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## *eXcite '98 'draws' upon talented dental students*



*Aaron Soeprono, SD'01, artist and dental student, with his work "Stale Water"*

*by Christy K. Robinson*

On Thursday night, there were about 500 Gen-Xers gathered at the La Sierra University Church in Riverside. On Friday, the number doubled. On Saturday, it swelled to about 2,000 people. All eyes were upon Aaron Soeprono, SD'01, who painted a mural on several canvases in the choir loft of LSU's sanctuary.

*eXcite '98* was a spiritual revival weekend held August 6 - 9, planned by and geared toward young Seventh-day Adventists.

Mr. Soeprono worked on his painting throughout the weekend event. The finished artwork will be displayed on worldwide satellite television during the autumn Net'98 programs broadcast by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In addition, the canvases may go on display at the General Conference building, world headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The artist explains his work in this way: "In grasping for control, we limit our God, cramming Him into a 'Sabbath box' that we can visit in our

spare time, letting the tree grow, but within the confines of our convenience. We spend our time sitting back, behind our barriers, gazing through the glass at the thought of capturing that moment, rather than climbing the tree. The once-powerful river has been dammed up and sits stagnant, while disease eats away at our fellowship. The cleansing spring of communion has turned destructive, and the unstoppable force of our moment now in stale complacency. A trunk can only support its branches, and only the branches can bloom. Only we can make this tree fruitful."

Another student dentist, Jeremy Abbott, SD'01, worked on the steering committee, attending meetings, brainstorming, getting people and local churches involved in the event, providing airport transportation, and setting up audio equipment. He became an *eXcite '98* team member in April, when he became acquainted with *eXcite's* founders, Shasta Emery and Jennifer Tyner, at the Adventist Intercollegiate Association meeting. Ms. Emery is president of AIA, and Mr. Abbott is vice president.

# Former School of Dentistry employee tells of life after Sudan bombing

by *Christy K. Robinson*

*On August 20, the United States sent Tomahawk missiles into Pakistan and Sudan, in an attempt to strike alleged terrorist financier, Osama bin Laden, and groups affiliated with him.*

*In Khartoum, the Sudanese capital, a pharmaceutical factory suspected of producing a component of sarin nerve gas was bombed at about 7:30 p.m. The factory was located about 15 kilometers north of the flat of Laurie Wilson, a nutrition surveyor in the employ of Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), and former employee of the School of Dentistry. Laurie worked in Educational Support Services for several years, while studying for her Master of Public Health degree.*

*Last February, Laurie and her two cats moved to Khartoum, where she began her work, formed friendships with Sudanese, European and American aid workers, and began a study of Arabic language and culture. She has kept in contact with several friends in the School of Dentistry and the University, by vivid weekly e-mail messages.*

*When I heard about the bombing, I inquired about her safety, and sent her electronic "news clippings" from the Internet via e-mail. She responded within minutes, saying, "I just spoke to my guard. There will be more news on the radio in about five minutes. He speaks Arabic, so he may be able to tell me what is happening. Otherwise, you know more than I do. I'd appreciate your keeping me posted, and I'll do the same... I want to express my appreciation for all the prayers, messages, and concern aimed our direction. In God's care, Laurie."*

*The following is Laurie's account of her adventures since the bombing.*

## Laurie's story

by *Laurie L. Wilson*

It's six a.m. Wednesday [August 26], and I'm still in Khartoum. I had expected to be halfway to Nairobi by now. Instead, I'm going home to my cats and to my life, just slightly more appreciative of status quo. In a little over an hour I will be in the office. I hope for a productive day, although I'm sure I'll spend more time than usual greeting co-workers, most of whom have not seen me since Thursday last week. Some will expect I have gone away and come back.

Through one of the many co-workers who came to visit us during the day in the hospital with a dying friend, I sent word to my country director that I don't want to go, but if I have to, I will. My boss called his boss, and on up the chain, until late in the day I heard I could go home again -- to my flat in Khartoum. I'm grateful, relieved, and disappointed. After several days of resigning myself to the fact that I had to leave, I had begun looking forward to spending time with friends in Nairobi. Since my travel documents are all in order, maybe I'll take my two-week R&R next month, after all. I think I could use the break.

Life hasn't quite been the same since the missiles landed on target last Thursday night, a short distance from the home of some friends. I didn't make it to market the next morning: during that day I was told I had to move in with another American family so we would all be in one place. Later I received word I would be evacuated to Nairobi on Sunday. I tried to be stoic, but spent part of the afternoon in tears anyway.

Deciding what to pack for a weekend at someone else's home occupied my

mind somewhat. Cat health documents, passport, money, my jeans. Prioritizing what would comprise the 20 kilos allowed for luggage on my commercial flight to Kenya was a bit harder. I knew, however, I wouldn't leave my cats behind.

I went to my temporary residence after dark Friday night. A friend had come to be with me during the last couple of hours I was at home. His presence was so reassuring that I realized being around other people would be constructive in a stressful time. A colleague came to pick me up and deliver me to my destination, just down the street from my own place.

I don't think that I have been afraid, particularly. Somewhat insecure, perhaps, because I've been quite willing to remain indoors. We made a couple of evening trips to the office to use the telephone for e-mail and to collect items to help us continue with our work in our confinement. The TV news pictures and the BBC give a somewhat grim spin to events here. But everyone has reassured us that there are no problems. White people were wandering around the site of the destroyed building the day after the missile attack. "Demonstrators" waved as our local ADRA employee drove by. Although some said the people were angry at what they saw as an entirely uncalled-for, personal attack, nothing more than nasty words would be hurled our direction, they assured us. Black is not the color of the Sudanese heart.

I have experienced hostility because of my nationality and/or skin color before. But my experience in Sudan does not fit in with other experiences. Besides, extremists don't live on every corner. The people are different here.

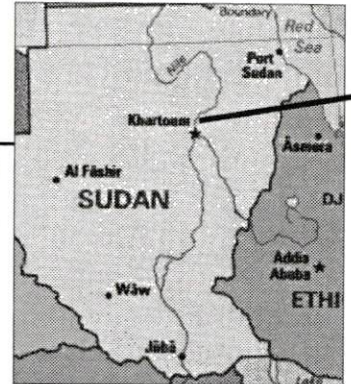
So many have gone out of their way to make sure our needs are met, that we are

reassured, that we are not isolated. One of my friends spends two hours on public transportation to visit me Sabbath afternoon. She is Muslim, and performed her mid-day prayers while we began our sermon. Then she joined us. Together she and I have been seeing new pictures of God; we remind each other that He loves us and He is in charge. One of the images that has most impressed her is that we are in God's hand, and He is looking after us. She has since found that image in her own body of literature.

I think of my [Sudanese] colleagues who have been so generous with their time, willing for any task, quick with reassurance, inquiring after needs, cheerful, smiling, supportive. I see dark hands and light clasped. I see shared loyalty, concern, caring. I see love. They see me as a colleague, as a friend. My nationality and skin color make no difference to them. And I see now, more clearly, that in Christ there is no Jew or Greek, no Sudanese or American, no Adventist or Muslim. God sees us as people, not skin colors, attitudes, occupations, nationalities. God sees, and loves, us.

I spent a few hours at home last evening making final preparations in case I had to go, giving the cats some attention. When I got the phone call that determined that I would not leave, after all, I called the friends who lived close to the attack site.

Welcome home, one said. And I am.

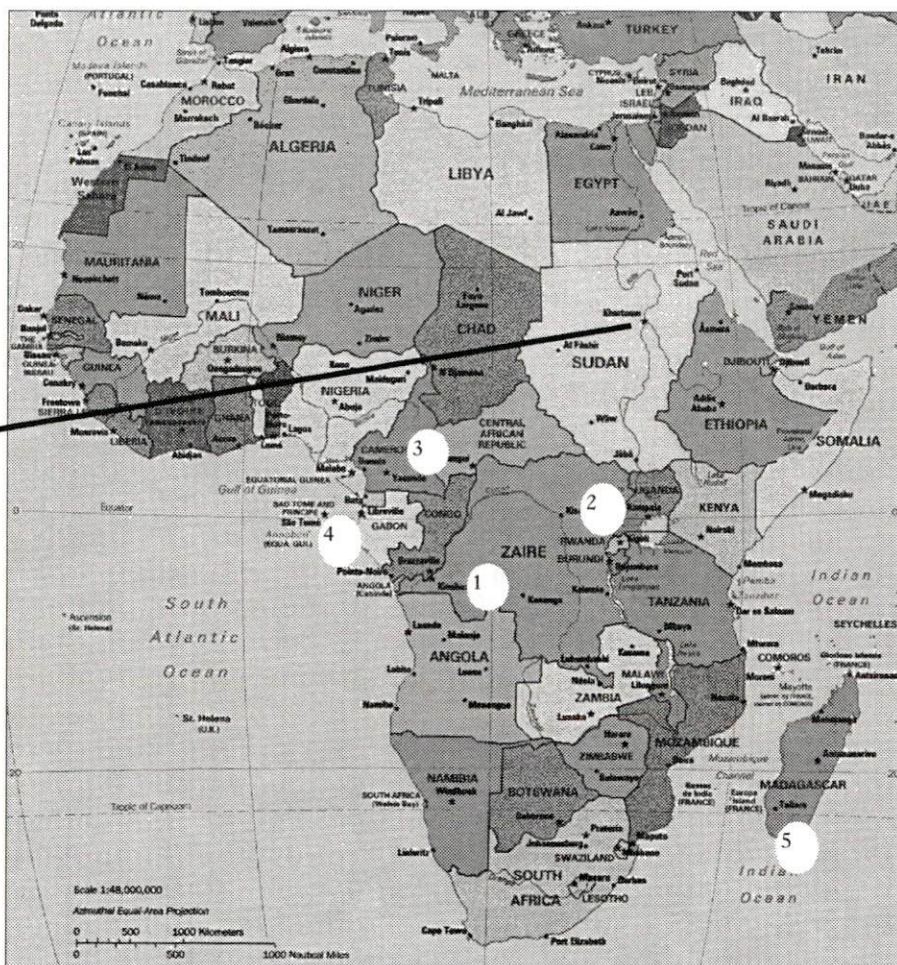


## *Africa-Indian Ocean mission dental clinics visited by Dr. Crawford*

*There are four mission dental clinics in operation in this Division, with another one under development. James Crawford, SD'60, MPH, executive associate dean of the School of Dentistry, and General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists associate director of international dental affairs, visited Rwanda, Zaire (now called Republic of Congo), and Cameroon during the summer. He provided this report:*

The clinic at **Kinshasa, Zaire** (#1 on map) is currently operated by Dr. Emilia Rosu, a graduate of the International Dentist Program at LLU School of Dentistry in 1991. She and her husband, Nick, have worked long and hard in this area. They have built a small church and a school next to the mission office compound, and have another school nearly built. The stress of the recent war which forced their evacuation in 1997, and the work of re-opening of the clinic has taken its toll on their energy. As of this writing, the conflict between Congo and Rwanda has escalated and expatriate personnel are being evacuated once again. Emilia and Nick will return to the U.S. and close this phase of their mission service. This has been a very successful dental clinic in the West Congo Union, and we pray that the political situation will soon be resolved so that we can once again provide dental ministry to this area of need.

**Kigali, Rwanda** (#2 on map): After the tragic loss of Dr. Ranjan Kuleskari at Kigali



last year, Dr. Ludy Piñeda, a dentist from the Philippines, has continued with the dental mission work there. The dental clinic is well recognized in the city and is doing very well. This clinic was constructed with thought and planning for a successful future. Howard Munson, SD'65, and his wife established this beautiful compound and clinic setting, and are thought of with high esteem in the area. During my visit, a graduate from the Philippines, Vincent Dionzon, was serving a volunteer assignment at this clinic.

The Yaounde SDA Clinic in **Cameroon** (#3 on map), is a very successful clinic in a very cordial atmosphere. The local personnel from Cameroon are very involved with the mission of the clinic and help to provide a strong relationship with the professional community. There are two Cameroonian dentists besides two graduates from LLU School of Dentistry, Dr. Perry Burtch and Dr. David Nielsen, both from the class of '89. Dr. Jean-Jacque Awoukeng is our most recent participant in the LLU six-month advanced training program, partially funded by NASDAD. Dr. Chantal Ngo-Bikoi is an excellent candidate for this program and her application is in process.

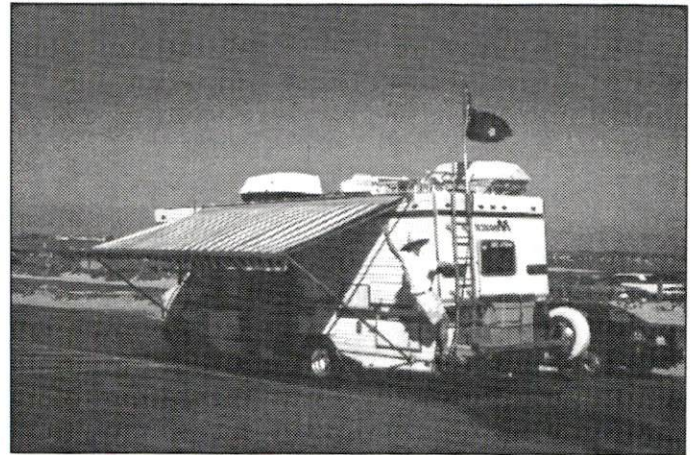
**Equatorial Guinea** (#4 on map): The French government has donated a large parcel of land and some funding on which to

build a dental clinic and school in Equatorial Guinea, just off the coast of the Cameroons. Dr. and Mrs. Burtch spent nearly their entire furlough soliciting donations of supplies and equipment for this clinic, and their container should arrive from the U.S. in October. The funds have not yet been voted by the Division or the General Conference to send a dentist for this new clinic. The Africa-Indian Ocean Division is responsible for six countries in this region, but have funding for only four health-related personnel for the entire area. Equatorial Guinea is an obvious need. New businesses are moving in from America and there are no health services currently available and practically no SDA presence there. The poverty of the island is miserable and the potential for Adventist health care is terrific. They need our prayers and support for this deserving project.

**Madagascar Update** (#5 on map): We have had a number of challenges in staffing the clinic at Madagascar. It is a fine facility, and has enjoyed a good reputation for quality dental care. We have a well-qualified volunteer in Bill Ingham, SD'58, a veteran mission dentist, who is willing to spend some time there to re-establish the practice. We are searching diligently for a long-term missionary to fill this very needy post.

# Students on the Move

## International Dentist Program does baywatch duty July 10



*New Zealand Consulate on Bolsa Chica Beach, a.k.a. Dr. John Whittaker's mobile home.*



*Launching the Unsinkable Molly Brown: Dr. John Whittaker, professor of restorative dentistry, and Alexander Serdyukov.*



*Mohamed Ahmed and Alexander Serdyukov*



*Amrit and Gurrinder Atwal fly kites at Bolsa Chica Beach.*



*June Xiao, Jaspreet Bal, Supriya Kundalgar, Asha Vellanki, and Cyndi Chen.*



*Alexander Seryukov and Mohamed Ahmed enjoy the surf on the Unsinkable Molly Brown.*

*Rollerblading for the first time: Shanti Divi gives a hand to Asha Vellanki, as Shreedevi Thulasidas gives support.*



## Careers in Dentistry attracts future dental professionals

by Sandy Webb

The fourteenth annual Careers in Dentistry Workshop was held in the School of Dentistry on July 19-21, 1998. Dr. Duane Wacker directed the program. The goal of the workshop is to give a positive view of the professional roles in oral health care, with emphasis in dentistry and dental hygiene. Participants enroll to learn about these roles and to have an opportunity to shadow a student as they practice as student dentists and student dental hygienists.

The School was pleased to welcome 50 individuals this year. In addition to California, participants came from nearby states of Oregon, Utah, Arizona, Texas, and Canada. Twenty of the enthusiastic learners indicated they were primarily interested in dental hygiene while the others were considering a career as dentists.

The School arranges for participants to stay on campus, which 20 chose to do, giving them an understanding of the environment of LLU outside the dental building. Others stayed with family and friends.

Presentations were made by Drs. Fred Kasischke, George Lessard, Don Beglau, Robert Riegel, John Peterson, Dennis Clark, J. B. Jablonski, Robert Frank, Keith Hoffmann, Klaus Wolfram, James Dunn, John Leyman, William Heisler, Susan Roche, Joseph Kan,

R. David Rynearson, and Ms. Nancy Pulliam. On Monday morning Steve Cha, DSA Chaplain, gave a devotional to the group.

The participants spent time in the radiology department, in the wax-up laboratory, and in the clinic. The Dental Student Association, under the leadership of Rolf Wuerch, gave tours to the participants on Sunday night from the Drayson Center and also served breakfast on Tuesday in the student lounge.

On Monday afternoon, the participants who were interested in dental hygiene met with Mrs. Karen Simpson, who shared her enthusiasm for the profession and taught them to chart. Each person was then assigned to work with a current dental hygiene student in clinic that evening.

A celebration meal was served on Tuesday evening in the Fellowship Hall at the University Church. Mrs. Sylvia Davis gave a presentation on the admissions process, and Dr. Alan Woodson talked about his role as a dentist. Dr. William Hooker chaired a panel discussion of current students giving information about their decisions to enter the dental profession and attend LLU.

The 1998 Workshop was coordinated by Sandy Webb in the Admissions Office, under the leadership of Dr. Duane Wacker.

## ADA recognizes LLU dental missionaries

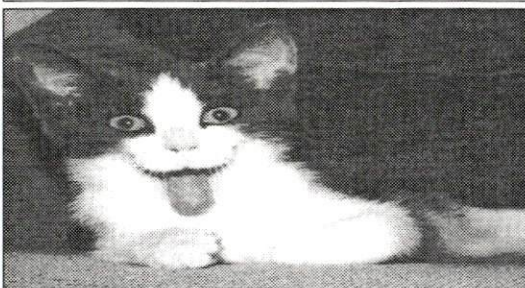
The American Dental Association has presented certificates of recognition to LLUSD students and alumni for meritorious service in foreign locations. We are proud and pleased to add our appreciation and send our congratulations to these students and alumni:

Harry Albert, SD'98	Brazil
Matthew Bruner, SD'98	Ecuador
Erin Carpenter, SD'98	Papua New Guinea
Kerisa Elloway, SD'00	Brazil
Mark Estey, SD'98	Papua New Guinea
Andrea Gasporra, SD'98	Brazil
Andrew Kim, SD'98	Moscow, Russia
James Yoo, SD'98	Papua New Guinea
Periza Zaninovic, SD'00	Brazil

### *Fall Week of Devotion schedule*

The Fall quarter Week of Devotion will be October 5-9. Class schedules should be adjusted as follows:

(Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)  
 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  
 Wednesday schedule will stay the same.



*Who put the plaque discloser tablet in my Friskies?*

# Department News

## Administration

The Faculty Advance seminar will be held in Collins Auditorium, at the Drayson Center, on Friday, September 25, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Center for Dental Research

- **Yiming Li**, DDS, MSD, PhD, professor of restorative dentistry, published a paper in the last issue of *Compendium*, a special issue: Li, Y.: Tooth bleaching using peroxide-containing agents: current status of safety issues, *Compendium* 19:783-796, 1998.

- **Dr. Guillermo Bernal** joined the Biomaterials Research Facility on July 1. He is an associate professor in restorative dentistry. He works three days a week for the Biomaterials Research Facility, and teaches in the undergraduate clinic and the graduate prosthodontics clinic.

- **Dr. Jose Torres** joined the Biomaterials Research Facility on August 1 as a senior research assistant. He is assistant professor of restorative dentistry, and will be conducting research in the BRF and treating patients in the graduate prosthodontics clinic.

- **Neil Jessop** joined the BMF on August 15 as a senior research assistant. He formerly worked for Ultradent Products, Inc., as the assistant director of research. He will be helping the BRF in testing new adhesives and composites.

## Clinic Administration

- Employee recognition nomination forms can now be submitted at any time in Dental Supply. A box will be located there to place nomination forms. This will give faculty, staff and students the opportunity to submit an employee's name at any time, rather than just for a few weeks at the end of the quarter.

- The following changes and additions have taken place:

- **Vivian Davis** moves to dental records, transferring from the Alumni Association.

- **Flavia Korsich** is new to biomaterials.
- **Kerby Carambot** is transferring to biomaterials and leaving main clinic.

- **Joyce Planeta** is transferring from data entry to IDP clinic.

- **Jillian Good** is the new supervisor in IDP.

- **Barbara Long** is leaving IDP to go to Oregon.

- **Eunice Espinoza** is a new dental assistant, part time, in Faculty Dental Offices.

- **Christine Garza** is a new temporary assistant in GANR.

- **Liana Greco** and **Shasta Sconyers** are new assistants in orthodontics.

- **Delia Ramirez** is the new data entry records specialist.

- **Roberto Solis** is joining the sterilization team as their new sterilization technician.

- Leaving us is **Sandra Johnson** - she is very busy in her career as a registered dental hygienist - Sandy has been on call with the School of Dentistry helping out when needed.

- **Anna Ramirez** has decided to leave the orthodontics department instead of taking maternity time off. Congratulations, Anna.

- Congratulations to **Keri Allen** in Patient Relations, who recently became engaged. Her fiancé, Scott Adams, is a private contractor from Corona. The two plan to marry October 17, 1998.

## Continuing Dental Education

- Continuing Dental Education bid farewell to **Rachel Nuñez** on August 21. On Aug. 30, Rachel married Hugo Leon, MD, a graduate of the LLU School of Medicine, at Arrowhead Springs Christian Center. They will move to Orlando, Florida, where Hugo is a medical resident at Florida Adventist Hospital.

- **Annabelle Galvan** is the new department secretary for CDE and Dental Alumni Association.

- **Patty Hoerner**, assistant director of CDE, attended the annual Association of Continuing Dental Educators meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico, July 31 - August 5.

## Dental Hygiene

The dental hygiene class of 1994 lost its class president, **Kristy Anne McClintock-Macias**, DH'94, RDH, when she died August 5 in her home. She had battled cancer for over a year.

Mrs. Macias, a native of Riverside, worked as a registered dental hygienist for Mervin



*Not in the Dean's job description: Dr. and Mrs. Goodacre doing KP at Camp MiVoden. Continuing dental education co-sponsored a program at Hayden Lake, Idaho, with the Northwest Chapter of the National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists (NASDAD), August 3 - 7. This week-long family-oriented adventure was located at Camp MiVoden.*

*Activities included continuing education lectures from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., featuring Dr. Charles J. Goodacre and Dr. Lane Thomsen. The rest of each day was spent waterskiing, worship groups, campfires, mountain biking, horseback riding, arts and crafts, and of course, KP (kitchen patrol).*

*This annual event is held at the same time as medical and physical therapy continuing education programs. Approximately 60 families participated in this year's "junior camp" extravaganza.*



Ellstrom, SD'75A, at Sunnymead Dental Group for three years.

Her memorial service was held on August 10 in Riverside. There was standing room only as her family and friends overflowed the chapel. At the memorial service, the following words were included in the program:

"In the spring of 1997, Kristy was diagnosed with breast cancer, yet she not only continued to work, but also volunteered her services for a low-income children's dental program. Kristy will be remembered by those who knew her, as a gentle, kind, and caring individual, who had a passion for growing beautiful things. She will be remembered by her affection for all creatures, her gleaming smile, her soft voice, her gentle touch, her innocence, and her heartfelt laughter. But best of all, we'll remember Kristy for her strength, her dignity, her endurance, her will to live, and her faith in God."

Kristy was married to Jorge Macias for 14 years, and is survived by her husband, father, mother and stepfather, a brother, and two sisters.



*Linda Sjolander presents her dental hygiene demo at Redlands Christian Center.*

Linda Sjolander, DH'98, dental assistant in Faculty Endodontics, gave a dental hygiene demonstration at a patient's Sunday School program at Redlands Christian Center on August 16. She taught the sixth- through twelfth-grade students correct techniques in brushing and discussed the importance of proper nutrition and visiting their dentists regularly, and gave toothbrushes to the kids.

### International Dentist Program

• **Ming-Way Lee**, SD'86, associate professor of restorative dentistry in IDP, was one of six general practitioners who earned the Academy of General Dentistry's prestigious Mastership Award at a special ceremony held in Boston in

July. It is not an easy task to accomplish this, says the Academy. First, one must achieve fellowship status by completing 500 course hours within 10 years and then pass a written examination. The road to Mastership involves 600 additional hours, 400 of which must be earned by participating in hands-on courses sanctioned by the AGD. There are in excess of 100,000 dentists in the United States, and only about 1,400 have achieved Mastership status since they were first awarded in 1972.

• **Ebenezer Johnson**, BDS, SD'88, assistant professor of restorative dentistry in IDP, has been awarded a fellowship in the Academy of General Dentistry, at the July convocation of AGD. Dr. Johnson wrote an exam in 1991, then took more than 700 hours of continuing education in AGD-recognized courses.

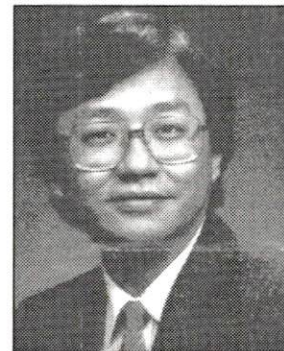
Dr. Johnson lives in Loma Linda, and practices with his wife, Rachel Johnson, DDS. He received OKU membership in 1989.

### Oral Diagnosis, Radiology & Pathology

The TMD/Oral Medicine Clinic has a new location and new name. The clinic is now located at the Faculty Dental Offices at 24863 Taylor Street. The clinic has been renamed the Orofacial Pain Management & Oral Medicine Clinic. Temporomandibular disorders, myofascial pain, migraine headaches, tension-type headaches, neuropathic pain, and sleep apnea are treated by the Orofacial Pain Management Clinic. Intraoral soft tissue lesions and osseous lesions are among the conditions treated by the Oral Medicine Clinic. Patients may schedule an appointment by phoning 558-4920.

### Orthodontics

• **Dr. Bill Emmerson**, assistant professor of orthodontics, played in the Governor's Trophy Golf Tournament fund raiser on July 19 - 21 for California victims of crime. The tournament, sponsored by the California Prison Guards Association, was held at Pebble Beach and Spanish Bay in Monterey, California. Participating in this fund raising event was the California Dental Political Action Committee (CALDPAC), of which Dr. Emmerson is a member.



*Dr. Ming-Way Lee*



*Pictured with Dr. Emmerson is Riverside County Assemblyman Rod Pacheco and Dr. Sam Aanestad, oral surgeon of Grass Valley, CA, Republican nominee in California's Third Assembly District.*



## ADHESIVE DENTURE STUDY

*A screening test for the selection of subjects for a denture study*

**Study Criteria:** The School of Dentistry is currently screening approximately 150 adult subjects for a future denture adhesive study. Forty subjects will be selected from the participants and invited to participate in a future denture adhesive training study based on their ability to meet the study criteria. The denture study will test the strength of a commercially available denture adhesive.

**Study Length:** The screening selection will last approximately two hours.

For those interested there is a \$20 incentive for participating in the screening study.

If you are interested in participating in the screening and denture adhesive study, call Andrea at (909) 558-0656, or the Center for Dental Research at (909) 558-4683 for more information. Please refer to the study name when you call.

## ARTGLASS CROWN (CAP) STUDY

*Clinical evaluation of Artglass for use in single fixed partial dentures*

**Study Criteria:** The School of Dentistry is currently recruiting 100 adult subjects for a dental research study designed to test a new type of esthetic (appearance) crown (cap) for single teeth. The crown is made of a tooth-colored composite material, and is more natural looking in appearance than other types of crowns.

**Study Length:** After the crown is cemented, there will be periodic follow-up appointments over a period of two years.

If you qualify for this study, as an incentive for your participation you will receive \$100 off the normal school fee for a crown.

If you are interested in participating in this study, call Andrea at (909) 558-0656, or the Center for Dental Research at (909) 558-4683 for more information. Please refer to the study name when you call.

• The following are changes in orthodontics clinic personnel: Because of his wife's illness, Dr. Robert Homer, assistant professor, is taking a leave of absence. Erin Solberg will soon be leaving to begin dental hygiene training. Jennie Kavanagh, DH'98, formerly on the ortho clinic staff, will be leaving at the end of Fall quarter, to be replaced by Christine Garza. Welcome to those joining us, and our best wishes go with those leaving.

## Pediatric Dentistry

Elena Fernandez, assistant in the pediatric dentistry clinic, gave birth to a son on July 21, Daniel Fernandez II. He weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

## Periodontics

We are happy to announce the arrival of Nicholas Tatakis, born August 8. He started out at 7 pounds, 14 ounces. His mother, Wei Ren, SD'97 (IDP) and he are doing great. Congratulations to the proud father, Dr. Dimitris Tatakis.



## September Birthdays

Ruben Hernandez	Computer Services
Cheryl Harrison	Fac Dental
Ambra Linnenkamp	Sterilization
Jeff Griswold	Dental Supply
Flavia Korsich	Biomaterials
Steve Cantrell	Dental Supply
James Cho	Restorative
Norma Lesko	Fac Dental
Jenny Kavanaugh	GANR
Michelle Johnson	Dental Hyg
Fred Berry	Restorative
Roberto Solis	Sterilization
Robert Johnson	Dental Maintenance
Kerby Carambot	Biomaterials
Roseanne Wease	Fac Dental
Cynthia Seebold	LL Endodontics
Joseph Caruso	Orthodontics
Amber Dixon	Main Clinic
Tony Theodorou	Restorative
Max Hernandez	Dental Lab Services
Dave Dennis	Restorative
Kathleen Lamb	Orthodontics
Roger Plata	Restorative

## Prosthodontics & Implant Dentistry

Between July 9 and 20, Jaime Lozada, DDS, PG'87, PG'97, lectured in five different countries. It was a dental implant lecture tour around the world. On July 9 he lectured in Quito, Ecuador; on the 10th at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; on July 13 in Johannesburg, on July 14 in Durban, on July 15 in Capetown, South Africa; and on July 17 in Bangkok, Thailand. The last stop on July 19 was in Yokohama, Japan.

## Restorative Dentistry

• Carlos Muñoz, DDS, MSD, and James Dunn, SD'69, made presentations to the Kerr Corporation on *Fiber-Reinforced Composite Restorations*, August 20 - 23, on San Diego's Coronado Island.

• Daniel Tan, SD'75A, associate professor, attended an AADS-sponsored five-day workshop for dental educators, located in Santa Cruz, July 11 - 16. He and Susan Richards, SD'84, assistant professor and chair of ODRP, along with 36 other attendees from schools around the nation, focused on leadership skills, self-awareness, and self-development.



*Drs. Fred Kasischke, James Crawford, Jerome Jablonski, Doyle Nick, and Ms. Kathleen Moore recently celebrated another financial infusion from the Alumni Association to the School of Dentistry. The Dental Alumni Association recently funded the following projects:*

<i>School of Dentistry Building Project</i>	<i>\$35,000</i>
<i>Extramural Programs Vehicle</i>	<i>\$80,000</i>
<i>Clinica de Valle de la Trinidad</i>	<i>\$ 5,000</i>
<i>SD Scholarship Endowment Fund</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>Dental Alumni Student Loan Fund</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>

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*LLU School of Dentistry*

# Fall Family Retreat

## October 16 - 18, 1998

Pine Springs Ranch  
San Jacinto Mountains

### Top Reasons for Attending the Fall Family Retreat

*by Brian P. Black, SD'00*

7. Chance at winning the '99 Corvette Give-Away Sweepstakes
6. No PVFs required
5. Discover which faculty dentist can bore you to sleep outside of class
4. The Greenpeace "Forest Clear-Cutting and Animal Displacement" demonstration
3. Name carving in trees using the otherwise worthless Jeffery Hatcher
2. Snipe Hunting with Dr. Hooker (Smoke those snipers out!)

*And the Number One reason for attending the Fall Family Retreat:*

1. Find out if Dr. Milledge retains his title as "Chubby Bunny" Champion



For Reasons #8 - 99 to attend the retreat, or for price information and reservations, call Kathy Olsen in Restorative, x44606.

*What is going on in this picture from the 1997 Fall Family Retreat? See #1 above!*





## School of Dentistry top provider of CE -- again

The School of Dentistry at Loma Linda University earned recognition as the top provider of continuing dental education in terms of courses offered and number of attendees, according to a survey by the Association of Continuing Dental Educators conducted among the 55 schools in the U.S. and Canada.

For the second consecutive year, LLUSD sponsored the most courses (164) and had the largest number of attendees (7,141). Close "competitors" were UCSF with 80 courses/6,200 attendees; and UNC/Chapel Hill had 43 courses/6,000 attendees. While other entities, such as dental societies and dental products companies also provide CE to dentists, dental schools are the largest providers.

The success of LLUSD in this area can be attributed to careful selection of high quality CE lecturers, which include both LLU faculty and invited faculty, convenient locations and attractive scheduling. The staff of LLUSD CE which is not as big as those in many other schools, has managed the program well and deserves the recognition earned.

*<<<The LLU staff consists of Patty Hoerner, assistant director, Kathleen Moore, director, and Rachel Nuñez, office aide, who recently moved to Florida.*

## Alaskan alumni give cold-shoulder treatment to Dr. William Heisler (NOT!)

While on vacation in Alaska last July, William Heisler, SD'59, associate dean for clinic administration, visited with two alumni in the state.

Susan Polis, SD'97, lives in Homer, on the beautiful Kenai peninsula about 240 miles southwest of Anchorage.

She established a new practice there after graduation from dental school and states that she is busy when in the office, but this time of year spends as much time as possible halibut fishing on her boat called the "Tooth Ferry." In addition to the practice in Homer, Susan commutes via Alaska Airlines to two other practices. One is in Yakutat, south of



*Susan Polis' boat, the Tooth Ferry, and below, her Barrow office front*



Anchorage, where she has a practice devoted to State Aid (similar to Denti-Cal) patients. She is extremely busy in that practice when she is there. As if that is not enough, Dr. Polis has established a practice in Barrow, the northernmost city (5000 residents, including 500 children) on the continent of North America.

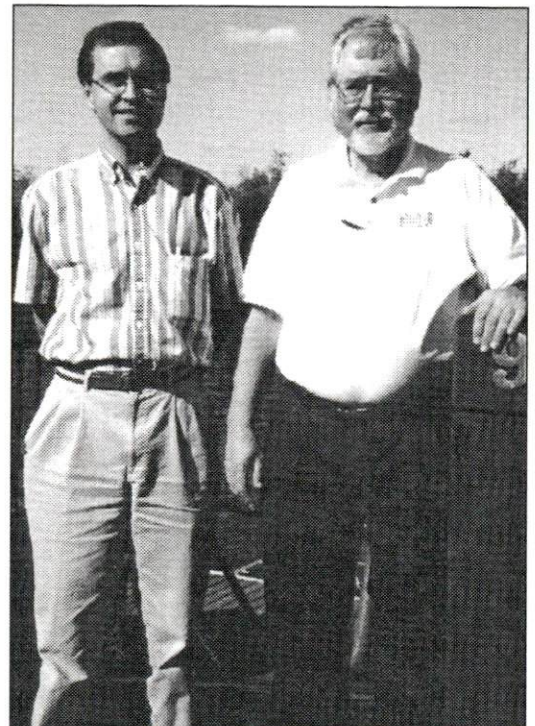
While in Alaska Dr. Heisler visited Barrow and took the accompanying photo of Dr. Polis' Barrow office. He also had dinner with all the Seventh-day Adventists in the city (8), and took a tour via Hummer to the Northern tip of Dover Peninsula, the absolute tip of the North American continent.

In Fairbanks, Dr. Heisler visited with Dan Bergeron, SD'92, his wife Karen, and their baby girl, Christine. Dan purchased a practice in downtown Fairbanks from a retiring dentist and enjoys a very active practice, as well as the many

outdoor activities available, especially visits to Denali National Park, only a two-hour drive away. Dr. Bergeron is looking forward to moving to a new office soon. He and Karen live in the city of Fox and drive by the Alaska pipeline to and from work every day. They attend and are active in the Adventist church in the city of North Pole, about 20 miles from Fairbanks. Dan is also active in a local Rotary Club.

In addition to visiting with Susan and Dan, Dr. Heisler conferred with a dentist in Wasilla, Alaska, about an upcoming trip to Magadan, Russia, and, together with his father and brother Bob, did some gold prospecting on the beach at Nome.

*Dan Bergeron, SD'92, with Dr. William Heisler*



# Dental faculty and alumni minister in Guam

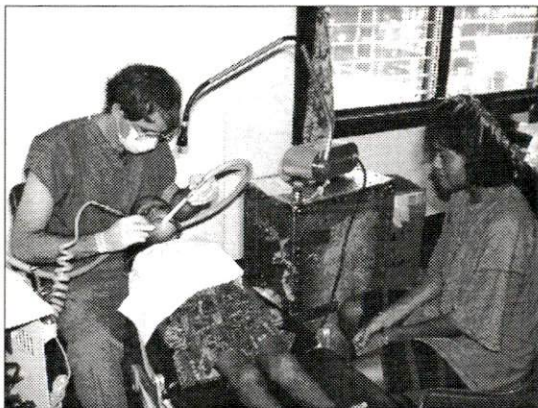
by Michael Lee, SD'83, MS'96, assistant professor of periodontics

On June 25, my family (wife Shirley Lee, DH'82, and children Jennifer, Amy, and Jonathan) and I traveled to the island of Guam for a two-week vacation. Guam is an island in Micronesia and is a territory of the United States. It is known as the place "where America's day begins." No strangers to this tropical paradise, we spent eight years there as missionaries, working at the Guam SDA Clinic from 1983 until 1991. It was also in Guam that we had the first two of our three children, Jennifer and Amy. As we had not visited Guam since leaving in 1991, it was good to see old friends and learn of the progress of the SDA Church and Clinic.

One of the highlights of our trip was the baptism of our two girls in the ocean of Guam, by pastor Frank Taitague, president of the Guam-Micronesia Mission.



Another highlight was a five-day dental mission trip to Falalop, a three-quarter-mile-square island of Ulithi Atoll, which is part of Yap State, one of the Federated States of Micronesia. Traveling with us was Wayne Ward, SD'90, currently serving as a missionary at the Guam SDA Clinic. The people of Ulithi have no regular access to dental care. The last dental care provided to these people was in 1990, when



Wayne Ward, SD'90, missionary dentist in Guam

we, along with Todd Milledge, (SD'88, PG'95, now assistant professor and chair of pediatric dentistry) visited the island. We brought with us all of our own dental equipment and supplies, and performed extractions, composite and amalgam restorations, and lots of extensive



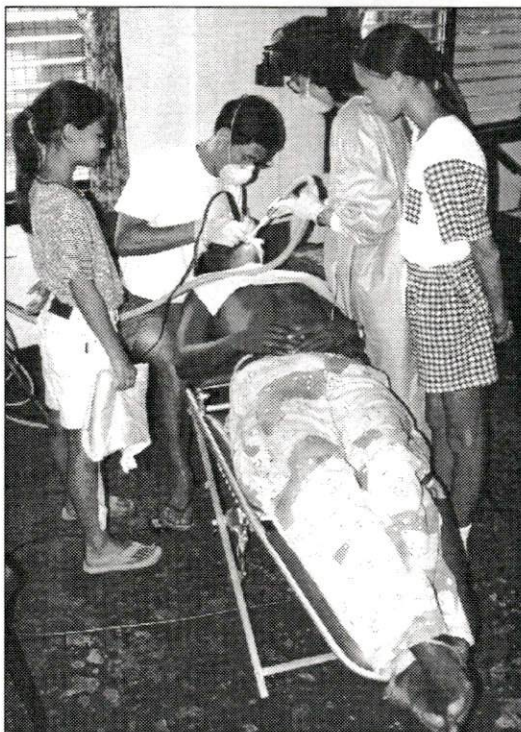
The Lees' excellent adventure is off to a good start.

cleanings. The people there are heavy betelnut chewers, so the cavitron was running all day long.

Our trip to Guam and Ulithi brought back many fond memories, and our sense of missions has been renewed. If you feel called to participate in mission service, either short or long term, don't pass up the opportunity to serve your fellow man in this exciting way.



Shirley Lee, DH'82, uses the cavitron to remove betelnut stains.



The Lee family treating a Micronesian patient: Amy, Mike, Shirley, and Jennifer.

You are cordially invited to the  
**DEAN'S RECEPTION**

Sunday, October 25, 1998  
 5:30 to 7:00 pm  
 the Westin St. Francis Hotel  
 Elizabethan B Room  
 335 Powell Street, San Francisco, CA  
 Alumni, faculty, students and friends  
 of the School of Dentistry are invited to join

Dr. and Mrs. Charles J. Goodacre  
 at a special reception during the  
 American Dental Association Session

The annual convention for the National Association of Adventist Dentists (NASDAD) will take place October 21-25 at the Hilton Hotel in Pleasanton, California, approximately 30 miles from San Francisco. The president this year is Gerald Bailey, SD'70. President-elect is Bill Heisler, SD'59. John Peterson, SD'70, MS'78, will conduct the continuing education seminar. First-time attendees are eligible to have the \$60 registration fee waived. For more information on the golf tournament and other activities, please call the NASDAD office in the School of Dentistry at 558-8187 or send e-mail to nasdad@cemail.llu.edu

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## Faculty Dental Offices hold Open House celebrating renovated facilities



Some of the FDO staff at the Open House celebration: Jeannine Smiderle, Carol Russell, Rosanne Wease, Eunice Espinosa, Dr. Dan Hall (director), and Cathy Mahle.



Some of the faculty dentists: Drs. Bill Heisler, Lane Thomsen, Gary Golden, Stan Appleton, and Brett Clifton. Dr. Dan Hall, seated in the dental chair, is director of the clinic.

Fifth Annual

# Fall Classic Picnic

**“We’re going Hawaiian!”**

Aloha & Welcome

**Sunday, October 11, 1998**

**11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Dental school quad**

**Wear your Hawaiian shirts!  
Freshmen welcome!**

Catered picnic lunch (12:30)

Volleyball

Door Prizes

Air Bounce

Water Balloon Toss

Three-legged Race

Cotton Candy

