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New 'clinical group practice' helps fulfill mission

The School's new mission statement sets high standards for our faculty and students. In strategic planning sessions, faculty are setting a course in which everything we do will help fulfill our mission to provide a place where *students* "learn to provide high quality oral health care based on sound scientific principles" while our *patients* "receive competent care which is preventive in purpose, comprehensive in scope, and provided with compassion and respect."

A patient may feel pain in a tooth when drinking something cold, have the problem "fixed" in one of the School's clinics, and then wait until another problem occurs before seeking further care. How can we do our best to make sure they do not leave through the revolving door, receiving no oral health care until they return several years later in pain?

During the past year a group of faculty looked at how we provide care to our patients and, with input from students, staff, and faculty, discussed ways for faculty and students to give the highest levels of oral health care to our patients in keeping with our mission statement.

The group that looked at how we can fulfill our mission included Drs. Paul Richardson, Tom Rogers, Steve Morrow, Bruce Walter, and William Loveless.



In the School's new "clinical group practice" format, students will provide dental care to approximately 35 patients—closely supervised by faculty as they provide comprehensive care.

After reviewing current protocols for instruction and patient care at LLU and in other schools of dentistry, a decision was made to choose a clinical group practice model, which was implemented in late June.

Under the new plan, a primary attending faculty member will oversee 18 dental students—nine D3s and nine D4s. A patient care coordinator is assigned to each group. He or she assigns chairs to the students and serves in the capacity of a receptionist in a private dental office.

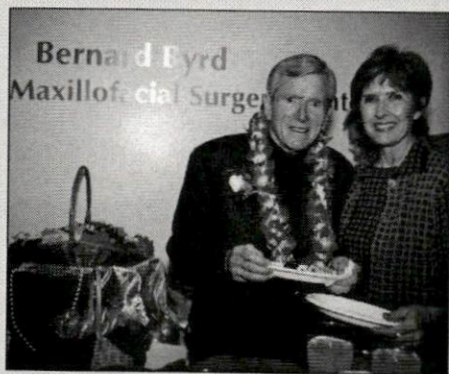
Each dental student is responsible for providing comprehensive care to approximately 35 patients.

Students will gain experience in diagnosis, treatment planning, diagnosis and management of periodontal disorders, periradicular disease including endodontic therapy, oral surgery patients, and managing medically compromised dental patients, among others.

Dr. Bruce Walter is director of the clinical group practices, and Gloria Ramirez serves as assistant manager, patient care coordinator.

"In addition to better serving our patients," comments Dr. Walter, "under the new group practice plan students must attain a level of skills, values, attitudes, and knowledge to make the transition from student to unsupervised dentist."

Memorial service held for Bernard Byrd



A memorial service was held July 14 to celebrate the life of Dr. Bernard Byrd. Here, Dr. Byrd and his wife, Mary Ellen, are shown attending a ceremony during Alumni-Student Convention in February, 2000, naming the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinic in his honor.

A memorial service was held Saturday, July 14, in the University Church of Seventh-day Adventists for Dr. Bernard C. Byrd, who served the School for many years as chair of the oral and maxillofacial surgery department.

Dr. Byrd came to Loma Linda University in 1959 from private practice in Decatur, Georgia. Following postgraduate studies, he returned to the School in 1964 and soon became chairman of oral and maxillofacial surgery, a title he held until his retirement in 1995. Dr. Byrd and colleague Dr. Elmer Kelln started the residency program in this specialty, with the first graduate in 1968.

Orthodontic Alumni Association sponsors annual golf tournament and banquet

Kimberly Bock

The Orthodontic Alumni Association held their annual meeting, golf tournament, and banquet Thursday, June 7 and Friday, June 8.

Orthodontic residents, alumni, and several faculty members met early Thursday morning for a golf tournament, held this year at Redlands Country Club.

Winners of the four-person scramble were residents Timothy Elison, Marc Larson, Aaron Rondon, and Chris Alex, Forestadent representative.

Members of the orthodontic alumni, faculty, residents, and staff gathered Thursday evening, June 7, at The Castaway Restaurant in San Bernardino to honor graduating residents at the 12th Annual Resident, Faculty, Alumni Banquet.

Following a buffet supper, Dr. Bruce Heinrich, incoming orthodontic alumni president, began the evening's events by welcoming the class of 2001 as members.

Dr. John Cornali, class representative, gave the student response. In addition to thanking faculty for their teaching efforts, the class gently

roasted the faculty by presenting them with personalized license plates, all hilariously accurate in their eight-character statements. When the laughter died down, each resident presented a short review of his or her master's research project. Following are their topics:

Dr. Virginia Bernal: *Evaluation of Alveolar and Soft-Tissue Changes after Muscular Release Surgery in Patients Undergoing Fixed Orthodontic Therapy*; Dr. James Choi, *Effect of Thermocycling on Orthodontic Adhesives as Measured by the Tensile Bond Strength*; Dr. John Cornali, *A Continued Investigation of Craniofacial Growth in Infant Heart Transplant Recipients Receiving Cyclosporine*; Dr. Nathan Cotten, *Optimum Bonding Time of Four Different Curing Lights*; Dr. Daryl Proctor, *Fracture Properties of Different Orthodontic Bonding Materials*; Dr. Shane Witherow, *A Comparison of the Semi-Adjustable Articulator and the Virtual Articulator by Centric Relation and Centric Occlusion Contacts*.

Dr. Caruso, chair, presented Dr. Cornali with the Roland D. Walters Research Award, given to honor residents for excellence in research. Dr. Car-

uso also presented awards to a number of faculty to acknowledge their many years of service to the department: Dr. Ruel Bench and Dr. Gary Kevorkian, 10 years; Dr. Raymond Sugiyama, 25 years; and Dr. James Wise, 30 years.

Each year, as part of the golf tournament, the Orthodontic Alumni Association sponsors a raffle of items donated by several orthodontic supply companies. More than \$25,000 in orthodontic instruments and aids were donated for the 2001 tournament. Drs. Kevorkian, outgoing president, and Heinrich, president-elect, raffled a wide variety of items, from pliers and cases of brackets, to curing lights and computer software. Following the raffle, Dr. Caruso presented closing remarks which included a roast of the graduating residents.

The orthodontic alumni events concluded Friday, June 8, with the continuing education lecture and alumni business meeting. Dr. Terry Sellke, president of the Foundation for Orthodontic Research and a faculty member at University of Illinois at Chicago, lectured on Bioprogressive Philosophy and Practice Management.



Dr. Joseph Caruso, chair, (fourth from left) and Dr. David Rynearson (far right) pose with the class of 2001: Drs. James Choi, John Cornali, Virginia Bernal, Shane Witherow, Daryl Proctor, and Nathan Cotten.



Dr. Gary Kevorkian, orthodontic alumni association president (second from left) and Dr. Bruce Heinrich, incoming president (second from right) congratulate the winning team: Chris Alex, Forestadent representative, and Drs. Tim Elison and Mark Larson. Not pictured: Aaron Rondon.

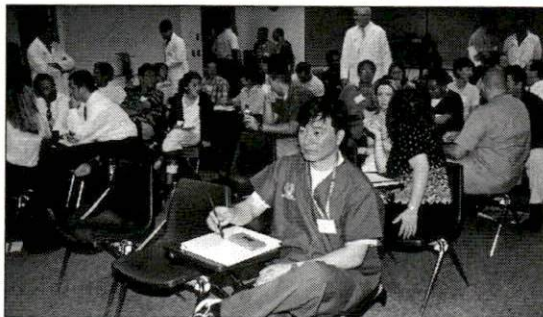
School holds orientation for advanced education programs

An orientation was held Friday, June 29, for students entering the School's advanced education programs.

After a continental breakfast, participants learned about the School of Dentistry and its mission.

They were then introduced to program directors and residents, and later listened to a presentation from Barton Rippon, PhD, dean, Graduate School. School of Dentistry policies were also highlighted.

The orientation concluded with a buffet lunch.



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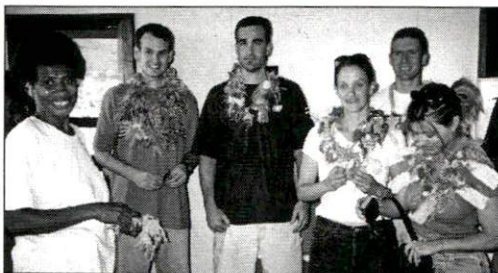
“Our attitude is the crayon that colors our world.”

—ALLEN KLEIN

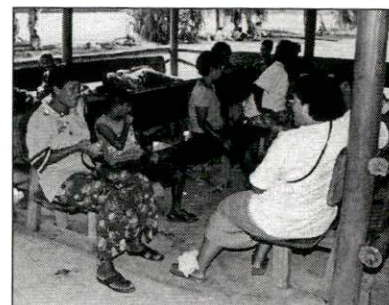
Mission to Buca Bay, Fiji June 8 to 24

Seven dental students and three dental hygiene students recently returned from a mission to provide oral health care in Buca (pronounced "butha") Bay, Fiji in the South Pacific. The group included: fourth-year dental students Jason Ballou, Shea Bess, Byron Diehl, Michael Giddings, Todd Schroeder, and Steve Wernick; third-year dental student Nathan Carlson; and dental hygiene students Stephanie Sobieski, Emily Springsted, and Joann Grosso.

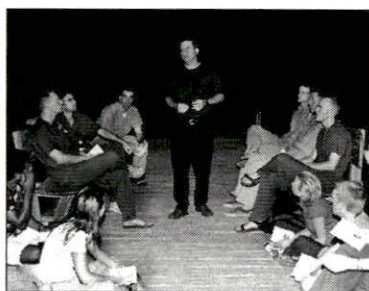
Dr. Larry Dunford, president of NASDAD and Dr. Marta Kalbermatter served as preceptors. A feature article will appear in the next issue of Dentalgram.



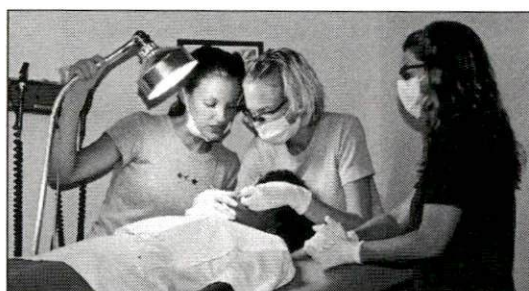
Vatuvomu School staff welcomed the group with garlands of flowers. Pictured with a school staff member (left) are Nathan Carlson, D3, Shea Bess, D4, Emily Springsted, dental hygiene student, Michael Giddings, D4, and Joann Grosso, dental hygiene student.



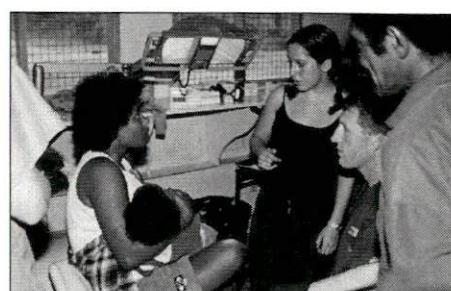
The waiting area was in the open air, in front of the clinic. Patients signed in from local villages, including Tukavesi, Mereoni, and Suina.



After a long day in clinic, Larry Dunford, president of NASDAD, held staff meetings with the students.



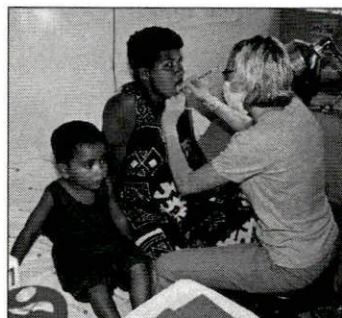
First-year dental hygiene students (from left) Emily Springsted, Stephanie Sobieski, and Joann Grosso confer about a patient.



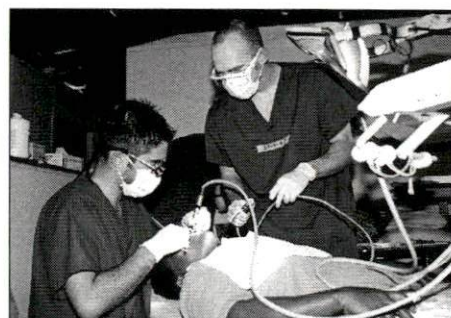
Dental student Todd Schroeder speaks with a patient's mother while Devin Tooma looks on. Ms. Tooma supervised the clinic's busy sterilization room the final week of the trip.



The school held a farewell dinner for Larry and Terri Dunford, and their friends Bobby Ray and Norma Lyons.



Dental hygiene student Stephanie Sobieski cleans a woman's teeth while her child patiently waits.



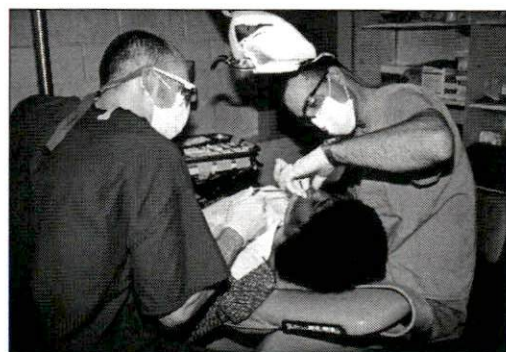
Byron Diehl and Steven Wernick treat a patient from a local Fijian village.



The school has a dorm for children too young to be without their parents. The LLU students also slept in a dorm on cots, with mosquito netting.



Dr. Marta Kalbermatter supervised the clinic the second week. Here she is assisted by dental student Nathan Carlson.



Shea Bess, who rallied his classmates to sign up for the mission trip, works with Steve Wernick.

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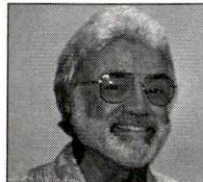
Did you know?

Nine incoming dental students attended Careers in Dentistry, 2000; and two first-year dental hygiene students also attended the seminar, according to Sylvia Davis, director of admissions.



Department news

Dental Educational Services



• Frank Cortez-Flores, PhD, DDS, MS, MA, MPH, recently returned from the Center for Disaster and Humanitarian

Assistance Medicine, University of the Health Sciences symposium "Medical Preparedness and Planning of Man-made Disasters" held in conjunction with the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Association 59th Annual Meeting, "Health Along the Border, a Shared Commitment," in Las Cruces, New Mexico. He presented the results of his study "Dengue, aedes aegypti, and hurricane reconstruction: a shared commitment following a natural disaster." He also contributed his third lecture, "Dengue, aedes aegypti, and hurricane reconstruction in the Caribbean and Central America: prevention and control following a natural disaster" to the Supercourse web site. The Supercourse provides Internet-based distance learning material for health-related students who are beginners in epidemiology and global health.

Orthodontic Department

• Mark Batesole, DDS, MS ('00) has joined the department as a part-time faculty member. Dr. Batesole is a 1998 graduate of the University of Southern California dental school and a 2000 graduate of the LLUSD orthodontic program. His main areas of involvement in the program will be in research, graduate, and predoctoral instruction, and ZeroBase system administration and education. Dr. Batesole will also be involved in the evaluation and management of the recently acquired NewTom 3D imaging system.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

• Alan Herford, DDS, MD, assistant professor, recently presented a paper at the 3rd International Conference on Distraction Osteogenesis in Paris. The study was titled "Maintaining Vector Control During Distraction Osteogenesis."

Pediatric Dentistry

• The department welcomes four dental assistants: John Ayon, Claudia Oronoz, Michelle Mosley, and Patty Stokes.

Restorative—Implant Dentistry

• Two articles were recently published by Periklis Proussaefs, PG'00, assistant professor, implant dentistry.

The first article, "Histologic evaluation of threaded HA-coated root-form implants after 3.5 to 11 years of function: a report of 3 cases," was published in *International Journal of Periodontics and Restorative Dentistry*, 2001: 21:21-29.

The second article, titled "Immediate loading of single root form implants with the use of a custom acrylic stent," was published in the *Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry*, 2001: 85:382-385. Both articles were co-authored by Jaime Lozada, PG'87, '95, director, implant dentistry program.

New employees

The School family welcomes the following new employees:

Rock Renner, Dental Laboratory Services; Amy Miller, Orthodontics; Cecilia Vargas, Implant Dentistry; Daniel Valdez, SCD; Claudia Oronoz, Pediatrics; Irene Hernandez, CSD; Michelle Perrin, Peds; Freddy Ruiz, SCD; Connie Garcia, Sterilization; Summer LaMoureaux, International Dentist Program.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jennifer (Christian) Osborne, clinic administration, who was married June 17, 2001 in a private ceremony to Daryl Osborne.

Chuck Yetter, dental maintenance, was married June 17 to Glenda Castillo. Best wishes to the happy couple!

Congratulations to the following employees who have earned certifications: Teresa Nenn, faculty dental office, earned her RDA, Michelle Tindall (faculty endodontics) earned her CDA, and Michelle Ayon, Surgery Center, Dentistry, earned her OSA.

Employee changes

• Shannon Harris now works part-time as a secretary for graduate endodontics. She transferred from dental assisting; Cheryl Bellerose is now a full-time records analyst for endodontics; and Maria Melgoza is the new supervisor for oral implantology.