often said that life had far exceeded his expectations and that he had no regrets.

**Douglas Teel (class of 1977)** passed away on Monday, November 25, 2002. He was 53 years old.

Dr. Teel, who had a private practice in Davenport, WA was a 1977 graduate of the University of Washington School of Dentistry. He was born in Spokane and lived there for many years. Prior to opening a general dentistry practice, he worked in the public health service on the Spokane Indian Reservation in Wellpinit, WA.

Dr. Teel was active in his community as a member of the Harrington Community Church, the Harrington Lions Club and the Harrington Golf and Country Club. He also farmed, and was a member of the Washington Association of Wheat Growers. He was a musician who sang and played bluegrass and gospel.

He is survived by his wife Karen; three daughters, Lisa, Emily and Caroline; and three sisters, Sharon Teel of Maine, Susan Best of Spokane and Janice Karlberg of Stanwood.

# UW CONTINUING DENTAL EDUCATION SCHEDULE

## APRIL 2003

### Update for the General Practitioner

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Dr. David J. Bales, Program Chair

Dr. Joseph E. Chasteen

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Dr. Dolphine Oda

Dr. John D. West

### Unmasking Your Mystery Patients & the Dental Dream Team

*Friday, April 11, 2003*

Ms. Suzanne Boswell

### Forensic Dentistry: The World Trade Center Disaster and Other Forensic Challenges (Lecture & Lab)

*Friday, April 25, 2003*

Dr. Richard A. Weems

## MAY 2003

### Restorative Dentistry 2003

*Friday, May 2, 2003*

Dr. John O. Burgess

### Successful Encounters with Kids – Behavior Management and a Clinical Update on Developmental Anomalies and Pathology

*Friday, May 9, 2003*

Dr. Michael A. Ignelzi, Jr.

### From Piercing to Periodontics

*Friday, May 16, 2003*

Dr. Jacqueline M. Plemons

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