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AFTER: The Pit

BEFORE: Those fondly

remembered days of grass and trees

Construction update

Maintenance tells us that the current construction of a medical research building at the south end of Prince Hall should be completed by early-1997. At that time, the phrase "room with a view"—now iffy—will become obsolete.

Students on the Move

Attention, dental students!

The clinic chair reservation system is up and fully operative. All reservations made on the computer will take priority over reservations made in the sign-up books.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions which may be helpful, please contact Becki Garlinger at the clinic coordinator desk.

IDP welcomes students

The School family welcomes Nikoin Bimbli and Alwyn Devaraj,

two new students enrolled in clinical advanced restorative dentistry through the international dentist program.Drs. Bimbli and Devaraj will be at the School of Dentistry for six months.

Dr. Bimbli is from Korca, Albania. It has been his dream to further develop his knowledge of dentistry in the West, then return to his country to better serve his people.

Dr. Devaraj is from Nepal, India, and is employed by the Southern Asia Division of Seventh-day Adventists at Sheer Memorial Hospital.



Dr. Bimbli



Dr. Devaraj

Faculty/Alumni Bulletin

Alumni news

Steven J. Filler, SD'81, has been appointed director of the office of admission for the University of Alabama School of Dentistry. His responsibilities include undergraduate and postgraduate admissions.

Additionally, Dr. Filler is the director of the University Hospital dental clinic and the general practice

presidency program at UAB; associate professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, UAB; and director of dental care for the Birmingham Zoo. While at LLU,

Dr. Filler received

the Alumni Associ-

ation Award for



Dr. Filler

"manifested qualities and abilities indicating potential for professional and community leadership."

Endodontics

Dr. Hamid Abedi, second-year resident in the gradaute program, presented a paper at the *Scanning 95 Conference* in Monterey. "The Use of MTA as a Substrate for Osteoblasts" was co-authored by **Dr. Mahmoud Torabinejad**, professor and program director. MTA stands for mineral trioxide aggregate, a new endodontic material being developed in the School of Dentistry.

Interdepartmental

We welcome five alumni who have accepted positions on the faculty of the School of Dentistry:

- Mohan Enjati, SD'94, instructor, oral and maxillofacial surgery
- Michael Fitzpatrick, SD'87, instructor, restorative dentistry
- James Smith, SD'65, MS'70, assistant professor, periodontics (assigned to IDP)
- Kirk Specht, SD'85, MS'95, instructor, oral diagnosis, radiology, and pathology
- Toshiro Yamada, SD'84, instructor, restorative dentistry

Periodontics

Two new preceptors have been welcomed to the advanced education program in periodontics: Drs. Jo Jung Choi and Jungwha Lee. I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague

"... and when

you . . . "

shall not be upon

Exodus 12:13



We think that Paradise and Calvarie. Christs Crosse. and Adams tree. stood in one place:

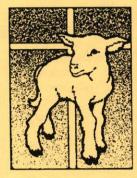
Looke. Lord. and finde both Adams met in me:

> As the first Adams sweat surrounds my face,

May the last Adams blood my soule embrace.

John Donne 1573-1631 "Hymne to God My God"

Easter April 16



For Your Information

Library acquires new books

The following are now available at the Del E. Webb Library:

WU 17 L345e 1994. Laskaris, George. Color atlas of oral diseases

WU 50 O99d 1994. Ozar, David T. Dental ethics at chairside: professional principles and practical applications WU 140 B9590 1994. Burket's oral

medicine: diagnosis and treatment

WU 240 P4466 1994. Periodontal regeneration: current status and directions WU 515 L459r 1994. Lechner, S.

Removable partial prosthodontics: a caseorientated manual of treatment planning WU 640 F852i 1995. Fredickson, Edward J. Implant prosthodontics: clinical and laboratory procedures

Osteoporosis a risk factor in periodontal disease

Reprinted from the Dental Editor's Digest, Feb 1995 issue

Although osteoporosis has been suspected as a risk factor in periodontal disease, the two have previously been linked by circumstantial evidence.

A study in Denmark, however, found significantly greater loss of periodontal attachment in women with osteoporotic fractures than in the

normal (control group) women. The study is in the December 1994 Journal of Periodontology.

Researchers found the osteoporotic women had significantly lower bone mineral content in the mandible, significant differences with respect to plaque and gingival bleeding, and greater loss of attachment on the six Ramfjord index teeth.

The report notes that osteoporosis, "too little bone in the bones," is found in the Western world in one third of the female population above age 65.

The study involved 12 female patients with osteoporotic fractures and 14 normal women. The two groups were comparable with respect to a number of other risk factors: age, gender, menopausal age, smoking habits, plaque, and gingival bleeding.

Researchers write that the clinical consequence of their findings must be that physicians should be encouraged to send osteoporotic patients to the dentist for a periodontal exam and, vice versa, dentists to send postmenopausal female patients with severe periodontal disease for a medical exam for osteoporosis.

Newsnotes

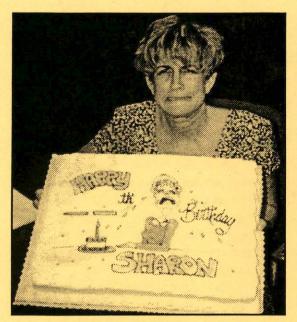
Congratulations

The dental records staff would like to congratulate TMJ for having a perfect audit during the spring break department audits. Also, congrats to the emergency/screening/radiology group for being the most improved.

Certificate will be given out to these departments. The records staff thanks all departments for their cooperation during these quarterly audits.

Welcome

Marina Alvarez, formerly in academic administration, has taken new duties as administrative secretary for Dr. George Lessard in the office of research planning. Marina is still keeping the computer records for the student selective credit program and some other student records, but she is kept very busy coordinating and keeping records for Dr. Lessard's classes, as well as learning the research planning system. 3



Calendar

Apr 2	*Orthodontic Symposium
Apr 3,4	National Boards, Pt. II
Apr 17-22	Week of Devotion
Apr 23,24	*State Board Occlusion
and the second	Exam Preparation
Apr 23-30	Fine Arts Festival
Apr 30	*2nd Annual Klooster
	Symposium
Apr 30-May	4 *Expanded Functions
	for the Dental Hygienist
May 21 *	Flexible Nickel-Titanium
E	ndodontic Instrumentation
May 28	SD conferral of degrees
May 29	Memorial Day break

*For CE information, call x44685.

Birthday woes

Sharon Hanson, academic administration, was the unfortunate recipient of a birthday recently (which fifth floor occupants had fun exploiting).

Happy birthday

Wishing a lovely birthday to the following April celebraters. Anahid Benzatyan, patient bus Dottie Berk, nurse Gary Chan, oral & max surgery Louise Cranmer, insurance Susan Davis, operator Sandy Duran, orthodontics Charles Dwyer, volunteer Lance Eftimie, oral & max surgery Cynthia Flores, grad anesthesia Betty Gillespie, implant dentistry Ellis Jones, graphics Caroline Le, dental hygiene Shirley Lee, dental hygiene Letty Lenoir, dental hygiene Irv Logan, graduate prosthodontics Michelle Martinez, LL Endo Stephanie Nevins, radiology Quyen Pham, volunteer Helen Rushton, pediatric dentistry Linda Sjolander, LL Endodontics Stella Suba, endodontics Jim Tuttle, orthodontics Marlene Victorino, periodontics Duane Wacker, restorative dentistry Florence Wetmore, dental ed serv Miriam Yanez, floater Frank Zimmerman, dental lab



It's a dangerous job

Reports from the third floor indicate that whoever was stuck in the linen chute has successfully escaped.

Please be aware!

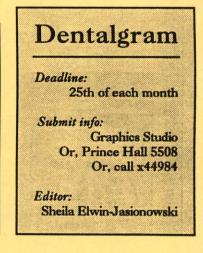
You may have noticed the Dentalgram imposter which began circulating around April 1. It may be detected by its bright orange color and unique spelling style.

This issue is totally fraudulent, having failed to state that many think the elevator does *not*, in fact, go all the way up.

Thanks

Thanks to all who contributed to this issue of Dentalgram. Leif K. Bakland, endo Julie Cranfill, adv perio James Crawford, educational services Nancy Davidson, financial admin Christine Fitch, rest dentistry Becki Garlinger, clinic Sharon Hanson, acad administration Mary Hartwell. clinic admin Leslie Hassett, library Bill Hooker, student affairs Kate Johnson, records Carol Marchuk, acad administration Donna Minder, IDP Aileen Sapigao, ortho Mahmoud Torabinejad, endodontics Debbie Tuttle, hygiene UAB School of Dent Marlene Victorino, periodontics Florence Wetmore, dent ed services

Happy April Fool's Day



Personal Computers in School

Many of you are bringing your personal computers into the school to be able to use them in your offices. This is appreciated by the school because we know it makes you more efficient in your work. However, it is very important for insurance purposes that we know about the presence of your machine in the building. So, if you have your personal computer in the school please send the following information to Andrew Yakush at Dental Computing Services:

Name	
Department	
Room where computer is	O/S (Circle one) DOS WIN MAC
Model	Serial #
Amount of RAM Meg. Size of Hard Dis	sk Meg. Monitor
Any peripherals	
Programs legally on your machine	
Printer	