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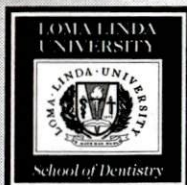
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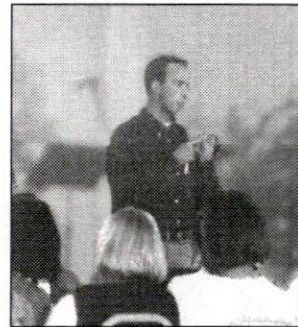


Annual retreat forges bonds of friendship

by Christy K. Robinson

The weather was gorgeous, the skies blue, the sun warm but not too hot, the evenings chilly but not freezing – everything perfect for the October 22 - 24 School of Dentistry retreat held at Pine Springs Ranch in the San Jacinto Mountains.

It was planned by Daniel Tan, SD'75A, associate professor of restorative dentistry, and Lane Thomsen, SD'65, MS'74, associate professor of ODRP, along with committees of staff and students.



Brian Moore, SD'03, gives a devotional talk at vespers.

Worship services were conducted by students, who also performed in solos, duets, and quartets. Keynote speaker for the weekend was Leslie Pollard, DMin, special assistant to the president for diversity at Loma Linda University.

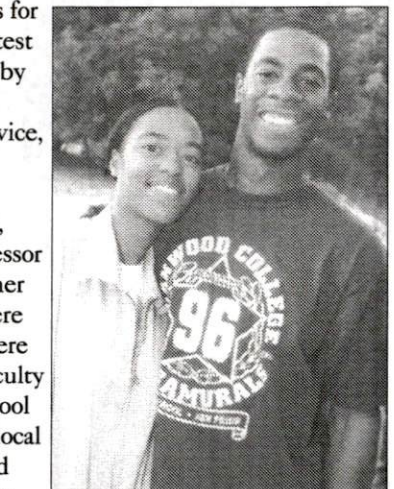
Doug Mace, associate pastor of Loma Linda University Church, was master of ceremonies for the Saturday Night Follies, which had a 1970s theme.

Dental students talked about their extramural mission trips and showed slides during Sabbath School.

"The retreat sold out on accommodations this year. Approximately 430 people, at least 179 of them students, attended the retreat, and it was a huge success," says Dr. Thomsen. The event started in the 1970s as a faculty retreat. Dr. Thomsen was 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. Other prizes, and there were many, were donated by faculty members, School departments, local merchants, and Dr. Thomsen's friends and relatives.

Talent first prize went to Cherisse Loo, SD'01, for her piano solo; and the audience appeal prize was awarded to "Oxymoron," a singing group composed of Kirk Larson, Philip McIver, Zack Kim, and Dan Lee.



Mandisa Newman, SM'03, and Philip McIver, SD'03, are engaged to be married next summer. They enjoyed the dental retreat weekend.

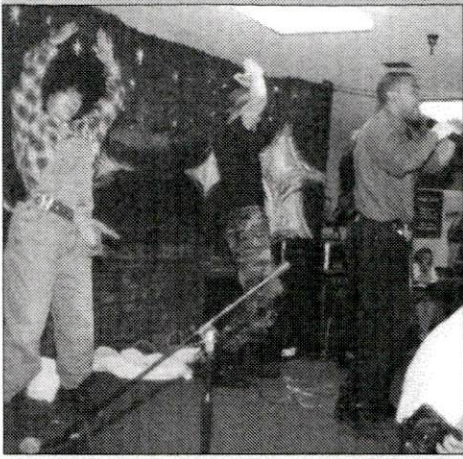
The grand prize, a trip to Hawaii, donated by Carlson Wagonlit University Travel, was won by Periza Zaninovic, SD'00.

Says Dr. Tan, "A big thank you to all the participants who together helped to make this a successful weekend! Also, a very special thank you to Carole White for her organizational help and to Dr. Thomsen for bringing in all the prizes and money for the Saturday night program."

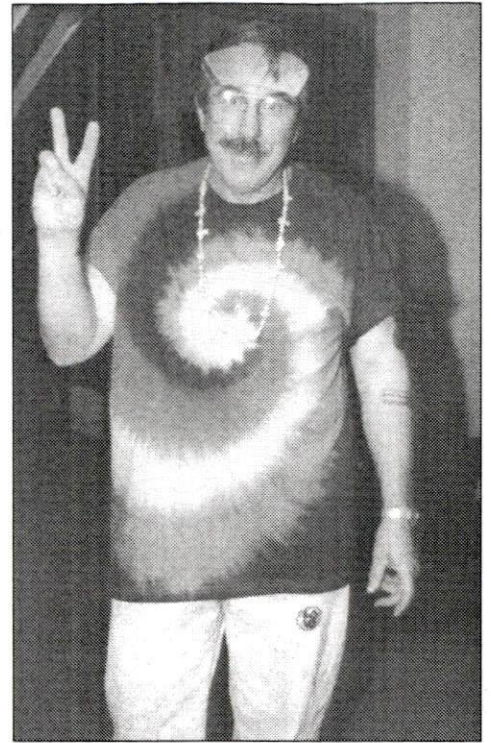


Carole White (in her 70s costume) helped coordinate the retreat.

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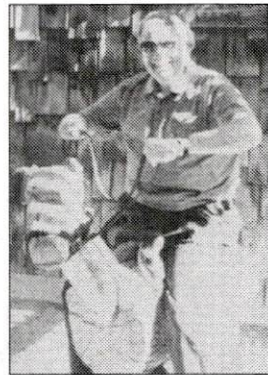
Parodying the Village People with "O.S.H.A.," the whole audience took part in the spelling. Check out Shelton Hsu's leisure suit, front row.



If this is 70's attire, it must be January, 1970! Dr. Lane Thomsen clowns.



70s glitter rockers at the talent show sported fro's, bare chests, fur coat, wire rim shades, and toy cowboy hats. Oh, and an Attitude!



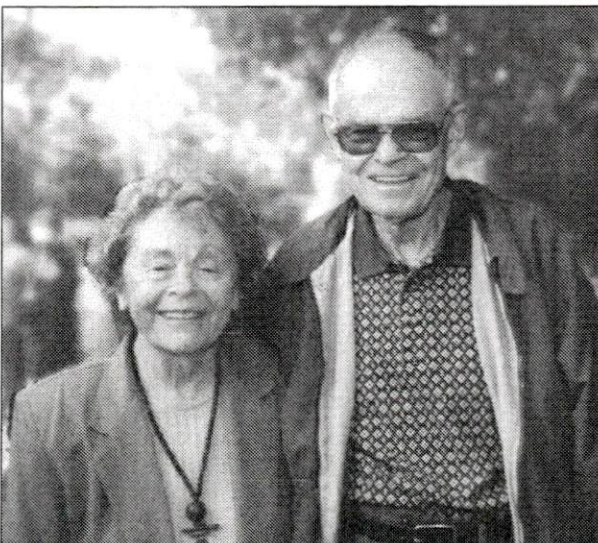
Dr. Ron Blank is famous for hurrying students with "Giddyup;" here he demonstrates his talent for riding a wooden alpaca.



Cherisse Loo, SD'01, performs a prize-winning piano masterpiece.



Milford (aka Doug Mace) asks for audience applause to judge the 1970s costume contest winner.



Arlene and Judson Klooster, DDS, dean emeritus, enjoyed the fellowship.

Cheryl Harrison, DH'68, of University Travel, hugs Periza Zaninovic, SD'00, as Milford looks on. Periza won the Hawaii trip given by Mrs. Harrison.



Ron Secor appointed associate dean

By Christy K. Robinson

The Board of Trustees of Loma Linda University, in action taken October 11, has approved the appointment of Ron Secor, MBA, as associate dean for financial administration in the School of Dentistry. Mr. Secor has been acting associate dean since January, 1999. The Search Committee recommended him for the position, and Mr. Secor accepted his appointment on June 17, according to Charles J. Goodacre, DDS, MSD, dean of the School.

"Please join me in congratulating him!" said Dr. Goodacre.

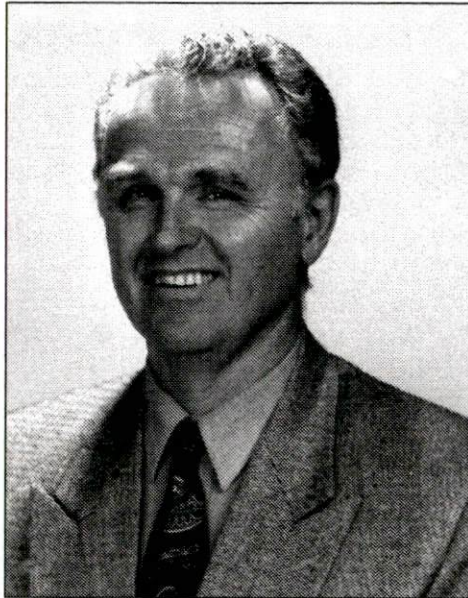
Mr. Secor, with many years as dental clinics manager behind him, has been with the School of Dentistry since 1983. At that time, he helped move the School from computer ledger cards (which was a "nifty system" back then, according to him), to the Data General computer system in use until June of 1999.

"I spent over two years designing, implementing, and working with the programmer to get the system in place," he says. Also, he worked with patient finance, managed the cashiers, and generally supported the clinic. He says that his duties involved meeting regulatory and legal obligations, working on construction projects, interfacing finances with management, managing people, and making sure the dental clinics ran smoothly.

There are approximately 154 clinic support personnel now, and management has become the larger part of his duties. A wall-size organizational chart in Mr. Secor's former office lists all the clinic divisions and people who work there. The clinics have become larger in terms of patients, students, and personnel.

At one time, Mr. Secor's job involved overseeing the dental clinic at Monument Valley Adventist Hospital in Utah. He remembers riding a train all night to Flagstaff, Arizona, renting a car and driving four and a half hours, looking over the clinic books and talking with the personnel there, then reversing the process to get home.

A large part of his career has been spent in overseeing remodeling and construction projects at the School of Dentistry. "Construction is a large part of what I do," he says. "My first project was the remodeling of the periodontic clinic, oral surgery and central sterilization suites, and creating the implant center out of what had



Ron Secor, MBA

been clinic administration offices. We went over all the issues of reviewing plans, room sizes, passing code, even cabinet design. We spent a lot of time doing hands-on work. Before I came here, I was part owner of a cabinet shop."

Mr. Secor has played a large role in the construction of Prince Hall's east addition, now nearly completed. The new building, housing the dental surgery center, pediatric dentistry clinic, and extension of the student clinic, must meet stringent requirements.

Add to that the July 1999 implementation of a new computer system for the School of Dentistry, which has a steep learning curve for the hundreds of students, faculty, and clinic support staff.

He says, "We certainly have challenges with construction and the computer system, finding where or how the new computer system will render up the numbers that we need, tracking expenses. There're a lot of unknowns. Change is difficult. Doing it on a corporate scale is a difficult process. We've

done it [a certain way] for the last 15 years. It's very difficult to get those changes through. People are challenged by the changes required. They have to be willing to try new processes and new ways, because the old isn't meeting our needs any longer. We needed a system that is Y2K-safe."

Mr. Secor continues, "This [new] system seems cumbersome, but it's simply different. Once you get over the differentness, six months to a year from now, it'll seem easier. People like the old ways, old habits, synaptic connections. Change causes discomfort. The end result is to have students serviced more quickly and given more information so that they can have the ultimate clinical experience. The new system will also make insurance billing more efficient, and that benefits the patients."

With Mr. Secor's qualifications and experience, earning his MBA degree in 1997 might seem redundant. He'd already worked with the ideas and processes in the general accounting office. But he considered his education valuable, diving deeper into issues of ethics, the economy, marketing, and legalities.

During his years at the School of Dentistry, Mr. Secor has also been an officer of the La Loma Federal Credit Union. "I started out on the credit committee," he says, "which analyzes credit worthiness of applicants who have not been given credit. Then I have been assistant chair of the board of directors for the last six years or so."

Mr. Secor is married to a teacher, Carolyn, and they have two children, Emily, 14, and Lucas, 10. They live in a fixer-upper in Redlands. They've remodeled the kitchen, torn off "12 layers of wallpaper," carpeted, and landscaped. Their garden produces veggies which Mr. Secor often shares with co-workers.

His goals for his "new" position are to make the budget management process more effective, but less onerous. He acknowledges that it's difficult and time consuming to create the budget, create the estimate involved and to manage it, on a monthly basis. "We'll be doing that by spending more time with the individual cost center managers," he says, "rather than having a traumatic once-a-year event."



Dr. Goodacre and Ron Secor celebrated the appointment with a lunch last June.

Students on the Move

Dental hygiene department receives award money for student table clinic wins at June ADHA



Joni Stephens, DH'69, MEd, professor of dental hygiene, Dixie Sanford, RDH, OMNI representative, and Karen Simpson, DH'66, MPH, chair of the dental hygiene department, display the recognition provided by ADHA. OMNI and two other companies matched the award money received by the ADHA student table clinic winners in June.

Scholarships awarded

Lori Rice, SD'02: \$2500 from ADA Health Foundation, Endowment and Assistance Fund

Eduardo Lopez, SD'02: \$2500 from ADA Health Foundation, The Endowment Fund, Colgate-Palmolive Company, Oral-B Laboratories and Procter & Gamble Company Minority Dental Student Scholarship

Alma Meza, DH'01: \$1000 from Hispanic Dental Association



Lori Rice, SD'02



Eduardo Lopez, SD'02

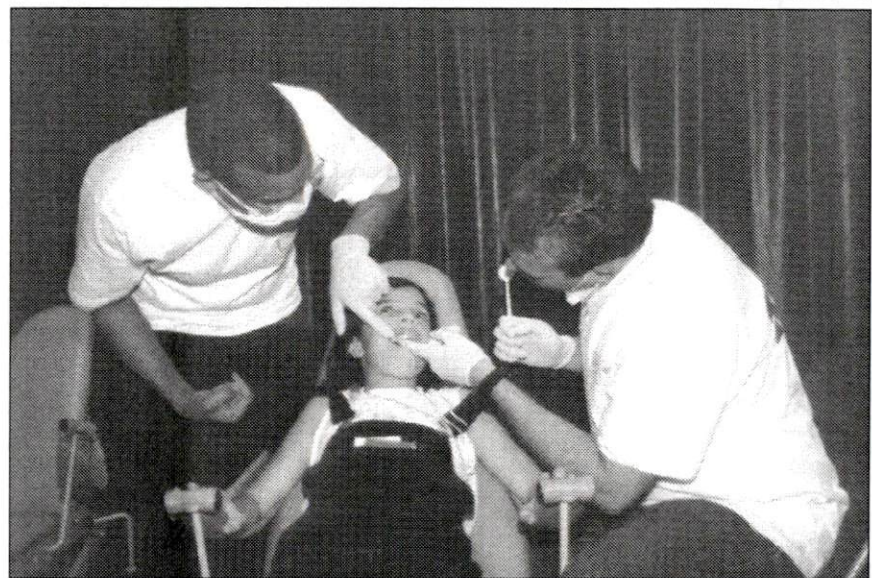


Alma Meza, DH'01

Service learning: dental screenings for young and old

Top photo

Ron Forde, SD'83, assistant professor of restorative dentistry, and director of service learning, points out a potential problem in a young girl at the Health Fair Expo, where School of Dentistry students volunteered their service on October 24. The Expo was held in the Drayson Activities Center.



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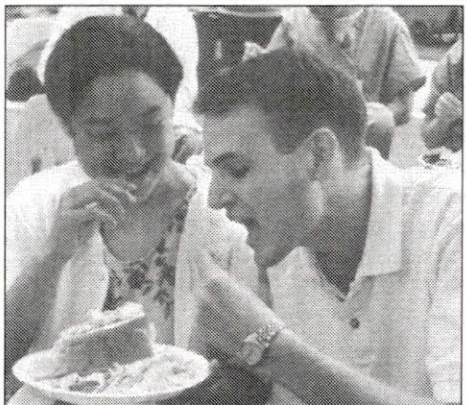
Volunteers were, from left: Chiara Chia, John Gibbs, Jackie Tatum, Mary Yoo, Jeff Alcaide, Trisha Jen, Eric Park, Samuel Demirdji; kneeling: Liz Brutus; seated in dental chair: Dr. Ron Forde.

Dr. Forde reported that Elisa Martin, SD'01, and Daniel Duroseau, SD'01, screened senior citizens for oral cancer, at a White Memorial Hospital health fair a few days later.





IDP students, faculty, and staff celebrate as Chantal Ngo Bikoi receives her 6-month certificate of completion of Advanced Restorative Dentistry. NASDAD subsidized her educational costs.

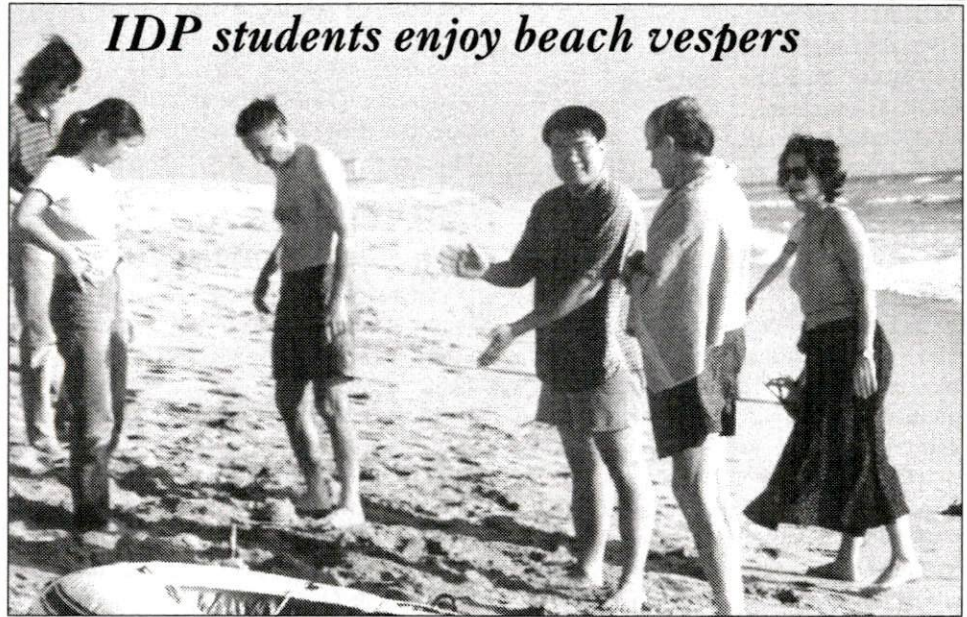


Grace Yong, SD'01, and Nathan Carlson, SD'02, scarfed lunch at the September grinder feed.

It's a new human!
 It's not redundant to say that this couple has a "young" baby. Congratulations to Todd Young, SD'00, and Ellen Dudar Young, RDH, instructor in dental hygiene, who had a baby girl on October 30. Kristina Diane Young is 8 lbs 3 oz, and 20 inches long.

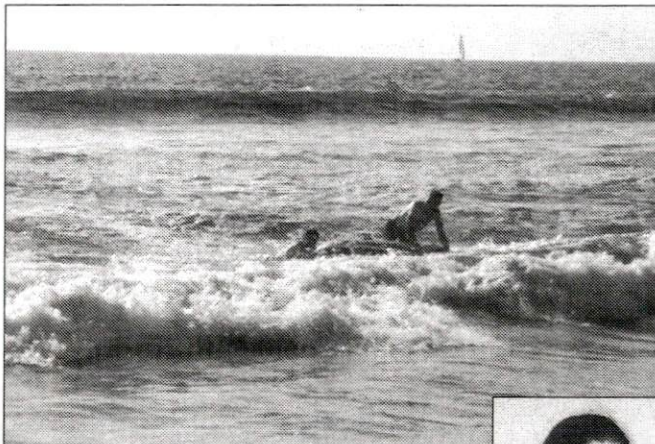
Junior dental hygienists elect class officers

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| Vice President | Randall Tosten |
| Secretary | Heidi Burt |
| Treasurer | Amber Bowen |
| Social VPs | Alexa Upp |
| | Joy Villanueva |
| Birthday Secy. | Carol Hemsley |
| Chaplain | Alma Meza |
| Historians | Sasha Dennis |
| | Louise Hefner |
| | Elly Williams |
| | Tracy Coomes |
| Sports Coordinator | |
| Community Svc Rep | |

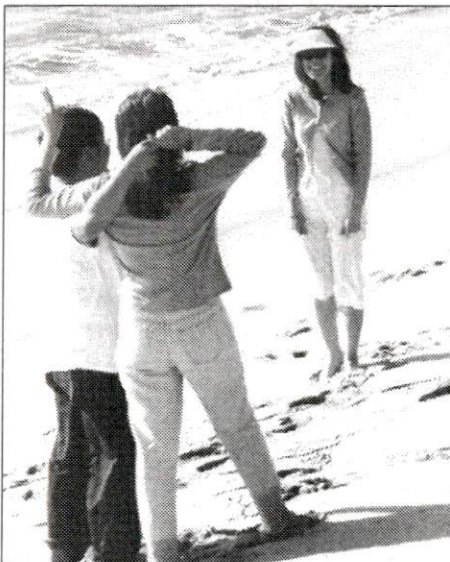


IDP students enjoy beach vespers

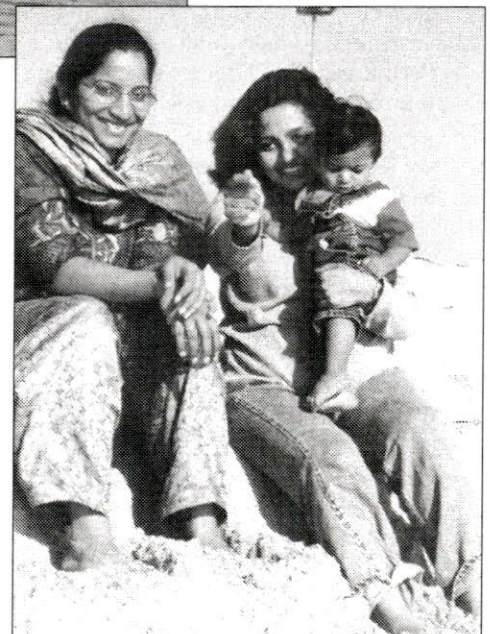
Ioana Cirstescu, Lan Gao, Dr. John Whittaker, Yan Huang, Dr. Donald Bailey, and friend Laura discuss sand castle architecture.



Drs. Bailey and Whittaker in the Unsinkable Molly Brown, surfing at Bolsa Chica Beach.



Bunny ears, peace sign, or devil horns? Mac Ojano from implant dentistry, Lana Gardi, and Yhu-hui Karen Lee clown on the beach.



Asha Vellanki and Sandhya Hegde, and Sandhya's son. The little boy left several days later to be cared for by Sandhya's parents in India while she completes her education.

Department News

Administration

• California dental schools hosted the 1999 session of AFASA, a subgroup of the American Association of Dental Schools which consists of student affairs, admissions and financial aid officers from all dental schools in North America. The conference, held in Monterey from October 29 to November 1, was based on the theme "Wellness: Body, Mind and Spirit."

William Hooker, PhD, MFCC, associate dean for student affairs, presented a 90-minute seminar on "Recovery and Spirituality," with Curtis E. Vixie, SD'89, a recovering alumnus, assisting in the session. Dr. Hooker reported on his review of the outcome of 15 years of the "Impaired Student" recovery program, which included both medical and dental students in similar substance abuse recovery programs.

"I felt quite flattered that they wanted me to help organize this session," says Dr. Hooker. "We had Pat Sammon from University of Kentucky and Bob Krasny from UCLA also presenting in this session."

• **Ron Dailey**, PhD, associate dean for academic affairs, attended the 1999 Syllabus Convention in Santa Clara in late July. It covered the latest in educational technology.

• The annual Christmas Breakfast has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 8 from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. It will be held in the Staff/Student Lounge and there will be live entertainment in Rooms 1101/1102. Faculty, staff and students are all welcome. We still need volunteers for serving, clean up, raffle items, entertainment and more!

• **Fred Kasischke**, DMin, assistant dean for service learning and admissions, was co-presenter of a workshop called "Tapping Spiritual Resources," September 28 in Sacramento. It was part of the Sixth Annual Family-Centered Services Conference, sponsored by the California Department of Social Services, Office of Child Abuse Prevention.

Center for Dental Research

Are your teeth sensitive?

The Loma Linda University School of Dentistry is currently recruiting 70 adults for a study that will evaluate the effectiveness of toothpaste designed to reduce root sensitivity. If you have sensitivity to cold drinks or air when eating, drinking or brushing your teeth, and if you qualify, as an incentive for your participation you will receive \$75 upon completion of all appointments and at the end of the study. If

you qualify, it will take 8 weeks to complete the study (there are a total of five appointments). Visits will last approximately 30 minutes. Contact Alisa at 558-4000 extension 83542 for more information Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Clinic Administration

• The following items are in lost and found: stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, cane, books, clothing, sunglasses, and umbrellas.

If any of these items sound familiar to you please contact Marie Worcester in Clinic Administration, x 82119, to identify and claim any of these items.

• Welcome to new employees:

Maria Tellez, secretary, Dental Records

Michelle Ojeda, secretary, implant dentistry

Melody Chambers, administrative secretary, dental anesthesia

Michelle Woods, RN, dental anesthesia

• Thanksgiving Baskets: In years past, your generous donations have helped many of our needy dental school families during the holiday season. Let's work together again this year!

Please bring food items and monetary donations to Mary Hartwell's office by Friday, November 19. Questions: x44939.

• On Friday, October 15, the newest classes of dental assistants from Chaffey Community College and Baldy View ROP came to the dental school for an extensive orientation which covered safety, OSHA, chair set-up, and sterilization procedures. The Chaffey students started working with our dental students on October 25. Baldy View students will be starting in mid-November.

Dental Supply

Floyd Ferguson, manager of dental supply, and chairman of the Clans of the Highlands, Inc. board of directors, was named Scot of the Decade and given a full-size sword mounted on the presentation plaque. The organization is a collection of 54 clans working together to keep the culture alive, put on Highland games, march in parades, and participate in multicultural festivals.

Educational Support Services

• **Richard Cross**, photographic coordinator, attended the Digital Video Conference and Exposition, October 20 in Long Beach.

• **Carrie Foster**, Master of Health Information Systems intern from the School of Allied Health Professions, is working on a project for the School of Dentistry, involving information technology (IT).

Dean Goodacre has asked her to develop a Strategic Plan for IT. According to Ms. Foster, the plan is envisioned to be a document that will articulate the information technology issues and needs of all segments of the school's user community, establishing institutional priorities, and recommending implementation strategies.

All segments of the School, including academic, clinical, and administration have recognized that technology changes rapidly, therefore it is important to define a strategic direction rather than prescribing quick fixes.

Secondary to the IT planning process, Carrie will be helping to develop an integrated SD web site. Faculty or departments who would like information placed on the web site can contact Carrie at x48006.

Join us in welcoming Carrie to our community.



Carrie Foster

International Dentist Program

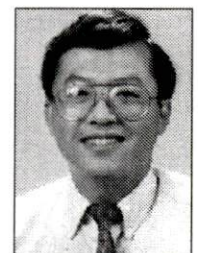


• **James Smith**, SD'65, MS'70, assistant professor of periodontics, shown with his wife Julie, was honored with IDP's Distinguished

Service Award. He has retired from the School of Dentistry.

• **Alex Chan**, SD'90, assistant professor of restorative dentistry in the International Dentist Program, was inducted as Fellow of the Academy of Dentistry International in the annual meeting during the ADA convention in Hawaii last month.

The Academy of Dentistry International is devoted to the advancement of the dental



Dr. Alex Chan

profession by the elevation of dental care standards through continuing education. By the support and sponsorship of special educational and service projects, the Academy directly contributes to the improvement of dental health and to the well-being of people worldwide.

Oral Diagnosis, Radiology, Pathology

Congratulations to **Dennis Clark, SD'83**, and his dental radiology colleagues! Dental radiology was approved by the American Dental Association as specialty of dentistry at its Annual Session last month in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Pediatric Dentistry

• **John Peterson, SD'70, MS'78**, professor of pediatric dentistry and orthodontics, attended the AADS Faculty Council in Texas.

• Congratulations to **Jennifer Hoffer, SD'94**, pediatric dentistry graduate student. She and her husband Tres are parents of the spanking-new, healthy baby Zachary Scott Hoffer, born Oct. 4.



Staff members of Loma Linda Endodontics celebrated Bosses' Day (October 16) a few days late, with a luncheon held in their conference room. Linda Roddick, Cynthia Seebold, Dr. Shahrokh Shabahang, Dr. Steven Morrow, Anneke Barth, Michelle Tindall, Beth Bernotas, and Dr. Leif K. Bakland enjoyed a homemade meal.

November Birthdays

Corry Pace	Orthodontics
Marie Worcester	Clinic Administration
John Zhang	Orthodontics
Dolores Galindo	Insurance
Stan Lillard	Dental Maintenance
Lana Hay	PBX Operator
Christina Khachatourian	Clinic supply
Joanne Guerrero	Oral surgery
Myris Berry	Insurance
Carol Sorrells	Radiology
Barbara Slater	FDO
Bill Westrick	Dental Lab Services
Tricia Guadarrama	IDP
Floare Gheta	Implantology
Patricia Stokes	Sterilization
Charles Goodacre	Administration
Michelle Brown	Anesthesia
Carol Marchuk	Academic Affairs
Alisa Wilson	Center for Dental Research
Carol Feenstra	Anesthesia
Kathy Biller	TMJ/FDO
Jennifer Pasta	Radiology

Loma Linda University alumni and faculty inducted into American College of Dentistry

by *Leif K. Bakland, SD'63*

During the 79th Annual Meeting and Convocation of the American College of Dentists in Honolulu, Hawaii, several alumni and faculty were inducted as Fellows of the College. They were: **Carlos A. Muñoz-Viveros**, professor of restorative dentistry and director of biomaterials research; **Robert D. Kiger, SD'70**, professor and chair of periodontics; **John W. Leyman, DDS, PG'80**, professor and director of the advanced education program in dental anesthesia; **John E. Peterson, SD'70, MS'78**, professor and director of the advanced education program in pediatric dentistry; **James Marc Haney, SD'87, PG'91** (periodontics); **John Kempton, SD'76**; **John R. Liu, SD'86**; and **Raymond D. Rawson, SD'68**.

It is believed to be the largest group of Loma Linda University School of Dentistry alumni and faculty inducted at one time into the College. Fellowship is awarded to individuals nominated to the College for their demonstrated leadership and accomplishments in the profession of dentistry. The mission of the College is to promote high standards and ethics in the profession.



Drs. John Peterson, Carlos Muñoz, John Liu, John Leyman, James Haney, and Robert Kiger celebrated their induction. Not pictured, Drs. John Kempton and Raymond Rawson.

As part of the meeting in Honolulu, workshops were held on leadership in terms of ethics, including network ethics. Participating as a panel member was **Gerald R. Winslow, PhD**, dean, Faculty of Religion. Dr. Winslow has participated extensively both on the state level and nationally on programs related to dental

ethics and he is on the test committee that develops the ethics questions for the California Board of Dental Examiners.

Heartfelt congratulations to the new Fellows of the American College of Dentistry -- you will recognize them at the next graduation event by the bright crimson borders on their academic gowns!

Newsnotes

Alumna wins essay contest, honors professor

by Christy K. Robinson

Polly Sprague, SD'96, MA'98 (biomedical ethics), is the winner of the Seventh Annual Dr. Edward T. Ryan Essay Contest, sponsored by the Massachusetts Dental Society's History and Library Information Services Committee. In addition to having her article published in the *Journal of the Massachusetts Dental Society* (Vol. 48, No. 3, Fall 1999), Dr. Sprague was awarded \$300 and a plaque for her essay.

Dr. Sprague practices dentistry in South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

Her essay is titled "Moral Exemplars: The Concept and the Consciousness." Its introduction says, "In an environment of increasing pressure to produce instead of practice dentistry, it is important to be aware of and embrace dentistry's legacy of ethical professionalism. As one step toward that goal, this paper helps to clarify the

concept of the moral exemplar, argues for its importance in shaping the profession's consciousness, and links a face with the phrase."

The face Dr. Sprague wrote about belongs to **Kenneth Wical, DDS**, professor of restorative dentistry at Loma Linda University.

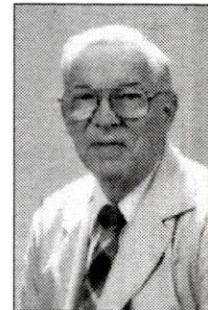
"The primary reason that I have chosen to identify Dr. Wical as a moral exemplar is his willingness to set aside his own interests and to do what needs to be done," writes Dr. Sprague.

"His unfailing kindness to students and patients in the lab and on clinic is a continual motivation to learn and an inspiration to treat colleagues and patients with the utmost respect and understanding. His gentle authority, humility, and exceptional ability to teach have earned him the devotion and respect of students

and faculty alike," she wrote.

In her conclusion, Dr. Sprague wrote, "People like Dr. Wical do not decide to be moral exemplars. In fact, the designation would surprise and embarrass them. But such people do choose to be honest, caring, and principled."

She then called for dental professionals to incorporate the moral exemplars into their professional experiences, and to "reflect the light of principled compassion and professionalism into the dark places of human experience that surround us."



Dr. Kenneth Wical

Alumni gather in Honolulu

by Barbara Bostwick

More than 90 alumni, family and friends gathered at the Dean's Reception during the 1999 American Dental Association Session in Honolulu in October. Class members from 1958 through 1999 enjoyed meeting with friends and colleagues at the

Royal Hawaiian Hotel, at the annual Dean's Reception hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Charles J. Goodacre.

Other than those coming from Hawaii and California, the largest contingent traveled from Texas, with several from

Oregon and Arizona. Other states represented were Colorado, North Carolina, Washington, Illinois and North Dakota.



Dean Charles J. Goodacre welcomes Kathryn and Matthew Bruner (SD'98) to the reception.



Enjoying time with friends during the Dean's Reception during the ADA were (standing from left) William Heisler, SD'58, Suzanne Nelson, DH'68, Peter Nelson, SD'70, and Wayne McDaniel, SD'64. Seated (from left) are Barbara Heisler, Kathi Payne and Daryl Payne, SD'74.

NASDAD holds national convention

by William Heisler, SD'59, professor of restorative dentistry

Led by President William Heisler, SD'59, the National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists (NASDAD) held their annual convention October 6 - 9 on the island of Maui, Hawaii. The ADA meeting was held in Honolulu October 7 - 13. The NASDAD convention was held at the Outrigger Wailea Beach Resort Hotel on the beautiful southwest coast of Maui. Seventy-nine members registered, and approximately 150 members, families and friends joined in the planned activities.

Thursday morning found approximately 36 golfers enjoying the annual golf tournament, coordinated by Richard Young, SD '85, on the lush Wailea Emerald course.

Jaime Lozada, DDS, PG'87, PG'95, director of the LLUSD Center for Prosthodontics and Implant Dentistry, presented the continuing education program on implant dentistry.

Dr. Bill Loveless, senior pastor of the LLU Seventh-day Adventist Church, and his wife, Dr. Edna Mae Loveless, chair of the La Sierra University English department, led out in lively interactive spiritual emphasis meetings on Friday evening and on Sabbath morning and afternoon.

Especially active in the planning for this year's convention was Judson Klooster, DDS, dean emeritus, NASDAD's executive director. He was ably assisted by Florence Wetmore and Sharon Stirewalt, DH '93, who serve as NASDAD office assistants, both of whom were on hand for

registration and to make sure all activities were coordinated. Dr. and Mrs. Klooster were unable to attend due to Mrs. Klooster's illness shortly before the convention. They were sorely missed by



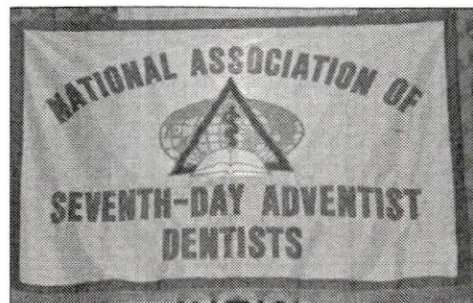
Dr. Charles J. Goodacre

their many NASDAD friends, who honored them by sending a large bouquet of tropical flowers.

The highlight of every NASDAD convention is the Dental Missions Activity Report given by James Crawford, SD'60, MPH, executive associate

dean and Dental Associate Secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He reported that \$31,000 was dispersed in support of mission clinics and the School of Dentistry Overseas Clerkship program. Ten thousand dollars was received from the YAMM (Year Around Mission Money) fund. Peter Nelson, SD '70, chair of the mission committee, presented the mission committee's requests for the coming year, which totaled \$35,200, including an additional installment of \$10,000 for the School of Dentistry clerkship program. Following his report, Dr. Nelson called for the YAMM mission offering, which totaled \$24,000.

At the annual banquet and business meeting on Saturday evening the group was entertained during dinner with traditional Hawaiian music and hula

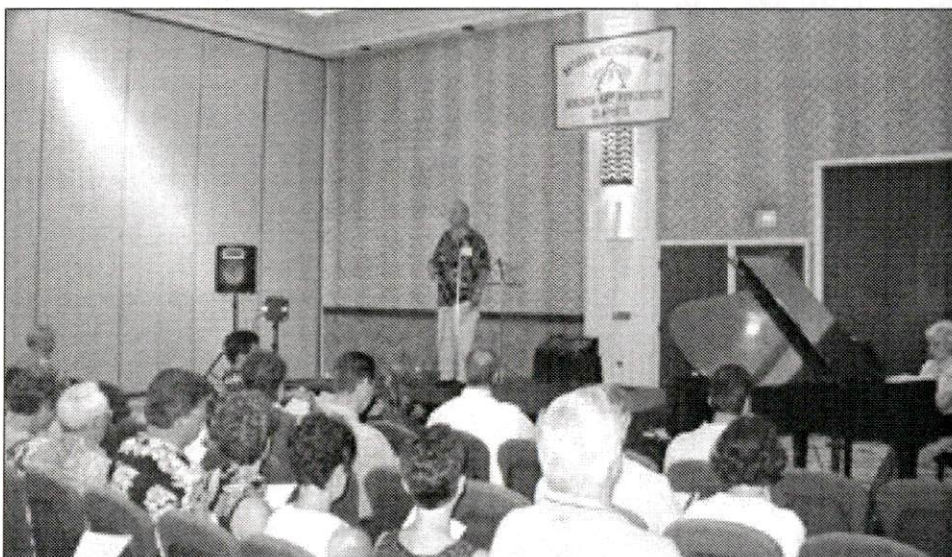


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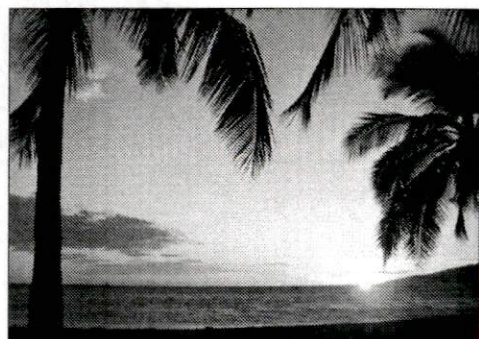
dancing. In the final act of the evening, Dr. Heisler turned the gavel over to incoming president Dennis Starkey, SD '83, MS, who will lead NASDAD during the coming year and preside over the year 2000 convention at Indian Lakes Resort in suburban Chicago, the site of next year's ADA convention.



Dennis Starkey, SD'83, MS, receives the presidential gavel from Dr. Heisler.



Robert Kinzer, SD'58, professor of restorative dentistry, leads the singing for NASDAD's Sabbath School program, accompanied by Ruthy Goodacre on the piano.



Maui Wowie sunset from the resort.

Marian Wood named Employee of the Quarter

by Christy K. Robinson

She's the chatelaine of the castle, the Keeper of the Keys for the School of Dentistry.

Marian Wood, Employee of the Quarter this go-round, is senior administrative secretary for dental maintenance, and responsible for receiving and directing requests for the maintenance needs of Prince Hall, from malfunctioning clinic equipment to a squeaky door hinge to stopped plumbing and students locked out of their lab cupboards. Many duties filter through her capable hands. Oh, yes, she can type, too!

She's been married for 43 years to Carlton "Woodie" Wood, the rental property manager for LLU Foundation. (He's the wavy-haired man driving the Model T or Model A vehicles in the community parades.) They have two grown sons, a cat, and a dog, and reside in Redlands.

After many years in upstate New York, the Woods moved to this area in 1985. She worked for two years for the Del E. Webb University library, doing cataloging, data entry, and other jobs. In 1987, she moved to the School of Dentistry.

In her leisure time, Marian enjoys working on her flower beds, particularly growing roses. She says she can't get enough of antiquing and flea marketing; and she collects two sorts of items: porcelain and ceramic cats, and snow men with carrot

noses. "They must have carrot noses, though!" she affirms.

What makes her so good at her job? Probably her attitude.

"I like helping to take problems and get an answer to them," says Marian.

The following are comments made about Marian when co-workers nominated her for Employee of the Quarter:

- *Very professional, caring, Christian lady.*
- *Marian is the kind of person that is always busy. She answers the phone and deals with students/staff/faculty at the same time. Few people fully realize just how much work she does.*
- *Marian Wood handles many tasks. During her work day, she does this with a ready smile and a concern for us all. I highly recommend Marian for this well deserved award.*
- *Marian exhibits a helping and caring attitude that meets people's needs. It seems that no matter how busy she is, she has time for each individual. It is a pleasure working with her.*
- *Marian is a vital asset to her department and is often overlooked. Her organizational skills are a key element to the success of her department.*
- *Always very helpful.*



Marian Wood accepts her certificate from Dean Goodacre.

• *Marian is extremely faithful, competent and devoted to her job and under, at times, severe pressure. She manages to do what is asked of her in a professional and caring manner. Although not in contact with patients, her work is very important although seemingly thankless for the most part.*

• *Marian is always ready to help. She is very kind and will do what she can to help you in various situations. She shows a caring, Christian attitude with her co-workers, especially through this time of new payroll policies. It is a pleasure working with her.*

Service learning gets roomy van for trips



Celebrating the purchase of a passenger van for service learning students, are Kathleen Moore, director of the Dental Alumni Association, Fred Kasischke, DMin, assistant dean for admissions and service learning, Judith Strutz, SD'85, PG'89, MEd, president of the Alumni Association, and Ron Forde, SD'83, director of service learning.

Dentist on trick-or-treaters: Let them eat chocolate

NEW YORK (CNN) – Children love the sweets. Parents fear the cavities. But while advising that trick-or-treaters should avoid certain goodies to prevent tooth decay, one dental expert says let them eat chocolate.

"Better a plain milk chocolate bar than a bar that has nougat and nuts as well as the chocolate," said Dr. Neal Herman, pediatric dentist at New York College of Dentistry. Sticky candy, popcorn and pretzels can be worse than chocolate, because they can get caught between the teeth and remain in the mouth for a long time and allow bacteria to grow.

Dentists recommend giving water or sugarless gum to limit the damage to the mouths of the mini-monsters.

"Sugarless gum stimulates saliva and again, a lot of saliva in the mouth increases the clearance from the mouth," Herman said.

Good hygiene is important, but even dentists say to loosen up on the children a little. "Let them have a good time. When all the ingestion stops, if they would clean the mouth, you'd be removing all the potential dangers," Herman said.

Don't say you're scared of needles!



Another satisfied customer: Cindy Adell of urgent care/patient screening receives her annual flu shot from an Employee Health nurse, Debbie Lusk, RN. The flu shots are free to School of Dentistry employees, and available on October 27, November 16, and November 18, in the oral surgery sterilization area. Doctors say you will NOT get the flu from taking the painless shot, but the shot could save you two weeks of misery if you chicken out, skip the shot and come down with the flu!

Thanksgiving baskets need your input

In years past, your donations have helped many families in the School of Dentistry. Many items needed for the baskets can be purchased in bulk from Costco, Sam's Club, Smart & Final, etc.

Grocery List:

Peanut butter, jelly, cornbread mix, soups, ramen noodles, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and pasta sauce, Rice-a-roni, mac/cheese mix, canned spaghetti or chili, dry beans or rice, cocoa mix, drink mixes, canned juice, breakfast cereal, gelatin, puddings, cake mix, cookies, stuffing mix, paper goods, etc.

Your donations are needed by Friday, November 19. Please bring your goodies to Mary Hartwell's office.



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THE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Christmas Breakfast

FACULTY, STAFF, & STUDENTS
Wednesday • December 8 • 7 – 9 am

Staff/Student Lounge
Entertainment in Rooms 1101/1102

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

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: December 1, 1999.
- Winners notified January, 2000.
- 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.

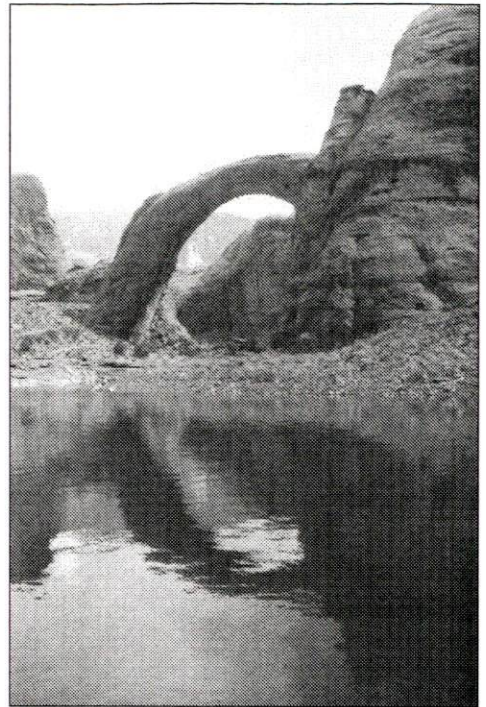
- Entries are free.
- Your photographs will be available for pickup in February 2000, at the LLUSD Office of Student Affairs.
- Photographs will be judged by a panel of five judges.
- Judge names will remain anonymous.
- Photographer names will remain unknown to judges until end of contest.
- Please 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.

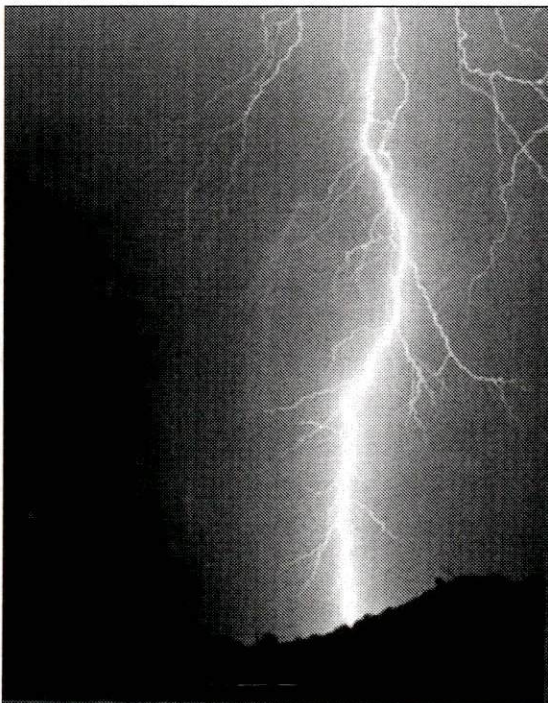
Winning photographs will be displayed on the LLU campus and placed in this year's SD SHOWCASE poster.



*Rainbow Bridge National Monument, Lake Powell
photo by Christy K. Robinson*



*Lynx Lake, near Prescott, Arizona
photo by Christy K. Robinson*



*Lightning over north Phoenix
photo by Christy K. Robinson*



*Hummingbird nest
photo by Christy K. Robinson*

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