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## CDA, CDHA award prizes to student table clinics

by Christy K. Robinson

Loma Linda University dentistry and dental hygiene students who presented table clinics at the April meetings of the California Dental Association and the California Dental Hygiene Association represented the School with distinction. They were awarded three first place ribbons, one second place, and one third place at the conventions held in Anaheim.

"On behalf of the Center for Dental Research, I would like to congratulate all the student winners at the CDA meeting. The quality of scientific work presented in the past five years and this year is an indication of the success and commitment to research from students and faculty and an indication of the School of Dentistry's commitment to research excellence," says Carlos Muñoz, DDS, PhD, professor of restorative dentistry and director of the Center for Dental Research.

CDA dentistry, tied for first place, were **Melissa Wages, SD'00**, with *A Website--Women's Oral Health* (sponsor Heidi Christensen, SD'83, MS); and **Royce Nicola, Madelyn Fletcher, and Jerome Lee**, all SD'00, *Antibacterial Effect of Mineral Trioxide Aggregate Mixed With Varying Concentrations of Chlorhexidine* (sponsor Clyde Roggenkamp, SD'71, MSD)

CDA dentistry third place, **Gregory Pritchett, Rudolf Ronto, and Ben Kim**, all SD'00, *The Reliability of Recycled Orthodontic Brackets Using Several Recycling and Sterilization Processes* (sponsor Willis Schlenker, SD'57, MS'80)

CDA dental hygiene first place, **Mary Ann Parmiter, Jeanette West, and Gina Downs**, all DH'99, with *Efficacy of Three In-Line Water Filters in Dental Air/Water Syringe Lines* (sponsor James Kettering, PhD)

CDA dental hygiene second place, **Amy Nettles, Sonja Oliekan, and Beth Ann Platner**, all DH'99, *Evaluating the Effectiveness of Four Products on Reducing and/or Eliminating Biofilm of Dental Unit Waterlines* (sponsor James Kettering, PhD)

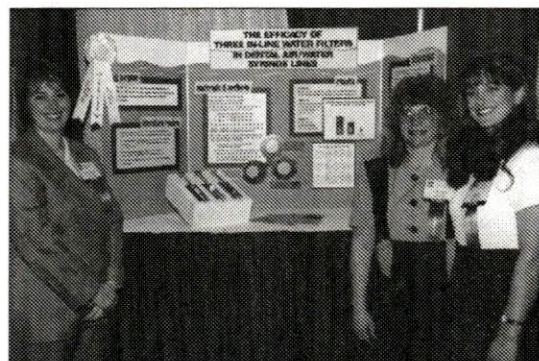
CDHA first place, **Jill Hodson, Lennette Sanchez, and Susan Sanchez**, all DH'99,



Melissa Wages, SD'00.

*Comparison of the Autoclavable vs. Non-Autoclavable Ultrasonic Handpiece: A Bacteria-free Environment?* (sponsor James Kettering, PhD)

"Our students work very hard on their research projects producing some outstanding studies that are well deserving of all the accolades and awards they receive," says Joni Stephens, DH'69, MS, EdS, professor of dental hygiene. "We are very proud of their efforts and those of their faculty mentors. Loma Linda University is noted for conducting excellent student research and once again, this has been proven true! I can hardly wait for the ADHA and ADA annual meetings!"



Mary Ann Parmiter, Jeanette West, Gina Downs, DH'99.



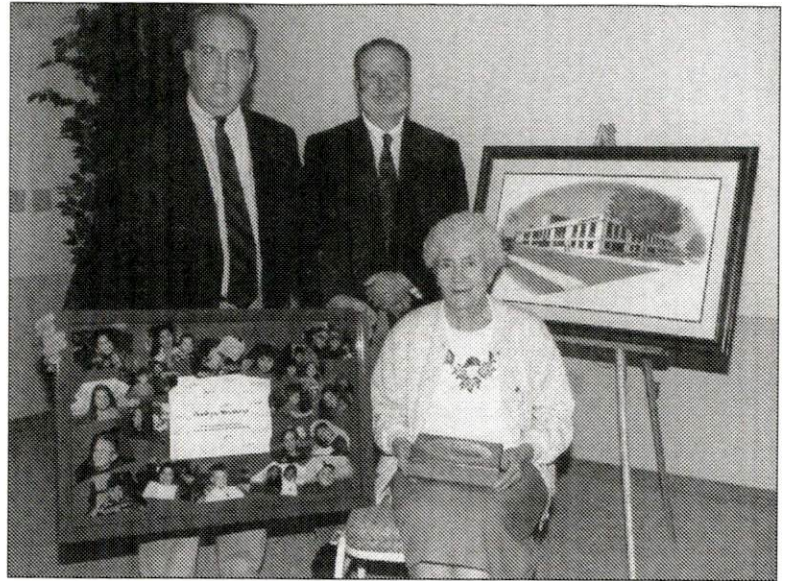
# Final gift from Hutto-Patterson Foundation

The Hutto-Patterson Charitable Foundation presented a check for \$50,000 to the School of Dentistry on March 31, completing their grant of \$250,000 for the new Pediatric Dentistry Clinic.

Mrs. Clare Hutto, president of the Foundation, was guest of honor at a luncheon hosted by LLU President B. Lyn Behrens, MBBS, and Charles J. Goodacre, SD'71, MSD, dean of the School of Dentistry. Other special guests were Richard Dougherty, foundation trustee, and Noni Patchett, LLU Councilor.

Todd Milledge, SD'88, PG'95, chair of pediatric dentistry, and John Peterson, Jr., SD'70, MS'78, director of advanced education in pediatric dentistry, gave an update on the new facility and presented a special gift to Mrs. Hutto.

Also attending the luncheon were Carolyn Cales and Albin Grohar from the Office of Advancement, Barbara Bostwick, director of development for the School of Dentistry, and pediatric dentistry faculty members Shahnaz Bonyanpoor, DMD, assistant professor, Mervin Ellstrom, SD'75A, assistant professor, and Rick Penman II, SD'95, assistant professor.



*A montage of pediatric dentistry patients was presented to Mrs. Clare Hutto, president of the Hutto-Patterson Charitable Foundation, by J. Todd Milledge, SD'88, PG'95, assistant professor and chair of pediatric dentistry, (left), and John Peterson, Jr., SD'70, MS'78, professor and director of advanced education in pediatric dentistry, at a special luncheon honoring the Hutto-Patterson Charitable Foundation for their support of the new Pediatric Dentistry Clinic which is under construction. The carved wooden box held by Mrs. Hutto was presented by Charles J. Goodacre, SD'71, MSD, dean of the School of Dentistry.*

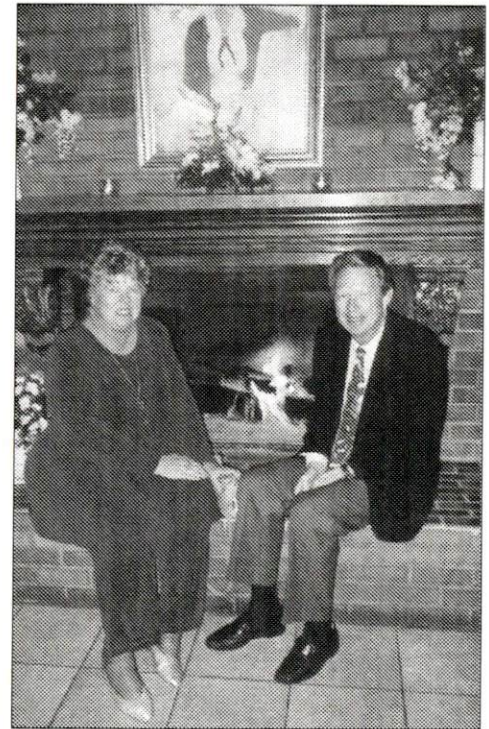
# Dean's Circle members fêted at Anaheim CDA



*Dr. and Mrs. Charles J. Goodacre hosted a dinner for members of the Dean's Circle during the California Dental Association session in Anaheim. Dr. and Mrs. Goodacre (right) welcome Dr. and Mrs. Duane Wacker.*



*Attending the Dean's Circle dinner in April were Dr. and Mrs. Dan Kunihira. Guests enjoyed a slide presentation and report on School activities by Dean Charles J. Goodacre.*



*Pausing for the photographer before the Dean's Circle dinner at the Orange Hill Restaurant are Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Rathbun.*



## *Employee Appreciation Day*



*Members of the pediatric dentistry staff select items from the delicious buffet provided by School of Dentistry administration on Employee Appreciation Day. The event was held in the Wong Kerlee International Conference Center of Coleman Pavilion.*



*Carol Lenchner and Kathy Olsen from the restorative dentistry office, and Gloria Martinez of urgent care enjoy the fellowship and food on Employee Appreciation Day, which several years ago grew out of Secretary's Day celebrations.*

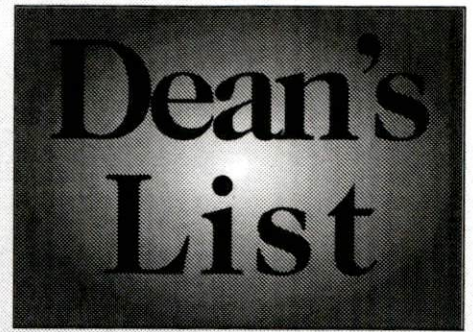


# Students on the Move

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 winter quarter 1999 and voted to include the following students on the Dean's List:



## Dentistry Class of 2002

Soonmyo Baek  
Christopher Blount  
Todd Ehler  
Michael Erickson  
Michael Giddings  
Lisa Greene  
Sunny Hutchinson  
Dennis Kantanen  
Eugene Kim  
Craig Main  
Brian Olsen  
Lori Rice  
Jere Seralde

Darryl Tkachyk  
Adrian Tomarere  
Steven Wernick

## Dentistry Class of 2001

Jeremy Abbott  
Jeremy Burden  
Samuel Demirdji  
Eunice Hong  
Philip Jo  
SooHo Joe  
Kyo Shawn Kim  
Michael Knoll

Kenneth Krauss  
Holly Nguyen  
Jennifer Oh  
Shawn Rusk  
Aaron Soeprono  
Ryan Thomas

## Hygiene Class of 2000

Darcie Bell  
Laura Bretsch  
Carmen Chavez  
Carrie Davies  
Denise Davis

Kandi Goltz-Neal  
Heather Harp  
Christine Hendricks  
Tomas Kutansky  
Michael Lents  
Shannon Manago  
Heather Mihalka  
Jacqueline Tatum  
Trelany Wilson  
Shelly Withers

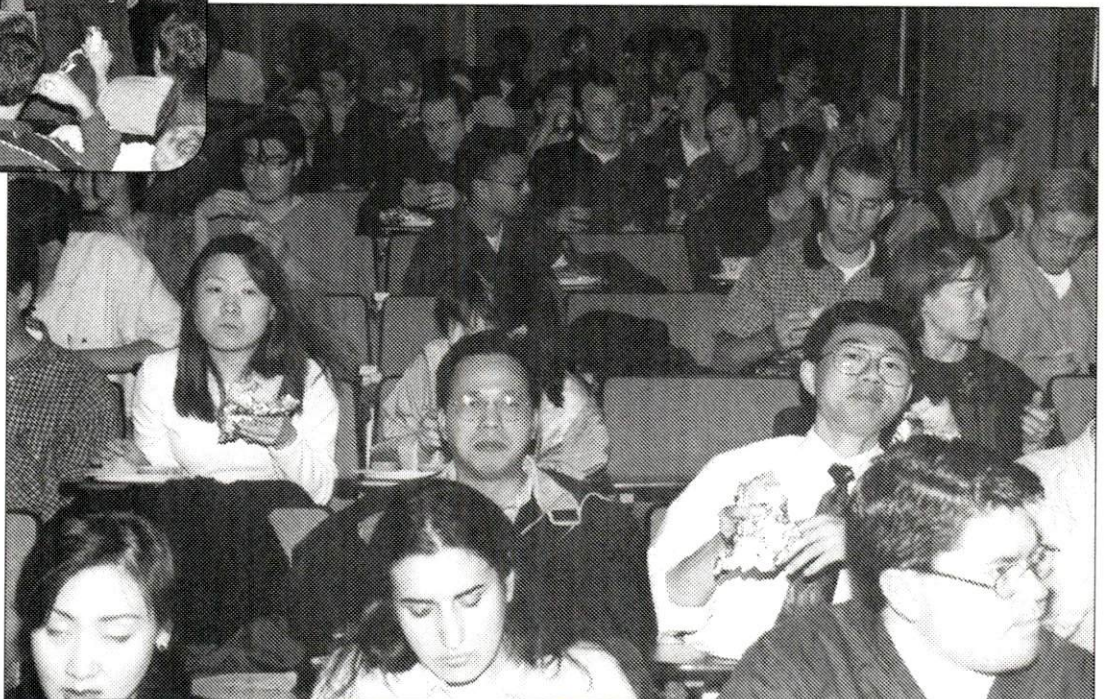
## Hygiene Class of 1999

Alisa Bowker  
Wendy DeCamp  
Melissa Fullgrabe  
Delight Gunnarsson  
Jill Hodson  
Kelly Mullin  
Cristin Murdoch  
Mary Ann Parmiter  
Beth Ann Platner

## Lunch With the Dean



*Lunch With the Dean is an annual event at the School of Dentistry. Student input is solicited by School administration in a casual setting.*



*Students consume delicious burritos in the School of Dentistry amphitheater, during Lunch With the Dean.*



## Clerkships and short term mission projects are filling up

by Florence Wetmore

Project Fiji 99: During spring break this year, four LLUSD dental students joined the annual Hawaii Conference journey to the village of Lakeba, on a remote satellite island of the main Fijian island of Vite Levu. Participants were Polly Sprague, SD'96, faculty advisor, and Adrian Dumitrescu, Chris Ehrbright, Eric Park, and Matthew Wallace, all SD'01. A group of about 50 students from various places joins this project each year.

Dr. Sprague reports that "in six days of toil, we relieved their mouths of 300 teeth and looked at many more. A dental therapist on the island does extractions and rudimentary fillings with a setup more primitive than our traveling one. We had lights and a suction, which she does not have. We left her with the unused disposable items, and she was ever so grateful."

Future 1999 mission activities include:

- Another trip to Fiji with SIMS, coordinated by Ralph Perrin, DrPH, dean of students, in which nine dental students plan to participate. This will be with the Dream Machine Foundation, which is assisting a large Christian school called Vatuvonu, and hopes to establish a small hospital nearby with a dental facility.

- Doyle Nick, SD'78, PG'94, assistant professor of restorative dentistry, will be

taking seven dental students to the island of Pohnpei. This project is sponsored by the Oceanside SDA Church.

- The Amazon trip with SIMS this year will include six dental students.

- Two students will serve a summer clerkship at the Seoul SDA Dental Clinic in Korea.

- Moscow will host four dental students to cover the vacation time for the regular dentists there. Tobias Turon, SD'97, will be their advisor.

- There are more opportunities for students to go on mission trips. Two trips are being planned for El Salvador that can each accommodate two students.

- Peter Nelson, SD'70, assistant professor of dental educational services, plans a couple of trips to Mexico: one to Guadalajara to work with the Hichol Indians, and the other to Kreele to work with the Taramera Indians during Thanksgiving break.

- There is also a trip being planned to Iquitos, Peru to the Ana Stahl Hospital.

Call the office of Dr. Fred Kasischke at x88225 for more information.

A major portion of the financial support for the students on these trips is provided by the LLUSD Alumni Association and the National Association of SDA Dentists (NASDAD).

## Dean gives testimony at Faculty Week of Prayer chapel

On April 6, the second day of Faculty Week of Prayer, with the theme *My Journey with God*, School of Dentistry faculty participated in the University-wide chapel services held in the University Church. Robert Kinzer, SD'58, professor and chair of restorative dentistry, was chorister, and Michael Fillman, SD'74, MS'84, associate professor of orthodontics, was pianist. Fred Kasischke, DMin, assistant dean of admissions, spiritual nurture, and service learning, prayed, and special music was provided by Donald Beglau, SD'62, associate professor of restorative dentistry, trombonist. Charles J. Goodacre, DDS, MSD, dean of the School of Dentistry, spoke on "Growth."

Dr. Goodacre talked about his background, including his sixth- or seventh-grade decision to be a dentist and be educated at Loma Linda University. He said he always avoided speaking in public and taking a speech class. When he arrived here, he had to do presentations and speeches. One of his learning devices was to practice speaking in front of a television. He taught a continuing education class for a dental society and thought he did a bad job, but years later, someone thanked him for the instruction he'd provided.

Dr. Goodacre's advice is to commit our lives to God, and be ready to follow where God leads, even if it's into the unknown.

He said, "We are today what we are because our past has been what it was. What we will be in the future depends on what we are now."

The final speaker for chapel that day was Shirani Chand, EdD, professor of educational psychology in the Graduate School.

*Notes on chapel taken by Lucinda Unruh, SAHP'99, office aide in Educational Support Services.*

# Wow!

Western Regional Boards results show a  
**98%** pass rate for Loma Linda University  
dental students. Well done!



# Department News

## Admissions

Recruitment efforts are well underway for the year 2000 entering classes. Sylvia Davis, MA, director of admissions, and Fred Kasischke, DMin, assistant dean of admissions, have been visiting Seventh-day Adventist colleges and universities, meeting with prospective students and members of the faculty. During the month of April they visited Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan; Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama; and Pacific Union College in Angwin, California. Mrs. Davis also represented LLUSD at a Deans and Directors Fair in Pacific Grove, California, on April 27.

## Alumni Association

The Dental Alumni Association is preparing for commencement day, when they traditionally provide a sumptuous reception and gifts for the graduates. If you can volunteer your help in preparation or serving, call Rajini John at x44399.

## Clinic Administration

- Welcome to new employees:  
**Larry Borero**, cashier, dental supply.  
**Hilda Trinidad**, dental assistant, International Dentist Program  
**Cynthia Fiock**, office aide, GANR/OSR  
**Timoteo Cocjin**, lab helper, dental maintenance. (Clinic Administration extends a big thank-you to Timoteo. He has been working very hard in the labs, cleaning and doing minor repairs. Along with much appreciated cooperation from the dental students, Timoteo has virtually transformed the labs into a new working environment.)  
**Adriana Blanco**, dental assistant, Faculty Dental Office  
**Joel Aispuro**, dental assistant, periodontics  
**Brooke Cloninger**, dental assistant, graduate endodontics  
**Gina Cuccia**, RDA, dental assistant, oral surgery  
**Monica Murrell**, administrative secretary, periodontics, (temporary)
- Thank you to Administration for Employee Appreciation Day. Over 300 faculty and staff attended the light luncheon held in Coleman Pavilion.
- If you find an item that you believe someone else has lost, please contact Marie Worcester at x82119.
- **Jeri Fowler** and her husband are proud parents of Alana Ashley Fowler, born March 31, at nearly 7 pounds, and 18 inches "tall."



*Dr. Erlandson opens a baby shower gift.*



*Drs. Laura Erlandson and Greg Zimmerman will soon move to Wisconsin.*

- **Pen Braister Sturgis**, until recently the urgent care coordinator, has moved to Cocoa Beach, Florida, with her new husband. They drove their vehicles and a 14-foot U-Haul across the country to their new home near Cape Canaveral. Pen says that they found an apartment less than two blocks from the beach, and they both have jobs.

## Orthodontics

The American Board of Orthodontics has certified alumna **Ruchi N. Singh**, DDS, MS'84 as a Diplomate. We congratulate her for this honor.

## Restorative Dentistry

- **Laura Erlandson**, SD'95, assistant professor of restorative dentistry, was given a baby shower from the staff in restorative dentistry. She is planning to quit May 15 to have her baby and then will be moving to Wisconsin for a year while her husband, Greg Zimmerman, MD, does a fellowship in radiology. We hope she returns to LLU next year.

- **Fred Berry**, DDS, associate professor of restorative dentistry, was awarded fellowship in the Pierre Fauchard Academy. The Academy is an international dental honors organization named after Pierre Fauchard, born in 1678, called the Father of Modern Dentistry.



*Dr. Berry*

Membership is comprised of "those individuals who have made outstanding and meritorious contributions to the science and art of dentistry or to society."

Congratulations, Dr. Berry!

- There are changes in front office staff in the Center for Prosthodontics and Implant Dentistry:

**Christina Cullings** was promoted to assistant supervisor. We wish to congratulate her and thank her for a job well done. In addition, we hired a new employee to replace Christina's previous position as secretary, **Abril Duran**. She will be starting with us on May 10. We look forward to her arrival!

- On February 5, Cherylin Klooster Peach, daughter of Dr. **Judson Klooster**, dean emeritus, was in an automobile accident which resulted in very serious injuries. She had multiple skull fractures, broken ribs, broken pelvis, and severe head trauma. She has been in a coma since the accident, but has begun walking and speaking, and performing tasks required by her rehabilitation therapists. Dr. Klooster has kept a fascinating journal of Cherylin's physical progress, which can be found at <http://www.calpoly.edu/~lklooste/index.html>

## Sports Update

There was a significant oversight in the bowling update in last month's *Dentalgram*: the author, **Julie Cranfill**, neglected to mention that she too had accomplished a 200 game. Due to this unselfish gesture, the following week, she was rewarded with an awesome 241 game. She is now Queen of the Lanes, and has presented us all with a new challenge to work toward.



# LLU faculty, alumni, and students are active in the American Association of Endodontists

The annual session of the American Association of Endodontists (AAE) was held in Atlanta, April 21-25, and was attended by almost 3,000 endodontists and guests, including several graduate students, alumni, and faculty from the School of Dentistry's department of endodontics.

Presenting research reports were two recent graduate students and a recent fellow:

Geoffrey Okada, DDS, PG'98, and assistant professor: *Modulation of Replacement Root Resorption.*

Douglas H. Snider, SD'83, PG'98: *Effect of Root Canal Obturation and/or Coronal Seal on the Success of Root Canal Therapy.*

Dr. Chomquan Tongbaiya, (Thailand), fellow in endodontics'98: *Durability of .04 Taper Rotary Ni-Ti Files After Simulated Clinical Usage.*

Attending the various sessions were the current graduate students: Drs. Silvia Cecchini, Lynn Diaz, Keith Komatsu, Kurt Marcks, Nooshin Noghreian, Sony Thomas, and Johnathan Wee.

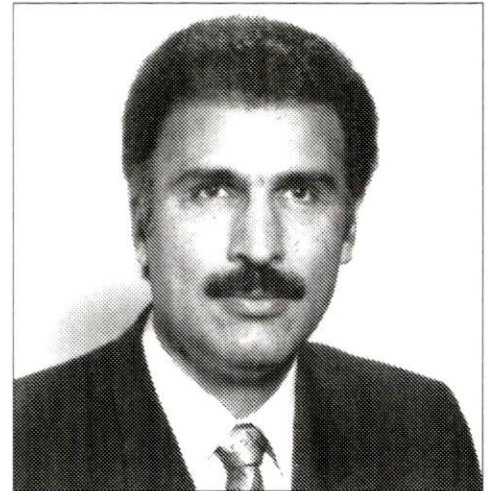
A lecture on *The Endodontist's Role in Dental Trauma* was presented by Leif K. Bakland, SD '63, professor of endodontics. The topic was a subject of press releases which resulted in informational articles subsequently published on how to save avulsed teeth and how to prevent dental injuries through the use of mouth guards (*The New York Times* 4/27/99, *Chicago Sun-Times* 5/26/99, *Time* 5/3/99, and Reuters on the Internet).

In a program to train mentors assisting candidates in preparing for the specialty board certification, Dr. Bakland, Steven Morrow SD'60, MS'84, associate professor of endodontics, and Robert Frank, DDS, associate professor of endodontics, presented information on various aspects of the examination process. Dr. Frank also served as moderator for an oral research presentation and judge for the graduate student poster presentations, and he is a member of the AAE Research Committee.

A highlight during the annual session was the presentation of the Edgar D. Coolidge Award to John Ingle, DDS, lecturer in endodontics. Dr. Ingle has been associated with the School of Dentistry for the past 15 years and is the editor of the well-known text *ENDODONTICS*, which contains chapters by several faculty members.

The School of Dentistry is very well represented in the organizational structure of the AAE: Mahmoud Torabinejad, DMD, MSD, PhD, professor and director of the graduate program in endodontics completed a three-year service on the Board of Directors. The new representative from California who will take Dr. Torabinejad's place is James Abbott, SD'74, MS'77, currently practicing in Santa Rosa, California.

Dr. Torabinejad is also serving on the AAE Foundation, which raises money for research support. Having steered the



*Mahmoud Torabinejad, DMD, MSD, PhD, professor and director of the graduate program in endodontics, is the new treasurer for the American Association of Endodontists.*

Foundation to reach a goal of over ten million dollars for research; Dr. Torabinejad now serves as the national chair for the Foundation Campaign.

Continuing his leadership involvement with the AAE, Dr. Torabinejad was installed as Treasurer of the American Association of Endodontists and will serve on the AAE Executive Committee.

Dr. Bakland was elected president-elect of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics and also serves as a member of the Honors and Awards Committee of the AAE.

## BETTER MATERIALS & TECHNIQUES FOR RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY: WHAT'S NEW, WHAT WORKS, AND WHY?

**DATE:** Sunday, May 23, 1999  
**TIME:** Registration 8:30 a.m., Lecture 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**TUITION:** \$140 DDS, \$90 AUX, \$20 for LLUSD students, staff, faculty  
**LOCATION:** Loma Linda University School of Dentistry  
**CREDIT:** This provider is authorized to confer 7 hours of California continuing dental education credit.  
**LECTURER:** Alton Lacy, BS, MS, PhD, DDS (FACD, FICD)  
Associate professor of restorative dentistry, University of California, San Francisco

### SYNOPSIS:

This practical, clinical course will apply basic principles of adhesion and post-operative sensitivity to preparation designs, the selection of materials, and placement of a variety of contemporary direct and indirect restorations. Using no charts, graphs (or histology slides), Dr. Lacy will discuss in step-by-step fashion a variety of techniques to solve problems in adhesive, esthetic dentistry. He will compare his common sense methods with many other popular approaches, explaining the pitfalls of many of these alternatives. Along the way, he will point out a number of fallacious concepts which are still widely held and taught as gospel in dental school. In doing so, he will help the practicing dentist to select the most useful dental materials and avoid unpleasant surprises in the future.



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## Disaster Drill practices for the worst

The School of Dentistry Disaster Preparedness Program held a disaster drill on April 23, at 1:00 p.m. In the scenario, Prince Hall was hit by a crashing helicopter, and "damage" was sustained in the Implant Dentistry Center with debris and injuries to personnel on the west side of the building. There were 61 participants with five "fatalities." This is one of three disaster drills slated for 1999.

## AADS calls for programs

The American Association of Dental Schools will hold its 77th annual session and exhibition April 1 - 5, 2000, in Washington, DC.

The theme of the annual AADS session will focus on developing new action plans to create and maintain stronger connections with the university and other schools of health professions, communities, government, other health-related organizations, and corporate members and industry.

AADS invites dental and allied dental educators to submit proposals for

- faculty development workshops (deadline July 16)
- symposia (deadline July 16)
- section/special interest group programs
- affiliate programs
- learning pods (deadline July 16)
- educational exhibits (deadline October 1)
- poster presentations (deadline September 10)

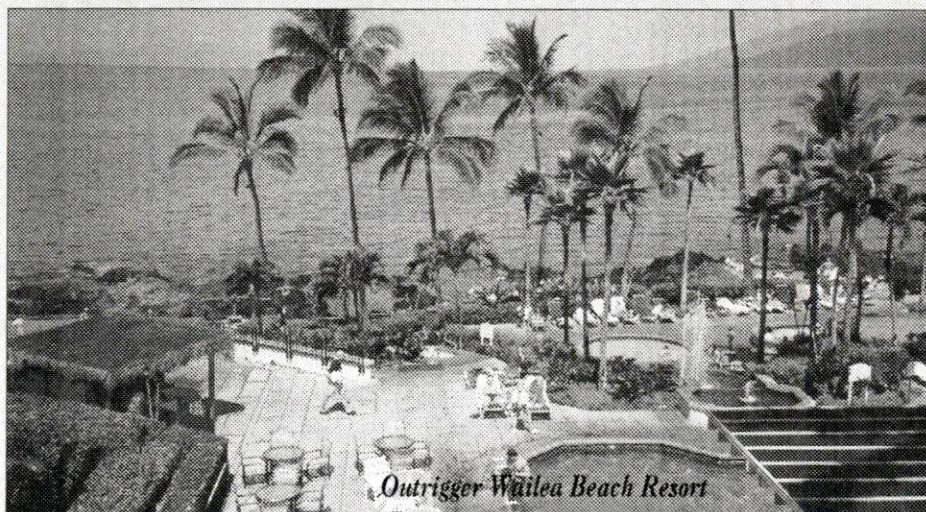
The Annual Session Workshop and Symposia Submission website opens May 3, 1999, at <[www.aads.jhu.edu](http://www.aads.jhu.edu)>

## She should have her head examined!

Senna Perez, insurance specialist in dental insurance, sustained a skull fracture when she slipped in the shower on March 24, but didn't realize the extent of her injury, and drove to work anyway. Her co-workers advised her to have an examination.

The doctor ordered a CT scan and closed her scalp wound with staples, although Senna preferred not to accept local anesthesia. (Ouch!) Senna's co-workers had to persuade her to go home and not stay at work. Senna came back to work the next day.

## It's a tough job, but NASDAD has to do it...



*The annual NASDAD Convention will meet in Maui, Hawaii, October 6 - 9, at the Outrigger Wailea Beach Resort (800-367-2960). Jaime Lozada, DDS, PG'87, PG'95, professor of implant dentistry, will present the continuing education seminar, and Drs. William (senior pastor of University Church) and Ednamaye Loveless will share the spiritual portion of the weekend. Island activities are being coordinated with a Seventh-day Adventist who is a sixth-generation Maui resident. A video is available on this for \$10 by calling the NASDAD office at 558-8187.*

## May birthdays

Gloria Martinez	urgent care screening
Ambra Linnenkamp	sterilization
Ken Wical	restorative dentistry
Julie Spohn	pediatric dentistry
Isabella Piedra-Muñoz	pediatric dentistry
Chuck Yetter	dental maintenance
Nancy Rosenbaum	insurance
Cathy Moore	pediatric dentistry
Gracie Cuevas	pediatric dentistry
Kelly Kallner	OSR
Sheryl Loew	dental lab services
Araxie Demerdji	sterilization & clinic supply
Linda Roddick	Loma Linda Endodontics
Pearl McDonald	faculty dental
Mary Della Johnson	radiology & sterilization
Jenice Richards	OSR
Kathleen Moore	cont ed, alumni assn
James Crawford	administration
Vivian Arredondo	graduate endodontics
Melinda Gurley	periodontics
Fannell Clack	GANR
Mary Hartwell	clinic administration



# Employee of the Quarter named April 28

by *Christy K. Robinson*

Stella Suba, RDA, CDA, dental assistant in the School of Dentistry for 13 years, has been named Employee of the Quarter.

After more than six years in the radiology department, Stella moved to "Grad Endo," or the graduate endodontics clinic, and there she's stayed for nearly seven years. She assists graduate students in endodontic procedures, and helps undergraduate students with instrumentation and radiographs. While Jeri Fowler is on maternity leave, Stella is taking on additional duties, filling in for Jeri, much like gutta percha or MTA!

For several years, Stella has trained and supervised dental assistants for the doctors who grade exams for WREB, the Western Regional Examination Board. In that capacity, she has used her vacation time from the School of Dentistry to travel throughout the western United States for board exams. Recently, however, she decided she'd like to actually use her vacation for fun and relaxation, so she's taken a break from WREB.

Who is Stella Suba when she's not the extremely capable and professional dental assistant? She's been married for five years to Christopher Suba, who works for Stater Bros. warehouse, and



*Employee of the Quarter, Stella Suba*

they're the parents of three year-old Chaz. They live happily in Mentone, and love to go camping together, attend movies, and spend quality time with Chaz.

The following are comments made by Stella's co-workers, on the nominations

Employee of the Quarter nomination forms are available in Dental Supply, and you are encouraged to "turn in" your co-workers. All positive comments are printed in a special Thanksgiving *Dentalgram*.

form for Employee of the Quarter:

- *She is helpful and uplifting to many. When she sees someone who is in need, she's right there on the spot. Also has a great sense of humor. She sees the bright side of things. She's a problem solver.*
- *Stella goes above and beyond the call of duty - always with a smile and kindness from her heart.*
- *She is a great team player, always willing to help out and extremely active.*
- *She is most considerate to patients and is concerned for their well being and comfort. She is extremely dedicated and reliable. She puts in extra time, if needed, and is a great morale booster.*
- *She is a motivated worker always willing to go that extra mile for patients and students. Very pleasant to patients.*
- *Stella always has a smile and cheerful attitude for everyone she comes in contact with. She helps all the students with information and questions regarding the boards. GREAT ATTITUDE - GREAT EMPLOYEE - we need more like her.*
- *Stella goes the extra mile for everyone needing help on a daily basis. She helps students with CAL and WREB boards. They depend on her to get them through.*
- *Stella is a "lifter" of people. She always leaves people (both patient and employee) feeling happier and cared for. She truly cares for people and has a tremendous work ethic.*

## IFAC (Interschool Faculty Advisory Council) Report

by *Dan Hall, DDS, assistant professor of restorative dentistry*

IFAC met April 21, 1999, in the Faculty Reading Room, to celebrate the reaffirmation of accreditation by WASC. The accreditation is for a ten-year period. WASC commended Loma Linda University for an exceptionally well-prepared self study, one that shows a high degree of involvement on the part of the campus community.

B. Lyn Behrens, MBBS, president of Loma Linda University and Medical Center, reported that 90% of her time is being spent on addressing healthcare issues in the medical center. Ian M. Fraser, PhD, has come out of retirement to take the post of executive vice president and Donald G. Pursley, DBA, remains vice president for financial affairs. Dr. Behrens expressed confidence in the deans who will also be assuming more responsibility.

We need to keep our eyes on the mission of the University, in other words, focus responsibly on the mission. She asked us to remember the University in prayer, that we need to adjust contracts, challenges in reimbursement, attention to profitability, and hold the line on expenses, particularly salaries.

AAA Self Study Report for the accrediting association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities is to be ready for their visit June 6 - 11.

Ramona P. Greek, PhD, assistant professor of nursing, reported on a workshop on embracing diversity. Diversity is a nationwide issue today and we need to look at the spiral dynamics and paradigms of diversity.

More discussion ensued on the WASC report recommendations. There were several recommendations concerning IFAC:

- IFAC web page
- Interschool focus groups
- Sense of campus community
- Distance learning program with Fresno
- How can we help our students learn better? We need to think about learning and what does it mean

IFAC should organize workshops and seminars

There should be an annual assessment of faculty in progress made toward better learning

- Dissemination of information
- Increase of dialogue across campus