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The early morning silence was broken by the melodic sounds of hammering and drilling. As the CLS Department offices were awakening for another beautiful spring day in Loma Linda, the contractor crews called out to each other in antiphonal response. Periodically, the annoying lilt of the jack hammer would bring out a new theme and then abruptly recede away from the melody. It

was another day of construction in Nichol Hall.

My tongue is just barely touching my cheek as I write this because all of these normally disturbing sounds are indeed music to my ears! What we are experiencing is both an historic and quite literally a ground-breaking renovation of our little corner of the University. We have seen first-hand what was behind the facades of tile and plaster, having exposed the bare concrete walls, beams and columns of the east wing, and digging down to the bare dirt underneath those old student lab benches. Likewise, the classroom and even some of the offices will be remodeled and equipped with new technology. All of this has been planned to make a better learning environment for future Clinical Laboratory Scientists.

While this remodel is in progress, our CLS juniors have been graciously hosted by the faculty in the Alumni Hall for Basic Sciences down on campus. We have continued with our regular schedule of lectures and labs in their Microbiology lab and it has

become our “home away from home” with some faculty members located down there as well, and others commuting around campus.

Of course, there’s more to the life of our department than one project. The Cytotechnology program has added a new faculty member; Meg Tavares rejoined our family to replace Kelly Liu who has moved away. We also hosted several international students from Kenya for several months there in the Nelson Apartments and they enriched our lives as well as taking valuable information back home about Cytology.

We have celebrated National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week and our SAHP Alumni Homecoming weekend, as well as many accomplishments of our students and faculty. As we now prepare for graduation, we pause to remember that we will soon be adding to the roles of the proud alumni of the CLS department and our programs.

I am deeply grateful to be a part of this department and its faculty. We have a wonderful staff of highly qualified people dedicated to the future of the professions we represent. It is my prayer that each and every graduate feels that they are a part of something special as an instrument of God’s Will in healing His people. May God continue to bless this school and all those whose lives have been touched by it!

Sincerely,

Rodney M. Roath, MBA, MT (ASCP)
Chair of Clinical Laboratory Sciences

First SAHP Student Association Developed and Officers Elected

For the first time in SAHP history, a Student Association, called SAHPSA (School of Allied Health Professions Student Association), has been officially developed with the help of Marketing Director, Chuck Dart, and student events coordinator, Karen Westphal. Students have been in deliberation concerning a Constitution and Bylaws since the first week of the 2008 winter quarter. On Thursday, May 22, five students engaged in a lunch-time debate for five positions in the Association. This event was

cleverly named “Pancake and Debate” and lunch was, of course, pancakes. The new SAHPSA officers for the 2009 school year are as follows: President - Jorge Romo (Respiratory Care), Financial Vice-President - Jamie Venegas (Respiratory Care), Community Service Vice-President - Abigail Moss (Clinical Laboratory Science), Spiritual Life Vice-President - Jennifer Brucks (Speech Language Pathology), Social Life Vice-President - Peterson Le (Respiratory Care).

CALENDAR

AUGUST:

CE Cruise to Mexico.....10-17

NOVEMBER:

National Allied Health Week.....2-8

AWARDS

APRIL 19
ALUMNI AWARDS BANQUET

Distinguished Alum:

William Payne '79

Rising Star: Kyllie Bouget

MAY 21
AWARDS CHAPEL

Chairman's Award: Lydia Cho

Faculty Award: John Gabbard

Affiliate Recognition Award:
John Gabbard

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Laboratory Remodeling in Room A927

Have you heard of the phrase "out with the old and in with the new?" This is what is being said about the lab renovation in the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences. It's been 40 years since the lab has been upgraded, and now it's being demolished to make way for new state-of-the-art equipment that will bring the CLS department a much-needed new look for current and future students.



Artist renderings of Room A927

SAHP Hosts 12th Annual Homecoming Weekend

During the 12th Annual Alumni Homecoming held from April 17-19, 2008, the Clinical Laboratory department hosted one Continuing Education course offering six hours of CE credit for attendees. The topics included sepsis, molecular biology, laboratory law and personnel issues. Dr. Takkin Lo, Dr. Edward Rowsell, and Dr. Jeffrey Cao served as speakers for this course.

As many as 200 individuals, both alumni and non-alumni, were on hand to attend a variety of continuing education courses and special homecoming events.

The weekend events began with a lunch provided for all paying registrants of the CE courses as a gift from SAHP dean Craig Jackson, JD, MSW.

On Friday evening, the SAHP Worship and Praise Vespers took place, featuring music by the RE:Live Praise team, a message by David Taylor, PhD, LLU School of Religion, and a special global outreach presentation by physical therapy graduates Calvin and Cheryl Hart-

man, and their three young children.

On Saturday, April 19, at both Loma Linda University Church services and at the main Sabbath School, the School of Allied Health Professions was prominently featured. The Sabbath school program honored the 100th anniversary of nutrition and dietetics at Loma Linda University.

The annual Potluck on the Hill was held on Sabbath afternoon, followed by a tour of the Centennial Complex led by the office of philanthropy and Dean Jackson.

On Saturday evening more than 150 guests attended the 12th annual Alumni Recognition Banquet, held in the Wong Kerlee International Conference Center. The evening highlighted the best of the School for the past, present, and future, while honoring distinguished alumni and current student leaders.

*Portions taken from the LLU Today
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Distinguished Alumnus Awarded at Homecoming Banquet

William Payne is currently an assistant professor of Clinical Laboratory Science and a Clinical Education Coordinator in the Department of Health Professions at Arkansas State University. He graduated from Loma Linda University in 1979 with a B.S. in Medical Technology (now known as Clinical Laboratory Sciences), and again in 1987 with an M.S. in Microbiology. He taught in the Medical Technology Program in the School of Allied Health Professions from 1981-88, and served as a Medical Technologist ('79-'88) and Venipuncturist ('78-'79) in the Loma Linda University Medical Center.



A few of his most notable achievements have been receiving the Arkansas State College of Nursing and Health Profession's Faculty Achievement Award in Teaching (2006), coauthoring a 44-chapter clinical microbiology textbook which will be published by Prentice-Hall in the Spring of 2009, and serving as a team leader for two summers at the Bioanthropological Institute of El Algarrobal in Ilo, Peru. In addition, William has successfully garnered grant money for his research, and has given a number of presentations to professional groups, his most recent being "Pre-Columbian vs. Present-day Parasitism in Peruvian Populations" presented at the Arkansas Medical Laboratory Educators Forum on December 7, 2001.

Mr. Payne is a member of the American Society for Microbiology, the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, the American Association of University Professors, the Alpha-Eta Honor Society, the Arkansas Medical Laboratory Educators Forum, and the NorthEast Arkansas Laboratorians (NEAL). He has been involved in several community service projects and been given several high honors that further exemplify his success in the field of Clinical Laboratory Sciences and justifies his place as a distinguished alumnus from the Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions.

He was awarded a plaque to honor his accomplishments on Saturday evening, April 19, at the 12th Annual Alumni Recognition Banquet held in the Wong Kerlee International Conference Center.



STUDENT PROFILE: Kyllie Bouget, '08 Rising Star

At the 12th Annual Alumni Recognition Banquet, held Saturday April 19 during the 2008 Homecoming weekend, Kyllie Bouget was awarded the Clinical Lab Science's Rising Star for her contributions to the School of Allied Health Professions in the areas of leadership, service and research.

Ever since she could remember, Kyllie wanted to be a part of the healthcare field. She first heard of Clinical Lab Science when she was a highschool senior job shadowing at her hometown's local hospital. She especially enjoyed her time in the lab and wanted more information about the type of degree she would need to be able to work in that setting. Several of the staff encouraged her to look into CLS programs.

Kyllie really liked the fact that although she would be trained specifically to work in the lab, there were still many options in the lab to choose from. She could also take the skills for clinical lab and apply them to work in forensics and even research.

She found Loma Linda University's program online and decided to schedule a tour of the school. Once she stepped inside the lab, she immediately felt at home. Although she had no prior lab experience, several of the clinical instructors took her under their wings and showed her various instruments, had her look under the microscopes, and explained how the CLS program was run. She was impressed at how the seniors were working independently and how willing the instructors were to help them when needed.

She is now a senior in the Clinical Lab Science program, something she has been looking forward to for the past four years. She is excited about working in the lab and being able to assist doctors in their patients' diagnoses. Kyllie plans to pursue a Master's degree in Parasitology within the next three years and her goal is to take the knowledge she's gained at Loma Linda University and share it with people working in small, ill-equipped labs in Africa.



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