

LLUMC wins Abel Hanson Award for third year in a row

For the third year in a row, David Colwell, LLUMC director of development, and Scott Winters, development associate, received the Abel Hanson Award recognizing their communication work on behalf of their local chapter of the National Society of Fund Raisers.

Dr. Ian C. Clarke named director of research for orthopaedics

In January, 1996, Ian C. Clarke, PhD, was named director of orthopaedic research, according to William P. Bunnell, MD, professor and chair of the orthopaedic department, LLUMC. Dr. Clarke's experience includes academic appointments at UCLA and USC, as well as the presidency of a medical corporation. Dr. Clarke currently directs the activities of the Howard and Irene Peterson Tribology Laboratory which is responsible for the study of friction and wear characteristics of artificial joint replacements.

Physical therapist assistant program reaccredited

The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education awarded continuing accreditation to the physical therapist assistant program for a period of eight years, according to Joyce W. Hopp, PhD, MPH, dean, School of Allied Health Professions. The Commission commended the program on a well-integrated and well-designed curriculum.

Ronald McDonald House charities donates \$5,000 to Safe Kids

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern California recently gave a \$5,000 grant so the Safe Kids Coalition of Loma Linda University Medical Center and Children's Hospital can continue their mission to address issues in children's safety. Safe Kids sponsors safety classes such as the Hold You Harmless Car Seat program, and the Head Smart Bicycle Helmet program.

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Norris Foundation donates funds for new synthesizer

The Kenneth T. and Eileen L. Norris Foundation, located in Long Beach, recently granted LLU \$43,000 to purchase a DNA/RNA synthesizer and reagents. The Norris Foundation provides support to physicians and researchers who are using new technology in medical research to better understand and cure disease.

LLU, LLUMC are top contributors to Arrowhead United Way

Employees of Loma Linda University and its affiliated corporations were recently recognized as the top contributor to the Arrowhead United Way for regional employers for the 1994-95 fiscal year. Total for the Loma Linda groups was \$168,302 with 35 percent participation.

Dr. Lee S. Berk appears on ABC's "Good Morning America"

Lee S. Berk, DrPH, MPH, was recently interviewed by ABC's "Good Morning America." Dr. Berk served as medical consultant on the positive motivational cancer video, "Affirmations for Living Beyond Cancer," featuring Bernie S. Siegel, MD, a world-renowned lecturer and best-selling author. The piece was aired on Tuesday, April 30, 1996.

LLUMC lab receives accreditation by College of American Pathologists

The LLUMC laboratory has been awarded a two-year accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists (CAP). The laboratory's director, Rodney E. Willard, MD, was congratulated for the "excellence of the services being provided."

Dentistry faculty featured in March, 1995, issue of Compendium

The March, 1995, issue of *Compendium* featured two articles by—and a dedication to—School of Dentistry faculty. Alfred L. Frank, DDS, professor of endodontics, was the recipient of a dedication of the March issue devoted to endodontics. Dr. Frank also wrote one of the articles. John Ingle, DDS, lecturer in endodontics, also wrote an article, which was adapted in part from the text *Endodontics*, edited by Dr. Ingle and Leif K. Bakland, DDS, professor and chair of endodontics.

LLU professors speak at conference on Asian nutrition in San Francisco

Two Loma Linda University professors recently spoke at a conference on Asian nutrition in San Francisco. Joan Sabaté, MD, DrPH, professor of nutrition in the School of Public Health, made the opening presentation, "Nuts and Legumes as Complex Plant Foods." Kenneth I. Burke, PhD, RD, professor and associate chair of nutrition and dietetics in the School of Allied Health Professions, spoke on the subject of protein complementation issues.

Occupational therapy assistant students pass certification exam

The occupational therapy assistant program in the School of Allied Health Professions received the results of the January, 1996, certification examination for OTAs. According to Liane Hewitt, OTA program director, 100 percent of the 40 LLU students who took the test, passed. Total possible points for the examination are 600, and 504 is the national average. Of the 40 LLU students who took the test, 31 scored above the national average.

Dentistry director of clinical research receives Special Achievement Award

Ralph P. Feller, DMD, director of clinical research, School of Dentistry, received the 1995 ADA Special Achievement Award for dedication and service to dentistry at the annual meeting of the American Dental Association in Las Vegas in October.