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Plan to attend:
Keeping Connected Seminar
WHEN—Friday,
September 10
WHERE—
Prince Hall lobby

A business course will be offered by Anahid Benzatyan, supervisor, patient business office, for those who work directly with patient accounts: auditing, preparing adjustment forms, preparing patient refund requests, and sending patient accounts for collection.

The classes will be held August 13, 20, and 27 at 11:30 a.m. in the Dean's conference room on the 5th floor.
A light lunch will be served.

NewTom 9000 capabilities have been upgraded

Three years ago, on May 10, 2001, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at LLUSD for the NewTom 9000, the first dentomaxillofacial dedicated Cone-Beam CT in the United States.

The School's NewTom volumetric digital radiograph machine was featured in local press and was lauded for its revolutionary ability to capture detailed images (360 slides) of the bony tissue of the skull, jaw, and teeth during a 70-second scan, with 80 percent less radiation than delivered by a traditional CT scan.

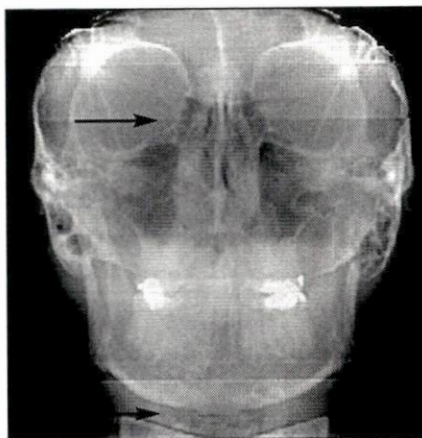
In July, the School installed the first upgrade to the NewTom 9000. LLU was the first university in the U.S., and the first site on the west coast to receive the NewTom 3G upgrade. The new software:

- increases the resolution three times (from 8-bit to 12-bit resolution);
- increases the scannable area from 9-inch volume to 12-inch volume;
- shows soft tissue;
- has one-quarter less radiation than the NewTom 9000 system;
- has a 36-second scan time compared to a 70-second time required by the NewTom 9000;
- is more user-friendly.

Until now, scans captured an area from a patient's chin to midway up the sinuses. "The increased scannable area," says Damon Needelman, IT project manager for the department of orthodontics, "has made

Raed Moussa • September 26, 1963–May 22, 2004

Raed Moussa, DDS, MS'95, assistant professor, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, passed away May 22, 2004, due to complications from a liver transplant. Dr. Moussa was born September 26, 1963, in Homs, Syria. He attended Damascus University in Syria and received his DDS degree in 1986, and then earned a diploma in orthodontics in 1988. In 1993, Dr. Moussa began his graduate residency at Loma Linda, which he completed in 1995. Shortly thereafter he began a private practice in La Mirada and in 1997, he joined the faculty of the School of Dentistry while continuing in private practice. During his years of dedicated service Dr. Moussa was known for his



Above: Scannable area captured by the NewTom 9000 is indicated by the horizontal space between the arrows. The NewTom 3G produces the full image. Left: The NewTom 3G can now capture images of soft tissue.

it possible for the scan to show the area of concentration the doctor wishes to study, from the bottom of a patient's chin to mid-forehead."

Viewing the scan from any angle, the NewTom 3G is able to show soft tissue. "This will give the doctors even more information, empowering them to make easier diagnoses," reports Damon.

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Raed Moussa, DDS, MS'95, assistant professor, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, passed away May 22, 2004. Dr. Moussa joined the faculty in 1997.

gentleness and good humor as he guided residents toward clinical excellence. Dr. Moussa is survived by his wife, Erin Yeranvi Tutundzhyan, SD'94.

Department news

Welcome

Please give a warm welcome to new employees **Antonio Vara**, dental insurance specialist, implant dentistry, and **Cassandra Vest**, dental assistant, graduate periodontics and implant dentistry

Congratulations

Clinic Administration would like to congratulate **Marisa Moreno**, coordinator II, Surgery Center for Dentistry, who passed her oral and maxillofacial surgery assistant exam. Accolades also, to **Rosemary Stokes**, dental assistant, pediatric dentistry, who passed her RDA exam.

New arrivals

We are so happy for all of our families and their new arrivals. All the best to new moms and babies—

- **Melissa Gerardo**, graduate prosthodontics, delivered Hanna Rose, 6 lbs, 10 oz, 19" on July 2.

- **Jenny Dillashaw**, clinic administration, delivered Connor Matthew, 8 lbs, 2 oz, 19" on July 7.
- **Jeni Osborne**, clinic administration, delivered Dylan Lee, 8 lbs, 11 oz, 20 1/2" July 8

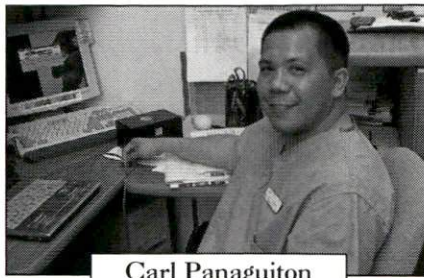
- **Lisette Desia**, biomaterials research, delivered Gianni Leandro, 7 lbs, 4 oz, 20 1/2" July 10
- **Hilda Trinidad**, sterilization, welcomed grandson Lucas on July 16, 2004. He was 8 lbs 3 oz.



August Birthdays

• Tammi Aceras	FDO
• Maria Anderson	Implant
• Frank Chang	Grad endo
• Lisette Desia	Biomaterials
• Danielle Garland	Orthodontics
• Lorena Gomez	CSD
• Patricia Martinez	Grad Ortho
• Katherine Merriam	Dent Maint
• Brian Morana	Data Entry
• Jackie Myers	ODRP
• Brandie Noyola	CSD
• Susan Parker	Implant
• Rae Peterson	SCD
• Susan Richards	ODRP
• Susan Roche	ODRP
• Merrill Schmidt	Grad endo
• Bhupinder Singh	Volunteer
• Jodi Staff	Pt Relat
• Marci Stirl	FDO
• Ruth Summers	CSD
• Richard Tinker	Ed Suppt Svcs
• Gerardo Toledo	Grad Endo
• Greg Wallace	Dent Lab Serv
• Alanna Wilkinson	Clinic

Featured employee of the month: Carl Panaguiton



Carl Panaguiton

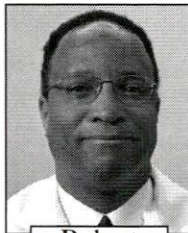
Carl Panaguiton, featured employee of the month for August, began working for the School of Dentistry in November, 1994. He worked part-time in graduate endodontics as a sterilization technician until June, 1998, when he also began working part-time in clinic supply.

In September, 2003, he transferred to the International Dentist Program (IDP) clinic, where he serves as assistant supervisor.

As assistant supervisor Carl ensures that the clinic is running in an orderly fashion and oversees IDP clinic supply. He also makes sure the various dental chairs in the clinic are functioning properly, scheduling appointments with dental maintenance technicians as needed.

Carl's long-term goals are to go into the computer field, or to become a loan officer and enter the real estate business. When not at work Carl enjoys snowboarding in places like Mammoth, Tahoe, and as far away as Austria. He also spends time doing outdoor activities including hiking and fishing.

Dr. Robert Holt joins department of periodontics



Robert Holt

Robert Holt, Jr., DDS, MS, associate professor, has joined the department of periodontics. He will be teaching in the advanced education program in periodontics and implant surgery, and will teach periodontics to the predoctoral students.

Dr. Holt earned his DDS degree from Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee, and his MS degree in prosthodontics from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He earned a certificate in periodontics (with emphasis in implant research) from UCLA and intravenous sedation from USC School of Dentistry.

Dr. Holt served as general practice residency clinic supervisor for King Drew Medical Center (from 1999 to 2003), assisting in coordinating the training of 14 combined general practice and oral surgery residents yearly, and was director of dental continuing education for Eisenhower Hospital in Palm Springs (1999 to 2001).

"While working at King Drew," he says, "I enjoyed working on a teledentistry project with the department of oral and maxillofacial surgery. The goal of teledentistry was to make it possible to complete dental exams in remote sites using digital panorex technology. Many of the patients had never visited a dentist."

In his spare time Dr. Holt enjoys traveling within the United States, working on the computer, and home remodeling.

New Tom 9000 capabilities have been upgraded

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The new technology will enhance treatments from root canals to complex oral surgeries, implant, and periodontal studies.

To prepare for increased storage demands, the School of Dentistry has purchased new servers and increased the network to gigabit capacity.

The departments of implant dentistry, periodontics, and oral surgery purchased their own software licenses.

According to Damon, there is backwards compatibility for scans taken prior to the upgrade with minimal effort.

Sylvia Davis celebrates retirement

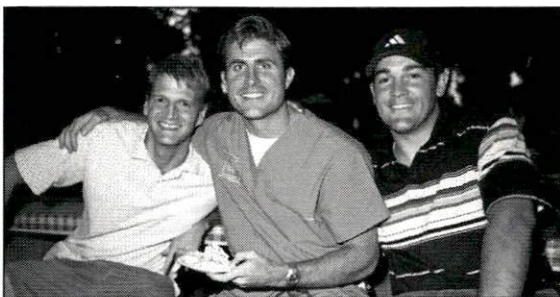


Faculty, staff, family, and friends of Sylvia Davis, MA, recently gathered in Wong Kerlee International Conference Center, to say farewell and to wish her well upon her retirement. She served as director of admissions from 1987-2004. Among the guests were students who became acquainted with her as they applied to LLUSD. Heartfelt tributes from alumni and coworkers highlighted the positive impact she has made on their lives. In the above photo Joni Stephens, EdS, MS, DH'69, presents Sylvia with a gift during her retirement party.

Welcome, new residents: graduate program in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics

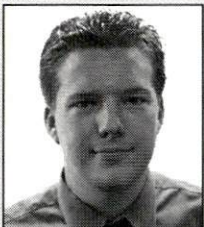


The graduate program in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics welcomed new residents on June 28, 2004. The class will graduate in 2006. Pictured are (l-r): Gabriel Enriquez, SD'04, Byron Diehl, SD'02, Matt Elison, SD'03, Jon Ryan Miler, SD'04, Kit Rungcharassaeng, DDS, MS'98, and Dana Nguyen, UCSF'04



The orthodontics department held their annual welcome picnic Wednesday, June 30. The picnic was hosted by faculty, second- and third-year residents, and staff.

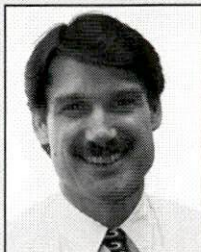
Please give a warm welcome to...



• **Ryan Becker** graduated from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, in 2004. Ryan, educational computer technician, is helping with video production and photography. In the near future, Ryan is planning to

apply for a master's degree program in visual arts, with the goal of becoming a university professor. In his spare time, Ryan enjoys snowboarding and working with computers.

• **Darrell Cyphers, SPH'97** is serving as database administrator, assisting with Access, Visual Basic and SQL databases to enhance School of Dentistry efficiency.



Darrell grew up in Riverside and attended La Sierra Academy. He graduated from Pacific Union College in 1984, from Andrews University in 1987. He returns to the School after having worked nearly five years at a local environmental consulting firm, and is enjoying his work in the School.

Dean's list for spring quarter released by office of academic affairs

The office of academic affairs extends congratulations to students who achieved dean's list status for spring 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; and complete at least 12 units of coursework during the quarter. The academic review committee reviewed the performance of students for spring quarter and voted to include the following students on the dean's list:

Class of 2007: Chad Abby, Christine Aufderhar, Leslie Butler, Matthew Carlson, Jeffrey Carter, Brian Chan, Eunduk Choi, Curtis Chu, Diana Clinciu, Aram Deragobian, Krystle Fenton, Tiffany Graham, Angela Hong, Christian Hoyjberg, Kwang Dong Andrew John, Thomas Kim, Bethany Kronberg, Tiffany Lamberton, David Lee, Melissa Lee, Timothy Lewis, Wini Luong, Christopher Morris, Travis Nelson, Jamie Pragasam, Reo Pugao, Matthew Sanders, Robert Shearer, Montry Suprono, Elizabeth van den Hoven

Class of 2006: Erik Anderson, John Bethers, Linh Chu, Adrian Clinciu, Jody Culp, Kourosh Dashty, Scott Dexter, Cameron Fuller, Chad Gustafson, Matthew Gustafsson, Jack Hamilton, Justin Holder, Elena Jacob, Brandon Kearbey, Malinda Kearbey, John Krishinger, Tomas Kutansky, Alvina Lim, Stephanie Mashni, Calvin McLemore, Matthew Murray, Dat Nguyen, Laura Pierce, Tyler Pritchard, Elizabeth Ramsey, Erik Sahl, Kevin Salgado, Hye Ryeon Shin, Soo-Young Song, Nancy Tang, Pamela Vigna, Stephanie Villanueva, Deanna Whang, Wade Williams, Eunha You

Dental hygiene class of 2005: Tracy Adams, Jacqueline Becerra, Arlen Blandino, Cressie Bridges, Claudine Caballero, Gina Cuccia, Ruth Dearen, Amy Ferrence, Bekki Griffin, Kelly Harklerode, Dana Hawkins, Brandy Holder, Jenae Kerbs, Lindsay Landis, Kelli Lyon, Patrice Lyon, Frances Madore, Stacey Malcomson, Daniela Mihai, Hyun Joo Angie Park, Jung Im Romero, Rebecca Sanchez, Lindsay Saunders, Lynette Tillman, Emily Vixie, Melissa Vogt, Lorrie Wilson

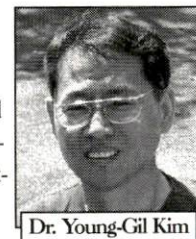
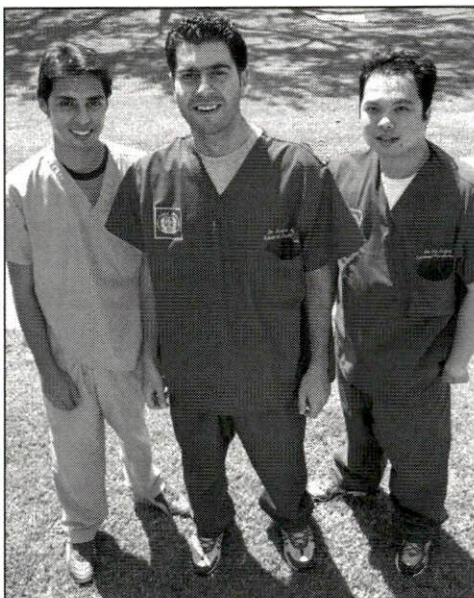
IDP class of May 2005: Tarana Chhatriwala, Emmanuel Klein

IDP class of December 2004: Ghias Jabbour, Husam Kahwach

IDP class of December 2005: Andrew Amaya, Jihad Ayass, Jae Kwon Bok, Omar de Oliveira, Elena Sangachhe, Rosemarie Sheline

* CORRECTION Timothy Oh, class of 2007, achieved dean's list status for winter quarter, 2004.

Advanced education in prosthodontics program welcomes new residents



Dr. Young-Gil Kim

The advanced education in prosthodontics department welcomes three first-year residents. They are (from left): Drs. Eugenio Brenes, Bashar Ayyoub, and Vu Huynh. They entered the program summer quarter, 2004, and will graduate in 2006. Dr. Eugenio Brenes is a resident of Costa Rica, Dr. Vu Huynh's home is in Fullerton, California, and Dr. Bashar Ayyoub is from Jordan.

The department is hosting an extern, Dr. Young-Gil Kiman, summer quarter. Dr. Kim is from Korea and plans to apply to the International Dentist Program.

Student conduct committee actions Loma Linda University School of Dentistry July, 2003 through June, 2004

According to School policy, the student conduct procedures utilize the counseling interview as the first line of due process.

If a resolution or discipline can be achieved at this level with agreement of all three parties (student, student conduct committee chairperson and associate dean for

student affairs) this decision is the final recommendation to the dean. If not, the matter is referred to the full student conduct committee (four students and four faculty members). All final decisions are made by the dean.

In general, for a first-time verified offense of cheating, suspension is considered the minimum

disciplinary action possible. First offenses usually incur one-week suspension decisions and second occurrences, or offenses after warnings, usually incur one-year suspension or dismissal. In general, warning and reprimand are given where there is some ambiguity about the offense but behavior was not appropriate.

Accusation:

- Not working independently on a take-home quiz.

Action:

- Letter of reprimand in permanent School file but not reported to the awards or academic review committees.
- Further incidents of similar nature will mean they would be considered as a second offense and disciplinary action would be more serious.

Accusation:

- Failure to follow clinic policy.
- Not following previous warning from PBO to bring the patient to the PBO.

Action:

- Student had graduated by the time the process was completed so a letter was placed in the student's file about the concerns and suspicions. The student denied receiving prior notice.

Accusation:

- No official accusation was made but concerns about ethical standards were noted.

Actions:

- Since no accusations were officially made, only a general reminder about attention to ethical issues was made.

Accusation:

- Suspicions of misrepresentation about working independently on a take-home quiz.

Action:

- Found that his actions were unintentional.
- Letter of warning kept in separate file and not part of student file unless there are further issues of inappropriate or dishonest behaviors.

Accusations:

- Looking on neighbor's paper on multiple occasions.

Action:

- Five-day suspension.
- Permanent record will show a disciplinary action and can be reported along with other information for dean's letter.

- Citizenship probation until graduation.

Accusation:

- Failure to follow clinic policy regarding use of nitrous oxide/oxygen.

Action:

- One-week suspension from all clinic activities
- Warning that further actions of questionable clinical judgment could seriously jeopardize standing in school.
- The student was affirmed for his open, honest manner in responding.

Accusation:

- Seen looking on neighbors paper in final practical examination.

Action:

- No direct evidence of seeking or using information.
- Warning and reprimand.

Accusation:

- Seen doing questionable behavior during pediatric dentistry practical exam.

Action:

- Warning and reprimand.

Accusation:

- Failure to follow clinic policy.

Action:

- Warning and reprimand.

Accusation:

- Failure to follow clinic policy.

Action:

- Letter of warning about the two issues.
- The need to see improvement in the area of interpersonal interactions on the clinic.
- Letter will remain in academic file until graduation at which time it can be removed if there have been no further incidents of questionable behavior.

Accusation:

- Cheating rumors from classmates.

Action:

- Warning.
- Future verified incidents will be treated as second offense and disciplinary action would be more serious.

Accusation:

- Possible involvement in others looking on his paper.

Action:

- Warning.

Accusation:

- Seen looking at neighbor's paper on examination.

Action:

- Warning.
- Future verified incidents will be treated as second offense and disciplinary action would be more serious.
- Concern that his honesty is questioned.
- Required counseling (10 sessions) with partial release to school.

Accusation:

- Failure to follow clinic policy.

Action:

- Warning.

Accusation:

- Failure to follow clinic policy.

Action:

- One-week suspension from all clinic activities.
- Warning that further actions of questionable clinical judgment could seriously jeopardize standing in school.



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