

deeply. All of this disruption was very difficult for faculty, especially us younger ones, for we were torn between our sympathies for our students' concerns about the war and our felt duty to continue teaching. It all came to a dramatic end in 1970 with the traumatic bombing of Sterling Hall, which took the life of a young Physics post-doctoral fellow. Two decades later, his daughter majored in geology.

In spite of the Vietnam War blight, the 1960s decade had several positive aspects. The civil rights movement came to fruition, social mores became more honest, environmental awareness surged, women's issues began to receive public attention, and plate tectonics revolutionized our field. I recall that students in my undergraduate classes then were the most exciting ever because they were so intellectually alive, engaged, and questioning. But soon the rise of creationism began to shake



At the dinner, left to right, front row, Lonnie Leithold and Marjorie Chan; back row, Heather Macdonald, Steve Driese, Bob Dott, Jody Bourgeois, David Fastovsky and Gary Kocurek.

my naïve faith in ever-increasing social and intellectual progress. Unfortunately social and political events of the following decades have not reversed my disillusionment, however my joy of being a part of the Wisconsin geological-geophysical family has never weakened.

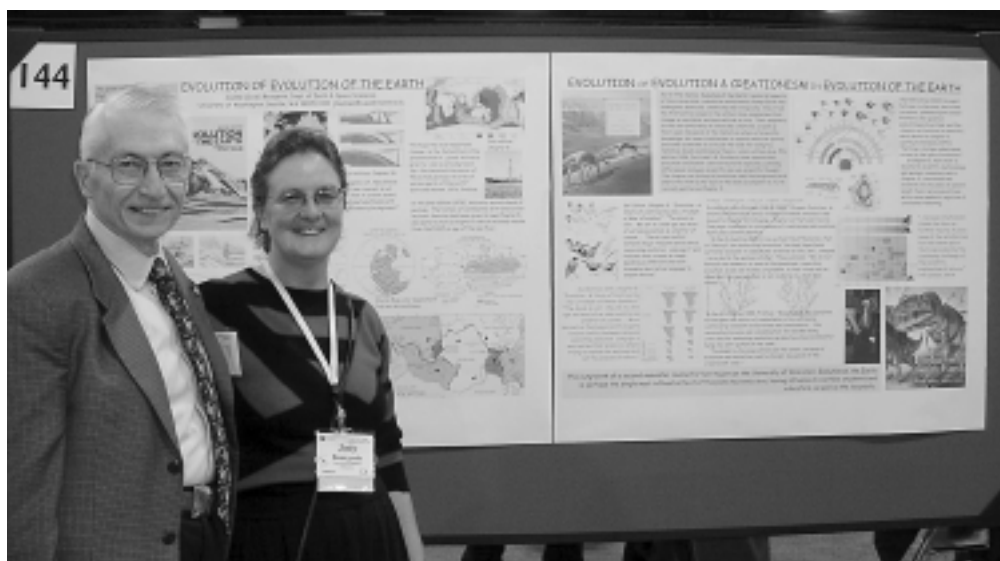
“IN HONOR OF ROBERT H. DOTT, JR.”

Bob Dott's friends and former students organized an all-day “Dottfest,” at the Geological Society of America's November 2004 meeting in Denver—*Sedimentary Geology and Earth History: Retrospective and Prospective: In Honor of the Career and Contributions of Robert H. Dott, Jr., (Nos. 157 and 172, Nov. 9)*—which included posters, a technical session, and dinner reunion at the University Club of Denver. Joanne Bourgeois was the overall organizer of events along with

Margie Chan, Gary Kocurek, John Andrew and Ray Thomasson.

The afternoon session was very well attended, both by Bob's friends and colleagues (and family!), but also because the range of topics, based on Bob's career, were of broad interest. Speakers received many positive comments about this session, as well as about the morning poster session, an opportunity again for Bob's colleagues, friends and admirers to get together and appreciate his contributions.

See much more about this event on the web at http://www.geology.wisc.edu/news_events/GSA_04/dottfest/



Bob Dott and Jody Bourgeois with her poster, “Evolution of Evolution of the Earth”, at GSA, Denver.