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Local OKU chapter introduces new LLUSD members

The Chi Chi Chapter of the OKU Dental Honor Society sponsored a banquet attended by approximately 50 people at the Hilton Hotel Thursday evening, May 31, to introduce new Loma Linda University School of Dentistry OKU inductees.

Ten graduating dental students and one student from the international dentistry program selected for membership had been awarded their OKU keys and OKU regalia stoles during the previous weekend's graduation ceremony. The banquet provided an occasion for active and new members to become better acquainted.

This year's student inductees are: Christine Aufderhar, Eunduk Choi, Krystle Fenton, Thomas Kim, Bethany Kronberg, Tiffany Lambertson, David Lee, Laura Liutkiene (IDP), Christopher Morris, Travis Nelson, and Matthew Sanders. In addition, three honorary faculty members were selected from the LLUSD faculty—Drs. Les Arnett, Garth Brown, and William Hooker.

The Stafford Half-brothers, a musical comedy trio composed of Mark Holm, Douglas Mace, and Pete McCloud, provided enjoyable evening entertainment during the banquet.

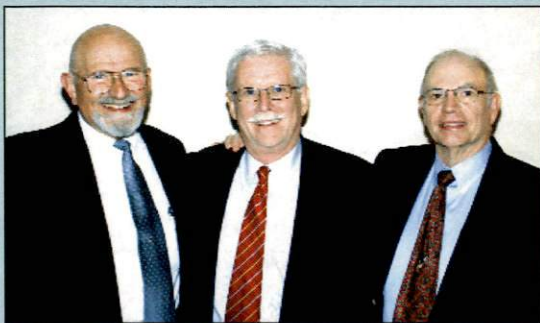


This statue of G.V. Black, founder of the OKU dental honor society, is located in Chicago, Illinois.

The Loma Linda Chi Chi Chapter of OKU was chartered in 1957 and currently has a membership of approximately 550 alumni, faculty and honorary members. Alumni membership is based primarily on academic excellence and is limited to 12% of the graduating class each year and must be chosen from the top 20% of the class based on academic achievement. Personal character and leadership traits are also considered in the selection process. This award is considered the highest academic honor that a dentist can receive in the United States and is prestigious when applying for various post-graduate dental specialty programs and faculty appointments.

About OKU

Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU) is a honor dental society in the United States. It was founded in 1914 with the encouragement and assistance of Dr. Green Vardiman (G.V.) Black. Omicron Kappa Upsilon was established "To encourage and develop a spirit of emulation among students in dentistry, and to recognize in an appropriate manner those who shall distinguish themselves by a high grade of scholarship."



Clockwise, from top left: Drs. Les Arnett, William Hooker, and Garth Brown attend the recent OKU banquet. • Entertainment for the evening was provided by the Stafford Half-brothers. • Faculty pose with the recent OKU inductees. Pictured (front row) are: Drs. Arnett and Rogers. Back row, from left are: Christopher Morris, Bethany Kronberg, Christine Aufderhar, Matthew Sanders, Eunduk Choi, Thomas Kim, Drs. Hooker* and Brown,* Laura Liutkiene and Dr. Steven Morrow. *FACULTY INDUCTEES FOR 2007.*

Student conduct committee actions—a summary of four years 2003–2007

A comparison (*actions taken are in parenthesis*)

Protocol

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 chair 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.

General policies

In general, for a first-time verified offense of cheating, suspension has been considered the minimum disciplinary action possible.

First offenses have usually resulted in 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 inappropriate. In May, 2007, the Committee, faced with evidence that short suspensions were not perceived as significant, endorsed a more forceful policy of more extensive disciplinary decisions.

Starting in the summer of 2006, all cases involving dishonesty required review and summary of an assigned number of Dental Board of California disciplinary cases.

	2003–2004	2004–2005	2005–2006	2006–2007
Counseling interviews and agreement reached	18 (plus one with no interview)	3	16	9
Full hearing of stud. Conduct Committee	1	0	2	2
Handled administratively by the dean	0	1	0	0
Cheating/dishonesty committed or admitted	2 (from reprimand to one-week suspension plus)	0	3 (from one-week suspension to one month)	3 (from one-week to one-quarter suspension)
Cheating/dishonesty suspected but not confirmed	10 (from no action to warning/reprimand to warning and required counseling)	0	1 (reprimand)	2 (one was one-day suspension due to admitting to looking on another's paper)
Inappropriate use of clinic funds	0	1 (Insufficient evidence)	0	2 (additional quarter of school, community service, delayed graduation date)
Placed a patient file in student locker	0	0	10 (all given reprimand and warning)	0
Clinic policy violations (forging faculty signature, volatile or inappropriate behavior)	8 (from warning/reprimand to one-week suspension)	2 (from \$200 fine, one-month suspension from clinic; to one-week suspension; to warning)	4 (from one-week suspension, summarize 35 DBC cases to one-week suspension to warning only)	3 (from reprimand and warning, review 10 DBC cases to warning and 10 DBC cases)
Plagiarism	0	0	0	1 (one-week suspension and 12 DBC cases)
Inappropriate and unprofessional behavior on campus	0	1 (administrative suspension for one week)	0	0
Theft	0	0	0	1 (two-week suspension, required counseling, 25 DBC cases)

Proctor and Gamble donates \$100,000 to update mobile dental unit

While the adage “good things come in small packages” is often true, Service Learning Department staff would argue that “good things also come in large packages.”

Since July 30, 2002, School of Dentistry has been deploying a 30-foot, two-chair mobile unit, donated by Proctor and Gamble. Hundreds of patients have received excellent dental health care provided by LLUSD students and faculty serving in this fully equipped mobile clinic. It is in use weekly in under-served neighborhoods near Loma Linda, as well as spending many weekends at various health fairs.

Heavy usage contributes to deterioration. Exterior paint is fading and equipment inside the mobile clinic needs to be replaced or upgraded. On August 14, 2007, it was with surprise and deep appreciation that the Service Learning Department received a donation of \$100,000 from Proctor and Gamble to refurbish the mobile unit.

Mr. Gary Peterson, regional representative, Proctor and Gamble, who orchestrated the gift in 2002, was again instrumental in securing this donation. Service learning faculty have constructed a list of items to repair or replace. Bids are now being sought to meet these needs, all to be completed by October 1, 2007. “An upgraded mobile dental unit will provide enhanced dental health services to those in need in our area,” states Fred Kasischke, DMin, associate dean, admissions and service learning.



The School's mobile dental van awaits upgrades made possible by a \$100,000 donation from Proctor and Gamble.

Recycling and/or disposal tips

Please properly recycle the following items:

- Copiers—call financial administration
- FAX machines—call dental maintenance office
- TVs, battery operated and plug in devices
- Computers/monitors/printers—call computer services
- Old batteries—take to dental supply
- Disposal of chemicals—call the infection control/safety department

- Place a note on equipment (*include date, department, and extension*) then call to request pick up.

Please do not put palettes in the trash or leave equipment in hallways

- Campus housekeeping will pick up the items for the School



Cost benefit analysis of a mission trip

The conversation took place on board a launch in the middle of the Amazon river. I had led a group of students to Manaus, Brazil, to do dentistry for the people who lived along the Medira River, a tributary of the Amazon. We were housed and transported by the captain and crew of a launch that is on the river system year-round.

The Captain (a minister), and I were talking when the cost of our mission trip came up. When I told him the approximate amount of money we had spent to be there with him he paused, got a faraway look in his eye, and wistfully said, "That is enough to buy the little boat and outboard motor that I need to reach the villages when the water is low, as well as a computer and video projector I need for presentations to the villagers."

Suddenly I felt like an impediment rather than an adjunct to his work. I said something about people being able to contribute more if they are personally involved and went on with our talk, but the memory of that conversation has bothered me for years.

Recently the subject came back to me while I was in Romania with five students, again doing dentistry for children who would otherwise have gone without dental care. I was idly comparing the expense of the trip to the cost, in Romanian currency, for Romanian dentists to do the amount of dentistry that we had done.

I wondered out loud to the students who were treating patients, "If we had sent the amount of money this trip cost to be used to see Romanian dentists, would the benefit have been greater?"

Why is it we sometimes spend more for a mission trip than the value of the treatment that we can render in the short time that we are there? What is the motivation? Since then I have thought, read, and prayed about this subject, and now I have six answers to these questions.

Editor's note: *The remainder of this guest editorial, by Doyle Nick, will appear in the October issue.*

Buhlebenkosi Prisca Mabandla arrives in Loma Linda on August 10; enters early selection program



Learning and observing, come easily for Buhlebenkosi Prisca Mabandla, an early selection program (ESP) student who is completing coursework in the School this quarter. In her young life (she is now entering her senior year in college), she has lived on three continents. She was born in Zimbabwe and moved with her family to the United Kingdom when she was in high school. Following in her older brother's footsteps, she moved to Alabama to attend Oakwood College. It was while there that she learned about ESP from Drs. Fred Kasischke and Ron Forde when they visited the College to meet with pre-dental students. After passing a

rigorous screening process (academics and faculty approval), she was accepted into ESP. She will attend the first quarter of classes with incoming dental students (receiving credit from Oakwood), and will then return to Alabama to finish her senior year. Then she will apply to the School. She already has her future planned—"I plan," she says with a quiet assurance, "to return to Zimbabwe to practice dentistry." She became interested in dentistry while on a mission trip to India in 2005. The trip was sponsored by the National Association for the Prevention of Starvation. Dr. Doyle Nick joined the group, providing dental care. As she observed him practicing dentistry, she decided to explore dentistry as a career choice.

Spring Vacation: March 13–23 OR March 20–29, 2008

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- Cruise the Amazon
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- Trek the Inca Trail
- Visit Clinica Ana Stahl
- Visit Colegio Fernando Stahl

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Congratulations to the 300th IDP graduate



Zacharias Joseph represents the 300th graduate from the international dentist program. He graduated in June, 2007.

Mark your calendar!

Dentalgram submissions September 20

Thanksgiving November 22–23

Fall Break September 14–23

National Board Part II Exams

Nov. 2–Jan. 7, 2008

Dental maintenance department revamps School

During spring break, employees in the Dental Maintenance Department remodeled several areas in the School. Their handiwork can be seen in rooms 1140 and 1112 (labs), the south clinic lab, the senior lab, dental maintenance, Dr. Brian Black's office, endodontics and the orthodontic clinic.



The South Clinic has had a face lift. Dental supply staff installed new cabinets, sink, and window in the supply room, and painted room 2202.



Stan Lillard installs the new water system in the endodontic clinic. Plumbing and water systems have been installed throughout the School.



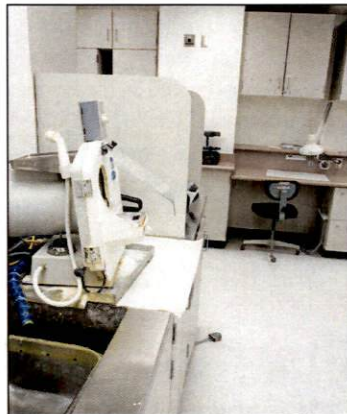
Fresh paint and carpet greet visitors to the dental maintenance office.



The 1140 laboratory remodel has started. It is slated to be finished the end of this month.



Dr. Brian Black's office, room 2312, has new windows and fresh paint.



The D-4 lab now has new deck tops, sink cabinet, and stainless steel sink. The wall lockers have been given new hinges, and walls have been patched.



Dental maintenance staff designed and assembled four new portable radiography units in the 1112 lab.



The orthodontic clinic office has been remodeled with new windows and upgraded work stations.



A new water system has been installed in the endodontic clinic.

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While none of us can deliver a flawless performance all the time, we nonetheless can offer our greatest effort every single day. The point isn't perfection, but progress toward a goal.

—Oprah Winfrey

