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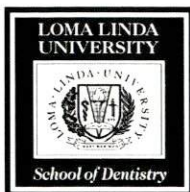


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First Kenneth Wical Advanced Prosthodontics Excellence Award presented to Charles Goodacre

After graduating from USC with his DDS degree in 1956, Dr. Ken Wical spent two years in the U.S. Public Health Service fulfilling his military draft obligation. He worked with Native Americans in northern Utah and Nevada. Flying between the clinics was the fulfillment of a boyhood dream—to be a missionary pilot.

In 1958 Dr. Lloyd Baum contacted Dr. Wical, and he joined the School faculty, working for three years as a restorative dentistry instructor. He left LLU in 1961 to serve Native Alaskans in Barrow, Alaska, one of two doctors assigned to cover emergencies. He traveled by dog team and piloted a plane to remote villages to treat patients.

In 1962, Dr. Wical was invited to set up a dental assisting and a dental lab curriculum at Southwestern Adventist College in Texas. In 1964 he was asked to substitute for a college science teacher. That substitution turned into one-and-a-half years teaching college and high school general science, biology, and chemistry.

Dr. Wical believes these experiences were providential, preparing him for a fulfilling time in his career. LLU had received a federal grant to open Monument Valley Medical Center in Utah to serve the Navajos and he was the only available dentist at LLU who met the grant criteria.

From 1966–1970, Dr. Wical oversaw the construction and running of the clinic, and supervising LLUSD sen-



Dr. Charles Goodacre (left), is congratulated by Dr. Ken Wical upon receiving the first Kenneth Wical Award. The Award was created by Dr. Tony Daher, director, advanced prosthodontic program (center). Every year the Award will be presented to a "moral exemplar" prosthodontist during graduation time.

iors who spent six weeks at the clinic.

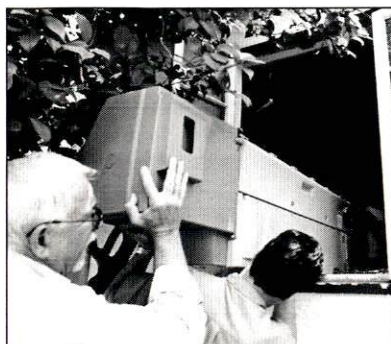
Then one year of private practice in Moab, Utah, was followed by another call from LLUSD—to teach removable prosthodontics. Before teaching the subject, in 1971 Dr. Wical requested specialty training and attended the University of Washington, where he earned an MS degree in prosthodontics.

Since 1973, he has served in many capacities—as clinic director, chair, and didactic instructor. In the early '70s, the removable prosthodontic department was the second largest department and was later incorporated into the restorative department.

Dr. Wical is a member of the Academy of Prosthodontics. His aim has remained consistent: to treat patients, students and colleagues with respect and as children of God. He says: "I do not consider any of what I have done to be noble or sacrificial. I never thought that I was making a sacrifice at the time; I was doing what I enjoyed." His unfailing kindness to students and patients in lab and on clinic is a continual motivation to learn and an inspiration to treat colleagues and patients with the utmost respect and understanding. His gentle authority, humility, and exceptional ability to teach gave the devotion and respect of students and faculty alike.

The first Kenneth Wical Advanced Prosthodontics Excellence Award presented to Dr. Charles Goodacre, dean, during the recent Prosthodontic Banquet, held in San Bernardino at the Castaway Restaurant.

Creativity aids moving day in educational support services



LEFT: Chuck Yetter helps move the HP Designjet 500 printer through an educational support services window into the newly remodeled work room. RIGHT: How many dental maintenance and ESS staff members did it take to move the heavy printer? Seven.

Please mark your calendars for the final Keeping Connected staff meetings for 2006.

These seminars are created for School of Dentistry staff and are held once each quarter on a Friday beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the main lobby. The final two meetings are: Friday, September 8 and Friday, December 1

Department news

New employees; transfers

We welcome **Imelda Smith**, patient care coordinator, clinical services division; **Tiny Loftis**, administrative secretary, graduate orthodontics; **Joanne Mottram**, RN, Surgery Center for Dentistry; **Angela Alvarez**, sterilization technician, central sterilization.

Welcome back—Jodi Staff. Jodi is returning to the School to work with Dr. Paul Richardson as a senior administrative assistant.

International dentist program

IDP department held a going away party for **Marcie O'Reilly** on Thursday August 3. Marcie has transferred to LLUMC where she is working in the department of cardiology.



International Dentist Program welcomes **Marisa Dalida** to the office staff. Marisa is the department's new part-time secretary.

See your news here. *Don't be afraid to toot your own horn!* Call ext. 44984, or email nyuen@llu.edu with your news.

August Birthdays

Tammi Aceres	Fac Dent Ofc/Perio
Lisette Desia	Dent Anesth
Danielle Garland	Ortho
Patricia Martinez	Ortho
Vanessa Martinez	Ortho
Katherine Ugarte	Dent Maint
Brenda Montesinos	Peds
Brian Morana	Data Entry
Joy Pastor	Student Affairs
Rae Peterson	SCD
Paul Richardson	Clin Admin
Kevin Scott	IDP
Nicole Sepulveda	CSD
Jodi Staff	Clin Admin
Marci Stirl	FDO
Ruth Summers	CSD
Rosa Olvera (Karina)	CDR
Alanna Wilkinson	Clinic
Patricia Winkler	Comp Svcs
James Yi	Dent Lab Svc

Restorative Dentistry



Carlos Chavez, DDS, MS, assistant professor, has received certification from the American Board of Operative Dentistry.

UPDATE—ADVANCED EDUCATION PROGRAM IN PROSTHODONTICS



ROBIN MOSSIAH has been promoted to clinic supervisor, advanced education program in prosthodontics. She has been an LLU employee for more than six years and has worked in the dental field for 19 years.

She is married to Kevin Mossiah. They have one son, Jaylen Jones. Her hobbies include spending time with her family, cooking, reading, and traveling.

Robin is a recent graduate of the medical coding program, Loma Linda School of Allied Health Professions (January, 2006).

Sterilization

Brianna Halliday, a part-time employee in the sterilization department, became engaged in July. In addition to working in the School of Dentistry, Brianna is a full-time nursing student.

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❖ *For an instant mood*
❖ *lifter, consciously adopt*
❖ *the physical posture of*
❖ *the way you would like*
❖ *to be feeling: stand up*
❖ *straight, look up, keep*
❖ *your shoulders back,*
❖ *breathe deeply, and*
❖ *move with energy.”*
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—Stress Busters

Featured employee of the month: Gina Vargas

Gina Vargas, a dental assistant in the graduate prosthodontic clinic, is the featured employee of the month for August.

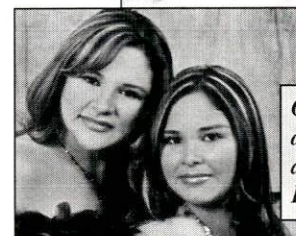
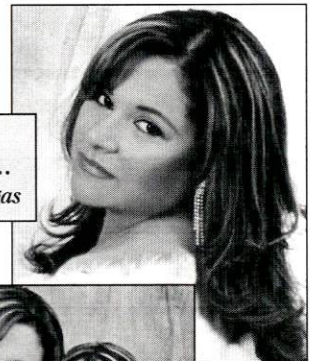
Gina applied to work in the School at the suggestion of Dr. Holli Riter, and joined the clinic staff in January, 2006.

During her career she has had experience working in both small and large dental practices. She has worked in Roswell, New Mexico, and for six months she worked in New York in a practice that specialized in cosmetic dentistry.

In her current position, she assists faculty (in the faculty prosthodontic practice), and residents in the busy prosthodontic clinic. In addition to assisting the doctors as they make dental impressions and take radiographs, she sets up the suites in preparation for patient appointments.

She has three children: 16-year-old Desiree; 14-year-old Joey; and 8-year-old Cristian. “They enjoy playing soccer,”

*Featured
employee...
Gina Vargas*



*Gina Vargas
and her
daughter,
Desiree.*

she says, “and are members of soccer leagues.”

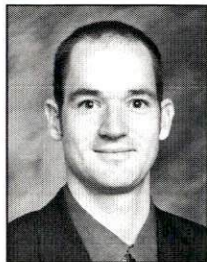
She is engaged to Fabian Perez, and they are planning a June, 2007, wedding.

In her spare time, she enjoys planning and participating in outdoor activities with her family. As for the future, she hopes one day to work as an office manager or coordinator.

New post-graduate students in the department of endodontics; class of 2008

The department of endodontics welcomed three new students into the advanced dental education program in endodontics on July 1, 2006.

Meet the new residents—

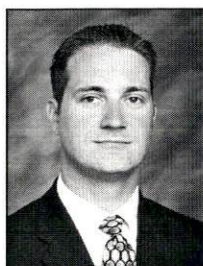


DR. BAKER

• **Dr. Tyler Baker** earned his DDS from LLU School of Dentistry in 2003. Prior to entering the advanced dental education program in endodontics, Dr.

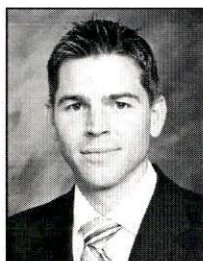
Baker was stationed at Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo, New Mexico where he served as a general dentist supporting pilots and crew of F-117 stealth bombers. Dr. Baker and his wife, Rachel, now reside in Loma Linda.

• **Dr. Robert Corr** received his DDS degree from Loma Linda Univer-



DR. CORR

sity School of Dentistry in 2003. He previously served as a group dentist for the 10th Special Forces and recently returned from deployment in Iraq serving in support of the United States troops. Dr. Corr and his wife, Susie, now reside in Loma Linda.



DR. GUSTAFSON

• **Dr. Rylan Gustafson** received his DDS degree from LLU School of Dentistry in 2002. He completed an AEGD with the Navy in San Diego and was then stationed aboard the USS

Detroit (AOE-4) out of New Jersey. Most recently he was stationed at Camp Pendleton serving the Marines. Dr. Gustafson and his wife, Casey, now live in Loma Linda.



DR. MCCOLL

Externship program

• **Dr. Ewen McColl** participated in the externship program in the department of endodontics for

five weeks during summer quarter, 2006.

Dr. McColl received his BSc degree (1989) from University of Glasgow and his BDS degree (1993) from University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Dr. McColl is employed at Guys' Hospital in England as a specialist registrar in restorative dentistry. He is married and has two children.

Dental hygiene department holds mission vespers



On July 19, about 20 dental hygiene faculty and members of the dental hygiene class of 2007, gathered at Shirley Lee's home for a potluck dinner. Those who went on mission trips this summer shared their experiences and showed slides. "We had a great time," she says. "Everyone's experience was unique, but each person said they would do it again in a heartbeat."

Dental hygiene student mission participants:

Jamaica—Ah-rom Kim, Monledy Suprono, Nancy Matias
Fiji—Adriana Brister, Dana Rascon, Kimi Tangunan, Andrea Dickey
Nicaragua—Ruth Martinez-Estanol, Grace Duran
China—Lisa Wahjudi, Anya VanOrder, Michelle Wehling
Ukraine—Larysa Baydala, Candice Elloway
Africa—Stephanie Eckl, Laura Hoyle

How to submit digital signage announcements

The digital signage system has been tested and many positive comments about it have been received.

Use the posting approval form that has been emailed to faculty and staff, to forward updates alerting staff, students, and faculty to upcoming events, changes in the curriculum or didactic policies or schedules, welcome new faculty, staff, students, and VIPs, and to relay information that is of interest to the School family.

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

—*Stress Busters*

Dental team completes mission to China

"He who does not climb the Great Wall of China is not a real person!" is an inscription carved in stone in the Chinese language, erected at several sites along the Great Wall of China—the only man-made structure noticeable from the moon.

On June 10, 2006, a group of Loma Linda students and faculty members, with two guests, accepted the challenge and traveled from Los Angeles to Beijing, China. We would not only climb the Great Wall, but also provide dental health care services and share dental knowledge to the underserved, as well as working with dentists and health-care professionals in Beijing and Hangzhou.

After arriving at Beijing International Airport, we were met by our host, Dr. David Lee, and tour guide, Ms. Linda Wang. Dr. Lee took us to a Peking duck feast where we met directors from the Sino-Japanese Friendship Hospital, Beijing University dental clinic, and Capital University dental clinic.

The following day we visited the Great Wall of China. Many of us did climb the Great Wall and paid dearly for it the following two days with muscle aches. In the afternoon, we visited the Ming Tomb and a Beijing acrobatic show. On Wednesday morning, we viewed the Temple of Heaven.

We enjoyed sightseeing but then the work began. We were divided into three teams for three different missions in three separate facilities. Drs. Roberts, Toledo and Hall took Dudley Pang and Colby Roberts (Dr. Roberts' grandson) to provide dental continuation education at the Capital University; Drs. Charles Lee and Swanston took Liza Wahjudi to the Sino-Japanese Friendship Hospital to give a lecture on oral health care and how to overcome dental phobia. In addition, Liza demonstrated how to brush one's teeth correctly. Dr. Ko took Sarah Kim, Stephanie Pak, Jaen Park, and Wendy Gregorius to Beijing

University to share the results of their research projects.

The following two days were devoted to patient care with children. On Thursday morning the dental team left early for the new Day Center Orphanage and on Friday, a small group of volunteers consisting of dentists and dental assistants, joined the team and went to a middle school in Lang Fang.

Over the course of two days, the group saw 102 patients, placed 100 amalgam fillings and 7 composite fillings, extracted 49 teeth, gave 4 oral health care instructions, cleaned 44 patients' teeth, gave 5 fluoride treatments, and provided dental assisting to the many dental procedures given.

We also gave away 60 toothbrushes, tubes of toothpaste, and reels of dental floss.

Dr. Toledo provided root-canal therapy and built up the crown with composite filling material on a young girl. She left the clinic smiling.

Among the many patients seen was a district superintendent of three schools. A dental hygiene student made an excellent impression on him and as a result, our dental team was invited to return to serve the other school facilities that were under his jurisdiction.

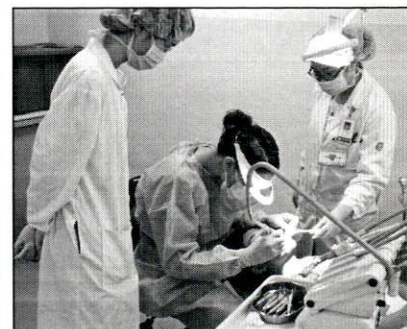
Of all the places we visited, Esther Lee remembered the middle school the most. "I felt that our patients were my little brothers and sisters," she recalls, "and it really hurt to see that many of those kids had to have their

first molars and even their second molars extracted. These kids were only 13 and 14 years old. If they had access to dental care when they were younger they wouldn't need their molars pulled out at such a young age. They might just need a filling."

On Sabbath we had our little worship at the yurt within the United Family Hospital, where Dr. David Lee is the dental clinic director. I gave a testimony on how God led me into the field of dentistry to serve His people, and encouraged the congregation to give their testimonies. In response, Drs. Roberts, Ko, David Lee, Toledo, and Michelle Wehling each provided soul-touching testimonies.

Many people in the U.S. may think that while visiting China, visitors are afraid to sing a favorite Christian song because it's a communist country.

This was a fear that Dudley Pang felt; in fact he had been apprehensive about it before he embarked on the journey. His experience in China changed all that; he feels comfortable enough to plan a visit to China with his family in the future.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: The dental mission team holds the banner welcoming them to a middle school located in Lang Fang, People's Republic of China. • Liza Wahjudi, dental hygiene class of 2007, cleans a patient's teeth. • Michelle Wehling, dental hygiene class of 2007, cleans a patient's teeth, while other dental hygiene students look on. • Members of the China dental mission team visit the Great Wall of China. • While in China, the group stands in front of a banner announcing an event inspired by the annual LLUSD Clinic with a Heart, which was held at Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital.

In memoriam—Dr. David Anderson

AUGUST 15, 1941–JUNE 26, 2006

David L. Anderson, SD'70, was born August 15, 1941, in St. Paul, Minnesota. He grew up in Yucaipa, California, and attended Loma Linda Academy during his high school years. He began his undergraduate education at San Bernardino Valley College, where he completed his freshman and sophomore years. He then transferred to La Sierra College (now La Sierra University) where he graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry in 1965. He married Sharon N. Potter in 1964 during his time at La Sierra.

He continued with his education at Loma Linda University Graduate School (chemistry). He then attended the LLU School of Dentistry, a member of the dental class of 1970.

Following graduation in 1970, Dr. Anderson opened his first full-time practice in general dentistry in Lake Havasu, Arizona. He and his family remained there until 1975, when he returned to Loma Linda and joined the faculty of the School of Dentistry. He served as an associate professor of oral surgery from 1975 to 1991.

From 1976–78, he completed a 24-month residency in general anesthesia at Loma Linda University Medical Center. Dr. Anderson was one of three dentists who participated in the California Health Manpower Pilot Project, which allowed for the training and employment of dentists in the field of anesthesiology.

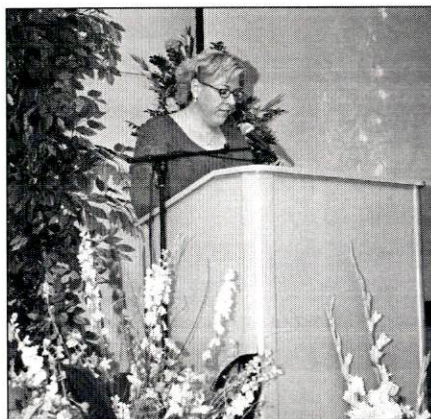
In the fall of 1990, the department of dental anesthesiology was created within the School. In 1991, Dr. Anderson became chair of the department of dental anesthesiology. In January, 1998, he was promoted to professor. He remained chair of the department until his passing on June 26, 2006.

Dr. Anderson is survived by Sharon, his wife of 42 years; a daughter, Cherie Lavonne Anderson; two sons, David Greg Anderson, married to Sandra Farrand; and Devin Lee Anderson, married to Cecilia Kao; four grandchildren: Bradley, Matthew, Cody, and another grandson who is expected soon.

Dr. Anderson will be remembered for his many years of service as a dentist, anesthesiologist, professor, educator, mentor, and friend.



Dr. David L. Anderson...chair, dental anesthesiology.



LEFT: Cherie Anderson, Dr. Anderson's daughter, relates memories of her dad. ABOVE: Bradley Anderson places a rose in a vase, in memory of his grandfather.



Dr. Charles J. Goodacre, dean, gives a tribute to Dr. David Anderson at the Celebration of Life ceremony.



ABOVE: Dr. Anderson's family and loved ones attend the Celebration of Life ceremony held June 30, 2006, in the Wong Kerlee International Conference Center. LEFT: Dr. Anderson's portrait and graduation regalia are displayed among floral arrangements.

Computer services update

Digital Radiographs

During the summer break we installed MIPACS. MIPACS stands for "Medicare Imaging Picture Archive Communication System."

MIPACS captures digital radiographs, intraoral photographs, and scanned images.

In order to view images from MIPACS you will need to have the software installed on your laptop or desktop otherwise you will *not* be able to view images from the MIPACS software.

Therefore, students, faculty, and staff who need to view images from MIPACS will need to take their laptop to Dental Computer Services.

The installation will take approximately one hour.

If you need to view images from MIPACS and if you have a desktop computer, contact dental computer services at ext. 44674 to make an appointment to have the software installed.

D2 Students

D2 Students are *required* to take their laptop to Dental Computer Services to have MIPACS installed.

If you already have the MIPACS software installed on your laptop, then you are ready to view radiographic images. The installation will take approximately one hour, so please plan your day accordingly.

PINE SPRINGS RANCH FALL FAMILY RETREAT TO BE HELD OCTOBER 20 TO 22, 2006



Beginning next month, Elisa Cortez, School of Dentistry liaison, Del E. Webb Memorial Library, will be providing information and updates in Dentalgram about services provided for students, staff, and faculty, as well as lists of research papers authored by School of Dentistry researchers.

This year, the Pine Spring Ranch Fall Family Retreat will be held October 20 to 22, 2006. Sign-ups for the retreat begin August 28, and continue until every room and cabin is full or until October 4 (whichever comes first).

Forms will be available in Room 5508 to sign up for the retreat. The retreat is open to all students, residents, faculty, staff, and their families.

Lodge rooms will hold up to six people, cabins will accommodate up to nine people. Recreational vehicles will hold as many as you feel comfortable with—and tents are at owner's level of tolerance.

We want everyone to have a great time. You may choose to stay Friday through Sunday, or come Saturday only.

You must register by October 4, even if you attend the retreat on Saturday only.



Blackboard Tip of the Month for August

Discussion Board

Use the Discussion Board tool to have students post discussion questions, respond to each other, lead discussions, engage in peer review, and more. With a bit of creativity, you will find that the Discussion Board has a myriad of uses.

Enter your course control panel and under the Course Tools area, click on Discussion Board. Click on Add Forum and set your preferences for the options listed.

If you have a question about Blackboard or are interested in learning more about Blackboard, contact Leigh Ann Evans in educational support services at ext. 88628.



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