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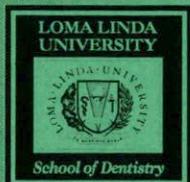
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The current report

School of Dentistry hosts CODE conference

The 1997 CODE (Conference of Operative Dentistry Educators) symposium was recently hosted by LLU School of Dentistry and held at Loma Linda University's Wong Kerlee International Conference Center. Representatives from eight dental schools of the Pacific Region, namely, UBC (University of British

Columbia), UCSF, UOP, UCLA, USC, and LLU participated in the two-day conference on November 6 and 7.

According to Daniel E. Tan, SD'75A, chair of this year's symposium, topics discussed included: preferred methods of treatment in caries diagnosis, tooth preparations, and restorative techniques for amalgams, composites, and ceramic restorations, cavity sealers, liners and bases, and material selection. Also discussed were areas in most need of consistency between dental school teaching and regional dental board examinations, facilitated by the Western Regional Examination board representative, a CODE participant.

In addition to coverage of the CODE topics, the group also had the opportunity to listen to presentations by Donald Beglau, SD'62, director of the predoctoral teaching clinic, on the Manual Skills Test (a carving test given to prospective LLU dental applicants) and to Michael Duggan, SD'92, assistant professor, on *The Use of Virtual Reality in Dental Education*.

This conference is hosted by different schools on a rotating basis and an interesting note, says Dr. Tan, is finding out what was a perceived unique school problem is in reality a universal one, and that the camaraderie developed is invaluable.



Peace On Earth

Mt. Whitney reduced to 14,495-foot pile of rubble by intrepid LLUSD hikers



Alexander Serdyukov, Hagop Derkrikorian, and Gurrinder Atwal at the summit.

by John Whittaker

Since June of 1996, the students and faculty of the International Dentist Program (IDP) have attempted to reach the top of Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in North America except for Mt. McKinley. On November 9, they made it.

Drs. Hagop Derkrikorian, Gurrinder Atwal, Alexander Serdyukov and John Whittaker, professor of restorative dentistry in IDP, arrived at Whitney Portals at about 9:30 p.m. on Friday, November 7. They spent the first night in Dr. Whittaker's motor home.

The next morning dawned clear and beautiful. They tried to ride a motor bike to see the sunrise, but the thin air at 8,500 feet did not give the motor bike enough power to carry even one person. After breakfast and prayer, the four headed for their climb.

At Outpost Camp, the waterfall was frozen, creating a beautiful ice sculpture. They reached Trail Camp as the sun began to set. Because the campsite is east of a high mountain, the sun set early. They noted that the little lake nearby was

already frozen over, that the temperature was 25°F, and that their appetite was gone.

The sun set with a blaze, lighting up the mountains on the east side of Owens Valley. With darkness came the cold. They settled down for what proved to be the longest and most uncomfortable night they had spent for a long time. The sky was clear and the stars were inspiring, but a light breeze made the tents flap, sounding like bears shaking the tents. The temperature sank to 19°F, and sleeping on the ground with a stone sticking into one's back made for a long night.

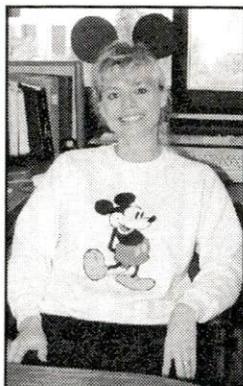
In the morning, the water filter was frozen, so they boiled snow to cook breakfast. They set off on their final assault of the peak, 100 switchbacks to Trail's Crest, down the west side of the ridge to the dividing of the trail (one way to the west valley and Guitar Lake, the other to Mt. Whitney). Soon the hut on top of the mount came into view; however, Dr. Whittaker could go no further. Hagop, Alex and Atwal proceeded to the top where photos were taken of the group and the visitor book was signed.

Autumn days are short, so sunset came faster than expected. Dr. Whittaker made it back to the motor home by 6 p.m., with Atwal, Alex and Hagop arriving by 8 p.m. They toasted their victory, had a light meal, and high-tailed it for Loma Linda. They're enthusiastic about doing it again.

Alexander Serdyukov, Gurrinder Atwal, John Whittaker, and Hagop Derkrikorian at Trail Camp.



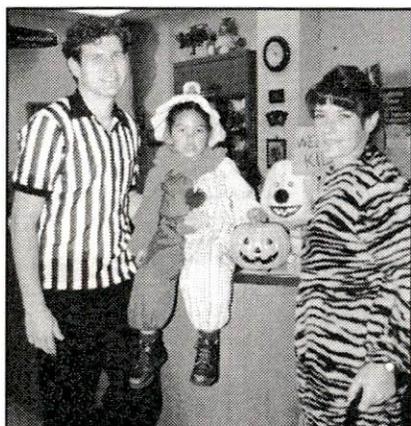
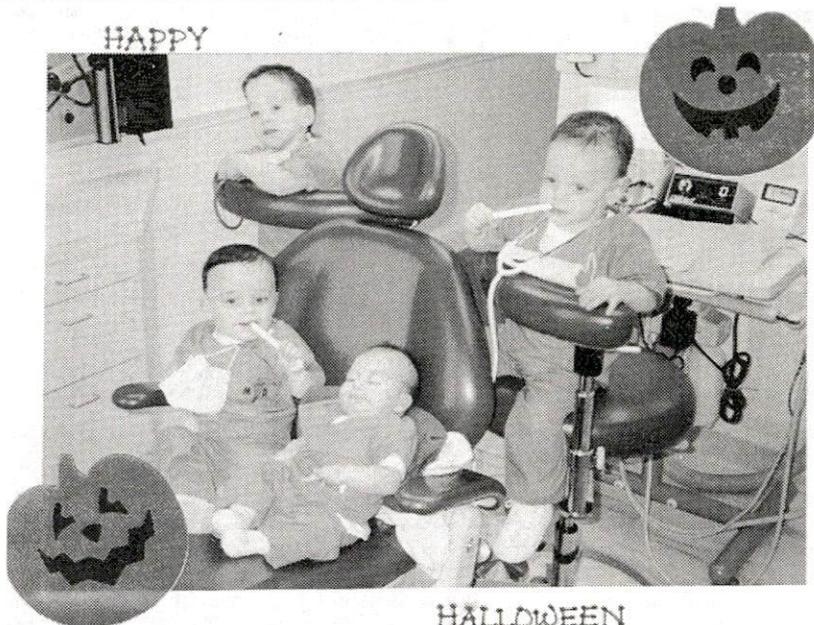
Gallery: School spirit(s)



Halloween fell on a weekday, and some staffers decided to "get into the spirit" of the day.

Keri Allen, a frog, and Carol Marchuk, a mouse, were Halloween pests.

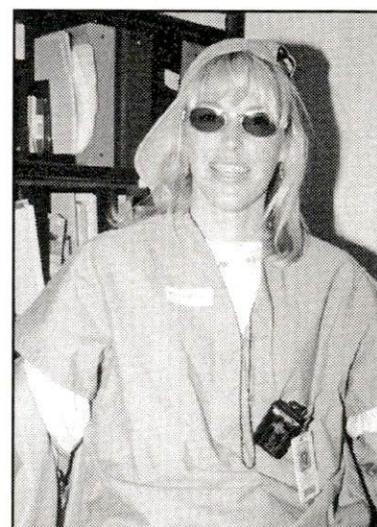
Below, Dean Walker and Kellie McNeil of pediatric dentistry, joined a small patient in the celebrations.



Tiny endodontists-to-be, grandsons of Anahid Benzatyan, posed in scrubs for their dad and mom, Rod Tataryn, SD'89, MS'94, and Carol Ann Tataryn, DH'90. The grandsons are fraternal triplets Alexander, Christopher and Nicholas, with new brother Zachary.

Left, Connie Carlson and Luci Denger showed their spirit next to Luci's "Halloween Tree."

Orthodontics department staff and graduate students ranged from a commando to turbaned genies.



Michelle Rice forsook her professional wardrobe to become "Wanna Bee, DDS."

In Memoriam

Oscar Domondon, SD'64, president of the Harbor Dental Society, passed away Sunday, October 26, 1997, succumbing to pancreatic cancer and symptoms from a recent stroke. He was 73. (See accompanying article)

Dr. Domondon was a past member of the Board of Dental Examiners, an active legislative advocate for dentistry, and was a past president of the National Association of Filipino Dentists.

Memorial services were held October 27 and 28. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Dr. Vicky Domondon, 3570 Aster Street, Seal Beach, CA 90740. Memorial donations in Dr. Domondon's name may be made to the Harbor Dental Society Building Fund, the American Cancer Society, or the Disabled American Veterans.

Mrs. **Ruthie James**, wife of the late Robert A. James, DDS, MS'72 (who was called the "father of LLUSD's Implant Center") and mother of Ronda James, SD'88, passed away on Saturday, November 1, 1997. She was stricken by a sudden heart attack.

Mrs. James and Ronda were living in Bermuda, the subject of many watercolor scenes which Mrs. James purchased for the halls and patient rooms of the LLUSD Implant Dentistry clinic.

Memorial services were held in Bermuda. Condolences may be sent to Dr. Ronda James, 2 St. Michaels Lane, Hill House, Paget PG04, Bermuda.

Gifts in the name of Mrs. Robert James, may be made to The Voice of Prophecy, Box 53055, Los Angeles, CA 90053.

Mrs. **Mary Briano**, wife of Trini Briano of LLUSD Housekeeping, passed away on Friday morning, November 7, 1997. Services for Mrs. Briano were held on November 10 in Loma Linda. Condolences may be sent to Trini Briano, 11068 Campus Street, Loma Linda, CA 92354.

Robert L. Lee, SD'59, passed away on Sunday, November 16, 1997. (See accompanying article)

Services were held in Grand Terrace on November 24, attended by colleagues from all over the U.S. and abroad, and many School of Dentistry colleagues and friends.

Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Arlene Lee, 22937 Grand Terrace Road, Grand Terrace, CA 92313.

Contributions in Dr. Lee's honor may be made to the Robert L. Lee Memorial Scholarship Fund, Loma Linda University School of Dentistry.

Oscar Domondon remembered

by **Eldon Dickinson, SD'64**

"Hand me the scalpel, Oscar," are the words I said to Oscar Domondon 37 years ago as we worked on our cadaver in Freshman Anatomy. When the dental class of 1964 alphabetically paired up we became partners. How blessed I was because Oscar was already a dentist. When it came time to receive my first dental school practice injection, I really was blessed to have a dentist for a partner.

He was born July 4, 1924 in Cebu City, Philippines, and served with distinction for nine years in the U.S. Army, first as a Filipino scout during World War II, then after graduation from Philippine Dental College, Manila, in 1951, as a dentist in the Korean War.

Oscar and family emigrated to the U.S.A. in 1954 and became citizens in 1956.

Because of his love for dentistry and his desire to practice in the States, Oscar at 36 enrolled at LLUSD and graduated in 1964.

His 33-year practice in Long Beach has been something special. He was a life member of the ADA, CDA and Harbor Dental Society. He was the first Filipino to be appointed to the California State Board of Dental Examiners where he served for 10 years. He was president of five different Filipino dental associations, and active in 15 other dental-related academies, colleges and associations. Oscar's special interest was in dental care of the disabled.

He leaves his wife, Vicky, four children, three step-children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Robert L. Lee, MS, SD'59, bio-aestheticist

by Judson Klooster, DDS

Robert Lavern Lee, 71, of Grand Terrace died November 16 of heart failure at Loma Linda University Medical Center. He was an associate professor of restorative dentistry at the School of Dentistry.

Robert Lee graduated from Loma Linda University with a DDS degree in 1959. Previously he had earned a BA degree in biology and an MS degree in microbiology. He was a part-time faculty member in the Department of Restorative Dentistry for many years, dating almost from the time of his graduation as a dentist. In this region he is best known for his occlusion-oriented private practice in Grand Terrace, where he was most frequently involved in extensive cases of reconstructive dentistry.

Internationally, he is known for his lectures and seminars, and for the concept he developed and emphasized over the years of his professional life, "Bioesthetic Dentistry"... a focus on form and function. His research on mandibular movements has impacted modern day articulator design.

Dr. Lee has given countless lectures and workshops for continuing dental education programs and study groups, at universities, dental societies, and in study groups throughout the world on his concepts of bioesthetics and occlusion. He founded the Lee Institute for Orofacial Dentognathic Bioesthetics, a continuing education program for dentists and their auxiliaries. He has numerous published articles and textbook chapters to his credit on topics relating to occlusion, aesthetics and the function of the masticatory system.

He held membership in many professional societies, including Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry, the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics; he was a Fellow of the International College of Dentists and a charter member of the International Academy of Gnathology.

Dr. Lee founded a manufacturing company, Panadent, to produce articulators and accessories he had designed to be useful in reconstructive dentistry; his two sons, Tom and Brent, continue to play prominent roles in the success of that venture. His wife, Arlene, also had key roles in the Panadent operation, and in the educational structure of Dr. Lee's enterprises.

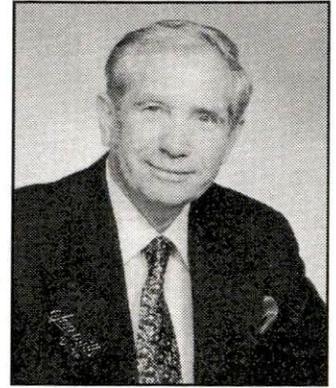
Bob Lee was memorable among his professional colleagues because of his finesse

in dental procedures, his constant quest for excellence, and his tireless pursuit of more complete understanding of the natural design and function of the orofacial structures. Although he was an energetic student of the best authorities of his time on clinical research in occlusion, he was never willing to accept their pronouncements "just because they said so"... Bob always insisted on testing their postulates in the real world of clinical observation and practice. His own mentors taught him the importance of this discipline—in turn, he has mentored hundreds of his professional colleagues and listeners to continue the rigorous pursuit of this principle.

About 200 mourners attended Dr. Lee's funeral at the Azure Hills SDA Church, where he was well known and loved as one of the church's charter members. Many of his friends, colleagues, and employees spoke of his contribution to their lives, and of Dr. Lee's influence and leadership as a Christian man.

Here are some of those comments:

- *His teachings will be carried on by dentists all over the world.*
- *Bob taught me the joy of life: recognizing your purpose in the world. He said that the harder I work, the more I enjoy. And it's true. Bob was a giant in the dental field.*
- *Bob had the idea to interrogate nature. He influenced the entire profession by changing one person at a time.*
- *We will continue his work. He was already in the new millennium in his thinking and his actions.*
- *When I needed work done, I chose Bob Lee to do my restorations.*
- *He was a paradigm shifter and he did it in a nice way. He said, "Change doesn't stop here."*
- *I learned dentistry with Bob, and then a few years later, I learned dentistry from Bob.*
- *Bob said that dentition was designed, not evolved. It made me sit up and take notice that there really is a Creator.*
- *He had an insatiable curiosity. He pursued excellence.*



Dr. Robert L. Lee

*You are
not what
you do.
You do
what you
are.*

-- Robert L. Lee

The family suggests donations to the School of Dentistry's Robert L. Lee Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Department News



Susan Keane Baker

Alumni Association

The Dental Alumni Association sponsored a well-attended seminar by Susan Keane Baker of New Canaan, Connecticut, on "Creating Positive Relationships with Dental Patients," October 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Students, staff, and faculty attended the lecture and light supper held in LLUSD's amphitheater.

Ms. Baker greeted attendees at the door and distributed syllabi before beginning her lively and interesting presentation. Her topics were: moments of truth in a dental visit, secrets of patient-pleasing telephone calls, first impressions, complaint handling tips, strategies to increase patient compliance, and techniques for better listening. Many of the techniques presented are useful in personal, as well as professional, applications.

Ms. Baker is the author of *Managing Patient Expectations*, a book that focuses on responding to unrealistic and unmet expectations of patients.

- The Dental Alumni Association welcomes **Joelle Gonzales**, administrative assistant, and **Vivian Davis**, office aide, as new employees. **Marina Moore**, previous alumni administrative assistant, has transferred upstairs to the clinical services division.

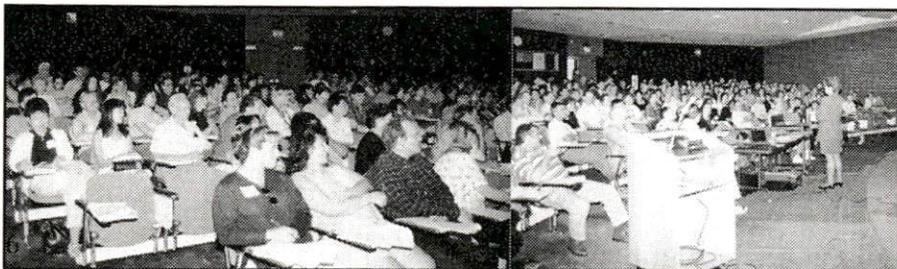
Continuing Dental Education

Nearly 400 dental professionals filled auditoriums in the Randall Visitor Center and in the School of Dentistry for two half-day courses on infection control and dental law, on a Sunday in early November.

New Board of Dental Examiners requirements for license renewal state that dentists and dental auxiliaries need four hours of instruction in infection control and three hours of California dental law.

Demand for the classes was so high that **Kathleen Moore**, director of Continuing Dental Education, doubled the class offerings. Originally, the infection control and dental law classes were planned for a

Bette Robin, DDS, JD, taught California Dental Law to half the participants at a time.



half-day each. But Kathleen arranged with the instructors to teach the sessions both morning and afternoon, to provide enough slots for the high demand from dental professionals around Southern California.

Endodontics

Steven G. Morrow, SD'60, MS'87, associate professor of endodontics, was recently awarded Diplomate status by the American Board of Endodontics. The Board is the certifying entity for the specialty of endodontics. Congratulations to Dr. Morrow on achieving this important professional goal.

Orthodontics

- **Peter Strand**, DDS, has recently joined the orthodontic department as assistant professor. He received his DDS from UCLA in 1972 and is a 1974 graduate of the University of Illinois. He is in private practice in Anaheim, and will be teaching one-half day every other week in the clinic.

- **Roland Neufeld**, SD'74, MS'76, is being welcomed back to the department as a reactivated faculty member. He will be teaching a day and a half per week.

Prosthodontics and Implant Dentistry

- **Wayne Campagni**, director of the LLU Center for Prosthodontics and Implant Dentistry, has been nominated to the Board of Directors for the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics. His appointment will be voted upon at their February meeting.

- A team of faculty and staff from several departments of the School of Dentistry has completed surgeries, treatments, laboratory work, and fittings, and presented 82 year-old Betty Keniston of Tucson, with a new prosthetic nose and obturator, allowing her to speak, eat and drink normally for the first time in six years. Keniston lost her nose, palate, and maxilla in a 1991 operation to remove basal cell carcinoma.

Since that time, **Dr. Philip Boyne**, professor of oral surgery and prosthodontics, placed implants in Betty's face, on which to "hang" the new palate, dentures, and silicone nose. The nose has magnets imbedded in the plastic, which "grab" the implanted bolts, and secure the nose to the face.

Dr. Mathew Kattadiyil, assistant professor of prosthodontics, was given Betty's case last summer. He credits **Drs. Wayne Campagni, James Nethery**, clinical

Student News

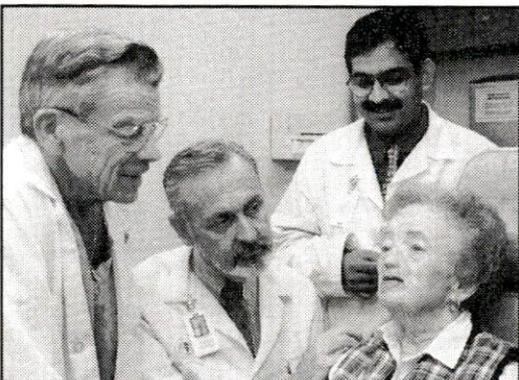
director of the Dental Oncology Service, **Bill Westrick**, director of the Dental Lab Service, **Luis Carillo** and **Gary Hill**, lab technicians, with making significant contributions to the design and implementation of the prostheses.

Reporters and photographers from the *Riverside Press-Enterprise* and the *San Bernardino Sun* were present for Betty's cosmetic makeover on November 18. Stories and photos of Betty and her team ran page A-1 in the *Sun*, and B-1 in the *Press-Enterprise* the next day. The *Press-Enterprise* story was sent over a newswire, and reprinted on page A-25 in a *Sunday Arizona Republic*, Arizona's largest-circulation newspaper, as well as other papers. (Phoenix and Tucson populations swell by one-third, to over three million residents during this "snow-bird" season, with retirees from cold climates. Some of those retirees could be interested in services offered by LLUSD.)

In response to the publicity and photographs surrounding the completion of her surgeries, treatments, fittings, and makeover, Keniston joked to her prosthodontist, Kattadiyil: "I think you're going to start selling more noses now!"



Dr. Nethery checks the edges of the silicone nose before replacing it on Betty Keniston's face.



Keniston, right, with Drs. Philip Boyne, James Nethery, and Mathew Kattadiyil.

Special events outlined for 1998

• Mission Emphasis Week

January 10-17 Classes meet at regular times

• Student Week of Spiritual Emphasis

January 20-23 Tuesday, Thursday and Friday schedule is as follows:

8:10 class meets from 9:10-9:45

9:10 class meets from 9:55-10:30

10:10 class meets from 10:40-11:15

11:10 class meets from 11:25-12:00

• Black Emphasis Week

February 2-6 Classes meet at regular times

• 1998 California Licensure Exams

March 27-April 1 University of the Pacific

June 12-17 Loma Linda

June 18-23 UCLA/USC

June 25-30 UCSF/UOP

Sept. 17-25 Loma Linda

If you have any questions, please call Carol Marchuk at extension 44600.

Students accepted for SAS

As of November 3, the following students have been accepted into the Senior Advanced Standing program for 1997-98:

Philip K. Jung

Steve Lee

Steven Wolfram

Motorcycle accident injures

LLUSD alumnus

John Willardsen, SD'97, broke both ankles, but didn't actually crash his motorcycle, according to his sister. As he rode over the crest of a hill, he "caught some air," and came down on both feet, rather than on the wheels of his cycle. As John heals, his temporary mode of transport is a wheelchair.

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Editor:

Thank you for the marvelous special issue *Dentalgram* for Thanksgiving.

We have so many people who make our school special. In our rushed lives, we don't often say thank you. I applaud those who put this issue together....a standing ovation to them as well as those who were honored!

Sylvia Davis

For Your Information

Continuing Dental Education classes available in the new year

- January 11 *Aesthetic Dentistry*
James Dunn, DDS
- January 18 - 19 *1st Annual Periodontic Symposium*
Max Crigger, DDS, MS
Bernard Gantes, DDS, MS
Preston D. Miller, Jr., DDS
Peter Nordland, DMD
Giovanni Paolo Pini Prato, MD, DDS, PhD
Dimitris Tatakis, DDS, PhD
Leonard Tibbetts, Jr., DDS, MSD
Leonardo Trombelli, DDS
- February 5 - 6 *Mini-Clinics*
- February 6 *Cumulative Trauma Disorders*
Gayle Macdonald, RDH, MSEd, PhD
- February 8 *Creating Your Ideal Practice*
Michael Schuster, DDS
- February 8 - 9 *19th Annual Anesthesia Symposium*
John Leyman, DDS
Raymond Dionne, DDS, PhD
Sharon Gordon, DDS, MPH
James Phero, DMD
John Yagiela, DDS, PhD

February 22 *What Good is a Dead Patient with Perfect Teeth?*
David L. Meinz, MS, RD

March 8 *Art of Dental Therapeutics*
Peter L. Jacobsen, PhD, DDS

March 15 *Oral Pathology and AIDS*
Susan Richards, DDS and Lane Thomsen, DDS, MS

March 22 *Advanced Periodontal Instrumentation*
Anna Pattison, RDH, MS

December Birthdays

Cynthia Carter	Data Entry
Richard Cross	Educational Services
Debbie Tuttle	Clinic Admin.
Maria Turner	GANR
Cornetta Craighton	Insurance
Laurel Haglund	Periodontics
Anna Martin	Orthodontics
William Heisler	Clinic Admin.
Teresa Montgomery	Dental Lab Services
Darla Rich	Hygiene
Paulette Head	Faculty Dental
Nellie Greene	Insurance
Linda Carlisle	Dental Supply
Ruth Dearen	IDP
Lisa Cooper	GANR
Gabriel Ramirez	Data Entry
Jane Wheeler	Operator
Connie Grosvenor	Periodontics
Lillian Andrade	Pediatric Dentistry
Leif K. Bakland	Endodontics
Carol Anderson	DAU

Photogs Wanted

If you're interested in forming a photography club here in the School of Dentistry, please contact Dr. Hagop Derkrikorian, at the IDP clinic, extension 44618.

