Conjoined twins separated at Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital

Crystal and Cristina Molina share a bond closer than most siblings. Not only are they the sisters, but they are also conjoined twins, born July 16, 2004, but they are joined at the head, one of the rarest types of conjoined twins. Parents Blanca Cabrera and Bernardo Molina of Coachella Valley delivered the girls at Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital knowing this. An ultrasound in March, 2004, showed Ms. Cabrera was carrying craniopagus conjoined twins. Only two percent of conjoined twins are joined at the head. A little frightened, Ms. Cabrera and Mr. Molina had the support of a 120-member team to deliver and care for their babies through what would be a very successful separation surgery a year later.

Renama Osterdock, MD, lead neurosurgeon for the Molina twins, worked with one of the largest multidisciplinary teams ever assembled at Children’s Hospital to meticulously chart a treatment plan for the girls from prenatal care all the way through post-operative care and discharge. Companies donated specialized equipment and beds for the twins’ surgery. KNBC Channel 4 reporter Mary Parks covered the twins’ surgery. KNBC staff Ganim Hannah, Marlon Foley, Janis Tucker, and Robert Raue-Nielsen. The spirit of cooperation and compassion that bonded the twins’ team made a large impression on Dr. Osterdock.

“It was truly remarkable to see how everyone came together to care for these girls,” Dr. Osterdock beamed, a glint of a tear in her eye, on March 22, the day the twins went home separate for the first time.

Three weeks prior, on March 3, after two months of pre-operative care tense with the risk of infection from skin expanders and implants for immobilizing the girls’ heads during surgery, she spent two hours working with a five-member anesthesia staff, led by Linda Mason, MD, and Alexander Zoncos, MD, neurosurgeon, to separate the girls.

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School of Dentistry

alumni receive recognition

Arlene Jean Madsen Klooster
Raymond D. Rawson

School of Medicine. During his four years on campus he managed to achieve more than academic success. He served as class president during his junior year, and during his senior year he helped establish the School’s Student National Medical Association. Inspired and encouraged by Dr. Klooster, a 1971 dental hygiene graduate, was named Dental Hygiene Alumna of the Year during the annual dental hygiene conference sponsored by the National Medical Association. Presented a slideshow featuring the highlights of each of the class of 1955 (a story on the conference will appear in the next issue of TODAY).

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School of Nursing celebrates

100 years with alumni weekend

In commemoration of 100 years of excellence in nursing, the School of Nursing is currently displaying two large centennial banners in front of West Hall.

A centennial display presented by the Heritage Room. Richard Schaefer, LLU/ historian, was on hand to give brief historical vignettes to visitors.

Friday evening featured “A Century of Caring: The LLU School of Nursing Journey.” Zelene Zamora, MSN, RN, assistant professor of nursing, and president of the Alumnae Association, presented a slideshow featuring the highlights of each of the honored years.

On Saturday, the golden anniversary class of 1955 hosted both the Sabbath School and the church service at University Church, followed by a potluck in
Conjoined twins...

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A tremendous job—we didn’t have one infection the entire time,” Dr. Osterdock remarked. After the successful separation, Dr. Osterdock took a brief break to inform the parents of the good news before spending another three hours in the operating room as Andrea Ray, MD, lead plastic surgeon for the Molina twins, worked with her team to reconstruct the girls’ skulls.

“They have a full head of hair already, and if they wear their little hats, you can’t even tell they’ve had a major surgery,” said Dr. Ray.

Crystal and Cristina don’t know it, but they were so popular during their stay at Children’s Hospital that they inspired two scrapbooking events resulting in three memory books for the parents. Please turn to page 16

On March 3, after nearly a year of preparation, Crystal and Cristina Molina were successfully separated at Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital.

BALL alumnus of the year...

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Denise Townsend, he worked to organize cancer days, during which Black students could meet Black physicians in the area. After earning the MD degree in 1990, he completed an internship at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas (1990–1991); and a residency in orthopaedics at Martin Luther King, Jr./Drew Medical Center in Los Angeles, California (1991–1995). He is a board-certified orthopaedic surgeon.

Dr. Fenison began his professional career at King/Drew Medical Center, where he served as chief resident/clinical instructor (1995–1996). From 1996 to 1998 he practiced orthopaedic surgery with the Prime Care Medical Group of Desert Valley in Victorville, California. In 1998 he joined the Orthopaedics Unlimited Medical Group, Inc., in Moreno Valley, California. For the past four years he has maintained a private orthopaedic practice in Moreno Valley.

Many people know Dr. Fenison for his academic successes, but few people are privy to his passion for family and humankind. He is a dedicated husband and father in spite of his demanding schedule. He always makes time for family and friends. He values the concept of balance: God—family—work—extracurricular. His passion for humankind has driven him to be committed to the medical profession.

Orthopaedic faculty...

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rapidly with aggressive physical rehabilitation and within seven weeks he resumed his bike riding.

Dr. Donaldson was so impressed that he approached Professor Lewis to see if he would be willing to go to Washington, D.C., as an advocate for orthopaedic care.

LLUMC patient and professor John Lewis spent two days in Washington, D.C., visiting the AAOOS office with patients from all across the United States. The following day, the patients and doctors visited the Senate and House offices of political representatives from each state. The political process gave the physicians a new insight and appreciation for the interaction of medicine and science with the political process.

SPH professor trains officials in Palau

The island nation of Palau, home to about 20,000 people, is now better equipped to cope with environmental health concerns after a two-day training seminar last month led by Loma Linda University.

Thirty officials from the Palau Ministry of Health convened for “Microbes, Management, and the Media” in the country’s capital city, Koror, to learn from David T. Dyjack, DrPH, CIH, associate dean for public health practice, School of Public Health.

The training aimed to teach the epidemiologists, sanitarians, and health educators to better deliver essential services such as researching for new solutions to environmental health problems.

The participants delved into environmental health concerns such as food-borne illness, asthma, and environmental health disparities—a term used when specific risks affect some population segments more than others.

The World Health Organization defines environmental health as freedom from illness or injury related to exposure to toxic agents and other environmental conditions that are potentially detrimental to human health, according to Dr. Dyjack. He says the organization estimates that up to 25 percent of all preventable bad health is tied to environmental causes.

The conference participants also studied effectively interacting with the media—and then tested their new skills during a mock press conference. Broken up into teams, the students hosted conferences on hypothetical situations, with their peers and Dr. Dyjack playing curious reporters.

“It gives the participants a true appreciation of the complexity involved in working with the press,” says Dr. Dyjack. One team faced a situation of hotel patrons angry that their accommodations are located next to a rodent-infested landfill—a problem not likely to be tackled in the United States, where landfills are often located nearer to rural areas and lower-income neighborhoods.

“In Palau, it’s the inverse,” Dr. Dyjack remarks. “They have a challenge with rodents there—rats. These rats are associated with unmanaged landfills, and the landfills happen to be adjacent to expensive hotel properties.”

This fact came as news to Dr. Dyjack upon his visit to Palau, who says he enjoyed learning about environmental health problems facing a different part of the world.

As principal investigator of the Southern Pacific Environmental Resource Center, located here at Loma Linda University, Dr. Dyjack works with states from West Texas through Hawaii and locations in the Pacific Ocean to improve the delivery of environmental health services.

The program focuses most of its efforts on Native American and Pacific Islander populations, Dr. Dyjack says.

The Southern Pacific Environmental Resource Center is funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and works in cooperation with the Riverside County department of public health.

Loma Linda University is one of five U.S. universities to work with the CDC on this nationwide initiative. The seminar in Palau was sponsored by the CDC’s National Center for Environmental Health, the Palau Ministry of Health, and the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration.

Next week, Dr. Dyjack will travel to Durango, Colorado, to conduct training that will improve the health care services available to the Navajo peoples in the area.

“This is interesting and fun,” Dr. Dyjack says about his work.

Gift of Life honors Leonard L. Bailey, MD

Television personality and Gift of Life spokesperson Chad Everett presents Leonard L. Bailey, MD, chair and professor of surgery, with a framed certificate honoring Dr. Bailey for his participation in the Gift of Life program. The Gift of Life, a philanthropic organization, helped to arrange transportation for two recent Children’s Hospital heart surgery patients—one from the Philippines and one from Afghanistan. Both children have fully recovered and have returned home.

Renatta Osterdock, MD, lead neurosurgeon for the Molina twins, poses for one last picture before the surgery to separate the girls.
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communities he serves locally, as well as abroad. Dr. Fenison is an avid supporter of the Drug Alternative Program. He not only gives monetary commitment, but also assists with aftercare employment, mentoring, and educational desires. Dr. Fenison is also committed to the SOAR (Scholarship Opportunities Achievement Responsibility) program. Abroad, his passion for God’s people has led him to be a part of a hospice project.

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Join us in celebrating 100 years of caring by etching your name or the name of a loved one on a granite paver in The Centennial Pathway on Loma Linda’s campus.

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- Say “thank you” to someone special

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More than 350 alumni and friends of BALL gather for annual banquet

The Black Alumni of Loma Linda and La Sierra Universities (BALL) held their 22nd annual banquet on Saturday, February 26, at the Los Angeles Marriott Downtown in Los Angeles. More than 350 alumni and friends of Loma Linda University (LLU) and La Sierra University (LSU) came together for the evening.

Juan Williams, senior correspondent for National Public Radio (NPR) and political analyst for FOX Television, was the keynote speaker for the event. His speech was a biographer’s discussion on the life and legacy of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. He highlighted the Brown v. Board of Education case, but revealed, based on his one-on-one interactions with Justice Marshall, that his profound impact on civil rights extended beyond that landmark Supreme Court decision.

Named the 2005 alumnus of the year was Anthony T. Fenison, MD, (see page 1 for more on Dr. Fenison). Scholarships ranging from $1,500 to $2,500 were awarded to six students that evening. LSU awardees included David O. Ajao, business and management; and Rachelle M. E. Williams, School of Public Health; Neal Antonio Johnson, School of Dentistry; and Rachelle M. E. McKenzie, Graduate School.

About the speaker

Juan Williams is one of America’s leading political writers and thinkers. He is the senior correspondent for NPR and the political analyst for FOX Television. A former prize-winning columnist and editorial writer for The Washington Post, he has also authored three books. His most recent, titled My Soul Looks Back in Wonder, presents stirring, thought-provoking eyewitness accounts from people who played active roles in the civil rights movement during the past 50 years. Previous books include the nonfiction bestseller, Eye On The Prize, and the critically acclaimed biography, Thurgood Marshall: American Revolutionary. Time magazine describes American Revolutionary as a “maggistrial” work of American history. This book was reissued in 2004 with a new epilogue to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s historic Brown v. Board decision. Mr. Williams’ understanding of American history and his insider access to Washington politics gives him a unique and informed voice as an analyst of current events. In 2000, NPR selected him to host their afternoon talk show, “Talk of The Nation,” and in two years Williams brought the show’s ratings to record highs. His daring perspectives are based on his historical understanding, political expertise, and knowledge of diversity.

Prior to writing bestsellers, Mr. Williams was a political analyst and national correspondent for The Washington Post. In a 21-year-career, he served as an editorial writer, op-ed columnist and White House reporter. He won several journalism awards for his writing and investigative reporting. He also won an Emmy Award for TV documentary writing. He was given widespread critical acclaim for a series of documentaries including Politics—The New Black Power. His documentary on A. Philip Randolph was featured on PBS.

The 50th anniversary of the Brown decision, May 17, 2004, coincided with the nation taking a renewed interest in issues of racial equality and the unique role of the growing Hispanic population. Because of Mr. Williams’ expertise, the president’s commission chose him as the keynote speaker at the Smithsonian Museum in 2003 to commemorate the Brown anniversary. He was also selected as the first speaker in 2003 for C-SPAN’s nationally televised series, Students and Leaders.

As a senior correspondent for NPR’s “Morning Edition” and host of “America’s Black Forum,” a nationally syndicated weekly news program, Mr. Williams is at the cutting edge of America’s culture and politics.

School of Pharmacy reaches finals in national competition

For the third time in as many years, a student team from the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy has reached the finals of the national Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Competition sponsored by the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP). The LLU students have placed among the top eight teams in the country and will travel to Denver, Colorado, for the championship round scheduled for April 21 and 22 in the Colorado Convention Center.

In addition to the LLU team, finalists include teams from The Ohio State University and the Universities of Maryland, Pittsburgh, and Illinois at Chicago. Rounding out the field are Mercer University, University of Southern California, and the University of California—San Francisco. Last year’s winner, Drake University, is not among the 2005 finalists.

The LLU School of Pharmacy admitted its very first class in the fall of 2002, so the 2003 competition was its first. In 2004, despite being the newest school of pharmacy and having only first- and second-year students enrolled, the team captured third place. Members of the 2005 team are second-year students Bosun Kim, Chung-Wen Liu, and Edward You and third-year student Jenny Park. This marks the first competition for each.

As a result of the P&T Competition, students are awarded a prize fund for their school. The team is assigned a drug for study and evaluation.

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The Board of Trustees report

Edino’s note: The Boards of Trustees for Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda University Medical Center, and Loma Linda University Behavioral Medicine Center met in full session on Tuesday, February 15, 2005, and the Board of Trustees of Loma Linda University Medical Center and Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center met (via teleconference) on Tuesday, March 15, 2005. Following is a summary of actions taken and reports presented.

Loma Linda University, Adventist Health Sciences Center

• The role of a teaching hospital in an academic medical center

The Board of Trustees of Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center was given a Board educa-
tion segment relative to the “Role of a Teaching Hospital in an Academic Medical Center.” It was noted that teaching hospitals make up only six per-
cent of all hospitals in the United States, yet these hospitals provide a disproportionately large share of medical education (46 percent total, 29 percent maternal/ 
neonatal, 44 percent surgical transplant ser-
VICES) and charity care (46 percent).
Loma Linda University Medical Center serves as a tertiary care facility for San 
Bernardino, Riverside, Mono, and Inyo Counties.

In 2004, Loma Linda University Medical Center was involved in training 1,189 students from Loma Linda 
University and other educational institu-
tions in the area. The following programs of LLU have 100 percent of their students 
in training at LLUMC: clinical laboratory, 
emergency medical services, medicine, 
nursing, radiological technology, and respi-
atory care.

LLUMC offers a continuum of med-
ical education training from the under-
graduate medical program through 
graduate medical education. Currently, 46 
graduate medical education programs with 570 
residents are offered at LLUMC. In addition to standard accredi-
tation requirements, LLUMC includes 
training for residents in general business 
management, applied biomedical ethics, 
and whole-person care. The goal is to pre-
sent each resident with excellent gradu-
ate medical education from a Christian perspective.

Jamie Osborn, MD, program director 
of the Loma Linda University family 
medicine residency, reported on the suc-
cessful mission-driven resident recruit-
ment process in family medicine. The 
program’s mission statement is “Called to 
excellence, compassion, and wholeness.”

• LLUAHSC budget approved

The 2005 budget for Loma Linda 
University Adventist Health Sciences 
Center was approved by the Board of 
Trustees. There are now 29 service depart-
ments in LLUHAS with 605 FTEs.

• Audit committees appointed

The Boards of Trustees appointed auditors for the years 2004 and 2005 for 
the LLUHAS, LLU, and LLUMC Boards 
of Trustees in discharging their responsibil-
ities regarding accounting, reporting, and 
financial practices of the institutions and 
their subsidiaries. The committees will also 
have general responsibility for surveil-
ance of systems of internal control and audit activities of the institutions and 
their subsidiaries. The membership of the committees is as follows: Max Trevino, 
chair, Donald Ammon, Robert Lemon, 
and Carlton Logfen.

• New LLUHC board directors appointed

The elected members of the Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences 
Center and Loma Linda University Medical Center serve as the corporate members for Loma Linda University 
Health Care (LLUHC). On February 15, 
2005, the corporate members received 
the report of the LLUHC nominating com-
mittee and approved the following individ-
uals as new directors for the LLUHC 
board: Daniel Fontoura, James Pappas, 
David Hinshaw Jr., Terence Lewis, Alan 
Nelson, and Alfred Simmental.

• LLUHASC and LLUMC appointments approved

The LLUHASC plan for information systems, including the LLUMC Information 
Technology, consists of a report of 
to academia and health ministries. On 
March 15, 2005, the LLUHASC Board of 
Trustees approved the following appoint-
ments: David P. Harris, PhD, was appointed LLUHASC vice president, 
information systems for academia. Dr. 
Harris will continue to also serve in his role as vice chancellor for information systems of 
Loma Linda University. Richard 
Hergert was appointed LLUHASC vice 
president, information systems for health 
ministries. In a subsequent action by the 
LLUMC Board of Trustees, Mr. Hergert 
was appointed LLUMC vice president, 
information systems/chief information offi-
er. Mr. Hergert has an extensive back-
ground in information systems and has 
most recently been vice president/chief 
information officer for Grady Health System in Atlanta, Georgia.

Loma Linda University

• Faculty appointments approved

The Loma Linda University Board of 
Trustees approved the following faculty 
appointments:

Stewart R. Albertson, JD, interim chair, department of health administration, School of Public Health, effective 12/1/04 
to 12/1/05.

Juan C. Belliard, MPH, interim chair, department of global health, School of Public Health, effective 12/1/04 
to 12/1/05.

David A. Bush, MD, vice chair for clin-
ical affairs, department of radiology medi-
cine, School of Medicine, effective 1/1/05.

Garlene M. Drake, MMLS, acting direc-
tor, University libraries, effective 1/1/05.

Subha C. Gupta, MD, PhD, head, 
division of plastic and reconstructive surgery, department of surgery, School of Medicine, 
effective 6/1/04 through 8/1/05.

Loretta B. Johns, PhD, assistant dean, clinical skills and assessment center, and whole-person care.

• Centennial Complex campaign announced

The Centennial Complex and the $40 
million campaign to provide the philan-
thropic support to make it a reality were 
announced at the meeting. This complex 
embodies three themes as the institution 
celebrates the centennial—growth, inno-
vation, and globalization. All schools in 
the University will use the anatomy laboratory, smart classrooms, amphitheaters, 
clinical skills and assessment center, and 
other laboratories in the new complex. 
Gifts and pledges to the campaign now 
total $24.8 million towards the goal.

Samuel Soret, PhD, interim chair, department of environmental and occupa-
tional health, School of Public Health, effective 1/1/05 to 12/31/05.

Ten S. Tamayose, EdD, assistant dean for recruitment and marketing, School of Public Health, effective 1/1/05.

Loma Linda University Medical Center

• New policies approved

The following policies were approved by the Board of Trustees: a) pornography policy; b) facilitating the transfer of cur-
cently registered LLU students, and c) student responsibility to meet gradua-
tion requirements. These policies have 
been published in their entirety in TODAY.

• Search processes underway

Three administrative search processes 
are underway at the University: a) dean of the School of Nursing; b) dean of the 
Faculty of Religion; and c) director of 
University libraries.

• Board approved new library entity

There are several libraries on campus including the Del E. Webb Medical Library, Jesse Library, and Rehabilitation Library. The Board approved the new entity “University Libraries” to 
collectively house all current and future libraries in the Loma Linda campus.

• Financial and plant operations reports presented

The role of health University and 
utilities continues to offer opportunities for 
the University. Several remediation initiatives are underway across the campus, with the 
Lindsay Hall modernization plan being the largest.

• Student tuition and fees approved for 2005–2006 school year

Student tuition and fees for the 
2005–2006 school year were approved. 
The basic graduate rate will remain at 
$465 per unit for most units. Fees, however, are being split from tuition this 
year and range from $393 to $452 per 
quarter depending on program enrolled. 
Dormitory rates will increase by 4.2 
percent. For Lindsay Hall, cost will be $745 per quarter for two students per room 
or $985 per quarter for one student per room. For Danelli Hall, cost will be $745 per quarter for two students per room 
or $1,081 per quarter for one student 
per room.

A review of the marketing campaign for 
LLUMC was presented. The presentation included 
the life cycle of employees, beginning 
with recruitment to separation from the 
institution. A summary was also provided 
of the vacancy, accession, turnover, and 
retention rates for 2004.

• Reports presented and/or approved

The LLUMC performance dashboard was reviewed. It consists of service perfor-
mance, growth performance, and stewardship performance metrics.

Lila J. Hergert, vice president, School of Medicine, effective 1/1/05 to 12/31/05. 

Steve Mohr presented a report on the 
year-end financials. The 2004 budget 
was exceeded.

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Ms. Elvedahl-Kuhn says, "I have experienced nursing as a grand profession. It provided me with opportunities which I may not have had otherwise. I thought it was going to be always the same. They have all been different over these 50 years and inspired her classmates to create the Catherine Graf Nursing Fund to assist faculty in their research projects.

The alumni association commended Dr. King and Ms. Elvedahl-Kuhn with the Alumna of the Year Award for her exemplary service to students, parents, classmates and colleagues, family, community and the School of Nursing. Her vision for scholarly endeavors of the School of Nursing is lauded.

Ina Britta Muderspach received an associate of arts degree in modern languages at Holt Gymnasium, Denmark, her native homeland. She went on to complete a diploma program in community health nursing at Community Hospital in Copenhagen, Denmark. In 1954, she married Am H. Muderspach, who attended the School of Nursing Alumni Association is pleased to honor Ina Britta Muderspach in her 50th year as a nurse. She was honored at the Alumna of the Year Award for 2005.

Carolyn Pasteur Thompson studied pre-nursing at La Sierra College and graduated from White Memorial Medical Center School of Nursing in 1949. She married Ralph Thompson Jr. on July 18, 1949. In mid-life, she became a licensed realtor.

Ms. Thompson began her nursing career as an obstetrical nurse at St. Elizabeth Hospital, General Hospital the year she graduated. She delivered approximately 18 babies on her own before the residents were busy in another area; and, her clinical expertise and classroom teaching. Her compassion, caring, and relationships exemplify the absence of a resident minister. Upon completing their military service, the Thompsons returned to Southern California for Ralph’s surgical residency. Further training took them to New York before returning to Loma Linda. The Thompsons are the grandparents of six grandchildren.

The alumni association honors Carolyn Pierce Thompson, RN, for her special gifts of vision, compassion, generosity of spirit, volunteerism, and exemplary service. She has made a difference in the personal and professional lives of Seventh-day Adventist nurses around the world, with the Philanthropic Award.

It is with admiration and thankfulness that Loma Linda University School of Nursing Alumni Association honorees Helen Emori King, RN, PhD, for her lifetime achievements in nursing service and nursing education.

Emori King, RN, PhD, is a graduate of science in nursing at Loma Linda University in 1959. By 1965, she had completed her master's degree in nursing education.

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Annual BALL banquet held on February 26

W. Augustus Cheatham, MSW (second left), vice chancellor for public affairs, LLU and banquet emcee, welcomes guests to the Twenty-second Annual Scholarship Banquet, sponsored by the Black Alumni of Loma Linda and La Sierra Universities, held on February 26, at the Los Angeles Marriott Downtown in Los Angeles. More than 350 guests attended the affair.

M. Leon Seard II, MD, president of BALL, welcomes alumni and friends of BALL and thanks them for their continued support of the organization.

Leslie N. Pollard, DMin (right), special assistant to the chancellor for diversity, LLU; presents H. Roger Hadley, MD, dean, School of Medicine, LLU, with the LLU Leadership Diversity Award “in acknowledgement of your lifelong commitment to the education of minority young people at Loma Linda University.”

Carlton B. Sampson, MD (right), member, BALL executive committee, congratulates (from left) Sherika Shanna-Kay Wright, Toyin Akinpelu, and Paula Thompson for receiving Gaines Partridge Scholarship awards.

LSU awardees included (second left) David O. Ajao, education; LaTasha S. Murrell, business and management; and Sherika Shanna-Kay Wright, arts and sciences. David Dudley, PhD (far left), director of the counseling center at LSU, presented the awards.

Lori Barker Hackett, PhD (right), presents Paula Thompson, the recipient of the Matilda “Syd” Barker Scholarship Award in the amount of $1,000.

Anthony T. Fenison, MD (right), makes remarks after receiving the Alumnus of the Year Award. Looking on are his wife, Lachelle, and Nyron H. R. McLean, member, BALL executive committee.

The Joe Bagg Quartet provided musical entertainment for the evening.

A report on the Minority Introduction to the Health Sciences program was given by the program coordinator, Leroy A. Reese, MD.
School of Nursing celebrates 100 years

Richard Schaefer, LLU historian, presents “A Legacy of Providence” on the lawn in front of the heritage cottages behind Nichol Hall. His presentation was part of the School of Nursing’s “A Century of Caring,” which was held Saturday afternoon, April 2.

Deleise Wilson, MA, RN, assistant professor of nursing, presents the story of “Winifred.” Ms. Wilson is dressed in a vintage nursing uniform.

From left, Lou Anne Ruminson Kent-Aaen, class of 1969, poses for a picture after vespers with her mother, Marie Jackson Ruminson, class of 1941, and her daughter, Sharna Aaen, class of 2006. Lou Anne, Marie, and Sharna represent three generations of School of Nursing graduates.

Lucille Noggle Bieher, class of 1938, represented the oldest class present during the School of Nursing alumni banquet, held Saturday evening, April 2.

Nadine Moore Knight, class of 1975, and Elizabeth (Bowes) Dickinson, class of 1975, share experiences they had while enrolled in the School of Nursing.

Patricia Clark Foster, PhD, RN, emeritus professor, School of Nursing, poses for a picture with her husband, Glenn. Dr. Foster is a member of the class of 1955B, the golden anniversary class.

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Ina Britta Muderspach, class of 1955, receives the Alumna of the Year Award from Eva Miller, MS, RN, associate professor of nursing, during the alumni banquet.

Hazel Wood (left), alumni association secretary, poses for a picture with Zelma Zamora, president of the alumni association.

(From left) Racheal Askea, Toby Richards, Ahlam Jadalla, and Iris Mamier receive alumni association merit scholarships.

Doreen Mary Louise Elvedahl-Kuhn (right), proudly displays her Alumna of the Year Award. Posing for a picture with her are Joyce Volsch, administrative director of nursing, LLUMC, and Ms. Miller.

Carolyn Pierce Thompson (right), class of 1949, prepares to receive the School of Nursing Philanthropic Award from Helen E. King, PhD, RN, dean of the School of Nursing.

Dr. King poses for a picture with Katty Joy French, PhD, RN, after receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award.
Japanese students learn more than academics while studying at LLU

Loma Linda University’s School of Allied Health Professions is making an impact on the occupational therapy and physical therapy workforce in Japan.

The School’s partnership with Humanitec Rehabilitation College in Yokohama, Japan, brings several Japanese students to the Loma Linda campus each fall, where they learn about more than just physical and occupational therapy.

Last fall, the 15 students composing the third cohort from Humanitec were exposed to a world of new experiences during their stay, in addition, of course, to completing their college degrees: by spending their final quarter at Loma Linda, the students earn a bachelor’s degree in health science from Loma Linda’s School of Allied Health Professions, specializing in either occupational therapy or physical therapy.

Throughout their stay, the students lived in makeshift dormitories in adjacent apartments arranged for by Art Walls, manager of rental properties. Faculty, students, and Loma Linda Japanese Church families volunteered to help the students adjust to life in Loma Linda and helped create memorable experiences for the students.

“People who have worked with this group of students, or the two previous cohorts, were truly enthusiastic,” says the program’s director, Keiko Kho, MS, MA, also chair of the speech-language pathology and audiology department in the School of Allied Health Professions.

“They learned that these Japanese students always capitvate their hearts. Some have said that their charm was in their sincerity and gentleness and everyone was unable to find enough words to describe how the students touched their lives.”

The quarter passed quickly while the students struggled to adjust to American customs, speaking English, and living away from the familiar environment of home.

When finals week arrived, Ms. Kho conducted a group exit interview. The students mentioned at least 15 new ideas and experiences that captured their enjoyment:

1. Weekly chapel. While it may surprise some students who have such opportunities year-round, these students said they felt the blessing of “newfound peace” in their hearts.

2. Americans and American students, specifically, observing their learning styles and willingness to tutor strangers from a foreign country.

3. Eating breakfast.


5. Five servings of vegetables and fruit each day. They also admitted they were unable to eat as much as Americans.

6. A cigarette-free lifestyle.

7. Exercising in the Drayson Center. Swimming was a favorite.

8. Practicum workshops, which exposed them to many interesting topics. They enjoyed sitting with so many other students from the School of Allied Health Professions.

9. Trips to galleries, museums, gardens, the zoo, and the Crystal Cathedral. Volunteers who sponsored field trips left deep impressions on how to seek out beauty and live balanced lives.

10. Sabbath services. Even though they were not Christians, the students never missed a week. Initially, they didn’t understand why the Japanese Church members took such interest in them.

11. Praise songs. The group learned several favorites, arranged a couple of songs, and sang them at Japanese Church for their parting gift.


13. Singing band at the Medical Center on Fridays.

14. Visiting University Church to experience high church and an energetic, tireless promoter of the new school.

Interestingly, Dr. Rawson began dreaming of seeing a dental school in Las Vegas while he was still a student at LLU in the early 1960s. “I was so impressed with the way Loma Linda emphasized whole-person care, basic sciences, and excellence in clinical dentistry, including gold foil, that I told Dean (Charles T.) Smith that I would like to see a school like that in Las Vegas.”

Of course, Las Vegas and the State of Nevada were a long way from having either the population or the resources to consider opening a dental school in the 1960s.

But that would gradually change, due in great measure to Dr. Rawson’s pushing the issue until the time was right. The need to provide care for underserved populations and the development of a coalition of supporters of the idea of a school were all in place.

TIming is everything in so many aspects of life. Ray has been a senator in the Nevada Legislature for several years and was part of the forensic team after the 1980 MGM fire in Las Vegas and the Sioux City airplane crash in 1989.

His interest in this field resulted in pursuing a master’s degree in physical anthropology at UNLV in 1978. A leader in the field, he has served as an officer of the American Board of Forensic Odontology.

The adage that “if you want to get something done, give it to a busy man,” certainly applies to Dr. Rawson. How else does one explain the numerous activities and projects he finds time to do?

He still practices dentistry (and loves it), and his public services include the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health, American Legacy Foundation (smoking cessation programs), Task Force Fund for a Healthy Nevada (tobacco settlements), and the Clark County Anti-Tobacco Task Force, in addition to the Boy Scouts, YMCA, and United Way.

He has been given numerous awards over the years—such as the Community Hero Award by the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Public Service Award by the American Association of Public Health Dentistry—and he is a frequently invited lecturer, but he really lights up when he talks about his family. He and his wife, Linda, have seven children—the first one born while they lived in Loma Linda—21 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild (born in March, 2004). One of his sons is studying dentistry in Bloomington, Indiana.

The boy born in 1940 in Sandy, Utah, has come a long way to his position of leadership in Las Vegas and the State of Nevada.

Part of that journey was his dental education in Loma Linda where, as a student, he produced a film on the high-speed photographic study of molten gold flow.

He impressed Dean Charles Smith that Dr. Smith offered him a position at the School of Dentistry. Unfortunately Dr. Rawson had to decline because he needed to pay off his loans.

His interest in teaching, however, remained and has come full circle to where he is now very much involved in dental education.

Ray Rawson, SD&D, clinician, educator, forensic expert, and legislator is a most illustrious alumnus of the School of Dentistry.

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The LLUMC Board of Trustees appointed Max Trevino, president of the Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, as a member of the Board of Trustees. Pastor Trevino has a broad background in finance, and will chair the LLUMC board audit committee.

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First robot assisted surgery...

Continued from page 5 and Donald Moores, MD, pediatric surgeon at Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital, spoke about the da Vinci’s potential benefits for their patients as well.

“We do a lot of laparoscopic surgeries in pediatrics,” said Dr. Moores. “With the da Vinci, we have the potential to do much more complex laparoscopic surgeries.”

Dr. Kim echoed this idea. “We’ve been trying to move into more minimally invasive procedures in gynecological surgeries,” said Dr. Kim. “The da Vinci will allow us to do so.”

This is ultimately of benefit to the patient, as Dr. Ruckel pointed out during the press conference. “The benefit for the patient is to recover quicker—to be getting up and around sooner,” he said.

Mr. Jensen was diagnosed with prostate cancer in January of this year.

“I knew the reputation of this hospital and of Dr. Ruckel and felt comfortable being the first patient,” said Mr. Jensen of his experience with the da Vinci Surgical System. “I was amazed at how soon I was up and around, it was the next day!”

Prostate cancer is a disease in which malignant (cancer) cells form in the tissues of the prostate. The prostate is a gland in the male reproductive system located just below the bladder and in front of the rectum. Each year in the U.S., approximately 1,800 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer, and approximately 16 percent of American men will be diagnosed with this disease sometime in their lives. Treatment options and prognosis depend on the stage of the cancer, the Gleason score, and the patient’s age and general health. With greater public awareness, early detection is on the rise and mortality rates are declining. Additionally, new advances in medical technology are enabling cancer victims to go on to live active and productive lives afterward.

One of the most common treatments for prostate cancer involves the surgical removal of the prostate gland, known as radical prostatectomy. Traditional radical prostatectomy requires a large, 8 to 10 inch incision. This open surgery commonly results in substantial blood loss, a lengthy and uncomfortable recovery, and the risk of impotence and incontinence.

Patients opting for surgical treatment may be a candidate for a new, less-invasive surgical procedure called da Vinci Prostatectomy. This procedure incorporates a state-of-the-art surgical system that helps the surgeon see vital anatomical structures more clearly and to perform a more precise surgical procedure. For most patients, da Vinci Prostatectomy offers numerous potential benefits over open prostatectomy, including: shorter hospital stay, less pain, risk of infection, less blood loss and fewer transfusions, less scarring, smaller incisions, faster recovery and quicker return to normal activities.

As with any surgical procedure, these benefits cannot be guaranteed with the da Vinci Prostatectomy, but patient and procedure specific.

Walter’s Children’s Charity Classic presents $250,000 check to LLUCH

On March 23, a roomful of sponsors, administrators, and patients gathered at Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital to recognize the dedication and support the Walter’s Children’s Charity Classic golf tournament has provided the Children’s Hospital for nine years. The ninth annual tournament, held in October, 2004, raised $250,000 for two units at the Children’s Hospital. The Pediatric ICU Transport team and the Cardiac Intermediate Care Unit will split the proceeds to buy new equipment or replace worn-out systems.

Which is exactly what Walter’s Mercedes-Benz of Riverside intended to raise funds for when the company, owned by Steven Kienle, started doing the golf tournament nine years ago.

“We specifically geared this event toward providing new medical equipment for Children’s Hospital,” said Mr. Kienle. “Each year the tournament revitalizes me to see how much we can help the kids.” He applauded the returning 65 sponsors who have continued to support the tournament over the nine-year tenure.

B. Lyn Behrens, MBBS, president of Loma Linda University Medical Center, thanked the Kienles and the many sponsors of the tournament for the continued support.

“You truly are partners with us in potential—you are building our community’s future by helping children,” Dr. Behrens says. Victor Bannis, BS, RCP, RRT-NPS, transport team coordinator, and Anne Totaro, RN, nurse manager for pediatric cardiac intermediate care, shared with the group some of the equipment the funds raised at the tournament would allow the units to purchase. Mr. Bannis was excited to show a mobile transport unit and visually present the piece that would be overhauled with upgrades—some parts nearly 12 years old.

“This unit will look like a brand new Mercedes,” Mr. Bannis beamed. But he was most excited about two portable bloodgas analyzers he would be able to acquire for the transport team. These mobile units will allow test results on patients in community hospitals in minutes, compared to what would otherwise require a time-consuming process of paging in a specialist from the surrounding area to perform the test.

Ms. Totaro told of several new items the cardiac unit looked forward to receiving because of the funds made available from the Children’s Classic. She talked about a new defibrillator and a new dialysis machine that would be “a gentle dialysis for the critically ill child.” She mentioned the types of funds coming into the Children’s Hospital and of Infants-to-infant heart transplantation. When Ms. Totaro asked if he had anything to add to the list, she said his eyes lit up, and he immediately answered the Berlin Heart. Developed in Germany, the Berlin Heart is the only implantable device usable on very small patients to bridge them to transplant or allow their own heart tissue enough time to rest and heal itself.

“Just remember,” Ms. Totaro says, “it’s not just equipment you’re giving us; you’re giving another tomorrow to these children.”

The Walter’s Children’s Charity Classic has raised a total of $1.4 million in nine years. The Kienles are eager to continue the tradition for the 10th year on October 17, 2005.

“All this solidifies in my heart what we’re here for—to give back,” says Mr. Kienle.

The pediatric ICU transport team at Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital services children in San Bernardino, Riverside, Inyo, and Mono counties, transporting patients too ill to be cared for at community hospitals to Loma Linda. The team, consisting of a physician, nurse, and respiratory therapist all specially trained in pediatric critical care, travel by ambulance, helicopter, or fixed-wing plane to transport 800 to 900 children each year to the Level I trauma center at Loma Linda for a range of diagnoses from infections, breathing difficulties, trauma, new-onset cardiac problems, seizes, and child abuse.

The pediatric cardiac intermediate care unit provides care to infants and children requiring surgery for congenital cardiac anomalies, including heart valve repair or replacement, heart transplantation, or placement of heart mechanical devices. These patients receive care from the unit beginning with post-op recovery, through intensive care, and acute care, and discharge stages. The unit incorporates state-of-the-art research and technology to provide specialized and comprehensive care to the children renowned throughout the world.
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gical nursing with a functional emphasis in the teaching of nursing to rural and indigenous populations from Boston University with a doctor of philosophy degree in biology. She applied this back-ground to influence the curricula of schools of nursing, including Southern Missionary College, Loma Linda University, Boston University, and Bicol College.
In 1978, Dr. King became a member of the American University School of Nursing. She has served in this leadership role in Seventh-day Adventist nursing education until the present time.

As the administrator of the nursing school, Dr. King serves on many boards and committees. A few of these include University Dean’s Council, the President’s Committee, and the Chancellor’s Committee. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Adventist Health Sciences Center’s Academic Council and the President’s Council. Professional organizations in which she participates include SN Alumni Board and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, for which she has chaired diverse international nursing outreach taskforces. As a member of the Adventist Accrediting Association, she has served as a site visitor for several schools, both domestic and foreign. She is currently a member of the American Nurses Association’s National League for Nursing, and Sigma Theta Tau, International, Gamma Alpha chapter.

Dr. King will be remembered for her role in the development of LLLU School of Nursing. These include the following:

- Faculty development: In 1981, very few faculty had doctoral degrees. Dr. King committed School of Nursing time and funds to change this. Now more than 50 percent have various doctoral degrees and a number of others are soon to complete such achievement. She has also supported post-doctoral education and research.
- Physical plant development: Dr. King has led in many changes to West Hall to meet the needs of our expanding faculty and student body. A few of these include faculty offices, classrooms, and the student lounge. These have been updated using instructional technology.
- Student wellness support: Dr. King has provided support and encouragement for student organizations, such as the Association of Native Americans from left to right: John Lewis, PhD, professor and orthopaedic patient, Tom Donaldson, MD, director of the Joint Replacement Center, Jennifer Wickre, legislative assistant to Jerry Lewis, Jan Lewis, Dr. Donaldson’s wife, and Ian Clarke, PhD, director of the Orthopaedic Research Center.

For two days, March 16 and 17, two members of the orthopaedic department at Loma Linda University Medical Center and a patient from LLLUMC traveled to Washington, D.C., to lobby on behalf of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS). The AAOS selected Thomas Donaldson, MD, director of the Joint Replacement Center, and Jan Clarke, PhD, director of the Orthopaedic Research Center, to represent the orthopaedic clinician/researcher team from Southern California. The AAOS lobbying effort was to make Congress aware of the urgent need for improved National Institutes of Health funding in neuromuscular diseases. The proportion of funded grants has been slipping from 20 percent in 2003 down to 16 percent in 2004. Dr. Donaldson also selected John Lewis, PhD, professor of pathology and human anatomy at Loma Linda University, as the ideal advocate for orthopaedic patients at LLLUMC.

Professional League’s story of knee arthritis developed more than eight years ago. Developing knee pain progressively limited his lecturing ability and also gave him many sleepless nights. His orthopaedic evaluations indicated that what was advisable was the knee technology was changing. For more than five years, Dr. Lewis pursued the conservative, non-surgical options available to him but with minimal improvement. With worsening pain and disability, he realized that he needed to get his life back into gear. Thus Dr. Donaldson performed his knee joint replace-

Therapists... Continued from page 14 types of massage, which are designed to meet the specific needs of certain groups of individuals.

The “anti-stress massage” utilizes the long gliding and knead-

ing strokes of Swedish massage to provide relaxation and increase circulation.

The “seniority” massage is a gentle and light massage designed to increase range of motion, decrease joint and muscle pain, and improve balance for those ages 65 and older.

For those athletes in training, the “sports massage” offers the benefits of injury prevention, decrease scar tissue, and rehabilitation.

Individuals suffering from dis-eases and conditions such as carpal tunnel, sciatica, back pain, and headaches can benefit from the advantage of the “therapeutic massage.”

Those interested in reducing pain and enhancing healing for muscle strains and tears—including knee injuries, bursitis, tense muscles and tears—includ-

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LLUMC contingent outside the office of Congressman Jerry Lewis, PhD, professor and orthopaedic patient, Tom Donaldson, MD, director of the Joint Replacement Center, Jennifer Wickre, legislative assistant to Jerry Lewis, Jan Lewis, Dr. Donaldson’s wife, and Ian Clarke, PhD, director of the Orthopaedic Research Center.

The first merit scholarships were given in 1996. The merit scholarship is con-fined annually to one undergraduate student and one graduate student who best demonstrate excellence in their respective programs. The award criteria are based on the pur-pose of Sigma Theta Tau International, the honor society of nursing.

Up to three students and alumni through awards. An alumnus of the year award has been presented to deserving alumni since 1967. The alumni association board was concerned that the organi-zation’s goal was not being fully met, as students achieving excellence were not being rec-ognized. A committee was presented during the banquet highlighting the mission work that was supported by the alumni during 2004 and 2005.

The alumni association was able to help three schools of nursing where alumni are fac-ulty—Nigeria, Mexico, and West Indies—with a total of $5,000. Funds were also given to help pay postage for nursing books sent to schools in Pakistan, India, and Africa.

Following the mission reports was the House of Trust report. During the past fiscal year, the North Carolina Nursing Association then thanked House of Trust volunteers Anabelle Hills, Dwayne Jones, Wendy Mcalister, Lloyd and Helen Mickelsen, Shirley Plata, and Rose Anjoe.

Dr. Donaldson performed his knee joint replace-
mient on November 15, 2004, at Loma Linda University Medical Center East Campus. Professor Lewis became a highly motivated and very com-pliant knee patient. His desire was to make maximum progress and to resume his passion of riding mountain bikes. His knee performance improved...
Bioethics Grand Rounds scheduled for April 13, 2005

Several speakers will address the topic of “Do illegal immigrants deserve access to Southern California health care?” at the next Bioethics Grand Rounds scheduled to be held Wednesday, April 13, 2005.

The grand rounds will be held from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall for Basic Sciences, Loma Linda University.

Presenters for the grand rounds include Robert Gardner, PhD, MA, program chair of the PhD in social policy and social research, LLU, and professor, department of social work and social ecology, LLU; Mindel D. Spiegel, MD, MPH, retired, consultant licensing and certification, medical staff and EM_TALA issues, Los Angeles County Health Department; Brenda Flores, MSW, doctoral student in social policy, LLU, and program specialist, County of Riverside, Children’s Services Policy Unit; and Adiel Uzabakinho, MSW, doctoral student in social policy, LLU.

The objectives of the grand rounds are to distinguish between access to health care based on human rights (to all in need or to special vulnerable populations such as children or the elderly) and access based on social privilege (citizenship, employment, income), identify the moral and political principles that are the basis for the state’s (government) interest in health care so that providers can be justly mandated to provide health care services (e.g. EM_TALA), evaluate the fairness of providers being mandated by the state to bear the burden of the cost of uncompensated health care (i.e. loss of sleep, time with family, service for paying patients); and discuss the unique obligations of the faith-based provider in caring for the health care needs of people.

The grand rounds, presented by the Center for Christian Bioethics and the Center for Spiritual Life & Wholeness, is designated by the School of Medicine for continuing medical education activity for one hour in category 1 of the Physician’s Recognition Award of the American Medical Association.

Loma Linda University School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing education for physicians.

Pharmacy, medicine students jointly sponsor substance abuse seminar

Loma Linda University Schools of Pharmacy and Medicine joined together last month to organize a seminar designed to increase awareness about substance abuse and drug recovery programs for pharmacists, physicians, and students of the respective professions.

More than 100 students from the two schools attended the evening seminar. Volunteer speakers for the seminar included a pharmacist currently in the recovery program, Mihran Ask, MD, addiction medicine physician at the Jerry L. Pettis Veterans Memorial Medical Center, and Robert Pavlan, RPH, JD, clinical associate professor, School of Pharmacy.

Drs. Ask and Pavlan discussed cases and health care professional recovery programs available in California.

“As a result of this seminar, our students learned how medical knowledge, ease of medication access, as well as the high stress inherent in our professions can lead to the risk of substance abuse,” says Kelly Lee, PharmD, assistant professor of pharmacy.

“As health care professionals, such habits can be very serious not only to us, but ultimately to our patients. Overall, this seminar informed us of the risks, our rights and responsibilities, available recovery programs, and the need to seek help early.”

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Seminar participants and organizers pose for a photograph following the substance abuse seminar sponsored jointly by students from the Schools of Pharmacy and Medicine. Pictured (from left) are Kelly Lee, PharmD, assistant professor of pharmacy; Mihran Ask, MD, assistant professor of medicine; Robert Pavlan, RPH, JD, clinical associate professor, School of Pharmacy; Jenny Park, pharmacy student; Veda Roshan, pharmacy student; Susan Vo, pharmacy student; Robert Pavlan, RPH, JD, clinical associate professor, School of Pharmacy; and Giang Lam, School of Medicine student.

Massage therapists at Drayson Center offer free massages and expand hours of service

A number of Drayson Center members have been enjoying free 5-minute massages.

“In an effort to raise awareness and boost business,” explains Catherine Gray, “our massage therapists have been giving complimentary massages during their free time.”

Ms. Gray is co-owner of Hands-on Medical Massage School in Yucaipa, which manages the massage therapists who staff Drayson Center. Carola Janiaik, featured in a previous article on massage, is also co-owner.

“Currently, we have six fully certified and licensed medical massage therapists working at Drayson Center,” she continues. “Within a few weeks, we plan to offer evening appointments as well.”

Many individuals consider massage to be a luxury, Ms. Janiaik points out.

Tanya Frederick, a fully certified and licensed medical massage therapist, gives a free massage to an individual at LLU Drayson Center. Massage therapy will soon be offered in the evenings as well.
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ents and the girls. Alane Allbee, RN, and Jeanne Martinez, RN, case manager for the twins, orga- nized two Monday night scrap- booking soirees for all of the team members who wanted to share photos and stories of the twins. Ms. Martinez was also instrumental in keeping such a large team communicating and working smoothly together over several months.

The twins’ skull bones were fused together, but no other major tissues were joined. Their brains were completely separate and even their blood vessels were apart. Though one of the reasons for performing the separation surgery on children so young came from imaging that showed gradual evidence of the two girls’ circulatory systems beginning to merge in their skulls. Dr. Osterdock devised three implants into each of the girls that would allow their heads to be fix- ed in place during surgery, pre- venting any flapping as the special bed rotated the girls during the procedure. Normal methods for this apply 60 pounds of force to the skull, something an infant simply cannot endure.

After the twins left the hospi- tal on March 22, when a lunch- eon was held to celebrate the successful surgery and complica- tion-free post-op care, KNBC Channel 4 aired a 10-part series documenting the girls’ stay and the care received during the week of March 28 to April 1. An hour-long special covering Crystal and Cristina’s experience will air April 17 at 4:00 p.m. on KNBC Channel 4.

Fletcher Jones Foundation awards
grant for Centennial Complex

In late February, Loma Linda University received a generous awards grant from the Fletcher Jones Foundation for the Centennial Complex.

“It is my pleasure to inform you of the action taken by the trustees of Fletcher Jones Foundation at their meeting on February 18, 2005. The trustees authorized a grant of $500,000...in the new North Academic Complex,” read the letter written by the Foundation’s president, John P. Pollock, to Richard Hart, MD, DPHL, chancellor of Loma Linda University.

This generous grant by the foundation, which has been received by the University, came in the wake of meetings held between Dr. Hart and the foun- dation’s executive director, Christine Sisley, since December of 2004. A formal funding request was submitted by the University in January of this year, followed by half-owned by Ms. Sisley’s site visit on February 11.

The foundation was estab- lished by Fletcher Jones (1912 to 1972), a visionary pioneer in the fast-moving field of computer science. While Fletcher Jones empowered the foundation trustees with latitude on how to implement its philanthropic pro- gram, the foundation has invested significant funding in the furthering private higher educa- tion in the state of California, especially in the areas of scien- tific and technological endeavors and research. With its latest grant, the foundation supports for Loma Linda University over two decades totals more than $1.6 million.

The $500,000 grant was awarded toward the construction and establishment of the Centennial Complex, previously also known as the North Academic Complex. The com- plex will be the anchor facility for the University on the north end of the campus.

Heather Reifsnyder

New special projects editor
joins University relations staff

Joining University relations to cover the School of Public Health and the School of Allied Health Professions is Heather Reifsnyder, who began working in mid-March as a special pro- jects editor.

Ms. Reifsnyder just moved to Loma Linda from Fort Worth, Texas, where she grew up and most recently spent the last two and a half years reporting for The Weatherford Democrat, a daily newspaper located a half hour west of Fort Worth. She covered education, health care, senior cit- omen, and agriculture.

Ms. Reifsnyder previously vol- unteered as an English teacher at the McNelis Language School in Prague, Czech Republic, after graduating from Pacific Union College in Angwin with a bache- lor’s degree in English. During her senior year at PUC, she edited the student newspaper, the Campus Chronicle.

Outside of work, she enjoys reading, watching independent films, traveling, and hiking.

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convention.

“This year we are honoring a very special person,” said Kris Wilkins, chair, dental hygiene department, in her remarks, “who has made significant con- tributions of her time, talents, and expertise to further the mis- sion of Loma Linda University School of Dentistry and the department of dental hygiene.”

Arlene Madsen married Judson Klooster November 28, 1948. She entered the dental hygiene program in the late 1960s, while raising three beau- tiful daughters: Cherylin, Lynette, and Tereill Ann.

She traveled abroad and entertained numerous School of Dentistry guests in their home. The plaque awarded to Mrs. Klooster reads: “Dental Hygiene Alumni of Loma Linda University honor Arlene J. Klooster as Dental Hygiene Alumna of the Year for her years of compassionate service and involvement with the students, faculty, and staff of the School of Dentistry; and for being a dedicated and inspiring Christian health care provider. We honor our respected col- league and God’s humble servant.”

An invitation

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