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'Project Fix-it' team assists Davis Memorial Hospital in Guyana

From November 2 to 15 a group of individuals from the United States, Australia, and Scotland traveled to Davis Memorial Hospital in Georgetown, the capital of Guyana. They were there as part of Project Fix-it to upgrade the hospital's electrical system and to install two dental operatories.

The group was comprised of Richard Hart, MD, DrPH, chancellor, LLU; Robert Schoberth, AHS construction; Greg Batie, electrical engineer from Seattle; Kelvin Sawyer from Australia; Jim Redfield, special projects, School of Dentistry; Jairo Ayala, LLUMC construction & architectural services, and Kaaren Simpson, RN, Scotland.

Team members Todd Hooker, son of William Hooker, PhD, MFT, associate dean for student affairs, and Robert Nevis captured video footage which will be edited into an informational video about the project.

The Project Fix-it team was sent by Adventist Health International (AHI), an organization housed on the Loma Linda University campus.

Davis Memorial Hospital

Davis Memorial Hospital was established in 1954, nearly 12 years before Guyana gained independence from Britain. The country is one of the world's poorest nations, with per capita income less than one-fifth the South American average. It is one of approximately 50 mission hospitals operated by the Adventist Church that are experiencing severe financial and organizational challenges.

"When AHI began working with Davis Memorial," emphasizes Dr. Hart, "the hospital was not financially viable and had almost closed. It was suffering immense financial and management challenges. The hospital has 48 beds, but just five years ago only four to five beds were occupied."

James M. Crawford, DDS, MPH, associate dean, School of Dentistry, and dental director, health ministry department, General Conference, had visited the site

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Todd Hooker (wearing hat), son of William Hooker, PhD, MFT, associate dean for student affairs, and Robert Nevis capture video footage of Richard Hart, MD, DrPH, in Guyana.

School employees and students participate in disaster drill

A fire races through Prince Hall—hundreds of patients, students, faculty, and staff are unaware, working in dozens of offices on the School's five floors. A plan immediately goes into effect that will evacuate every one of the building's four stories and basement, and account for every individual in the School.

This was the scenario Friday, November 9, as the School participated in a University-wide disaster drill. Amazingly, the drill was completed and 342 persons throughout the School's 96,968 square feet were accounted for in 15 minutes.

During the drill exit monitors were stationed at each door, and individuals were directed to

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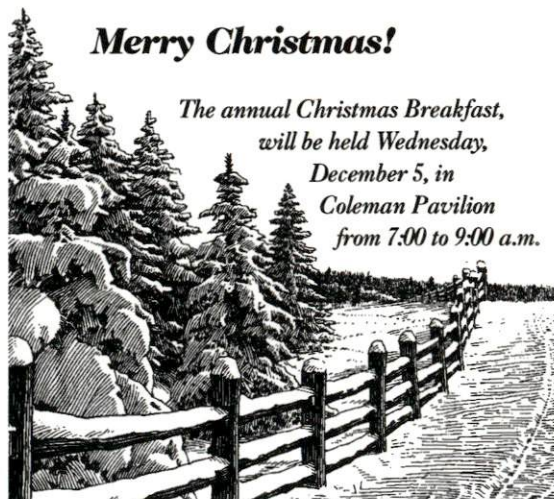
✓ Mark your calendar!

Christmas break—
December 14, 2001
to January 2, 2002.
Winter quarter begins
January 3, 2002

During November, 33 School families were assisted by the School's annual Thanksgiving Basket project. Thank you to the individuals and departments who generously donated funds to make this project possible.

Merry Christmas!

*The annual Christmas Breakfast,
will be held Wednesday,
December 5, in
Coleman Pavilion
from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.*



Project Fix-it team assists Davis Memorial

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to explore whether a dental clinic should be established at the hospital. He found that very few dental services were available in the area, and representatives from local dental laboratories emphasized the great need for dental care.

The Adventist Church operates 76 dental clinics around the globe and Dr. Crawford not only served in Thailand directing a mission dental clinic, but also has been instrumental in establishing many of the other clinics.

"Wiring is very important to dentistry," informs Dr. Crawford. "And when I heard about Project Fix-it's rewiring project, I knew this would be the optimal time to design and build the dental operatories."

Dr. Crawford began to gather dental equipment and asked Mr. Redfield, retired from many years of service as director of dental maintenance and who now works for the School assisting with special projects, to design the dental clinic.

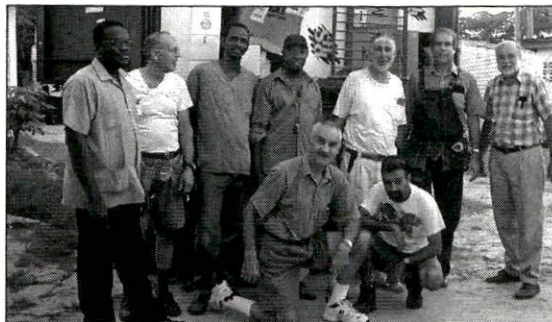
Mr. Redfield was thrilled to participate and drew up plans for two well-equipped

operatories. Mr. Ayala would assist in the construction at the site.

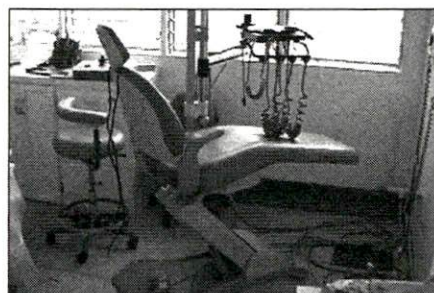
"By the time the team arrived," says Dr. Crawford, "the hospital had followed the instructions we sent ahead—they had prepared the rooms and built and painted cabinets. The work was done to perfection."

The last pieces of equipment needed to finish installing the dental units arrived late the evening before the group was scheduled to leave and so in order to complete the project, Mr. Redfield awakened before sunrise and began working at 4:30 a.m. The dental chairs were provided by Hank Estrada of Estrada Dental, based in Rancho Cucamonga. The company refurbishes dental equipment.

Dr. Crawford has been asked by the General Conference to find a dentist to staff the clinic, and a dentist now practicing in Zambia is scheduled to begin work in January, 2002.



The Project Fix-it team and Davis Memorial Hospital employees pose for a photo before beginning to unload the wiring and dental equipment. Dr. Hart is on the far right, and Mr. Redfield is second from the left.



The new dental clinic is ready for patients after Jim Redfield completed his work.

Strategic Planning update column

The Strategic Planning update column is a new feature in *Dentalgram*. This month's column lists the School's motto, vision, goals, and mission. A communication task force made up of representatives from students, faculty and staff is in the process of evaluating the best methods of communication within the School of Dentistry for students, faculty, and staff. The goal is to adopt a model of information dissemination for each group.

MOTTO: "Service is our Calling"

VISION: LLUSD is a pre-eminent health care organization seeking to represent God in all we do. We are enthusiastically committed to excellent, innovative, comprehensive education of students and whole person care of our patients.

Our students, staff and faculty are empowered through an enabling environment that honors the dignity, diversity, and worth of everyone.

Our graduates are exemplary professionals and progressive clinicians of integrity.

Our Lord's example inspires us to enrich our local and global communities through service. This is our calling.

MISSION:

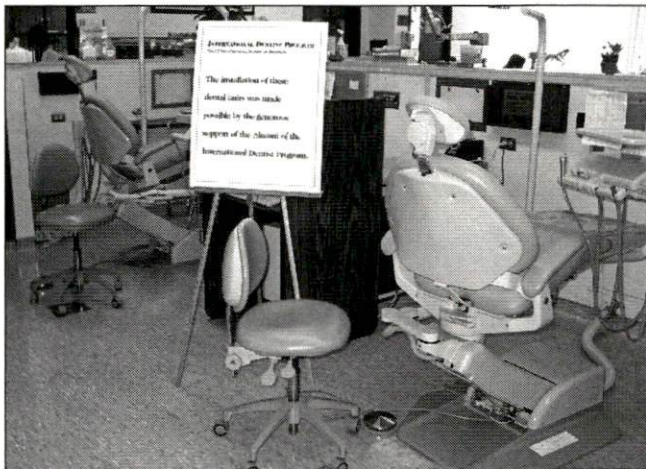
LLUSD seeks to further the healing and teaching ministry of Jesus Christ wherein:

- Students learn to provide high quality oral health care, based on sound biologic principles.
- Patients receive competent care, which is preventive in purpose and comprehensive in scope, provided with compassion and respect.
- Faculty, students and staff value the patient relationship, respect diversity and share responsibility by working together toward academic, professional, spiritual and personal growth.
- Scholarly activity and research provide a foundation for evidence-based learning and enhance whole person care.
- The workplace environment attracts and retains a superior and diverse faculty and staff who motivate, educate and serve.
- Our communities—local, global and professional—benefit from our service, stewardship, and commitment to lifelong learning.

CORE VALUES

Belief in God
Respect for the individual
Principled spirituality
Student focused
Empathetic care
Commitment to service
Pursuit of truth
Progressive excellence
Analytic thinking
Effective communication

International Dentist Program alumni contribute funds for clinic facelift



Two new dental chairs (cubicles 5 and 6), were recently installed as part of the International Dentist Program (IDP) clinic facelift. In 2001, IDP alumni have contributed \$8,500 to the clinic Facelift Fund and the School provided matching funds.

Sixteen International Dentist Program alumni contributed a total of \$8,500 for the IDP clinic Facelift Fund in 2001. They are: Drs. Gloria Buckwalter, Casey Chen, Stevan Cvetkovic, Mazin Farah, Carlos Horiguchi, Lisa Huang, Yan Huang, Antonette Masters, Marina Milstein, Fernando Munoz, De Giap Nguyen, Ajit Patel, Najwa Shaja, Nina Sonin, Edouard Sorkin, Trang Ton, Antoine Sayegh, and Josef Sedivy. Dr. Sedivy donated \$3,500 which is being used to purchase a Pelton Crane Delta 10 autoclave.

Educational computing in dentistry competition call for entries

The Dental Informatics Section, American Dental Education Association (ADEA) is proud to sponsor the second Educational Computing in Dentistry competition. This project is intended to promote the development of high quality instructional software for dental health education through a competitive peer review process. There are three award categories: 1) World Wide Web Programs; 2) CD-ROM/DVD Programs; and 3) Support Programs. Each category carries three cash awards: first place \$1,000; second place \$500; and third place \$250. All entries will be reviewed in four areas of quality—pedagogy, subject matter, technical, and evaluation.

The three finalists will present their award winning projects during the Technology Fair on March 5, 2002. The awards will be announced and presented during the Annual Session. The Dental Informatics Section website will present highlights from each of the award winning programs. All submissions must be made using the on-line submission form by the close of business December 15, 2001. This form and other competition details can be found at the ADEA Dental Informatics website at <<http://www.adea.org/adeaftp/Sections/DenInfMat/DenInfMat.htm>>

All questions should be directed to Lynn-Johnson@uiowa.edu.

Microsoft Office training

The School of Dentistry-supported standards for computers require end-users to utilize the Microsoft Office suite (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint). If you need training as you transition to this supported standard, you have two options:

- Enroll in classes at Staff Development (ext. 44322). Classes are exclusively offered to LLUMC and LLU employees. Each class is a four-week period, totaling sixteen hours of instruction. Classes are held at Mountain View Plaza computer lab, room 224.
- Enroll in CD or online training through Shari Haase (ext 88115). The version now available is Office97; Office2000 will be available soon.

“Misunderstandings, mistakes, hurt feelings, conflicts, and disagreements result from failure to listen.”
—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!

Computer backups are crucial to protecting important data

To protect your data, it is very important to backup your computer on a weekly basis. Certain equipment is required for successful backups:

Internal 250MB zip drive	\$80.00
Zip disks	\$17 each
Backup software	\$85 (automates the backup process)

If you are interested in backing up your data and purchasing the above equipment, please email Kathleen Moore at kmoore@sd.llu.edu. She will need to know your department cost center. Please receive proper authorization from your supervisor or chair before ordering any equipment.

December birthdays

Joel Aispuro	SCD	Nellie Greene	Ins
Carol Anderson	DAU	Laurel Haglund	Perio
Lillian Andrade	Peds	Cari Mace	IDP
Leif Bakland	Endo	Teresa Montgomery	Dent Lab
Ron Blank	ODRP	Natalie Nairn	Radiology
Linda Campagni	Prots	Quint Nicola	Admin
Linda Carlisle	Dent Supply	Gabe Ramirez	Data Entry
Cornetta Craighton	Ins	Darla Rich	Dent Hygiene
Richard Cross	Ed Spt Sves	Richard Rickords	Steriliz
Ruth Dearen	IDP	Natalie Stevenson	ODRP
Erlinda Dumas	SCD	April Thorson	Restorative
Cindy Fiock	SCD	Maria Turner	SCD
Andrea Forsell	OS	Debbie Tuttle	Fin Admin

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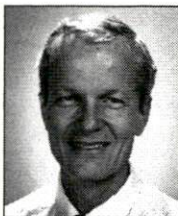
February, 2002 issue:

Monday, January 21, 2002

Earlier submissions and
article ideas are welcome!

Department news

Administration



DR. NICOLA
...assumes new
responsibilities

• Quint Nicola has been appointed associate director of the Health Ministries Department for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Dr. Nicola will assume Dr. James Crawford's role with the Church. In that capacity he will oversee the 76 mission dental clinics operated by the Church around the world.



DR. CRAWFORD

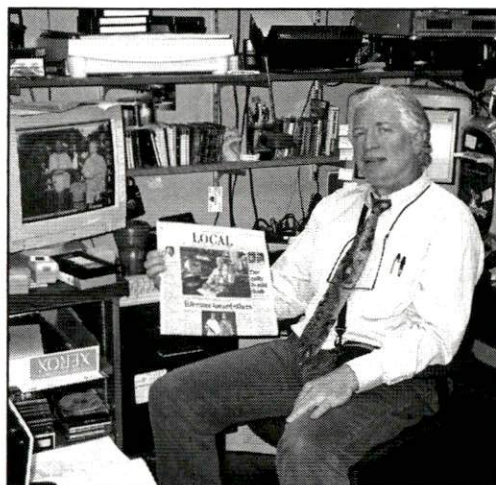
• Effective February 1, 2002, James M. Crawford, SD'60, MPH, associate dean, will cut back to working one day per week in the School doing special projects with Dr. Goodacre.

Educational Support Services

• Richard Cross, dental school photographer, was featured in a November 17, 2001, article in the *Riverside Press-Enterprise*. The article, titled "Showing how to be tolerant toward others," chronicles the trip Mr. Cross took to northern Pakistan with Good Samaritan Ministries a year-and-a-half ago, and describes his friendships with the Pakistani people. It also highlights many positive experiences Mr. Cross had while there and how they continue to affect his outlook on life.

Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics

• Joseph M. Caruso, DDS, MS, MPH, chair and director, advanced education program in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, was interviewed by Annette Wells, a reporter from the *The Sun* newspaper, about the School's NewTom QR-DVT-9000, the first dentomaxillofacial dedicated Cone-Beam CT in the United States.



Richard Cross, dental school photographer, poses in his office with a copy of the *Riverside Press-Enterprise* showing the cover story written about his experiences in northern Pakistan.

School employees and students participate in disaster drill

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emergency assembly points (EAPs) outside Prince Hall.

"The fourth floor of Prince Hall," says Nancy Pulliam, dental disaster preparedness chair, "was safely evacuated and every person accounted for, in just three minutes." In a real emergency, this information would be given to the Red Cross so that family members could be given information about their loved ones.

Students and faculty who were treating patients in the School's clinics participated in the drill, and were given cards with details of the evacuation so they would be familiar with how to respond. The School also has plans for caring for patients who may have treatment in progress at the time of a disaster.

"We have prepared emergency first aid supplies," says Ms. Pulliam, "as well as

equipment including protective goggles and crowbars that can be used to free individuals who may be trapped."

During each drill, staff practice with handheld walkie talkies, and there are also ham radio operators in the School who are prepared to assist in communications—valuable because phone systems may be unusable when a disaster strikes.

The School is fortunate to have on its staff and faculty individuals who have served in the military and who have had training and experience in disaster preparedness. Ms. Pulliam received disaster response training with city employees in the Moreno Valley City Council room from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency).

You may read more information about disaster response (including how to talk to and prepare children for potential disasters) by accessing <www.fema.gov>.

Alumnus from advanced education program in endodontics lectures in Armenia

In November, Dr. Nishan Odabashian, a graduate of the advanced education program in endodontics, lectured to third- and fourth-year dental students at Armenian State Medical University. His topic was "Urgent Care of Traumatic Injuries." This is Dr. Odabashian's second lecture trip to Armenia this year.



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