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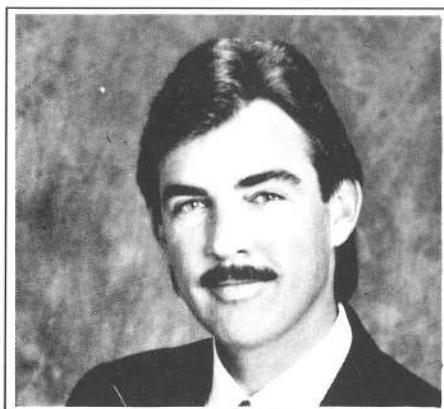
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*See page 6 for all the features!*



**HIGH HONOR:** Dr. R. Jack Cassingham, a past NODA president and professor emeritus at LSUSD, has been presented the Louisiana Dental Association's Distinguished Service Award. It is the LDA's highest honor, bestowed for extraordinary contributions to organized dentistry and the community.



President Dr. Anthea Grogono congratulates table clinic winner Robin Levy. See page 5.

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## President's Message

by ANTHEA GROGONO, DDS

Although there is a hiatus in our meeting schedule during the summer months, the officers of your association have been working hard to ensure another successful year. Elsewhere in this issue, you will see the dates for the general meetings that have been arranged.

Our first meeting comes shortly after the New Orleans Dental Conference. In a break with tradition we are having our Staff Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, September 18. This will avoid conflicts that used to occur with the heavy social calendars between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and give us a little break from lectures.

Dr. Chris Brown, Chairman of the Scientific Program Committee, and his committee members have arranged an outstanding program for us this year.

As a follow-up to my previous message in May, there has been some activity on the statewide public relations campaign. The entire membership owes Dr. Joseph Lacoste a vote of thanks. At our NODA Board meeting we were at last able to see a budget breakdown for the proposed advertising campaign, and a review of the probable advertising media to be utilized.

Because of Dr. Lacoste's familiarity with the way the advertising industry operates, he was able to point out some opportunities to get better value for our money and more exposure. As a result of his input we asked him to attend the State Board meeting on June 7 in Baton Rouge.

This he did, although he had to cancel patients to make himself available. Because of his clear exposition, the LDA Board decided that perhaps they had been moving too rapidly, and it was decided to refer the matter back to the State Public Relations Committee for further study.

Dr. Gary Roberts appointed Dr. Lacoste to

the P.R. Committee so he will be able to continue to represent us. Thanks to Drs. Jim Roethel, Tom Murphy, and Joë Lacoste who have unselfishly given their time and expertise to the LDA P.R. Committee. Their work not only benefits NODA members but all component members to insure the dollars spent reap the maximum member benefits possible.

Thanks also to Drs. Debra Arnold and Randy Green who throughout the year continue to represent the best interests of our members in their capacity as Directors to the LDA.

I am looking forward to the New Orleans Dental Conference and seeing you all there. This is the last year that we will be completely in the Hilton. Next year we are making the big leap to the Convention Center. Be sure to give us all the support you can, especially by buying in the Exhibit Hall.

I hope you are all having a good summer with enough relaxation interspersed between the hard working days that most of us have. It's so important to "stop and smell the roses"! See you at the Conference!

Anthea Grogono  
President

## New guidelines on prosthetic joints

Most patients with prosthetic joints don't need antibiotic prophylaxis prior to dental treatment, according to new guidelines developed by the ADA and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

The joint recommendations, approved at the Council on Scientific Affairs meeting last month, note that only a small group of patients, such as those who are immunocompromised, might warrant premedication.

"After reviewing all of the available literature, an ADA/AAOS expert panel found that antibiotic prophylaxis was not indicated for the majority of patients with prosthetic joints," said Clifford Whall, PhD, CSA's director of product evaluations.

The complete text of the ADA/AAOS advisory statement titled Antibiotic Prophylaxis for Dental Patients with Total Joint Replacements, will be published in the July issue of the *Journal of the American Dental Association*.

With the new recommendations, the two organizations aim to provide guidance on an issue that's become mired in confusion.

Source: June 12, ADA ONLINE, News Daily



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## 166 YEARS OF SERVICE

*Four LSUSD profs retire*

Amid outpourings of mixed emotion, 166 collective years of dedicated service to the dental profession through practice, teaching, and administrative effort were celebrated at retirement ceremonies on June 25 at the LSU School of Dentistry.

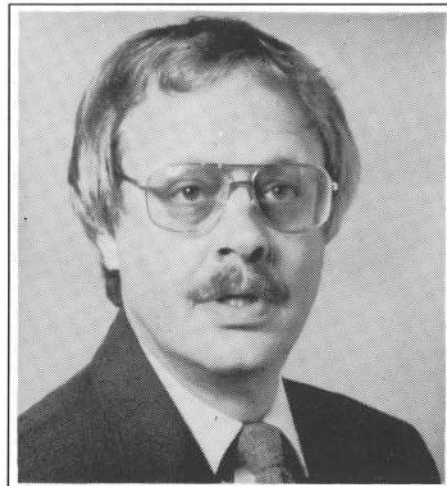
The four senior faculty members honored were Drs. Anthony B. Carimi (Loyola 1949), Robert C. Coker (Loyola 1959), Albert T. Goldberg (Howard 1966), and Frank L. Herbert (Loyola 1948).

Drs. Carimi, Coker and Herbert were military dental corps veterans and successful private practitioners before becoming affiliated with the

school. Dr. Goldberg joined the faculty after receiving his MS in fixed prosthodontics from the University of Iowa.

The careers of each of these pioneers in LSU dental education were distinguished by many honors and achievements.

Their most significant accomplishment, however, was the influence and impact they had on the 1,609 dentists and 1,152 dental auxiliaries (757 dental hygienists, 260 dental laboratory technologists and 135 dental assistants) who graduated from the school during their years of service.



**HEADS NATIONAL BODY:** Dr. Thomas Shopper, NODA member who is associate professor in the LSUSD department of oral diagnosis, medicine and radiology, has been elected president of the American Board of Oral Medicine.

## ADA ISSUES STATEMENT ON LASERS

It is hoped you caught the appearance of ADA spokesperson Dr. Robert Pick on ABC's Good Morning America. Dr. Pick commented on the FDA's approval of a laser for cavity preparation.

Officially, the ADA is cautiously optimistic on the new technology because we have not reviewed test data or conducted any trials ourselves.

## ADA Statement:

The American Dental Association has been informed that the Food and Drug Administration has granted Premier Laser Systems Inc. the first-ever clearance to market a laser system for caries removal, cavity preparation and related applications.

Previously, the FDA has granted marketing clearance to lasers for use in soft tissue surgery, composite resin curing and bleaching procedures. The laser cleared for hard tissue applications is an

erbium YAG laser which emits infrared radiation that is absorbed by water in the tooth.

This laser system will be available for purchase by dentists within the next 90 days.

Although the Association views this development as promising, neither the company nor the FDA has provided the Association with the laboratory and clinical studies on which this decision was made.

Therefore, the Association cannot attest to the safety and effectiveness of this laser application at this time. Some of the concerns that the Association has raised in the past regarding the use of lasers on hard tissue include:

- safety to hard tissue, particularly pulpal tissue, based on the rapid temperature rise at the site where the laser strikes the tooth;
- cracking of the tooth caused by shock waves that move through the tooth following exposure; and
- performance of the laser system in comparison to the high speed handpiece.

After the Association has reviewed studies demonstrating the safety and effectiveness of lasers for hard tissues, a comprehensive statement will be published.

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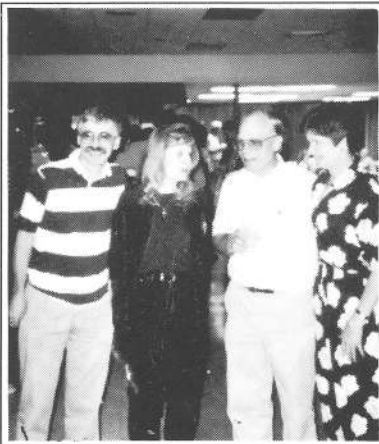
## NODA News goes to the Crawfish Feast



Real crawfish pros in this group.



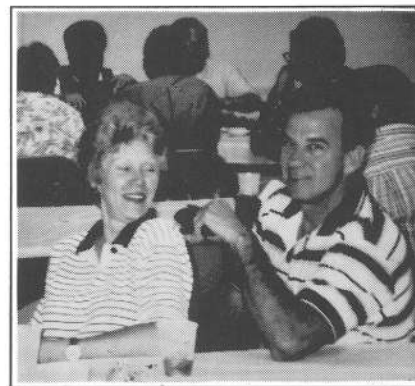
Yes, they were mighty tasty.



Getting together with friends.



Lesson in Cajun dancing.



Time to take a breather.

Photos by Dr. Tom Giacona

### You don't have to be a 'New Dentist'

"For Dentistry . . . A Revolutionary Time" is the theme of a national conference to be held August 7-9 in Boston.

Although billed as "the national conference on the new dentist," the event is open to all dentists, not just "young" or "new" practitioners.

Clinicians include Dr. Herbert Schilder on "Treatment of Pain of Pulpal and Periapical Origin," and "Predictably Successful Endodontics;" Dr. Barbara Steinberg on "Women's Oral Health Issues: From Puberty to Menopause," and "A Team Approach to Treating the Patient with Special Medical Concerns."

Also, Dr. Gordon Christensen on "New Aspects of Dentistry (Parts 1 and 2)," and William Elliott, "Cutting Through the Confusion - Dental Technology That Works."

Advance registration is closed, but participants may register on-site. Information may be secured by calling the ADA.

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## Robin Levy wins table clinic prize

(Photo on page 1)

Second-year dental student Robin Levy won first place in the clinical/research division of the 1997 Louisiana State University School of Dentistry Table clinic competition with "Effect of Eugenol on Bond Strength."

She will travel to Washington, D.C., to represent LSU in table clinic competition held during the American Dental Association Annual Meeting in October.

David Galatas, a second-year dental student, and Ryan Mathern and Douglas Talley, third-year dental students, won second place in the clinical/research division with "Human Periodontal Fibroblasts Cultured on Bone Replacement Materials."

In the postgraduate division, Dr. Blair Johnson won first place with "Perforation Repairs Using MTA & the Internal Matrix." Dr. Kevin Cologne won second with "Root Coverage."

In the dental laboratory technology division, second-year students Kevin Chee Soon Loo won first with "Three Methods in Correcting the Path of Placement on Fixed Prosthodontics" and Vinh Lam won second with "'Sloppy Joe.' What is the Solution? Mechanical Replacement for Plaster Mounting Technique."

In dental hygiene, first-year students Melissa Achee and Monica Shereen won first with "Preventive Pediatric Care." First-year students Amy Johnson and Gaynor Denmark won second with "Oral Health Care for the Breast Cancer Patient."

Dentsply, New Orleans Dental Association, and New Orleans Dental Hygiene Association sponsored the competition.



## LDA establishes 'New Dentist Award'

The membership committee of the Louisiana Dental Association has recommended to the LDA board of directors that a "New Dentist Award" be instituted in the spring of 1998.

The award will be given to an LDA member who has dignified himself/herself by giving his/her talents and time for the betterment of mankind.

Purpose of the award is "to encourage the highest moral and ethical principles in the practice of dentistry, to encourage practicing dentists to emulate the highest ideals and ethics, to harbor a true regard for fellow practitioners, and

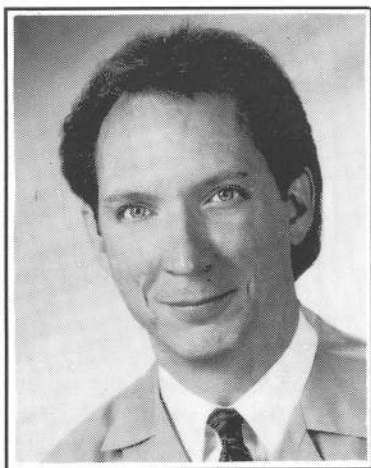
to maintain an honest aim to serve dental patients to the best of their abilities."

Requirements for nominees:

1. Maximum of 10 consecutive years in organized dentistry.
2. Recipient must have conducted himself/herself in an ethical manner during his/her dental career.
3. Recipient must have been active in professional and community service.

Nomination forms, to be submitted by November 1, 1997, may be obtained from the NODA Central Office. Call 834-6449.

***"When I graduated from dental school, I really didn't think I'd have time to be an 'active' member of organized dentistry. I thought I'd pay my dues each year and that would be it."***



**Dr. Kevin Collins**  
NODA Membership Chairman

*"But in many ways membership in the ADA has actually saved me time. I don't have to look any farther than 'ADA News,' 'JADA,' and ADA Online to keep current on what's happening in the profession. I can get my continuing education close to home from my local dental society. And between the practice management assistance I get from the ADA and the advice I get from my colleagues, I almost never have to spend time searching for the information I need to practice most efficiently."*

*"The best thing is — I now have time to give something back to the profession by being a volunteer leader in the local dental society. That's a good feeling."*

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Waiting for you as guides August 27-30 at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside will be some of the most learned dentists in the nation, assembled for the specific purpose of helping you to new levels of excellence in knowledge and techniques as well as practice planning and administration.

It all begins Wednesday, August 27 with the all-day Pre-Conference Course, an increasingly popular feature. As the year 2000 approaches, Dr. L. Stephen Buchanan will hold forth on "The Art of Endodontics: Concepts & Techniques for the New Millennium."

Then come three days of lively sessions, beginning with the big opening session featuring Connie Podesta, "If We're Going to Win the Race, We Need to Run in the Same Direction."

Connie, who formerly lived on the North Shore of Lake Pontchartrain, now travels out of Plano, Tex. Her career as a teacher, counselor, talk show host, comedienne, actress, wife and mother has helped her delight huge audiences at national conventions.

Thirty-six scientific sessions follow in the succeeding days, covering a wide range of dental subjects, management tips and formulas for personal development. Among the nationally known clinicians will be:

• Dr. Robert Edwab, "Oral Surgery for the General Practitioner."

**BUCKTOWN ALL-STARS SET TO SWING OUT!**

The popular Bucktown All-Stars will provide music for the Conference Welcome Reception and Dance Thursday, August 28 from 7:30 p.m.-12 midnight in the Hilton's Napoleon Room.

The evening will start on the quiet side as dentists and guests socialize and partake of the complimentary hot and cold buffet and cash bars throughout the ballroom.

Then the All-Stars move into high gear with their favorite 60s Atlantic soul hits and 70s funk tunes popularized by Blood, Sweat and Tears and Tower of Power.

Each dentist's registration includes two tickets. Extra tickets: \$25 each.

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The Exhibit Hall is one of the most important features of the New Orleans Conference.

Important for you as a dentist because it puts you on the leading edge of developments in equipment and instruments.

Important to the Conference because exhibitors' booth fees help keep dentists' fees low. This attracts more dentists which in

turn attracts more exhibitors!

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Exhibitors travel the country talking to dentists. They can be a great source of information on instrumentation and other subjects.

• Dr. John Molinari, "Practical Infection Control."

• Dr. Jeff Morley, "Practical Cosmetic Dentistry: Current Techniques and Materials."

• Dr. Walter F. "Jack" Turbyfill, "Complete Dentures: Is It a Dying Art?"

• Dr. David A. Garber, "Collaborative Restorative - Facing the New Millennium."

• Dr. Alan A. Boghosian, "Predictable Adhesive Dentistry."

• Dr. Paul C. Belvedere, "Expanding the Dental Practice With Non-Metallic Adhesive Techniques."

• Dr. John A. Svirsky, "Sex and the Single Nevus."

• Dr. Henry A. Gremillion, "Orofacial Pain: Diagnostic Dilemmas."

Mixed in with the clinical courses will be a wide variety of sessions devoted to practice building, management and personal development.

A sampling:

• Bruce Christopher, "Minimizing Stress & Maximizing Job Performance."

• Dominick Zurzolo, "Investment Allocation & Your Retirement Plan."

• Jennifer de St. Georges, "Creating a Patient Centered Practice," and "Handling Key Time Management Problems."

• Dr. Helyn Luechauer, "To Health or Hellth - What and Why We Eat," and "Clinical Body Signs of Nutritional Deficiencies."

• Carol Tekavec, RDH, CDA, "Records, Risk and Reimbursement."

• Russell Paternostro (former Saints strength coach), "Fitness for the Busy Professional."

Auxiliaries will find a wealth of learning opportunities, including:

• Connie Podesta, "Life Would Be Easy If It Weren't for Other People."

• Janice Lazarus, RDH, "Clinical Mastery of the Dental Hygiene Appointment," and "Periodontal Care into the 21st Century."

• Jill Rethman, RDH (she's editor of the Journal of Practical Hygiene), "What's New in Automatic Scalers," and "Oral Rinses: What They Do, What's New."

The extensive Exhibit Hall will display a broad range of equipment, instruments and services. An added feature will be free coffee every morning for the first hour.

Here is a great opportunity to gain all or most of the year's continuing education credits while enjoying a reunion with your classmates and colleagues.

**LUNCHEON TO FEATURE FASHION SHOW**

The annual Conference Luncheon Friday, August 29 will again feature fashions modeled by our own dentists, staff and spouses.

Here's a chance to applaud your friends in snazzy creations from Ballin's in New Orleans and Porter-Stevens.

Tickets for the luncheon are only \$23 prior to July 31, \$25 after July 31 and on-site. Cash bars will be available in the Napoleon Room.

## NODA announces '97-'98 calendar

### NODA STAFF APPRECIATION NIGHT

Thurs., Sept. 18, 1997 - 7:00 p.m.

Chateau Country Club

Mr. John Hoffman, Cajun Comedian

### NODA GENERAL MEETING

Wed., Oct. 15, 1997 - LSUSD - 7:00 p.m.

"Dental Therapeutics"

Dr. Mark Barry

### NODA GENERAL MEETING

Wed., Nov. 19, 1997 - LSUSD - 7:00 p.m.

"Root-Tips"

Dr. Lisa Germain

### NODA GENERAL MEETING

Wed., Dec. 10, 1997 - LSUSD - 7:00 p.m.

"Esthetics/Implants"

Dr. Avishai Sadan

### NODA GENERAL MEETING

Wed., Jan. 21, 1998 - LSUSD - 7:00 p.m.

"Pedo Update"

Dr. Clifton Dummett

### NODA GENERAL/ELECTION MEETING

#### NEW MEMBER DINNER

Wed., Feb. 18, 1998 - Carlone's Restaurant  
7:00 p.m.

"Posterior Cosmetics"

Dr. John Schwartz

### NODA INSTALLATION DINNER

Sat., March, 1998 - Dr. Ken Schott  
(Date, Time, & Location - To Be  
Announced)

### NODA CRAWFISH PARTY/DANCE

Fri., Apr. 17, 1998 - 7:00 p.m.

American Legion Home

Band - "Stan and the Grooves"

### NODA GENERAL MEETING

Wed., May 20, 1998 - LSUSD - 7:00 p.m.

"Restorative Materials"

Dr. John Burgess

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There's money to be won at the 1997 Conference!

A drawing for \$500 for those who pre-register by July 31 will be held at the Opening Keynote Session August 28 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Another \$500 will be given away at a drawing in the Exhibit Hall on Saturday, August 30 at 1 p.m.

Drawings are for dentists only. Winners must be present at the drawings.

## LSU names head of operative

Dr. John Olan Burgess has been appointed head of the LSUSD department of operative dentistry.

Dr. Burgess, a 1975 graduate of the Emory University School of Dentistry, received his MS in biomedical sciences from the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, completed general practice residency at US Regional Hospital, March AFB, California, and a two-year general dentistry residency at Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center in San Antonio.

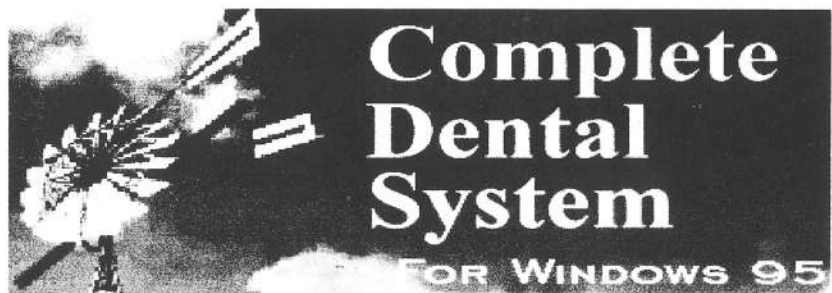
He most recently was associate professor and head of the division of biomaterials in the department of restorative dentistry at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and on the graduate faculty of its

department of prosthodontics.

In the military, Dr. Burgess was chair of the department of dental research at the Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center, director of research and dental materials at Wilford Hall and established and directed the general practice residency program at the USAF Regional Hospital, Sheppard AFB. He practiced general dentistry at Wilford Hall; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; and Karamursel Air Base, Turkey.

He is a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon honorary dental society and a cum laude graduate of Ohio University.

A prolific researcher, Dr. Burgess has published nearly 160 articles, abstracts, and textbook chapters.



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DATE	COURSE / TITLE	COST
1997	<b>"Comprehensive Continuum of Cosmetic Dentistry"</b>	
	Part I                      Part II                      Part III	
	Sept. 12-14, 1997      Oct. 24-26, 1997      December 12-14, 1997	
		Approx. 72 cr. hrs.      Per Person \$4,495.00
Sept. 19-20	"Removable Dentures - Full & Partial" w/John C. Kois, DMD, MSD	14 cr. hrs.      Dentist \$ 495.00
Sept. 20	"Radiology for Dental Auxiliaries"	07 cr. hrs.      Auxiliary \$ 185.00
Sept. 26-27	"Cosmetic Dentistry for Pediatric Patients" w/Drs. Lemon, Willhite, Dummett, Musselman and Robert Mopper	14 cr. hrs.      Dentist \$ 395.00 Friday Only Price
		07 cr. hrs.      Dentist \$ 245.00
		Auxiliary \$ 95.00
Oct. 3	"Intensive Mini Series-Endo" Part 1 w/Dr. Ron Lemon, et alia	30 cr. hrs.      Dentist \$1,600
Oct. 31	Part 2	
Nov. 21	Part 3	
Dec. 5	Optional	
October 4	"Advanced Radiology" w/Dr. Kavas Thunthy	07 cr. hrs.      Auxiliary \$ 145.00
Oct. 30-Nov. 1	"Basic Orthodontic Course 1" w/Dr. Chris Rankine	21 cr. hrs.      Dentist \$ 895.00
Oct. 31-Nov. 2	"Expanded Duty Dental Assistant" a/k/a/ EDDA	Auxiliary \$ 369.00
November 21	"Crown & Bridge Update" w/Dr. Wm. C. Strupp, Jr.	07 cr. hrs.      Dentist \$ 295.00
		Auxiliaries \$ 145.00
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