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Alumni phonathon raises over \$117,000

by Barbara Bostwick, Director of Development

The fall phase of the Alumni Association's 1999 - 2000 Annual Fund phonathon raised over \$117,000 in pledges. This is an eight percent increase over last year's effort in October and November.

"We had 56 callers participating this year and they talked with over 500 alumni," said Dan Kunihira, SD'74, vice president for Century Club Affairs. "In addition to the monies raised for the Annual Fund campaign, several classes were working on their own special class projects."

Volunteering their time this year were Drs. Ron Blank '75A, Jack Booker '60, Michael Boyko '75A, Mark Carpenter '80, Craig Chamberlain '89, Minou Chau '94, Heidi Christensen '83, Charles Cutting '68, Bill Darwin '81, Mervin Ellstrom '75A, Mark Estey '98, Bill Emmerson '80, Michael Ewert '84, Dan Flores '82, Ron Forde '83, Gary Golden '76, Charles Goodacre '71, Vince Goymerac '85, Tom Haglund '73, Floyd Hansen '80, Bill Heisler '59, Don Hickman '64 and Tres Hoffer '96.

Others were Courtney Jackson '91, Bob Jung '78, Bob Kinzer '58, Dan Kunihira '74, Richard Kunihira '86, Michael Lee '83, Erwin McDonald '61, Larry McEwen '62, Mike Mashni '92, Hank Mercado '77, Bob Mitchell '78, Todd Milledge



Dan Kunihira, SD'74, vice president for Century Club, checks on the Class of 1983 pledge cards with Drs. Mike Lee ('83) and Tom Rogers ('83) during the Annual Fund phonathon. More than 50 alumni and faculty participated in this annual event.

'88, Byron Moe '63, Steve Morrow '60, Dan Newbold '82, Quint Nicola '69, Doyle Nick '78, Marvin Ota '78, and Dick Parker '68.

Also participating were Maynard Pogue '94, Alfred Pragasam '76, Susan Roche '93, Tom Rogers '83, Carl Scheult '87, Bill Seibly '59, Larry Seifert '68, Tammy Elloway Song '90, Forrest Stowells '83, Mavern Suprono '78, Tony Theodorou '64, Duane Wacker '64, Bruce Walter '73 and Larry Wong '78.

School of Dentistry holiday schedule

Tuesday, December 14: Last day of classes. Recess begins December 15.

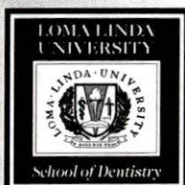
Thursday, December 23: Friday schedule applies.

Friday, December 24: Christmas holiday observed. School closed.

Thursday, December 30: Friday schedule applies.

Friday, December 31: New Year's holiday observed. School closed.

Monday, January 3: Classes resume.



Admissions officers crisscrossing country

by Sylvia Davis, MA

The fall brings shorter days. But if you have been on the fifth floor of Prince Hall lately, you have also seen that it means longer hours for the staff of the admissions office. The date of December 1 is one that is observed and targeted by admissions officers in the 55 U.S. dental schools. It signals the first date that offers of acceptance or selection can be sent from the dental schools in the nation. This date is selected and voted upon by the deans as well as admissions officers to keep the competition for entrance to the schools on a somewhat equal basis.

Fred Kasischke, DMin, assistant dean for admissions and service learning, and chairman of the Admissions Committee, has been on the road, recruiting as well as

interviewing those who are interested in a dental career. Sylvia Davis, director of admissions, just returned from spending almost seven weeks on the road, traveling approximately 12,000 miles, and interviewing over 130 students who are applicants to the predoctoral dental and dental hygiene programs.

As of November, the School of Dentistry has received over 1200 applications from AADSAS and 70 applications from students wishing to enter the dental hygiene program. The application deadline for AADSAS is December 1 and the deadline to apply for dental hygiene is February 1.

During the months of December and January, there will be several "Interview Days" in which a group of applicants will

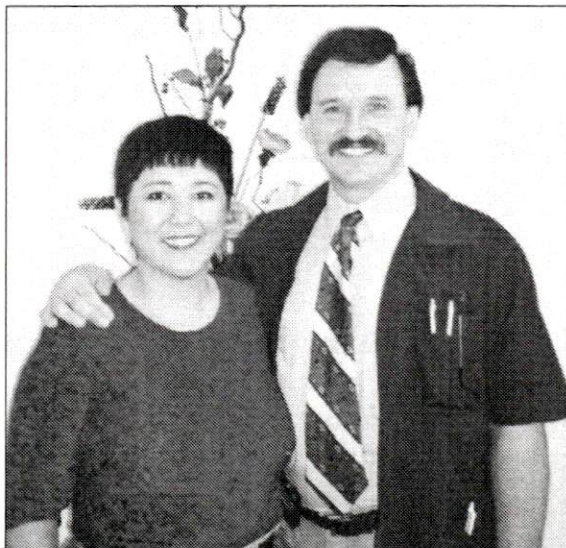
come to the School to be interviewed and to have an information session and opportunity to meet with faculty and students. Applicants also come to the School for single interviews as times are available. One of the key factors for these applicants is the opportunity to talk with current students and have a tour of the School.

Acceptance letters go out as soon as possible after the Admissions Committee has reviewed the files of the applicants and agreed to offer positions in the class. The applicants are then given two to six weeks in which to make a decision as to where they would like to receive their professional education.

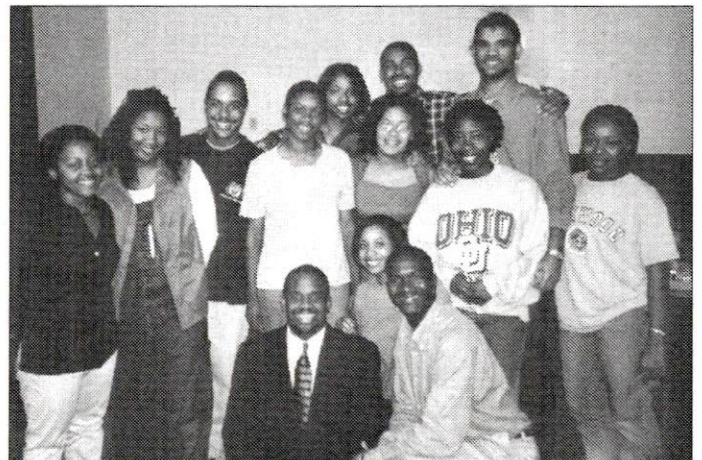
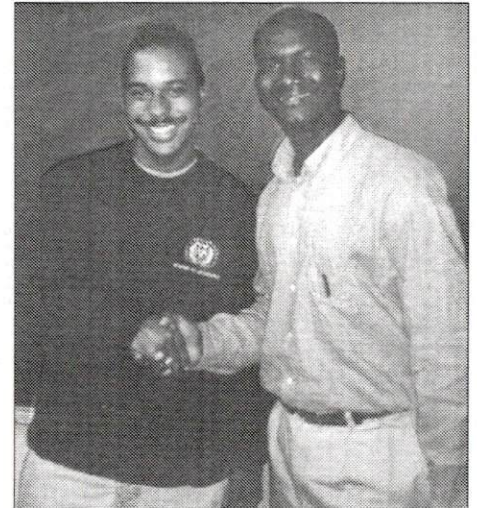


Frank Conklin, SD'77, and his wife Sue, a dental hygienist and manager of his practice in Berrien Springs, Michigan, assist pre-dental students at Andrews University.

Dan Zunitch, SD'95 (with his wife Mary, who worked in LLUSD continuing education department), practices in Chattanooga, Tennessee and assists pre-dental students at Southern Adventist University.



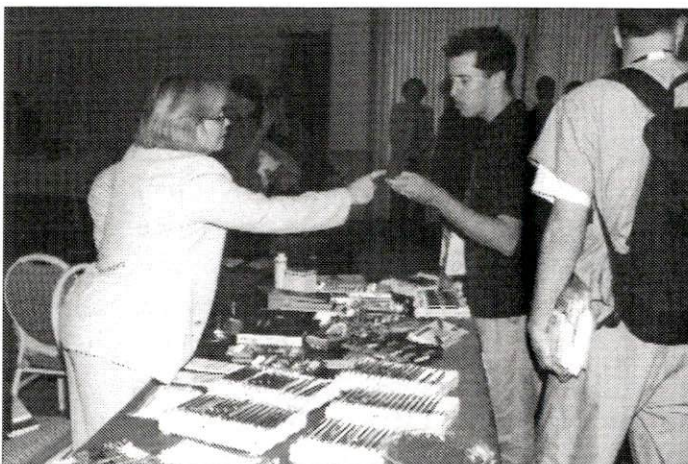
Travis Tramel, DH'00 (right), congratulates Charles Hewitt, who answered a question correctly and received an LLUSD sweatshirt. Charles, who lives near Loma Linda, has worked at the School of Dentistry, and is a pre-dental student at Oakwood College.



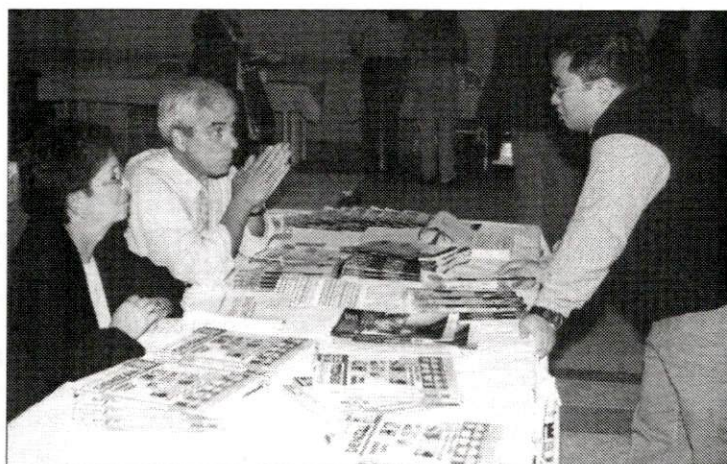
While at Oakwood College in November, Sylvia Davis took this picture of the pre-dental club. The picture includes Dr. Alan Woodson, who has assisted in recruiting at Oakwood, and Travis Tramel, DH'00, seated in front. Trevor Fraser, the president of the club, is on the back row, third from right.

Students on the Move

ASDA exhibition held in November



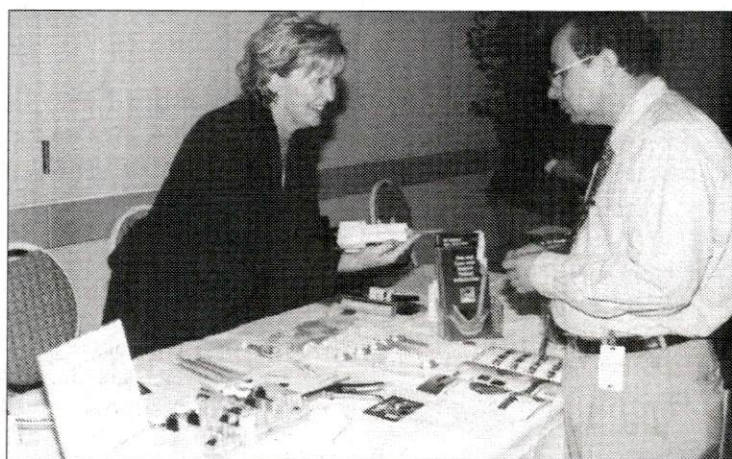
"Try this pointy, hooky, shiny instrument," the demonstrator seems to be saying to Dennis Kantanen, SD'02.



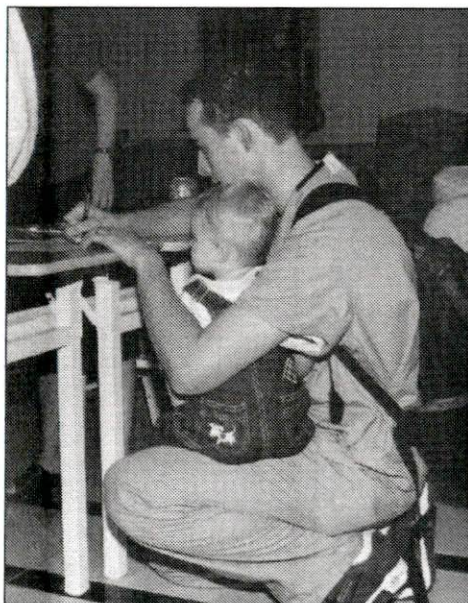
Jonathan Roxas, SD'00, right, receives information from American Student Dental Association (ASDA) exhibitors.



Recruiters presented benefits of a career in the military.



Carlos Muñoz, DDS, MSD, professor of restorative dentistry, right, checks out some of the products displayed at the ASDA exhibition.



Brian Olsen, SD'02, and son investigate options with an ASDA exhibitor.

Department News

Administration

• We are pleased to announce that **Carmi Frias** joined the SD Office of Academic Affairs and we would like you to help us welcome her. Carmi worked at the School of Medicine Administrative Affairs office for approximately five years and is experienced with the procedures and policies of the University relating to students and faculty. She will be in the office where Sharon Hanson worked (5th floor Room 5513) and can be reached at x44601 or by email at cfrias. Please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself as she gets to know the School of Dentistry family!

• The School of Dentistry is being profiled in the December 1999 issue of the American Association of Dental Schools (AADS) *Bulletin of Dental Education*. The story may be available at the following website:

<<http://www.aads.jhu.edu/publications/bde.htm>>

Alumni Association

The 2000 Alumni-Student Convention will be held February 10 - 14. Please refer to the sidebar on page 5.

Clinic Administration

• **Delia Leon** of Data Entry gave birth to a baby boy, **Damian Joe Leon**, 6 lb 13 oz, 19 1/4 inches, at 8:29 a.m. on her birthday, Oct. 22, at LLUMC. Congratulations!

• Thanksgiving baskets: "Thank you" to the faculty, students and staff for all of the generous donations of food and monetary gifts. With your assistance, we were able to help 24 families have a more pleasant holiday. This is the time of year we realize that here at the School of Dentistry we are like a family.

• Welcome to new employees:
Amber Radivojevic, accountant, financial administration

Erlinda Dumas, RN, dental anesthesia

Holly Kelso, RDA, CDA, oral surgery
April Eberly, administrative secretary, restorative dentistry

Sandra Lesseman, secretary, records
Jason Li, computer operator, clinic administration

Dental Hygiene

• **Danna Kim**, DH'01, student representative to the dental hygiene

development committee, has already contributed over \$120 through a fundraiser. If you buy Stater Brothers gift certificates through **Danna**, six percent of the amount will be designated for charity, in this case, the LLUSD Dental Hygiene Annual Fund, which is a source for student loans. Here's the deal: buy supermarket gift certificates (give them or use them yourself) from **Danna**; six percent of the amount is given to the School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Annual Fund; and students benefit from low-interest loans. For information, contact **Danna Kim** at 909-478-0369.

• **Rhonda Hamerslough**, BS, dental hygiene instructor, participated in a 5K run/walk for the Susan Komen Foundation, a breast cancer research fundraising organization. The event was held in November, in Temecula. Rhonda's efforts brought \$165 in donations, in memory of **Peggy Tan**, DH'80, and **Kristy Macias**, DH'95.

Endodontics

Leif K. Bakland, SD'63, professor and chair of endodontics, and associate dean for advanced education programs, recently returned from a visit to Cartagena, Colombia, where he presented an all-day course on dental trauma to the first congress organized by the Colombian Association of Dental Traumatology (La Asociacion Colombiana de Traumatologia Dento-alveolar). During the congress, Dr. Bakland was awarded honorary membership in the Association, which is an affiliate of the International Association of Dental Traumatology, an organization in which Dr. Bakland has been the Secretary/Treasurer for the past five years.

International Dentist Program

• Welcome and congratulations: We have a new employee in the International Dentist Program. **Claudia Echeverry** is our new clinic coordinator II in the IDP clinical office. She is replacing **Heidi Cooley**, who was promoted to administrative secretary of our IDP administrative offices on the third floor.

Orthodontics

• **V. Leroy Leggitt**, SD'84, MS'92, was promoted to associate professor of orthodontics last July. Congratulations!

• The orthodontics clinic has hired a new secretary, **Nancy Lentz**.

The *Dentalgram*, *DENTISTRY* journal, and *LLU Today* articles about the School of Dentistry are archived on the School's web site. If you want to share the publications with friends or family, give them the URL in the masthead on page 5, so they can keep up with the latest news in the School of Dentistry. (Maybe they'll find your name and color photo on the site, as well.)

December Birthdays

Richard Cross	Educational Support Svcs
Linda Campagni	Implant dentistry
Kim Luu	Pt Relations - Volunteer
Debbie Tuttle	Clinic Admin
Maria Turner	Anesthesia
Rhonda Hamerslough	Dental hygiene
Cornetta Craighton	Insurance
April Eberly	Restorative dentistry
Laurel Haglund	Periodontics
Gianna Hutton	Oral surgery
William Heisler	IDP
Teresa Montgomery	Dental Lab Services
Darla Rich	Dental hygiene & FDO
Dawn McAllister	Sterilization
Nellie Greene	Collections
Linda Carlisle	Dental Supply
Ruth Dearen	IDP
Christine Fitch	Implant/Pros
Gabriel Ramirez	Data Entry
Erlinda Dumas	Anesthesia
David Rynearson	Orthodontics
Jane Wheeler	Operator - on call
Holly Kelso	Oral surgery
Shirley Purucker	Copy department
Judson Klooster	Dean emeritus
Natalie Stevenson	Radiology
Joel Aispuro	Periodontics - temp
Connie Grosvenor	Periodontics
Reuben Quijano	Dental Maintenance
Cari Mace	IDP
Lillian Andrade	Pediatric Dent
Christine Garza	Anesthesia
Leif K. Bakland	Endodontics
Mahmoud Torabinejad	Endodontics
Carol Anderson	DAU

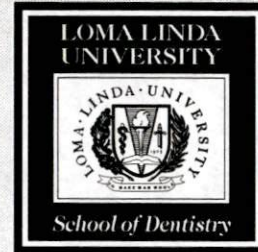
On Friday, November 26, Michael Fillman, SD'74, MS'84, associate professor of orthodontics, appeared on 3-ABN television. He accompanied Sissel Sjolander, vocalist from Yucaipa, on the piano. The Three Angels Broadcasting Network is a self-supporting Seventh-day Adventist television satellite organization based in Illinois.

Dr. Fillman and Mrs. Sjolander traveled to 3-ABN's studio and recorded their program on September 20.



Dr. Fillman says that to see the 60 employees in action and to hear them speak of how God has continued to bless this organization was a real faith builder for him. He was amazed to learn that their monthly budget is one million dollars, totally from donations. Surprisingly, more than 50 percent of 3-ABN's support comes from non-Adventists.

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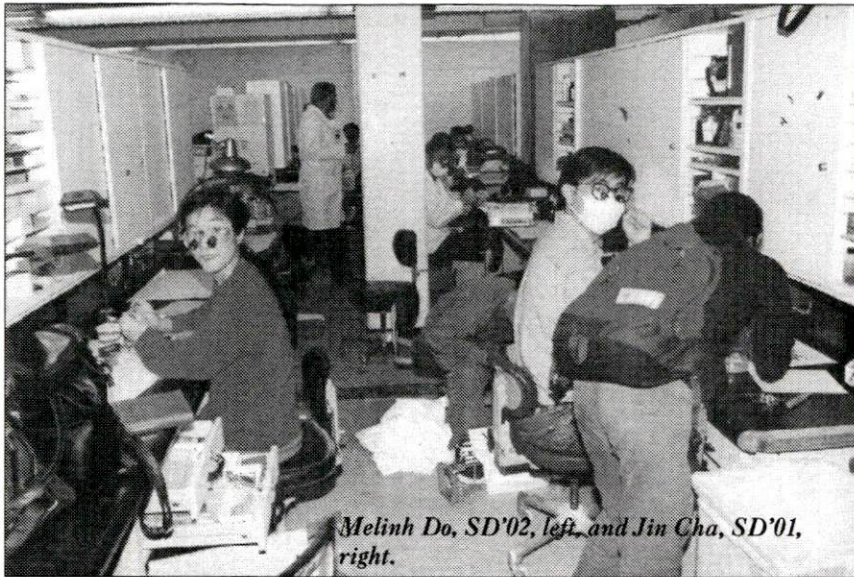
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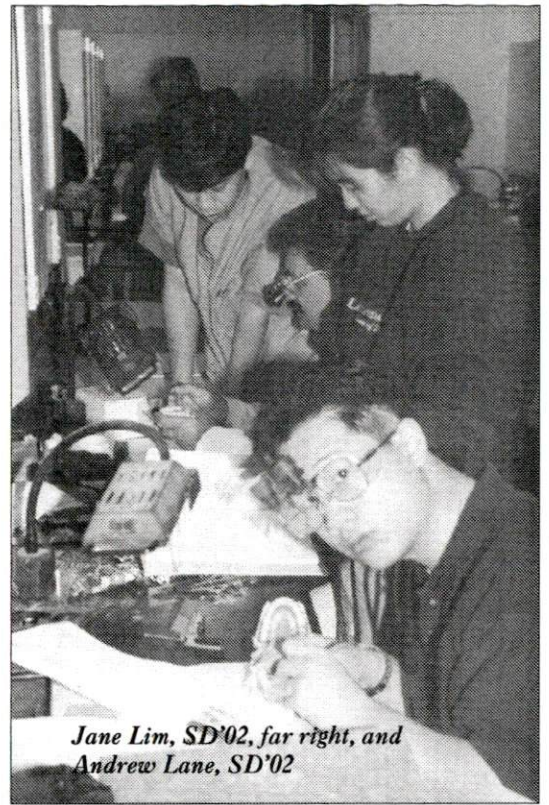
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Alumni-Student Convention

- Golf Tournament, Redlands Country Club, Feb. 10, 8:00 a.m.
- Open House and tour of new facilities, School of Dentistry, Feb. 10, 2:00 p.m.
- Table clinic presentations, mall on LLUSD campus, Feb. 10, 9:00 to noon and 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Homecoming Banquet, Coleman Pavilion, Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m.
- Art Linkletter speaks to LLUSD alumni
- National Dental Auxiliary Activities**
 - When You Can't Keep Up, Connect! - Mary LoVerde Shows You How, Coleman Pavilion, Feb. 10, 9:00 a.m. to noon
 - Luncheon with Mary LoVerde, Coleman Pavilion, Feb. 10, noon to 1:30 p.m.
- Missionaries & NASDAD Breakfast, Campus Cafeteria, Feb. 11, 7:00 a.m.
- Student Dedication Service, University Church, Feb. 11, 7:00 p.m.
- Continuing Dental Education courses, LLUSD & Coleman Pavilion, Feb. 11, 13 & 14, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- OKU Annual Luncheon, Coleman Pavilion, Feb. 11, noon
- Dental Hygienists/Assistants Luncheon, San Bernardino Hilton, Feb. 11, noon
- Sabbath activities, University Church, Feb. 12 (8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship; 9:45 a.m. Sabbath School)
- Class Reunions, as arranged by the classes, Feb. 12, 6:00 p.m.



Melinh Do, SD'02, left, and Jin Cha, SD'01, right.



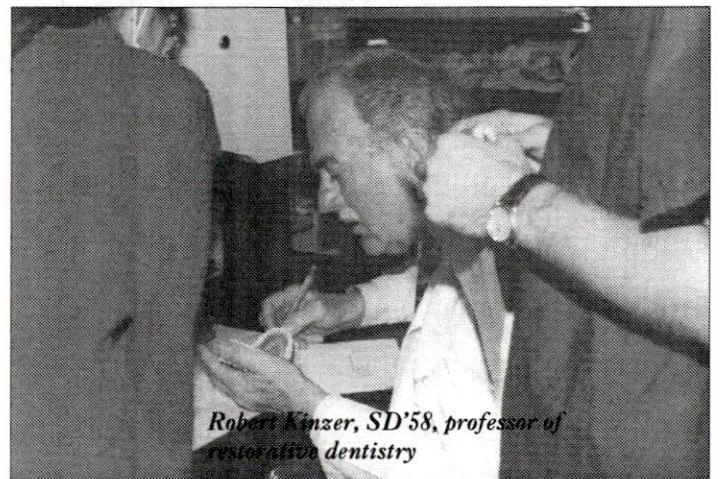
Jane Lim, SD'02, far right, and Andrew Lane, SD'02

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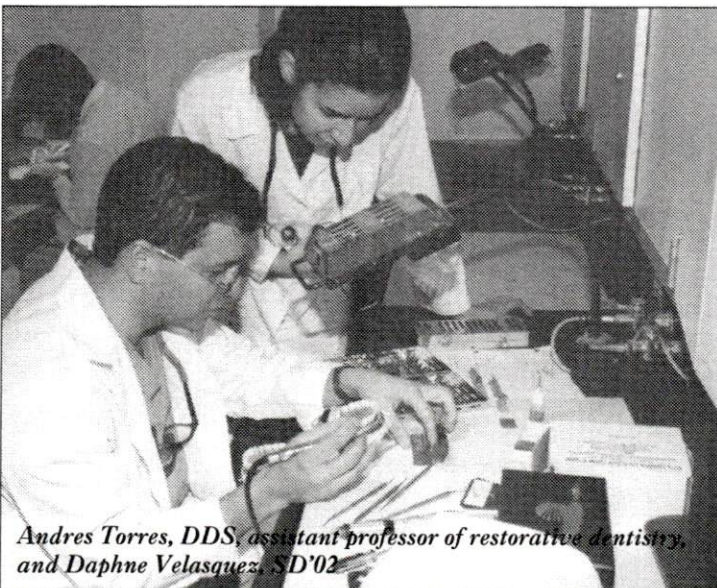
A day in the student laboratory



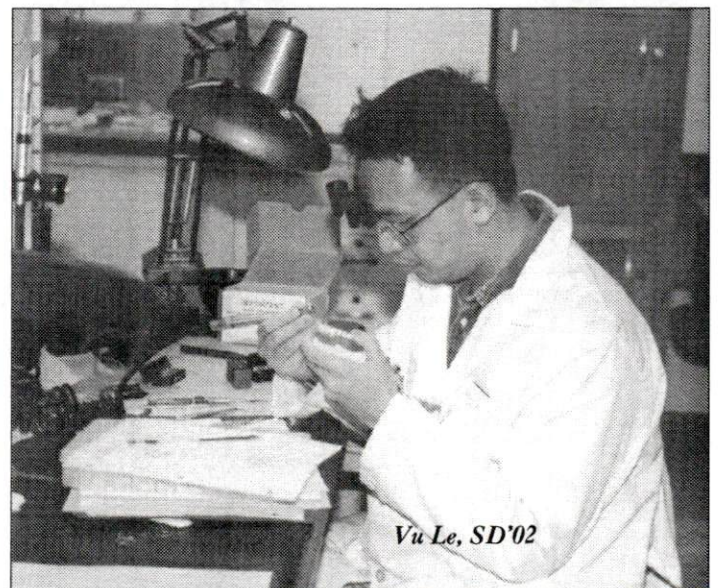
Jared Nation, SD'02



Robert Kinzer, SD'58, professor of restorative dentistry



Andres Torres, DDS, assistant professor of restorative dentistry, and Daphne Velasquez, SD'02



Vu Le, SD'02