**CLASS REUNIONS**

**Class of 1947**

If everyone had as good of a time as I did at the 60-year reunion of the Class of 1947, it was a complete success! It was also very exciting when we found that Tom White was practically accused of swiping John Stone when he unknowingly didn’t make a proper check-out from his care facility. But Tom did this so we could enjoy John’s company and fill the gap making an even dozen to those attending the Midwest Dental Conference. Tom is a determined man and I’m sure John, after having a great time, was returned in good condition with a big smile on his face. I know we were all grateful that John Stone was present. Thanks Tom!

We thought we had broken a record for the largest attendance at a 60th reunion, but the Class of 1946 reunion had 15 attendees last year. Even our great Class of 1947 couldn’t beat “Peck’s Bad Boy.” Our thanks to everyone; from Larry Graham and Bill Duensing.

**Class of 1957**

Twenty-six members of the Class of 1957 celebrated their 50th anniversary along with their spouses. A total of 57 people attended. Our successful reunion was due in part to Tom Parker, for bringing his 1957 yearbook, allowing us to remember how we once were — long, long ago. Thanks goes out to Walt Morrison for his generous contribution of the fruit of the grape; to the UMKC Alumni Office and the Hyatt Hotel for their great assistance and support; to the banquet committee for arranging a fine meal; to the Rinehart Foundation for a great breakfast and recognition of our contributions; and, finally, to the group itself for their warm and loving care, concern, and friendship for one another which has continued steadily for over 45 years.

**Class of 1962**

The Class of 1962 reunion had 29 members celebrate their reunion at the 2007 Midwest Dental Conference. The class member who traveled the furthest was from Alaska. There were 26 wives in attendance and like the class members, they also had a great time getting reacquainted and up to date on family and friends. It was interesting and inspiring to hear the stories of what our classmates have done and accomplished since graduation.

We enjoyed our hospitality room that allowed us to visit and rest up. We had dinner at the hotel on Saturday evening — the room and meal were great. As usual, Jon Harrison did a great job as the master of ceremonies. He provided us a great evening by bringing old pictures that showed how we’ve changed over time. The out-
of-town members were impressed by the changes in the Kansas City area and the school. Everyone expressed the feeling that they want to be back for our 50-year reunion; and they had one regret about this year; They wished everyone was alive to make it to the festivities.

**Class of 1967**
The Dental Class of 1967 had 71 members in attendance at the Hereford House for our celebration of the 40 years that have passed since we graduated from UMKC. As usual we discussed PRO’S POINT, the scientific spot where it doesn’t get any better. Now, the talk of the POINT is not dental technique, but the best spot for retirement. We have established an email tree for maintaining contact about our lives.

**Class of 1972**
James Schuette reports that the 24 members of the Dental Class of 1972 got together to swap stories at their 35-year reunion. The funniest were about our class parties, especially the pig roast at Lake Weatherby. Some were laughing so hard they had tears in their eyes!

**Class of 1977**
The Dental Class of 1977 celebrated their 30th reunion in their hospitality suite at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Thanks goes out to Robert Marx for making the arrangements. Everyone had a good time catching up on their lives. We’re looking forward to our 35th. Thank you to everyone who made this such a great reunion.

**Class of 1982**
The Dental Class of 1982 celebrated their 25th year in dentistry with a hospitality suite at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Friday, March 16, 2007. We had 37 classmates in attendance. Our class was awarded a Rinehart Medallion at the Rinehart Breakfast, Saturday morning, for establishing a scholarship in the class’s name. The weekend was capped off by a reception and dinner on Saturday night at the Hyatt. All attendees had a wonderful time catching up, and are looking forward to our 30th reunion.
Dr. Nan Evanson joined the School of Dentistry in June 2007 as director of development. Evanson has had a long career in higher education, both at UMKC and at Rockhurst University. She has two degrees from UMKC: a B.A. from the Conservatory, and an M.A. from the School of Education. Additionally, Nan received her doctorate in higher education from the University of Kansas. Nan will do major gift fundraising for the School of Dentistry and will devote her time to helping the school complete The Campaign for Dental Excellence.

Welcome Sarah Major as our new administrative assistant. Sarah is a recent graduate of UMKC with a B.A. in English. She’s an avid cyclist and has ridden the entire Katy Trail six times. She also rides the MS 150 on an annual basis. Her primary duties include organizing the annual class reunions, working with the dental alumni on the capital campaign and editing the electronic newsletter.

Dee Swindler joined the UMKC School of Dentistry in September 2006 as senior accountant. She handles financial matters for the Rinehart Foundation, the UMKC Dental Alumni Association, and the UMKC Dental Hygienists’ Alumni Association. She has an accounting degree from Friends University in Wichita, which is near her hometown of Halstead, Kan. She is a fanatical theatre usher, and enjoys providing piano accompaniment for church services, community theatre, and high schools.