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Dental hygiene students give to community through oral health education projects

By Julie Gray, senior dental hygiene student

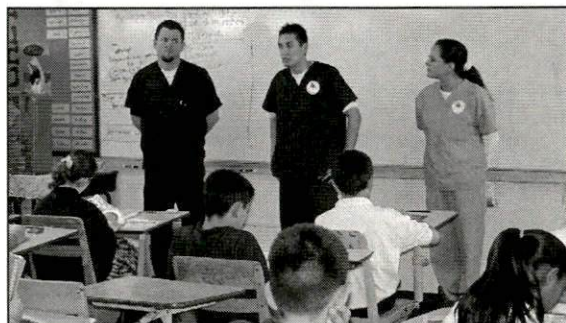
The dental hygiene department has for several years implemented a curriculum that reaches out to the community through assigned dental health education projects. This year is no different for the dental hygiene class of 2003.

The students have been involved with projects including educating school children and others on the proper techniques and importance of daily oral hygiene, and bringing awareness of the harmful effects of smoking and smokeless tobacco to people of different age groups, and other oral health awareness topics.

Through the dental health education class, taught by Rhonda Hammerslaugh RDH, BS, and Karen Simpson RDH, MPH, and the tobacco cessation curriculum led by Marilynn Heyde, MPH, RDH, the senior hygiene students have been involved with helping, educating, and motivating the community to bring about well being through better oral health. The students in turn have received personal satisfaction and spiritual growth, as well as increasing their own knowledge and education.

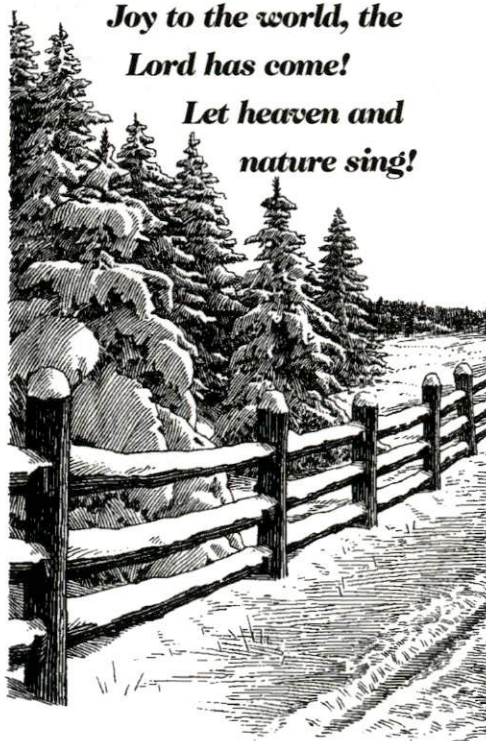


Top photo: Dental hygiene seniors Michelle Banks and Larry Freestone explain the dangers of smokeless tobacco to 6th graders. Bottom photo: (l-r) Dental hygiene seniors Larry Freestone, Adrian Lugo, and Michelle Banks teach oral health care to local 6th graders.



**Joy to the world, the
Lord has come!**

**Let heaven and
nature sing!**



Emergency Disaster Team Bake Sale is a success



The Emergency Disaster Team sponsored a bake sale on November 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. near the Good Samaritan Statues. The baked goods were provided by staff, and by Martha Green's Doughlectibles. The team raised nearly \$800 that will be used for supplies. In the above photo, staff who volunteered to sell the baked goods pause for a group photo.

Plan now to attend the School's 50th Anniversary Commemorative Celebration!

Many months ago, planning began for the School's 50th Anniversary Commemorative Celebration, to be held Sunday, February 9, 2003. The theme for the evening is "Celebrating 50 years of service around the world."

Alan Woodson, SD'87, and Milford Stratton will co-emcee the event, and the evening's entertainment will be provided by the Stratton Half Brothers. Attendees will also enjoy the best of "Disrespectfully Yours," skits performed by dental students in the past.

There will also be a fashion show featuring dental fashion in the School throughout the years.

The Celebration begins with a social hour at 5:00 p.m., which will be followed by the dinner and program at 6:00 p.m.

Space is limited and members of the School family are encouraged to reserve seating as soon as possible. The cost is \$20 per person. To make a reservation, stop by the Alumni Association office, or call (909) 558-4399 (ext. 44399).

Department news

Thank you for your generosity!

A warm thank you to each faculty and staff member who contributed to our Thanksgiving Basket project this year. With your generous donations, the School of Dentistry was able to help 50 families with the \$5,000.00 that was donated.

Welcome

Please give a warm welcome to the following new employees: Christine Stoner, RDA, oral and maxillofacial surgery; Erlinda Barajas, RDA, graduate orthodontics; Julie Guerin, dental assistant, graduate orthodontics; Elena Aguilar, secretary, dental records; Rosemary Stokes, dental assistant, pediatric dentistry, and Lisa Sanchez, RDA, periodontics. Please also welcome back Jenny Dillashaw, records analyst, periodontics, and Belinda (Bunny) Eyre, dental insurance specialist, patient billing office. Bunny was employed by Faculty Dental Offices, and left in 1991.

International Dentist Program students earn Dean's List status

The office of academic affairs extends congratulations to the following students in the International Dentist Program who received Dean's List status for summer quarter.

Alexander Antipov, Farshin Farokhian, Sanjeev Bhatia, Shilpa Gakhar, Tao Gao, Anita George-Job, Bhramar-eswari Mandalapu, Manouchehr Pouresmail, Satish Reddy, Ruben

Santana, Garima Talwar, and Hong Yang.

The eligibility requirements for achieving Dean's List status are: achieve a term grade point average of at least 3.5 earning no grade lower than a B-; receive no incomplete grades for the quarter; and complete at least 12 units of coursework during the quarter.

December birthdays

Joel Aispuro	SCD
Lillian Andrade	Peds
Leif Bakland	Endo
Ron Blank	ODRP
Linda Campagni	Grad Pros
Linda Carlisle	Dent Supply
Cornetta Craighton	Ins
Richard Cross	Ed Spt Svcs
Ruth Dearen	IDP
Luci Denger	Endo
Erlinda Dumas	SCD
Cindy Fiock	SCD
Andrea Forsell	Grad Pros
Nellie Greene	Ins
Laurel Haglund	Grad Perio
Jacqueline Howard	Grad Pros
Cari Mace	Grad Pros
Teresa Montgomery	Dent Lab
Natalie Nairn	Radiology
Quint Nicola	Admin
Gabe Ramirez	Ortho
Darla Rich	Dent Hygiene
Richard Rickords	Steriliz
Yolanda Saldana	Clinic
Natalie Stevenson	ODRP
April Thorson	Rest Dent
Mahmoud Torabinejad	Endo
Marja Turner	SCD
Debbie Tuttle	Fin Admin

• Helpful Hints—'The casting won't seat' •

Editor's note: THE FOLLOWING "HELPFUL HINTS" COLUMN WAS SUBMITTED BY DR. BRUCE WALTER AND LLOYD BAUM.

If your casting won't seat, try the following: use Kerrs White Disclosing Wax instead of Fit Checker or red gold rouge.

1. Adjust contact points to permit passage of the crown.
2. Items needed: a. Alcohol lamp; b. PKT waxing instrument; c. Kerrs Disclosing Wax
3. Deposit a small bead of disclosing wax (sesame seed-poppy seed size) into the center of the occlusal surface. Be sure the casting is dry.
4. Seat the casting on the tooth as far as it will go. Be sure the tooth is wet.
5. Remove and inspect the bead of wax.

Do not waste time inspecting the margins. The wax will quickly provide the evidence if the wax patty has been squashed to thinness, when the casting is seated.

6. Remove the wax by heating the casting over an alcohol flame followed by a blast of air from the syringe.
7. The area found in gingival margin regions will be most likely to check. Paint a 2 mm-wide strip of wax circumferentially inside the crown. Reseat the casting, remove and inspect. Most likely any "high" area will be identified. Relieve the gold with a bur.
8. Reseat the casting again with a wax bead to see if the wax casting is seated better than before.

9. If it is still "high," and marginal areas are okay, paint a strip of molten wax along the occlusal part of the axial walls.
10. Failure to seat the crown could also be caused by contact points from adjacent teeth. To verify contact point interference, place a postage stamp-size of carbon paper in between the adjacent teeth and seat the casting. Heavy marking could be caused by proximal interference. Avoid using "Fit Checker." It covers too much of an area. Disclosing Wax is much more accurate and systematic in locating "high spots." Moreover, Fit Checker is rubbery and catches in the bur when attempting to remove the metal.

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Faculty Development Workshop

January 19-20, 2003

Coleman Pavilion 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

SPEAKERS



Bill Hendricson

World recognized specialist in health education from University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio.



Laura Allipoon Ed.D., R.T.

Researcher of the effects of laughter and healing
LLU School of Allied Health



Eric Johnson DPTSc.

Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy
LLU School of Allied Health

SCHEDULE

• Laughter

Each day will begin with Laura Allipoon and a humorous and invigorating look at laughter and their effects on human relationships and health. We will learn to use laughter to increase our effectiveness with patients and students as well as bring joy to each day.

• Clinical Teaching

On Jan. 19, Bill Hendricson, our main presenter, will provide us not only a wealth of information, theory, and techniques, but inspiration for clinical teaching.

• Innovations

On Jan. 20, Bill's topic will be "innovations in didactic teaching." He will help us analyze the best approaches to class-room teaching for students as well as inspire us with research documenting successes in dental education from around the country.

• Stress Relief

Throughout the day, Eric Johnson will present exercises and strategies to decrease stress, increase vigor and concentration and improve health for those of us who do relatively sedentary, high stress, and detailed work.

• Great Food

A continental breakfast will be provided each morning. At noon a sumptuous meal will be served along with a break for fellowship and discussion.

If you would like to improve your teaching effectiveness, get better student evaluations, improve your health, increase your joy, be promoted, or just pass a couple of days in a pleasurable way be sure to attend this event.

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The deadline for the **January, 2003**, issue is **Tuesday, December 17, 2002**. **Earlier submissions and article ideas are welcome!**

Faculty and staff attend 'Keeping Connected'

The second Keeping Connected meeting, attended by faculty and staff, was held Friday, November 22. The event was held from 1:05 to 2:00 p.m. in room 1102. The informational meeting included a question-and-answer discussion, announcements by dental clinics manager Mary Hartwell, and reports by Dr. James Crawford, Marina Moore, Kathleen Moore, and Marie Worcester.

Dr. Crawford provided an update about plans for the 50th anniversary celebration to be held next year.

Kathleen Moore presented an overview of the upcoming Alumni-Student Convention in February, and Marina Moore reported on the recent Quick Recovery User's Meeting in Mississippi. The presentations were followed by discussion and dialogue on current issues in the School. Ms Worcester spoke about the new student bulletin boards that have been placed near the dental supply department.

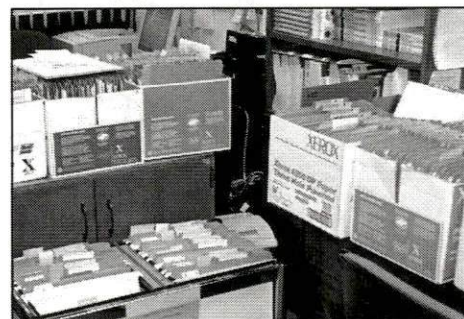
Once a quarter the communications committee sponsors Keeping Connected events. The committee was formed as



Faculty and staff gather for Keeping Connected, an informational meeting designed to promote communication within the School of Dentistry.

part of the School's strategic planning goals to improve communication in the School. Committee members evaluate and implement ways to improve communication among faculty, students, staff, and alumni.

International dentist program office flooded with applications



IDP received 333 applications from around the world for the 2003 school year.

The International Dentist Program office has seen a 33 percent increase in applicants over previous years. This year, 333 applications have been received for the 21-month program. Applications have been received from every continent except Antarctica for the 2003 school year. Members of two classes of eight students each will be chosen from the applicant pool—the first will begin the program in March, 2003, and the second class will start the program in September, 2003.

Many of the applicants have already visited LLU to meet faculty and tour the dental school. Each applicant has a DDS degree and many have master's degrees in dental specialties. Some have earned PhD degrees. On January 12 and 13, applicants have been invited to the School for an interview, and to take the manual dexterity test.

“O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in; Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.”

—Heartland Samplers

New course in intravenous sedation offered by department of oral and maxillofacial surgery

The newest course in the department of oral and maxillofacial surgery is ORSR 819, Intravenous Sedation. Upon completion of this 1.5 unit elective, the student dentist will have the knowledge, experience and confidence to safely and appropriately administer intravenous sedation.

Additional benefits include the emphasis on physical diagnosis and the treatment of emergencies. The course builds on the students' foundational knowledge with over 20 hours of lecture and seminar. In addition, there is close clinical supervision for the procedures.

ORSR 819 has its origin in the OMS Honors Program in Conscious Sedation. The D4 students currently in the OMS Honors Program are Sean Gubler, Liz Park, and Mike Stafford.

“We want to continue Loma Linda's

tradition of intravenous sedation,” says course director Dr. Wayne Tanaka. “I'm pleased that we can now give credit hours for all the hard work these student dentists put in.”

Because of the intensive instruction required, enrollment is limited to three students. D3 students will be invited to apply during winter quarter.

Selection will be based on academic record, clinic productivity and attendance, and a letter of recommendation from the student's primary attending faculty. A concurrent application to the executive committee for honors program approval will also be required. The majority of the didactic instruction will take place during spring quarter. Clinical experience will begin soon thereafter and continue through the D4 year.