

University Board of Trustees full session highlights for October 28, 1996

- W. Barton Rippon, PhD, was appointed founding dean of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Dr. Rippon will continue his role as dean of the Graduate School, and will identify leadership to assist him in both schools.
- The trustees supported organizational changes proposed by the campus organization committee to strengthen governance of the academic health sciences institution, while at the same time, retain the autonomy needed by the University and Medical Center to maximize their potential.
- The board reviewed the annual revision of the operational and strategic plan extending to the year 2002. The plan supports the seven themes that have been pursued over the past six years in fulfillment of Loma Linda's mission.
- The Board of Trustees voted to authorize the Graduate School, in collaboration with the School of Nursing, to offer a path-

way for nurse practitioners with post-baccalaureate certificates leading to a master of science degree from Loma Linda University. The program will accept a portfolio documenting clinical experience, evaluated by a practitioner approved by the graduate faculty in the School of Nursing, in place of some or all of the clinical hours, leaving the students to complete the didactic component of the master's program prior to receiving their degree.

- The board voted to authorize the Graduate School, in collaboration with the School of Dentistry, to offer a master of science degree in prosthodontics. The School of Dentistry currently offers an American Dental Association-approved advanced practice certificate in prosthodontics leading to specialty practice. This past year, the certificate program was expanded from 24 months to 33 months. Associated with this expansion, additional

research was incorporated into the curriculum enabling the master's degree to be awarded to those who choose appropriate research projects and remain the additional time to complete a thesis.

- Elder Malcolm Gordon, chair of the diversity standing committee of the Board of Trustees, presented the final diversity report with Delbert W. Baker, PhD, serving as the special assistant to the president and director of diversity. Dr. Baker was thanked for his leadership at LLU during the last four years and wished well as he assumes his new responsibilities as the president of Oakwood College. The newly established Hispanic Alumni Association was announced and its new president, Dan Castro, MD, was introduced.

International Congress on Vegetarian Nutrition will be held at Loma Linda

The Third International Congress on Vegetarian Nutrition will be held at LLU, March 24 to 28, 1997. The Congress will discuss findings from research conducted since the 1992 Congress.

The keynote address for the conference will be presented by Walter Willett, MD, DrPH, of Harvard University.

The benefits of plant foods will be highlighted on the first day. Presentations on the second day will review findings from major epidemiologic studies of vegetarian populations around the world; life-cycle issues will also be discussed.

The final day of the Congress will focus on applied aspects, and will include a panel discussion of the similarities and differences among the various types of vegetarian diets. Workshops will allow attendees to participate actively in discussion of various practical topics.

The Third Conference on Vegetarian Nutrition Among Seventh-day Adventists will begin March 20.



The fourth annual Loma Linda University Children's Hospital Foundation Gala, held on Sunday, February 2, 1997, featured the theme of "Hometown Heroes: Honoring Those Who Serve Our Children." Shown above are seven of the ten individuals who were honored for making a difference in the lives of children in Southern California.