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A welcome from the dean



DR. GOODACRE

It is a special pleasure to welcome each of you to the School of Dentistry. LLUUSD has a proud tradition of excellence. As we continue to strengthen our programs you represent the future educators and practitioners who will further elevate the outstanding reputation of this School.

As you become engaged in the educational experiences available in the School, you will be greatly enriched. You will develop values as well as mental and motor skills that will sustain you throughout your professional career. Your education will not be static since we continually incorporate new learning experiences to further enhance your education. I encourage you to convey your thoughts to us regarding methods that would provide additional enhancement.

Dentistry is a vital, invigorating profession that will provide you with great personal and professional satisfaction.

I wish you the very best.

CHARLES J. GOODACRE, SD71, MSD, DEAN

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James D. Kettering named associate dean

James D. Kettering, PhD, has been named associate dean, advanced education, School of Dentistry. He takes over the position held by Leif K. Bakland, SD'63, for the past 11 years.

Dr. Kettering is familiar to many in the School, having served on the basic science faculty since 1980. Over the years Dr. Kettering has taught and mentored countless dental students as they learn research techniques and conduct research projects.

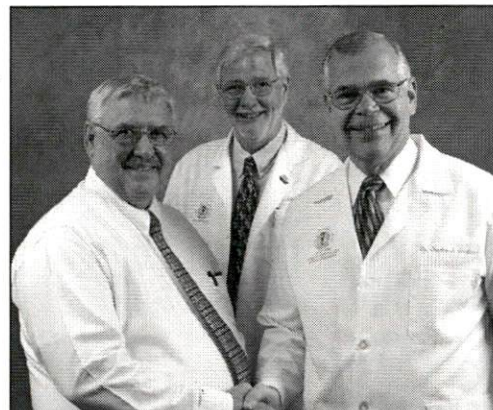
Dr. Kettering has been associate chair and program coordinator in the School of Medicine and professor of microbiology and molecular genetics, Graduate School, with secondary appointments on the faculty of the Schools of Dentistry and Allied Health Professions.

In 2001 LLU's microbiology graduate program, under Dr. Kettering's direction, was ranked among the top five in the nation by the National Association of Graduate/Professional Students. The other programs were Harvard University, Louisiana State University Medical Center, Michigan State University, and Stanford University.

When asked about the honor Dr. Kettering stated, "Over the years, we've worked hard to develop our program in such a way that our students were both prepared and satisfied."

During the School's 50th Anniversary Commemorative Celebration, Dr. Kettering was one of 30 charter members named to the Society of Scholars. The Society was formed to recognize faculty members with outstanding activity in the area of publications. Of the charter members, Dr. Kettering was one of four who published more than 200 articles.

Dr. Kettering graduated from Andrews University in 1964 with a BA degree in biology. He earned a MS degree in microbiology from LLU in 1968, and a PhD degree from LLU in 1974. After receiving his PhD,



James D. Kettering, PhD, (left) the School's new associate dean for advanced education, is congratulated by Charles J. Goodacre, SD'71, MSD, dean (right), and Leif K. Bakland, SD'63, professor and chair, endodontics.

Dr. Kettering completed postdoctoral work in diagnostic virology, California State Department of Health, under a training grant from California Department of Health, Berkeley (1975 to 1977). In 1985, he was awarded a Basic Science Fellowship Award from the W.E. Macpherson Society, and took a sabbatical leave (University of Southern California).

His areas of research interests include oral microbiology (etiologic organisms and antimicrobial agents); dental immunology in endodontics; medical virology (diagnostic procedures); virology (herpesvirus group); tumor immunology and relative test procedures. He will be conducting research with Shahrokh Shabahang, DDS, PhD, associate professor, endodontics, in the latter faculty member's new laboratory.

Dr. Kettering states: "I am happy to be joining the School of Dentistry full time. I am looking forward to working closely with the advanced education programs and many of the talented people that I have gotten to know over the past 30 years."

Dr. Kettering is married to Betty Jane Kettering. They have three children: Brian, Pamela, and David.

Department news

Welcome

Greetings to new employees Nancy Brambila, dental assistant, endodontics; Claudia Doyle, RDA, orthodontics; Carlo Carino, lab assistant, Center for Dental Research; Navneet Arora, student worker, Center for Dental Research; Michelle Schoeble, RDA, orthodontics.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Jung Sook (Grace) Kim

Mrs. Grace Jung Sook Kim, wife of Jay Kim, PhD, professor, passed away following a long illness. The funeral service was held Friday, August 27, at the Korean Seventh-day Adventist Church in Grand Terrace.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be sent to the Pancreatic Society at: Pancancer, 2221 Rosecrants Avenue, Suite 131, El Segundo, CA 90245.

Mrs. Eloise Weber

Eloise Weber, wife of Ron Weber, SD'63, passed away on September 18, 2004.

September Birthdays

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| Navneet Arora | Ctr Dent Rsch |
| Cheryl Bellerose | Grad Endo |
| Timoteo Cocjin | Housekeeping |
| Melvin Coleman | Grad Endo |
| Veronique Daniels | Grad Ortho |
| Amber Dixon | Clin Admin |
| Mindy Harvey | CSD |
| Max Hernandez | Dent Lab Svcs |
| Ruben Hernandez | Comp Svcs |
| Robert Johnson | Dent Maint |
| Norma Lesko | FDO |
| Jason Li | Ctr Dent Rsch |
| Stefani Linares | Grad Pros |
| Steve Morrow | Grad Endo |
| Brandon Nash | Grad Endo |
| Shirley Reyes | Surg Ctr |
| Sam Sadanala | Ed Supt Svcs |
| Daniel Valdez | Surg Ctr |
| Cecilia Vargas | Grad Perio |

Shelley Console named Featured Employee of the Month

Shelley Console, department assistant, clinic administration, is featured employee of the month for September.

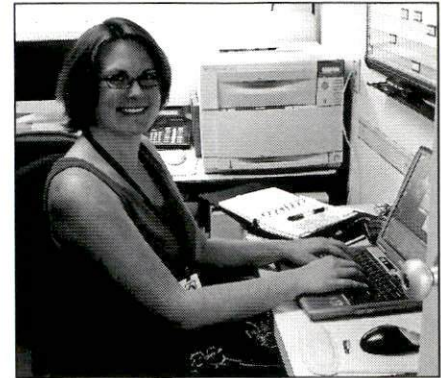
Shelley enjoys the many assignments that comprise her job, including assisting with new employee orientation, giving tours, making sure identification badges are activated and that employees understand the School's time clock system. She also assists with updating job descriptions.

In addition, Shelley helps with special events as a member of planning committees; posting notices in the School; and helping during Clinic with a Heart, Keeping Connected, and the annual Christmas Breakfast.

Shelley is a friendly people person which is an important attribute for those who work in clinic administration and interact with staff and faculty in every department in the School.

"This is the most fulfilling job I've had," she says. "The atmosphere is encouraging and motivating, with opportunities for professional growth."

Shelley's goal is to become a high school counselor. She is now working on completing a bachelor's degree in human services from University of Phoenix and



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plans to apply to the master's degree program in educational counseling offered by University of Redlands.

Shelley and her husband, Mick, are parents to 5-year-old Brook and 7-year-old Dominick. The family enjoys going off-roading in their Toyota 4-Runner, camping with their trailer at Lake Havasu City, and riding all-terrain vehicles. Mick is a mechanic with Green Thumb Produce, a company that provides produce to Trader Joe's markets.

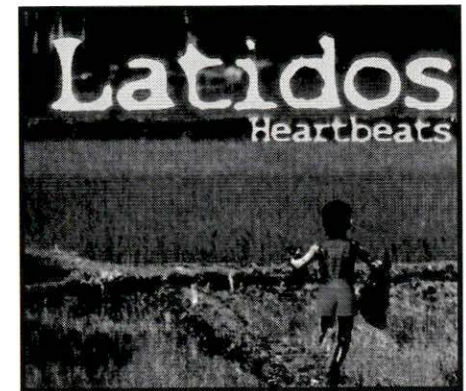
Proceeds from Latidos Heartbeats CD to benefit children in Bangladesh and Honduras

Two years ago Gerardo Toledo, DDS, first-year resident in endodontics, and his friend Dr. Seth Gaona, wanted to help children in Bangladesh where Dr. Toledo worked for over four years. A second project they hoped to assist was an orphanage in Honduras directed by friends of Dr. Gaona.

In order to raise funds, they recorded a CD featuring Andinean Christian folk music in Spanish. All of the proceeds would be given to two non-profit organizations: REACH International and Bangladesh Christian School Scholarships.

Six people joined them to record Latidos—Heartbeats, including Yanina Chambi, SD'04.

"Latidos has already sent \$1,900 to each organization," says Dr. Toledo, "and the group continues to perform at various



churches to help raise money.

If you would like to order a CD, please email <gerardotoledo@hotmail.com>. The cost is \$10. More information about the CD and projects is available at <www.latidos4kids.org>.

Willie Tabaranza spends six months learning in International Dentist Program

Missionary Willie Tabaranza, DMD, is nearing the end of a six-month stay in the School. He was selected as one of two six-month students studying with faculty in the International Dentist Program.

Dr. Tabaranza comes from a family immersed in health care. One of his three brothers is a surgeon at Gimbie Hospital in Ethiopia, another is an optometrist, and the third is a nurse. Two of his sisters are nurses, and a third is a missionary in Nairobi.

Dr. Tabaranza began his career as a high school teacher for 14 years, first in East Visayan Academy in Cebu, and then for six years in the Adventist English School in Thailand where he taught biology and science.

He then completed the dental program at Southwestern University in Cebu, Philippines, in 1999, then practiced general dentistry and completed one year of training in orthodontics.

After working as the school dentist at Mountain View College, he accepted an assignment from Zimbabwe Union Conference and Relief Agency (ADRA) to set up Gweru Adventist Dental Clinic. He held this position from 1997 to 2001.

Currently, Dr. Tabaranza works in the

University of Eastern Africa (UEA), Baraton, dental clinic. "University of Eastern Africa," he says, "has students from 16 African countries. Our patients are people from the community, and UEA students, faculty, and staff."

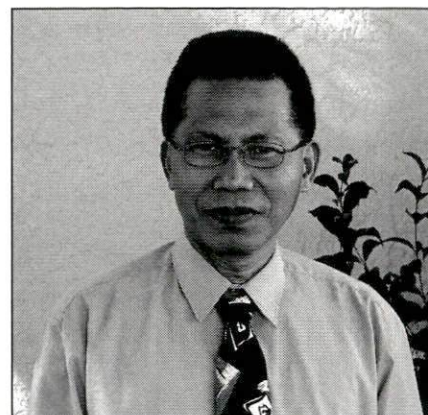
The clinic sees as many as eight patients a day, and currently is staffed with one assistant and a relief dentist who is working at the clinic while Dr. Tabaranza is in the United States.

While at Loma Linda, Dr. Tabaranza has updated his skills and learned new techniques. He also spent time observing orthodontics in two local private dental clinics.

"One of the most interesting things I did," he remembers, "was attending AIDS seminars at the SAC-Norton Clinic. I learned about oral manifestations of HIV from Dr. Rodney Turner's* lecture that will be helpful, as our clinic is in a country where 60 percent of the population has been diagnosed with AIDS. Dr. Turner stressed the importance of treating each patient with the same compassion."

Faculty including Drs. Quint Nicola and Lloyd Baum have collected dental supplies that Dr. Tabaranza will take to Africa with him.

"Dr. Nicola provided two dental chairs



Willie Tabaranza, DMD, a missionary in Africa, is completing six months of study in the International Dentist Program.

for a satellite clinic we hope to open in early 2005," says Dr. Tabaranza. "The clinic is in Eldoret, a small city that is a one-hour drive from the university."

Eldoret currently has a population of 300,000, with ten dentists serving the population.

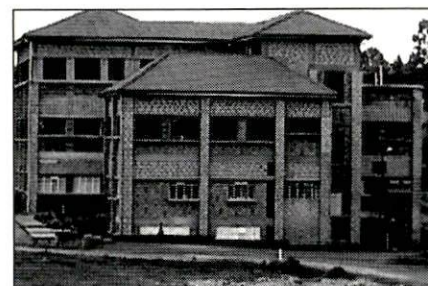
Dr. Tabaranza completes his studies on September 10 and then will return to Africa. He looks forward to seeing his wife, Rebecca Acot, MA, who teaches music (vocal and piano performance, and music theory) at University of Eastern Africa, Baraton.

Plan now to attend the annual Fall Family Retreat at Pine Springs Ranch

WHEN: October 15 to 17, 2004
Registration begins September 21

The guest speaker:

Ken Rogers is campus chaplain for Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee. Prior to serving as chaplain, he worked in campus ministries and teaching capacities at two academies in North Carolina, and a youth pastorate in Napa, California. Ken's interest in student missions and collegiate spiritual growth has afforded him the opportunity to travel and speak to many groups both in the states and around the world. His spiritual insights, life experiences and sense of humor endear him to those he ministers to. Ken is currently pursuing a doctoral degree program in leadership and is blessed to be a father to two sons and is a soon-to-be proud grandfather (the baby is due in med-September).



Pictured is the University of Eastern Africa (UEA), Baraton, building that houses the dental clinic. UEA medical and dental clinics are located on the first floor.

*Rodney L. Turner, SD'84, assistant professor, dental educational services.

Engage in a random act of kindness today, without telling anyone; just for the sheer fun and enjoyment of it.

—Stress Busters

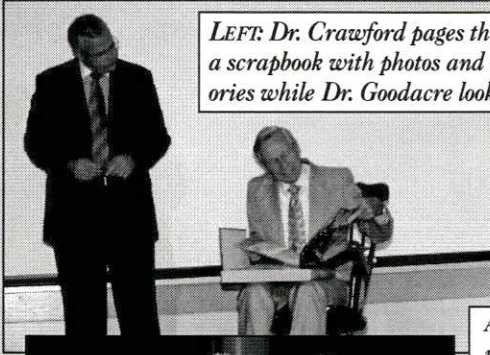
Career celebration held for James M. Crawford, associate dean



On Sunday, August 22, colleagues, family, and friends of James M. Crawford, SD'60, MPH, associate dean, gathered in Chan Shun Pavilion for Dr. Crawford's Career Celebration and retirement dinner. LEFT: Kathleen Moore, MHIS, assistant dean for educational support services, poses with Dr. Crawford.



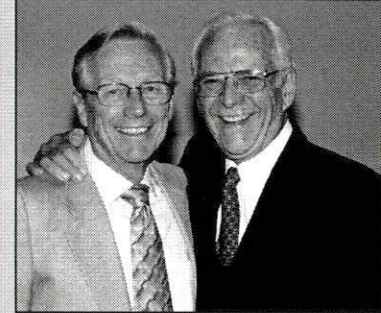
Classmates from SD'60 celebrate with Dr. Crawford (seated).*



LEFT: Dr. Crawford pages through a scrapbook with photos and memories while Dr. Goodacre looks on.

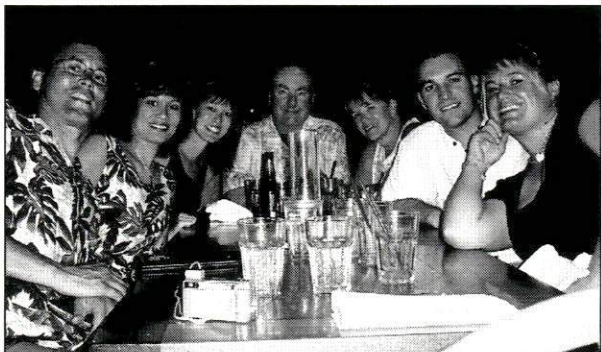


ABOVE CENTER: Dr. Crawford unwraps a gift: a digital camera. MIDDLE RIGHT: Thor Bakland, SD'62, posing with Dr. Crawford, traveled from Walla Walla to attend the dinner. BOTTOM LEFT: Judson Klooster, DDS, MS, dean emeritus, congratulates Dr. Crawford upon his retirement. Bottom right: Dr. Crawford and his wife, Fran, enjoy a lighthearted moment during the program.



*PICTURED, FROM LEFT: Dee Wayne Jones, Jack Booker, Art Morgan, Ruth Eli (wife of class of 1960 classmate Carl Eli), Steve Morrow, Dale Pyke, Earlene Chase (wife of classmate Alden Chase), Don Bowen, Tom Thompson, Vernon Eddleman. Dr. Crawford is pictured seated, front row.

Faculty, alumni, staff visit in Hawaii



Several faculty, staff, and alumni recently visited in Hawaii. Pictured (l-r) are Michael Lee, SD'83, MS'94; Shirley Lee, DH'82; Jennifer Lee, data entry, dental hygiene department; Andy Blount, SD'77 and his wife, Marcia, dental insurance department; Christopher Blount, SD'02; and his wife, Nicolette Blount.

Charles J. Goodacre, SD'71, MSD, dean cordially invites School of Dentistry faculty and students to have lunch with colleagues and friends of LLU School of Dentistry Sunday, October 3, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Peabody Orlando Hotel 9801 International Drive, Orlando, Florida (Just across the street from the Convention Center) This event will be held in conjunction with the ADA Annual Session

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