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Faculty of Dentistry Greets Over 400 Guests at Luncheon

Over 400 alumni, faculty and guests attended the Faculty of Dentistry’s Alumni Luncheon at the Winnipeg Convention Centre on Jan. 26, 2006. The event was held in conjunction with the Manitoba Dental Association’s Annual General Meeting.

Several special guests attended the luncheon including Mrs. Beth Neilson, wife to the late Dr. J. W. Neilson, former Dean Emeritus of the Faculty. She is pictured here with her son, John (left), and Dr. Robert Glenn.

Donors whose support has had a positive impact on students and the community the Faculty of Dentistry serves were recognized. Those acknowledged were Variety, the Children’s Charity of Manitoba, the Thomas Sill Foundation, Park Pontiac Buick GMC Ltd., The Winnipeg Foundation, RBC Financial Group, McDonald’s Restaurants of Canada Ltd., Ronald McDonald House Charities, Mr. Robert Kennedy, and Manitoba Blue Cross.

This year’s keynote speaker was Hon. Tim Sale, Minister of Health for the Province of Manitoba. He brought greetings on behalf of Premier Gary Doer.

Dr. Roy Thordarson (right) was the recipient of the 2006 Alumni of Distinction Award in Dentistry. Dean de Vries made the presentation.

Dean Johann de Vries presented the 2006 Alumni of Distinction Award to Prof. Laura MacDonald in Dental Hygiene.
A Faculty of Dentistry alumna is the third woman to serve as president of the Manitoba Dental Association (MDA), and Dr. Lori Stephen-James hopes to build strong connections between the MDA and the Faculty during her one-year term.

Dr. Stephen-James (’82) assumed the role of president at the MDA annual general meeting in January 2006. She is the third female to be installed as president in the Association’s 123-year history, following Dr. Babette Cohen (Ortho ’91) in 2000 and Dr. Jean Bodnar (’83) in 2001.

“I’ve always been involved. I feel a sense of commitment to my community, so this wasn’t unnatural for me,” she says of her new role, adding with her three children now grown, the timing of the presidency was perfect.

During her tour of duty, Dr. Stephen-James would like to see the Level 3 Dental Assistants Salary Module come to fruition. She maintains it is important to give dental assistants in Manitoba authority to perform some of the duties currently assigned to dental hygienists, especially in rural areas where recruitment is difficult.

As an alumna of the University of Manitoba, Dr. Stephen-James “would also like to make people more aware of what the Faculty brings to the (MDA) membership.”

She envisions the MDA working closely with the Faculty of Dentistry, and says the Faculty has an important part to play for dentists across Manitoba because it provides a knowledge base.

“The Faculty represents the future. We can’t ignore the fact that the dentists come from the Faculty. They are trained there,” she says. “I think there always has to be mutual respect to what each (the MDA and the Faculty) provides because we share a common goal to provide service to the people.”

Giving Back

After graduating in 1982, Dr. Stephen-James practised with her father, Dr. Ian Stephen, at the St. Vital Dental Centre – a dental office she eventually took over when he retired. She also worked two days a week in Morris with Dr. Ray Piché, and says her rural experience was particularly rewarding because it offered a personal and personable service to patients.

Over the course of her career, Dr. Stephen-James has worked, and continues to work, in full-time practice, and she also serves on numerous boards and committees.

“It is a very rewarding and self-fulfilling career,” she says, adding she appreciates the training she received at the University. “The Faculty is what awarded me the opportunity to do this. We should be proud to have had the opportunity to partake in such a career, and we shouldn’t be afraid to give back.”

As she moves into this phase of her career, Dr. Stephen-James looks forward to putting more concentrated energy and time into serving the dental community, starting with this presidency.

She encourages young women entering the oral health care profession to fully embrace their careers and family life if they choose to do both. “Just go forward and do the best you can,” she says.
Grads Through the Years
by Bill Christie ('64), Noriko Boorberg ('00), and Cecilia Dong ('96)

Regent Gene Solmundson ('66), Lawrence Stockton ('70), Jack Lipkin ('74), Kardy Solmundson ('79) and President-elect Mike Suzuki ('69) at the ICD meeting.

Tony Krawat ('94) became President of the Winnipeg Dental Society (WDS) at the Annual General meeting and change in officers last April 2005. He took over the office from Dr. Patti Ling, who becomes the Past-President on the seven-year step-ladder of the Executive of WDS. Bill Cooke (’93) was the new member elected on the bottom rung as Secretary of the Society. We wish him well as the WDS prepares for another year of activities, including five clinical lectures and three sports events. Information on the WDS can be found at www.winnipegdentalsociety.org.

Other alumni helping to make the Society run with its accustomed efficiency are: Andrew Chuchman ('85) as Sports Chair, Chris Cottick ('90) as Assistant Clinic Chair, Danielle Jobb ('95) as Clinic Chair, and Walter Nider ('89) in charge of United Way and also Vice-President.

Andrew Chuchman ('85) has moved up to Sports Chairman of the Winnipeg Dental Society with the usual great line-up of Curling and Golf for the members.

Danielle Jobb ('95) is the WDS Clinic Chair, with a number of Friday clinic speakers throughout the winter. Danielle is still the Editor of the Manitoba Dental Association Bulletin and has her practice in Oakbank, Manitoba.

Mike Cuthbert ('79) from Dauphin and Scott Leckie ('90) from Winnipeg were co-organizers of the Western Manitoba Dental Society's Annual Clear Lake Golf Weekend at Mooswa Lodge, Sept. 9-10, 2005.


Chris Cottick ('90) and Scott Leckie ('90) did the tag-team Continuing Education lectures for CPR for the Dental Team on a full-day session, Nov. 19, 2005, and CPR Re-certification in the evening of Nov. 2, 2005.

Carmen Lanoway (DH ’88) gave a presentation entitled “Peri-implantitis, and the Role of the Dental Hygienist” at the Biannual Association of Dental Implantology U.K. in Edinburgh, Scotland last spring. Carmen is also the Head of the Dental Hygiene Department at Centrum für Zahnheilkund München, in Munich, Germany (www.z-z-m.de).

Errol A. Wright (’68) is the immediate Past-President of the Canadian Association of Dental Consultants. He works part-time as a consultant with Great-West Life Assurance Company in Winnipeg.

Keith Morley (’69) was recently installed as Vice-President of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry at its 58th Annual Session in Orlando, Florida.

Jack Lipkin (’74), Kardy Solmundson (’79) and Lawrence Stockton (’70) were elected as Fellows of the International College of Dentists in Montreal on Aug. 25, 2005.

Keith J. Levin (’80), Robert J. Love (’85), and Daniel J. Sullivan (’77) all received Fellowship in the Royal College of Dentists of Canada in September 2005.

Manish K. Aggarwal (Ortho ’05), Jeffrey Bales (Ortho ’98), Babette Cohen (Ortho ’91) and Neeraj Pershad (Ortho ’05) received Fellowship in the Royal College of Dentists of Canada in September 2005.

Kay Fung-Wang (’89) was present to see her husband, Dr. Cheng Lun Wang, receive a Fellowship in the Royal College of Dentists of Canada in Orthodontics (see Faculty News, p. 9).

Mel McManus (’00) has completed the pediatric dentistry post-graduate specialty program at the University of Minnesota and returned to practise in Winnipeg with the Southwest Specialty Group.

Paresh Shah (’91) lectured on “Growing your Esthetic Practice Through a Multi-Disciplinary Approach” on March 12, 2006 in Vancouver to the Canadian Academy for Esthetic Dentistry.

Berel Hoppenheim (’64) has recovered from a skiing accident that happened two winters ago. The accident resulted in four broken ribs, a collapsed lung and a haemothorax complication that took him out of practice for a while. “Hopper” has practised in Montreal for over 40 years on Queen Mary Road. He is back to playing golf at the club and possibly thinking of taking up skiing again plus doing some snowshoeing for good measure.

Bill Christie ('64) and Beryl Hoppenheim ('64) in Montreal, Aug. 2005.

Marshall D. Peikoff ('63) is on the Scientific Advisory Board of the Journal of Endodontics and is sometimes involved with electronic peer review for articles submitted. Marshall also returns as Course Co-ordinator for Second Year Endodontics Laboratory Course 102.206, where most of the dental alumni were first exposed to their basic endodontic therapy.

Mark Buettner (’70) is Chair of the Infection Control Committee of the Manitoba Dental Association (MDA) and has presented a “New and Updated Infection Control Manual” Continued
to MDA members, for which he received an Achievement Award at the MDA Convention in 2006. Mark continues to devote Wednesday afternoons to teaching the Fourth Year General Practice Clinic at the Faculty.

Lori Stephen-James (’82) was installed as the President of the Manitoba Dental Association at the Annual Mid-winter Meeting in Winnipeg Jan. 26, 2006.

Marcel Van Woensel (’94) was re-elected from District 2 and has been appointed as Vice-President of the MDA.

Alumni who have achieved the enviable status of Life Membership in the MDA are: Robert Baker (’63), Marvin Kohn (’63), Brock Love (’65) and Marshall Peikoff (’63). Life Membership entails those aged 65 years and a minimum 35 years of licensure with a plaque of recognition, and a reduction of half dues for annual licensure.

John Campbell (’81) was presented with the MDA President’s Award of Merit at the Annual Mid-winter meeting in January 2006. John has been the Chair of the MDA Oral Health Team Committee since 1996.

Scott Leckie (’90) has been on the Sports Medicine Council, and soon became the Chair of the Council. He has been working with CSA to get design faults improved in that capacity, and has received an Achievement Award at the MDA Mid-winter meeting.

**Celebrating Births and Weddings**

(please contact c_dong@umanitoba.ca)

Jeffery Schau (’04) and his wife Lisa welcomed Andre Tobias into their family on July 11, 2005.

Patrick McManus (’00) and Simona Pesun (’97) are now proud parents. The stork came along on Friday, Feb. 3, 2006 and brought them a bouncing little (actually not so little) baby boy. Patrick Johann (PJ) McManus Jr. came a day before his due date and is really healthy. He weighed 8 lbs 14 oz and was 22 inches long.

Manish Mistry (’98) and Sharmila are pleased to announce the birth of their baby girl, Mohini on Oct. 6, 2005. Big brother, Jayen, is thrilled to have a sister.

Richard Santos (’04) and Chantal Santos (née Labelle) were married on July 16, 2005. The happy couple are residing in Winnipeg and Richard maintains a private practice in St. Boniface.

Grace Lee (’96) and Donald Chin (’88) are pleased to welcome the arrival of a baby girl. Michelle Grace Chin was born on Jan. 13, 2006 in St. Albert, Alberta. She weighed 7 lbs, 9 oz and was 18.5 inches long. Christopher is excited to be a big brother.

Jay Biber (’99) and his wife, Melanie, announce the birth of their son, Evan Thomas Biber. He was born on Nov. 10, 2005 and weighed 7 lbs 1 oz. Six weeks later, Evan received his own passport and is now ready to explore the world with his parents.

Chris Donald (’03) and Kristin Cuthbert (’04) (left) were married on Jan. 6, 2006 in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Fellow dentists joining them were Mike Cuthbert (’79), Tazneem Rhemtulla (’04), Manjinder Kler (’04), Kyle Gauthier (’03), Walter Sokolowski (’03) and Sharon Atwal (née Sidhu, ’04). Renee Duprat (’03) was also in attendance.
Alumni of Distinction: School of Dental Hygiene

Prof. Laura MacDonald

Prof. Laura MacDonald graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1981, and continued her education in Toronto where she received her Bachelors of Science Degree in Dentistry (Dental Hygiene) in 1983.

After completing her Master of Education degree at the University of Manitoba in 1987, Prof. MacDonald focused her career on teaching in the School of Dental Hygiene. She dedicated herself to excellence as an educator and has been extremely successful in teaching and lecturing in several undergraduate, graduate, and professional development courses with University 1, the Faculties of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing and the School of Dental Hygiene. She chaired the development of a University 1 interdisciplinary health professional course and coordinated the course over its first three years. Prof. MacDonald received the 1998 W.W. Wood Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Prof. MacDonald has extensive experience working with her education colleagues interested in improving their own teaching abilities. She is a University Teaching Services faculty member who regularly facilitates a 5 half-day course on course construction and organization needed for the Certificate in Higher Education Teaching, as well as other faculty development sessions. She recently served as a peer mentor for University Teaching Services. Prof. MacDonald has taught faculty with the Faculty of Medicine Teaching Improvement Program for nearly 10 years and participated annually in the fall sessions.

Prof. MacDonald was a member of the Steering Committee for Dental Hygiene Educators Canada (DHEC), its executive, and became the first President of the DHEC. She served on the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) Code of Ethics Committee, having seen the code through three editions. She served 11 years on the Canadian Dental Hygiene National Board Examination Committee, being the chair for several years. She served on 10 accreditation site visit teams for the Canadian Dental Association Commission on Accreditation, committing to one visit per year. Prof. MacDonald has received the CDHA Distinguished Service Award and Recognition of Service certificates from the Association. She is most proud of the dental hygiene profession. Prof. MacDonald’s longtime colleague, Prof. Mickey Wener, described Prof. MacDonald as “a role model for many” who makes “many contributions and knows how to be a real person, to laugh and to enjoy life.”
Alumni of Distinction: Faculty of Dentistry

Dr. Roy Thordarson

Dr. Roy Thordarson graduated from the University of Manitoba Faculty of Dentistry in 1962. While at the University of Manitoba, he served both as Class President and Senior Stick.

Upon graduating, he settled in British Columbia where he took up a general dental practice. From 1967 to 1976, he practised in the speciality of periodontics. He also worked as a clinical instructor for Graduate Periodontics at the University of Washington.

Throughout his esteemed career, Dr. Thordarson earned many reputable awards, including Fellowship with the International College of Dentists, Honorary Life Membership with the Chinese Canadian Dental Society of B.C., and the Distinguished Service Award from the Canadian Dental Association.

From 2002 to 2003, he served as President of the International College of Dentists (ICD), and he continues to serve as President of the ICD William J. Spence Memorial Foundation – a position he has held since 2003. The opportunity to Chair the Task Force on Future Planning of the Council on Education and Accreditation of the Canadian Dental Association was another career highlight for Dr. Thordarson.

During his career as Registrar of the College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia, he advised dentists, developed upgrading courses, provided mentors and encouraged each person to be the best they could be. Dr. Thordarson remains active with the ICD, particularly the humanitarian side of the College’s activities. He is also active with the University of Manitoba, serving on the volunteer committee of the B.C. Alumni Campaign for the Faculty of Dentistry.

Among his many hobbies, including woodwork, Dr. Thordarson enjoys boating, and he is involved in search and rescue activities at sea with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary.
Reflections from Dean Johann de Vries

The Faculty of Dentistry is pleased to welcome our new Manitoba Dental Association (MDA) President, Dr. Lori Stephen-James ('82). We are proud to have such a reputable University of Manitoba alumna take on this important position in leadership. We look forward to working with Dr. Stephen-James as we continue to foster a strong and effective relationship with the MDA.

We continue to strive for excellence, with many of our faculty and students involved in impressive research and presentations of their scholarly work. Numerous individuals have also been awarded for their contributions to dentistry and dental hygiene. Congratulations in particular to our Faculty's 2006 Alumni of Distinction recipients, Dr. Roy Thordarson (Dentistry '62) and Prof. Laura MacDonald (Dental Hygiene '81). Through their determination, hard work and expertise, these two individuals have brought distinction and prestige to the University of Manitoba, helping make our Faculty a national showcase of skill and proficiency in the oral health profession.

The Faculty of Dentistry would also like to extend commendations to our current student body, which has been actively involved in local and international humanitarian efforts to serve the broader community. As this issue of the Alumni-Faculty Bulletin is being printed, many of our students are busy sorting through dentistry textbooks that they will send overseas to help rebuild the Kabul Medical University Library in Afghanistan. This project follows other student-led initiatives to help the needy in Winnipeg through local food drives. Projects like these are just some examples of generosity and giving that has been widely apparent in our Faculty over recent months.

We are especially grateful to the Manitoba Chapter of the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity for its recent gift to help support upgrades to our clinic settings. Variety, the Children's Charity of Manitoba and Ronald McDonald House Charities have also been extremely generous in their support of the Variety Children's Dental Outreach Program, which provides free dental care to underserved children in Winnipeg. Similarly, corporations that have participated in the Faculty of Dentistry's Partner's in Excellence Program are having a significant impact on student training by providing bursaries and scholarships for them to attend dental association conferences and education programs. We also thank our alumni in B.C. who have demonstrated their commitment to the Faculty through the B.C. Alumni Campaign. Volunteer committee members are working diligently to raise $250,000 to replace 25 dental units in the Dental Clinic. Pledges of $10,000 or more are being recognized with plaques mounted on dental units, and an entire section of the Main Clinic will be named in honour of the B.C. Alumni if they reach their goal. They have raised more than $83,000 already.

The University of Manitoba depends on the generosity of its alumni, friends, and corporate supporters. Gifts to the Faculty cover the costs of everything from new equipment, facility upgrades, program development, as well as scholarships and bursaries. Your kind donations are vital to the Faculty of Dentistry's short- and long-term goals. We depend on you for our success.

Our fundraising priorities reflect our commitment to build upon our position as one of the finest dental schools in Canada. With your help we can continue to enhance our institution and augment our key areas of education, research, and outreach while providing our students with unsurpassed training.

We Want To Hear From You!

Do you have news of yourself or a classmate you wish to share with our readers? Let us know if you've been published, appointed, married, retired, etc. Photos are also welcome, as are address changes.

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Notes from Around Bannatyne Campus

by Bill Christie (‘64)

Dr. Chris Cottick has accepted the new position of Director of the Faculty Health and Safety Programs. Dr. Cottick also teaches a half-day in the Undergraduate Oral Surgery Clinic, and continues his long-term commitment of a half-day per week in the Oral Diagnosis Clinic.

Dr. John Perry was present to receive a Fellowship in Oral Pathology from the Royal College of Dentists of Canada at the 40th Annual Convocation in Vancouver, B.C., on Sept. 10, 2005. He is pictured above with former student Kay Fung-Wang (‘89) in Vancouver.

Dr. Catalina Birek received a Fellowship in Oral Pathology from the Royal College of Dentists in September 2005.

Dr. William A. Wiltshire, Head of Preventive Dental Science, and Dr. Robert Bruce McFarlane, Orthodontics teaching staff, received Fellowship in Orthodontics from the Royal College of Dentists in September.

Dr. William Christie received a Certificate of Appreciation upon retirement for a three-year term as Councilor on the Royal College of Dentists of Canada at the 40th Annual Convocation in Vancouver on Sept. 10, 2005.

Mr. Ken Chizick, is the Educational Editor for Spectrum, the bi-monthly journal for Techno-Clinical Dentistry, and published out of Mississauga, Ontario.

Dr. Elliott Scott, currently a Professor in the Department of Oral Biology, has accepted the appointment of Associate Dean (Research) as of Oct. 1, 2005, taking over from Dr. Norm Fleming. Dr. Scott is also Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Tobacco Induced Diseases and has been elected Vice-President of the Canadian Association for Anatomy, Neurobiology and Cell Biology (CAANCB).

Effective Dec. 2, 2005, Dr. Ron Boyar will be on a leave of absence from the University of Manitoba.

Thanks to the generosity of Variety, the Children’s Charity of Manitoba, the Preventive Dental Science pediatric outreach program, has been officially named the Variety Children’s Dental Outreach Program effective Dec. 1, 2005. See story on page 18.

Dr. Leland McFadden, Oral Surgeon, was officially named President of the Canadian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons at its 52nd annual meeting in Nova Scotia in June 2005.

Dr. Peter Williams received a contract with Health Canada in March 2005 to research the recent literature to provide the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch with a scientific explanation for the observed differences between the clinical behavior of amalgam and composite resin restorations. The completed report is entitled "The Scientific Basis for the Observed Differences in Clinical Behavior of Amalgam and Composite Resin Restorations".

Prof. Joanna Asadoorian received the 2005 Alumni Association of the University of Manitoba grant awarded for conference travel.

Dr. Makato Suzuki (top centre) will be retiring from the Faculty of Dentistry effective Jan. 1, 2007, and is currently on administrative leave to be involved in three clinical evaluations of composite resin. A surprise retirement dinner, with Mr. Clarence Tillenius as a feature guest in attendance, as well as all of his family, was held on Friday, Dec. 2, 2005 at the Faculty Club on Fort Garry Campus.

Dr. Denny Smith has gracefully accepted the appointment of Acting-Head for the Department of Restorative Dentistry until a new Head is appointed.

Dr. Nita Mazurat received an Achievement Award at the Manitoba Dental Association Annual Mid-winter convention in January 2006 for exemplary work on the Infection Control Manual.
Dr. Colin Dawes gave an invited lecture entitled “How much saliva is enough for avoidance of xerostomia?” on June 2, 2005 to the Head and Neck Cancer Group at CancerCare Manitoba.

On May 13, 2005, Dr. Dawes chaired a Poster Prize committee at the 7th European Symposium on Saliva, held in Egmond aan Zee, The Netherlands.

Dr. Colin Dawes also presented an invited lecture entitled “Saliva as a thin fi lm” on Nov. 23, 2005 at a Unilever Workshop on “Thin films and mouthfeel”, held at the Kilworth House Hotel in Leicestershire, U.K.

Prof. Cindy Isaak-Ploegman presented a paper at the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association Conference, June 2005 in Ottawa entitled “Implications of cognitive style to dental hygiene education”.

Prof. Joanna Asadoorian presented a paper entitled “Self-assessment of health care providers for directing professional learning” at the National Continuing Competence Conference in Edmonton, AB, in November 2005.

Prof. Asadoorian also presented “Reflection for improvements in dental hygiene teaching” at the Dental Hygiene Faculty inservice course for the Faculty of Medicine, University of Alberta, Edmonton, in November 2005.

Prof. Asadoorian presented in June 2005 “Reflection for improvements in dental hygiene” at the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association Annual Conference held in Ottawa, ON.

Dr. Billy Wiltshire, S. Tsang, and L. McFadden presented “Predicting esthetic changes following mandibular advancement surgery” at the 57th Annual Session, Canadian Association of Orthodontists, Quebec City, Quebec on Sept. 23-24, 2005.

Dr. Cecilia Dong presented an invited lecture entitled “Review and updates on pressables” on March 10, 2006 at the Pacific Dental Conference, “Spectrum Pacific Techno-Clinical Day”.

Prof. Laura MacDonald presented a paper at the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association Conference entitled Critical Thinking - Evidence Based Practice in June 2005. Also, in the fall of 2004 and spring of 2005, Prof. MacDonald facilitated a curriculum review with Interior Design, Faculty of Architecture. She also facilitated one with the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreational Studies in the fall of 2004.

Prof. MacDonald led a University Teaching Services (UTS) workshop on critical thinking during the fall 2005 workshop series. She also taught the 5 half day session entitled Course Construction and Organization for UTS.

Prof. MacDonald, Dr. Doug Brothwell, and their Faculty of Medicine colleagues co-facilitated the fall 2005 Teaching Improvement Program (TIPs), Faculty of Medicine.

Prof. MacDonald gave a presentation entitled “Oral health for life” as part of the Riverview Health Centre’s Geriatric Interest Series fall 2005, a series of lectures held annually and open to all persons in health care. Prof. MacDonald and her colleagues, Profs. Mickey Wener and Carol Anne Yakiwchuk regularly partake in such sessions.

**External Presentations by Faculty**

*by Bill Christie (’64)*

### Addendum

In our Winter 2005-06 issue of the *Alumni-Faculty Bulletin*, we accidentally omitted part-time teaching staff for Dental Hygiene in our list of thanks. We apologize for the error. The list should have included the following members, whose hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated:

**Dental Hygiene**

Part-time Staff 2004-2005

- L. Belows
- S. Dods
- D. Girardin
- L. Glassford
- H. Grasby
- G. Halas
- L. Hedberg
- C. Isaak-Ploegman
- D. Kawahara
- K. Legary
- H. Sebalj
- D. Cringan

### Continuing Dental Education Calendar

- **April 1, 2006** - Moving Periodontal Therapy into the 21st Century* - Salme Lavigne
- **April 29, 2006** - Single Tooth Endosseous Implant Placement - Anastasia Cholakis
- **May 6, 2006** - Ask the Periodontist for Dentists & Hygienists* - Leah Kells

*Courses sponsored by the Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association are for Dentists and Hygienists

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Faculty Sports Events
by Tim Hoeschen (’06)

Fourth year Dentistry student, Tim Hoeschen (’06) recaps the sports activities the Manitoba Dental Students’ Association (MDSA) hosted for faculty, staff and students in the fall.

Sports Day – August 26, 2005
Another successful Sports Day was held at the Burton Cummings Community Centre. Students and staff enjoyed burgers, pop, hotdogs and chips on behalf of the MDSA. The weather was terrific, leading to a couple of great games of baseball, soccer and, of course, a tug of war. As is tradition, the fourth years won everything and took home all bragging rights.

Golf Day – September 18, 2005
Mid-September, and we got a gorgeous day to remember for some great golf. The tournament was held at River Oaks Golf Course on a Sunday afternoon, and was followed with burgers and Dr. N. Mazurat’s amazing pies. Although on paper it looked as though the team of Dr. L. Stockton, Dr. A. Kim, with Dr. Jon Holt and Nathaniel Wong would probably win the day, it was Dr. M. Suzuki’s team with Tim Hoeschen, Drew McRae and Tony Nguyen who stole the show. Thanks to our sponsors, some terrific prizes were available, including two digital cameras for the longest drive, those were Dr. Nita Mazurat and Jared Rykiss. Thanks to everyone who came out to make for a fabulous day.

Soccer Day – September 30, 2005
Dr. J. Gilchrist again headed the second annual Dr. C. Dawes Soccer Championship at the Indoor Soccer Complex. The students were divided into two teams thanks to a great turn out. The championship was a three-team round robin tournament. In the end, it was the team of third and fourth year students who came out triumphant after defeating Dr. Gilchrist’s team. Pizza and drinks followed at Boston Pizza. A very special thank you to Dean de Vries for his generous support of this day.

Grad Ortho Ruby Anniversary
Graduate Orthodontics will celebrate its 40th Anniversary in Winnipeg June 1-4, 2006. The homecoming event will include a welcome reception and awards presentation. Guests will have the opportunity to hear some stellar speakers while earning 10 CE credits. Among those presenting are Dr. Terry Carlyle (The Damon System), Dr. Mark Cohen (Surgical Orthodontics), Dr. Ed Yen (Clinical Research) and Dr. Anoop Sondi, who will discuss “Effectiveness in Treatment Mechanics” among other topics. Sponsorship for Dr. Anoop Sondi is provided by 3M Unitek, with thanks to Mr. Tony Orfanides and Mr. Anthony Noronha. Social activities will include tours of the Faculty and dinner at Tavern in the Park, among many other optional outings.

Space is limited, and the deadline for registration is April 15, 2006. Room bookings at the Clarion Hotel and Suites will be available at special conference rates before April 15. Contact Cathy Watt at (204) 789-3628 or email Cathy_Watt@umanitoba.ca.
A student project to restock and rebuild libraries in war-torn regions took flight in January, and dentistry textbooks will be among various health care books shipped to Afghanistan this spring.

University of Manitoba Dentistry, Medicine, and Nursing students have been collecting used textbooks to send via the Canadian Forces to universities in Kabul, Kandahar and Herat, Afghanistan. University of Manitoba medical students launched the “Books with Wings” project two years ago as the Kabul Library Project. The project was renamed this year to expand the book collection beyond the borders of Kabul and to include students from the Faculties of Dentistry and Nursing. Last year, medical students at the U of M and the University of Toronto jointly shipped 2,200 textbooks to Kabul Medical University.

“I was delighted with the expansion,” said Richard Gordon, a professor with the Department of Radiology who has helped students coordinate the project from the beginning.

University of Manitoba medical students have been working with the University of Toronto to form a core library at Kandahar University, while nursing students focused their effort on universities in Kabul and Kandahar.

The Faculty of Dentistry aimed to collect at least 200 books to help rebuild the out-of-date dental library at the Kabul Medical University.

“The National Dental Examining Board recommends 65 textbooks to test you on, and we want to get at least those 65, but our goal is 200 textbooks,” said Dentistry coordinator Gurinder Kler.

The organizers urged professors, academics, and those in their profession to search their offices, practices and home libraries for gently used textbooks no more than 10 years old.

Students are now in the process of sorting and categorizing the textbooks, before sending them overseas later this spring. For more information, contact Gurinder Kler at umklergp@cc.umanitoba.ca.

“Second-year Dentistry students have made a difference in the lives of two needy families last holiday season by collecting food and cash donations in conjunction with Winnipeg Harvest. This marked the first time Dentistry students coordinated a hamper-initiative for underprivileged families. The students appealed to classmates, staff and faculty in the Faculty of Dentistry to fill two hampers and raise $900 – $450 for each family.

The students were very pleased with the success of hamper drive to help the families assigned to them, even though they collected less money than planned.

“We had enough non-perishable food for two full hampers and we took the leftovers to Winnipeg Harvest,” co-coordinator Jonathan Archer explained. “We have never done this before, so we overshot (the cash) we thought we needed.”

The students raised $650 in donations – short of their goal, but more than enough to top up the hampers with perishable foods including turkeys, cheese, meat, milk, and condiments. They also purchased gifts for the children and Walmart gift cards for the caregivers.

The students plan to make their collection for Winnipeg Harvest an annual tradition. They hope to assign a family to each class and one to the Faculty of Dentistry, so that a total of seven families receive hampers from Dentistry.
Awards Presented at Opening Assembly

First Year Dentistry Awards
Dean's Honours: G. Gill, K. Gill, M. Pokhoy, J. Rykiss, T. Stijacic, M-T Yee
Shaw Laboratories Limited Scholarship: Kevin Gill
Leonard Krueger Scholarship: Kevin Gill
Manitoba Blue Cross Dental Scholarship: Kevin Gill
Endowment Fund Scholarship in Dentistry: Jonathan Archer
Winnipeg Dental Society Scholarship: Tijana Stijacic
The Columbia Dentoform Corporation Award: Tijana Stijacic
Faculty of Dentistry Bronze Medals: Cell Tissue Biology, Kevin Gill; Head, Neck and Nervous System Pt. 1, Kevin Gill
Elsevier Science Canada Health Sciences Award: Dental Hygiene 2005 (awarded to Dentistry and Dental Hygiene in alternate years)

Second Year Dentistry Awards
Dean's Honours: G. Buttar, A. Madhavji, B. McNiven, D. Pollard, R. Sileikyte, X. Xuetao
Manitoba Blue Cross Dental Scholarship: Derek Pollard
Endowment Fund Scholarship in Dentistry: Tabitha Gervais
Sadie Karr Memorial Book Prize: Derek Pollard
Dr. Biruta A. Osins Scholarship: Matthew Saper
Dentistry Canada Fund - Oral B Laboratories Dental Undergraduate Scholarship: Brad McNiven
Amazis Louka Award in Operative Dentistry: Julie Beninger and Asha Madhavji
Dr. William F. Campbell Scholarship in Orthodontics: Derek Pollard
Dr. Paul Bookhalter Award: Derek Pollard
Faculty of Dentistry Bronze Medals:
- Structure and Function of Major Organ Systems: Derek Pollard
- Pathology and Microbiology 1: Sheldon Au
- Nutrition in Dentistry: Asha Madhavji
Dr. John M. Grahame Scholarship: Tabitha Gervais
Dental Faculty Women's Association Scholarship: Robin Lau
Robert Day Memorial Award: Dallin Evason

Third Year Dentistry Awards
Dean's Honours: C. Bailley, D. Chaaban, C. Dennis, J. Klimitz, S. Lamarche, B. Weltman, R. Zhu
Garry Winters Memorial Prize in Dentistry: Raymond Zhu
Dr. Cal Waddell - Western Canada Dental Society Memorial Scholarship: Christopher Dennis
Endowment Fund Scholarship in Dentistry: Christopher Dennis
International College of Dentists (Canadian Section): Christie Bailey
Central Dental Supply Co. Limited Scholarship: Stacey Lamarche
Dr. A.V. Johnson Memorial Book Prize: Raymond Zhu
Dr. N.H. Greenberg Memorial Book Award: Stacey Lamarche
Aurum Ceramic Laboratories Scholarship: Stacey Lamarche
Dr. and Mrs. T. Hechter Award: Dalia Chaaban
Drs. R.E. Jordan & M. Suzuki Award in Operative Dentistry: Stacey Lamarche
Manitoba Dental Association Scholarship: Azriel Kravetsky
Dr. Manly Bowles Memorial Scholarship: Belinda Weltman

First Year School of Dental Hygiene Awards
Dean's Honours: J. Babee, M. Blewett, T. Bodnarchuk, M. Klassen, S. Kubish, R. Vitt
Manitoba Dental Association Scholarship: Jennelle Babee
Basic Science Prize in Dental Hygiene: Marianne Klassen
Elsevier Science Canada Health Sciences Award: Jennelle Babee
Endowment Fund Scholarship in Dental Hygiene: Tara Bodnarchuk
Dr. A.W. Hogg Scholarship: Jennelle Babee
Isbister Scholarship in Dental Hygiene: Jennelle Babee
Bonnie J. Trodden Scholarship in Dental Hygiene: Martha Blewett
Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association Award for Excellence in First Year: Marianne Klassen
Sigma Phi Alpha Award in Dental Hygiene: Tara Bodnarchuk
Rhonda Schwartz Memorial Prize in Dental Hygiene: Sheri Kubish
The School of Dental Hygiene has had a very active year with a new intake of 26 first year students, the majority being from Manitoba. Second year students once again produced a successful Community Health Soup Up Your Smile event in honour of National Dental Hygienists’ Week, providing screenings and health promotion information to disadvantaged inner-city residents of Winnipeg. This included referrals for treatment to the Centre for Community Oral Health’s Health Action Centre Dental Clinic for treatment. This endeavour won National Community Health Recognition Awards for the past two years, and it instills a sense of social responsibility in the students.

The School welcomed two degree-completion students from the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden to spend two months in our program as part of our International Agreement. They bring a wealth of information to share with our students, and they will expand their own knowledge of dental hygiene in a global sense. Read more about this in our interview with the Swedish students below.

In November, our dental hygiene students had a unique opportunity to witness history being made as they attended the Manitoba Legislature when the profession of dental hygiene held public presentations and obtained second reading for the Dental Hygienists Act of Manitoba. Health Minister Tim Sale addressed the students after the second reading was passed, encouraging them to get out into the community and improve the access to oral health care for Manitobans once they graduate. The Act received Royal Assent on Dec. 8, 2005. The School continues to pursue government approval for a Baccalaureate degree completion program. We are also seeking funding for an increase in the number of dental hygiene students enrolled, and we hope to further develop our partnership endeavours with the University College of the North.

The spring may bring a new face to the School of Dental Hygiene as it prepares to move its general offices to the second floor of the Faculty.

Congratulations to our Alumni of Distinction Recipient, Prof. Laura MacDonald (’81) who is currently a tenured Associate Professor in the School of Dental Hygiene. Prof. MacDonald was honoured at the Alumni Luncheon during the Manitoba Dental Association Annual Conference in January.

I wish you all a happy spring and hope you will consider Homecoming 2006 as a Fall destination event!

School of Dental Hygiene Hosts Swedish Exchange Students

The School of Dental Hygiene recently hosted two Swedish students as part of an international exchange program. Demir Cirgic and Andreas Hansson from Karolinska Institute in Stockholm arrived in Winnipeg on Jan. 31, 2006 for a two-month exchange.

Cirgic and Hansson decided to come to Winnipeg after hearing positive comments from satisfied students who participated in the Winnipeg exchange last year.

“It’s been really good. Everybody has been very friendly,” Hansson said.

Cirgic and Hansson are in their final year of a Swedish three-year baccalaureate dental hygiene program. During their stay, they were required to participate in clinic training. They also took in some lectures on their own time. “The program is really nice. It’s similar (to what we learn),” Cirgic said, adding he has been most challenged by the differences in required paperwork. “I’m not used to it. Everything we do (in Sweden) is computerized. The hardest part is to understand what people write.”

Cirgic also noted differences in the program, saying that as a dental hygienist in Sweden, he will be authorized to diagnose caries and give anesthetics without the permission of a dentist.

“We have learned a lot of new things,” Hansson said, adding that taking blood pressure is a technique not used in Sweden. “We don’t do that back home, but it’s good to understand why we take blood pressure.”

Both Hansson and Cirgic participated in clinic rotations in Norway House during their time in Manitoba. “It’s fun to see the patients,” Hansson said.
Teaching and Learning Communications Skills
by Mickey Emmons Wener BS (Dent Hyg), MEd, CTESL

An oral health professional’s ability to communicate effectively with patients is critical. Both dental practitioners and educators report that while communication skills are crucial, their education and consequently skill in this area is often lacking. Active listening, using and reading nonverbal communication, gathering and imparting information effectively, handling patient emotions sensitively, and demonstration of empathy, rapport, ethical awareness and professionalism are all part of this skill set. The benefits derived from effective communication are many, including higher patient-rated clinical proficiency of the clinician, improved patient satisfaction, improved patient adherence to recommendations, decreased patient anxiety, improved outcome of care, and reduced risk of malpractice claims.

Communication is increasingly important as health care in general is shifting from a provider-centered approach to one of patient-centeredness. The public is moving from a position of unquestioning trust, to a relationship subject to negotiation based on the ever-increasing amount of health information available to the public, a rise in consumerism, and a sense that practitioners’ priorities have become more self-centered. Patients want to be involved and educated about treatment options, and for oral health professionals to listen, pay attention to their concerns, and to treat them as individuals. Regarding decision-making, patients have indicated they prefer a collaborative communicative role, equally sharing responsibility; however, they are often in a passive role due to a lack of knowledge about dentistry and lack of trust. Data from a study of almost 6,000 patients showed the strongest correlations to the questions “would you recommend this dentist?” or “would you ask to see this dentist again?” depended on whether dentists demonstrated sensitivity and understanding toward the patient and whether they could inspire trust and confidence. Communication skills influence a client’s decision to select and remain with a dental practice, to not seek care, or to terminate care.

At the University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Dentistry, we are rethinking how we teach communication skills to dental and dental hygiene students. Our renewed efforts build upon the existing 30-hour dental hygiene course, combined with restructuring what and how dental students are taught. Communication Module 1 is taught in term 1 to first year Dental and Dental Hygiene students together. The module is designed to build basic communication skills, promote teamwork and teach problem-solving/conflict-management tools through interactive learning activities. Students report that they enjoy working together, being challenged by a puzzle their “team” must solve in the gym and using “six-hat thinking” to generate solutions to a problem. Both groups then move separately to therapeutic skills, from the greeting to the wrap up, which focuses on building patient-centered relationships. Assignments and activities are designed to engage learners through observation, reflection, and role-play.

Other topics include treating anxious and fearful clients and health literacy, or how to communicate health messages that promote understanding. While the Dental Hygiene students learn these skills primarily in their communications course, the Dental students exposure is through modules integrated into existing courses. Future ideas include video-taping and analyzing student-client encounters with either patients or with actors trained as standardized patients. Ideally, all the communication skills should be taught jointly, combining Dental and Dental Hygiene students as it fosters respect, collaboration and understanding between the two groups. Combined with these curricular changes, Drs. Dieter Schönwetter, Nita Mazurat and myself are currently piloting a patient feedback questionnaire. All patients seen in the undergraduate clinic will be asked to provide feedback on the communication skills of students, and others who directly interact with patients. As part of this teaching and research effort, much valuable information has been gathered as we are basing the survey on discussion groups with all stakeholders – patients, students, faculty and support staff.

I hope this has given you a glimpse into what is happening at the Faculty and how we teach students to communicate as oral health professionals. As practitioners, I would welcome your input – examples of good communication, bad communication, suggestions for learning activities, or just your feedback! Please contact Mickey Wener at wenerme@cc.umanitoba.ca.

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Obituaries

Dave Busse

Dr. Dave Busse passed away on Nov. 24, 2005 at the age of 60 years. He had been practising dentistry in the Swift Current area for over 33 years.

Dr. Busse was born in Shaunavon, Saskatchewan on Jan. 14, 1945 to Charlie and Dorothy Busse, both deceased. He leaves to mourn, wife Rae, four children and spouses, and one grandchild, as well as a sister and a brother.

Dr. Busse graduated with the Class of ’68, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Manitoba. “Buss”, as he was affectionately known by everyone in the class, was a great friend and a fun guy, always the life of the party.

In his early years, he returned to southwest Saskatchewan and practised in Leader, Yorkton, Swift Current and Maple Creek.

Dr. Busse was married to wife and best friend Rae. They were both loyal fans of the Swift Current Bronco Hockey Club, where he was team Dentist. They also held season tickets to the Saskatchewan Rough Riders games for over 30 years. Dr. Busse was a Mason, being awarded “Mason of the Year” in 2005. He also was President of the Shrine Club and played and marched in the Wa Wa Shrine Drums and Bugles Corp. He loved golfing, fishing and boating.

Dennis Leveson Wedgwood

Dr. Dennis Wedgwood passed away peacefully at home with his family on Aug. 28, 2005. He was born in Blurton, Staffordshire in 1936. Dr. Wedgwood is survived by his wife, Jean, and his two daughters Elizabeth and Rosalind.

He was a gifted surgeon and teacher in the field of Oral and Maxillofacial surgery. After his training in the United Kingdom, he was appointed Professor and Chairman of the Division of Oral Surgery at the University of Manitoba in 1975. During the five years that he held the position, he won the respect and admiration of his faculty colleagues in Dentistry and Medicine. His major accomplishment was to establish an accredited Oral and Maxillofacial Residency training program, the first, and still the only such program west of Toronto. The program continues to flourish in no small part due to the solid academic and clinical foundation which he set up. Dr. Wedgwood published several papers while at the University of Manitoba, but one paper in particular, which he wrote in collaboration with Prof. Chris Lavelle, on the bone temperature that must not be exceeded when drilling dental implant sites has been quoted in many textbooks. He returned to the UK in 1980 and was appointed to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital where he remained for nearly 25 years.

Manitoba Alpha Omega Foundation Funding Helps Improve Clinical Learning Environment

The University of Manitoba's Faculty of Dentistry wishes to thank the Manitoba Chapter of the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity for its recent generous donation of $7,000. This kind donation is helping us build a better learning environment for our students. The funding will directly support the Faculty's recent upgrade that outfitted our Main Clinic with new, state-of-the-art dental units. Last fall, the Faculty installed 64 new A-dec dental units in the Main Clinic. Seven new dental chairs and lights were installed in the Graduate Periodontics Clinic, and 11 outdated units in the Graduate Orthodontics Clinic were replaced with new equipment. The upgrade has made the Faculty of Dentistry one of Manitoba’s most modern dental facilities.

The new equipment will ensure our students of today and tomorrow train in an up-to-date clinical environment. As a result, they will be better prepared for their futures as oral health care professionals.

“The Manitoba Alpha Omega Foundation basically has always had a close relationship with the University of Manitoba. We felt it was time to do something again,” said Dr. Les Rykiss, President of the Foundation. “We are very happy to help out the University, and we are glad it’s being put to good use.”

The Faculty very much appreciates the Fraternity’s ongoing commitment to the University of Manitoba. We thank Alpha Omega for its continued support.
A new partnership between the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Dentistry and Variety, the Children’s Charity of Manitoba, will boost a program that provides free dental care to some of Winnipeg’s poorest children.

Variety, the Children’s Charity of Manitoba, has committed to donate $100,000 over three years to the Children’s Dental Outreach Program, helping deliver dental care to thousands of children in Winnipeg’s inner city and north end who would otherwise not be able to visit a dentist’s office.

To mark the contribution, the program was officially named the Variety Children’s Dental Outreach Program, effective Dec. 1, 2005. The partnership was announced Jan. 18, 2006.

“Children shouldn’t have to suffer from the pain of toothaches, which can seriously distract them in school,” said Dr. Charles Lekic, head of pediatric dentistry. “We are very grateful to Variety for its generous contribution to our program.”

Variety, the Children’s Charity, is a worldwide charity that raises money to help meet the special needs of disabled and disadvantaged children. In Manitoba, it has raised more than $19 million, enabling children to participate more fully in life’s activities.

Bryan Crowley makes announcement.

“My cheque is enclosed”

“On behalf of the Variety board, I’d like to express how pleased we are to be associated with such a worthwhile and internationally recognized program as the one created by the Faculty of Dentistry here in Manitoba. Ensuring the good oral hygiene of our children is essential to their long-term well-being,” said Bryan Crowley, president.

“Variety is delighted to enter into this partnership with the Faculty of Dentistry, and is especially grateful to Adesa Winnipeg for signing on as a Founding Partner,” said Variety Executive Director Wayne Rogers.

Currently 12 inner-city and north-end schools in Winnipeg participate in the program, where children receive dental screening and treatment at no cost to their families. Oral health professionals from the Faculty of Dentistry go to each school to screen the children, and later refer those requiring treatment to the University of Manitoba’s dental clinic. In 2005, more than 1,400 children received dental screenings and over 300 received treatment through the program, which began in 1999.

“Our partnership with Variety, the Children’s Charity of Manitoba will continue to augment the services we provide to children who desperately need dental care,” said Dr. Johann de Vries, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry. “We are delighted to be working with Variety, and we are proud to have their name associated with our program. The success of the Variety Children’s Dental Outreach Program will only improve with this kind donation.”

Bryan Crowley makes announcement.
They make a point of staying in touch.

A group of retired dentists who once practised in Manitoba meet regularly to catch up and reminisce.

Drs. Sam Borden, Robert Glenn and Percy Goldberg graduated from the University of Toronto in the 1940s and '50s, and they all eventually returned to their home province of Manitoba to practise dentistry. In the late 1960s, the trio began meeting regularly with a group of their colleagues, including Dr. Jack Neilson, former Dean of Dentistry, as well as other dentists and academics.

"It used to be just a social get together. We used to meet at the Granite Curling Club," Dr. Borden says.

As busy careers and retirement scattered members of the group to different parts of the province, the meetings eventually went into hiatus. But the meetings started again two years ago, when Drs. Borden, Glenn and Goldberg reorganized the gathering.

It has since blossomed into an assembly of approximately 30 dentists and colleagues for the Dental Retirees Luncheon, held annually at the end of November. Last year, Dean Johann de Vries spoke at the event, which was held at the Airport Hilton in Winnipeg.

“When we reorganized it, we decided it was going to be for retirees and semi-retirees,” Dr. Borden explains.

“It’s just really getting together with old friends,” Dr. Glenn adds.

While many people within the group are friends who see each other frequently, the more formal luncheons helps reunite others who might otherwise never gather with old colleagues. “It certainly is a warm environment when we get together,” Dr. Goldberg says.

Dental Retirees Luncheon Reunites Longtime Colleagues

by Renée Barclay, Public Affairs and Communications Officer

Dental Retirees Look Back at the Changing Face of Dentistry

Dr. Sam Borden, Robert Glenn and Percy Goldberg have together practised dentistry for 150 years. During the Alumni-Faculty Bulletin’s interview with them, we asked how they thought dentistry has changed over the years. Here are some of their comments:

“Dentistry has changed because of fluoridation. Very few people have caries because of fluoridation in Winnipeg,” Dr. Borden says.

“We charged $2 to take out a tooth. We used to clean a person’s teeth for free to look for caries. There is a whole different philosophy today,” says Dr. Glenn, who also served as President of the Manitoba Dental Association.

“Insurance has changed it. Take home pay is higher now,” Dr. Goldberg says, adding he worked in the field because of his “love of people and dentistry”.

In addition to his practice, Dr. Borden worked with the Faculty of Dentistry until 1989, retiring as Acting Dean. “You had to like people. Today I go into my old office and people are glad to see me. That’s the same for all of us,” he says. Dr. Borden says those entering dentistry should keep their work “fresh” “Take short courses and Continuing Dental Education courses,” he advises.

Drs. Sam Borden, Robert Glenn and Percy Goldberg.
On Nov. 25, 2005 the Manitoba Dental Students’ Association (MDSA) hosted another fabulous Christmas event at the Clarion Hotel banquet centre. Students organizing this event were Drew MacRae, Vivek Cheba, Christy Carroll, Tony Nguyen, and Azriel Kravetsky. In addition to the fabulous venue, the food was remarkable. Nearly 200 students, faculty members, and alumni gathered for the event and each and every guest left with no complaints.

Upon arrival at the formal, guests were greeted by the Jay Harrison Jazz Quartet, and each guest was gifted with Lindt chocolates. Following cocktails, a delicious three course meal was served which included a chicken Cali or a juicy prime rib. Not long after the dinner portion, there was a great surprise from Santa Claus himself. Santa Claus arrived in style and handed out gifts to students and faculty which included Oral-B toothbrushes, and gift certificates. Following the entertainment, there was a dance that lasted until 2:00 a.m. The deejay from Crystal Sound was amazing and had all the guests dancing the entire time. Faculty and staff in attendance also joined in on the dancing and were quoted as saying, “this is the best formal they have attended in the past 10 years”. This was the general impression for all those in attendance.

The MDSA would like to thank everyone for making the event a success and would encourage students and faculty to join in on the fun for next year’s formal.