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# Dentalgram

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for students, faculty, and staff

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## The Current Report

### *LLU School of Dentistry holds free clinic*

Loma Linda University School of Dentistry students, faculty, and staff hosted a free dental clinic in March. "Clinic With a Heart," an annual event since 1992, is designed to provide basic dental services to those in the community who might not otherwise afford dental care.

The dental procedures performed included examinations, x-rays, fillings, cleanings, and extractions. Additionally, toothbrushes were given to every patient, along with oral hygiene instructions, to encourage preventive care.

Over 400 people came to the School for treatment, some arriving as early as 4 a.m. Though sign-up and screening were not scheduled to begin until 7:30 a.m., a full load of patients had arrived by 6 a.m. About 250 were treated, while another 100 or more were given information about the School's regular services so they could return later.

Approximately 150 students, residents, faculty and staff screened and treated patients.

Reporters from the San Bernardino Sun and the Riverside Press-Enterprise also were at the School covering the event.

*The following is reprinted from the San Bernardino Sun, by Marilyn Leary:*

The first would-be dental patients began arriving at 4 a.m. Sunday, lining up under the tent outside Loma Linda University [School of Dentistry], hoping

to be one of the patients who would receive free dental work.

Some 250 made it into a dental chair, another 100 or so were disappointed.

Once a year, the school's student dentists, faculty, dental hygienists, and Chaffey College intern dental assistants volunteer their day and their skills to help about 250 people—the maximum they can treat in one day.

The patients who made it into treatment left smiling, though many smiled past wads of cotton still in their mouths after extractions.

Others, like Linda Hall, 51, of Riverside were angry because they didn't get on the list of patients.

Hall, who wanted her teeth cleaned, plunked herself down in a waiting room chair and said she would stay there all day if she had to. She had arrived before 6 a.m., to find that all 250 slots had been filled and only people with painful toothaches would be seen from that point.

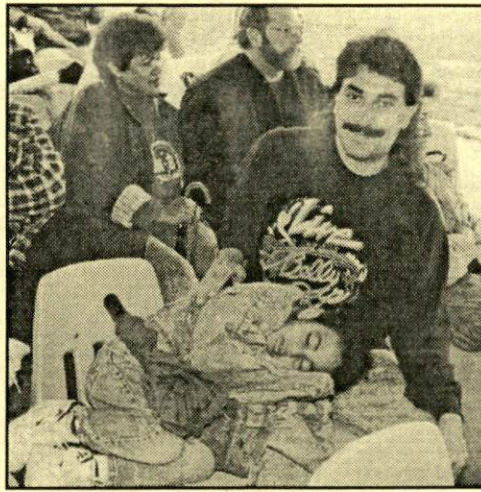
Hall's persistence paid off.

She waited until after noon, but Dr. William Heisler, associate dean for clinical affairs, finally found an open chair and a temporarily at-liberty hygienist and Hall's teeth were cleaned.

Fourth-year dental student Duc Vu, who expects to graduate in June, said the all-volunteer effort was important to him.

"The best part is that we know we're doing some good."

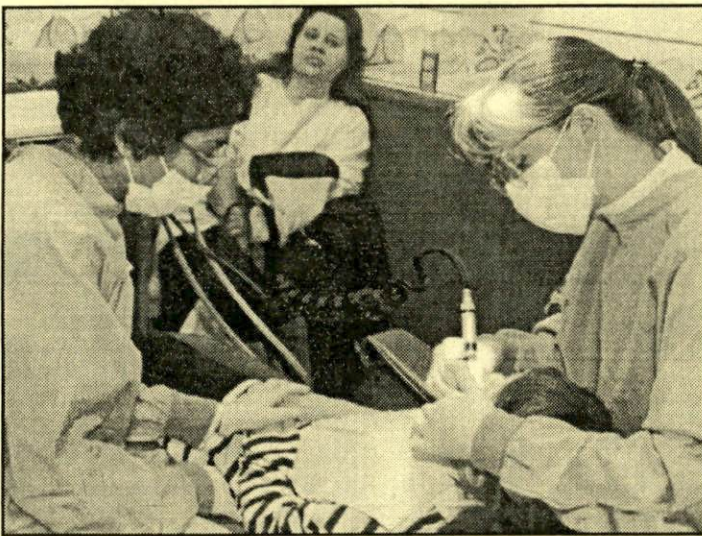
However, another aspect of the volunteer day saddens him.



*Prospective patients began lining up outside the School of Dentistry at 4 a.m.*

*Those wanting treatment patiently waited in a tent set up outside the School.*

*A visiting dental assistant student from Chaffey college assists Laura Erlandson, SD'95, in treatment.*



*O death, where  
is they sting?  
O grave, where  
is thy victory?*

I Cor. 15:55

"Lots of the patients say they can't afford to come back for work that would save a tooth. They don't have the money, even though the school's prices are half those charged in private practice. So they say, 'Just pull it.'"

Heisler said that dental school prices for a simple filling range from about \$30 to \$60, compared to private charges of \$60 to \$120.

Keith and Della Yeardeley of Moreno Valley brought daughters Janelle, 10, and Monica, 8, who were on the free treatment list for X-rays and fillings.

"We're really over-extended and we can't afford dental insurance, but we can pay something," Della Yeardeley said.

Maria, 78, and Ramiro Paez, 87, of San Bernardino were waiting until faculty dentists took a second look at Ramiro's jaw, to be sure bleeding had stopped after a tooth was pulled.

"This is a great program," said their daughter, Chris Perez of Redlands. "Oh

yeah, it's good. It's fast and it's free."

*The following is reprinted from the Riverside Press-Enterprise, by Pat Murkland:*

They could have slept late or eaten a slow-paced Sunday breakfast, but no. They'd rather have oral surgery.

More than 470 people started lining up at 4 a.m. yesterday outside Loma Linda University's School of Dentistry, waiting for hours to get their teeth checked, cleaned, filled or pulled out.

It was time for Loma Linda's free dental clinic, offered by students and their teachers one day each year since 1992. For three years it also has been a day of harmonic convergence in the dentistry universe, when numerous people are eager to sit in a dentist's chair and open their mouths. When DeLois Scott, 66, arrived from Cherry Valley at 6:45 a.m. with the hope of getting a cavity filled for free, more than 100 people already were ahead of her in line.



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Waiting in the clinic were about 150 dental and hygiene students, resident dentists, instructors, nurses and other volunteers. They began signing up volunteer patients at 7:30 a.m. and by the time they counted and consulted with 300 for the first-come, first-served service, about 174 more were on a waiting list.

Organizers said they hoped at least to screen the problems of those who weren't among the first 300.

Richard Fematt of Moreno Valley, who had been waiting since 6:30 a.m. with his daughters, Stephanie, 7, and Christa, 6, still was smiling more than five hours later as the girls had baby teeth extracted to make way for their already arriving adult set.

Fematt said he has been without work and his insurance didn't cover the day's dental work. While waiting he decided to return on another day to seek orthodontic care for his 15-year-old at the School of Dentistry regular clinic, which offers services at reduced rates.

Stephanie, meanwhile, commended her little sister for not screaming.

"You guys are excellent patients," said their student dentist, junior Kevin Fedak. His assistant, freshman Shelly Sissons, gave them each a necklace with a plastic tooth-shaped locket that held one of their pulled teeth.

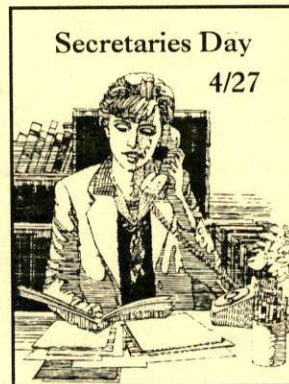
Outside Albert Precie, 33, of Rialto, waited for more than four hours to sit in a dentist's chair for the first time in his life. Precie, who was getting a cavity filled and planning to return to the regular clinic to lose his wisdom teeth, said he broke his lifelong dental drought because the clinic was free.

One man with a badly-infected mouth was given antibiotics and asked to return. No one asked why the patients in pain had not gone to a dentist earlier, whether it be their priorities, phobia or a lack of insurance or cash, said William Heisler, an associate dean for clinic administration.

As the buzzing sounds of dental tools filled the clinic, instructors kept their eyes clamped on the students' work. Bernard C. Byrd, a longtime oral surgeon, said that good dentists are

*Our business in  
life is not to get  
ahead of others,  
but to get ahead  
of ourselves—to  
break our own  
records, to  
outstrip our  
yesterday  
by our today.*

Stewart B. Johnson



people-loving people who also are artists (when fashioning crowns, for example), mechanics (handy with tools) and psychologists (patients who feel in control usually conquer their fear).

Dentists also must have an ability to do work upside-down while looking in a mirror, he said, pausing to direct one student: "Get it good and numb so the patient doesn't say 'ow' when I get there."

### *Students appreciate faculty/staff effort*

*by William Hooker,  
associate dean for  
student affairs*



"Welcome to the School of Dentistry! It's a wonderful place to work and teach." These words greet me almost every day. I agree. It's a great place and I thank each of you who've made me feel welcome. My job is to oversee the student experience and try to make it optimum for each student. I enjoy each opportunity to learn about what it's like for a student to attend LLUSD.

I especially enjoyed teaching first-year neuroanatomy and senior marriage, family and religion courses in the winter quarter. The seniors have taught me a lot already about what goes on in the School. It has been an open and unusually honest experience. Yes, I have heard many complaints and many joys. I asked the seniors not to just gripe, but to affirm those in the School whom they feel are "doing it right."

The results are interesting and reassuring. Over 100 names were submitted—both staff and faculty members whom the seniors think do their job "the way it should be done." I have chosen to list those who received the most votes in staff and faculty categories.

In a "popularity contest" like this, a list of the "winners" may seem to mask the contributions made by many. However, it is good to share glory that students feel. I hope it strengthens our team spirit, and

maybe it can remind us that students do respond to our competence and attitudes.

By publishing student feedback, we hope to affirm students and their central role in the School. Student opinion means a lot. Whatever attitudes they have while they are here, they retain for many years. We fall short of fulfilling our mission if our graduates don't feel warmly about their training experience.

In the School of Dentistry, our job is not merely to make students "happy" at all costs. In addition to traditional educational goals, *our best effort comes when we respect students and give them the same dignity we hope they will give to their patients.* What I heard most often from seniors was joy when this had been done for them.

We have only four short years to model what we want our graduates to emulate. Students come with certain coping styles and emotional baggage. They need to be trained to use new and more functional methods to deal with life's stresses and frustrations. We have a great opportunity, and students know when we are seizing it.

From what I have seen and heard in a few short months, the School of Dentistry scores a huge success at producing competent and caring dentists and dental hygienists. I'm proud to be on the team and invite you to share with the seniors' celebration.

Following are the top several names in each category:

Staff	Faculty
Lillian Andrade	Garth Brown
Emma Cancino	Kay Clifford
Ellen daniels	Virgil Erlandson
Jeri De Smet	Michael Francis
Kat DeGhionno	Lin Martin
Kathy Mahle	Daniel Tan
Michelle Rice	Kenneth Wical

### ***Mobile clinic aids faculty member***

When the last earthquake hit the practice of former chair and faculty member **Joseph Caruso, SD'73**, the School of Dentistry rallied to his

assistance.

The Orthodontic Alumni Association donated \$3,000 to help fix the School of Dentistry's mobile clinic. In a joint effort with the School of Dentistry Alumni Association, the mobile clinic—which has not been used in eight years—was remodeled and prepared for Dr. Caruso to use.

Dr. Caruso is currently using this vehicle as a transitional office while his own office is restored. The office building owner has allowed him to set up practice in the adjacent parking lot, and has provided another trailer to use as a waiting room.

Once Dr. Caruso is back in his office, the trailer will be used in Mexico for the mission outreach of LLUSD students.

*The following is excerpted from a letter and an article in The Signal & Saugus Enterprise which Dr. Caruso sent the University president and School of Dentistry.*

Dear Dr. Behrens,

. . . I truly appreciate the efforts of **Drs. Toufic Jeroudi** [director of advanced education, orthodontics] and **Robert Meister** [assistant professor of orthodontics] as orthodontic alumni officers helping to fund the renovation of the mobile dental unit. A big hand of thanks goes to **Dr. J. B. Jablonski** [assistant professor of oral surgery and director of extramural programs] for refurbishing the unit. He followed the trailer out to Newhall and spent hours setting it up, while I was working in a general dentist's office. He stayed late into the night just to make sure that everything worked and I knew how to operate it.

. . . Again, I feel very fortunate to be able to use the mobile dental unit and again thank those involved for their "mission service."

*Article:*

**NEWHALL**—At first glance it sort of resembles a shantytown or Hooverville. But if you take a closer look you'll realize it is actually a dentist's office.

*Albert Einstein  
once admitted  
that figuring out  
his U.S. income  
tax was beyond  
him—he had to  
go to a tax  
consultant.  
"This is too  
difficult for a  
mathematician,"  
said Einstein.  
"It takes a  
philosopher."*

Bits & Pieces  
A thought for April 15

*Patience is  
power; with time  
and patience the  
mulberry leaf  
becomes silk.*

Chinese proverb

***A note of thanks***

Dear School of

Dentistry Family,

Thanks so much for the beautiful fruit and candy basket you had delivered to our home the day John got home from the hospital—it was delicious.

We're so thankful to be all done with this sickness and get back to work. Thanks for helping us get on our way through your support, prayers, and kindness.

Lovingly,

John and Rae  
Peterson

With his office badly damaged during the deadly Jan. 17 quake, Dr. Joseph Caruso, a local orthodontist, thought his practice would be out of commission for months. However, with the help of his colleagues, Caruso has set up temporary shop in two portable trailers in the parking lot next to his old office building.

. . . Caruso, who has taught for 15 years at Loma Linda University, including four years as head of the department of orthodontics, said the dental school alumni association paid to fully equip the trailer.

"I worked in that trailer as a student working in remote areas, but it hadn't been used for a while," Caruso said. "They were getting ready for a trip to Mexico, but when this happened, they offered me the trailer. It was \$10,000 just to bring it up to standard."

. . . Kelly Fleming, one of Caruso's assistants, said the office staff and the patients are making the best of the situation despite working in cramped quarters.

"It's very crowded, but it works very well," Fleming said. "Our patients just seem to go with the flow and understand everything."

***Alumni minister in Russia***

*by Ben [DMD, professor of restorative dentistry] and Carol Grant*

What is it like to visit the former Soviet Union?

Carol and I have participated in two evangelistic crusades: one in Krasnador, Russia, and one in Zhitomir, Ukraine. Our responsibilities were primarily in health education and, secondarily, children's ministry.

One young woman we met and who became our very good friend was Yulia. She was an English teacher at the Institute. Two of her students, Oksana and Dmitry, filled in as translators when we were left without for our children's program. We are sure the Lord had this planned, as one of these students had no knowledge of the Bible or Jesus. It was interesting to see how he grasped so much in his work as a translator. I had the privilege of

giving Oksana an English Bible.

Our meeting hall was a movie theater. Our two daily meetings were held mid-afternoon and early evening. Hence, the newspaper story about them was headlined with this title: "Erotic Films in the Morning and Prayers in the Evening"!

We found an energetic church group that worked untiringly for the success of our meetings. Pastors from other districts came to instruct, encourage, and serve wherever needed.

One pastor in particular became a good friend. We helped open an evangelistic series in his small city. A point of interest was viewing the foundation of his unfinished church. It had an excellent location on a main street, but the church cannot be finished because they lack the \$5000 needed to finish it. Anyone interested in a mission project?

We could spend more time recalling the events on our trip, such as visiting two children's hospitals (the one for the victims of the Chernobyl tragedy was especially poignant . . . the victories in the Stop Smoking clinic . . . the surprise of seeing a new Ford truck with Iowa license plates . . . visiting and sharing a meal in some private homes . . . the frustration of the language barrier . . . daily language lessons with our driver, Anatoli . . . the joy of our hotel floor monitors and maids in receiving Bibles.

Our prayer is that all of us, along with our Ukrainian and Russian brothers and sisters, will meet in the earth made new.

# Students on the Move

## *Class of '98 accepted*

The following students have been accepted as the Class of 1998, and will begin their classwork in dentistry in September.

Damon Anderson	Karen Eisenhofer
Elwood Astleford	Babak Ershaghi
Renee Bassett	Mark Estey
Peter Bond	Grace Eun
Matthew Bruner	Sonja Finnie
Erin Carpenter	Jason Ford
Evelyn Catuira	Suzan Fu
Tracy Chen	Gregory Garn
Brent Ching	Todd Garrett
Joe Cho	Andrea Gasporra
John Choe	Sheila Graham
Stephen Chou	Tiffany Graham
Chris Chung	Richard Guzha
Charles Chung	James Harris
Cliff Cullings	James Hayashi
Hung Dang	Kelvin Hill
Julie Du	Karilyn House
Marc Dunn	Anko Hsiao
Lan Duong	Eugene Hsu

Kevin Hszieh	Greg Pritchett
Brooke James	Reuben Ramillosa
Kyung-Rok Jeong	Sean Reisig
John Kang	Holli Riter
Jutin Kerr	Jared Ruminson
Dean Kim	Kathrine Schick
Dong Kim	Drew Shabo
Hyunsoo Kim	John Shea
Jane Koo	Brian Smith
Karen Kucharski	Kenric Snow
Lisa Lang	Heidi Starnes
Candy Lee	Marc Steiner
Young Lee	Cindy Sumarauw
Patrick Liu	Cynthia Tak
Jon Lorett	Duane Tamashiro
Amable Mauad	Yuki Tanaka
Jeffery McFadden	Jennifer Thio
Barry Morris	Michael Tomita
Robert Mower	Allison Trout
Thanh C. Ngo	Lien Truong
Dung Nguyen	Nhu Truong
Toan Nguyen	Steven Wolfram
Arpita Patel	Stuart Yoon
Tri Pham	
F. Chris Port	

## Faculty/Alumni Bulletin

### *International dentistry*

• "Transitional denture: A better immediate prosthesis leads to successful restoration" has been published in *Dental Medium*, Vol. 2, No. 1, 1994, in both English and Arabic. The article was authored by **Bruce Pence, Sr., DDS**, chair; **Ming-Way Lee, DDS**, associate professor; and **Lloyd Baum, DMD**, division director.

Any faculty member interested in publishing an abstract in this journal, please contact Dr. Ming-Way Lee for further information.

### *Orthodontics*

• The orthodontic department bids farewell to **Victor West, DDS**, who has been at the School of Dentistry for

six months working on the Robert M. Ricketts Research Library. Dr. West has been busy in the initial preparation of Ricketts materials, including organizing and cataloguing a vast array of ancient books. The department thanks him for his contribution and wishes him well on his return to Australia.

• **Willis Schlenker, DDS**, associate professor, presented the *Effect of Irradiation Times on Bond Strength of Orthodontic Brackets* at the International Association of Dental Research convention in Seattle during early March.

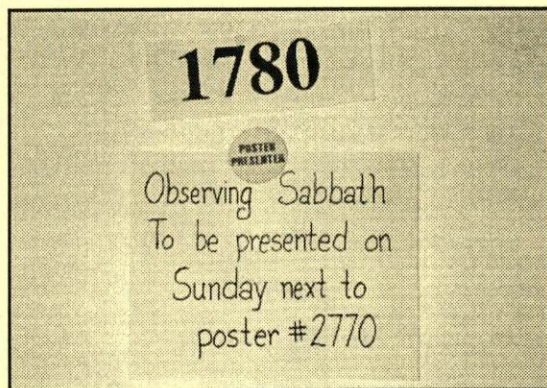
• Orthodontics recently hosted a visitor from Capetown, South Africa. Dr. Vincent Joseph, an orthodontist, returned from the IADR meeting with

*Faculty, your academic pursuits are critical to the reputation of the School. Published not only in Dentalgram, but also in TODAY and sometimes in Scope, they add credibility to the programs offered at Loma Linda University!*

**Dean Judson Klooster.** While visiting the School, he joined an orthodontic seminar by **Ruel Bench, DDS**, associate professor, and attended the farewell dinner for **Victor West, DDS**.

### *Pediatric dentistry*

• **Jacob Lee, DDS**, associate professor, recently attended the International Association of Dental Research. The IADR traditionally accommodates the research presenters from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry by assigning research presentations at the annual meetings to days other than Saturday. However, at the recent IADR meeting in Seattle, March 10 to 13, one paper slipped through.



Saturday was assigned for Dr. Lee's poster. On that Sabbath, attendees noticed a large note pasted on the poster board. His poster, *Microleakage of Posterior Composite Restorations Pretreated with Optibond*, was presented the next day.

### *Support staff*

• **Sheila Elwin-Jasionowski**, editorial coordinator, dental graphics, recently attended the Adventist Editors International Convention in Seattle. Editors, writers, and communication experts from across North America and Australia exchanged ideas and advice for publications.

Several topics addressed as problems at other organizations, were already being handled in a positive manner at the School of Dentistry (i.e. the willingness of administration to publish "bad" news as well as "good.")

## For Your Information

### *University family loses pastor, teacher*

Charlie Liu, associate professor of religion, and former Loma Linda University chaplain, passed away Thursday, March 31, from complications of leukemia.

Pastor Liu was born in Moscow, Idaho, on July 15, 1954. He was a graduate of Walla Walla College, and Andrews University, receiving his doctorate in ministry in 1992. He pastored churches in Oregon and Hawaii before accepting a ministerial position at the Campus Hill Church as associate pastor for campus ministry in 1988.

His was one of the first voices calling the Church to pay attention to a new generation of Adventists. Charlie cared less for theological debate and controversies and more about talking with and listening to students and young adults. On the Sabbath mornings that he preached, the Campus Hill Church seemed to have more than its share of young people. They came to listen to his vivid stories and his creative, articulate sermons. He focused much of his efforts on them, the young members that he cared so much about.

An avid runner, Charlie ran in 19 states and 12 countries, and completed nine marathons, including a 5K run just three weeks ago at the Los Angeles Marathon. He never missed a day during a six-year running streak, even jogging tight circles around the small deck of a boat when he was on a medical mission trip in the Amazon.

Besides his passion for running, he loved music, often leading song services on his guitar and singing in church. He also loved to read, to travel, to keep learning.

With his generous spirit, his sensitivity, creativity and perception, with his gifts of organization and his stories teaching us to be mature Christians, to be listeners, Charlie Liu blessed us with his life which we remember and celebrate.

He is survived by his wife, Maryann; children, Jennifer, Jonathan, and Jenell; mother, Bernice; and grandmother. A memorial service was held on Monday, April 4, at the Campus Hill Church. A memorial fund has been established at Loma Linda Academy to assist his two children there in their tuition. Checks may be addressed to Loma Linda Academy, with a notation of Charlie Liu.



## *April is Earthquake Preparedness Month*

The School of Dentistry has formed a committee to work on the emergency management plan, including **Ron Secor, Jan Bakland, Jim Tuttle, and Floyd Ferguson.**

Coordinators for various responsibilities are currently being chosen and trained.

The plan team is coordinating with the entire University in preparing for an overall University response to disaster.

"Our goal is essentially three parts," says Floyd Ferguson. "In any type of emergency, we want people to think of Survive, Secure, and Serve." After initially surviving the disaster, steps must be taken to secure the facilities and employees, and then to serve the community as necessary.

During April, watch for further information—flyers and posters—on the emergency management plan.

## *Congratulations*

**Carol Billaud**, project coordinator for academic administration, married **Rob Marchuk** on Saturday, March 26. Congratulations to the happy couple!

## *In memoriam*

**Daphne Cole**, wife of the late **Gerald Cole, SD'70**, passed away on March 14 from a heart attack following knee surgery. Her husband's funeral took place in January. Their children are both alumni of the School of Dentistry: **Brett, SD'91**, and **Micki, DH'91**. Our hearts and prayers are with Brett and Micki during this tragic time.

## *Happy birthday*

*Wishing you a joy-filled day.*

**Anahid Benzatyan**, patient business  
**Stella Calderon**, grad endodontics  
**Susan Davis, Sr.**, PBX operator  
**Sandy Duran**, grad orthodontics  
**Ellis Jones**, dental graphics  
**Monica Lange**, clinic administration  
**Mary Marcarian**, research planning  
**Jim Tuttle**, grad orthodontics  
**Florence Wetmore**, dent ed services  
**Miriam Yanez**, clinic administration

## *Thanks*

*Thanks to all who contributed to this issue of Dentalgram.*

**Leif K. Bakland**,  
endodontics  
**Julie Cranfill**,  
grad periodontics  
**James Crawford**,  
educational services  
**Richard Cross**,  
dental maintenance  
**Nancy Davidson**,  
financial admin  
**Floyd Ferguson**,  
dental supply  
**Sandy Goldbach**,  
admissions  
**Mary Hartwell**,  
clinic administration  
**William Hooker**,  
student affairs  
**Toufic Jeiroudi**,  
orthodontics  
**Bob Kinzer**,  
restorative dentistry  
**Judson Klooster**, dean  
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periodontics

## *The Way I See It*

*Any faculty, staff, or students who would like to share their ideas, opinions, or suggestions, are welcome to send them (signed or anonymous) to Sheila at the Dental Graphics Studio, or to room 5508.*

## **by Dental Maintenance**

Some of you may have noticed the dental maintenance crew taking advantage of the cool spring air and warm sunshine during their 10-minute breaks. The group has been tossing a frisbee on the lawn of Prince Hall twice a day.

The maintenance staff has noticed that the exercise and sunshine have been good for our morale and for our physical and spiritual well-being. Productivity and attention spans seem to go up after this activity.

Like us, many employees of the School work in windowless areas. This makes it doubly important to get outside and rejuvenate during your morning and afternoon breaks.

We have appreciated the positive comments from those of you who have either joined us or wished you could, and we hope others will also consider this method of break-taking.

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