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Alumni-Student Convention to be February 10-14

The School of Dentistry's annual Alumni-Student Convention has reached its 40-year anniversary this year, and many changes and upgrades are planned, according to Kathleen Moore, MHIS, director of the Alumni Association. The convention will be held February 10 - 14.

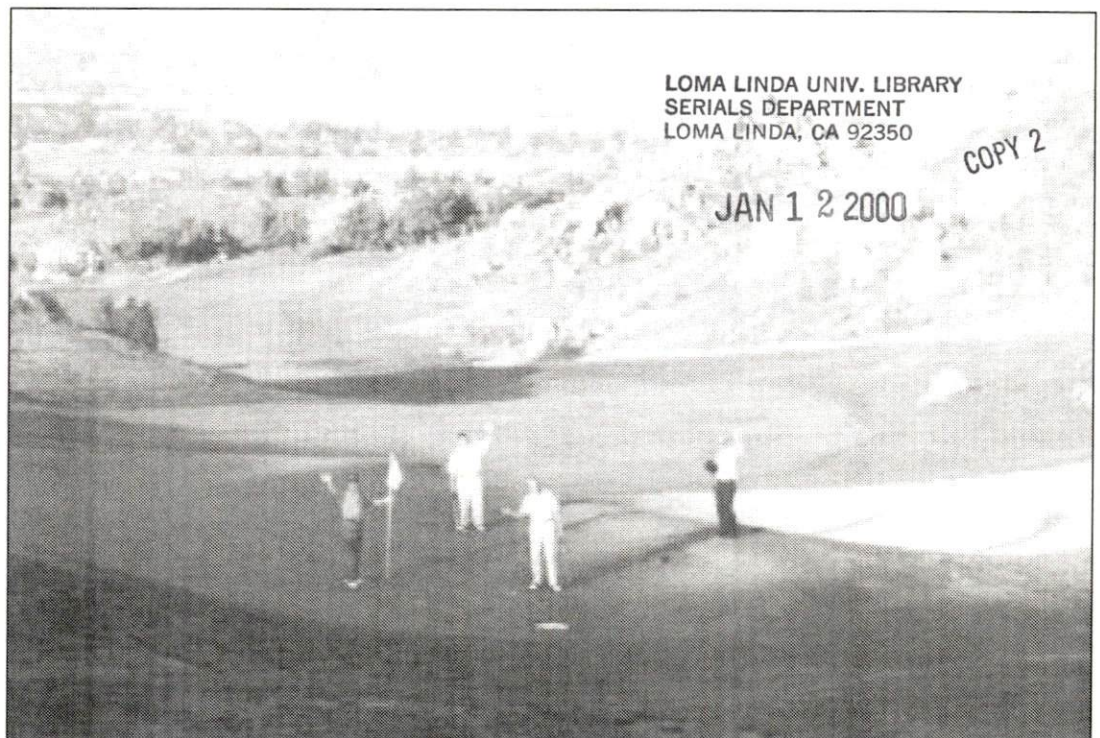
Major events will be held in the Coleman Pavilion and Prince Hall. Continuing education mini-clinics will be rolled into a plenary symposium, and the table clinic presentations will be made and judged on the mall between Prince Hall and University Church. The National Dental Auxiliary will host several events, including a missions benefit concert; and dental hygiene and dental assisting alumni will celebrate

with a luncheon and continuing education.

The dental and dental hygiene alumni of the year will be presented at the banquets. Television personality Art Linkletter is the speaker at the Thursday evening banquet.

A highlight of this year's convention will be a student dedication service held in the University Church at 7:30 Friday evening. This year's program will be very special, featuring Gerald Winslow, PhD, dean of the Faculty of Religion, will be the speaker. Talented musicians from the School of Dentistry's student roster will perform, and a delightful reception will be held in the church fellowship hall.

For an outline of the activities, please turn to page 7 of this *Dentalgram*.



The golf tournament is always a popular feature of the convention. This year, it will be played at Redlands Country Club. Visit the Alumni Association office for details and registration.

Montemorelos receives dental supply donation

Dr. Meade Baldwin was the first dental missionary to be sponsored by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and he has remained committed to that cause ever since. His first mission assignment was to Seoul, Korea, in 1949. After Korea, he went into private practice in California, where he also started his own dental laboratory supply house, the largest one between San Francisco and Portland. He is retiring from private practice and liquidating his dental supply company after the loss of his wife.

Dr. Baldwin worked with James Crawford, SD'60, MPH, General Conference representative, to find a way to pick up and transport items he wished to donate for the dental missions program. The valuable dental supplies will support the dental laboratory training school and the proposed dental school at the University of Montemorelos, a Seventh-day Adventist institution in Mexico.

Another California dental school had also been notified that these supply items were available and was immediately ready to take possession of them if we could not get them within a few days.

On Wednesday, December 8, Drs. Lloyd Baum (emeritus professor of restorative dentistry) and Bill Palmer boarded a flight to Oakland, California, and arrived at 11:30 a.m. From the airport they took a shuttle bus to Napa, where Dr. Baldwin drove them to Sonoma.

Obtaining a 26-foot rental truck on such short notice wasn't easy. Bill Palmer, however, had already phoned directly from the airport and placed an order through their national headquarters office. The local truck rental manager at first told them it

would take the standard several days' notice to line up a truck, but since Bill mentioned he'd already logged in the order and needed the truck right away, the manager searched more earnestly. One of their largest trucks was coming in that afternoon, and it was agreed to let them have that one. Fortunately, this truck rental agency was located only 15 - 20 miles from Meade's supply warehouse in St. Helena.

Bill and Lloyd had to load everything onto this truck by themselves. Such a huge amount of supplies required working diligently until 9:00 Wednesday night. Early Thursday morning, they packed the truck to capacity (18,000 pounds gross vehicular weight) and drove all the way to Loma Linda by 8:00 that night. On Friday, the truck was unloaded at a depository in San Bernardino.

The pallets of materials were finally unloaded at a San Bernardino storage facility. A commercial truck from Texas reloaded it and by Thursday of the next week it had been deposited in a warehouse in McAllen, Texas.

Despite the hard work and lack of sleep, Dr. Palmer was impressed with the

providentially smooth handling and transporting of these materials, especially necessary considering that another institution was prepared to receive them if action had been delayed.

Among the items received are approximately 10,000 pounds of unpackaged gypsum die stone (primarily Die-Keen and Jade Stone), pumice, burs (FG and SHP), Die-Sep, and laboratory denture acrylic powder and liquid.

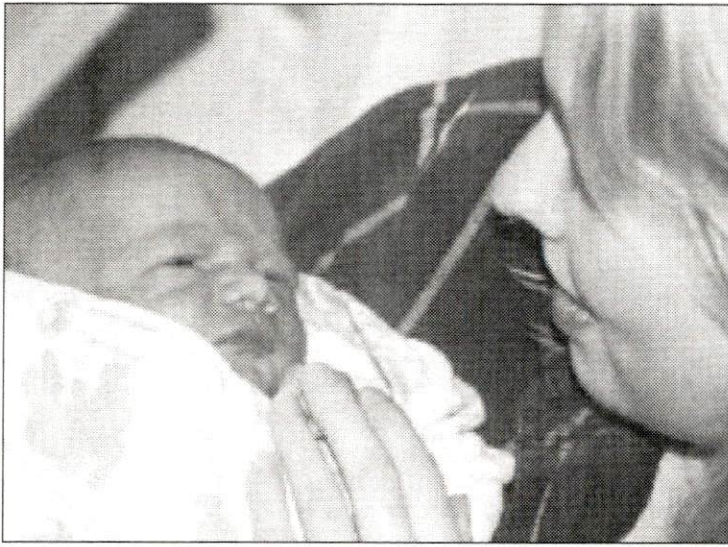
Dr. Baldwin is a 1944 dental graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons (now University of the Pacific). Another part of his generous donation to our dental missions program was sent recently to St. Vincent's Island in the Caribbean, where a clinic, which unfortunately had burned down, is now being rebuilt.

Article contributed by Clyde Roggenkamp, DDS, MS, associate professor of restorative dentistry



Dr. Lloyd Baum takes a break after loading donated boxes of dental supplies

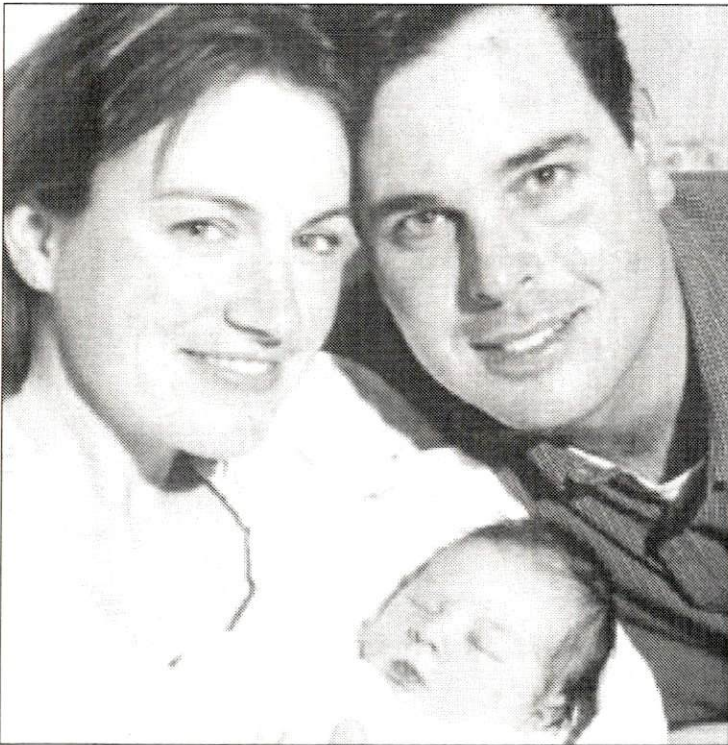
Winter babies born to multigenerational alumni



LLU's first great-grandfather of the millenium?

The Crawford dental dynasty carries on. At 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2000, Fran and James Crawford (SD'60, MPH) received the gift of a great grandson, born to granddaughter, Heather Wilson (RDH'97) and Ron Wilson (SD'99). The baby is named James Christian Wilson, and weighed 7 lbs, 5 oz. In the photo at left, he is shown with mom Heather.

Destined for a perfect smile



Congratulations to orthodontic graduate student **Marc Dunn**, SD'98, and his wife **Charmain Janke Dunn**, DH'92, on the birth of their daughter **Britteny Laurayne Dunn** on December 22 at 1:52 am. She weighed 6 lbs 13 oz and measured 19 inches long. Congratulations also to the proud new grandfather, **James R. Dunn**, SD'69, associate professor of restorative dentistry.

Newborn twins are Loma Linda veterans



Identical twins Daniela (Dani) Renee and Helena (Laini) Teresa Baum were born on Veterans' Day, November 11, 1999, at Loma Linda University Medical Center. Their Loma Linda heritage is as follows: paternal grandparents, **Lloyd Baum**, DMD, emeritus professor of restorative dentistry and School of Dentistry co-founder, and **Alma Baum**; father, **Brad Baum**, SM'82; and mother, **Carla Lidner Baum**, SD'90, MS, assistant professor of educational services and director of the Oral Oncology Service at the School of Dentistry.

Students on the Move

Fifteen dentistry students from Class of 2001 rewarded for academic excellence

Special congratulations are also being offered by the Office of Academic Affairs to the students who achieved a score of 90 or above on the Part I National Board examination in July. These students will receive the School of Dentistry Silver Award for Academic Excellence at the awards chapel in May, 2000. In addition, their fee for the National Board Part II will be paid by the School. The following students achieved the Academic Excellence Silver Award:

- Jeremy Burden
- Samuel Demirdji
- Brian Hanratty
- Mark Honce
- Eunice Hong
- Philip Jo
- SooHo Joe
- Jeremy Johnson

- Jin-Hyuk Kim
- Kyo Kim
- Michael Knoll
- Kenneth Krauss
- Holly Nguyen
- Dan Nydegger
- Gregory Skeens

The School of Dentistry implemented an incentive system to reward students with exceptional performance on the National Board examinations. The incentive system for students with 90th percentile performance on either NBI or NBII includes the following:

- NBI:
 - School pays fee for NBII
 - Recognition at LLUSD faculty meeting
 - Recognition in LLU *Dentistry* journal

Recognition in LLUSD *Dentalgram*
Press release to student's hometown newspaper

- NBII:
 - School pays fee for California State Board
 - Recognition at LLUSD faculty meeting
 - Recognition in LLU *Dentistry* journal
 - Recognition in LLUSD *Dentalgram*
 - Press release to student's hometown newspaper

Students who score at or above the 90th percentile on both examinations will receive a \$1500 cash award and recognition on a "perpetual" plaque. All Academic Excellence awards are presented at the awards chapel and are listed in the commencement program.



J. Burden



S. Demirdji



B. Hanratty



M. Honce



E. Hong



P. Jo



S. Joe



J. Johnson



J. Kim



K. Kim



M. Knoll



K. Krauss



H. Nguyen



D. Nydegger



G. Skeens

Where will you be?

In a recent issue of the *Journal of American Dental Association*, the editor writes about the merits of basing dental treatment decisions on Evidence Based Dentistry (EBD) rather than relying on "in-my-hands" philosophies of care. As an example, he cites the preservation of sound tooth structure (evidence-based science) versus G. V. Black's standardized outline form. The author correctly mentions that many dental students have graduated without seeking or needing any scientific evidence and adds,

"if EBD becomes an integral part of dental practice, practitioners will need to interpret the scientific literature. Many dentists lack the statistical skills and/or the available time to filter through the literature thus, they need assistance."

Case in point: In October, the student research group in our School sponsored a dental research seminar. The seminar was attended by one faculty member, a few graduate students, and four predoctoral students.

Given the interest shown by our students to advances in dental research it is not surprising to see "...Many treatment decisions ... are still based solely on the practitioner's clinical experience."

The editor concludes: "Information will be the underpinning for success in the 21st century. Where will you be?"

Samuel Demirdji
President, Student Research Group

Summer 1999 Dean's List announced

The Office of Academic Affairs would like to extend congratulations to the students who attained Dean's List status at the end of summer quarter. The eligibility requirements for achieving Dean's List status are:

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

The Academic Review Committee reviewed the performance of all students for the **summer quarter 1999** and voted to include the following students on the Dean's List:

Dentistry Class of 2002

Christopher Blount
 Laura Bretsch
 Todd Ehrler
 Michael Erickson
 Michael Giddings
 Lisa Greene
 Sunny Hutchinson
 Dennis Kantanen
 Eugene Kim
 Andrew Lane
 Craig Main
 Brian Olsen
 Lori Rice
 Keri Smith
 Darryl Tkachyk
 Adrian Tomarere

International Dentist Program

Lana Gardi
 Dilpreet Grewal
 Yan Huang
 Ioana Cirstescu
 Lan Gao
 Peng Gao

Dental Hygiene Class of 2000

Darcie Bell
 Laura Bretsch
 Trelany Wilson
 Shelly Withers

IDP December '99 graduates pass boards, win awards

All eight senior dental students in the International Dentist Program successfully passed regional board exams upon completion of their 18-month program at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. Seven students passed the Western Regional Exams, and one passed the Southern Regional Testing Agency Board Exam held in Atlanta.



Drs. Bagdasarov, Sroujeh, Sorkin, Lee, Chen, Xiao, Cheong, and Vellanki completed their DDS degrees in December.

In addition, **Elaine Cheong** was given IDP's Professionalism Award; **Asha Vellanki** and **June Xiao** won the Clinical Excellence Award; and **Karen Lee** won OKU's award in a graduation ceremony held in December.

Congratulations to all!



Yuriy Bagdasarov



Cyndi Chen



Elaine Cheong



Karen Lee



Edouard Sorkin



Ghassan Sroujeh



Asha Vellanki



June Xiao



Seven IDP graduates pose with professors Dr. John Whittaker (left) and Dr. William Seibly. Not pictured, Edouard Sorkin.

Department News

Clinic Administration

• Congratulations to those who have attained certification:

Gina Cuccia received her OMSA
Hilda Trinidad received her RDA
Bette Aycock received her OMSA
Rosanne Wease received her RDA
Shannon Harris received her RDA

• Clinical Services Division has a new clinic coordinator as of January 4, 2000, **Pauline Arnold**. Pauline will be replacing Jennifer Pasta, who is moving to San Diego, and starting college in January.

• All sophomores are assigned a clinic coordinator. Clinic coordinators welcome the sophomore Class of 2002 to their group practice and to the main clinic.

• Welcome also to new employee **Nancy Lentz**, secretary in orthodontics.

Oral Diagnosis, Radiology, Pathology

Dennis Clark, SD'83, professor of ODRP, a proud member of the newest ADA-recognized specialty of oral and maxillofacial radiology, begins a one year leave of absence this month. He has been a member of the department of Oral Diagnosis, Radiology and Pathology for the past 12 years. He will be returning to the School of Dentistry in January 2001. The Department will greatly miss Dr. Clark personally as well as miss the expertise he brings to the department. We extend him best wishes and a safe return to LLU!

Restorative Dentistry

• The father of **Bruce Walter**, SD'73, passed away in late November. Our condolences in his loss.

• **Joseph Kan**, SD'90, MS'99, was promoted to associate professor of restorative dentistry.

• Dr. Kan did a one-day lecture in Guatemala in November, titled Anterior Implant Esthetics.

• **Jenny Sy-Muñoz**, DDS, MSD, was promoted to associate professor of restorative dentistry.

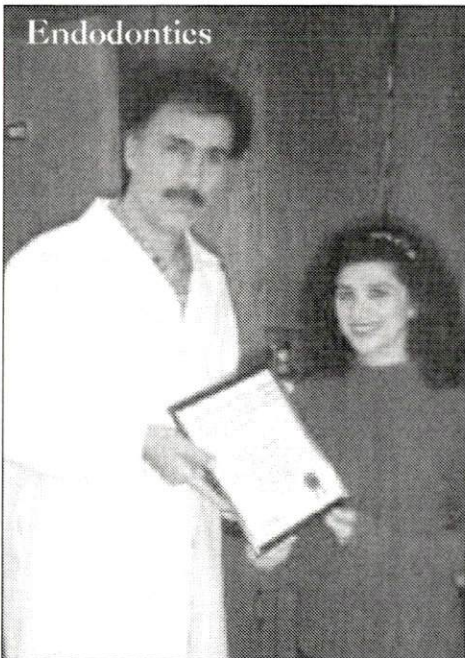
Service Learning

Service Learning welcomes **Kelly Johnson**. Kelly Horta became Mrs. **Robert Johnson** on October 30, and after a honeymoon in Paris (France), she transferred to Dr. Fred Kasischke's office. We know her students will miss her guidance as she coordinated their patient care activities. Drs. Ron Forde and Fred Kasischke appreciate having her support as she assists them in coordinating the service learning activities for the School. She can be reached at x87279, in Room 5508.

January Birthdays

Betty Aycock	Implant dentistry
Beth Bernotas	Endodontics
Gwen Seaton	Periodontics
Elizabeth Hernandez	Implant
Isabel Panaguiton	Dent. anesthesia
Jeri Fowler	Endodontics
Victoria Quihuis	Oral surgery
Lisa DeGeorge	Oral surgery
Donna Samson	Administration
Roy Tinker	Dental Services Division
Vicki Gann	Grad Pros/Implant
Kate Johnson	Dental Lab Services
Jeannine Smiderle	Dent. anesthesia
Amalia Salinas	Dental Records
Madga Lavergne	Pediatric dentistry
Jim Redfield	Dental maintenance
Carol Wall	Periodontics
Samara Stirl	Clinic Admin
Lydia Perez	Radiology
Fran Clark	Insurance
Michelle Rice	Implant dentistry

Endodontics



Recently, **Nooshin Noghreian**, DDS, a graduate student in the advanced education program in endodontics, was elected for inclusion in the 2000 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. This recognition is awarded to students who are recommended by their faculty for maintaining exceptional scholarship and outstanding merit. Dr. Noghreian, a graduate of UCLA and completing her endodontic specialization in June, 2000, was one of 25 students nominated by the Graduate School of Loma Linda University. The photo shows **Mahmoud Torabinejad**, DDS, MSD, PhD, director, graduate endodontics, presenting the certificate and congratulating Dr. Noghreian.

Urgently Needed: Dental Professionals for Missions

Guam -- 1 dentist and 1 RDH

Saipan -- 1 RDH

Madagascar -- 1 dentist for newly furnished clinic

Kigali -- 1 dentist (relief needed immediately)

Lusaka, East Africa -- 1 dentist for newly developed clinic

Puerto Rico -- 1 dentist

Contact James Crawford (909) 558-4607 or e-mail: jcrawford@sd.llu.edu

Alumni-Student Convention

Student Dedication Program to be special feature of convention

The Alumni Association, together with the School of Dentistry, invite students, staff and faculty to a very special dedication ceremony on Friday evening, February 11. This event will take place in the University Church at 7:30 p.m.

Freshman and senior dental students, junior and senior dental hygiene students, and all International Dentist Program students will be dedicating their professional lives to Christian service. The Alumni Association will present personalized Bibles and laboratory coats to the students.

Gerald Winslow, PhD, dean of the Faculty of Religion and special assistant to the president of Loma Linda University, will give an address on *The Privileges and Responsibilities of a Christian Dental Health Professional*. Music will feature the School of Dentistry students; a reception will follow the program.

Staff are invited to attend to show their support for the students; faculty are asked to participate by wearing academic regalia and marching in. (Faculty: please contact the Alumni Association at ext. 44399 to express your interest in participating.)

School of Dentistry administration has invited the families of the freshman and senior dental students, as well as the dental hygiene and International Dentist Program students, to a special dinner at 5:30 p.m. that evening.

The Dental Student Association will be giving tours of the School of Dentistry starting at 4:00 p.m. that afternoon.

Please plan to attend this beautiful and inspirational ceremony. For more information, please contact the Alumni Association at ext. 44399.

Alumni-Student Convention activities outlined

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 - 4:00 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, Fellowship Hall, Feb. 11, 7:00 a.m.

Student Dedication Service, University Church, Feb. 11, 7:30 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.

Gallery

School of Dentistry Christmas Breakfast held December 8



Jeri Fowler wrote and performed a Christmas song about her baby daughter.



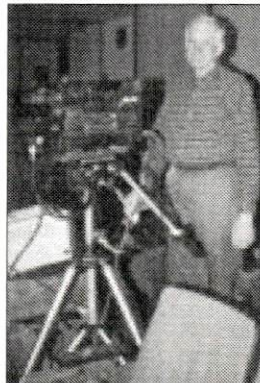
Volunteer hosts and servers at the Christmas breakfast wore beautiful Christmas-themed aprons designed and sewn by Marci Stirl, record analyst.



Students, faculty, and staff alike enjoyed the delicious breakfast of eggs, potatoes, nuts, fruit, juice, cocoa, cereal, and coffee cake.



As Clinton Park, SD'01, appears on the screen, Richard Cross adjusts sound levels, and Ellis Rogers shoots video to be telecast on Prince Hall's TV monitors and "jumbo-trons."



Raffle items are drawn and announced at the breakfast by Maricella Solis, Jeni Christian, Vivian Arredondo, Mary Hartwell, and Floyd Ferguson (in his highland clan tartan).

Clinic With a Heart

Sunday, February 27 2000

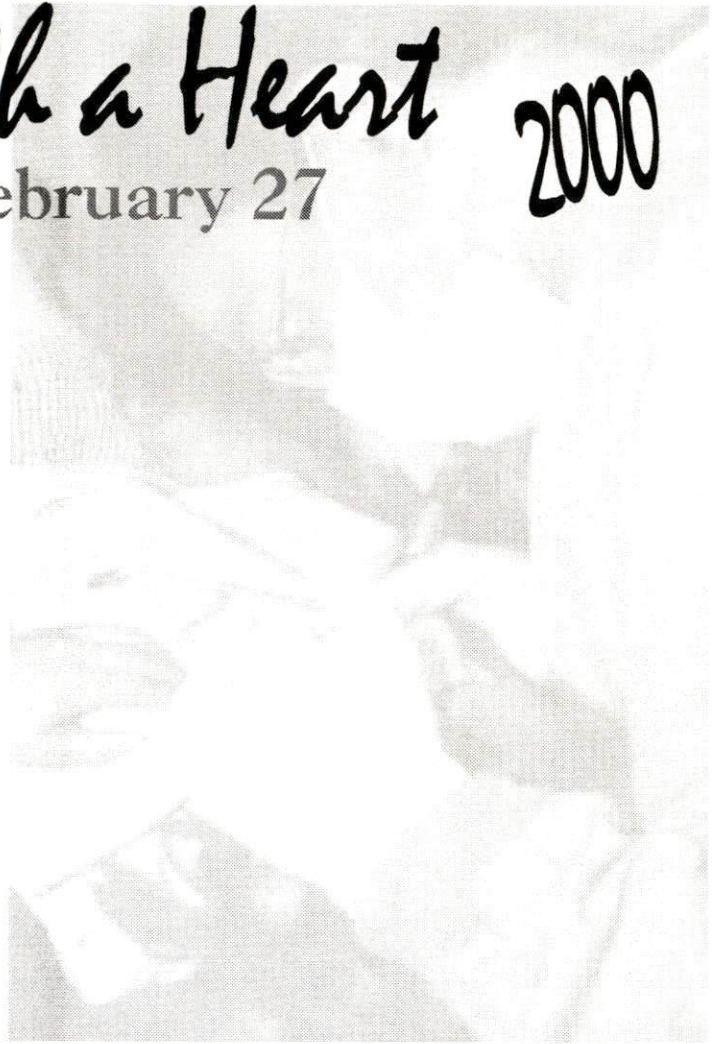
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No volunteers turned away!

Needed: student dentists and hygienists,
clinic and office support personnel,
clinical faculty advisers, food servers,
and gofers, to help with patient
registration, dental assisting, clinic
supply, running errands, sterilization
and much more.

Contact:
Mary Hartwell at x44939,
or the DSA office



Dental Student Association officers met on January 6. One item of business was finalizing plans for the February 2000 Clinic With a Heart.

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