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School of Dentistry Convocation to be held October 1

by Tom Rogers

On Monday, October 1, 2001, the first (and hopefully annual) School of Dentistry Convocation will be held on our campus to celebrate who we are, where we came from, and where we are going. On this day the entire student body, faculty, staff, alumni, University colleagues, and community are invited to join together at the University Church from 8:15 a.m. until noon to enjoy, be informed, and be challenged by a carefully prepared program. Music, food, encouraging words, our dreams and vision will be shared. Our entire School Family is expected to be there. This is going to be one of the most important gatherings of the School of Dentistry for the academic year.

The School of Dentistry has just finished a major effort in examining these three issues: who we are, where we came from, and where we are going. The intention was to create a future of choice that would allow the School and its family of individuals to achieve their highest potential in service to others. We accomplished this through our Applied Strategic Planning process that involved a series of five multi-day retreats during August 2000 to July 2001. The major participants in this process were 25 individuals representing our faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Each of these participants formed an advisory group of 7 to 12 persons from throughout the extended School family in an effort to include as many people in the process as possible. A consultant was hired to lead us through the series of retreats.

We spent a lot of time discussing what is important to us as both a school for training health-care professionals and an institution committed to Christian values. This proved to be time well spent because it helped us clarify what we want our School to become. We studied the process of change and adopted a method of institutionalizing it at the School. We adopted a number of general goals and more

A time to celebrate our progress.



1ST ANNUAL
Convocation
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

October 1, 2001
8:15 - 12:00 noon • University Church

specific objectives. Some of these are things that need to happen regardless of specific changes and others are things that will lead us in new directions and help us reach our potential.

An immediate outgrowth of this process has been the major reorganization of the predoctoral dental clinic that was started at the beginning of the present summer quarter. All D3 and D4 students are now assigned to one of 10 group practices that are closely mentored by faculty

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Congratulations to the class of 2003!

National Board Part I results are in and the Class of 2003 deserves praise for their excellent performance. Eighty-five students participated in the exam, and there were no complete failures. Sixteen members of the class scored 90 or higher and will receive the Silver Award for Academic Excellence which includes payment for National Boards Part II, a press release to each student's hometown newspaper, and recognition in *Dentalgram* and in other School and University publications.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL FALL



School of Dentistry Family Retreat



The retreat will be held October 19 to 21 at Pine Springs Ranch

School of Dentistry research to be featured in *Dentalgram*

by Nancy Yuen

I recently received my first crown—a major thing in my life! And not something I want to go through every few years. While waiting for my appointment I learned of someone who has a crown that has lasted more than 40 years.

What dental materials work the best (and longest)? What are the best instruments for a dentist to use while working with these materials? The School of Dentistry is involved in numerous research projects on dental materials and products which will answer these questions, helping dentists and improving the lives of people from infancy (testing a revolutionary pacifier design) to improve dental materials for senior citizens.

“People are living longer,” informs Carlos Muñoz, DDS, MSD, professor of restorative dentistry and director of the Center for Dental Research. “They are keeping their teeth longer, and dentists are faced with new challenges as they treat their patients.”

In addition to the pacifier study the School is working on clinical trials of all-ceramic restorations, new generation composite resins, the effectiveness of new dental adhesives and curing lights, tooth-whitening agents and biocompatibility of several new dental materials..

The School is also testing a newly formulated toothpaste with desensitizers. “There are 40 million people in the United States with root sensitivity,” says Dr. Muñoz. “And 10 million of these individuals

have chronic root sensitivity, making it extremely painful for them to brush their teeth in certain areas.”

In future issues of *Dentalgram*, you will meet the faculty and staff who are working on these and other research projects; and will learn in-depth about some of the fascinating research projects the School is conducting.

The NASDAD Convention will be held October 10 to 13 in Kansas City, Missouri. For more information, please call ext. 44607.

Alumni meet with Dr. Charles and Ruthy Goodacre by Barbara Bostwick



It was wonderful to see the large number of recent graduates attending dinners hosted by Charles and Ruthy Goodacre. Here, alumni pose for the photographer during a dinner in Washington. Pictured, from left, are: Don Lee, SD'97, Jenny Lee, SD'97, Jerome Lee, SD'00, Marie Durlinger SD'95, Dr. Goodacre, Rima Abifaker, SD'95, Carlos Morales, SD'95, Susan and Franco Audia, SD'97, PG'00, Nita Chin, SD'00, and Henry (Hank) Kim SD'99.

Charles J. Goodacre, DDS, MSD, dean, enjoyed meeting with alumni in Oregon, Washington, and Maine during the summer.

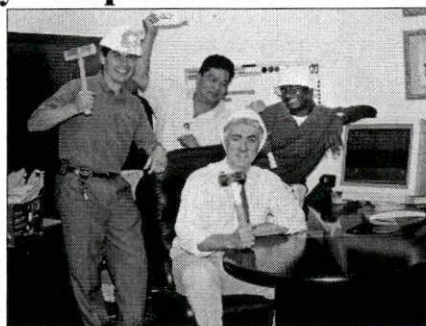
The first meeting was held in Portland, Oregon, and was coordinated by William J. Pritchard, SD'74, MS'90. The largest group gathered in Seattle, Washington, with Dennis L. Meidinger, SD'70, arranging the dinner. In August, R. Wayne Clapp, SD'72, invited alumni from Portland, Maine, to join the Goodacres for dinner. Attendees enjoyed fellowship with alumni from their area, heard news from Loma Linda, and talked with the dean about School activities. Topics covered during the presentation included curriculum, research, strategic planning, and admission information.

Valiant School of Dentistry computer services staff battles viruses

The School's valiant computer services staff recently logged long hours to protect the School's computers, which have become targets for computer viruses.

According to Kathleen Moore, MHIS, director, staff members Ruben Hernandez, network administrator; Reuben Quijano, desktop support; Travis Tramel, computer technician; and Carl Imthurn, computer programmer/analyst, have often worked late into the evening to ensure that the School's computers are not harmed by the viruses.

The group recently took a moment from their work to pose in hardhats to demonstrate their virus-protection skills.

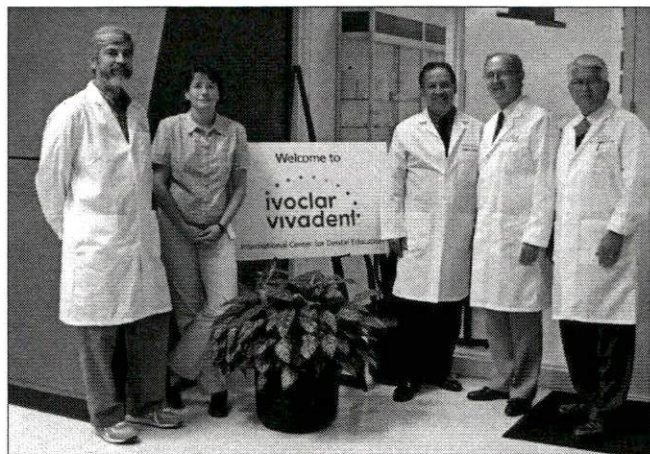


Pictured, clockwise, from left: Computer services staff Ruben Hernandez, Reuben Quijano, Travis Tramel, and Carl Imthurn are working long hours to defend the School's computers from viruses.



The valiant computer services staff take a moment to isolate and irradiate a computer "virus."

Faculty begin pilot program to treat low-income complete denture patients



Dr. Dan Hall, MS'95, Dr. Lee Yeoman, SD'68, and George Dobrota, CDT, recently attended a workshop on the BPS denture system sponsored by Ivoclar North America. Pictured are (from left): Mr. Dobrota, Sandra Goergen, Ivoclar international trainer, ICDE technical, Frank Lauciello, DDS, director of removable prosthodontics, Ivoclar, Dr. Yeoman, and Dr. Hall.

Dr. Dan Hall, Dr. Lee Yeoman, and George Dobrota, CDT, recently attended a workshop on the BPS denture system sponsored by Ivoclar North America. Drs. Hall and Yeoman are initiating a denture pilot program to treat complete denture patients with limited incomes and complex problems who previously would have been denied care. Dr. Hall and Dr. Yeoman were instrumental in obtaining corporate support for this venture. The program has been made possible through a generous grant from Ivoclar Company.

School's Proposition 10 outreach to be featured in SCOPE and video



Carla Lidner, SD'90, assistant professor of dental educational services (center), was recently interviewed at Needles Headstart Preschool by members of a video crew hired by LLU. The School's work on the Proposition 10 grant will be featured in SCOPE and in an accompanying video. Also pictured is Heidi Schaepper (second from right), a college student who assisted in the School's Proposition 10 grant office this summer.

NASDAD Convention to be held October 10 to 13

by Florence Wetmore

The 58th annual meeting of the National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists (NASDAD) will be held October 10 to 13, 2001, in Kansas City, Missouri. The Convention weekend will be filled with spiritual, educational, and recreational activities. Reservations at the Embassy Suites must be made early.

For more information, please call the NASDAD office at ext. 88187. You may also contact Judson Klooster, executive director, NASDAD. Dr. Klooster may be reached by e-mail at: nasdad@sd.llu.edu, or by writing: Judson Klooster, executive director, NASDAD, P.O. Box 101, Loma Linda, CA 92354.

“If you make someone pay for being unpleasant, you're going to pay right along with them.”

—Tongue Fu'ism

This quote was taken from “Fu for thought,” 365 inspirational quotes & suggestions, compiled by Sam Horn. Ms. Horn will return to speak during the upcoming Alumni Student Convention. Watch *Dentalgram* for details!

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assigned to the individual group. The next step will be the assignment of dental hygiene students to the groups. This will be followed by incorporation of D2 students. We will also investigate ways to foster communication between predoctoral and graduate students regarding shared patients.

Two of the major program goals that were adopted address creating an empowering educational environment and creating an environment of effective communication. These two sound nice, but what do they mean and what difference will they make in someone's life here at the School? Come to the Convocation and find out. It is going to be entertaining and fun, and some very nice door prizes will be handed out. We hope to see everyone there.

September Birthdays

Cheryl Bellerose	Grad Endo	Sandra Leseman	DentRecrds
Joseph Caruso	Ortho	Marcela Lezama	CDR
Timoteo Cocjin	Maint	Jason Li	CDR
Regina Cunningham	Grad Perio	Amy Miller	Ortho
Marisela DeLaCruz	Steriliz	Jackie Myers	ODRP
Amber Dixon	Clinic	Shirley Reyes	PBO
Chris Galbraith	Ortho	Susan Richards	ODRP
Max Hernandez	Dent Lab Svcs	Kathy Respicio	ODRP
Ruben Hernandez	Comp Svcs	Sam Sadanala	Ed Spt Svcs
Cheryl Harrison	FDO	Maria Tellez	Dent Records
Michelle Johnson	Hygiene	Roseanne Wease	FDO
Robert Johnson	Maint	Daniel Valdez	Surg Ctr
Norma Lesko	FDO	Cecilia Vargas	Implant

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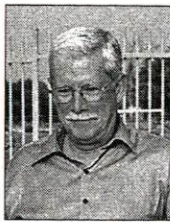
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Deadline for items for October issue (earlier submissions gladly accepted!):
Friday, September 21, 2001

Department news

Administration



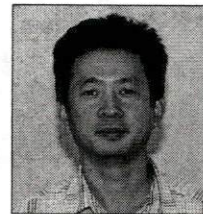
• **William Hooker, PhD, MFCC**, associate dean for student affairs, traveled to Sacramento recently as a new member of the State's Diversion Evaluation Committee for the California Dental Board. In August Dr.

Hooker was appointed for a four-year term as the public member of the Diversion Evaluation Committee's maintenance program. The committee is charged with following dentists and dental health-care workers with need for monitoring for alcoholism and other chemical dependencies. "It was an invigorating experience," says Dr. Hooker, "and reinforced to me the value of licensure boards providing a way to help protect the licenses of health-care workers while they get the help they need and at the same time protecting the public. I consider this appointment a real honor, and it is already a big help to my understanding the challenges encountered by an agency whose responsibility is to ensure that quality dentistry is provided to the public."

Dental educational services

• **Jay S. Kim, PhD**, was an invited speaker at the statistics colloquium sponsored by the department of statistics, University of California—Riverside on August 14. The topic of his talk was "Piecewise Exponential Estimator of the Survival Function." Dr.

Kim discussed an alternative method of estimating the survivor function of a life distribution from censored data. The method was illustrated, and he explained how to calculate the survivor function from censored data. The estimator was compared with the well-known Kaplan-Meier estimator, using a set of data observed in a real world situation. The advantages and disadvantages of the two methods were also discussed.



Endodontics

• **Yongbum Cho, DDS**, has joined the department of endodontics as a visiting scholar. Dr. Cho is assistant professor, department of conservative dentistry, School of Dentistry, Dankook University, Choongnam, Korea. He is working on research and study to promote the general interest of international, educational, and cultural exchange. His family has joined him in the United States.

Proposition 10

• The Proposition 10 office thanks high school and college students **Jessica Lee, Samuel Lee, Heidi Schaepper, and Heather Watts**. The students helped with grant-writing, clerical tasks, and observed firsthand how the School is reaching out to some of the region's most underserved populations. The department wishes these students well as they return to their studies

New employees

The School family welcomes the following employees: **Maria Anderson**, coordinator, implant dentistry; **Marisela Perez**, dental assistant, Surgery Center; **Tara Biller**, lab helper, sterilization; **Valerie Fowler**, records analyst, patient business office; **Ebony Reece**, dental assistant, endodontic clinic; **Susan Parker**, senior financial specialist, implant dentistry; **Leonel Galvan**, general maintenance, maintenance dept; **Shirley Reyes**, dental insurance specialist, PBO; **Kimberly Marrero**, lab helper, sterilization; **Elmer Sihotang**, lab assistant, CDR.

Faculty development

Continuing dental education courses—

SEPTEMBER 23, 24 19th Annual Review of Endodontic Biology
Faculty \$65; Staff \$65; Students \$65 (1/2 price for 1 day) *Leif K. Bakland, DDS, et al.*

SEPTEMBER 23, 24 Aesthetic Implant Symposium:
Faculty \$20; Staff \$20; Students \$20 Celebrating 25 years of Implant Dentistry at LLUSD
Joseph Kan, DDS, MS, and Jaime Lozada, DDS, et al.

SEPTEMBER 28 TO MAY 17, 2002 Aesthetic Dentistry Study Club
DDS—\$2,000 *James R. Dunn, DDS*

OCTOBER 7 6th Annual Judson Klooster Symposium
Faculty \$20; Staff \$20; Students \$20 *Leif K. Bakland, DDS, et al.*

OCTOBER 28 Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office
Faculty \$20; Staff \$20; Students \$20 *David L. Anderson, DDS, MS*

NOVEMBER 11 Rapid Extrusion Techniques to Retain Severely Broken Down Teeth
DDS—\$275 *Donald Beglau, DDS, Frederick Berry, DDS*

NOVEMBER 18 The JOY of Oral Pathology: You Are the Object of My Infection
Faculty \$20; Staff \$20; Students \$20 *John Scivsky, DDS, MEd*

Mark your calendar:

The Faculty Development Retreat will be held January 20 and 21. Be sure to watch *Dentalgram* for more details!

Dentalgram Classifieds...

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4. Lot for sale: on San Mateo, Only \$69,900.
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Redlands:

6. Lot for sale: Horse property on Live Oak Canyon. 2.14 acres...\$89,900. University Realty: (909) 796-0156.
7. Corner Lot For Sale: on Pennsylvania Ave., close to schools, park, and shopping. \$55,000. University Realty: (909) 796-0156.
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Rental: Large 2BR apt., enclosed garage, water and trash removal paid. Not far from Drayson Center. \$625/mo. (909) 862-5732

DID YOU KNOW? Jobs for Richard Cross (video editing, photography, photo prints, etc.) are to be checked in at 24868 Taylor Street (the house across the street from Faculty Dental Office, next to Loma Linda Endodontics). Audio/visual equipment needs should still be given or phoned to Richard Cross directly (ext. 48010).

Thank you for making note of this change. We are continuing to look for ways to insure your jobs are done on time. Suggestions are always welcome.

Reminder: Faculty Advance Seminar
Friday, September 14, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Wong Kerlee International Conference Center

Annual Faculty Fall Colloquium—*Recharge your batteries*
Wednesday, September 19, 1:00 to 7:30 p.m.
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