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## Dentistry graduates receive MS degrees

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MS degrees for  
dentistry grad students

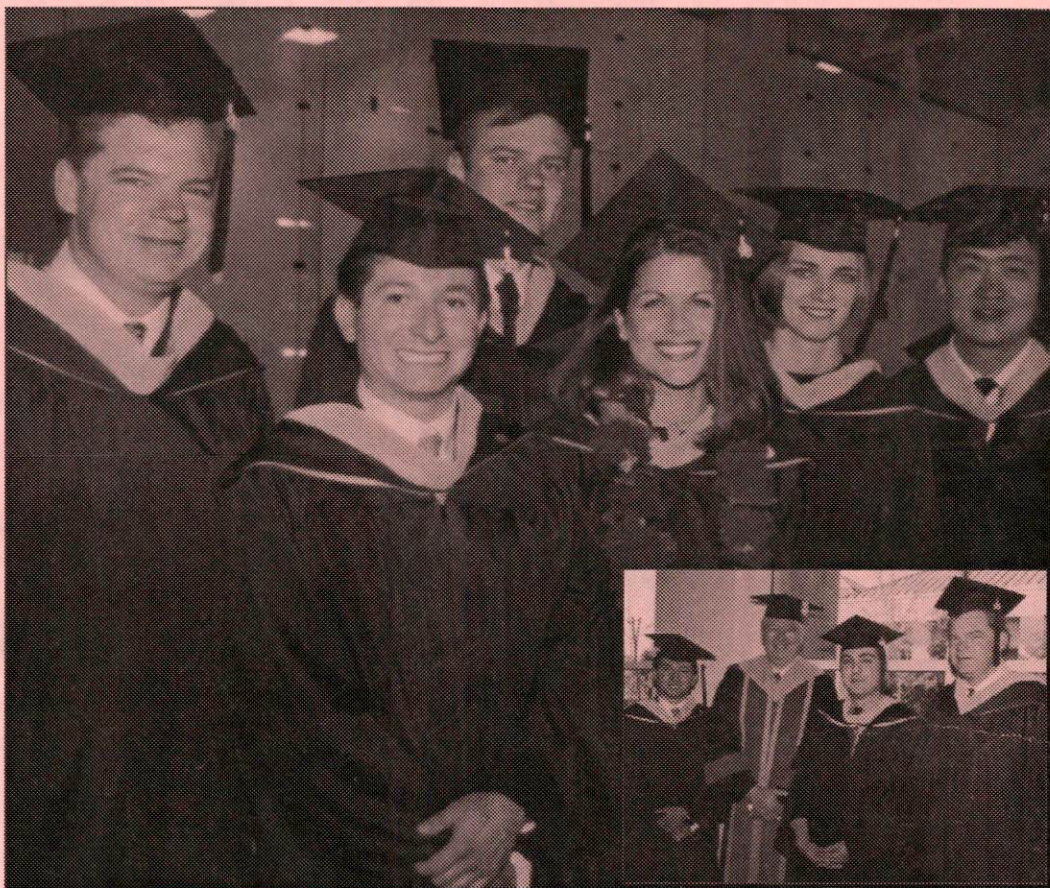
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*Drs. Robert James Agnetta, Mauricio Gonzales Balut, Bryan Clifford Johnson, Debra Finch Cook, Jennifer Gaye Rowland, and August Hong Ming Tang, all lining up for the graduation march.  
Inset: Drs. Mauricio Gonzales Balut, Leif K. Bakland, professor and chair of endodontics and director of advanced education, Hamid Resa Abedi, and Robert James Agnetta after the graduation ceremony in the Drayson Center.*

Graduate students from advanced educational programs in dentistry received MS diplomas at the Graduate School commencement June 14, 1998.

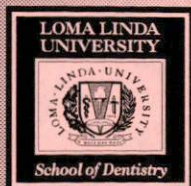
Receiving their degrees were Hamid Reza Abedi, DDS, PG'95; and August Hong Ming Tang, DDS, PG'96 from endodontics; and Robert James Agnetta, SD'81; Mauricio Gonzales Balut, DDS; Debra L. Finch Cook, SD'96; Bryan

Clifford Johnson, SD'96; and Jennifer Gaye Rowland, SD'95, from orthodontics.

Polly Sprague, SD'96, received a Master of Arts in biomedical and clinical ethics.

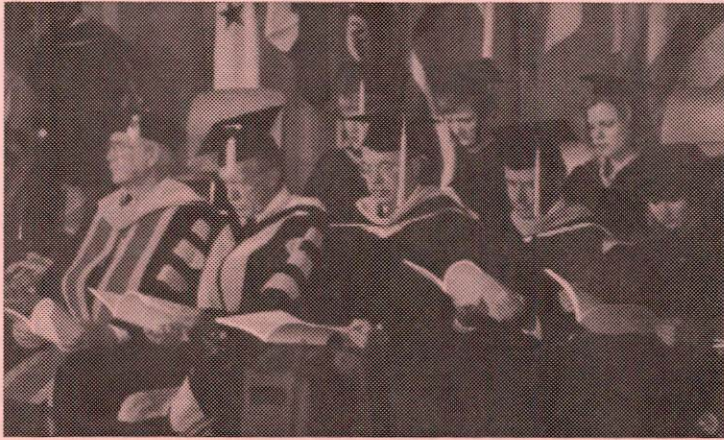
We salute these dental graduate students for their achievements.

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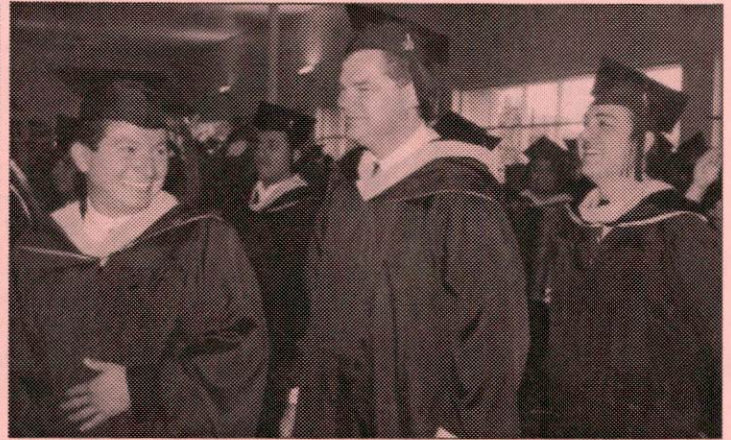




# Gallery



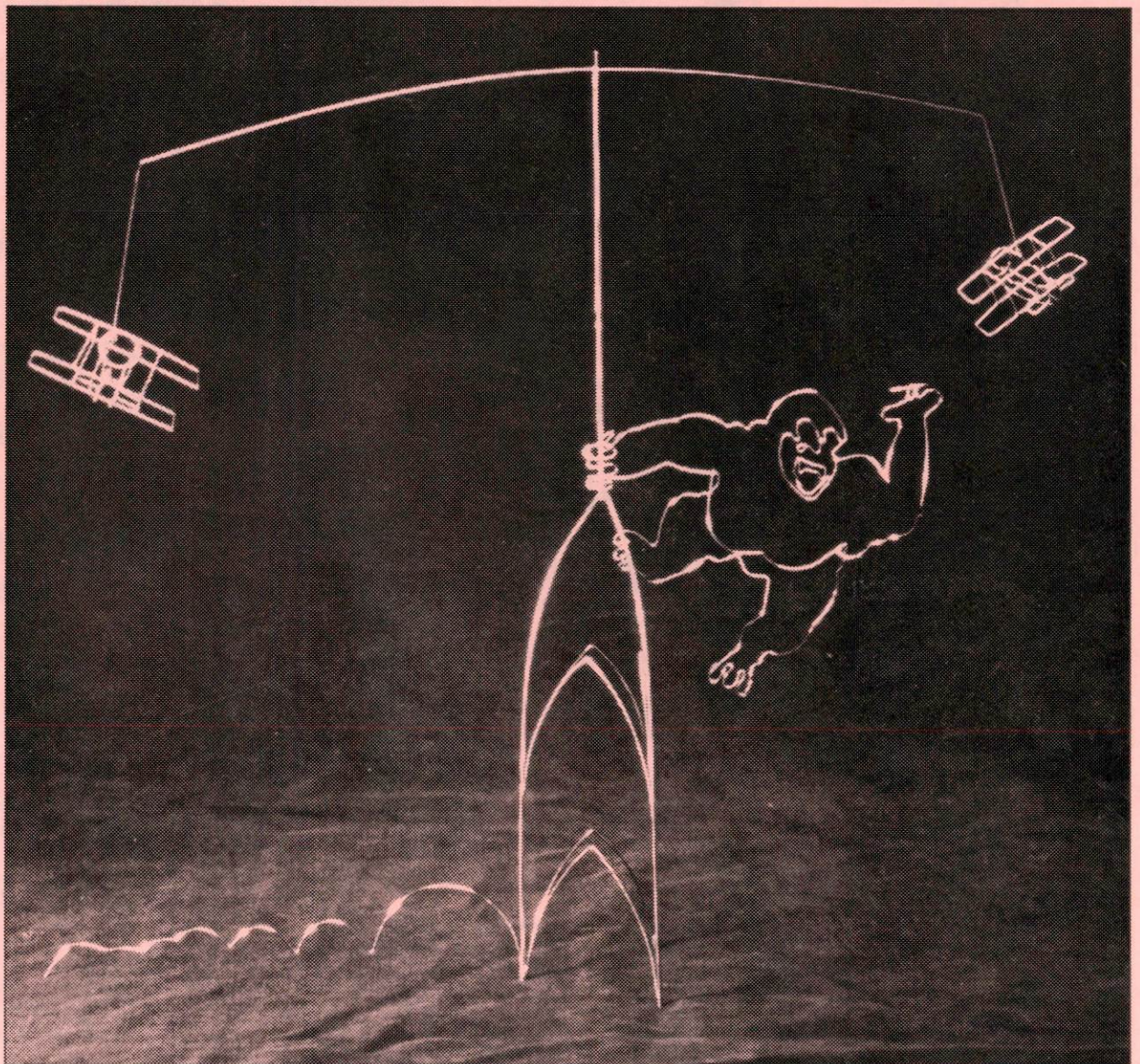
Faculty members attend the commencement ceremony for the Graduate School, June 14 at 8:00 a.m.



Master's candidates in dentistry show their exhilaration as they prepare to march into the Drayson Center commencement program.

## FIRST KING KONG, THEN WHAT -- GODZILLA?

This King Kong orthodontic wire sculpture was built by Greg Olson, SD'96, PG'98, a pediatric dentistry graduate student. It was a project for his graduate pediatric dentistry orthodontic class, taught by John Peterson, SD'70, MS'78, professor of pediatric dentistry and orthodontics. The purpose of the project is "to get great experience bending and soldering wires," according to J. Todd Milledge, SD'88, chair of pediatric dentistry. Other projects have included a rose, a tricycle, a surfer, a merry-go-round, a motorcycle, a clown with balloons, a girl on a swing, a helicopter, and a sailboat.





# Pastor Kasischke becomes assistant dean

by Christy K. Robinson

The School of Dentistry has a new assistant dean, and if you can pronounce his name correctly (kuh-SISS-kee), you can probably also remember his title: assistant dean for admissions, service learning, and spiritual nurture, and assistant professor in the department of dental educational services. He's Fred Kasischke, DMin, formerly associate pastor of the University Church for 23 years, and teacher in LLU's Faculty of Religion and Marriage and Family Therapy Program.

What is service learning? Says the new faculty member: "It's a hot phrase for extramural [mission] projects like international missions, SAC-Norton, and others. We would like to see that expanded and developed. It's happening in a lot of contexts: behavioral science, business -- it's service-oriented for the community."

Part of his title is spiritual nurture. In four years, he and a leadership team in the University Church built the young adult Sabbath School class from about 50 souls to over 300, most of whom are university students. "It's a nice tie-in with School of Dentistry students," he says.

"I'm joining an admissions team that has a good track record. I would like to begin to track younger people who have an interest in dentistry, and maintain contact with them all the way through high school, college, and right on into the program here. We have 1800 applicants and only 90 slots. We're blessed with really high quality people, and continue the high standard of wholeness in dentistry that we've promoted."

Fred Kasischke was born and reared in Michigan, 90 miles from Chicago, in a family of five children. He met his wife, Diane Rayspes, at Broadview Academy in Illinois. They married in 1967, and now have three sons: Douglas, age 27, a second-year PhD student in early American church history at Vanderbilt University in Nashville; David, age 25, a business major graduate of La Sierra University, now the operations manager for Hospitality Dental [Irving M. "Bud" Feldcamp, SD'71] in San Bernardino; and Dustin, age 18, a senior at Loma Linda Academy and a lifeguard at Drayson Center. Mrs. Kasischke is a registered nurse for a state program called Newborn Screening.

Dr. Kasischke did his undergraduate studies at Andrews University and finished in 1968. He earned his Master of Divinity in 1970 from Andrews University, and his Doctor of Ministry at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena in 1988.

"I've been a pastor since 1970, in Illinois, in the Southern California Conference, the Southeastern California Conference (SECC), and the University Church. I was a youth pastor for years, and did my doctoral work in family studies. I've done a lot of work with family ministries, both for the local church and the conference." He chairs the Family Ministry Committee for SECC, and is starting a new project there. He will continue to serve on University Church's building committee, and will continue with young adult (18-35) Sabbath School in the chapel.

Dr. Kasischke is also on the state committee for Child Abuse Prevention, contributing his expertise on building stronger, healthier families.

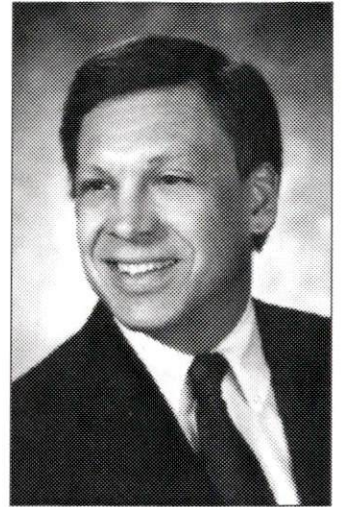
Yes, but what's he like in *his* home?

"We've built two homes in Redlands. I was owner/builder. We had an architect alter some plans, and we subbed it all out, but painted and landscaped on our own. I enjoy working in the yard, and gardening." The house has a modern mission look to it, with exposed beams and a sealed terra cotta tile floor. Outside, the triple driveway sports a basketball court, and red roses fall gracefully over the fence rails.

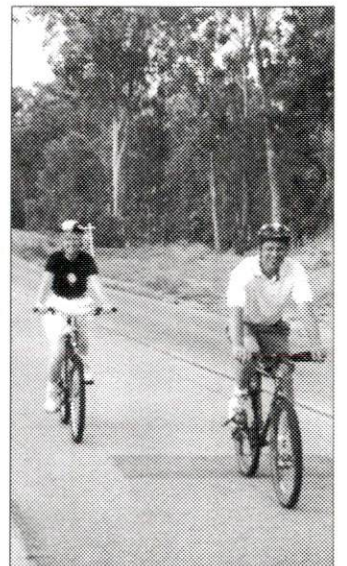
"I like to fool around in the kitchen," says Dr. Kasischke. "That's a hobby. I make a pretty mean apple pie, and persimmon cookies. I like Northern Italian food, wonderful pastas and their good sauces: heart-attack-on-a-plate kind of stuff. That's why I walk a couple of miles a day."

He also admits to being a sports nut. He's been active all his life: "I'm kind of a sports junkie. Most sports I really enjoy: golf, racquetball, basketball, tennis. I'm a Bulls fan, a Cubs fan, a Bears fan..."

Says William Loveless, EdD, senior pastor of University Church, "It's very easy to say and think good words about Fred. He always comes well-prepared for any task he has set himself to and he comes with good impulses. He loves to meet people -- all kinds of people. The School of Dentistry is very fortunate to have Fred representing them to the public."



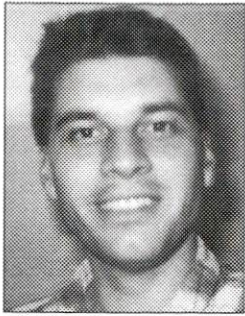
Charles J. Goodacre, SD'71, MSD, introduces Fred Kasischke, DMin, as new assistant dean for the School of Dentistry.



'Sports nut' Kasischke and his wife Diane enjoy an evening bike ride in San Timoteo Canyon.



# Department News



Dr. Mikan Sljivar

## Anesthesiology

New faculty:

• **Mikan Sljivar** earned his DDS from the UCLA School of Dentistry in 1991, studied progressive orthodontics, and received his certificate in dental anesthesiology in 1997 from Loma Linda University. He has practiced general dentistry in Norwalk and Culver City since 1991.

Dr. Sljivar is an assistant professor in the department of dental anesthesiology.

## Clinic Administration

Welcome to new workers:

• **Zolton Horvath** has joined us as an Insurance Specialist and will be working in the main lobby at the Insurance Verification Desk. Zolton came to us with a chiropractic Workers Comp background. **Dennies Magakat** is a new per diem RN joining the GANR Team. He is currently working in ICU at the Medical Center.

• If you have caught the scent of lemon oil in the air, it is all due to our summer student staff joining clinic and sterilization departments. We have **Dawn McAllister**, **Angela Butler**, **Amber Dixon**, **Anne Golden**, and **Adrian (AC) Cruz** (AC was our volunteer last year). **Andrea Wilson** also joined the team for a few days and helped. The students wiped down all the wood paneling in the clinic, main hallway and lobby. The sterilization staff also cleaned the student lounge. Many of these workers will stay and continue to work with us in sterilization.

• Our California State Board exam was a success again this year. We had excellent staff to handle the few problems. **Mary Hartwell** would like to extend her thanks to dental maintenance, sterilization, urgent care, radiology, clinic supply, dental supply, administration staff and floaters. We received a great big thank you from the Board for our efficiency, friendliness, and helpfulness during this year's exam.

### •A-dec Updates Clinic Dental Units

Some time after the installation of the new A-dec dental units in the summer of 1996, it

became apparent that when the control head was allowed to turn freely on its support arm, damage was caused to the internal wiring.

After one "fix" proved unsuccessful, A-dec's engineers, in cooperation with **Robert Johnson**, of dental maintenance, designed an internal stop to prevent the control head from rotating more than approximately 270 degrees. This design change has now been incorporated into the production model of the Performer Dental Unit.

During the second week of summer break, A-dec sent a team of two technicians who spent one week in our clinic retrofitting all 128 Performer units in the School of Dentistry. This was done at no cost to the School.

### • Faculty Dental Office Gets Major Overhaul

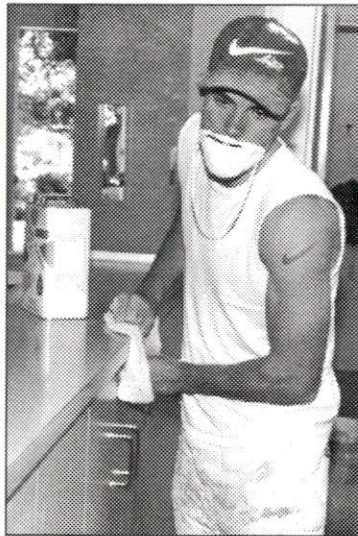
The three weeks of summer break found faculty members who treat private patients in the Faculty Dental Office on Taylor Street temporarily working in a new, albeit familiar, location. They traded places with their dental and dental hygiene students, using the DAU area of the School of Dentistry clinic to see their patients while the FDO experienced a major redecoration. This project was coordinated by Carlton "Woody" Wood, Loma Linda University Foundation Property manager, **Chuck Yetter** and **Mary Hartwell**.

The building was painted both inside and outside and the landscaping received a facelift. The light fixtures were replaced and new carpet and floor coverings were laid.

The staff of FDO has expressed gratitude to **Jolene Farwell**, DAU coordinator, for her help in making this temporary treatment facility work well.

This experience gave clinical faculty members a chance to treat their own patients in the clinic units, which were found to be very acceptable in the "private practice" setting.

It is anticipated that the redecorated FDO will be back in operation on July 9, so there will be minimal disruption to the summer quarter clinic operation.



A painter cleans up the counter top of the Faculty Dental Office after the painting portion of the remodeling project.

## Dental Hygiene





## Educational Support Services

During its ongoing remodeling project, Educational Support Services archaeologists, formerly known as the Graphics Studio design and technical staff, uncovered a functioning fireplace, complete with petrified spiders and a fossil Duraflame log already on the grate. Sometime around Thanksgiving, you are cordially invited to its ceremonial lighting.

## Continuing Dental Education

**Patty Hoerner** has been named assistant director of Continuing Dental Education.

## Endodontics

• **Mahmoud Torabinejad, DMD, MSD, PhD**, professor of endodontics and director of graduate endodontics, visited Japan, where he gave lectures and continuing education courses to the Japan Endodontic Association (Yokohama); Endodontic and Periodontic Study Group (Osaka); Showa and Tsurumi Universities (Tokyo and Yokohama); and Otani Endodontic Society in Tokyo. The topics of the lectures included management of root perforation, endodontic emergencies, pathogenesis of periapical lesions, clinical application of MTA, perio-endo interrelationship, clinical applications of inflammation, and new innovations in endodontics.

### • Graduate endodontic students begin program

**Dr. Sony Thomas** received his BDS from the College of Dental Surgery, Manipal, India, in 1991; and his DDS last month from the International Dentist Program at LLUSD. He practiced full-time dentistry at Giffard Memorial Hospital of Seventh-day Adventists in Nuzvid, Andhra Pradesh, India, prior to coming to Loma Linda.

**Dr. Silvia C. Cecchini** received her DDS from the University of Sao Paulo (1993) and her MS degree in lasers from the Energy and Nuclear Research Institute, Sao Paulo. Prior to entering the graduate endodontic program, Dr. Cecchini was on faculty with the department of restorative dentistry in Paulista University, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

**Dr. Jonathan Wee** received his BDS from the National University of Singapore (1995). He is an officer in the Singapore Armed Forces and has been awarded a scholarship to enter the endodontic program.

**Dr. Nooshin Noghreian** received her DDS from UCLA School of Dentistry, with honors (1995). Before entering the endodontic program here, she worked as an associate in several dentist offices in Southern California.

## International Dentist Program

The staff of dental maintenance, with the help of Estrada Dental Co., has completed the removal and reinstallation of all 23 dental units in the IDP and TMJ clinics. The units were taken to Estrada Dental's shop where they were reconditioned, painted and reupholstered. The color chosen for the refurbished chairs is compatible with the newer A-dec chairs and gives the clinic a fresh new look.

The work of removing and reinstalling of the units was done by Robert Johnson and Stan Lillard under the direction of dental maintenance assistant director, Chuck Yetter. The job was done by replacing four units at a time so that there was minimal interruption to patient service in the IDP and TMJ clinics. Some IDP students treated patients in the prosthodontics section of the main clinic during the summer break while their chairs were being renovated.

Students, staff, faculty and patients in the IDP and TMJ clinics have commented favorably on the new look.

It is hoped that other units in the urgent care/screening area will get similar treatment in the near future.

## Orthodontics

• A paper was published in the May 1998 issue of *Journal of Clinical Orthodontics*, Volume 23, No. 5, 299-302 on a study measuring the effects of etching and moisture entitled, "Bond Strengths of Two Resin-Modified Glass Polyalkenoate Cements under Different Surface Conditions" by **Anne Beress, DMD, MS; Anthony H.L. Tjan, DDS, PhD; Willis L. Schlenker, DDS, MS; and Tasanee Wongsrimongkol, DDS, MS**. Dr. Beress is an alumnus of the orthodontics department, and Dr. Wongsrimongkol was here on an 18-month fellowship.

• A banquet honoring the graduating orthodontic students was held June 4, 1998 at the Castaway Restaurant. Students receiving the Master of Science degree or certificate in orthodontics are: **Robert Agnetta, Jeff S. Corbett, Debra Finch Cook, Mauricio B. Gonzalez, Bryan C. Johnson, and Jennifer G. Rowland**.

• A new class in orthodontics comprised of **Mark K. Batesole (DDS, USC, '98); Marc C. Dunn (SD'98) Sonja F. Finnie (SD'98); Margaret Kowalczyk (DDS, Northwestern U, '97); M. Camille Neagu (SD'97); and Sy David Nuyen (DDS, UCLA, '98)** began the study of orthodontics on June 22, 1998. A welcoming picnic by faculty, second year students and staff was held for them at Sylvan Park on Tuesday, June 23.



*Jim Redfield, director of dental maintenance, oversees the unlocking of a stuck door on the pediatric dentistry clinic.*



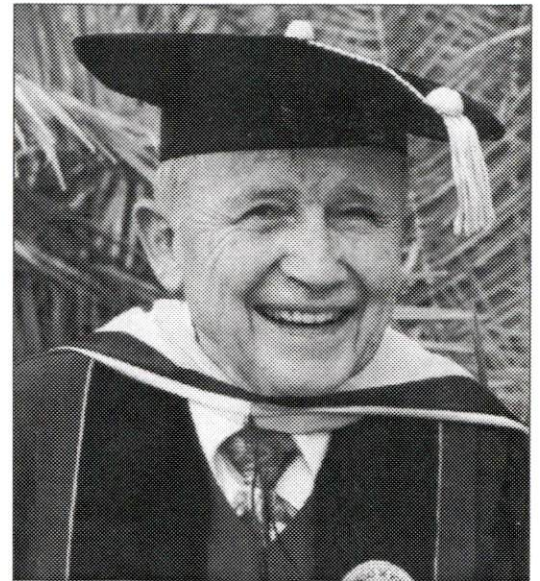
- Thanks to a generous donation from Dr. **Joseph Ellison**, along with matching funds from the Orthodontic Alumni Association, the MTS Testing apparatus has been installed for the new Materials Science class. It provides an excellent opportunity for the students to learn about orthodontic materials.

- New faculty:

**Peter Strand** earned his DDS from UCLA School of Dentistry in 1972, and his orthodontics certificate in 1974, from the University of Illinois.

He and his wife have two sons, and live in Huntington Beach while he practices in Anaheim.

Dr. Strand is an assistant professor in the department of orthodontics.



*Lloyd Baum, DMD, MS, professor of restorative dentistry in the LLUSD International Dentist Program, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Education degree at Universidad de Montemorelos, Nuevo Leon, Mexico in late May. Loosely translated, the citation reads, "In recognition of his extraordinary valor...for his educational work in the formation of generations of dentists...the impressive body of literature and scientific investigation...his valuable contribution to the advancement of dentistry...and his notable example of selfless dedication to the service of God and mankind."*

*Dr. Baum is one of the founders of the LLU School of Dentistry, and a member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and Omicron Kappa Upsilon. He and others are working to establish a dental school at the University of Montemorelos, a Seventh-day Adventist institution.*

## Restorative Dentistry

New faculty:

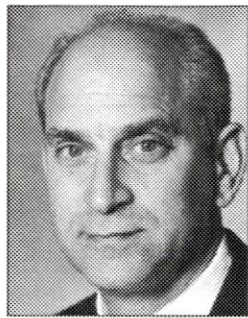
- Dr. **David Garber** earned his DDS degree from Temple University in 1974, and has been practicing dentistry in Ojai, California, since 1975. He and his wife have two children. Thirteen years ago, he became a part-time instructor in restorative dentistry at the University of Southern California.

Dr. Garber has been appointed a part-time instructor in restorative dentistry at LLUSD, and will be working with James Dunn, SD'69, on aesthetic bonding studies.

- Dr. **Daniel Kantarovich** earned his DDS from Ohio State University in 1989, and his certificate in advanced prosthodontics in 1991. He has lectured for Ohio State University College of Dentistry, USC College of Dentistry, and LLU School of Dentistry, as well as numerous dental study clubs.

Dr. Kantarovich and his wife have two children and reside in Orange, where he maintains a prosthodontic private practice.

He is now an assistant professor of restorative dentistry at LLU.



*Dr. David Garber*



*Dr. Daniel Kantarovich*

## Old iron tooth discovered

The next time a patient begins to complain, it may help to remind them that dentistry has an older, richer tradition than is generally believed. Archaeologists in France recently found a wrought iron dental implant -- in the upper right jaw of a man's remains -- in a Gallo-Roman necropolis dating to the first or second century BC.

Because the implant and the socket match perfectly, and the iron and bone mesh, Eric Crubezy of Toulouse University and his co-workers conclude the implant maker used the original tooth as a model for the metal replacement. The procedure, however, must have been unpleasant: the iron tooth seems to have been hammered into place. Still, the patient apparently survived the procedure and used the tooth for some time thereafter.

Source: The Oklahoma Dental Association Journal, Spring 1998

## July Birthdays

Pablo Carrillo	clinic supply
Kim McFadden	oral surgery
Kris Wilkins	dental hygiene
Evie Roach	dental records
Ken Pierson	dental maintenance
LaBarbara Cromwell	IDP
Trini Briano	housekeeping
Kellie McNeil	pediatric dentistry
Mary Melki	patient business
Jody Nichols	PBX operator
Andrew Yakush	computer services
Jennifer Christian	main clinic
Shelley Slater	periodontics
Dee Scheuerman	restorative
Katherine Jimenez	dental records
Donna Roath	faculty dental
Ada Beltran	implant
Albert Rodriguez	oral surgery
Geraldine Hernandez	GANR
Paula Williams	periodontics
Mick Illich	dental lab
Maria Elena Melgoza	implant dentistry
Antonio Garcia	sterilization
Ruthie Goodacre	pros/implant
Leeza Rell	orthodontics
Grace Koh	orthodontics
Brent Hurst	orthodontics
Leroy Leggitt	orthodontics



# Inter-American Dental Conference: Antigua, West Indies

*During this past spring, Dr. James Crawford, executive associate dean, joined dental clinicians, staff and their families from the Caribbean Union to participate in their first continuing dental education and mission advance dental seminar. Here is his report:*

The Inter-American Dental Conference seminar was held in St. Johns, Antigua. Attendees came from Trinidad, St. Kitts and Grenada. All of our dental clinics were represented, some with full delegations. There were also representatives from the local dental society. Dr. S. Raj and Dr. Hadeed, local dentists, and an Adventist dentist from Barbados, Dr. Hugh Hamblin, joined the group. In addition to the dental personnel, Elder John Josiah, Secretary of the North Caribbean Conference, and Pastor Arnaldo Gonzales, Health Ministries Director, attended all of the meetings.

The Governor General of Antigua, Dr. James Carlisle, provided the seminar introduction. He is an Adventist dentist, a very cordial and outstanding gentleman. He spoke about his own dental practice experience, and emphasized the importance of communication and meeting the needs of others -- concepts that helped him to build his practice. It seemed evident that these are the things that built him as a person, and as a diplomat within the governmental structure. He was appointed Governor General in 1993, has been knighted by the Queen of England, and is a very well-liked leader. There are some things he is not appreciated for such as not allowing alcoholic beverages at his State functions, which has met with considerable dismay on the part of many dignitaries. He has also declined invitations to meet with the Queen or other dignitaries for State business on the Sabbath. He provides for them, and delegates someone to host them, but he is extremely careful how he deals with Sabbath keeping and the health principles in which he believes.

Dr. David Anderson, from Pittsburgh, PA, presented the technical lectures on prosthetic dentistry, and was very well received. He did a masterful job in bringing spirituality into the lectures, and made them very appropriate for our Adventist dentists who were seeking a renewal of spirit as well as continuing dental education.

One of the adjunct benefits to this seminar was that at the same time we had an evangelistic crusade in progress by Pastor Saunders from the U.S., who is a dynamic speaker and has a beautiful singing voice. He is perhaps in his late 60s, and has all of the enthusiasm, determination and winning ability that is needed in such an activity.

Three tents were jammed to overflowing for each meeting. There were 122 baptisms on the third Sabbath and 121 on the fourth Sabbath. Another 100 persons were baptized on the fifth Sabbath. The support of the local church congregations is amazing. There must be at least 25

churches on the island of Antigua, and all of them were present at these evangelistic services. Each church has a mini bus that normally transports members to church on Sabbath. They made double and triple trips to bring people to the tents by 8:45 a.m., with the meetings lasting until 1:30 p.m. From there they went to the baptism and on to another meeting at 4:30 p.m. How they pack all of this in is amazing.

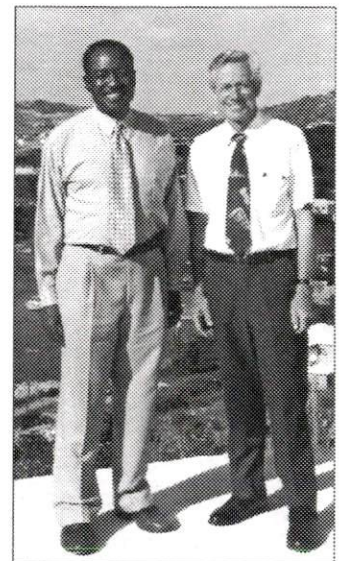
A transformer blew out at one meeting, disabling the microphones. During the 30-minute wait for repairs, one of the pastors began leading the congregation in singing, with tremendous enthusiasm for the entire time. From time to time one of the electricians would come out to the platform with an update on the repair work. With an enthusiastic spirit and mutual support such as this, it is not surprising that Inter-America is still one of the fastest growing divisions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Our dental clinics are doing well. Each clinic has its own problems, but also their own blessings. God has put together a unique group of workers in each place, with the talents needed to do the work of that area. They all need support from local leadership, and the regular encouragement and recognition that their contribution is important in the work of our Church in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of their communities.

The Inter-American Division and the Caribbean Union, specifically, deserve congratulations for the progressive stance and strong support given the dental outreach program, adding to a rich program of whole person care.



*The Northern Caribbean dental team.*



*Dr. James Carlisle, and James Crawford, SD'60, MPH, associate executive dean of LLU School of Dentistry.*



# Students on the Move

## School of Dentistry recruits from Antillean University

*Daisy Deleon, PhD, associate professor of physiology and pharmacology, John Thorn, EdD, associate dean of admissions in the School of Medicine, and Sylvia Davis, director of Admissions in the School of Dentistry, visited Antillean Adventist University in Puerto Rico in May to recruit for the University.*



by Sylvia Davis

The School of Dentistry is in the process of establishing a partnership plan with Antillean Adventist University in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. This partnership will be formed to provide articulation for students interested in our programs in dentistry or dental hygiene. In the plan will be ways that students at Antillean can

receive more information on careers in the dental profession and a transition plan for students who plan to apply to Loma Linda School of Dentistry. The School is working to increase our enrollment from the Hispanic or Latino cultures. With our desire to

serve the world both in the framework of the mission of the School and the Seventh-day Adventist Church, it is hoped that this partnership will benefit the School as well as the students from that area of our world.

The School of Medicine has been in the process of bringing Antillean Adventist University into the Medical Scholars Program, established in 1997. Dr. Daisy DeLeon and Dr. John Thorn from the School of Medicine and Mrs. Sylvia Davis from the School of Dentistry went to Puerto Rico to meet with

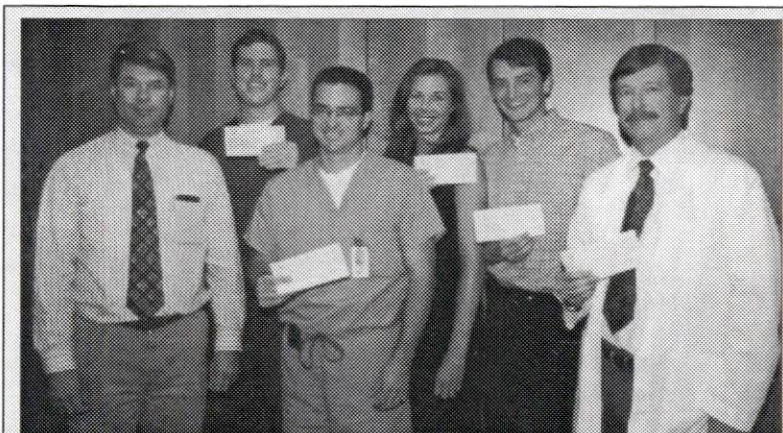


*Daphne Velazquez, SD'02, and Periza Zaninovic, SD'00, met at Antillean University.*

faculty, students and their families, and the church community in Mayaguez.

Accompanying Mrs. Davis were her husband, Dr. Jerry Davis, director of the chaplain service at LLU Medical Center; and Periza Zaninovic, SD'00. Periza provided translation for those who are not fluent in Spanish and met with faculty and students. She presented vespers, showing pictures from her trip to Brazil in 1997. Dr. Davis gave the Sabbath sermon at the Antillean University church.

During the five days they were in Puerto Rico, 10 students expressed an interest in dentistry and dental hygiene. Two students from Puerto Rico are entering this fall in the Class of 2002. Yaczaira Perez, who just completed a degree at Pacific Union College, and Daphne Velazquez, who has completed a degree at the University of Puerto Rico, will be joining our student family in September. Carlos Moretta, SD'01, attended Antillean University in 1993-1995.



*Extramural mission trips are sponsored in part by the dental Alumni Association. LLU dental students are ministering in Ecuador, Brazil, Argentina, and the Marshall Islands this summer. Shown are Doyle Nick, SD'78, president of the Alumni Association, Chris Aufdemberg, SD'99, Aaron Rondon, SD'99, Melissa Benson, SD'99, John Nelsen, SD'99, and Thomas Rogers, SD'83, Century Club chair.*

## Notes from 2K

by Brian Black, SD'00

The Class of 2K has completed its sophomore year and will now be taking Part 1 National Boards on July 13. Of course, the entire class looks forward to successfully completing the exam and leaving the memories behind. This year, so many hours were spent in the laboratory that it was a challenging experience for students. Here's why:

- It's underground
- There are flames everywhere
- It's hot
- There's some weeping
- There's some grinding of teeth
- Nobody wants to be there
- It seems like an eternity while you're there
- Everyone warns you about it beforehand



## School of Dentistry recruitment completed for 1998

by Sylvia Davis

The School of Dentistry has completed the process of interviewing and reviewing the students who applied for entrance to the pre-doctoral program. Statistics nationwide show that there was a five percent decrease in applicants to dental schools this year. LLU, however, had a seven percent increase in the number of applicants who applied for entrance this fall.

The *Undergraduate Feeder School Report* from the American Association of Dental Schools Applicant Service indicates that there were 600 students who applied from the University of California system alone, with UCLA leading the nation with 148 dental applicants. Of the applicants from the UC schools, the LLU School of Dentistry received 326 applications with 90 applicants from UCLA. According to this report, the second largest number of applicants from a feeder school to LLU was Brigham Young University with 26 applicants. La Sierra University came in third with 22 applicants to the LLU School of Dentistry.

Of the 8,173 applicants to US dental schools, 3,027 or 37 percent were women. The diversity of the applicant pool is indicated by the statistics that 37 percent of the applicant pool come from under-represented groups. The major of biology is the choice of over 46 percent of the applicant pool. There were 2,340 who applied to dental schools who are not US citizens. Over 50 percent of the applications to LLUSD are from under-represented groups in the United States.

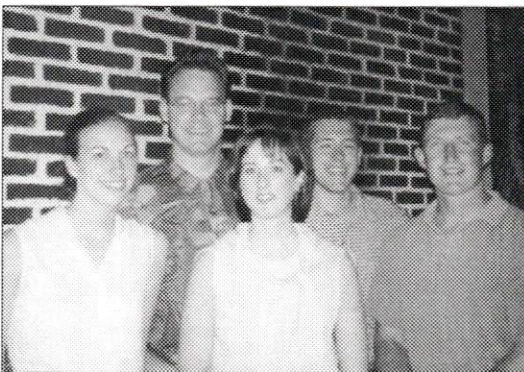
Loma Linda University continues to accept 90 students for each class while some of the other schools in the nation have decreased their class size. Since 1988, six dental schools have closed. One new dental program opened in 1997 at Nova Southeastern University in Florida. In 1989, there were 426 applicants to Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. With this year's applicant pool of 1,816 and the closing of a number of major schools in the nation, there is a clear understanding of why the competition has been increasing for the remaining positions in the US dental schools.



Jodi Swanberg Scerille, SD'99, (right) accompanied Sylvia Davis to Walla Walla College in May to recruit students for the School of Dentistry. Jodi, who was a student at WWC from 1993 - 1995, met with classes, labs, and faculty and students. Jodi is shown with Michelle Carlton, DH'00, at the La Casita Restaurant in Walla Walla. Former executive associate dean Thor Bakland, SD'62, and his wife Jean joined the group for dinner at La Casita, which included all of the students who have been accepted from Walla Walla to the LLUSD DDS program for the fall; as well as two of the three dental hygiene students who will be coming to LLU in the fall.



Two of the current LLUSD students, and one alumnus accompanied Sylvia Davis in meeting with the Pre-dental Club at La Sierra University in May. Pictured with the president of the Pre-dental Club, Aqsa Ahmad, is Periza Zaninovic, SD'00, Lan Duong, SD'98, and Holly Knauft, DH'99. Mrs. Davis spoke on the application process to LLUSD, helping the pre-dental and pre-dental hygiene students at La Sierra University as they prepare to apply for entrance. They all joined in speaking about the dental profession and answering questions about the School and its various programs.



The five students accepted to the School of Dentistry from Walla Walla College are pictured above. From left to right, Lisa Green, David Hiebert, Keri Smith Hiebert, Jacy Nelson, and Todd Schroeder.



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## SOS Clinic grateful to LLUSD students

The SOS Clinic, the common name for the Share Our Selves Clinic, is located in Costa Mesa, and is a clinic for residents of Orange County who have no access to dental care. They provide medical and dental care, clothes, food, money, and other assistance, and are sponsored by Hoag Hospital.

LLU School of Dentistry students enjoy honing their dental skills there because of the instructors, says Jerome Jablonski, assistant professor of dental educational services. "They use state of the art equipment and materials."

A group of four to six LLUSD senior dental students go there once a month to work for about eight hours in the clinic on Sundays, and perform a full range of restorative dentistry, including fillings and cleaning.

Recently, the SOS Clinic presented a certificate of appreciation, saying, "Dr. Jablonski and students are to be commended for voluntary service and dedication to our mission of serving the impoverished of Orange County. Bestowed by The Share Our Selves Free Medical & Dental Clinic on this 28th day of April, in the year 1998."

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## Tooth coating chemical stunts mice

London (Reuters) - A chemical compound used in protective coatings on teeth and other consumer products stunts the sexual development of male mice, a science magazine said.

Frederick Vom Saal and researchers at the University of Missouri found that bisphenol A, which mimics the effects of the female hormone estrogen in test tube studies, seems to disrupt normal hormonal functions in male fetuses whose mothers were fed the chemical.

"At birth, the male pups were smaller than normal and had seminal vesicles that were 12% smaller than those in controls. In adults, seminal vesicles secrete the fluid in semen," *New Scientist Magazine* said.

Vom Saal said lower doses of bisphenol A used in the animal study were proportionally equivalent to the amount swallowed by patients in the first hour after treatment with a sealant containing the chemical. Scientists suspect that bisphenol A may interfere with the body's endocrine system to cause reproductive problems.

The British arm of the World Wide Fund for Nature has written to the Department of Health seeking a reevaluation of the use of bisphenol A.

## Steri-Oss to provide scholarships

Steri-Oss, Inc., of Yorba Linda, CA, will provide a total of \$125,000 over a five-year period to fund tuition scholarships to graduate students in the Implant Dentistry Program here in the School of Dentistry. The first scholarships were awarded to Dr. Andres Gomes and Dr. Marica Pereira during the annual graduation banquet on May 21.

## 1998 - 1999 DSA officers



DSA officers for 1998-1999 are: chaplain Steve Cha, SD'01; vice president Kenneth Pierson, SD'00; president Rolf Wuerch, SD'99; public relations officer Zizi Zoubek, SD'99; secretary Kerisa Elloway, SD'00; and social co-vice president Nappy Lam, SD'00. Additional officers (not pictured) are: treasurer Eunice Hong, SD'01; social co-vice president Michelle Koger, SD'01; and LLU senators Cherie Appleton, SD'00, Kurt Lindemann, SD'99, and Melissa Fulgrabe, DH'99.