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Sam Kim, SD'99, places first in ADA/Dentsply student table clinic competition

Sam Kim, SD'99, was first place winner with the table clinic, *Comparative Analysis of Alternatives to Traditional Post and Core Systems on Severely Flared Canals of Endodontically Treated Teeth* at the ADA/Dentsply Student Clinician Competition during the American Dental Association Annual Session in San Francisco, October 23-28, 1998.

Previously, Sam and his classmates **Caroline Le** and **Dan Nguyen** had placed first at the 1998 California Dental Association Spring Session in Anaheim, and second at the 1998 Alumni-Student Convention held on this campus in February.

At the recent ADA meeting, Sam participated in Category 1: Clinical Application and Technique, along with student representatives from 20 other dental schools. Only one member of each table clinic team is allowed to make the presentation and field questions.

As first place winner, Sam was an honored guest at the ADA banquet honoring the ADA president, and also received a travel prize to attend the midwinter meeting of the Chicago Dental Society.

Sponsoring the Loma Linda University entry was Douglass Roberts, SD'66, MS'77, professor of restorative dentistry. Also attending the ADA meeting was Fred Berry, DDS, associate professor of restorative dentistry and coordinator of the LLU Student Table Clinic Program.

Three other Loma Linda University School of Dentistry students have done well in this competition during the last few years. Vincent Chee, SD'92, placed first at the 1991 ADA Meeting in Seattle; James Henderson, SD'95, placed third at the 1994 ADA Meeting in New Orleans; and Franco Audia, SD'97, placed first at the 1996 ADA Meeting in Orlando.

Loma Linda University was recognized as being one of only 19 dental schools to have participated in each of the 40 competitions which have been sponsored by Dentsply International.

Congratulations to the team of Sam Kim, Caroline Le, and Dan Nguyen, on a job well done.



First place winners at the CDA student table clinic competition in April: Sam Kim, Caroline Le, and Dan Nguyen.

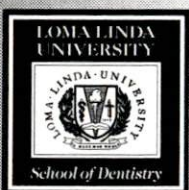
Picnic and retreat bond students to School

Photos of picnic and retreat, pages 2-5



<<<Staff, students, and family members of LLUSD employees enjoyed the picnic, where some learned hula moves.

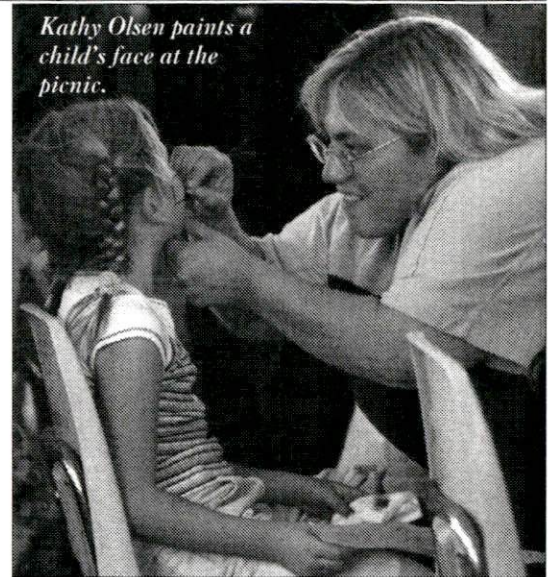
>>>Pine Springs Ranch, in the San Jacinto Mountains, was the site of the annual retreat. Students feasted on ice cream on Saturday night.



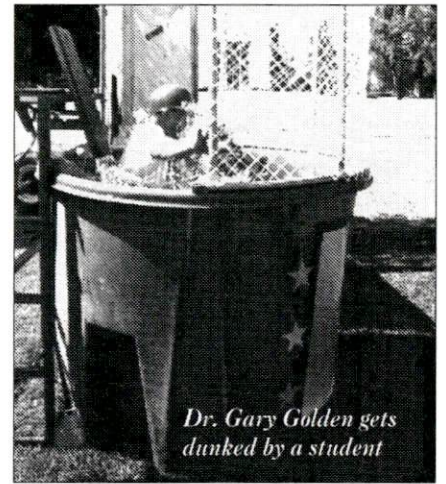
Gallery...SD Fall Classic Picnic



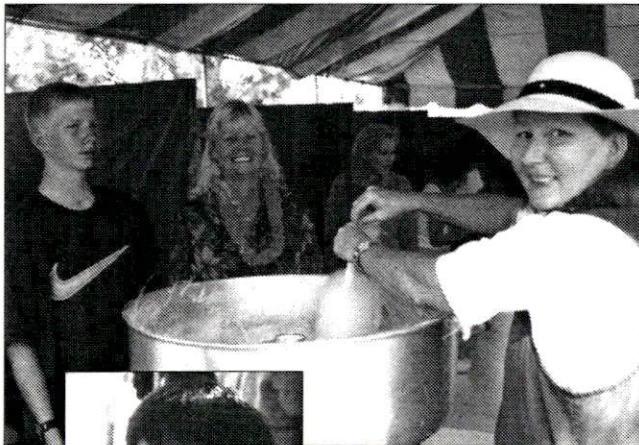
Char Jimenez, RDA, OSA, assistant supervisor in GANR.



Kathy Olsen paints a child's face at the picnic.



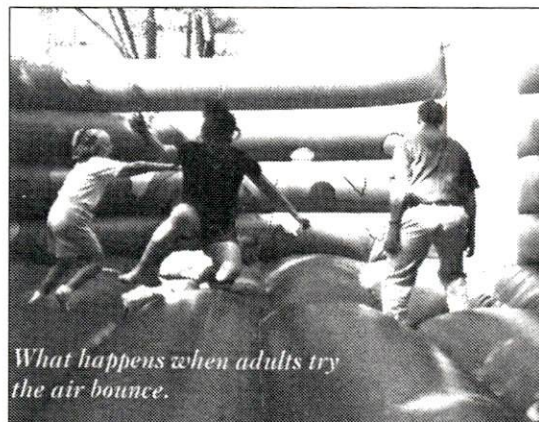
Dr. Gary Golden gets dunked by a student



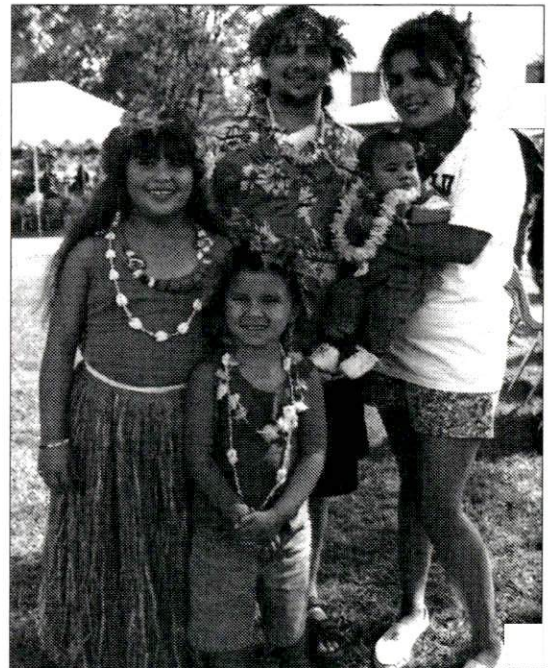
Carol Lenchner and son Brandon watch as Dee Scheuerman spins another batch of cotton candy.



This cotton candy eater is biocompatible with Drs. Jenny Sy-Muñoz and Carlos Muñoz.



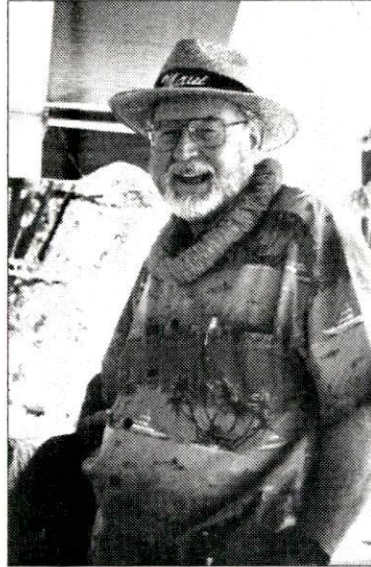
What happens when adults try the air bounce.



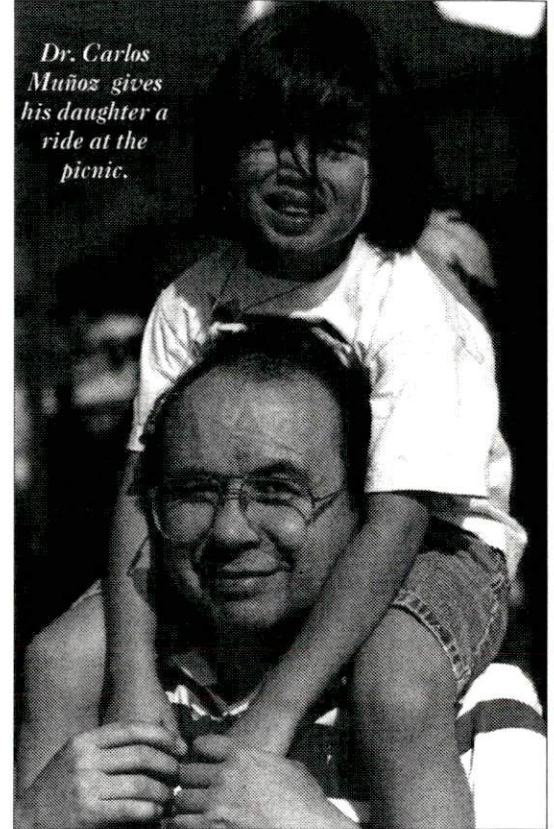
Danny and Miriam Yanez, with children Danielle, Andre, and baby Zach.



Darlene Moningka helped serve the Hawaiian food. She is the daughter of Gracie Garner, who catered the picnic lunch.



Dr. Heisler dressed for the part.



Dr. Carlos Muñoz gives his daughter a ride at the picnic.



Brian Black (right) announces one of many prizes given out during the annual picnic.

It's not Surfin' USA, it's the hula. From left: Chuck Yetter, Dr. Rolet Moore (Kathleen Moore's dad), David Vetch, and Steven Alvarez, DH'99.



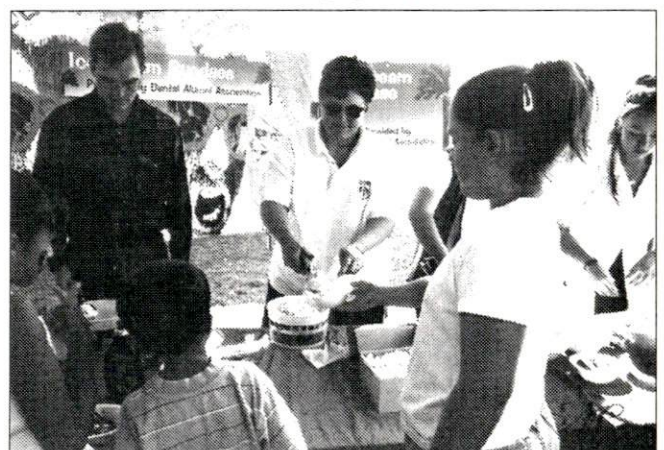
Rosemary Passmore tries the hula with some help from LLUSD staff children.



Water balloon toss trajectory spells doom for recipient.



Chad Kimbrough, SD'01, and Dr. Judy Strutz serve ice cream sundaes on a hot Sunday afternoon.



Gallery...*Fall Family Retreat*

Two October events planned for School of Dentistry students and employees have helped students and staff forge friendships and working relationships.

The October 11 picnic with a Hawaiian theme was attended by hundreds of students and staff, and their families. Activities included face painting, bead-stringing, a dunk tank, an air bounce, sack races and tug-o-war.

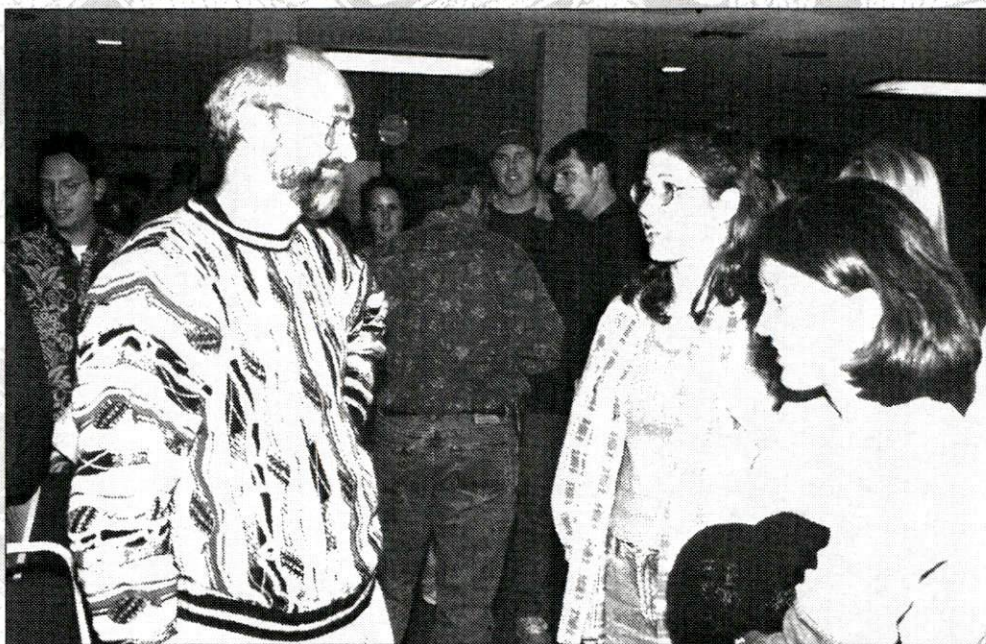
The October 16-18 retreat held at Pine Springs Ranch was planned by Lane Thomsen, SD'65, MS'74, associate professor of ODRP, and Daniel Tan, SD'75A, associate professor of restorative dentistry, along with committees of staff and students.

Worship services were conducted by students, who also performed in solos, duets, and a string quartet. Keynote speaker for the weekend was Pastor Dick Duerksen, MA, director of spiritual development for Florida Hospital in Orlando. Doug Mace, associate pastor of Loma Linda University Church, also spoke for Sabbath vespers, and was master of ceremonies for the Saturday Night Follies.

Senior dental students John and Melissa Nelson and Aaron Rondon talked about their Ecuador extramural missionary trip, and Ross Simonds told about his mission to the Marshall Islands.

"Approximately 400 people, at least 150 of them students, attended the retreat, and it was a huge success," says Dr. Thomsen. "People rolled in the aisles for two and a half hours of laughter at the Saturday Night Follies. It was standing room only."

The event started in the 1970s as a faculty retreat, says Dr. Thomsen, who was



Dick Duerksen enjoys the fellowship time in the worship room at Pine Springs Ranch.

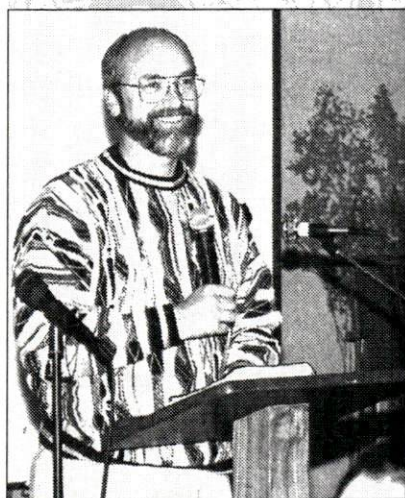
gratified that more students attended this year's retreat than any other.

Cash prizes for the talent contest were donated by Scripps Oral Pathology Service, directed by Gordon Rick, SD'68, MS'72, associate professor of ODRP.

"Strong winds and chilly weather met us for the dental retreat at Pine Springs Ranch," said Jenny Grossman, a junior dental hygiene student. "But despite the weather, everyone managed to have fun. Not only did we get to enjoy some very inspirational programs on Friday night and Sabbath, but we had the opportunity to get better acquainted with our fellow students and faculty. We shared hot cider, gazed at the stars, hiked through the hills and had an all around good time. Saturday night brought fun and a lot of laughter. We enjoyed crazy skits, music and a variety of fabulous prizes. The School of Dentistry sure knows how to give things away! I'm gonna win that trip to Hawaii next year!"



Nature discovery at Pine Springs Ranch.

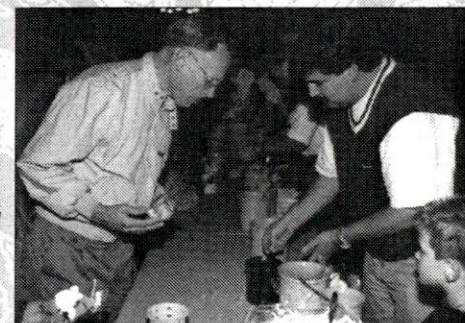


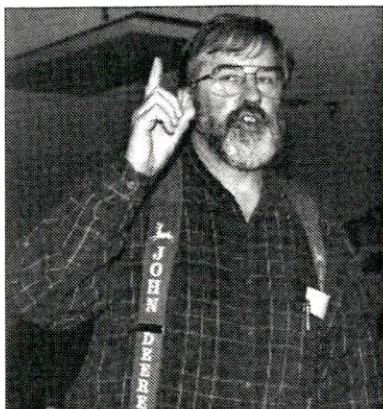
Dick Duerksen spoke the first evening on the topic "Camped on the Edge of Hell."



Rolf Wuerch, SD'99, shows his door prize, \$100 in one-dollar bills, contained in a Scope bottle.

Dr. Clyde Roggenkamp chooses an ice cream topping for his sundae, and is served by David Rogers, SD'99, at the retreat's ice cream social.





Dr. Lane Thomsen: "It was fun putting the whole thing together. It was an incredible weekend of fun, relaxation, fellowship, and a spiritual lift."



Kathy Olsen, Florence Wetmore, and Dr. Judson Klooster welcomed attendees.



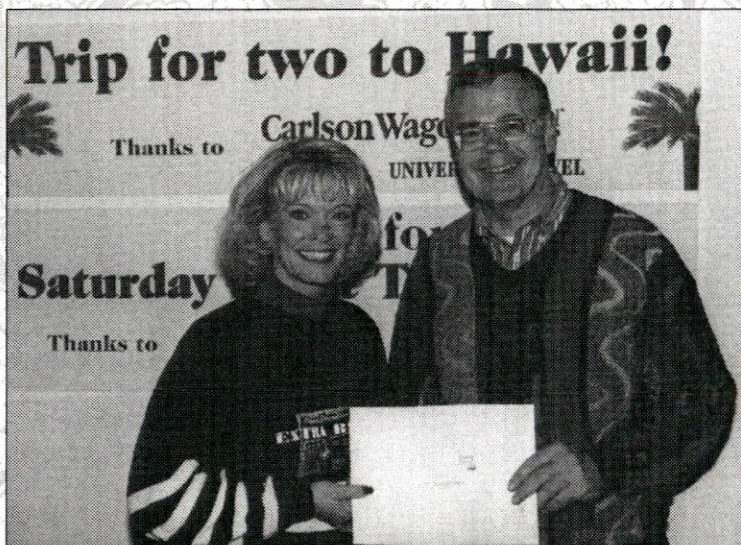
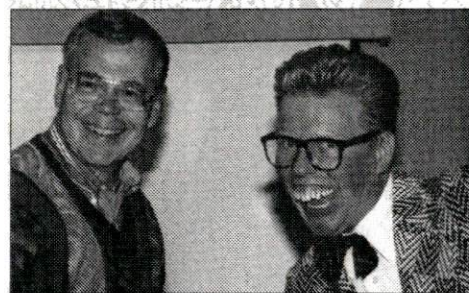
Byron Diehl, SD'02, won \$100 for first prize/talent. Between door prizes and talent prizes, over \$5,000 was given away on Saturday evening.



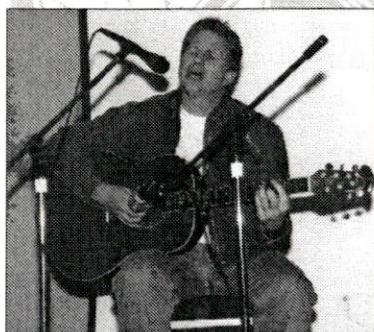
Sabbath afternoon string quartet included Adrian Dumitrescu, Mary Yoo, Cherise Loo, and Ingrid Kao.

Pastor Doug Mace gave the Saturday evening vespers talk, and finished with a harmonica solo.

Dr. Goodacre discusses a prosthodontic treatment plan with **Pastor Doug Mace** (as Milford).



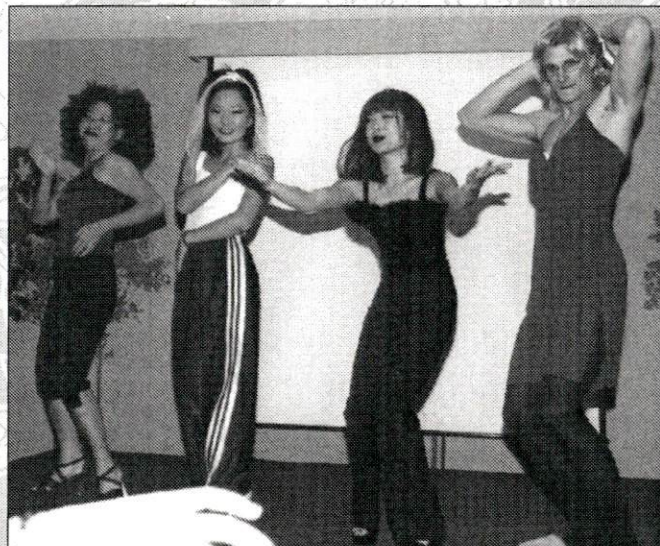
Dr. Goodacre won the grand prize drawing from Carson Wagonlit/University Travel. (Really, the game wasn't fixed!) **Cheryl Harrison, DH'68,** owns University Travel.



Brian Hanratty, SD'01, won second prize/talent in the talent show.



Madeline Fletcher, SD'00, won second prize/audience appeal, singing "My Heart Will Go On." She's joined by **Pastor Doug Mace.**



Scary, Sporty, Posh, and Baby Spice won \$100 at the talent show for audience appeal. Their real names are: **Catherine Im, Julie Hong, Jonghee Pak, and Matthew Wallace.** Wait -- Matthew???

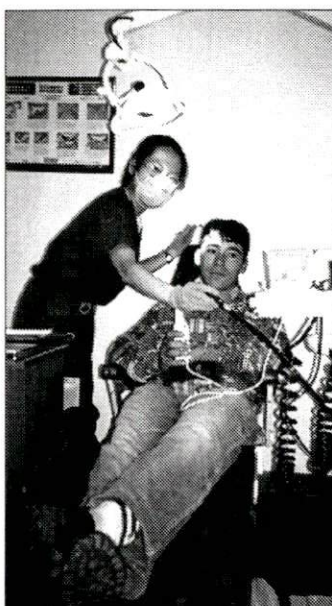
Students on the Move

Extramural trip to Argentina and Paraguay

by Penny Peng, SD'99

On June 13, 1998, soon after my finals, I packed my winter clothes on a midsummer's day and was on my way to my Argentine mission trip. The six-hour flight from Los Angeles to New York took me from the dry heat of California to the hot humidity of the East Coast.

At JFK airport, I learned that a fire at a control tower in Argentina had delayed my flight. To make matters worse, one of my suitcases had been ripped open; and at the hotel where passengers were put up, I was given the key to a room that was already occupied by a naked man! Fortunately,



Penny Peng, SD'99, treats a patient in Sanatorio Adventista, Hohenau, Paraguay.

nothing was missing from my ripped suitcase and I soon fell asleep -- it was 1:00 a.m. by this time.

The next day, in very bad weather, I began a twelve-hour flight to Buenos Aires. The first thing I noticed on landing was the chilly weather.

However,

my friend, Gabriela, made me warmly welcome. I was very excited to see the land that I lived in ten years ago.

In Buenos Aires, I worked at the Clinica Belgrano Adventista with Dr. Rene Leichner and his wife, Dr. Edith Leichner. They were very friendly and patient with me although communication was often frustrating as we only spoke Spanish. My days at the clinic began at 9:00 a.m. and ended at 5:00 p.m. The patients were very friendly and understanding. They trusted my ability and many of them requested me for future treatment.

The facilitated clinic lacked many advanced dental materials and instruments.

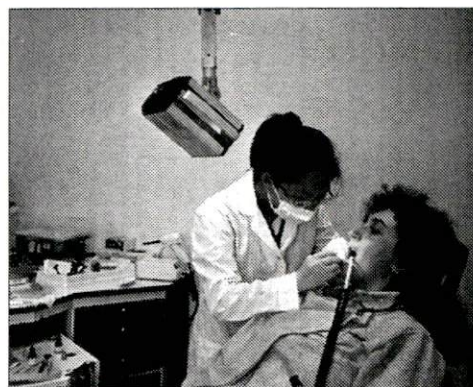
Dr. Rene taught me how to utilize what we had to the best advantage. I watched him use a nail to make a cast post wax-up directly in a patient's mouth. It made me happy, therefore, to buy dental supplies for the clinic and to show Dr. Edith how to use some of the dental materials, such as composite fillings, polishing materials, and bleaching materials. I also demonstrated the use of these materials on some of the patients. It was a time of mutual learning.

During the third week of my mission trip, I had the unexpected opportunity to work for four days at the Sanatorio Adventista in Hohenau, Paraguay. I flew to Posada Mission (a northern province of Argentina) and was met by a staff member of the Sanatorio Adventista clinic. I did not expect any problems at the border, as Dr. Leichner had told me that I would not require a visa to enter Paraguay.

However, when we had driven ten minutes from the airport to the Parana Bridge that separates Argentina from Paraguay, a military officer holding a dangerous looking machine gun told me that I did not have proper documentation to enter Paraguay. Things did not look too good for me. Fortunately, an hour and a half later, an immigration officer whose son had been treated at the Adventist clinic, helped me enter Paraguay. He also promised to obtain the immigration documents I needed the next day.

Paraguay is very different from Argentina and much more like a "mission field." The roads of Hohenau are made of red mud and stones and called "tierra colorado" (colored earth). After walking in town for a day, my white socks turned the color of the red mud. The climate is more tropical during the winter. Green trees and bright tropical flowers added color to the scenery. There were only a few cars on the street, and once in a while I saw people riding mule-drawn carriages. Many ethnic groups, including Japanese, Brazilian and German, live in Hohenau. They are friendly and laid-back.

As the clinic, run by Dr. Anton, had only just been opened, I treated a small number of patients. Dr. Anton told me about the weekend clinics at "campo" (where many poor people live only ten kilometers away), where doctors and nurses provide free health and dental care. Unfortunately, I did not have the opportunity to visit "campo" while I was there.



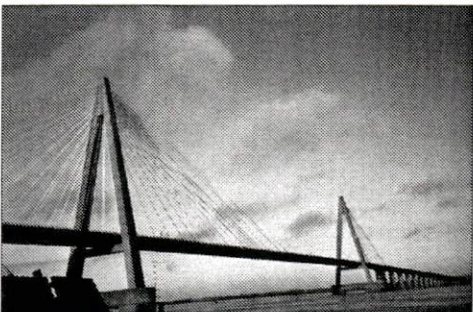
Penny Peng treats an Argentine patient in the Clinica Belgrano Adventista in Buenos Aires.

When I returned to Argentina, the director, the immigration officer and the Sanatorio Adventista staff member, accompanied me. The immigration officer, who had not had the chance to get proper immigration documents for me, thought he could borrow the ambassador's car to drive me back to Argentina. Unfortunately, the ambassador was not home that day.

We were not stopped at the Paraguay border, but when we crossed to the Argentinian side, the border military officer asked for our identification. The three men accompanying me showed him their IDs and told him that I had to present my passport at the office. When we got to the office, another military officer told us to show him the trunk of the car and asked us if everything had been cleared with all the paperwork. The three men nodded in a cold sweat and the military officer waved us on through into Argentina. This was a miraculous answer to my prayers.

I was glad to return to the California sunshine on July 20. My first thoughts on stepping into the US were a realization that we have so much and are so blessed. I highly recommend that everyone do some kind of missionary work. You will personally experience God's power.

River Parana divides Paraguay on the left, from Argentina on the right.



The Academic Review Committee voted to reward outstanding academic performance by publication of a Dean's List each quarter. The eligibility requirements are:

- achieve a term grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than a B-
- receive no Incomplete grades for the quarter
- complete at least 12 units of coursework during the quarter

The Committee reviewed the performance of all students for the summer quarter 1998 and voted to include the following students on the Dean's List:

SD'01

Demirdji, Samuel
Honce, Mark
Hong, Eunice
Jo, Philip
Joe, Sooho
Johnson, Jeremy
Kim, Kyo Sung Shawn
Knoll, Michael
Krauss, Kenneth
Ngo, Annie Lan Chi
Nguyen, Holly Hanh
Oh, Jennifer Jin Hee
Park, Won Hum
Steedman, Scott

DH'99

Alisa Bowker
Jennifer Brown
Melissa Fulgrave
Delight Gunnarsson
Claire John
Cristin Murdoch
Sonja Oliekan
Mary Ann Parmiter
Beth Platner

Dean's List

Notes From 2K

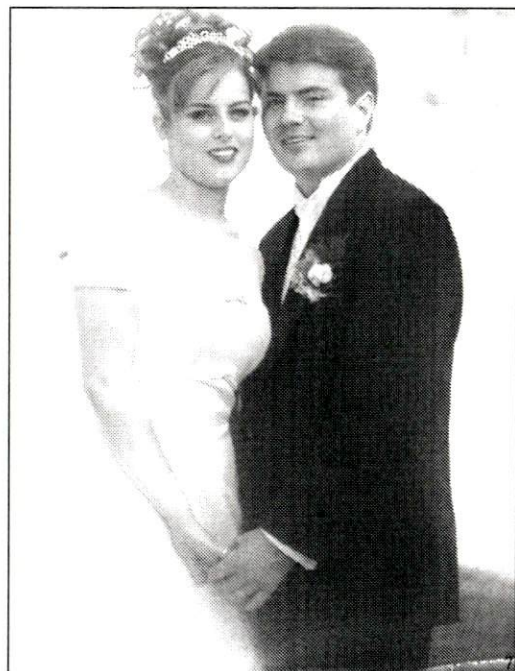
by Brian P. Black

• On October 14, the Tri-County Dental Society hosted the first annual mentorship mixer. This is a new program where junior dental students can meet private practitioners from local offices. The mentorship mixer was developed and arranged by Anne Marocco, SD'00, CDA representative.

• In September, I visited relatives in Emmet, Idaho. While there, I saw many sheep and a gazillion cattle. Of course, I couldn't help but think of reasons for visiting Idaho. Well, here they are, the Top Ten Reasons for Visiting Idaho:

10. You're a member of the paparazzi seeking a snapshot of a "famous" potato.
9. All other roads leading anywhere else in the North American continent are closed for repairs.
8. You're sick of the dental lounge food and simply want a field to graze in.
7. You've already seen the other 49 United States.
6. You've always wanted to visit a state that's shaped like those "We're #1" foam fingers they sell at professional basketball games.
5. You want a real reason to have cable TV service.
4. You like to have a lake, mountain range, forest, and about 30,000 acres of space between you and the nearest grocery store.
3. You like your towns small enough to fit in your pocket.
2. You've got a JC Penney 2.5HP tractor lawn mower you'd like to put to the test.
1. You want to corner the untouched market in sheep and cattle dentistry -- if they aren't compliant with OHC -- oh well, slaughter them anyway.

Anne Marocco, SD'00, and Brent Casey were wed Sept. 19 at St. Catherine's Church in Riverside. The couple honeymooned in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Mr. Casey is an environmental health specialist with Riverside County. The couple are living in Grand Terrace.



Department News

Administration

• James Crawford, SD'60, MPH, executive associate dean, reports that Dr. Tekle Asmerom from the Arusha SDA Dental Clinic in Tanzania, Africa, will be on our campus for six months while taking advanced training in restorative dentistry. He is hoping to be able to develop a new dental clinic in the country of Eritrea after completing his training here. We welcome Dr. Asmerom to Loma Linda University.

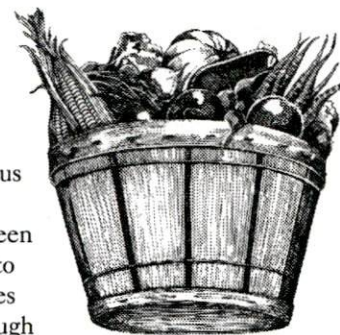
Clinic Administration

• Dr. Paul Richardson, designated associate dean for clinics, provides the following report: "We are in the throes of implementation of the Quick Recovery software package that will provide the basis of our clinical management, financial management, and clinical educational services for the coming century. We wish to save as much of our collected data as possible. To accomplish this goal Carl Imthurn has become involved with a very complex project (conversion of our present database files). This process requires concentration and time release. To make this happen in a timely manner, Carl has been sent to a "safe house" where he will work in the morning. He will be available in the afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to meet the needs of the present system and maintain continuity for the present users.

As you know there has been a verbal moratorium on new programming for the present computer system. That moratorium will become actual. If there are dire needs that will cause failure of the system, department chairpersons may refer this request to the Implementation Committee Chairperson for review and action. 88387

Since our new software is PC based and will access data in a very different way, equipment purchased in the next few months must be compatible with the software and the method of data input and reporting. Therefore, any hardware purchases need to be referred to the Implementation Committee for approval.

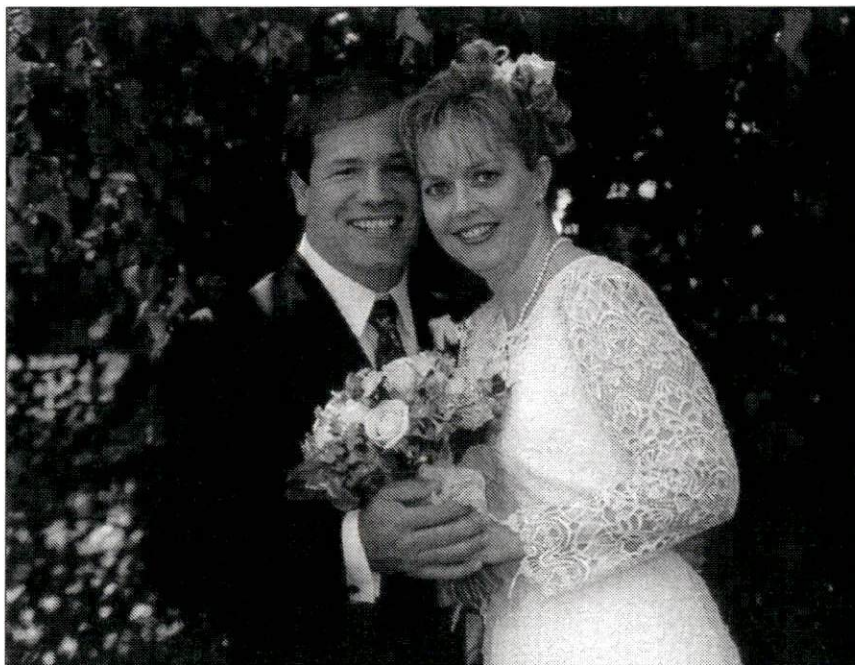
• It's time again for **Thanksgiving baskets**. Your donations have been very generous over the last 11 years: we have been able to give gifts to our School families who are facing rough times and we would like to continue this tradition. Now is the time to give to those who need our help. Often the ones who donate are persons whom we have helped in the past. They are so grateful to have been remembered during their own struggle. Every bit counts and every donation is a benefit; from small to large -- your gift is appreciated. Please bring your food items or monetary donations to Mary Hartwell in room 2299 or contact Mary at x44939. Thank you for your help.



Pediatric Dentistry

• John Peterson, SD'70, MS'78, professor of pediatric dentistry and orthodontics, went to the NASDAD meeting in San Francisco (held concurrently with the ADA convention), and presented continuing education on Behavior Management in Pediatric Patients.

• The Pediatric Dental Clinic welcomes Julie Spohn, RDA, to full time employment. She has



Heidi Christensen, SD'83, MS, assistant professor of ODRP, married Rob Lee on Sunday, September 13, at Dr. Christensen's sister's home in Redlands. The Lees honeymooned in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and now live in Redlands. Mr. Lee is a computer consultant and author, and father of two boys, 13 and 10.

been part-time. Elena Fernandez also worked part time. Elena has left to be a full time mom at home with her new son and two daughters.

Restorative Dentistry

• Clyde Roggenkamp, SD'70, MSD, MPH, attended back-to-back meetings recently. The first was the Academy of Dental Materials in Banff, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, about 45 minutes from lovely Lake Louise. There were 12 hours of continuing education about various pulpal-liner interactions. Much was learned which will aid in his presentation on the same subject at the Alumni-Student Convention this February.

The second was the Academy of Gold Foil Operators which convened at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. "I performed a Class II gold foil restoration during their clinical session," says Dr. Roggenkamp. "There were several hours of continuing education on subjects ranging from restoring the badly worn dentition to techniques for perfect-fitting gold castings. An option I took advantage of was an evening train ride out of historically restored Stillwater, Minnesota, which included a banquet in the dining car. I visited with Dr. and Mrs. Melvin Lund on Sabbath. Dr. Lund was chairman of Operative Dentistry when I was a student here at LLU and was also head of graduate Operative at Indiana University when I was there for my master's. These meetings are always great reunions along with everything else they have to offer. So, if you missed me, that's where I've been."



Rud Sooparb, DDS, graduate prosthodontics student at LLU, Wayne Campagni, DMD, Director of Advanced Education in Prosthodontics, and Sompop Bencharit, DDS, a graduate prosthodontics student from UNC-Chapel Hill, attended the American College of Prosthodontics meeting in San Diego, September 17-20. The table clinic was "A Retrievable Cement-Retained Implant Prosthesis."

Consider this

If you can start the day without caffeine,
If you can get going without pep pills,
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can overlook it when those you love take it out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him,
If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,
If you can face the world without lies and deceit,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without liquor,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
If you can honestly say that deep in your heart you have no prejudice against creed, color, religion or politics,
Then, my friend, you are *almost* as good as your dog!

--Author unknown

November birthdays

David Ortega	Sterilization
Dennies Magakat	GANR
Marie Worcester	Clinic Admin
Stan Lillard	Dental Maintenance
Debbie Means	Periodontics
Myris Berry	Dental Insurance
Carol Sorrells	Radiology
Karen Clayton	Implant Dentistry
Brenda Taege	IDP
Barbara Slater	Faculty Dental Offices
Bill Westrick	Dental Lab Services
Tricia Guadarrama	IDP
Patricia Stokes	Sterilization
Floare Gheta	Implant Dentistry
Charles Goodacre	Administration
Christina Khachatourian	Clinic Supply
Maryann Liu	BioMaterials
Alisa Wilson	Implant Dentistry
Carol Marchuk	Administration
Carol Feenstra	GANR
Kathy Biller	TMJ -Faculty Dental Offices
Jennifer Pasta	Radiology
Rajini John	Dental Alumni



Maricella Solis

Employee of the Quarter named

by Rosemary Passmore

Our new Employee of the Quarter is a young lady by the name of Maricella Solis, clinic coordinator, who started working at the clinic desk four years ago, and has kept it running smoothly ever since.

Students have commented that Maricella is "like a mom," and that "she's a woman of many talents," "she has a great sense of humor and helps us by giving us personal guidelines when we need it." Maricella also "assists some student/patient communication if the patient is Spanish-speaking, gets PVF's for students, answers phone calls, takes messages for students, etc."

Before and after work, Maricella enjoys time with her husband Robert, new employee at Sterilization, her beautiful daughter Darlene, 10, and her handsome son Robert, 22 months. She got a chance to show off her family when they visited Mexico in August for a cousin's wedding and family reunion. Maricella loves to cook and especially enjoys cooking with chili peppers. If you have a good chili pepper recipe, she'd love to try it.

Maricella is indeed a woman of many talents and so deserving of recognition. I was very pleased to interview her but in the 15 minutes of information gathering, she had 17 interruptions which she handled like a professional.

The following are comments from Maricella's co-workers, who voted her Employee of the Quarter:

- *This person deserves the nomination because she is always very helpful to students, staff and faculty. She is pleasant, friendly and I feel that she represents the School spirit and promotes goodwill.*

- *She is a wonderful person. She treats everyone with courtesy and respect. She is willing to help out anyone that comes to her desk.*

- *This individual is extremely competent in her work and upholds the highest professional ideals of the profession and the university in her everyday work. Hers is a relatively thankless task and daunting in its overwhelming complexity. She has proven she can effectively think about more than one thing at a time and is equally conversant in Spanish or English. We need more tremendously dedicated workers like her.*

- *Without her the clinic would not run smoothly.*

- *She's the heart of the clinic.*

Merry Christmas!

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students

From: Dr. Charles Goodacre, Dean

The Dean's Christmas Breakfast

Wednesday, December 2nd

7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast will be served in the Dental School lounge,
Entertainment and raffle will be located in Rooms 1101 & 1102.

Over 20 items to be raffled! You can buy your tickets from
November 13th until the day of the breakfast.

North to Alaska on the Good News Cruise



Evie Roach decked out in rafting gear.

by *Evie Roach*

On August 24, three of the School of Dentistry family joined 372 others on the Norwegian Wind for the Good News Cruise to Alaska, sponsored by KSGN radio. Roger (SD'74, professor of restorative dentistry) and Shirley Plata and Evie Roach, auditor in Dental Records, enjoyed the adventures of Juneau, Skagway, Haines, Glacier Bay and Ketchikan, in addition to the many scheduled activities on board ship.

Hyveth Williams, DMin, senior pastor of the Campus Hill church, gave a worship talk each morning on the subject of prayer. There were financial seminars by Jerry Smith and seminars on how to get along with the people you love, by Dr. Rick Williams. Special

entertainment was presented by the Wedgwood Trio, Steve and Joni Darmody, and Christian illusionist Pete McLeod. The beautifully served food was outstanding in taste and variety, and the midnight buffets were tempting, especially the all-chocolate ones.

Temptations (by Shirley Plata)

*There once were two girls on a cruise
At the chocolate buffet, who could choose?
Brown, black, or white
A spectacular sight
Now it's twenty pounds each must lose.*

Evie Roach and Roger Plata enjoy the Misty Fjords as a seaplane lands behind them.



Enjoying the buffet: Evie Roach (seated), Vi and Art Bell (standing), Shirley and Roger Plata (standing), and Del and June Swederofsky (seated).

The first port was Juneau, where helicopters took me to my adventure of walking on the Taku Glacier, and Dr. Plata's ice climbing and ice caving on the Mendenhall Glacier. Other onshore activities included cultural tours of the towns, rafting down the river and watching bald eagles soar above us. A picturesque train trip to the Klondike Summit brought the fun of gold panning in Liarsville. Cascading waterfalls and harbor seals were observed during the Misty Fjords National Monument cruise and seaplane flight. Salmon spawning could be seen up close, while kayaking through the town of Ketchikan.

Cruising past the gigantic glaciers in Glacier Bay was breathtaking, and observing the wonders of nature as the whales and porpoise performed in the open waters next to the ship, made us realize that we were touched by God's handiwork through His wonderful creation.



Dr. Roger Plata scales the Mendenhall Glacier.

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NASDAD holds annual session

by Judson Klooster, DDS, Executive Director, NASDAD

The National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists (NASDAD) held its 55th annual session this year in Pleasanton, California, October 21-25, 1998. Pleasanton is an interesting historic community about twenty miles southeast of Oakland; its nostalgic past has been dramatically overshadowed in recent years by commercial and residential development, not unlike Orange County in Southern California.

Presentations by the principal weekend speaker, Dr. Dan Smith, were enthusiastically received by the audience of more than 240 who attended this year's meetings. His theme was God's grace, with such intriguing titles as "I Am Not a Thief," "Just Grace," and "A Standing Ovation for Grace." Dr. Smith is the senior pastor of the La Sierra University SDA Church.

School of Dentistry faculty and staff members in attendance included Don Beglau, DDS; Barbara Bostwick; James Crawford, DDS; Charles Goodacre, DDS, MSD; William Heisler, DDS; Fred Kasischke, DMin; Robert Kinzer, DDS; Judson Klooster, DDS; William Seibly, DDS; Sharon Stirewalt; and Florence Wetmore.

Friday morning, John Peterson, SD'70, MS'78, presented a half-day continuing dental education course on the topic, "Behavior Management of the Child Dental Patient," tailoring his remarks to the audience comprising primarily general dentists. A golf tournament on Thursday, and a guided tour of Filoli Gardens on the San Francisco peninsula added to the interest of the convention for many of the participants.

The NASDAD Missions Committee studied proposals for financial



NASDAD Board of Directors

support of more than a dozen mission dental clinic projects in overseas locations; they recommended for approval the support of 11 projects with a projected cost total of nearly \$35,000. These projects were recommended to the NASDAD Board of Directors, and approved by that Board on Friday afternoon.

Support of dental mission projects is the central focus of NASDAD; it is realized in two principal ways: (1) *financial support*, such as that voted for this year's group of projects, is one key element of support, (2) *finding and recruiting dentists* for short and long-term service is another very important kind of support. NASDAD works very closely with Dr. James Crawford, secretary of dental affairs for the world headquarters of the SDA Church, in reporting to him the names of possible prospects who may be receptive to invitations for missions service.

One project of special interest to the School of Dentistry is the opportunity for dental students to be involved with NASDAD-sponsored projects in many world locations, broadening the emphasis on Service Learning that now is a growing part of our curriculum.

NASDAD has voted to support the Service Learning program with grants of \$10,000 per year for each of the next five years, in

order to more closely involve our students in NASDAD-sponsored mission activities, and to make their participation less burdensome in terms of travel costs to distant locations.

NASDAD was organized in 1943 by a small group of SDA dentists who urgently believed that the Adventist world church should feature a School of Dentistry as a part of its educational system. The first eight years of NASDAD history were built around this theme, to persuade the Church leadership that such a School was an important part of the Church's mission and purpose. Our first dean, Dr. M. Webster Prince, was one of the founding members of NASDAD.

Once the School was established, this original sense of purpose had been satisfied, and the emphasis of NASDAD gradually shifted toward a principal theme of mission dentistry support. That concept had been a part of the reason for urging that an SDA-sponsored dental school be founded; once the School was a reality, mission support became NASDAD's principal reason for existence. Of course, the annual meetings do provide an important social venue for dentists and their families who share the vision of world service to get together, and frequently to meet colleagues who are already involved in mission service.

This year, for example, several mission dentist families were present; the privilege for the general membership of sharing the experience in conversational settings of these "front-liners" makes each annual session a very special event. Dr. Lude Piñeda from Rwanda, Dr. Karla Guerra, currently serving in Grenada and Dr. Sonja Newell-Smith from Jamaica, were examples of these in active service; numerous couples were present who have had past overseas service, and one or two who will soon leave for overseas assignments.

NASDAD is more than a "national" association—it has enthusiastic members in many countries who are in private practice or government service. Thus the overseas contingent of NASDAD membership is by no means limited to those who are in specific periods of mission assignment. Christian dentists of other church fellowships are sometimes involved in NASDAD's service programs, as well as students from this and other dental schools who share the Christian vision and mission service purpose, albeit not members of the SDA Church. From the words of the Master, "he who is not against us is on our side" (See Mark 9:38-41 NKJV for this story).

Those who attended this year's NASDAD meeting were delighted with the privileges of friendship and the various programs—we all look forward with great enthusiasm to the 1999 annual session on Maui, in the beautiful setting of Hawaii.

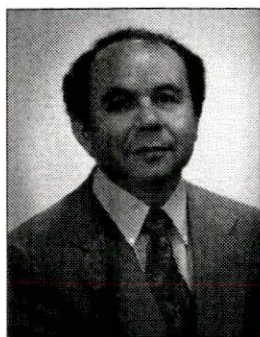


Karla Guerra and Ludy Piñeda are missionary dentists serving in Grenada and Rwanda.

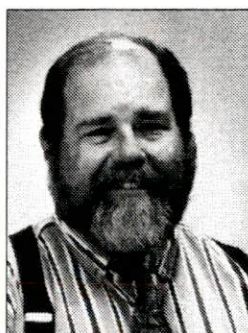
NASDAD officers for 1998-99 are:

President, William Heisler, SD'59; President-elect, Dennis Starkey, SD'83, MS; Vice president, Larry Dunford, SD'82; Secretary-Treasurer, Ed Rouhe, SD'66; Editor, Donald Beglau, SD'62; Missions Chair, Peter Nelson, SD'70; and Historian, Judson Klooster, DDS, MMS.

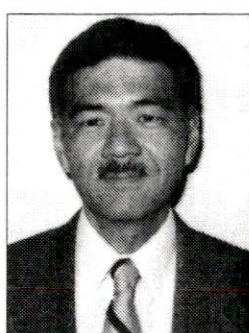
Board of Trustees confirms three School of Dentistry professors in new responsibilities



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*Wayne
Tanaka,
DDS*

The Board of Trustees of Loma Linda University in their October 26 meeting, have confirmed the appointments of three School of Dentistry professors.

- **Carlos Muñoz, DDS, MSD**, professor of restorative dentistry, was confirmed as director of the Center for Dental Research, as of 7/29/98. Dr. Muñoz has been acting director since January.

- **Paul Richardson, SD'72**, associate professor of restorative dentistry, was confirmed as associate dean for clinic administration, effective January 4, 1999.

William Heisler's resignation as associate dean, effective December 31, 1998, was accepted with gratitude for his years of service. William Heisler, SD'59, is professor of restorative dentistry.

"Bill Heisler will be continuing as a full time professor in the Department of Restorative

Dentistry. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Richardson and also thanking Dr. Heisler for his many years of service in this important responsibility," says Charles J. Goodacre, Dean of the School of Dentistry.

- **Wayne Tanaka, DDS**, associate professor of oral surgery, was confirmed as acting chair, department of oral and maxillofacial surgery, effective July 1, 1998.

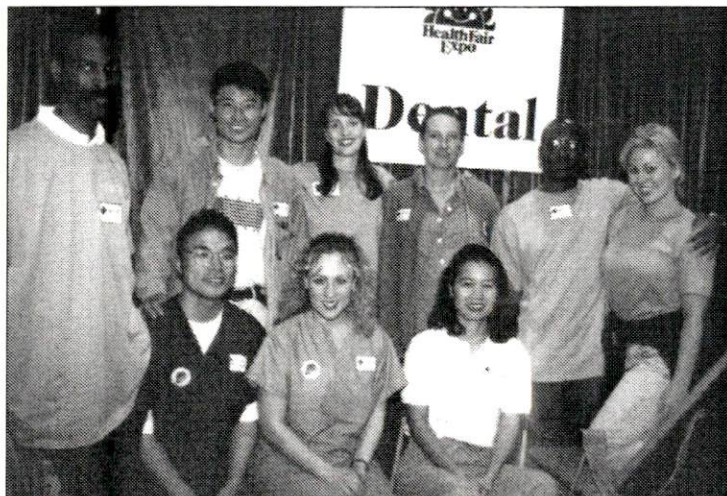
The Board of Trustees also accepted Keith Hoffman's (SD'83, PhD, associate professor of oral surgery) resignation as chair of the department of oral and maxillofacial surgery, effective July 1.

The final draft of the WASC report and the strategic plan for the University were also accepted by the Board, and are available for study at the Del E. Webb Library.

Students volunteer for Health Fair Expo screening

Volunteers for the Health Fair Expo dental screening on Sunday, October 25 were: (standing) Courtney Jackson, SD'91, Kyung-Hoon Chung, SD'01, Elena Sanz, SD'00, Kerisa Elloway, SD'00, Sam Williams, SD'00, Zizi Zoubek, SD'99; and (seated) Zack Hyun B. Kim, SD'01, Chandra Maloney, SD'01, and Chris Nguyen, SD'00. The event, attended by thousands of people, was held in the Drayson Center.

Chandra Maloney, SD'01, gives an oral hygiene demonstration to Health Fair Expo attendees. She also gave out toothbrushes, and she and her schoolmates provided about 400 dental screenings, as well as recruited new patients for the clinic.





The 39th Annual Alumni-Student Convention is on its way...

February 3 - 8, 1999

Most events conveniently located on the Loma Linda University campus!

Wednesday, February 3

Golf Tournament, Moreno Valley Ranch Golf Club

Golfing alumni, students and friends, please plan to join us for the alumni golf tournament to be held at Moreno Valley Ranch Golf Club.

We will be using a tournament format to allow you, your classmates and friends to play together in foursomes as you like. There will be trophies as well as prizes including closest to the pin on par 3s and long drive on par 5s.

A light dinner will be served (part of the tournament fee) which will include a raffle with great prizes of dental-related products. This raffle will be for dentists and students only. **You must be present to be eligible to win.**

Tournament fees:

Students	\$75
Alumni/friends	\$95

Entry includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch, and prizes. The field is limited to the first 75 golfers registered for the tournament. Registration must be completed by January 13. Late registration will not be possible. Register at LLUSD Alumni office, PH1149.

Thursday, February 4

Gentry Gymnasium, LLU Campus

- Prayer Breakfast, 7:00 a.m. Speaker: Dr. Fred Kasischke
- Dental Missionaries Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Campus Cafeteria
- National Dental Auxiliary Convention, 8:30 a.m., University Church
- Mini-Clinics, 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
- LLUSD Table Clinics, presentations by SD'00 and DH'99 students.
- Dental Alumni Board of Directors luncheon, 12 noon, Wong Kerlee Center, Coleman Pavilion
- Commercial exhibition, Gentry Gymnasium
- Alumni/Senior Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Wong Kerlee Conference Center

Friday, February 5

Gentry Gymnasium, LLU Campus

- Prayer Breakfast, 7:00 a.m. Speaker: Dr. Fred Kasischke
- NASDAD Board of Directors, 7:00 a.m., Campus Cafeteria
- Mini-Clinics, 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Continuing education: *Infection Control Update* and *California Dental Law Review*
- OKU Annual Luncheon, 12 noon, Wong Kerlee Conference Center
- Dental Hygiene/Dental Assistant Luncheon, 1:00 p.m., Redlands Country Club
- Dental Auxiliary Luncheon (to be announced)
- Fifth Annual Student Dedication and Reception, 7:30 p.m., University Church

Saturday, February 6

- Sabbath School by dental alumni, 9:45 a.m., University Church
- Worship services by dental alumni, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m., University Church
- Sabbath Luncheon, 12:15 p.m., Campus Cafeteria
- Sabbath Vespers and Mission Benefit Concert, *In His Name*, 4:00 p.m., University Church
- Alumni class reunions, evening, various locations

Sunday - Monday, February 7 - 8

Prince Hall and Coleman Pavilion

Continuing education: *Optimizing Results With Resin Bonding* and
20th Annual Anesthesia Symposium