



Pinning ceremony held at Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital

Dressed in new uniforms, and wearing stethoscopes donated by students at the LLU School of Nursing, nurses at Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital (SRRSH) in Hangzhou, People's Republic of China, recently took part in a nursing pinning ceremony marking the end of a nursing orientation program at SRRSH.

Distance education technology expands LLU campus

For the first time in Loma Linda University's history, two groups of students, over 50 miles from each other, simultaneously participated in a class taught by instructors who never left the Loma Linda campus, according to Joyce Hopp, PhD, MPH, dean of the School of Allied Health Professions.

Because of the vision of Tom Zapara—a member of the LLU Board of Trustees—for this type of education, the LLU campus experience can now be made available worldwide. Degree programs that once were inaccessible will be presented at locations convenient to the students. Continuing education courses can be delivered wherever ISDN lines are available. According to Ian Fraser, PhD, vice president for academic and research affairs, funding provided by Mr. and Mrs. Zapara has assisted in the purchase of essential equipment such as cameras, microphones and television monitors at both sites plus a podium used by the instructor to control all peripheral components including slides, video, computer, and document camera.

The first course, Social and Economic Aspects of Health Care, was taught by

John Lewis, PhD, chair, clinical laboratory sciences, School of Allied Health Professions, and Karen Darnell, RRA, clinical instructor. It originated from the Alumni Hall for Basic Sciences where it was transmitted live to students at Glendale Adventist Medical Center via three ISDN telephone lines.

The first distance education program at LLU will be offered by health information administration, School of Allied Health Professions. Because LLU is the only California school offering a BS degree in health information administration, many who have an associate degree in this profession have been unable to complete the four-year degree due to their location in the state. The program will be offered at Glendale, where students will be able to receive a degree from LLU while continuing to work full-time. This BS degree allows the graduates to take a national examination certifying them as Registered Record Administrators (RRA).

Applications are now being taken for the program. Those interested in receiving more information should contact Cheryl Erlandson, RRA, program coordinator, at (909) 824-4976.

Emergency medicine team helps with Africa project

When the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) asked Loma Linda for physicians to build and help set up a clinic in rural Tanzania, the LLUMC department of emergency medicine sent two physicians and a nurse.

Loma Linda participants were Jeff Grange, MD, a resident in emergency medicine; Jenelle Grange, RN, an emergency department nurse; and Paul Stiegler, MD, a member of the emergency medicine faculty. Dr. Stiegler volunteered to serve as medical director.

The project was organized into three two-week phases. During the first phase, a team laid the clinic's foundation and started some of the exterior walls.

The medical team and a new building team arrived for the second phase of the project. Both teams were composed of volunteers from all over the United States. The task of the collective medical team was to set up and operate a temporary clinic in the nearby school. The medical team saw about 120 patients per day. Meanwhile, the building team continued construction of the new clinic.

During phase three, new teams arrived and construction was completed.

Annual nursing phonathon raises over \$40,000

The School of Nursing raised over \$40,000 during its annual phonathon this year. The phonathon, held in January, is a regular event designed to encourage donations from alumni who have not yet given.

Total donations made in 11 days of calling amounted to \$40,240, a slight increase from last year's total of \$40,000. Although emphasis was placed this year on student scholarships, contributions will also benefit faculty development, international nursing, and the Clarice Woodward Endowment.

All alumni who could not be reached by telephone received a special letter inviting them to participate.