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To establish and maintain a cohesive organization that serves to promote the art, science, and professionalism of dentistry, and to communicate the value of oral health to the community.

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Periodontal update, dues drawing to highlight Sept. 25 meeting

BY DAVID J. HILDEBRANDT, DDS
(Scientific Program Chairman)

Mark your calendars for September 25 as your New Orleans Dental Association kicks off the new CE year with a periodontal update presented by Raymond A. Yukna, D.M.D., M.S.



DR. YUKNA

Dr. Yukna is the department head of periodontics for the Louisiana State University Medical Center School of Dentistry.

The presentation will include new armamentarium at the disposal of the dental practitioner in the treatment of periodontal disease. It will also cover medicaments and techniques available to aid in the management of our patients.

The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at LSUSD. In addition, we will serve refreshments during the social after the program.

NODA is also continuing the tradition of free dues drawings. At every meeting a lucky winner will win \$50 off his or her NODA dues. At the end of the year, a whole year of free dues will be given away. Every meeting that you attend increases your chances of being the grand prize winner at the final meeting.

Be on the lookout for your NODA stickers announcing next year's continuing education schedule. The members of the scientific program committee feel that we have put together a great curriculum of CE for next year.

The schedule includes presentations on cosmetic dentistry, oral pathology, traumatic injuries, implant dentistry, and aesthetic prosthodontics. We look forward to seeing everyone at our monthly NODA meetings!

Anxiety in the dental office: a study reveals fear still present

CHICAGO – An overwhelming majority of Americans continue to mention their fear of treatment in the dental office, creating extra stress in the dental office, according to a new poll conducted by the Chicago Dental Society of its members.

About 95 percent of dentists say their patients mention fear of treatment or dental procedures.

When treating patients who are fearful, almost two out of three dentists (64 percent) indicate that patient fear makes treatment somewhat stressful. About 25 percent of

respondents indicate that patient fear makes treatment very stressful.

However, about 96 percent of dentists say they undertake specific procedures or services to make patients less fearful of pain during dental treatment.

Other results of the perception of pain poll include the following:

- About 41 percent of dentists indicate that no more than 10 percent of their patients mentioned pain or fear of dental treatment. More than half (59 percent) indicated that no more than 20 percent indicate fear and 79 percent

indicate that half of their patients seem to be fearful.

- When patients mention they are fearful, almost 9 of 10 dentists (89 percent) indicate they are somewhat (37 percent) or very (51 percent) convinced of the patient's claims about fear.

- About 96 percent of dentists report they have a signal system for the patient to use when treatment has become too intense for them.

- In comparing fear between males and females, 65 percent of dentists report that men

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President's Message

by TERRY F. FUGETTA, DDS

Hello again everyone! The long, hot summer is finally winding to a close and it's time to get the "NODA Express" back into full gear.

During the past months, many dedicated committee chairs and our wonderful executive secretary Mona Whittington have been busy organizing committees, structuring programs, and events for the coming year.

As of this writing, Dr. Lisa Germain and her core committee are working at full speed to put the finishing touches on what promises to be one of the finest New Orleans Dental conferences ever.

No expense has been spared to gather the very best continuing education clinicians in the land. As usual, our dental conference social functions will be "top notch" with a Thursday evening welcome reception and a Friday style show-luncheon. To Lisa, Lou, and Norma and

the entire New Orleans Dental Conference core committee, thanks for all your dedication and hard work.

All the summer news was not good, however. Our most recent State Board of Dentistry appointee, Dr. Frank Martello, was excluded from the board due to a failure by the Governor's office to forward his name to the State Senate for approval.

The best reason I received from the many sources I talked to was that it was a clerical error that affected hundreds of board appointees across the state.

It is a tragedy that this had to happen at all; and very unfortunate for the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry which lost a hard-working and dedicated member such as Frank. At this time we are still waiting to hear from the Governor's office regarding his replacement.

On a similar note, the New Orleans area lost

still another representative to the State Board when Dr. Vince Liberto recently accepted the position at LSUSD as director of continuing education.

Our sincerest congratulations, prayers, and thoughts go along with Vince in his new endeavor. Anyone who has ever had the privilege to work alongside Vince knows what a tremendous asset he will be to the LSU Dental School. A meeting to select a replacement to the State Board will be forthcoming on September 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the LSU Dental School. All NODA members are invited to attend the September 25 general membership meeting.

Regards,
Terry

RECEIVES INTERNSHIP

Michael Steward, first-year dental student at the LSU School of Dentistry, has received a six-week internship at the Tech Action Clinic in Franklin, Louisiana, from the National Health Service Corps Health Promotion Disease Prevention Project.

The project awards internships in rural and urban areas in need of health services.

Pierre Fauchard Academy solicits grant requests

The Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy has accumulated a substantial capital fund through the annual contributions by its fellows and from a generous legacy from the late Dr. Fernando Brenes-Espinach of Costa Rica.

These funds have been invested and the interest, estimated to be approximately \$300,000 annually, will be available to fund student scholarships and grants requests from various dental programs and projects.

Beginning in the 1996-1997 academic year, the sum of \$100,000 has been designated for student scholarships. Each of the 54 dental schools in the United States will annually be awarded \$1,200 for a deserving student. Twenty eight awards will be available for students attending the non-U.S. dental schools.

In addition, the Foundation has designated \$200,000 annually to be awarded to the

Grants/Projects Program that will benefit the dental profession and the public it serves. Approximately \$65,000 was awarded to various dental programs in March of 1996. Another \$105,000 will probably be awarded in September of 1996.

Organizations, institutions and individuals who desire funding for their programs are encouraged to contact the Executive Director of the Foundation to obtain the Foundation's Informational Circular, which pertains to the types of grants the Foundation will fund, and information regarding the application procedure relative to the Foundation's Grants/Projects Program.

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The basic hardware and software for accessing the Internet are standard on most computers:

- **Computer and software** – Minimum requirements are an IBM-compatible computer (486 series or better), with Windows 3.1 or Windows 95 software, or an Apple Macintosh computer with System 7 software or better, and at least 8 megabytes of RAM.

- **Modem** – A baud rate of at least 14,400 bits per second is recommended.

- **Internet connection** – Obtain an Internet account and startup software through a local Internet access provider in your area or one of the nationwide commercial services such as America Online (800/827-6364), CompuServe (800/848-8199) and Prodigy (800/PRODIGY).

- **World Wide Web software** – Web "browser" software usually is included with your Internet account. You also can buy Web browser software in any computer store, or even download free versions of some Web browsers from the Internet.

Step 2: Finding ADA ONLINE.

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CompuServe: Click on the "Services" drop-down menu, choose "Go," then type <http://www.ada.org> and click on the "OK" button. Even easier: Activate the "Go" function by typing control-G (hold down the "Ctrl" and "G" buttons on your keyboard).

Prodigy: Jump "web".

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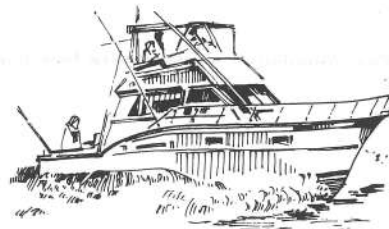
DEFEATED BUT UNDAUNTED

(From ADA Executive Director's Update)

Although Drs. Don Toso, Randy Green and Bill Reeder did not win their sought-after GOP convention delegate and alternate slots in Louisiana's presidential caucuses, the three District 1 dentists, all of whom ran as uncommitted candidates, put up a good fight.

They had stiff competition from the funding and volunteer resources that the Gramm and Buchanan organizations pumped into the state.

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NODA PROFILE

Dr. Dummett: Dentistry, teaching run in the family

The name of Clifton O. Dummett, Jr. may not be a household word to the average New Orleanian, but among pediatric dentists and other practitioners who attend national meetings and conferences, it is becoming more familiar.

In recent months, for example, the 52-year-old NODA member and LSU Dental School professor has presented scientific programs for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry in Tampa, the California Dental Association in Anaheim, and the Toronto Academy of Dentistry in Toronto, Ontario. He has become visible on the programs of the Chicago Dental Conference, Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta, and, of course, the New Orleans Dental Conference, among others.

A career in dentistry and in teaching came naturally to Dr. Dummett. His father served as dean of the School of Dentistry at Meharry College of Dentistry in Nashville, and subsequently, chief of dental services at the VA Hospital in Tuskegee, Alabama, before joining the dental faculty of the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Now retired, the senior Dr. Dummett is professor emeritus at USC and "is still very active in dentistry," says his son.

A native of Chicago with early childhood years in Tuskegee, Alabama, Dr. Clifton O. Dummett, Jr. is a graduate of Lenox Preparatory School in Lennox, Massachusetts. He earned his bachelor's degree from Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, and went on to earn his D.D.S. and M.S.D. degrees at Indiana University and his M.Ed. degree at the University of New Orleans.

After graduating from Indiana University, he became coordinator of dental research at the Children's Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio, and director of pediatric dentistry at the Charles R. Drew Neighborhood Health Center in Dayton.

In 1974, LSUSD acting dean Dr. Allen Copping began Dr. Dummett's 22 years at the dental school, where he now serves as professor and coordinator of postgraduate pediatric dentistry and chief of the pediatric dentistry section at Charity Hospital.

Dr. Dummett says his life at LSUSD has been stimulating and professionally gratifying. "Especially satisfying," he continues, "have been my relations with the New Orleans Dental Association as well as participating in the New

Orleans, Hinman, and Chicago Dental Conferences. I cherish my LSUSD associations with my department head, Dr. Bob Musselman, Dr. Copping, the other wonderful deans and faculty I have had the pleasure to work with."

As director of LSU's advanced education program in pediatric dentistry, Dr. Dummett says he especially enjoys working with new dentists pursuing pediatric dentistry as a specialty career.

Many activities with the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, including chairmanship of the AAPD education and the public professional relations committees have led to a three-year term on the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Dummett is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and is licensed to practice in Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, and Ohio. He has lectured at dental meetings internationally in Jamaica, Brazil, Costa Rica, Mexico, and Canada.

Judging from his conversation, some of his happiest days have been spent in New Orleans where he resides with his wife of 27 years, Dottie, of Elmira, New York. The Dummetts have a passion for sailing and in their spare time can be found plying the waters of Lake Pontchartrain on their 30-foot sailing sloop.

ANXIETY STUDY (Continued from page 1)

and women are equally likely to fear dental treatment. About 30 percent report that males are more likely to fear dental treatment; less than five percent say that females are more likely to fear treatment.

- Compared to 25 year ago, about 57 percent of dentists report that patients today perceive dentistry as somewhat pain-free, while another 35 percent indicate patients today perceive dentistry to be very pain-free.

- About 35 percent of dentists indicate that patients 35 to 49 years of age are the most fearful. About 31 percent believe that patients 10 years and younger are the most fearful.

- About 27 percent of dentists say they believe children today are must less fearful; 30 percent say children are somewhat less fearful; and 31 percent say children are no more or less fearful of dental care, compared to a generation ago. Eight percent of dentists say the question does not apply to their practices.

- Roughly 88 percent of dentists say that a parent or older relative is most responsible for portraying to children the concept of dentistry as painful. About 74 percent believe a sibling or a friend is most responsible. This compares to 66 percent of dentists who believe that children perceive dentistry as painful because of a painful experience in the dental office.

- Dentists strongly believe that a variety of media sources exploit the concept of dentistry as painful. Movies were rated by 86 percent of dentists as the media source most likely to contribute to the concept of pain.

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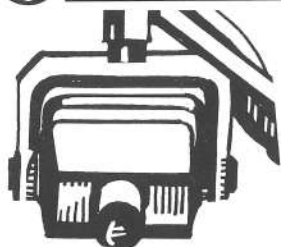


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X-RAY SAFETY an Update

A radiation inspector with the State of Louisiana occasionally encounters confusion in the dental office concerning the state's x-ray paperwork requirements. In Louisiana, dental x-ray machines fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Quality – Radiation Protection Division (LDEQ-RPD).

It is important to realize that all regulations pertaining to sources of radiation are listed in a section of Louisiana's Administrative Code called the Environmental Regulatory Code, Title 33, Part XV: Radiation Protection (LAC 33:XV). The following is a concise guide to the LDEQ-RPD paperwork requirements associated with the ownership and use of dental x-ray equipment.

I. REGISTRATION OF X-RAY UNITS

1. **Registration:** As most dental professionals are already aware, every dental x-ray console must be individually registered with LDEQ-RPD using form DRC-6, "Application for Registration of a Radiation Source." (LAC 33:XV.204.1)

2. **Fees:** For each unit, an initial application fee (\$79), and annual renewal fees, \$73 per year must be paid to LDEQ-RPD on a timely basis. In only one situation may an x-ray machine be exempt from the annual fee: the unit is disassembled and contains defective or broken components such that if reassembled in its current condition, it could not produce a beam of radiation. Viable, disassembled x-ray units in storage are *not* exempt. (LAC 33:XV.2505)

3. **Change of information:** The registrant must notify LDEQ-RPD in writing before making any change that would render the information in the application for registration and/or registration certificate no longer accurate. Examples include change of ownership, change of address, disposal, disassembly or storage of a unit. It is not necessary to notify LDEQ-RPD for changes to components other than the x-ray console (such as x-ray tube replacement). (LAC 33:XV.209).

II. POSTING REQUIREMENTS

1. **Certificate of Registration:** Every x-ray unit must have its individual certificate of registration posted on or near the unit. One acceptable practice would be to place the folded certificate in a small plastic bag and tape it to the bottom of the control console. Other methods of posting the form on or near the machine may be

used. (LAC 33:XV.1011.A.2 and form DRC-7)

2. **Louisiana Radiation Regulations:** Each registrant must possess a current copy of the relevant chapters of LAC 33:XV. The Louisiana Dental Association (LDA) publishes this in an LDEQ-sanctioned format. Additionally, the location of the regulations, or the regulations themselves, must be prominently posted in the dental office. Form DRC-3 (see #3 below) may be used to note their location. (LAC 33:XV.1011.A.1)

3. **"Notice to Employees":** Each registrant must post form DRC-3, "Notice to Employees: Standards for Protection Against Radiation". The form may be posted in a location out of view of patients, but must be readily viewable by all employees. A line on form DRC-3 is reserved for the registrant to note the location of the LAC 33:XV book or booklet; e.g., on a shelf by the reception area, or a particular file drawer. (LAC 33:XV.1011.C)

4. **Developer Chart:** Near each developing tank or automatic processor must be posted a chart showing film developing time at given developing fluid temperatures. This chart may be obtained from the processor manufacturer, or the tables shown in LAC 33:XV.603 may be used. (LAC 33:XV.603.B.1.b and 603.B.2.b)

5. **Technique Chart:** A technique chart must be posted by each x-ray control console which includes (at a minimum) the technique factors (e.g., kVp, mA, time) to be used for children versus adults. This chart may be obtained from the x-ray unit manufacturer, or developed from the registrant's experience with a particular machine. (LAC 33:XV.603.A.3)

6. **Warning Label:** Attached to each x-ray control panel must be a warning label which legibly states the following: "Warning: this x-ray unit may be dangerous to patient and operator unless safe exposure factors and operating instructions are observed." These labels are not provided by LDEQ-RPD, so contact the x-ray unit manufacturer or supplier to obtain them. (LAC 33:XV.604.1)

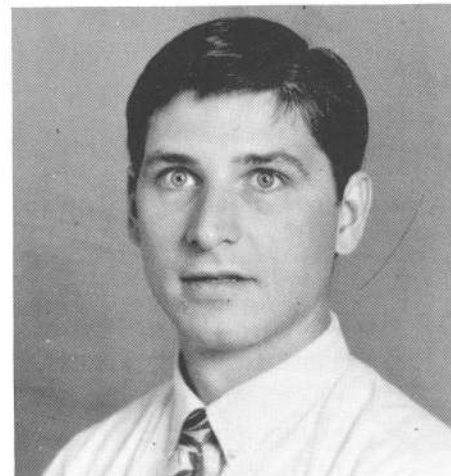
To receive the LDA's LAC 33:XV booklet (\$10), or free copies of form DRC-3 ("Notice to Employees" concerning radiation protection), contact the office of LDA Executive Director Delano Clark at (504) 926-1986; fax: (504) 926-1886; or mail requests to 7833 Office Park Plaza, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

For the completer LAC 33:XV in book form (\$28), copies of form DRC-3 (free), or registration application form DRC-6 (also free), and

any questions concerning registrations and fees, contact the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Radiation Protection Division, P.O. Box 82135, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2135, phone: (504) 765-0160.

Source:

Douglas O. Seymour
Environmental Radiation Specialist



DR. HARDER

Radiation Protection Division *Doctoral students receive certificate*

Twenty-seven postdoctoral students at the LSU School of Dentistry received certificates from the advanced education program at the school.

Dr. Richard Harder received the American Association for Dental Research Award from the association's New Orleans section for research he performed during his training.

The program awarded certificates to the following:

Advanced Education General Dentistry: Drs. Walid Alamir, Marilda Conde, Jason Dupree, John Guillot, and John Roberson.

Endodontics: Drs. John Gilmer, Jr., and Richard Harder.

General Dentistry Residency: Drs. Ali Fasih, Conrad Frey III, John Gillespi, Kirk Houston, Niobe Joseph, Lee Paton, and Lisa Wyatt.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery: Drs. Leonard Allen IV, Mark Craig, and Dennis Jacobson.

Orthodontics: Drs. Margaret Broadhead, Lawrence Foster, Andre Fruge, Bryan Hollis, and Michelle Laborda.

Pediatric Dentistry: Drs. Michael Boyd, Paul Duga, and Marta Ortiz-Perez.

Prosthodontics: Drs. Michael Huband and

ATTENTION, DENTISTS

NODA members are warned that they may be called from time to time by representatives of various referral and managed care plans claiming to be authorized or subsidized by the Louisiana Dental Association.

The only plan authorized by the LDA is Paid Dental of Louisiana, Inc.

Any questions related to the above should be directed to the LDA.

CORRECTION

In the article on Donated Dental Services in the recent summer issue of *NODA News*, the phone number of Ms. Beverly Musselman, program coordinator, was incorrect. Although the prefix for numbers at the LSU Dental School has been changed to 619, Ms. Musselman's number remains the same: 948-6141.

If you would like to participate in the program this year, please call her at 948-6141.



STAN WAGUESPACK, first-year dental student at the LSU School of Dentistry, received an American Cancer Society (ACS), Louisiana Division, Summer Cancer Research Fellowship. From left are Dr. Eric Hovland, dean, LSU School of Dentistry; Dr. Louis Guerra, member, ACS committee on detection and treatment; Stan Waguespack; Dr. Ronald Carr, faculty advisor; Ms. Ginny Barden, program director, for ACS, and Dr. William Davenport, Jr., member, ACS committee on detection and treatment.

NODA Fishing Rodeo scheduled Oct. 19

The Second Annual NODA Fishing Rodeo is planned for Saturday, October 19.

LOCATION of "Weigh-in" and after fishing party will be on the deck of "City Limits" Lounge on Bayou Bienvenue, 2001 Paris Road. TIME: The party will start at 1 p.m. with the scales closing at 3 p.m. The party will continue until 6 p.m. FOOD FORMAT: Draft beer and food will be included in the registration. A cash bar for mixed drinks will be available.

WHERE TO FISH: You can fish anywhere that you'd like, such as Delacroix, Shell Beach, etc. Just bring your Big One to the weigh-in.

PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded for: A) Biggest Speckled Trout; B) Biggest Red Fish; C) Biggest Flounder; D) Biggest Fish and E) Biggest Hard Head Catfish (this is a sure win for Dr. Terry Fugetta.)

REGISTRATION: \$30 per person. This will cover the draft beer, food, prizes, and a rodeo T-shirt.

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George Marse

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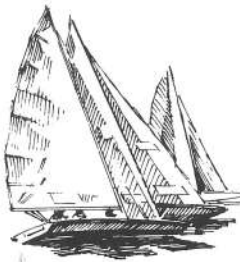
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In an effort to keep the membership attuned to available C.E. opportunities at the L.S.U. School of Dentistry, this area will be devoted to informational updates.

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