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The Current Report

In memory of Robert A. James

The School of Dentistry mourns the loss of Robert A. James, DDS, 64, beloved professor and director of the advanced education program in oral implantology, and director of the Oral Implantology Center. Dr. James suffered a massive heart attack over Presidents Day weekend and died at his home.

His funeral service on Thursday, February 24, was followed by a memorial service on Saturday, February 26. Nearly 500 people gathered at the Campus Hill Church to share their grief and support with his family.

Dr. James was honored by administration, faculty, students, and family. Speakers included Charles Smith, DDS, former dean who hired Dr. James; Judson Klooster, DDS, dean; Reese Jenkins, Dr. James' pastor when he lived in Bermuda; Norman Cranin, DDS, oral implantology mentor; Vickie Gann, secretary; Nicholas Caplanis, DDS, oral implantology resident; Jaime Lozada, DDS, acting director of the oral implantology program; Irving Logan, DDS, director, graduate program in prosthodontics; Dr. James

Jetton, long-time friend; Ronda James-Greerson, SD'88, daughter; and James Crawford, DDS, associate dean for educational services.

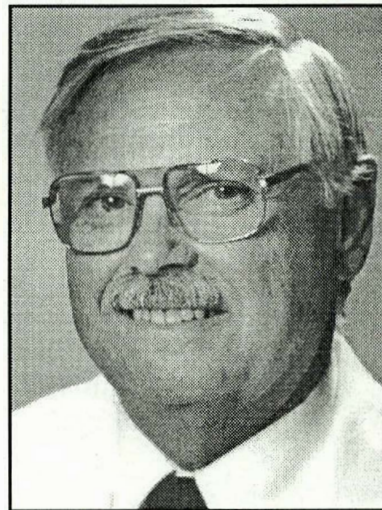
To honor Dr. James' love of chamber music, the Sterling Strings performed several selections. Their contribution was arranged by Polly Sprague, SD'97, violinist.

Dr. James was considered one of the pioneers in the field of oral implantology, and was recognized worldwide as an educator and teacher of this increasingly important area of dentistry.

A 1960 graduate of the School of Dentistry, University of Southern California, he practiced in Bermuda for 10 years, then was invited to Loma Linda Univ-

ersity to lead research in oral implantology. He received a master's degree in oral pathology from LLU in 1972.

In 1976 he founded the country's first university-based program in oral implantology, and the LLU School of Dentistry accepted its first post-graduate students in 1977. Besides his position at Loma Linda, Dr. James also held faculty or consulting appointments at the University European du Travail, in Belgium; the Charge



*Robert A. James, DDS
1929-1994*

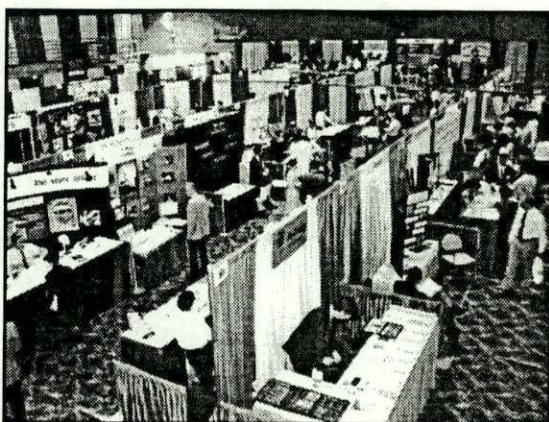
d'Enseignement a la Facultate de Medicine, in France; the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Hospital, in Loma Linda; and the Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Dr. James served as president of the International Congress of Oral Implantology, the American College of Implantology, and the Western District of the Academy of Implant Dentistry. Most recently, he was president of the American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry, and vice president of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry. His honors include the Implantology de Monde award in 1976; the lifetime achievement Aaron

Gershkoff Award from the American academy of Implant Dentistry in 1988; and the LLU School of Dentistry Alumni Association "Alumnus of the Year" award in 1993.

Dr. James is survived by his wife, Nora Ruth James, and daughter, Dr. Ronda A. James-Greerson of Bermuda.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that Dr. James be honored through the Robert A. James Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund. Remembrances may be made out to Loma Linda University, with a notation of Robert A. James, and sent to the office of the dean or the office of advancement.



Hundreds of people enjoyed the varied exhibits in Gentry Gym, which ranged from dental supplies to mission outreaches to snacks.

Alumni-Student Convention flourishes

The 34th Annual Alumni-Student Convention was held Wednesday, February 23, through Tuesday, March 1. A crowd estimated at over 1400 visited the 83 exhibits and 41 table clinics in Gentry Gym.

Also during ASC, a number of alumni won door prizes provided by vendors and exhibitors. Winners included **Ralph Roberts, SD'65**, assistant professor of international dentistry; **William G. Tym, SD'60**; **Robert N. Tibbles, SD'75B**; **Roger L. Plata, SD'74**, professor of restorative dentistry; **Cameron Stewart, SD'89**; **Michael R. Meharry, SD'80**; **Joe Uniat, SD'60**; **Richard L. Parker, SD'68**, associate professor of oral diagnosis; **David R. Huskey, SD'81**; **Mark J. Hagele, SD'91**, instructor of oral surgery; and **Irving Logan, SD'63**, director of graduate prosthodontics.

(Please see *Students on the Move* for table clinic winners.)

The School of Dentistry and the Alumni Association would like to thank all who contributed to the convention. There were many behind-the-scenes people who kept things running smoothly.

*I am a great
believer in luck,
and I find the
harder I work,
the more I have
of it.*

Stephen Leacock

St. Patrick's Day



Awards given at ASC

Several awards for outstanding alumni and students were handed out during the Alumni-Student Convention.

The LLU Dental Hygiene Alumni Association honored **Joni Stephens**, associate professor of dental hygiene, as the "Dental Hygiene Alumna of the Year." On the plaque presented, the Association recognized "that her creativity and resourcefulness, mobilized by her buoyant spirit, effervescent personality and sterling commitment to Christian values, have made her an inspiring resource and role-model to her students, fellow faculty and dental hygiene colleagues."

Mary Ann Schumacher received the dental hygiene "Student of the Year Award." Her plaque noted that Mary Ann "represents the highest qualities of excellence in a student. Her gracious attitude, commitment and sense of humor are an inspiration to her classmates, faculty and family."

Dan Fischer, SD'74, was named "Alumnus of the Year" for dentistry. Dr. Fischer's plaque read "A Christian professional who personifies diligence and demonstrates continuing commitment to the improvement of the art and science of dentistry and, through his private practice and the creation of Ultradent Products, has brought distinction to himself and his alma mater."

Hygiene raises over \$10,000

The dental hygiene alumni phonathon raised \$10,255 in pledges for the DH Annual Fund this year. During two evenings, callers talked with more than 350 alumni around the country who had not yet participated in the campaign.

Again this year, G. Hartzell and Son has offered a challenge to increase the number of Ivory Society donors (gifts of \$100 or more) by giving an additional \$20 for each one in the 1993-94 year.

School of Dentistry faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to

support the Dental Hygiene Annual Fund with their gifts before June 30.

Orthodontic alumni meet, compete

The Annual Orthodontic Alumni Meeting was held February 3 and 4, and featured a guest lecturer, golf tournament, and banquet.

Guest speaker Ronald Roth, DDS, a well-known orthodontist from Northern California, spoke on *Functional Occlusion* to a crowd of over 70. Dr. Roth's emphasis is on the mounting cast, using splints to deprogram the muscles before starting treatment.

The first day was highlighted by a golf tournament and dinner. Thirty-eight faculty, alumni, and students competed in the tournament at Shandin Hills Golf Course. Contestants were favored with a beautiful—if slightly chilly—day, and were greeted with beverages and donuts. Plaques were presented to first, second, and third place teams at the banquet which followed.

The orthodontic residents also participated, and were sponsored for the registration cost by several companies: Ormco, Rocky Mountain Orthodontics, Unitec, Holiday Express Travel, OREC, Pyramid Ortho, Robert's Lab, A-Company, G.A.C., and American Orthodontics.

That evening prizes totaling nearly \$18,000 were awarded by ticket drawing. The prizes were given out in order of increasing worth, and soon offers to buy remaining tickets from

*The difference
between a
successful career
and a mediocre
one sometimes
consists of
leaving about
four or five things
a day unsaid.*

Bits & Pieces



their holders were heard. The grand prize of a round-trip ticket by Concorde jet to London was finally obtained by Roland Neufeld, DDS, assistant professor. The British Airways ticket, worth \$6,600, was donated by Holiday Express travel of Beverly Hills, which is owned by Badr Jeiroudi.



Students on the Move

Table clinic winners announced

Table clinic winners were named at the Alumni-Student Convention. The School family congratulates the following students on their outstanding clinics:

Dental hygiene

Flying Bugs!; Amor Corrales, Anna de la Cruz, Emma Jane Martin; Stacey Hansen and James Kettering, sponsors; 1st place.

The Effect of Chlorhexidine Chewing Gum and Xylitol Chewing Gum on Dental Plaque Development; Ravi Kaligithi, Greg Larsen, Linda Luckey; Georg Tellefsen, sponsor; 2nd place.

Good luck!

We wish the dental hygiene seniors well as they prepare to take National Boards on March 21.

A Prayer Breakfast will be held in their honor that morning.

Beat the Smokeless Habit Before You Strike Out!; Jennifer Glendinning, Jill Williams; Lane Thomsen, sponsor; 3rd place tie.

Brush Up on the Toothpaste Debate; Lora Barnett, Silvia Castro, Rena Christensen; Karen Simpson, sponsor; 3rd place tie.

Dentistry

Marginal Adaptation of Root-end Filling Materials: A Dye, Bacterial and SEM Investigation; Kevin Dean Fedak, Rick Dean Guthrie, Jim M. Henderson; James Kettering and Mahmoud Torabinejad, sponsors; 1st place.

Bond Strength of New Amalgam to Aged Amalgam with a Dentin Bonding Agent; Cheryl A. Atiga, Albert G. Leung, Jessie S. Nakamura; Daniel Tan, sponsor; 2nd place.

Bond Strength of Composite Resin to Repairative Dentin Mediated by Various Dentin Bonding Agents; Laura E. Erlandson, David H. Gilbert, Clara Song-Lee; Anthony H. L. Tjan, sponsor; 3rd place.

Congratulations

Marie Durlinger has been awarded the AADS/Warner-Lambert Preventive Dentistry Scholarship Award for \$5000. Marie completed an extracurricular project which included lecturing on dental hygiene.

She will receive a plaque at the Opening of the House of Delegates on Saturday evening, March 12.

The School family congratulates Ms. Durlinger on this achievement.

Periodontics

- Knut A. Selvig, DDS, PhD, visiting professor, has been authorized for a seed grant of \$3,400, for *Transmission electron microscopic evaluation of reepithelialization following periodontal reconstructive surgery in dogs.*

- The entire faculty of the advanced education program in periodontics will attend the International Association of Dental Research meetings in Seattle: Thor Sigurdsson, DDS, associate professor; Knut Selvig, DDS, PhD, visiting professor; and Ulf Wikesjö, DDS, PhD, director. Michael Lee, DDS, resident, will present his research on *Periodontal Repair in Dogs.*

- Welcome to Earl Fu, DDS, who has just arrived from Taiwan as a visiting professor.

Thanks to faculty

The student government in representation of the Class of '97 wish to thank the faculty of the School of Dentistry, as well as the Class of '96, for their contributions in helping our class get off to a good start. We appreciate the help greatly.

Rick Simcock	<i>president</i>
Christopher Kanas	<i>vice president</i>
Nathaniel Lin	<i>treasurer</i>
Michaela Neagu and Denine Change	<i>social vice president / historian</i>
Joy Puen	<i>secretary</i>
Tracy Walker	<i>vice president for sporting activities</i>
Winston Lee	<i>religious vice president</i>
Glen Ong Veloso	<i>social vice president</i>
Aaron Honke	<i>public relations</i>

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departments!**
We would like to
include
information
about your
visiting
professors in
Dentalgram, but
don't always hear
about them.
Please make a
note to call Sheila
at x44984
whenever you
have information
on visitors.

Visiting lecturers to give presentations

Monday, March 14, 12 noon - 1 p.m.
Prince Hall, rooms 4427 and 4428 (fourth floor)

All faculty and students are invited.
Bring your own lunch.

Rune Eide, DDS, assistant professor

Department of Anatomy, School of Medicine, University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway

Human deciduous teeth as indicators of environmental heavy metal exposure

Trace elements accumulate in tooth substance and other target tissues. Because of their metabolic inertness, the teeth form a depot which reflects the lifetime exposure of the individual to environmental heavy metals such as lead and mercury. Dr. Eide has analyzed thousands of teeth from ancient and modern man, as well as rural and urban populations, including samples submitted from California.

Gunhild V. Strand, DDS, research associate

Department of Cariology and Endodontics, School of Dentistry, University of Bergen

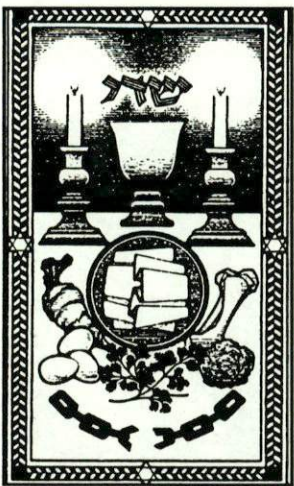
The tunneling preparation: A new approach to the approximal cavity

The tunnel preparation technique represents a new and controversial alternative to conventional Class II cavity preparation. Dr. Strand has examined the advantages and limitations of this technique in laboratory experiments as well as in ongoing clinical studies.

For Your Information

For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn . . . and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you . . .

Exodus 12: 12, 13
excerpted



Passover
March 27 - April 2

Why carpool?

By the mid-eighties, Americans were concerned enough about air quality to pass new laws which set strict limits on the atmosphere.

Maybe we thought we could get clean air just by voting for it. Wrong! We knew all along our precious automobiles were the prime culprits. In fact, motor vehicles are responsible for 70 percent of our smog. As legislators began looking for ways to implement the new laws, it became obvious that our air would never be clean again unless we began to limit the use of our personal vehicles.

Much of the new state and federal legislation focuses on commuters, with the burden of compliance put on employers to encourage their workers to find alternatives to solo driving.

It is the responsibility of each of us as individual citizens to help reduce traffic congestion and the pollution in our air.

How can you do this?

RIDESHARE.

The next time you're stuck in traffic thinking "I wish there was a solution to this mess," stop and think again. If you were carpooling, you'd be part of the solution.

Newsnotes

In sympathy

The department of orthodontics was saddened by the death of **Aileen Sapigao's** sister, Sharon Gustafson, of Glendale, California. Aileen is office supervisor for the department.

In thanks

We're thankful to have **John Peterson, DDS**, director of advanced education in pediatric dentistry, back with the School family. He underwent gall bladder surgery on Thursday, February 24, and experienced a rapid recovery.

Congratulations

- Several employees have recently passed professional examinations: **Carol Matchett** in IDP passed her CDA exam; **Patty Italiano** and **Sandi Reetz** both successfully completed their OSA requirements. Congratulations on these achievements!

- The department of oral diagnosis, radiology, and pathology would like to congratulate **Susan Richards, DDS**, associate chair, on the birth of her

second son, **Sean Patrick Kenneth Richards**. He was born February 13, and weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. Both mother and baby are doing great. Big brother **Geoffrey**, who will be two in April, is very proud of "his baby."

Good-bye

- We are saying good-bye to **Anna Koon**. Anna has been with the insurance department, billing oral surgery hospital cases, and will be greatly missed.

Welcome

- Welcome to the new secretary in restorative dentistry, **Christine Fitch**, who began on February 14.

- Dental laboratory services welcomes two new dental technicians with expertise in crown and bridge and ceramics. **Gary Hill** has recently had his own ceramic studio in Rancho Mirage, and **Mick Ilich** has been an in-house technician for Robert Lee, associate professor of restorative dentistry, and has had commercial dental laboratory

experience. We are fortunate to have both of these skillful dental technicians, and we welcome them to the dental laboratory services family.

Dean's recovery going well

Dean Klooster sends greetings to the School family, and reports that his recovery is going well.

He also wants to thank everyone for all the good wishes, cards, phone calls, etc.

Happy birthday

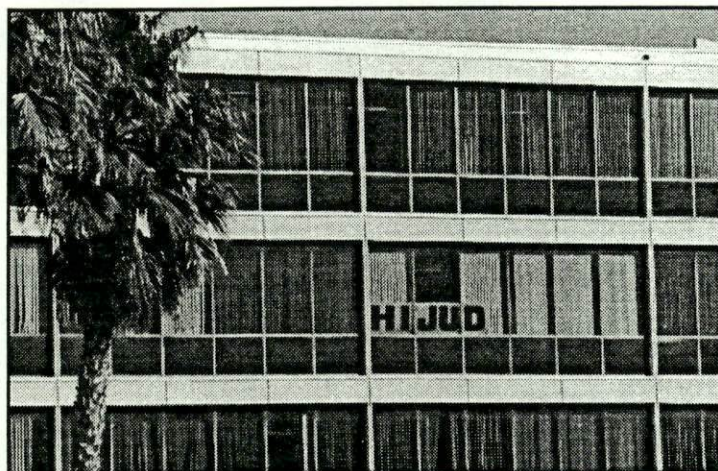
Wishing an excellent day to all born in March.

Barbara Bostwick, development
Ron Dailey, academic admin
James Farrage, orthodontics
Floyd Ferguson, dental supply
Odi Fontoura, insurance
Patty Hoerner, clinic admin
J. B. Jablonski, oral surgery
Barbara Long, IDP
Janelle Nary, general anesthesia
Willis Schlenker, orthodontics
Ron Secor, clinic administration
Patty Tappen, clinic admin
Ulf Wikesjö, grad periodontics

Thanks

Thanks to all who contributed to this issue of Dentalgram.

Judy Adams, insurance
Leif K. Bakland, endo
Fred Berry, rest dent
Barbara Bostwick,
development
Julie Cranfill,
graduate periodontics
Fran Crawford, ortho
James Crawford,
educational services
Nancy Davidson,
financial admin
Cindy Dostaler, ODRP
Vickie Gann, implant
Mary Hartwell,
clinic admin
Aaron Honke, DSA
Reese Jenkins,
foundation
Judson Klooster, dean
George Lessard,
research
Irving Logan, rest dent
Jaime Lozada, implant
Ann Marshall, implant
Wil Nation,
pediatric dentistry
Teri Palacios, security
Dee Scheuerman,
restorative dentistry
Rick Simcock, DSA
Karen Simpson,
dental hygiene
William Westrick,
dental laboratory serv
Ulf Wikesjö, grad perio



While Dr. Klooster was in the Medical Center, the Hospital Fairy sneaked up to the fourth floor of Prince Hall and planted a sign which could be read from his room.

The Way I See It

Thank you to our first contributor for this new section of Dentalgram. Any faculty, staff, or students who would like to give their ideas, opinions, or suggestions, are welcome to send them (signed or anonymous) to Sheila at the Dental Graphics Studio or to room 5508.

It would be beneficial for the School to either review or re-examine the policy on theft. Since students must purchase their supplies from dental supply, many times the staff hears what other departments may not. It has been estimated that hundreds of dollars per year per student is lost to theft.

Whether this is irresponsibility of the students, ignorance on the part of administration, or a combination thereof, it would be well to determine how to rectify this growing problem over the last few years.

Suggestion: Inform faculty, staff, and students as to the problem. Invite comments from readers. Analyze options on how to correct this enduring yet reproachable concern. Decide on a course of action, and implement and evaluate over time.

It should fill every employee with disgust to know and ignore this most serious situation. God has the right to keep his name pure and honorable. How can he, before the world, if the institution who bears His name throws disrepute upon Him through such careless and indifferent action.

I hope and pray this matter be revealed, re-examined, and action taken to bring honor back to God and His institution: Loma Linda University.

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