

## 50 Years of Excellence in Dental Education at UW

The 50th Anniversary of the UW School of Dentistry will be a time for celebration and a time for renewing commitment to the school. The celebration will officially begin next year with commemoration of the admission of the first class, which entered in the Fall of 1946. The climax of the celebration will be in the year 2000 with a gala event marking the 50th anniversary of the awarding of dental degrees to the first class, which graduated in 1950.

The next few years will also be a time for faculty, staff, students, alumni, and all those who care about the future of dentistry, to renew their commitment to the profession and to professional education. An essential part of the continued commitment to "Excellence in Dentistry" must be renovation of the Dental School.

### RENOVATION OF THE DENTAL SCHOOL BEGINS



Dean Robertson, Dr. Penelope Leggott, Dr. Charles Bolender (Task Force Chairperson), and University Architect Somchai Suwiwattanakul review plans for the Pre-Clinical Simulation Teaching Area.

The 1995 legislature approved 3.1 of the 3.9 million dollars requested for the much needed renovation of the **D-1 laboratory**. The renovation is scheduled to begin in May, 1996. The planning committee for this project includes Dr. Charles Bolender, Department of Prosthodontics, Chair; Dr. Joe Chasteen, Clinical Affairs; Dr. Penelope Leggott, Student Services; Dr. Ginger Powell, Restorative Dentistry; Dr. Jim Steiner, Department of Endodontics; Mr. Bill



David Killen, fourth-year dental student and member of the Task Force, demonstrates use of the dental simulator.

Loew, Restorative Dentistry; Mr. Tom Wade, Dental Maintenance; Mr. David Killen, Fourth-Year Dental Student; and Mr. Michael Martin, Third-Year Dental Student. During the past year, the committee members have invested an enormous amount of time and effort into the design of this state-of-the-art teaching facility. The Pre-Clinical Simulation Teaching Area will include 55 stations for students and one station for the instructor. Each student station will include a dental simulator, light, laboratory bench and computer station. Each station or cluster of stations will have the capability of communicating with the instructor's station. Also, the laboratory will have two-way video communication with certain clinic sites within the school and at other institutions. This feature has important implications for post-graduate and continuing dental education as well.

The Adec company designed the simulator stations in consultation with the Dental School planning committee. Each simulator includes the Frasco head which was chosen for its realism and durability. Two prototypes are currently on display in the D-1 laboratory. Five stations will be installed for use in a pilot project in the Fall of 1996, and 55 stations will be in place in the Fall of 1997. The Adec company will also manufacture the cabinetry that attaches to the simulator. The final design for the benchwork and related accessories is currently being discussed.

The planning committee is also creating instructional, multi-media capabilities at each simulator station. Students will be able

to view high resolution color images, radiographs, and videos on personal computers. They will also be able to access the internet and possibly engage interactively with instructors at other locations.

As a result of last year's telepledge campaign, sufficient funds were available to hire consultants and architects to draw up plans for the D-1 lab remodel. The architectural drawings are in their final stages thanks to last year's generous donors.

### UWAA PLEDGES GENEROUS SUPPORT

The UW Alumni Association made a commitment to raise \$20,000 from each of the 50 graduating classes over the next 4 years to purchase the D-1 Laboratory dental simulators, stations, and accessories. This pledge represents a "class challenge." The goal of the Association is to gather the pledges during the coming year beginning this Fall. Hopefully, the majority of the money pledged can be collected during the first year. However, the four-year campaign will make it possible for all classes to participate fully, even the recent graduates. Each class that makes its target will be acknowledged by a commemorative plate on one station.

A steering committee for the Alumni campaign has been formed and will be chaired by Dave Minahan ('75). Members of the steering committee include J. Martin Anderson ('65), Chester Woodside ('67), Joseph Grillo ('56), Thomas Jacka ('81), and Dean Paul Robertson.



Mr. Tom Wade poses with a model simulator station which he crafted for the planning committee.

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## President's Message

J. MARTIN ANDERSON



### PRESIDENT: J. MARTIN ANDERSON

Class of 1965; general practice in Kent; clinical faculty in UW Department of Restorative Dentistry; past-president of the Academy of Operative Dentistry; member of the George Ellsperman Gold Foil Seminar; fellow of the American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists, Academy of Dentistry International, and Pierre Fauchard Academy.

It certainly is an honor and privilege for me to serve as your president in the first year of our celebration of Fifty Years of Excellence in Dentistry at UW. During the next four years, the alumni and the dental school will undertake a capital campaign to raise \$3 million in matching funds for remodeling the D-1 laboratory. This will be an excellent state-of-the-art simulation laboratory which will emulate the environment of clinical operatories. This new simulation laboratory can also be used for courses in continuing education, board examinations and study club activities. Additionally, there is the possibility that state funds will be made available for renovation of the B and D wings in the 1997-99 biennium.

Two other needs have been identified that will require support from alumni. As the dental school anticipates decreased State support for higher education, it must look to endowed faculty positions which will be supported through gifts. Also, scholarships and fellowships for dental students are needed as students will be required to carry a larger share of the burden for their education. These needs can be satisfied through generous support of the alumni.

**To fulfill its missions of education, research, and patient care, our dental school needs the financial support of its alumni.**

Universities and governmental policymakers will continue to re-evaluate their programs—adding, deleting, and restructuring them. The world of higher education is likely to become less stable and thus more unpredictable and stressful for its constituent parts. Today dental education faces particular challenges, given its relatively high costs and specialized needs. A strong and supportive Alumni Association is vital to the financial health of our dental school.

The capital campaign which will be part of the celebration of *Fifty Years of Excellence in Dentistry at UW* is going to challenge each of the 50 dental classes to contribute \$20,000 over the next four years. Each class will be asked to purchase a simulation unit for the D-1 laboratory. A recognition plaque will be mounted on each unit for the class or individual contribution funds for its purchase. The goal for each class will be easily met if each class member contributes \$250 per year for four years. The Alumni officers and class representatives are anticipating overwhelming positive support from our alumni. These are exciting and challenging times for our dental school. We have our goals and we have our plans. So, when you are asked to contribute or sign a pledge card, please say YES!

## 1995-96 Alumni Association Officers



### PRESIDENT-ELECT: ROSS J. DRANGSHOLT

Class of 1992; graduated Alpha Omega; previously in general practice in Kent; currently in the Graduate Orthodontic Program; Pierre Fauchard Senior Student Award; Washington State Dental Association Award; Prosthodontic Achievement Award; American Society of Dentistry for Children Award; Academy of Operative Dentistry Award; American Association of Endodontists Award; Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honorary Dental Society; member of Seattle King County Dental Society and Washington State Dental Association.



### SECRETARY: CHESTER W. WOODSIDE

Class of 1967; general practice in Seattle; class representative to Alumni Board; member of Washington State Dental Association; member of King County Dental Society.



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Class of 1961; Board Treasurer 1991-95; class representative since 1988; started general practice in Bellevue in 1963; member and past chair of the Overlake Dental Seminar; member of the Seattle King County Dental Society and the Washington State Dental Association since 1963.

# “Painless” Leen



The toothsign has been hanging in the market since 1979.

“People are under the mistaken impression that I’ve left my practice and set out for the South Seas,” says Dr. Doug Leen (’79 DDS), better known as the Pike Place Market dentist because he’s the only dentist who practices amid the clamor of the food stalls, jewelry stands and fish shops.

## **“Leen is drawn to remote and primitive places . . . where dental care is needed”**

While Leen is no stranger to the South Seas, he’s never put down roots in that lovely place. In the ‘80s he made two trips to the Marshall Islands as a volunteer dentist for Marimed, a nonprofit health services foundation that built a 154-foot topsail schooner and sailed it around the atolls—offering islanders everything from fillings and extractions to teeth cleanings and fluoride treatments. On the second trip to the Marshall Islands, Leen also had a chance to revisit Vietnam, where he had fought in the war 26 years earlier. His travel adventures also include six years as a maritime dentist for the Holland-America cruise line, going everywhere between Sitka, Alaska, and Caracas, Venezuela. Leen says he is drawn to remote and primitive places because the people fascinate him and the countries are still in flux. And he prefers to travel where dental care is needed.

When he’s not aboard ship, Leen runs Pike Place Dental in the same building as DeLaurenti Specialty Food, but on the

second floor. He says he originally planned to set up in a small town, but a friend suggested Pike Place. “The market is like a small town in a big city. Everybody knows everybody else.” In fact, Leen seldom strolls through the market without running into some of his patients. They are a colorful and varied lot, everything from bookkeepers and young professionals to punk rockers with pierced noses and tattoos.

“When I started, there hadn’t been a dentist there since the famous Painless Parker and a bunch of denture guys in the ‘20s,” Leen recalls. “I still have some of Painless’s patients, but I can’t match his prices.”

Right now, Leen is looking for an associate, preferably one who would be interested in buying out the business someday. Leen eventually wants to set up practice in a rural community, probably near Bellingham, where he was born. “I want to do a maritime practice in the summer and work in Washington state in the winter.”

Meanwhile, Leen has his eyes set on yet another adventure—this time to Southeast Alaska. “It’s so beautiful there. There are lots of remote regions, including Indian villages and logging camps, where dental care is needed. Besides, I like to fish.”

When Leen arrives in Alaska, probably in 1997, it will be aboard a floating dental

facility—a circa-1899 tugboat called the Katahdin that he’s personally restoring. He says he became interested in boating after he tired of his favorite sport. “I used to do lots of mountain climbing. But as you get older it’s hard to go up Mt. Rainier for the 16th time. So I decided to explore the maritime life in Seattle. After all, we live on one of the most beautiful archipelagos in the world. I thought about buying a fishing boat, but I discovered that they stink. I’ve never been attracted to plastic boats. I like tugs and their 14-ton engines. Work boats have more character.”

Leen learned how to restore tugs by hiring a crew and picking up skills from them. The Katahdin is actually the second tugboat that Leen has fixed up. Five years ago he restored a tug called the Winamac. It sunk on its maiden voyage, when it was rammed during a parade in New Westminster Harbor in Vancouver, B.C. That was a heart-breaking blow. “It took two years to restore that tug—and 30 seconds to sink,” he says. “And I’ve been in court ever since.”

Three years ago, Leen started a small publishing business which reprints ‘30s WPA posters for the National Parks Service. These are sold at Seattle Picture Frame in the Pike Place Market or at any national park. When asked how he finds time to juggle dentistry and all his other activities, he says one secret is that he never watches television.

“I never have and I never will. What’s the point?”

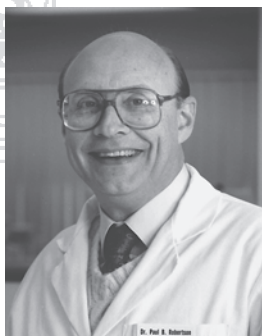


Doug Leen and classmate Bill Thompson are about to embark on a fly fishing trip on the Yellowstone River.

*Alumni interested in applying to be an associate at Pike Place Dental may call Dr. Doug Leen at 938-5336.*

## Dean's Column

PAUL B. ROBERTSON



As highlighted throughout this *Alumni News*,

**1995 has been an extraordinary year for your School of Dentistry.**

- Our accreditation site visit was most successful. The Commission report was highly complimentary in the areas of plans to improve our facilities, the caliber of our faculty, students and staff, the vitality of our curriculum, the quality of our patient care programs and the distinction of our research contributions. The School was fully approved for its predoctoral program as well as postdoctoral programs in endodontics, orthodontics, periodontics and prosthodontics. The report commended the faculty for continuous efforts to place the UW School of Dentistry at the forefront of dental education and research.
- All of our graduates passed the Western Regional Board, the first 100% pass rate for a School in the history of the Board. These senior students made a commitment to succeeding in this new venture, not only in their own behalf but to bring credit to UW.
- The performance of remaining students in the first- through third-year classes was no less distinguished. Productivity in the clinics has been outstanding, both in quality and in concern for the overall oral health needs of our patients. Moreover, these students ranked in the first quintile of all dental schools for Part I and Part II of the National Boards.

- Student applications, which exceeded 900 last year for the predoctoral program, continue to increase in quantity and quality.
- The faculty have been especially successful in obtaining peer-reviewed grant support for their research activities this year and we again top the nation in funding from the National Institute of Dental Research. Internationally recognized studies are ongoing that range from developing a vaccine for periodontal disease to delivering effective oral care for disadvantaged children.
- The University and Office of the President have been strongly supportive of the School of Dentistry. While we experienced a decrease in our State budget, additional funds have been provided to support the predoctoral teaching program and to defray some of the construction costs in the D-1 simulation laboratory, D-wing predoctoral teaching clinics and B-wing graduate clinics.
- The support of alumni and friends of the School has been outstanding. The accreditation site visitors were very positive about the strong relationships between the school and organized dentistry, as well as with its alumni and professional community. The mentor program with members of the Washington State Dental Association was seen as a unique and successful collaborative model and the site visit team was envious upon learning that essentially all our students are members of organized dentistry. The time spent in part-time teaching by many of you was particularly recognized as an important strength of a UW dental education. At the same time, your financial support met our development goals for this year, resulting in student scholarships, graduate fellowships, visiting professors, new clinical equipment and patient care facilities that we could not have provided without your help.

We are making great progress in planning the Celebration of *Fifty Years of Excellence in Dentistry at UW*, which begins with the 50th anniversary of the first entering class in 1996 and ends with the 50th anniversary of their graduation in the year 2000. The capital campaign that is

a major part of the Celebration will focus on four areas of need: 1) simulation units for the D-1 laboratory, 2) renovation of the B-wing graduate clinics, 3) student scholarships, and 4) endowed faculty positions. As with most campaigns, we hope to have much of the work and pledged support completed in this planning year before the official campaign begins. With the strong matching funding from the University, we are well on our way. The purpose of the Celebration certainly includes raising financial support for your school in these times of drastically decreasing resources for dental education, but also provides a time to be proud of UW's contributions to the profession of dentistry during the past 50 years.

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# Two students talk

As the doors of the School of Dentistry swung open this fall, a total of 197 students poured into the classrooms, including the 50 members of the first-year class. Here two dental students talk about their aspirations and expectations for the coming year:

Dentistry runs in the family of **BURLEIGH SURBECK**, who entered the School of Dentistry this fall. His expectations of dental school have been shaped by stories told to him by his father Henry Surbeck ('66 DDS) and his brother-in-law, Sean Murphy, who is in his third year of the UW program. Surbeck says that what he learned from both men is that

**dental school is challenging, but professors and staff are much more supportive than in the past.**

"My father told me that during the first day of class, a professor began by telling the students to take a good look at the person to their right and the person to their left," Surbeck recalls. "He followed that by suggesting that one of the three would not be present at the end of the first year." Surbeck says his brother-in-law offered a different perspective on the school. "From talking to him, it is clear that this attitude no longer persists. The professors are very supportive and work to keep the students interested, making sure that they understand the material."

Surbeck's interest in dentistry goes all the way back to age 12, when he started working in his father's office in Federal Way. It broadened at age 14 when his family took part in a medical mission to Ecuador as part of a contingent of doctors and lay people assembled by the Christian Medical Society. This mission gave Surbeck the chance to become familiar with the work of oral surgeons. During high school he also spent time with Dr. Bob Little (Ortho.'70), observing orthodontic treatment of patients.

Surbeck came to dental school from the UW, where he was voted Homecoming King and the outstanding member of the fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta in the Pacific Northwest region. He also volunteered in the endodontic, DECOD and orthodontic clinics. Because of this interest in dentistry, he managed to turn a

misfortune into a plus. After a ligament tear to his right hand that necessitated surgery, he decided to teach himself to write equally well with either hand. "After hearing about one of my father's professors who could practice with either hand, I questioned why I couldn't do the same."

Last summer Surbeck participated in the UW Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program (SURF) headed by Dr. Linda LeResche. "The Alumni Association" funds two students in this program each year. SURF gives selected dental students the chance to conduct funded research projects with dental school professors acting as preceptors. Surbeck took part in an orthodontic study under Dr. Jon Årtun.

"It was a terrific opportunity to learn more about orthodontics from a very knowledgeable person," says Surbeck, who hopes to enter an orthodontic program after he completes his four years.

In his spare time, Surbeck enjoys hiking, fishing, hunting, scuba diving and reading the Bible. Although he has less time for these activities now that he's tackling the dental school curriculum, he thinks the effort will be worth it.

"Throughout all of my experiences, both as a patient and observer, I've been drawn to dentistry as a career," he explains. "There is the challenge of being technically proficient in the different clinical procedures, as well as the challenge on a personal level of making sure patients feel comfortable during treatment and are assured that they are receiving the best dental care possible. Often dentists are thought of as people who work on patients, not with them, but I think it's a marriage of the two."

**CHRISTY LO**, a third-year student at the School of Dentistry, recently won the ADA/Caulk-Dentsply Award. This means that in October she will represent the UW in a table clinic competition in Las Vegas. "Everybody gets a table," she explains, for those unfamiliar with this kind of contest. "And they set up their research and/or clinical technique on their table tops. Then the judges walk around and look at each table demonstration."

A native of Vancouver, Washington, Lo did her research on profilaggrin, a molecule which is involved in the keratinization of mucosa or skin. This is relevant to

dentistry because keratinized mucosa, which is found in the hard palate and gingiva, is a tougher tissue than nonkeratinized mucosa. "You want tougher (keratinized) mucosa in these places to resist the abrasive action of chewing," says Lo. "Profilaggrin is processed to smaller molecules, filaggrin, which aggregate keratin filaments in the keratinization process. My study focused on the products of the processing of profilaggrin to filaggrin."

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Burleigh T. Surbeck, taking a breather during Mt. Rainier ascent last August.



Christy Lo

Lo worked with an advisor, but did most of the experiments on her own. What made some of the experiments easier was that she'd already done molecular biology research before coming to dental school. After earning an undergraduate degree at the UW, she had worked at the tissue culture lab in the School of Medicine's Division of Dermatology. There she decided that pure research was not for her.

"There was a lack of interaction with people and that kind of scared me away from just doing research," she says. "But one thing I did enjoy about the lab was that it was procedurally oriented. You go in and you know what you're going to do from start to finish. Your day is defined. I thought I'd enjoy dentistry because it is also procedurally oriented."

Lo says that she enjoyed the basic science courses that she took during the first year of dental school. Now that she's a third-year student, she is starting to have her own patients. "It's been a lot of fun getting to meet some of my patients. I think I will really enjoy the patient interaction involved in dental school."

Dental school takes up most of Lo's time, but she does find time now and then to explore Seattle. "I like to get out for a long walk and go down to the waterfront or visit other parts of the city," she says. After graduation, Lo plans to go into general dentistry. "First I'd like to work with someone else, so I can continue to learn more," she says. "After that I'm not so sure. Maybe I'll start my own practice."

## 50 Years of Excellence, *Cont.*

### FALL TELEPLEDGE CAMPAIGN

UW Provost David B. Thorud has informed Dean Robertson that he will make available up to \$400,000 to match the million dollars needed for renovation of B-wing graduate clinics. This project will include a new multi-disciplinary surgical center. The UW Dean's club will make raising the matching funds for the Provost's challenge their fundraising priority for the coming year. They will be soliciting funds through letters, personal solicitations, and telephone solicitations. In addition, the Fall telepledge campaign, scheduled to begin in early October, will have raising the matching funds its major goal.

## Accreditation Report Glowing

In July, the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation issued its report on the University of Washington School of Dentistry. The dental education program was given unconditional approval. The visiting committee's report was extremely complimentary to the School and included the following points:

### ADMINISTRATION

The visiting committee was impressed by administrators of the Dental School. In particular, they noted "the esteem shown for the dean of the school of dentistry by his peers and the provost. The school of dentistry was ably represented at all levels of the administrative structure, was well supported and was seen as a major asset to the university."

They further noted the effectiveness of the dual governance of the school by the faculty council which is composed of six members elected by the faculty with the dean serving as an ex-officio member. "The overall organization of the School of Dentistry, including all standing committees, facilitated appropriately the achievement of the mission of the school and also facilitated adequate communication throughout the school." The school operated from a sound financial base and had **exceptional** academic and administrative leadership."

### FACULTY

"In general the quality of the faculty was **outstanding**, adequate in number and appropriately distributed to meet the academic, scholarly and service goals and commitments of the School of Dentistry. There were 79 full-time faculty members. Over 80% of those faculty who had earned a DDS/DMD degree also had earned an additional advanced degree; fifteen faculty members had earned both PhD and DDS/DMD degrees."

### STUDENTS

"The entering overall and science grade point averages had increased to 3.3 and 3.2 respectively, yielding classes that were exceedingly well qualified. The number of applications received by the school over the last six years had increased substantially, nearly tripling from 343 in 1989 to 838 in 1994. The school stated a commit-

ment to diversity in its student population, in spite of a limited ethnic diversity in the population of the state."

"The school is **commended** for its wide range of student counseling services. The associate dean (Penelope Leggott) and the manager for student affairs and the admissions office (Deanne Farrar), had developed a triage structure which directed students to the appropriate counseling service. Interviews with students revealed the perception of a very sincere interest in their well-being by the office of student affairs."

### CURRICULUM

"The school is **commended** for its commitment to ensuring that students were provided active voices in all committee deliberations and activities" (related to the curriculum).

"Each student was required to enroll in at least one elective course during the third and the fourth year. The school is **commended** for its commitment to basic or clinical research as fulfillment of this requirement".

A particularly strong professional working relationship existed between the dental and medical schools. Presentation of basic science instruction to dental students by medical faculty was effective because: 1) dental school faculty participated in the planning and teaching of the courses, 2) medical school faculty served on the School of Dentistry's curriculum committee and its subcommittee on basic sciences, which provided input to the basic science departments regarding course content".

"The visiting committee noted that student performance on Part I of the National Board Dental Examination had been above the national mean since 1988 with no failures since 1991 and with scores consistently in the top quintile."

### DENTAL CLINICS

"The School of Dentistry was philosophically committed to the delivery of comprehensive oral health care, coupled with the education of competent clinicians....The associate dean for clinical affairs (Joe Chasteen) and his staff are **commended** for the thoroughness of the quality assurance programs and the efficiency of clinical operations"

"The school is **commended** for the thoroughness with which (clinic policy) changes were communicated to all parties: through e-mail, individual mailings to students, a monthly newsletter and immediate update of the electronic version in hypertext."

"In recent years, the clinic administrative team had identified and implemented creative systems to reduce costs and enhance revenue, resulting in an expected break-even financial status for FY94-95. A computer-based clinic management system had been developed and was partially operational, with completion anticipated by FY95-96; it has been an important factor in achieving more cost-effective clinic management."

"It should be noted that students with special interests in clinical disciplines were provided numerous opportunities to pursue higher levels of knowledge and experience, either in the postdoctoral specialty clinics of the school or in extra-mural programs."

#### RESEARCH

The visiting committee noted that the Dental School "had ranked first in the United States in the number and total amount of funded grants funded by the National Institute for Dental Research (NIDR) for the previous three years." The committee **commended** the School for "the activities in support of research, the innovative methods for stressing the importance of these scholarly pursuits and the success of their program. The school is indeed a leader in clinical dental and basic

research." They further **commended** the School "for successfully establishing both the Research Center in Oral Biology and the Regional Clinical Dental Research Center."

"The University of Washington School of Dentistry was well regarded for its research effort. Funded research amounted to approximately \$5,000,000 in 1993-94 with a projected growth to nearly \$6,000,000 in 1998-99. The university had demonstrated its commitment in its recent funding of the clinical research center renovation."

"The School of Dentistry enthusiastically encouraged students to participate in ongoing research activities, stressed the application of the scientific method and took great pride in the results of these endeavors by sponsorship of the Annual Dental School Research Day. The visiting committee **commends** the school's emphasis on, and support of, student research."

#### FACILITIES

The school administration and faculty are **commended** for their effort and creativity in developing the facilities plan. Further, the school and campus administration are **commended** for their commitment to developing the revenue streams to achieve the plan.

#### ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION

The graduate programs in endodontics, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, periodontics and combined prosthodontics were also granted unconditional approval.

## SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY JOINS THE WORLD WIDE WEB

The "information superhighway" has a new on-ramp at your School. For those of you with access to the World Wide Web, point your browser at the following URL: <http://weber.u.washington.edu/~dentstry> - please note that the last word is really "dentstry" not "dentistry."

Many of you will not understand some of the jargon in the previous paragraph. The phrase "information superhighway" means different things to different folk. For the University of Washington, access to the Internet is quick and easy. The Internet has grown from a system designed to allow computers to communicate during periods of national disaster to a linked system of computers in every part of the world. The World Wide Web is a recent phenomenon allowing individuals and institutions to provide text, pictures, sounds and moving pictures in forms that can be viewed by anyone with an appropriate computer. Access to the Internet and the World Wide Web is possible through some of the commercial information systems (AmericaOnLine, CompuServe and Prodigy, as examples) or through local community services.

When you configure your computer to connect to the Internet and the Web there is more information available than any individual has time to look at. On the Internet, there are "Newsgroups" with information dedicated to special interests ranging from dentistry to Lego Blocks. On the Web, you can find several dozen "Homepages" of information about dentistry from several Schools in the US, other Schools and Hospitals in Europe and Asia and several dental practitioners. In addition, there are many - MANY - groups of direct interest to dentists. The University of Stanford Medical School has some case studies in management of pediatric patients that will show you how much (or how little) you know about Pediatrics. There is a good series of pictures on facial trauma in Switzerland, and a medical newsletter in Singapore that is actually run by a dentist in Arizona.

Climb aboard! The University of Washington home page is found at: <http://www.cac.washington.edu:1183/>. Don't type that last period - it is not part of the URL. What is a URL, you ask? The letters stand for Universal Resource Locator, and provide a way of attaching a unique designation to each site on the Web.

If you are interested in a few of the interesting sites on the Web, including some of the dental ones, send email or even a letter to [middaugh@u.washington.edu](mailto:middaugh@u.washington.edu) or to Dan Middaugh, School of Dentistry, Box 357137, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-7137.



Drs. Bob Gross ('54), Raleigh Curtis ('72) and Sam Anderson ('51), representing the F.L. Jacobson Study Clubs, present a donation to Dr. Dan Middaugh in support of the Jacobson study club facility.

## Faculty News...

**Dean Paul Robertson** and **Dr. Dan Middaugh** each received the Washington State Dental Association 1995 President's Award. WSDA President Terry Grubb made the presentations at the Opening Day luncheon of the Pacific Northwest Dental Conference held on July 13-15 in Seattle. The award is given to thank special friends of the WSDA. Dr. Grubb commended Dr. Robertson for his excellence in leadership as the Dean. He has "actively participated in WSDA events and readily made himself available to share his knowledge and perspectives with WSDA leadership."

Dr. Grubb commented that Dr. Middaugh, in his position as Assistant Dean, Continuing Dental Education, "has a long history of willing volunteerism with WSDA...all of his activities are focused on making the profession of dentistry better."



WSDA President, Terry Grubb, far right, presents this year's President's Awards at the Opening Day Luncheon of the Pacific Northwest Dental Conference. Recipients, left to right, are Dr. Dan Middaugh, Mr. Dave Michener, Ms. Linda Hull, Dr. Paul Robertson and Ms. Jeanne Ward.

**Dr. Charles V. Farrell**, clinical instructor at the dental school, is the President-Elect of the American College of Dentists for 1995-96. He has served on the ACD Board of Regents since 1987, serving as Regent from Regency 8, Treasurer and Vice President. Dr. Farrell has served terms as Secretary and Chairman of the Washington Section of the ACD from 1987 through 1991, has served as state delegate and as Secretary and President of the district society, and served a long tenure with the Washington State Board of Dental Examiners as an examining agent, member of the Board, Secretary and President. Dr. Farrell received his DMD from the University of Oregon Dental School and served a dental internship at the VA Hospital in Seattle. He practices general dentistry in Bellingham, WA.

**Dean Paul Robertson** has been appointed Chair of the Board of Health Sciences Deans. As Chair of this Board, which is comprised of the deans of the Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health and Community Medicine, and Social Work, the Dean is responsible to the Provost for the provision of oversight of the interdisciplinary health sciences organizational units that provide research and training outside of the schools and colleges. These units include the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute, the Research Center in Oral Biology, the Center on Human Development and Disability, the Regional Primate Research Center, and the Minority Student Programs. As Chair, it is also Dr. Robertson's responsibility to facilitate coordination between the health sciences deans as they interact on interdisciplinary research and training opportunities.

**Dr. Richard Lamont**, associate professor in oral biology, was presented a Young Investigator Award of \$2,000 at the 73rd General Session of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR), which was held in Singapore June 28-July 1, 1995.

## Sherwin Shinn Pre

Sherwin Shinn ('74 DDS) will never forget the day in 1990 when he heard a child crying in Nepal. He was staying in a mountain village lodge that morning, after spending weeks trekking around Tibet and Nepal. He'd even climbed thousands of feet up Mt. Everest. But when he heard the child cry, he was amazed. In this mountainous region of great beauty and little wealth, he'd never heard that anguished sound.

"It's such a stark contrast to the United States," he says. "In Nepal, children are being raised in a very harsh environment. So when I heard crying, I realized there must be a big problem, because kids don't cry there."

When Shinn checked into the situation, he discovered a five-year-old village girl with several abscessed teeth, and no way of getting from her remote home to a dental clinic.

**"I love dentistry . . . it's given me everything I ever wanted to have."**

"I soon realized that I was going to be the guy to take care of the problem," says Shinn, who knew the teeth would have to come out. "But all I had was a pocket knife. We hiked through the mountains for about four hours and climbed about 2,000 feet with a Sherpa guide. There was a medical clinic up there and they had some Chinese anesthetic. But they didn't have any instruments for us to use."

So Shinn operated with a pocket knife. The anesthetic, a type he'd never heard of, worked fine. But afterwards he worried that the little girl would be too weak to get back down the mountain to her village thousands of feet below.

"She didn't have any stitches," he recalls. "Just some packing. That was all I could give her. But when she looked down the side of the mountain and saw her village, she just took off towards it. There was no way we could have caught her. These people are so mountain-honed."

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The children in Nepal.



Sherwin and Jerri working in the Dental Clinic in Namche Bazaar, Nepal, in the Himalayan Mountains.



Sherwin working in the Namche Dental Clinic with his assistant.

When Shinn returned to Nepal in 1992, he looked up the little girl and discovered that she'd made a full recovery. "She piqued my interest in going back. My wife Jerri and I are really interested in international dentistry in Third World countries. She is an R.N. and helps me with the medical side of things. She assists me and helps me decide what to do and the best ways to educate the local populace about dentistry."

So far the Shinn's, who have two college-age children, have been to Nepal and Tibet twice and once to Costa Rica, usually for six weeks at a time. This fall they're hoping to return to the remote villages of Nepal and Tibet. "If there's a clinic, we'll go there," says Shinn. "If not, we'll do a sort of field clinic in a tent and take care of emergencies and do some educating."

When you visit Shinn's Issaquah office, where he practices general dentistry "for children and their parents," you'll see pictures of his patients in Nepal—as well as a photograph of a two-story stone medical clinic where he's done volunteer dentistry. The isolated clinic stands on a lovely green hillside in Nepal. All around it, the peaks of 20,000-foot mountains poke like saw teeth into the sky.

In alumni circles, Shinn is best known as a piano player. In fact, he recently

played "Moon River," "Ebb Tide" and his original work at the gala dinner that marked the 25th Anniversary of the Dean Jones Lecture. "My mother had aspirations of my being a famous pianist or conductor," says Shinn, who started lessons at the age of seven and continued all through high school. "And I practiced the mandatory hour per day."

In dental school he had his own rock band composed of "one non-dental guy" and three fellow dental students. "We had Harley Reckord on drums. John McGrady was on guitar and did the singing. I was on the keyboard. Bill Bethel was the percussion guy. It was all our original rock music. It was the '70s and anything went. If you were having fun doing it, then you could attract a crowd, because everybody else wanted to have fun, too."

Nowadays, Shinn loves to play at parties, political rallies, gallery openings and anniversary celebrations. He has a recording studio in his Redmond home where he records his own music as well as multitrack music using synthesizers. Not only does he record tapes for background music in his dental office, but he also records tapes of his original music and sells them to fans.

Does he ever regret not chasing his mother's concert dreams?

"I love dentistry," he says. "It's allowed me to be my own boss and run my own business. It's given me everything I ever wanted to have."

# Dental Alumni All-Classes Reunion

The excitement of reuniting with old friends brought out over one hundred alumni and guests to the Columbia Center Tower Club on Friday evening, July 14, the setting for the Fifth Annual All-Classes Reunion Dinner. The stunning view from the 76th floor provided the perfect backdrop for the festive event, which was well-attended with twenty-eight class years represented.

The evening began with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the Washington Room; harpist Susan McLain added an elegant touch. Dinner in the Columbia Room was enhanced by a breathtaking sunset.

Dr. Marty Anderson ('65), newly-inducted President of the Dental Alumni Association and master of ceremonies, thanked his predecessor Dr. David Minahan ('75) for a job well-done, and presented him with a plaque in recognition of his year as Alumni Association President. Dr. Anderson

entertained the guests with amusing anecdotes of his dental school days, and spoke of the importance of increasing alumni involvement with the School. Dean Paul Robertson then took the floor and spoke of recent successes within the School, including the fantastic student performance on this year's Western



Past Distinguished Alumni: (Left to Right) Johnny Johnson (1987), Burns Guthrie (1990), Sam Anderson (1985), Don Compaan (1991), Ronald Morse (1995), David Bales (1992), Eugene Brain (1993), and J. Martin Anderson (1994).

Regional Examining Board exam. At this point, Dr. Frank Guthrie ('58), chair of the Distinguished Alumnus Committee, introduced the 1995 Distinguished Alumnus, Dr. Ronald Morse ('59). Dr. Morse graciously accepted the award and emphasized how happy he is to be returning to the Pacific Northwest and joining the faculty of the dental school.



Left to Right: J. Martin Anderson, Burns Guthrie, Ronald Morse, Distinguished Alumnus, and Dean Robertson.

## UW Dental Students Are Winners

### MIKAEL KAUTSKY IS DENTISTRY MAGNUSON SCHOLAR

Mikael Kautsky, a graduate Oral Biology student, was recently named the 1995-96 Magnuson Scholar for the School of Dentistry. Kautsky is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in Oral Biology; under supervision of Dr. Beverly Dale, he is investigating the effects exerted by retinoids on differentiation of oral epithelia. He is also pursuing the clinical Oral Medicine Specialty Program at the UW. Dr. Kautsky received his DDS degree from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, and his MS in Dental Research at the Eastman Dental Center in Rochester, NY.

The Magnuson Scholars program was established to support students in graduate or postgraduate health professions training programs in each of the six Health Sciences Schools at the University of Washington. The scholars are selected annually and each receives \$20,000 to pursue his/

her interest. The award stipulates that at least one Magnuson Scholar be selected from a career pathway leading to research related to diabetes. Senator Magnuson, in whose name the program was established, died in 1989 of complications associated with diabetes, a disease that afflicts six percent of all Americans, according to estimates by the American Diabetes Association. Funding for the program is from a \$2 million endowment established in 1991 with state and federal funds in honor of the late Washington Senator, Warren G. Magnuson. The University of Washington Health Sciences Center became the Warren G. Magnuson Health Sciences Center in 1978 in ceremonies attended by Senator Magnuson and his wife, Jermaine.

### UW DENTAL GRADS ACE BOARD EXAM

Graduates of the UW School of Dentistry received top marks in the recent

Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) exam, with all 42 participating students receiving passing scores.

The three-day clinical exam, administered this June, is a requirement for all dental graduates to receive state licensing to practice. It consists of a series of tests, including a gold casting, denture set-up and root canal. The exam is administered throughout a 10-state area, which does not include California. This is the first year Washington has elected to use the regional test instead of the Washington State Dental Board Exam. Linda Paul, executive director of the WREB, notes the overall performance by UW graduates is fairly unusual. "The first time a school takes the exam there is usually a learning curve," she said. The overall pass rate for exams administered throughout the region was 87 percent.



What a good time!



Pat Anderson, Sam Anderson ('51) and Dan Middaugh, Associate Dean, enjoy the reception.



Hana Lenda and Mike Kern ('93) chat with Dean Robertson.



Beverly Walker, Donald Raleigh ('50) and Dr. Robertson.



(Left to Right) Keith Matheny ('81), Rhianna Shaltry, Thomas Jacka ('81), Dana Shaltry ('81) catch up on news of their classmates.

Dr. Bruce Rothwell, chair of Restorative Dentistry, said the results are indicative of the high educational standards and strong student dedication at the UW School of Dentistry. "Our educational program is geared toward producing good students and good dentists," he said. "These students worked hard and were well-prepared. We are very happy to see these kinds of results."

The regional exam is preceded by the National Board Dental Exam, a written test administered while dental candidates are in school. Following passage of these two tests, dental graduates must also take the Jurisprudence Exam on Washington law in order to receive their license to practice dentistry.

A total of 52 students graduated from the University of Washington Dental School this year.

-Julie Rathbun

#### **EIGHT DENTISTRY STUDENTS RECEIVE NAVY SCHOLARSHIPS**

Eight students at the dental school recently received scholarships from the Navy. According to Lt. Larry Halvorsen, Dental Recruiter at the Navy Recruiting District in Seattle, the Navy is actively seeking dentists.



UW dental students pose after being commissioned ensigns in the U.S. Navy. *Front row:* CDR James Jones, commanding officer of Navy Recruiting District Seattle; UW students Kelly Cabe, Randel Carr, RADM (retired) Herbert Bridge. *Back Row:* Student Eric Schmidt, UW professors Dr. McCoy, Dr. Gorden, student Cary Orton, former Dental Recruiter Chief Mark Keefe. (U.S. Navy photo by JOC(AW) Robert Wilson)

UW Students Reid Winkler, Robert Folk and Molly Nelson received three-year scholarships and Jeremy Peterson and Eric Schmidt received two-year scholarships from the Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP). This scholarship offers full tuition, fees and books, plus a stipend of \$843 a month. Upon acceptance into the program these students were commissioned as ensigns, and after graduation will be promoted to lieutenant with a three-year minimum obligation to the Navy.

Kelly Cabe, Cary Orton and Randle Carr were accepted into the Health Services Collegiate Program (HSCP), an enlistment program that leads to commissioning after graduation. These students will receive a salary of approximately \$1,500 a month, and have all the benefits of active duty.

# The Honor Roll of Donors For the 1994-95 Fiscal Year

The faculty, staff and students of the University of Washington School of Dentistry wish to thank our alumni and friends for the financial support they provided over the 1994-95 school year. The donations that we received were used to support activities and expenditures for which federal and state funding was either non-existent or inadequate. For example, funds were used for student scholarships and loans, faculty and student research, faculty and staff development, equipment, and minor renovations. At this time, we wish to acknowledge

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# Associate Dean Wears Many Hats



Dr. Penelope Leggott

## ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR STUDENT SERVICES

Dental school offers plenty of tension and stress, but help is at hand. “We do crisis management quite often,” says Dr. Penelope Leggott, associate dean for Student Services since 1993. “We offer a support system, because dental school is very intense and demanding. We accept only the best of the best (fifty of about 900 applicants), and that’s hard for students who are all used to being at the top in large fish bowls. They come here and find themselves in a small, very competitive fish-bowl.”

Dental school also takes its toll on personal relationships, because students must stay there in the evenings to practice procedures before they are ready to treat real patients, and later on to complete lab work for patients. Although Student Services doesn’t offer marriage counseling, it can relieve other kinds of pressure.

“We do a triage for students and decide whether we can provide the sort of personal, financial or academic counseling they need, or whether they should be referred to a professional counselor,” Leggott says. “For students with academic problems, we provide peer tutoring and/or faculty tutoring. We also have a peer advisor system, an organized group of upperclass students who are there to support first and second year students. And we’ve set up evening tutoring classes in the preclinical lab. Two senior students are available two nights a week for two hours. We pay them to help first and second year students with their lab projects.”

Student Services administers a School of Dentistry program called “dental readiness” that offers a preparatory year for promising students from under-represented minorities. “We offer study skills seminars and provide one-on-one tutoring when they need help,” says Leggott. “They may even take some of the first year classes. If they do well, they’re admitted to dental school, but it isn’t automatic.”

The variety of support programs provided appear to pay off, because the great majority of students graduate on time from the School of Dentistry each year. Occasionally a student may graduate late, but seldom by more than a quarter. “Sometimes a person can get a year behind because of personal or academic problems. We do our best to support our students and to help them succeed,” says Leggott, who wears many hats at the dental school. Besides heading student services and admissions, she’s also graduate program coordinator.

## HIV STUDY IN WEST AFRICA

In addition, she and Dean Paul Robertson are co-investigators on a grant to study oral manifestations of HIV infection in the West African country of Senegal. The principal investigator of this grant, Cathy Critchlow, is an assistant professor in the department of dental health and public health sciences at the UW. The study will run at least four more years.

Leggott was a natural for this study. She knows Africa well, having grown up in Sierra Leone and Uganda as the daughter of a schoolteacher. Of English descent, she earned a B.D.S. degree in dentistry at the University of Bristol School of Dentistry in Bristol, England. She also holds a M.S. degree and certificate in pediatric dentistry from the University of Illinois, and is board certified in the

specialty. But what brought her to Critchlow’s attention was work she’d done ten years before at the University of California at San Francisco, treating and studying children with deficient immune systems.

“I was there when the AIDS epidemic came to light,” says Leggott. “I studied several children who had an immune deficiency that was really mysterious. Eventually we realized that they had an HIV infection. Now we know all about that, but back then we had no clue that it was a virus. It was exciting being in on the evolution of that.” Leggott continued to be involved in HIV-related research while she was at UCSF. She studied a group of about ninety HIV-positive children. A major finding of that study was that children with HIV have a higher prevalence of parotid gland enlargement than do adults. “This appears to be a good prognostic indicator for life expectancy. Children with enlarged glands appear to survive longer than children who do not have this finding.”



Dr. Therèse Ndiaye, outside the Dental Clinic in Dakar, Senegal, where much of the clinical research is conducted.

# Class Notes



(Top Photo) Class of 1955 taken November 15, 1951.

(Right Photo) The Class of 1955 poses for a photo at their 40-year reunion:  
Bottom, left to right: Bob Hawkins, David Downing, Archie Morrison, Jim Takano, Cal Yates, Charles Evans, Ron Barclay, Glen Siebert  
Top, left to right: Bill Ozeroff, lowerth Jones, Dick Prince, John Lind, Richard Swanson, Stan Prince, Bill White, Larry Johnson, Jerry Schultz, Hugh Sobottka, John Walters, Howard Koorn, Ed Hoffman, George Copithorne, Johnny Johnson



## CLASS OF 1955

Organizer **Johnny Johnson** and the class of 1955 held their 40-year reunion on July 14 at the Columbia Tower Club. Dr. Johnson reports that the class has a unique bond; they've held a reunion each year since graduation and remain in close touch.



James C. McGraw

## CLASS OF 1969

**James C. McGraw** (Grad.Endo.) was honored as the **1995 WSDA Citizen of the Year** at the Pacific Northwest Dental Conference held July 13-15 in Seattle. The annual award recognizes outstanding community service by a member of the Association. Among Dr. McGraw's activities are service to the Woodland Park Zoo and the Zoological Society, the UW School of Dentistry, and the 1990 Goodwill Games.

Dr. McGraw is well known as the "zoo dentist", and has been a pioneer in the field of applying human dental techniques to veterinary cases. He has volunteered as the attending zoo dentist at the Seattle Woodland Park Zoo since 1969, and has treated everything from the smallest monkeys to Kodiak bears and elephants, often as the first dentist in the world to work on the species. In 1992, Dr. McGraw was elected to the Board of Directors of the Woodland Park Zoological Society. As vice chair of the Conservation Committee, he is heading the zoo's new effort to focus and prioritize its program for participating in the preservation of endangered species around the world. The committee's work has huge implications for the future of zoo programs and the protection of species, according to zoo officials.

As a member of the Board of Admissions for the UW School of Dentistry, Dr. McGraw spends countless hours helping to recruit applicants and personally interviewing candidates. He has served on the board since 1984.

He was the dental director for the 1990 U.S.A.-U.S.S.R. Goodwill Games based in Seattle. During a two-week period, his team of 50 volunteer dentists handled over 300 dental incidents in Seattle and throughout the state of Washington.

## JOHNNY N. & PATRICIA T. JOHNSON ENDOWMENT IN DENTISTRY COMPLETE

The Office of Development is pleased to announce that the Johnny N. & Patricia T. Johnson Endowment in Dentistry, begun five years ago, has become fully endowed at the \$10,000 level. Due to their consistent and significant giving to the UW School of Dentistry, Dr. and Mrs. Johnson have ensured that their endowment will become a permanent fund at the UW School of Dentistry, and consequently help to provide lasting support to students, faculty and staff at the School.

#### CLASS OF 1981

**Rebecca Poling**, (O) 1000 O'Malley Rd. #105, Anchorage, AK 99515 (907/349-1951) has successfully completed the examination for certification by the American Board of Orthodontics and is now Board Certified. She conducts a practice specializing in orthodontics in Anchorage. Dr. Poling and her husband Mike have four children.

#### CLASS OF 1982

**Joseph P. Thomas**, (R) 2525 Emerson Pl., Billings, MT 59102 (406/256-5165) was accredited by the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry in June 1995. He is the first dentist in Montana to receive this award. He also received Fellowship in the Academy of General Dentistry in August 1994. Dr. Thomas practices cosmetic and general dentistry in Billings, Montana.

#### CLASS OF 1984

**Marcia Wiley**, (O) 1091 South Dora, Ukiah, CA 95482 (707/462-1540) reports that the Class of 1984 had a great time at their reunion on Saturday, July 15 at the UW Waterfront Activities Center (see photo). She adds that she's already starting a planning committee for the 20-year reunion!



#### CLASS OF 1985

**Robert T. Smith**, (O) 116 E. Spring St., Colfax, WA 99111 (509/397-4141) travelled to Belize in April 1995 with Dr. Jeff Huleatt ('85 DDS) and Dr. Larry Rehn ('85 DDS) to provide volunteer dental services with the AYUDA organization.

#### CLASS OF 1989

**Rose S. Holdren**, (O) 3491 N.W. Anderson Hill Rd., P.O. Box 3710, Silverdale, WA 98383 (360/692-8600), "After a four-year academic interlude (GPR & Hosp. Dent. Fellowship) in Chapel Hill, NC, we have returned home to the Pacific Northwest. I joined a wonderful practice in Silverdale with UW alum A.N. "Mike" Morton ('68 DDS), and Dale joined an ophthalmology group in Bremerton and Port Orchard. We are enjoying life on the Kitsap Peninsula (a land devoid of traffic helicopters), just bought our first home, and are expecting baby #2 in early October.

**Alberta E. Quaidoo**, (O) 14212 Ambaum Blvd. #101, Seattle, WA 98166 (206/243-7811), "I'm expecting my first child at the end of August 1995, and I'm very excited. Greetings to the whole class."

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS-

##### OCTOBER 8, 1995, 6-8 P.M.

ADA Alumni Dean's Reception  
Aladdin Hotel, Las Vegas  
R.S.V.P. to Randy Newquist at (206) 543-7297

##### OCTOBER 13, 1995, 6-8 P.M.

UW/WSDA Mentor Program/Barbeque  
Urban Horticulture Center  
R.S.V.P. to the WSDA Central Office at  
(206) 448-1914

##### NOVEMBER 16, 1995, 6 P.M.

Dental Careers  
Meany Tower Hotel

##### NOVEMBER 18, 1995, 10 A.M.

Football Homecoming and Pre-Game Brunch  
UW vs. WSU - Apple Cup  
Brunch: Urban Horticulture Center

##### MARCH 22, 1996

Annual Dean Ernest M. Jones Memorial Lecture  
Hogness Auditorium, UW Health Sciences Center

Members of the Class of '84 at their reunion.

Left to right: John McIntyre, Corey Stanley, Tom Sweeney, Marcia Wiley-Stanley, Irene Hunter, Carl Knox, Dennis Higgins (kneeling), Dick Hagemeyer, Ron Snyder, Lane Griffin, Patty Rothwell

## Nominations sought for 1996 Distinguished Alumnus Award

The Dental Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the 1996 Distinguished Alumnus Award. This award was established in 1983 to honor UW School of Dentistry graduates for community service or contributions to the dental profession. Criteria for selection are a record of contributions in one or more of the following areas:

- service to the School of Dentistry, the dental profession or the community at large
- development of innovations in clinical care, and
- advancements in dental research and education.

Any UW School of Dentistry graduate may submit a nomination. The final selection will be made by the Alumni Board. The award will be presented at the Association's Annual All-Classes Reunion Dinner, to be held on July 12, 1996.

Please submit nominations (as well as a copy of the nominee's resume, biography or curriculum vitae) to: Distinguished Alumnus Committee, c/o Dr. Burns Guthrie, 1305 N.E. 45th St., Seattle, WA 98105.

## MENTOR PROGRAM REVITALIZED

In September of 1995, the Washington State Dental Association, working in conjunction with the School of Dentistry, the Dental Alumni Association and the UW chapter of the American Student Dental Association, revitalized the Mentor Program for students enrolled in the UW dental program. Aimed at enhancing the dental school years, the program matches dental students with WSDA members as advisors.

A recent survey of the program participants indicated an overall feeling that the program was working, with a few growing pains. The biggest problem identified by respondents is the difficulty in arranging 'in person' contact between students and mentors.

In response to this, the 1995-96 Mentor Program will kick-off with a barbeque for mentors and students on Friday, October 13 from 6-8 p.m. at the Urban Horticulture Center (sponsored by NORDIC and Washington Dentists' Insurance Agency, Inc.). This informal event will facilitate both individual meetings and gatherings of groups of mentors and students.

Mentors are encouraged to work with their colleagues to organize future events for themselves and their mentors. Small group activities of two or three mentors and their students throughout the year will increase the benefits of the program, allowing the students to build relationships with dentists across the state.

Those interested in the program are invited to attend the barbeque; if you are interested in becoming a mentor, please call the WSDA Office at (206) 448-1914 for more information. R.S.V.P. for the barbeque by calling the WSDA before Monday, October 2.

## In Memoriam

**Burdette R. Hansen** of Lynden, Washington, died on July 22 at the age of 64. Born in Hibbard, Idaho, Dr. Hansen studied at Ricks College in Rexburg, ID and graduated from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. He earned his doctorate of dental surgery from the UW in 1962, and practiced dentistry in Lynden and Bellingham for 33 years. He was a founding member of the Robert L. Bruna Study Club and a member of the Vancouver Perrier Gold Foil Study Club, as well as the American College of Dentistry. Dr. Hansen was a member of the Ferndale 2nd Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, in which he once served as bishop. He served in the military during the Korean Conflict. Dr. Hansen is survived by his daughters Bobbie Hansen Valentich of Long Beach, CA and Brooke Hansen Wright of Weisbaden, Germany; sons Mark B. Hansen of Leavenworth, Barry A. Hansen of Tigard, OR, and Gregory B. Hansen of Orem, UT; brother Nyle Hansen of Salt Lake City, UT; sister Patricia Hathaway of St. Anthony, ID; nineteen grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Members of the local dental community were saddened to learn of the death of **Dr. Wesley Tefft** ('51) on August 1. He graduated with honors from the UW School of Dentistry in 1951, was an active member of many professional organizations including the UW Dental Alumni Association, held the record of being the sixth dentist in Bellevue, and practiced dentistry there for 39 years. Dr. Tefft was

a founding member of the F.L. Jacobson Study Clubs in 1954, and was active in them up until six months ago.

Dr. Sam Anderson ('51) and Dr. Roland Hoar ('51), classmates and members of the original F.L. Jacobson Study Group, fondly remember the positive, upbeat attitude of Dr. Tefft during those early, difficult years of the dental school. Dr. Tefft's class was the second to attend the new dental school, and many classes were held in the poorly ventilated, dark attic of Bagley Hall, taxing the patience and endurance of both students and faculty. Dr. Lynn Cockburn ('51) recalls Dr. Tefft humorously noting that the class of 1951 had a most difficult time "training the faculty", which was new at that time. Dr. Bob Gross ('54) knew Dr. Tefft during his dental school days and from his F.L. Jacobson involvement, and recently spoke of him as being "a striver" and an asset to the dental profession. Classmates recall that Dr. Tefft was a much decorated aerial navigator on a B24 in the 15th Air Force during World War II; he flew 37 missions as a lieutenant during the war. Though he was short in stature, Dr. Tefft's classmates considered him as always standing tall.

Over the years, Dr. Tefft had been active in many professional, business and recreational organizations. He was a founding member and past president of the Bellevue Rotary, a board member of the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, a Boy Scout Leader, Elder and member of the Bellevue First Presbyterian Church, a member of the Overlake and Alderbrook Golf and Country Clubs, member of the Mystic Shrine, Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honorary, Psi Omega Dental Fraternity, and Sigma Chi Fraternity. He was also elected a Fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry.

He is survived by his wife, Alberta, of Bellevue; son, Paul, of Singapore; and daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and Larry Tarr, Bellevue and Dr. Thomas and Dana Strandjord of Bellevue; grandchildren Corinne and Sarah Strandjord; and sister and brother-in-law Hazel and Phillip Crawford, Pomeroy.

Dr. Tefft's family suggests that remembrances be made to the Tefft Memorial Fund at the UW School of Dentistry.



Dr. Wesley Tefft

Saturday,  
November 18, 1995  
The Apple Cup

# *UW Dental Alumni Football Homecoming and Pregame Brunch*

## **HUSKIES VS. COUGARS**

*Dental Alumni Association Members &  
Associate Members, their Families and Friends!*

**Game \$28      Brunch: \$18**  
GAME TICKETS SOLD OUT!  
Brunch Tickets Still Available.

Brunch begins at 10 am  
UW Urban Horticulture Center  
2501 NE 41st Street  
Seattle, WA

Kick-off: 12:30 pm  
Free, on-site parking  
(Easy walk to Husky Stadium)

Make checks payable to **UW Dental Alumni Association**. Please return this portion of the registration form, along with your check to:

**UW Dental Alumni, University of Washington, Box 357137, Seattle, WA 98195-7137.**

Questions? Call (206)543-7297 or (206)543-5448.

_____ Both Brunch and Game	_____ Brunch only
_____ # of tickets (\$46 per person)	_____ # of tickets (\$18 per person)
_____	_____ <b>Total Amount Enclosed.</b>

Name of Member/Assoc. Member of Dental Alumni: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Return Address: (tickets will be mailed) \_\_\_\_\_

*(Limited number of tickets, please order by 10/15/95)*

*Dean Paul B. Robertson invites Alumni, Spouses & Friends of the*  
**University of Washington School of Dentistry**

*to a reception at the*



**American Dental Association  
Annual Session in Las Vegas**

Sunday, October 8, 1995

Aladdin Hotel

Imperial 6 Room

6:00 - 8:00 pm

***R.S.V.P. by October 4, 1995 - (206)543-7297***

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