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## Welcome, new students

by Sylvia Davis, MA, director of admissions

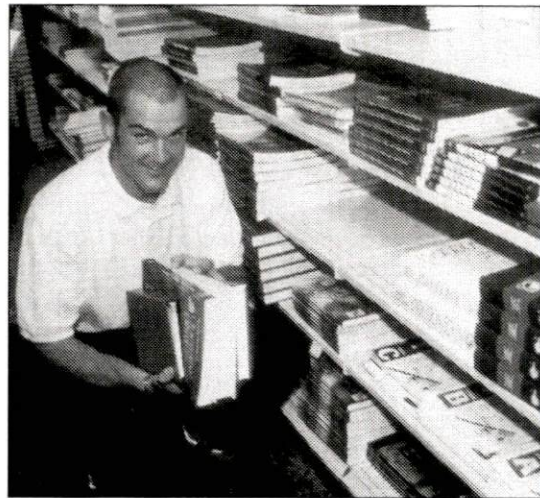
The freshman dental Class of 2003 and junior dental hygiene Class of 2001 began their orientation on Tuesday, September 21.

### DENTISTRY

Selected from over 1700 applicants, the freshman dental class includes 34 women and 58 men. Three members of the class are returning students. The average grade point average is 3.3, and the average DAT score is 18. Twelve members of the class hold master's degrees in science, business, public health, and theology. There are 35 members of the class with baccalaureate degrees in biology; eight with degrees in biochemistry; seven with degrees in business. Many other fields are included with two medical technologists and two nurses. La Sierra University has 19 alumni in the class, with 28 other colleges and universities represented, including two in Canada.

The average age in the class is 24, with students born from 1963 through 1979. Eighty-six percent of the class is single, with eight members who are parents. Ethnic cultures represented include class members from 12 countries. Eight of the class members were born at Loma Linda University Medical Center. There are 16 other U.S. states from which the students come. The most common surnames of the class are Kim and Lee, with the most popular first name being Timothy. There are two brother and sister teams, and one set of twins. Twenty-eight members of the class are reapplicants, with six students who were part of the biomedical certificate program, set up by the Graduate School of LLU.

The honors and awards earned by the Class of 2003 include one student who completed a four-year scholarship at UCLA, a student who won the Azusa Pacific University President's scholarship, one who has won three national championships showing Arabian horses, one student who has won national medals in swimming, and one who has



James Gibson, SD'03, selects books for his first quarter as a student dentist. His "big brother," an upperclassman mentor, gave him several books, reducing the total cost considerably.

## Welcome

It is a special pleasure to welcome our new dental hygiene and dental students to the School of Dentistry. You are joining our new graduate students who started their programs in July.



A mixture of excitement and apprehension fills the air as your educational dreams are being realized. We have great expectations of you and you are expecting great things from us. History has shown that neither of us will completely meet each other's expectations, but as we join together toward the common goal of an outstanding education, the results will be incredible.

May every success be yours as you embark upon a profession that has been so stimulating and rewarding to me.

Charles J. Goodacre, SD'71, MSD  
Dean



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# Welcome, new students

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won sailing regattas in San Diego. Many students have participated in mission or community projects through their schools and churches, and come to LLUSD with high recommendations for being compassionate and caring individuals.

There are numerous musicians in the class and several who are very creative and have won impressive prizes in art events. Others have been leaders on their campuses in student government and have organized a variety of events that include the pre-dental clubs on campus.

There are three students who are third-generation dental students at LLU. They are: Ryan Colburn, whose father is Harold Colburn, SD'77, and maternal grandfather is Jack Booker, SD'60; Shayne Hover, whose father is Vincent Hover, SD'75A, and whose grandfather is Billy Hover, SD'62; Gretchen Schnepfer, whose father is Douglas Schnepfer, SD'74, and whose maternal grandfather is Don Prosser, SD'57 (a member of the first class to graduate at the School of Dentistry), and whose paternal grandfather is Harold Schnepfer, DDS, professor emeritus and one of the founders of the LLU School of Dentistry. There are nine other new students whose parents are alumni in dentistry or dental hygiene. There are six in the class who have siblings who are alumni or current students at the School. Listed in a sidebar

are the names of those with family connections.

## Dentistry Class of 2003

Aguilar, Aaron (UCR)  
 Ahmad, Aqsa (LSU)  
 Ahn, Suk (PUC)  
 Ahn, Sung (PUC/LLU)  
 Baker, Tyler (PUC)  
 Barnes, Stephen (LSU)  
 Belfiglio, Benjamin (U of SD)  
 Chang, Fu Sheng (UCI)  
 Chang, Judy (PUC)  
 Cho, Chulkyoo (PUC)  
 Chu, Brian (PUC)  
 Chun, Jihee (LSU)  
 Cloninger, Brooke (Montana State/LLU)  
 Colburn, Ryan (U of Tenn.)  
 Corr, Robert (Arizona State)  
 Do, Christina (UCSD)  
 Dudar, Brian (LSU/Andrews)  
 Eklund, Everett (Southern Adventist Univ)  
 Elison, J. Matt (Utah State)  
 Fischer, David (U of Utah)  
 Gaje, Sara (WWC)  
 Garcia, Ursula (LLU)  
 Georgian, Sona (UCLA)  
 Gibson, James (S. Utah State)  
 Gubler, Sean (BYU/LLU)  
 Haidu, Melissa (Andrews Univ.)  
 Harris, Mark (LSU)  
 Holland, Jonathan (PUC)  
 Hover, Shayne (U of Lethbridge)  
 Hszieh, Gary (LSU/LLU)  
 Ignacio, Erwyn (LSU)  
 Ignatyev, Lyudmila (UC-Davis)  
 Jeffery, James (Canadian Union)  
 Job, Allen (U of Maryland)  
 Joe, Jinho (UCR)  
 Johnson, Scott (BYU)  
 Jones, Rakiya (Oakwood College)  
 Karmy, Steven (WWC)  
 Kim Sandy (LSU/LLU)  
 Kim, Fred (LSU)  
 Kim, Gene (LSU)  
 Kim, Ji (LSU)  
 Kim, Karen (PUC)  
 Ko, Eunsuk (LSU)  
 Koo, Johnny (LSU)  
 Koo, Sonny (LSU)  
 Kwon, Hea (UCLA)  
 Lam, Kenny (LSU)  
 Lam, Maggie (LLU/LSU)  
 Larson, Kirkland (LSU)  
 Lauer, Heather (LSU)  
 Lee, Daniel H. (Andrews Univ)  
 Lee, Hin Pong (UCR)  
 Lee, Jacob (Andrews)  
 Lee, Mike (Southern Adventist U)

Lee, Scott (PUC)  
 Lim, Jennifer (SAU)  
 Lin, Lorraine (UCLA)  
 McGlone, Heather (Azusa Pacific)  
 McIver, Phillip (Oakwood College)  
 Messersmith, Melinda (BYU)  
 Moseley, Jennifer (CSU, Fresno)  
 Nguyen, Thien-lan (UCLA)  
 Park, Elizabeth (LLU)  
 Pealatore, Melinda (CSUN)  
 Peter, Marlon (Canadian Union)  
 Pham, Loanne (CSUSB)  
 Rich, Darren (PUC)  
 Roe, Phillip (LSU/LLU)  
 Ruminson, Randall (WWC)  
 Samuel, Naveen (LLU/U of Tenn)  
 Sceville, Jeff (LSU)  
 Schnepfer, Gretchen (PUC)  
 Scofield, Letitia (SAU)  
 Seidenstricker, Timothy (LSU)  
 Shah, Shalini (LLU)  
 Shehata, Marianne (UCI)  
 Solanky, O'Neill (PUC)  
 Stafford, Mike (WWC)  
 Stevens, Timothy (CSUSB)  
 Stuart, Geoff (WWC)  
 Ta, Mikhail (UCI)  
 Taege, Brenda (LSU/LLU)  
 Tien, Timothy (UCSD/LLU)  
 Tran, Nature (CSUSB)  
 Trang, Hai (PUC)  
 Wagner, Jessica (PUC)  
 Watkins, Ryan (LSU)  
 Wonder, Nathan (UCSD)  
 Wrigley, Deborah (U of Alaska)  
 Yeoman, Dana (UOP)  
 Zinke, Heidi (PUC)

## Alumni connections

<u>SD'03 student</u>	<u>Connection and year of graduation</u>
Stephen Barnes	Mother: Linda Barnes, DH'62
Brian Chu	Father: Ped Chu, SD'76
Ryan Colburn	Father: Harold Colburn, SD'77 Grandfather: Jack Booker, SD'60
Brian Dudar	Brother: Gary Dudar, SD'86
Matt Elison	Father: Joseph Elison, SD'74
David Fischer	Father: Dan Fischer, SD'74 Sister: Jaleena Fischer, SD'02
Shayne Hover	Father: Vincent Hover, SD'75A Grandfather: Billy Hover, SD'62
Gary Hszieh	Mother: Lena Hszieh, DH'67 Brother: Kevin Hszieh, SD'98
Jinho Joe	Brother: Sooho Joe, SD'01
Scott Johnson	Brother: Kent Johnson, SD'87 Brother: Doug Johnson, SD'93
Fred Kim	Father: Chung Kim, SD'73
Heather Lauer	Father: Patrick Hoag, SD'73
Scott Lee	Brother: Thomas Lee, SD'97
Darren Rich	Father: Darrell Rich, SD'70 Sister: Darla Rich, DH'95
Jeff Sceville	Wife: Jody Sceville, SD'99
Gretchen Schnepfer	Father: Douglas Schnepfer, SD'74 Grandfather: Harold Schnepfer, DDS, School founder Grandfather: Don Prosser, SD'57
Shalini Shah	Sister: Ishani Shah-Dhillon, SD'94
Dana Yeoman	Father: Leland Yeoman, SD'68

## DENTAL HYGIENE

Of the 151 applicants to the dental hygiene program this year, 40 new students began their classes on September 27 as the Class of 2001. Two students are returning to the School of Dentistry, completing three-year programs.

Dental hygiene students come to LLUSD from 29 universities and colleges with an average GPA of 3.32. There are five students from La Sierra University and Riverside Community College, and six from Pacific Union College. Three are entering, having already completed a baccalaureate degree in Japanese, health and fitness, and elementary education. Sixteen of the new class members are reapplicants. There are two students who are entering, having completed all of their science coursework with only grades of A. One chemistry professor who



recommended his student (now ours), commented that she did not miss one point over the entire semester.

There are 41 women in the class, and one man. Two students were celebrating birthdays on the first day of orientation and received birthday cakes from their new friends. The average age is 22 years old, with members in the class born from 1958 to 1979. Of the 42 students, 12 are married and 11 are mothers. They were born in nine different countries, and nine of them are international students. Of those born in the United States, 22 were born in California, with nine other states represented.

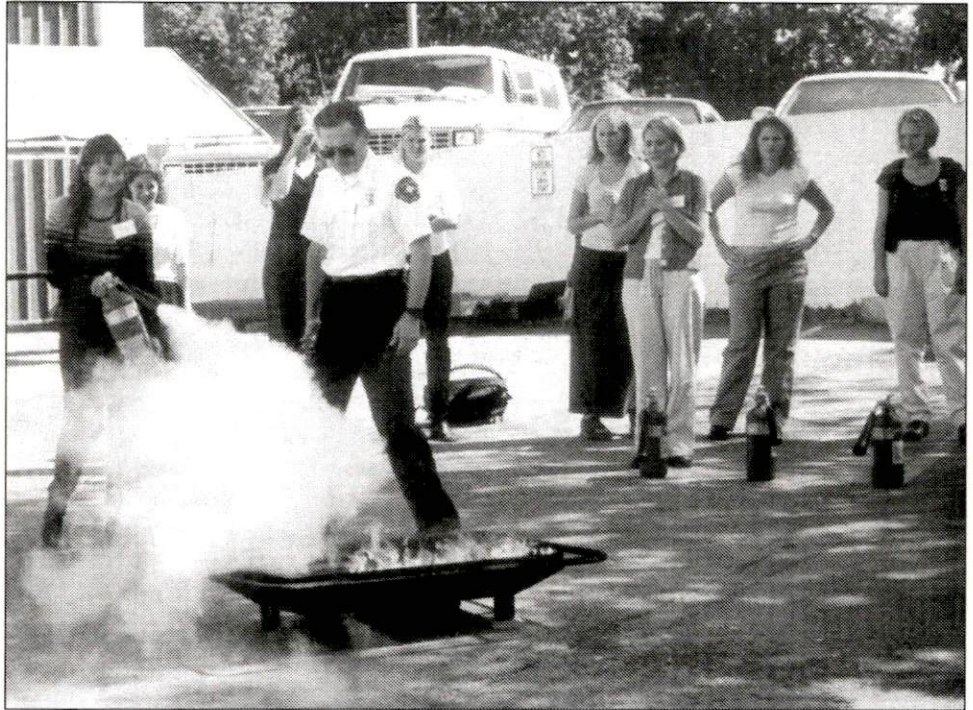
Fifteen of the students are already dental assistants, with several others who have worked in health care in other areas. One student worked with dentists in refugee camps in Indonesia, while another worked as a dental hygienist in Korea, where requirements are different than in the United States. One student is here this year after deferring her acceptance for a year to work as a student missionary. There are musicians in the class, including one who has been a member of the La Sierra University Octet, and one who was selected as a drummer for the All-Honors High School Band to march in the Rose Parade.

There is a variety of names in the class, with two Tracys, but no two with the same last name. As a class, they come highly recommended as caring and compassionate, with significant contributions to be made to the profession of dental hygiene.

Five dental hygiene students are daughters of LLU School of Dentistry graduates. They are: Allison Campbell (Stephen Campbell, SD'73, MS'75); Kari Fillmore (Gerald Fillmore, SD'71, MS'73, and Brit Loka Fillmore, DH'70); Alisa Moore (William Moore, SD'75B); Alexandra Upp (Donald Lunt, SD'68); Kristel Zendner (Dan Zendner, SD'76).

Three students have siblings already in the School of Dentistry: Julie Lim, sister of Jennifer Lim, SD'03; Joy Villanueva, sister of Nancy Villanueva, SD'01; and Katie Vongschanphen, sister of Jon Vongschanphen, SD'01. Sheila Nerenberg is the sister of Mike Fitzpatrick, SD'87.

Paula Speer, who has joined the class as a mother of two children, was distinguished by the letter her daughter Jillian, age 12, wrote on her behalf: "I am recommending



*Gerry Patterson, Loma Linda city public safety officer, instructs dental hygiene students in the use of fire extinguishers, during new student orientation.*

my mother to your school because I've watched her work really hard to get where she is right now. She's stayed up studying long hard hours, all through the night. I can go on and on, but I won't waste your time! My brother and I would really appreciate it if Mommy was able to get into your wonderful school." This, along with several other letters on Paula's behalf, gained her a place in our class.

She is one of 42 outstanding individuals who have begun their process to become dental hygienists, and will bring honor to the School of Dentistry as alumni.

#### **Dental Hygiene Class of 2001**

Beale, Malulani (SBVC)  
 Berry, Kristen (Mesa College)  
 Blood, Joanna (Union/Crafton)  
 Bowen, Amber (RCC)  
 Brauer, Adrienne (Union)  
 Burt, Heidi (Chaffey)  
 Campbell, Allison (WWC)  
 Coomes, Tracy (Evergreen Valley)  
 Dennis, Sasha (Mt. San Jacinto)  
 Fillmore, Kari (PUC)  
 Garcia, Melody (Palomar)  
 Hefner, Louise (Union)  
 Hemsley, Carol (Victor Valley)  
 Henkes, Lori (Evergreen College)  
 Henley, Charon (Oakwood)  
 Jacobo, Naomi (PUC)

Kim, Danna (SE Asia Union)  
 Lee, Soo (American River)  
 Lim, Julie (Southern)  
 Luo, Tracy (LSU)  
 Meza, Alma (LSU)  
 Miguel, Jenelle (LSU)  
 Moore, Alisa (Southern)  
 Murata, Mitsuko (RCC)  
 Nerenberg, Sheila (RCC)  
 Pulsipher, Lindsay (BYU)  
 Ramirez, Andrea (Chaffey)  
 Shin, Sunhae (Washington State)  
 Speer, Paula (RCC)  
 Stepp, Leann (SBVC)  
 Tan, Lindy (LSU)  
 Thielen, Meredith (Southern)  
 Thomas, Cori (CSUSB)  
 Tosten, Randall (RCC)  
 Upp, Alexandra (PUC)  
 Villanueva, Joy (LSU)  
 Vongschanphen, Katherine (PUC)  
 Williams, Elly (Southwestern Adventist)  
 Yuh, Christine (PUC)  
 Zendner, Kristel (PUC)



# Students on the Move

## ASDA names Region X Delegate of the Year -- from LLU



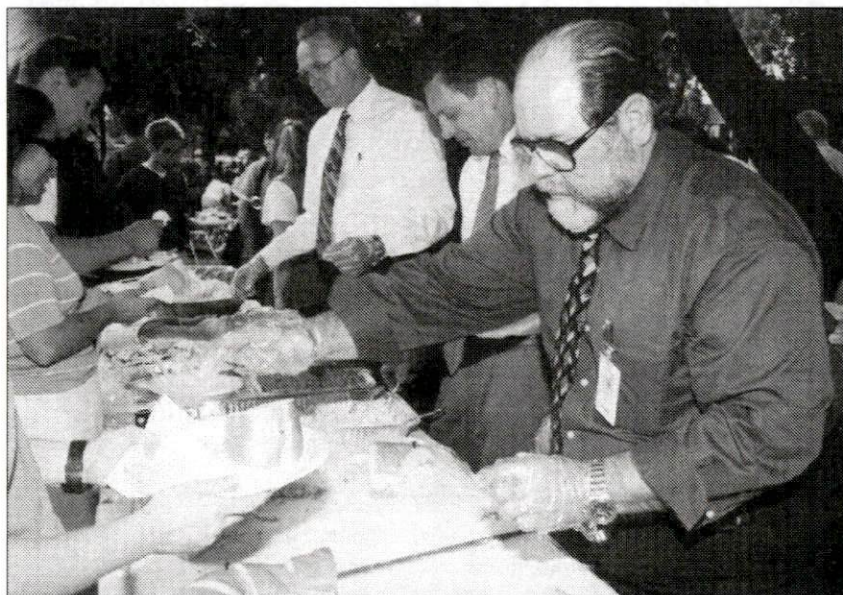
Shelton Hsu, SD'00, was named Delegate of the Year for Region X, the west coast states, by the American Student Dental Association (ASDA), when the association met in Denver, September 1 - 5. He was presented with an engraved plaque and many congratulations.

ASDA has 55 member dental schools, and 250 student representatives from around North America. Representatives are elected by their peers during their sophomore year of dental school and serve for three years.

Mr. Hsu is co-president of the Loma Linda University Dental Student Association, and first delegate to the ASDA. Joined by Ryan Thomas, SD'01, also an ASDA delegate, he helps form policy and take actions for the ASDA, which represents the needs and concerns of dental students nationally.

Recent Capitol Hill lobbying by ASDA involved issues of dental licensure, student debt, and coaxing the government to allow tax deductions for student loan interest.

*Shelton Hsu, SD'00, and Ryan Thomas, SD'01, represented Loma Linda University at the American Student Dental Association Annual Session and House of Delegates.*



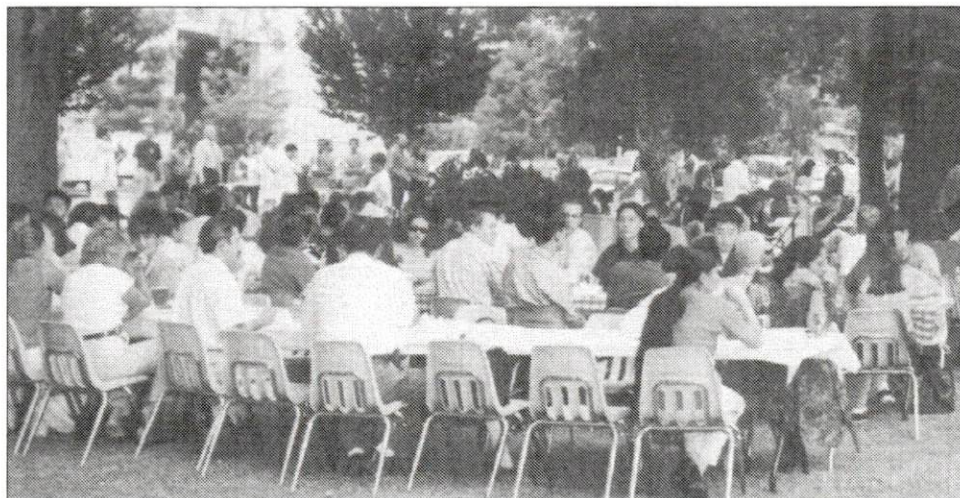
*Ron Secor, associate dean, Dr. Fred Kasischke, assistant dean, and Dr. Paul Richardson, associate dean, helped serve the goodies at the grinder feed.*



*Christina Khachatourian and Marina Moore served vegetables and dip.*

## Grinder Feed

*Five hundred students, staff, and faculty chomped on grinder sandwiches, vegetables, chips, cookies, and soda at noon on September 9, when the School of Dentistry administration provided lunch and entertainment in celebration of the end of summer.*





## DSA plans activities

Ken Pierson, Dental Student Association co-president and senior dental student, says that the 1999 - 2000 DSA activities menu will include faculty home vespers, beach vespers, softball games, root beer float feeds, nights at the local amusement park and the Drayson Activities Center, another barbecue, and many other social activities. The DSA officers and members are also planning the annual Clinic With a Heart, a free dental clinic held each spring.

## Student gets kudo

The *Bulletin of Dental Education*, the publication of American Association of Dental Schools, mentioned **Melissa Wages**, SD'00, in its May 1999 issue, in its Kudos section, for having developed her women's oral health website.

The section said, "Ms. Melissa Redd-Wages, a junior dental student at Loma Linda University, recently was awarded first place for her educational project at the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry Alumni Convention. Ms. Redd-Wages developed a website that addresses women's oral health issues. The website is located at <[www.womensoralhealth.org](http://www.womensoralhealth.org)>."

Ms. Wages is in good company. The rest of the column congratulates medallion winners, distinguished leaders, and professors for their accomplishments.

## First Annual SD Showcase photography contest

Here it is: A photography contest for the School of Dentistry, by the School of Dentistry. See your elite photograph in a poster, and on display at Loma Linda University. Contest coordinated by LLUSD Student Affairs.

### Categories

1. Service & Mission outreach (illustrating "To Make Man Whole")
2. People & Portraiture (including still life objects)
3. Nature & Landscapes
4. Dental Photography
5. Humor & Imagination
6. Sports & Adventure
7. Digital Imaging

Awards given for best two photographs in each category from student entries.

Awards given for best two photographs in each category from faculty/staff entries.

### Rules

- Contest is limited to **LLUSD students, faculty, and staff** only.
- Contest judges not eligible.
- There is a 10 photo entry limit per person per category.
- Contest submission deadline: November 19, 1999.
- Winners notified December 3, 1999.

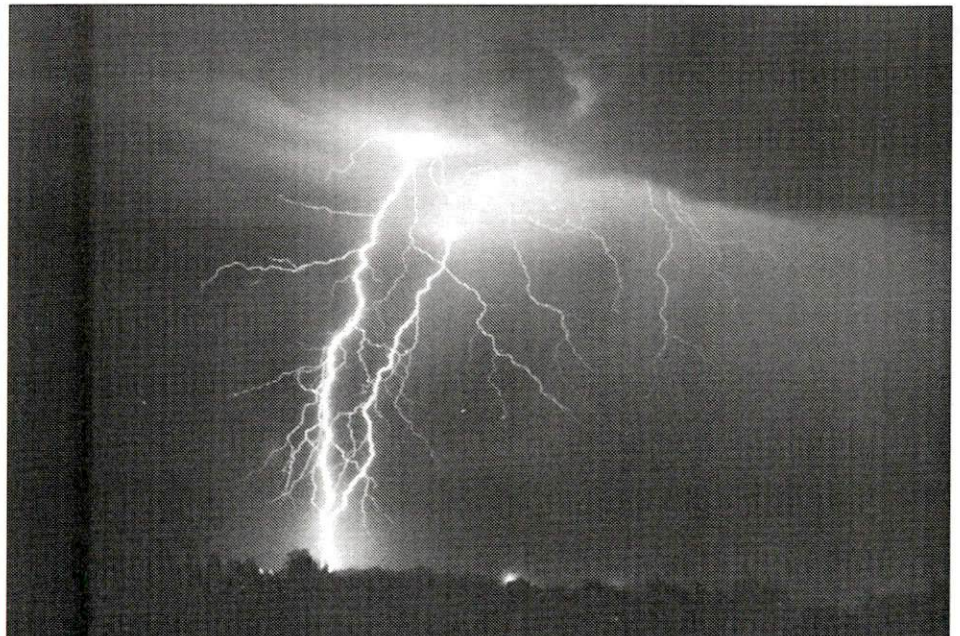
- Submit photograph entries to the LLUSD Office of Student Affairs.
- All categories are open to both color and black & white photograph slides and prints.
- Photographs judged on sharpness and category representation.
- Digitally altered photographs excluded from contest in all categories except for Humor & Imagination and Digital Imaging categories.
- Entries are free.
- Your photographs will be available for pickup in February 2000, at the LLUSD Office of Student Affairs.
- Photographs will be judged by a panel of five judges.
- Judge names will remain anonymous.
- Photographer names will remain unknown to judges until end of contest.
- Please submit your name, photograph category, and whether you are a student, faculty, or staff member, with photograph.

### Awards

- Two images chosen in each category from student entries.
- Two images chosen in each category from faculty/staff entries.
- Winning photographs will be displayed on the LLU campus and placed in this year's SD SHOWCASE poster.

*Malodorous  
breath?*

No! Not here, surely!  
Don't be a candidate for the  
Halitosis Hall of Fame.  
Whether it's for patient education, or  
for yourself, there's an interesting and  
informative website that will  
improve the air quality:  
[http://www.tau.ac.il/~melros/  
welcome.html](http://www.tau.ac.il/~melros/welcome.html)



Monsoon storm over Scottsdale, Arizona. Photo by Christy K. Robinson



# Department News

## Clinic Administration

• Please welcome the following new employees.....

**Tammy Perry**, secretary, dental records

**Corey Pace**, secretary, orthodontics

**Heather Lind**, dental assistant,

orthodontics

**Eunise Acosta**, RDA, orthodontics

**Gianna Hutton**, office aide - oral surgery

**Robin Payne**, Insurance Specialist,

Dental Insurance

• **Adriana Blanco**, Faculty Dental Offices, earned her RDA certification

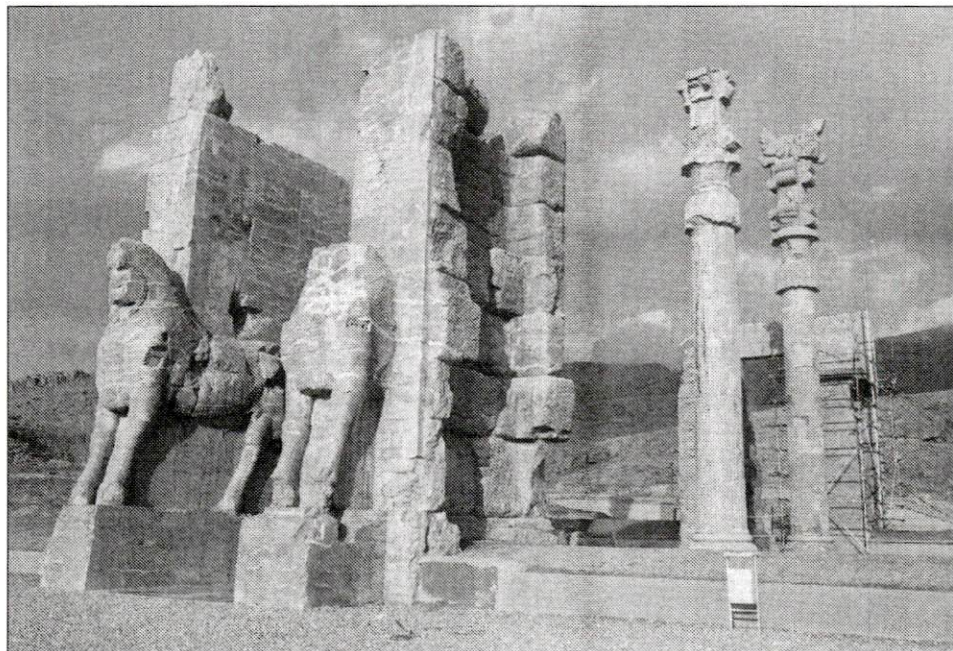
• **Cheryl Ford**, periodontics, earned her RDA certification

## Dental Hygiene

Dentsply has programs for dental and hygiene programs which allow them to give us donations in the form of products. On June 30, the end of the fiscal year, Dental Hygiene had received products such as pit and fissure sealants, a prophyl jet, and cavitron inserts worth \$3,623.27.

*Leif K. Bakland, SD'63, professor and chair of endodontics, recently returned from a lecture tour of Kuwait and Iran. He first spoke to the Kuwait Dental Association on the topic of "Management of Endodontic Mishaps." After that, he traveled with his wife, Grete, to the old Persian city of Shiraz, where he gave two lectures on dental trauma and endodontics to the Third International Congress of the Iranian Endodontic Association, a meeting that drew about 1,000 participating dentists.*

*A highlight of Dr. Bakland's trip to Iran was the opportunity to visit the ancient (ca. 500 BC) city of Persepolis, which is older than the Acropolis in Athens. Persepolis was destroyed by Alexander, who we in the West refer to as "Alexander the Great," but whom the Persians call "Alexander the Devil" for obvious reasons. Shown is the Gate of Xerxes at Persepolis, which is Greek for "City of the Persians."*



## Dental Insurance

Two School of Dentistry dental insurance specialists were present when the Loma Linda Bank of America was robbed on September 30. **Delores Galindo** and **Soledad Garcia** were (lawfully) extracting lunch money from the ATM on the east side of the bank building, when a robber burst from the front doors with a paper grocery sack full of money. The robber screamed, "Let me go!" as he was tackled by bank security guards, and turned over to San Bernardino County Sheriff deputies.

"I felt like running without stopping. I'm not going there again!" vows Ms. Garcia.

## Endodontics

• The Department of Endodontics presented the 16th Annual Review of Endodontic Biology on September 26 - 27. This two-day course is primarily for endodontists preparing for certification by the American Board of Endodontics and is the longest continuously running course of its kind. About 100 endodontists and other dentists from all over the country attended.

• Returning to the Department for a second sabbatical is visiting scholar, **Dr. Chan-Vi Hong**, from Dankook University in Korea. His first sabbatical here was in 1992 - 93, and Dr. Hong will now spend the next 12 months conducting research in endodontics with **Dr. Mahmoud Torabinejad**, professor and director of the advanced education program in endodontics.

Joining Dr. Hong in his one-year stay in Loma Linda will be his wife, **Byung-Hyun**, and their daughter **Ji-Yeon** and son **Seok-Jin**. We welcome the Hong family back to Loma Linda and wish them all the best during their stay here.

## Oral Surgery

Welcome to **Albert W. Lin, DDS**, who has joined our department as assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery. Dr. Lin teaches in the oral and maxillofacial surgery clinic, as well as in the dental/oral clinics at Riverside County Regional MC and Arrowhead Regional MC. He joined the School of Dentistry faculty in September.

Dr. Lin graduated with his DDS from University of Illinois of Chicago in 1992. In June of 1998 he completed a 4-year oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at Northwestern University Medical Center. Dr. Lin is engaged to **Christy Lam**, first year resident in pediatric dentistry at USC.

"We are very happy to add Dr. Lin to our talented faculty," says **Wayne Tanaka, DDS**, associate professor and acting chair of the department.

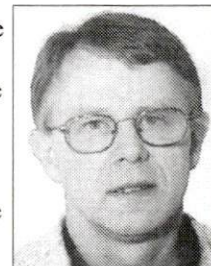


**Albert W. Lin, DDS**

## Periodontics

We would like to extend a hearty welcome to **Dr. Tord Lundgren**. Dr. Lundgren joined the faculty in September, coming to us from Sweden, and has brought his wife and one of his three children. Dr. Lundgren will be with us for at least one year, possibly more.

Welcome to the Loma Linda family.

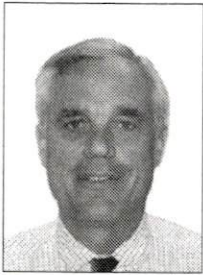


**Dr. Tord Lundgren**



## Restorative Dentistry

We have a new full time faculty member in Restorative. **Bruce Walter, SD'73**, has been in private practice in Seattle, WA since 1975. Along with his practice he has been teaching part time at the University of Washington School of Dentistry in the Department of Operative Dentistry, and has been an active participant in the Academy of Operative Dentistry. He joined the LLU faculty on September 1, 1999. The Walter family includes his wife Carol, his son Robert Walter, SD'99, and another son, Jack, a senior in the LLU School of Medicine. We welcome Dr.

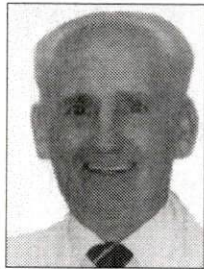


**Bruce Walter, SD'73**

Walter to the Department of Restorative Dentistry.

• Two faculty members have rejoined the Department of Restorative Dentistry within the last year.

Dr. **William Palmer** graduated from USC in 1953 and was a member of the LLUSD faculty



**William Palmer, DDS**

from 1955 to 1960. Since leaving Loma Linda in 1960 he has practiced in Mississippi. He has also spent eight years in mission work for the SDA church interspersed throughout his 38 years in Mississippi. This service work took him to Colorado,

Maryland, Delaware, Puerto Rico, British Columbia, and Tasmania. He also spent two years teaching Child Health and Development at the University of Mississippi. He and his wife Marybel have two adult children.

Dr. **Ed Shryock** graduated from LLU in



**Ed Shryock, SD'62, MS**

1962 and began a practice in Santa Maria, CA. He joined the LLU faculty on a part time basis in 1964 and continued that arrangement until 1969 when he returned to obtain a Masters degree in anatomy. After finishing his graduate training at LLU he went to the University of Florida where he was chairman of the department of occlusion and fixed prosthodontics until 1978 when he returned to California and began a dental practice in Riverside. After a few years he moved to Palm Desert and continued that practice until this summer when he sold the practice and returned to teaching at LLU. He and his wife Ruth continue to live in Palm Desert.

We welcome both of these men back to Loma Linda University.

• The Center for Prosthodontics and Implant Dentistry warmly welcomes our new employee, **Michelle Ojeda**. Michelle is our clinical secretary, working in the front office. She comes to us with several years of dental experience and has already proven to be quite an asset. Thanks, Michelle, for becoming a part of our team!

• **Vicki Gann** has moved from implant dentistry to the Drayson Center. Judson Klooster, dean emeritus of the School of Dentistry, says of Vicki: "I know the implant residents and attending faculty will miss her. She started back when Dr. James directed the Center. I remember hearing him comment frequently how much he appreciated Vicki 'keeping him pointed in the right direction.'"

• **Tony Daher, DDS, MSED**, associate professor of restorative dentistry, was invited by the Lebanese Dental Association to speak at their 50th Jubilee Celebration, on two prosthodontics topics: "Implant templates for partially and completely edentulous patients" and "Economical, quality dentures: Principles and practical tips." Many international speakers were there from France, Belgium, Egypt, and Lebanon; also speakers from Texas, Boston and Loma Linda.

## Bowling update

**Julie Cranfill** has finally been dethroned as the bowling champ. **Ruben Hernandez** bowled an impressive 242, beating Julie's

high by one pin. Congratulations, Ruben. Anyone wishing to join us for bowling is welcome. Bowlers meet Wednesdays from noon to 1:15, \$1 per game.

*Fever, chills, cough,  
runny nose, queasiness,  
aching joints, have-to-get-  
better-to-die?*

*Oi vei, you need some chicken soup!* (Or a flu shot, in time, could avert the whole thing.) Flu shots will be offered again this year to faculty and staff, at no charge, in the oral surgery sterilization area on the following dates:

Wednesday, Oct. 27, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 18, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

## October Birthdays

Lizette Hocutt	clinical services division
Mary Lou Clement	admissions
Donna Minder	IDP
Sena Perez	dental insurance
Marina Moore	clinical services division
Maricella Solis	clinic administration
Carl Panaguiton	clinic supply
Debbie Catino	endodontics
Zolton Horvath	oral surgery
Joni Stephens	dental hygiene
Christy Robinson	SD publications
Jolene Farwell	DAU
Linda Martinez	data entry
Franco Audia	oral surgery
Gloria Hooker	dental hygiene
Delia Leon	data entry
Andrew Soeprono	Center for Dental Research
Deanna Glindmeyer	anesthesia
Carole White	financial administration
Gloria Ramirez	anesthesia
Tammy Earnest	dental insurance
Jenny Dillshaw	periodontics

## Letters

Dear Christy,

I think the current *Dentalgram* (September 1999) looks at least as good as any of the others and just seems to be getting better. Great layout and copy material. Keep up the good work!

**Clyde Roggenkamp, SD'70, MSD, MA**

Hi, Christy!

Thanks for your reminders about the *Dentalgram*. You're doing a super job on this publication, as well as other aspects of your role as our SD editor. Cheers!

**Judson Klooster, DDS, dean emeritus**

# Dentalgram on the Web

If you enjoy seeing your friends', or your own copy or pictures in the *Dentalgram*, in black and white, how much more will you enjoy the color version? Check out the School of Dentistry's web site, specifically the News section. In fact, there are sometimes more photos there than the printed *Dentalgram* has room for.

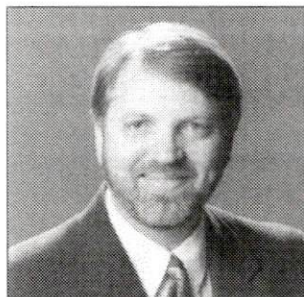
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# Newsnotes

## *Alumnus appointed assistant dean at University of Alabama*

Steven J. Filler, SD'81, MS, MA, was appointed assistant dean for student, alumni, and external affairs, a new



*Dr. Steven J. Filler*

administrative position, at the University of Alabama School of Dentistry.

"I am pleased to announce that Dr. Steve Filler will be assuming this position

effective immediately," said Dr. Mary Lynne Capilouto, dean of the School. "Dr. Filler's leadership qualities, which he has demonstrated through his previous activities at school, university and national levels, make him well qualified to assume this important administrative role."

Dr. Filler's areas of responsibilities will include postdoctoral and DMD program admissions, student and alumni affairs, and

national and international programs and projects.

Dr. Filler completed a two-year residency in hospital dentistry in 1983, and earned an MS in oral biology and an MA in education.

Active in dental treatment of patients requiring special care, Dr. Filler holds the position of director of the Division of Hospital Dentistry at University of Alabama Hospitals and is a professor in the department of oral and maxillofacial surgery.

He was the recipient of a five-year Dentist Scientist Award from the National Institutes of Health (1985 - 1990) and is a past president of the American Association of Hospital Dentists. For over 17 years, Dr. Filler has been the chief dentist for the Birmingham Zoo.

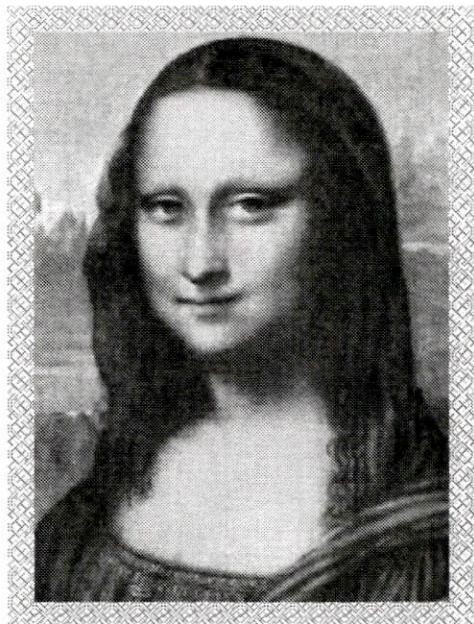
He is married to Kay Keenan Filler of Mobile, and they have one son, Harrison Andrew.

(Reprinted from University of Alabama *DentAlumni*, Summer 1999)

## **Mona Lisa's smile due to gnashing of teeth?**

FLORENCE, Italy (Reuters) - An Italian doctor claims to have discovered the secret to the Mona Lisa's enigmatic smile -- a compulsive gnashing of teeth.

Doctor Filippo Surano says he believes



the noblewoman in Leonardo da Vinci's famous portrait suffered from bruxism, an unconscious habit of grinding the teeth during sleep or periods of mental stress.

Surano says the strain of posing for the painting could have triggered an attack of teeth grinding. He has sent a summary of his thesis to the Da Vinci Museum in Florence, where the artist was born, *La Repubblica* newspaper reported September 1.

According to the essay "On the perfect beauty of a woman," by the 16th-century writer Firenzuola, the slight opening of the lips at the corners of the mouth was considered in that period a sign of elegance. Thus Mona Lisa has that slight smile which enters into the gentle, delicate atmosphere pervading the whole painting.

One historian believes that da Vinci actually painted a self portrait instead of the Countess Gioconda. For a morph of da Vinci to La Gioconda, try the following website:

<http://library.advanced.org/13681/data/link2.htm>

### ***Del E. Webb Memorial Library holds "Lunch & Learn"***

These short, informal sessions, held during the lunch hour, bring the latest news "Hot Off the Griddle" about the Del E. Webb Memorial Library's Internet-accessible resources. Each session focuses on a particular topic. The series will be held in room 405 of the Library on Thursdays, from 12:10 to 1:00. So bring your lunch and join us! Drink and cookies will be provided.

- Toast & Jam: Learn How to Access Library Services from Your Home or Office -- Thursday, October 7, Thursday, November 4
  - Chocolate, Vanilla or Strawberry: Which Interface of MEDLINE Is Right for You? -- Thursday, October 14
  - Freshly Squeezed: Get the Latest Updates on Electronic Full Text Articles -- Thursday, October 21
  - Extra Cheese Please: Advanced Searching for WebSpirs Databases (MEDLINE, CINAHL, PsychInfo and more), Thursday, November 18
- MEDLINE Workshops**

The MEDLINE Workshops, taught by the Del E. Webb Memorial Library, are held from 12:10 to 1:00 on Wednesdays. The workshops emphasize hands-on practice of searching skills. Please plan on eating lunch before or after the workshop. A minimum of eight participants is needed for the workshops to be held. Call the reference department secretary at x47561 to register.

- MEDLINE: PubMed Wednesday, October 13, MacPherson Learning Lab, Coleman Pavilion
- MEDLINE: WebSpirs Wednesday, October 20, MacPherson Learning Lab, Coleman Pavilion
- MEDLINE: WinSpirs Wednesday, October 27, MacPherson Learning Lab, Coleman Pavilion



# San B'do Crossroads Rotary sponsors dental service in Russia

September 9 - 23 found several Loma Linda University faculty and alumni on a mission to provide dental care for children in Magadan and Palatka, Russia.

Participants in the mission were: William Heisler, SD '59, professor of restorative dentistry; J. Milford Anholm, DDS, MS '62, professor of orthodontics; Nathan Lewis, SD '80, of Elko (Nevada) Dental Associates; Susan Heisler, MPH, assistant professor in the School of Allied Health, and two other Tri-county Dental Society members, Drs. Lilliana Castro and Joe Herzog.

This remote area of the Russian Far East was made known by Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn in his book *Gulag Archipelago*. The area was the center of the Stalinist era slave labor camps built to mine gold, silver, mercury and other minerals. It is so isolated that the nearest railroad is 800 kilometers to the south and there are no passable roads into the area. Air service from Anchorage, Alaska, is bi-weekly.

In spite of all this, the group, sponsored by a grant from Rotary International, was able to serve the dental needs of over 100 children with prophylaxis, dental sealants, amalgam fillings, root canal treatments, stainless steel crowns, and extractions. The group was hosted by the local Rotary



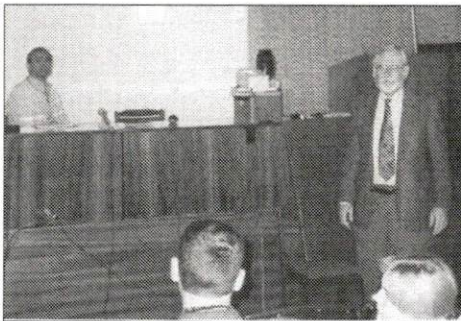
*Even in mid-September, the Russian forest was ablaze with color. Participants on the trip included (from left): Nathan Lewis, Susan Heisler, Alex Cripchuck, Lilliana Castro, Richard Smith, Milford Anholm, William Heisler, and (kneeling), Misha Shelyekhov, translator. Not pictured, Joe Herzog, DDS.*



*Dr. Heisler with cosmonaut Yuri Godorin. Because of his fame, Mr. Godorin was easily recognized in the Geological Museum.*

highlight of the trip was meeting Yuri Godorin, the third Russian cosmonaut to fly in space, while touring the Geological Museum.

The entire group would like to return to the area. Dr. Heisler states that this would be an excellent place to take dental and hygiene students on a summer clerkship project.

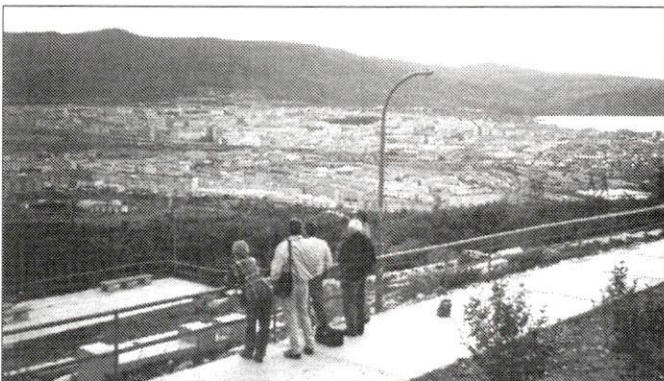


*Dr. Heisler (right) presents a lecture at the Magadan Regional Medical College. Dr. Joe Herzog (left) looks on.*

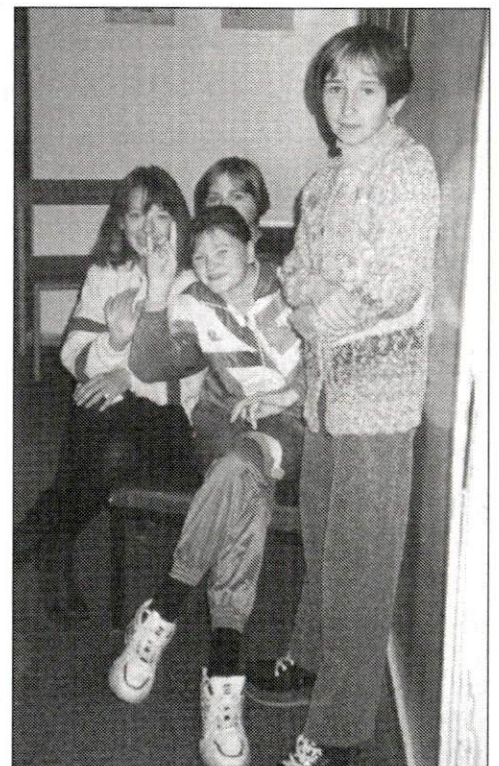
clubs and by local dentists. They stayed in the Magadan Regional Medical College, where Drs. Anholm, Heisler and Lewis also gave lectures to students and faculty members on dental procedures focused on children. Susan Heisler held multiple participation sessions with students and staff on

"Psychogeometrics."

In addition to work, the group enjoyed associating with their Rotary and dentist friends at a barbeque at a beach "dacha," a "banya" (sauna), and a party hosted in their honor by, and at the home of, the chief dentist of the Magadan City Dental Clinic. A



*Dental team views Magadan city and Nagaeva Bay from the "Mask of Sorrows."*



*Children in Palatka await dental treatment.*



## *New tradition to begin October 11*

There is a new tradition at Loma Linda University, called the University Convocation Chapel. It will be held on Monday, October 11, 1999 (the first day of the Fall Week of Prayer) from 8:10 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the University Church.

**Students and staff** are invited to enjoy the ceremony and will have the opportunity to actively take part during the Litany of Commitment. All **faculty** who participate will be in full academic regalia along, with LLU's **administrators, deans, and associate/assistant deans**. In addition, a number of LLU's Board of **Trustees** members will be participating.

The University Convocation Chapel is a commitment of the University to God. It brings faculty, staff, students, trustees, and administrators together as an academic community and as a community of faith. It expresses our unity of mission and dedication to our motto, "To make man whole."



## **Medical-Dental Society to meet at Mammoth**

The 44th Annual Medical-Dental Meeting will be held in Mammoth Lakes, California, January 15 - 17, 2000. Medical and dental students, faculty, alumni, and all their families will join in worship, a pizza party, a banquet, and skiing or other winter sports. For registration information, or to join the mailing list, please call Sherry Gibbs, (909) 558-2075.

Mammoth Mountain will be hosting the first annual Winter Gravity Games from January 20 - 23, 2000. With an average annual snowfall of 383 inches, Mammoth Mountain has hosted prestigious events such as the US Snowboarding Nationals, Alpine World Cup racing events, and various NORBA and UCI World Cup mountain bike competitions and is strongly influenced by the snow, skate and surf culture of Southern California. The inaugural event features competitions in snowboarding, freeskiing, snow mountain biking, and skiing, among others.

## LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

# Annual Family Retreat

for students, faculty, staff,  
and their families

October 22 - 24  
Pine Springs Ranch

### Friday:

7:30 p.m. Evening Fellowship

9:00 p.m. Afterglow

### Saturday:

9:30 a.m. Morning Devotion, with reports of mission service by LLUSD students

11:00 a.m. Worship Service, with beautiful music, inspiring talks

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Afternoon activities (hiking, exploring)

4:15 p.m. Devotional Vespers

6:45 p.m. Saturday Night Follies

## Construction update

*Color-coating the second floor of the east addition to Prince Hall. The workers added pigmented stucco to the bottom layer of stucco, also recently applied.*



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