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You have influence, and you have a choice. Bring out your best, and you will bring out the best in those around you.

That, in a nutshell, was the message from Amy Morgan and Wayne Pernell who delivered an inspiring and motivating session for students, faculty and staff at a recent professional development workshop August 23-24 on the Bannatyne campus.

Developed by the Pride Institute, Getting the Best from the Best featured cutting-edge, interactive strategies and techniques to building more effective teamwork.

The sessions are designed to encourage better situational leadership and more positive self-management for the benefit of the common good.

Over the two-day span of the workshop, Ms. Morgan and Dr. Pernell took participants through a series of exercises to demonstrate how a positive approach at work can produce extraordinary results.

The presenters emphasized that a negative attitude on the job is only counterproductive.

Change for the better, they said, has to come from within.

“When you point a finger at someone, remember what direction the other fingers are facing,” Dr. Pernell said.

Many of the themes explored at the workshop are based on the teachings of Ken Blanchard, the world-renowned author of many ground-breaking educational, leadership and management techniques.

Dr. Blanchard’s theory on situational leadership is widely considered among the most influential in the working world today.

It’s an almost revolutionary approach to workplace interaction that highlights how a positive attitude and cooperation can have dramatic results. It challenges the individual to take charge of their conduct and influence others in a way that will benefit all members of the organization.

The workshop has been customized by the Pride Institute specifically for dental practitioners as part of a series of seminars on business and management skills. It has also been adopted as a standard part of the curriculum for dental students at four major universities, including the Marquette University School of Dentistry in Wisconsin, the former home of new Dean Anthony M. Iacopino.

In his opening remarks on day two of the workshop, Dean Iacopino noted that effective teamwork is an essential and fundamental element of success in all walks of life, and will be a key component in his administration.

“My pledge to you is to do everything I can to help you reach your full potential, not only here but in your profession,” Dr. Iacopino said. “This is the best faculty of the four schools I have seen. The only way we can fail is not working together as a team.”

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On the Front Lines

Dean Iacopino walks the walk

It’s easy to talk the talk, but often quite another to walk the walk. This concept is not lost on the new Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry. Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino has established an ambitious list of priorities in the short time of his tenure thus far. And while there are a great many things the Dean wants to do, there is clearly one thing he won’t do, and that’s sit back and watch the action unfold.

“You can’t run a faculty from behind a desk,” he says. “I’m going to be walking around the clinics, offices, and laboratories, meeting as many people as I can to see what’s going on in the trenches.”

As a matter of record, Dean Iacopino has said he plans to take a “hands-on” approach to running the faculty. The Dean followed through on that commitment in late August with a visit and walk-through to every clinic and office at 780 Bannatyne Avenue. The Dean’s tour included all clinics, labs, faculty and support staff offices and work areas. He is also teaching in the first year preclinical lab Dental Anatomy and Removable Prosthodontics courses, in addition to a number of Continuing Education courses.

Although a Dean’s schedule demands long periods of time sequestered away in meeting rooms, planning and running the affairs of the faculty, Dr. Iacopino says input from the front lines is essential if each area is to perform to its optimum potential.

That’s why, he says, the periodic visits will continue throughout his administration.

“I really want to get first-hand experience of the day-to-day activities,” he said. “I want to meet people and to find out what’s going on in their world.”

The clinic rounds will be in addition to a series of visits off-site. The Dean’s office is hoping to begin visiting dental offices across the province in an effort to meet practitioners and build a stronger relationship between the faculty and the dental community.

First-hand Update: Third-year student Andrej Brasko (right) shares a moment of his time in clinic with Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino as part of the Dean’s tour of the faculty in late August.
In the Summertime

Summer may be the time when the living is easy but many faculty, alumni and students have been anything but idle over the past few months. The following is a brief recap of just some of the highlights of a season gone by.

Summer Jobs with a Difference

Fellowship program offers valuable research experience

It would make an interesting essay titled “How I Spent My Summer Vacation.”

Rather than the usual construction job or service industry position, each summer 10 University of Manitoba dental students have the chance to spend their summer in a laboratory performing research.

The opportunity comes courtesy of a research fellowship program offered by the Faculty of Dentistry. The fellowships run for two summers of 10 weeks each for those in pursuit of their BSc(Dent). Students are paired with a faculty member and tackle a project relevant to their academic background.

“The student works in a researcher’s lab and undertakes a project and will often go to a meeting to present the results of the research,” said Dr. J. Elliott Scott, Associate Dean, (Research) at the Faculty of Dentistry. “At the end, they present their project, and defend it in front of a small committee.”

Students might present posters, or table clinics, and a written report at the end of their research period.

In June, students and faculty members gathered to formally meet each other, review some of the findings and officially recognize their supporting partners. The Manitoba Medical Service Foundation (MMSF) and the Network for Oral Research Training and Health (NORTH) each provide funding for five fellowships.

“I think that it’s important that they get to know each other and that faculty members get to know who the students are in the program,” said Dr. Scott, who leads and coordinates the program. “Up to this point, we’ve really had no recognition of the MMSF in particular so we wanted to acknowledge their ongoing support which is critical to the continuation of this valuable research experience.”

Dr. Scott added that strong response from the students means the program is likely to continue indefinitely.

“This will probably evolve into a yearly happening,” he said. “It may take place at different times of the year, but nevertheless it will probably evolve into a yearly type of thing.”

U of M Speaker Benefits Foundation

Donation helps event raise over $5,000 for charity

It was a generous gesture by a Faculty of Dentistry staffer. Ken Chizick (pictured far left with Bill Dowe of Swiss NF Metals) followed his presentation at Technorama last April by announcing that he will donate his honorarium to Children’s Wish Foundation.

Mr. Chizick, a senior dental technician at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Manitoba, presented evidence-based research on SNF PressCeram™, where he discussed real data on bond and material strength, among other items.

The research was developed in conjunction with Dr. Cecilia Dong and presented in April at Technorama, the annual convention of laboratory manufacturers in Toronto. Mr. Chizick’s donation helped raise over $5,000 for the charity.
Distinguished Service Award
Dr. John Curran receives national recognition

Dr. John Curran (pictured centre), the Department and Division head of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Manitoba, has enjoyed a most memorable summer.

In May, Dr. Curran was presented with the Distinguished Service Award from the Canadian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons for Long-Standing Contribution to their Specialty and the Profession.

The presentation took place at the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons in Jasper at the end of May (2007).

Joining Dr. Curran in the photo is Dr. Lee McFadden and Dr. Catherine Dale, the head of undergraduate oral surgery clinic here at the U of M, who is also a member of the association.

Hygiene Helps Out
Habitat at Camp Hope

Dental Hygiene faculty members Mickey Wener (pictured right with drill and another volunteer) and Laura MacDonald volunteered to work with Habitat for Humanity for a day-long effort one day prior to attending the American Dental Education Association annual meeting in March 2007 in New Orleans.

The project took place at a site called Camp Hope, a volunteer hostel for those assisting with the rebuilding of the city as it continues its recovery from Hurricane Katrina.

In all, 12 ADEA participants helped build 74 bunk beds for the many volunteers who have devoted weeks to rebuilding the community. It is expected that the beds will be distributed to families in need once the rebuilding efforts are complete.

The two University of Manitoba professors say they thoroughly enjoyed the experience, calling the project “the highlight of the whole trip.” For more news on dental hygiene, see page 14.

Healthy Smile Happy Child Draws Aussie Visit to CCOH

Christine Morris, the Director of Health Promotion for South Australia Dental Service, (pictured left with Dr. Bob Schroth) visited the Community Centre for Oral Health in June. She was visiting Winnipeg in a cross country tour to learn more about ‘Healthy Smile Happy Child’ from Lavonne Harms, Project Coordinator, and Dr. Schroth.

The program uses community-based oral health promotion and activities to prevent early caries in high-risk children, including those on First Nations, in Manitoba. In 2005, this intersectoral project team, including Dr. Schroth and Dr. Doug Brothwell, received the prestigious Oral Health Promotion Award from the Canadian Dental Association (CDA) for their outstanding work to improve the oral health of Canadians.
Out to Africa
Second visit planned as part of international cooperation effort

University of Manitoba professors, and possibly residents, may soon be visiting South Africa as part of an international academic exchange now in the works under Dr. William Wiltshire, Professor and Head of Orthodontics at the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Wiltshire met with Dr. Francois de Wet, Vice Dean of Dentistry, professor and head of the new Department of Odontology at the University of Pretoria, during a recent trip to South Africa, to discuss an academic exchange next June.

The proposed plan would see professors from the University of Manitoba travel to South Africa and lecture at continuing education courses for general dentists that attract over 200 registrants. The courses are now being planned by Dr. de Wet.

Lectures and seminars are also being planned with post-graduate residents in orthodontics and periodontics at the University of Pretoria.

The exchange is the latest initiative under an existing cooperation agreement that has reaped benefits for both institutions, according to Dr. Wiltshire, the Head of Preventive Dental Science at the U of M.

“Exchanges such as this, in post-apartheid South Africa, stimulate cross-pollination of academic ideas and philosophies and pave the way for collaborative projects,” he said.

The Division of Orthodontics, University of Manitoba, has hosted several orthodontic residents from South Africa over the past few years.

Dr. Wiltshire has, in turn, presented several lectures and seminars in Africa. He has also acted as an external examiner over the past few years.

Three years ago, Drs. de Wet and Wiltshire were instrumental in arranging a similar academic exchange from Canada to South Africa.

Dr. de Wet lectured in Winnipeg four years ago.

“Even though South Africa and Canada are halfway across the world apart, with technological advances, we can now be considered to all live in a global academic village, making academic exchange much easier,” Dr. Wiltshire said. “It is indeed an exciting time”

Dental Residents Place 1-2 at International Event
U of M residents display dental dexterity

A pair of University of Manitoba residents placed 1-2 in a fun competition at the European Orthodontic Conference in Berlin, Germany this past summer.

Dr. James Noble and Dr. Nick Karaiskos placed one-two respectively in the race to see who was quickest to insert and remove orthodontic archwires.

Both James and Nick donated their prize of Forestadent orthodontic products back to the Faculty of Dentistry for patient care and research. The pair also presented research papers at the conference.

The event drew over 5,000 delegates, making the residents’ feat that much more significant, said Dr. William Wiltshire, Program Director of Graduate Orthodontics.

“Our residents continue to demonstrate the importance of a research-based clinical education in orthodontics and highlight that not only in North America, but also at conferences around the world, the hallmark of true internationalism,” he said. “We can all be rightly proud of the continuing accomplishments on the international stage of our residents here in Manitoba.”
Faculty About More Than Academics
Class of 2001 alumnus returns to share experience

Dr. Rick Mehta understands that the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba is about more than academics. It’s also about tradition and loyalty; helping those who helped you along the way.

That’s why the alumnus from 2001 found his way back from British Columbia to volunteer his time at the clinic for the benefit of current year students at the start of the academic session this year.

“You’ve got to give back and the traditions here are excellent,” said Dr. Mehta, between patients at the clinic. “Over my six years after graduating, I was able to learn many things. If I can give something back to the students who are learning, and help them get to the next level, it’s great.”

Now in private practice at the Cedar Dental Centre in Kamloops, B.C., Dr. Mehta says his clinic incorporates the latest in dental technology that he says will benefit the dentists of tomorrow.

“If we can bring it into their minds that there is a lot of technology out there that you can better utilize, it’s the best thing,” he says.

Dean Iacopino praised Dr. Mehta for giving back to the faculty and for sharing his knowledge and experience with third and fourth year students.

They’re Back!!!
Traditions mark the start of a new year

Two sure signs that a new academic year is underway: The marking of tools for dental hygiene and the annual introduction of first year students.

Dental assistants (middle picture, seated from left to right) Cindy Stanley, Catherine Pulak, Nicole Lacasse-Brass, Linda Plawucki and Susan Nazarewich colour code the tools of the trade used by the students in dental hygiene.

Meanwhile, (bottom right, from left) first-year dental student Kevin Head is introduced by Francis Lagorio (fourth-year). Each August, all first-year dentistry and hygiene students are welcomed and introduced at a lunchtime session in the Brodie Centre (bottom left).
Sports Day Draws A Crowd
Dental Year IV claims first Canine Cup in close competition

It doesn’t get much better than this: Blue skies, warm temps, a field of play, and an array of students, faculty and support staff all drawn together for an afternoon of fellowship and fun. August 25 was Sports Day, the annual tradition to kick-off the academic year.

A healthy turnout of around 100 students, faculty members and support staff gathered at the Burton Cummings Community Centre for a get-acquainted afternoon barbeque highlighted by the annual student-faculty softball challenge.

This year’s event featured a few new twists, including the inaugural awarding of the Canine Cup, one of three new additions to the Faculty’s trophy case starting this year.

The cup was claimed by the Dent IV student team in a hard fought victory over the faculty squad.

Dental Hygiene was a factor in the hardware collection as John Babick took home the trophy. Dental Year IV claims first Canine Cup in close competition.

Sports Day is co-presented by the Manitoba Dental Students Association and the Manitoba Dental Hygiene Students Association, with support from the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene.
The Drive for the Top Five
Making our faculty one of the very best in North America

The start of a new academic year is always an exciting time. Students arrive full of optimism and ambition to meet the challenges ahead; faculty and staff prepare in earnest for what is always a busy start to another scholastic year.

And while in many ways this year is much similar to those past, this promises to be a year unlike most others at the Faculty of Dentistry.

This year marks the first of our five-year plan to take our faculty to the next level: to establish the University of Manitoba as one of the top five dental schools in North America. It is an effort that will affect and involve all of us at this institution: students, alumni, faculty and staff as it calls for a collective vision, supported by creative ideas, new thinking and innovative concepts that will allow us to make this school one of the elite institutions of dental education and training.

The Drive for the Top Five is alive at the Faculty of Dentistry and we are well underway in pursuit of this new level of excellence. All areas of the faculty are involved. This will include new approaches in graduate dental education, overall curriculum reform, improvements in continuing education, and a renewed commitment to alumni. All aspects of our current operations will be examined and reviewed to see how they can be improved.

Our efforts have already begun. Academic sessions this year were preceded by a two-day professional development seminar for all staff and students on leadership training and team-building. The sessions were capped by Sports Day, co-sponsored by the dentistry and dental hygiene student associations, where we added awards for participation along with the annual student-faculty challenge.

Our existing office space is also being re-organized and staff is being re-directed and re-energized to deliver more comprehensive and relevant programs in continuing education, communications and alumni affairs. And this is only the beginning.

In 2008, we mark the Golden Anniversary of our faculty at the University of Manitoba. This will be a very special time of celebration; to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of the past that serve as the benchmark of our efforts going forward.

In the months ahead, you will be hearing more about our “Big 50” campaign that will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Faculty of Dentistry in 2008. You will learn much more about specific projects within the research, education, and service mission areas, and the role you can play in helping these initiatives reach fruition. I look forward to discussing these opportunities with you in greater detail in the days to come.

Above all, I want you to know that your support is appreciated and that I will do everything I can to ensure that the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene remain a source of satisfaction and pride for all alumni in addition to becoming the premiere resource for the dental profession in Manitoba.

Grazie.

Tropical Series Sells Out
Record-time ticket rush for February series

It could be one of the hottest tickets in town. Continuing Education has now sold out of the initial seats that were reserved as part of the upcoming Tropical Series. However, it’s still not too late to book a spot and be part of this exciting series.

Contact Carlson Wagonlit (1-800-308-6331) or 204-885-8410, or an agent of your choice, and head down to one of the five Mayan Riviera Iberostar Paraíso Resorts.

Each of the five is only a short walk away from the CE event. So you can enjoy all the benefits of a five star resort, and the spectacular white beaches of the Mayan Riviera, in addition to outstanding Continuing Education courses.

“I guess it’s the combination of location, time of year and a very good program that has piqued participants’ interest this year,” said Kathy Mastrobuono, Program Administrator, Continuing Dental Education, on the whirlwind sell-out.

The 2008 event features Dr. Denis Lynch of Marquette University with Oral Cancer and Salivary Gland Disease, and Faculty Dean Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino with The Perio-Systemic Connection.

Dr. Iacopino’s presentation is generously sponsored by Colgate Canada.

The Tropical Series of the Faculty’s Continuing Education program has proven to be very popular. It’s a great place to celebrate class reunions or to receive educational updates while enjoying the relaxing pace of Mexico.

Contact Kathy at (204) 789-3331 for more information on the resorts and to register for the session. But do it soon as space is limited.
Thirty years is a long time between reunions. In fact, the Graduate Periodontics Program here in the Faculty of Dentistry had yet to ever stage one since it was established three decades ago.

That changed over the summer as the program marked its 30th anniversary with a reunion and celebration of its accomplishments over that time.

The weekend of May 4-5 saw program participants gather back in Winnipeg for a golf tournament, awards banquet and a special presentation from Dr. Myron Nevins, DDS of Harvard University.

Dr. Nevins is a highly accomplished scholar with a long list of academic credits to his name. He currently serves as Program Director of Continuing Education and Associate Clinical Professor of Periodontology at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. He also serves as Director, The Institute for Advanced Dental Studies.

“One of our teachers here, Dr. Ed Ghiabi, is actually a former student of his,” said Dr. Anastasia Kelekis-Cholakis, Grad-Perio Clinic Manager, Associate Professor and driving force behind the reunion.

The May 5 awards banquet saw tributes paid to the four directors of the program: Drs. Sam Borden, Larry Golub, Albert Holthuis and David Singer.

“David was retiring and he wanted to honour the past directors as well,” Dr. Kelekis-Cholakis said of the doctor who was inducted as a Fellow of the International College of Dentists in 2004. “It was a lot of work but we had a great committee.”

Dr. Sean Fisher presided over the evening’s activities that included an update on current and future plans for the program and clinic located on the Bannatyne campus.

The event drew exceptional support from over 10 sponsoring groups who were acknowledged during the evening.

Periodontics professionals reunite: Pictured top, right: Dr. Anastasia Kelekis-Cholakis presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. David Singer, the most-recent Director of the Graduate Periodontics Program at the Faculty. Below are the attendees at the event. They include (from left) Drs. Sean Fisher, Vijay Pruthi, Trudy Corbett, Anastasia Kelekis-Cholakis, Ellen Sim, Mahdi Angaji, David Singer, Ed Ghiabi, Kuldip Manhas, Jaswinder Brar, Irv Micflikier and Gary Hyman.

Dental Medicine. He also serves as Director, The Institute for Advanced Dental Studies.

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The reunion committee of the Graduate Periodontic Program at the Faculty of Dentistry wish to acknowledge the following organizations for their support of our 30th Anniversary:

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Reunion In the Rockies

Kananaskis hosts Faculty of Dentistry Class of 87

Submitted by Pat Kmet
Class of 87

The Alberta Rockies in the springtime served as an elegant and appropriate setting for the Faculty of Dentistry Class of 1987 reunion this past spring.

The weekend of May 25 was one of renewing friendships and revisiting old memories as 16 members of the Class of 87 gathered at beautiful Delta Kananaskis Lodge in Alberta for three days of fellowship and festivities. Many in the group hadn’t seen each other since graduation, making this much anticipated event that much more special.

A wine and cheese reception kicked things off on Friday as classmates had a chance to get reacquainted.

Saturday morning it was off to lectures! Sitting in alphabetical order, like in the good old days, the class was enlightened by Dr. Igor Pesun (prosthodontist), Dr. Hugh Maguire and Dr. Sam Switzer (endodontists) who provided the continuing education portion, just as they did 10 years ago.

Saturday afternoon, all reunion participants gathered for a session of socializing and reminiscing.

The weekend concluded with a dinner at the Fireweed Lounge with the class also joining together and making a donation to the Faculty of Dentistry.

The class looks forward to celebrating its 25th in 2012!

Windy City Hosts 10-Year Reunion for Class of 97

Submitted by Simona Pesun
Class of 97

In February 2007, the Class of 1997 met in Chicago for their 10-year reunion. Twelve classmates and some spouses and children were able to attend the event at the Windy City.

Everyone was able to catch up over the weekend. Informally, there was a lot of visiting, shopping and sightseeing going on.

It was such a success that the next reunion was already starting to be planned.


The Class of 97 (from left to right): Aaron Snidal, Dave Narine, Anthony Young, Ken Safuniuk, Revena Ting, Darron Romanowski, Lori Florindo, Jordan Pettigrew, Rahul Sab, Simona Pesun, Chrissy Kokonas, Marc Mollot.
The first thing you notice is the abundance of ambient light that illuminates the office space at D212. The next thing is the modern design of the newly designed area, which includes a glass façade on the reception desk that welcomes visitors, staff and students.

Welcome to the new home for the School of Dental Hygiene, which officially opened in July on the second floor of 780 Bannatyne.

It’s the first phase of what Director Salme Lavigne plans as a wholesale upgrade to the facilities and profile of dental hygiene within the University of Manitoba.

“This is most exciting,” said Professor Lavigne, “It’s symbolic as we try to take this school to a new level.”

The newly renovated administration centre features plenty of natural lighting along with a modern and functional design that will accommodate extra staff and, ideally, an increase in the size of the school’s student body. For the first time, hygiene students now have their own mailboxes, which have been added to the office space close to where the majority of hygiene classes take place.

Professor Lavigne said the new office performs two very valuable functions: It creates a more functional and productive space for conducting school business. It also sends a strong message to current and potential students that dental hygiene is a modern and vibrant program within the faculty that offers first-class educational options.

The sun-drenched space at D212 will complement the basement location that will still be retained by the School of Dental Hygiene. This area will now be re-developed to serve as offices for faculty members while adding some much needed storage space. It is hoped the up-grades will take place sometime during this academic year.

The opening of the new office is part of the school’s plans for expansion of its physical space, student body and curriculum as the school looks to broaden its appeal to potential students and establish a more firm foundation for the program and its graduates for the years ahead.

Included on that list is the incorporation of a baccalaureate degree completion program. The school is still hoping that funding and approval by the Council on Post Secondary Education (COPSE) will come in time for the next academic year.

In the meantime, Professor Lavigne said the school is planning a grand opening celebration to mark the opening of the new office and to keep the momentum going on efforts to take dental hygiene to the next level at the University of Manitoba.
Moving DH To A New Level
The School of Dental Hygiene expansion project moves along

These last few months have been extremely exciting times for the School of Dental Hygiene as our move to lighter, brighter, bigger and better offices took place this summer. Our new space at D212 on the second floor of 780 Bannatyne is now open for business as work continues on the next phases of our development and improvement efforts for the School of Dental Hygiene.

Although it has taken some time, we are making great strides in our efforts to take dental hygiene to an all new level here at the University of Manitoba.

Faculty and staff are all very excited about this new growth that has finally begun to come to fruition! Stage one occurred over the summer as we took possession of our bright new offices on the second floor, overlooking Bannatyne Avenue. The eye-catching glass blocks greet you as you walk into the new office space, along with contemporary lighting over the reception desk.

This new area houses the office of the Director, along with two faculty offices, room to accommodate two support staff, a reception area and mailroom. Recruitment efforts are underway for an additional support staff member who will assume reception and other responsibilities.

The office also includes a block of mailboxes that signifies the recognition of the need for privacy for all of our students. This will encourage better communication between the school and our student body. Already we have noticed significant traffic in our new office as students, visitors and colleagues take advantage of our more strategic and convenient location.

During stage two, we will reconfigure our previous dental hygiene office, thereby creating four offices for our faculty and providing a larger and better organized storage space. The whole area will be re-designed to maximize office efficiency and to present a more professional appearance for faculty, staff and visitors.

Our work in facility development complements our drive to expand our program’s scope, reach and visibility within the academic community. We are continuing our efforts to pursue accessible degree completion education for our alumni, as well as opportunities for MSc and PhD studies within the Faculty of Dentistry through a potential collaborative program specializing in oral-systemic medicine.

The School of Dental Hygiene is an exciting place to be this year with plenty of new opportunities and plans for future progress and growth!

### New Faculty Members

The School of Dental Hygiene welcomes three new part-time faculty members: **Alayna Gelley**, **Kellie Hildebrandt** and **Lila McGinnes**, are all alumni of the School of Dental Hygiene. Kellie Hildebrandt will be teaching first year Communications, and is also Manitoba’s first Registrar of the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba.

**Carol Yakiwchuk** comes from the Faculty’s Centre for Community Oral Health and will assume teaching the second year Community Health course for **Mickey Wener**, who is on a leave of absence from teaching this year.

### New Associate Professor for Dental Hygiene

**Joanna Asadoorian** (pictured right) was awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor in what was a busy and productive summer for the School of Dental Hygiene faculty member.

Among other achievements, Prof. Asadoorian was awarded the 2007 TD Meloche Monnex / Canadian Dental Hygienists Association Visionary Prize. This $2000 award goes to a Canadian enrolled in a graduate program.

Summer media appearances included a live session on City TV in Winnipeg in June and interviews with Reader’s Digest and Canadian Living Magazine.

Prof. Asadoorian was also presenter and principle coordinator of Portfolio Assessment of Student Competency: An Opportunity to Get Down to the Business of Evaluation.


She was also awarded a $3000 grant from the Canadian Foundation for Dental Hygiene Research and Education (CFDHRE) (Asadoorian J and Sunell S, National Competencies for Dental Hygiene Entry-to-Practice).
Hygiene in High Gear

Strong school presence at international symposium

All full-time and many part-time dental hygiene faculty from the University of Manitoba participated in the International Symposium on Dental Hygiene held in Toronto in July.

Professors Mickey Wener, Laura MacDonald, Salme Lavigne and senior instructor Carol Yakiwchuk, all delivered presentations at the conference.

In addition to her research presentation, Professor Lavigne was the Canadian representative on the Internationalization Panel. The panel was comprised of five dental hygienists representing Australia, Canada, Finland, Japan and The Netherlands.

Professor Joanna Asadoorian is busily preparing Reflection on Health Care Delivery for Continuing Competence, a presentation for the National Continuing Competency Conference scheduled for Toronto in November.

Professor Laura MacDonald (pictured right, at a Habitat for Humanity project in New Orleans last spring) has been busy this year as the Faculty of Dentistry’s / School of Dental Hygiene’s champion for the Interprofessional Education Grant through Health Canada.

Additionally, Professor MacDonald has made numerous presentations regarding interprofessional education throughout Canada and the U.S. over the past number of months.

The School of Dental Hygiene is proud of this world class faculty who participates in research, both nationally and internationally, and maintains a standard of excellence in community health education and service. Graduates from this institution reach out to all corners of Canada and throughout the world. The school’s internationalization efforts have brought students in from Finland and Sweden as well as providing our local students the opportunity to participate in their programs abroad.

Outreach Program Proves Popular

Hygienists heading to Norway House

The School of Dental Hygiene welcomed 26 new students into our first year class this past August.

Amazingly, 24 of the 26 students are from Manitoba, with many coming from rural communities.

As student rotations become finalized, the majority of the second year students have opted to participate in a remote working rotation at the Faculty’s outreach clinic in Norway House.

As one of the main foci of the program is the preparation of students for employment in community health agencies, our students will have multiple opportunities to gain experience in numerous externship sites throughout their education.

The senior community health service project will once again take student participants to an inner-city soup kitchen in Winnipeg to educate, screen, and refer individuals who are in need of further accessible dental care.
Research Targets Oral Cancer

$116,000 grant allows for two-year study to find early markers

Submitted by Dr. Abhijit Banerjee
Department of Oral Biology

Project Title: Studies on Decorin Post-transcriptional Silencing Dependent Effects in Oral Premalignant Epithelia

Cancer of the mouth accounts for two to four percent of all cancers in North America and is the sixth most prevalent cancer in the world. Death rates associated with these cancers have not improved in the last decade.

Currently, at first diagnosis, most of them present in advanced stages. Oral dysplasia is a pre-malignant stage of cells lining the oral cavity wherein understanding of sub-cellular biomarkers will aid in early detection.

There is an urgent need to establish early and appropriate diagnostic markers of molecular alterations that lead to a transition from a precancerous to a cancerous state.

This proposal aims to elucidate molecular mechanisms of a new protein ‘Decorin’ in the oral precancerous cells and establish its role in development of oral cancer.

Additional gene expression profiling experiments have the potential to identify signaling molecules that alter tumor growth much earlier in the process and possible novel targets for intervention, with so far unidentified binding partners of Decorin involved in the process.

We are the only group in Canada, and probably in the rest of the world, that is pursuing Decorin-related cancer biology.

Oral cancer progression may be due to altered nuclear genetic reprogramming of events and unnatural associations.

To pursue our research, we have been awarded a grant of $54,500 for year one, with $61,500 for year two, from the Manitoba Health Research Council, funded through the Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology.

Our department wishes to thank the provincial government immensely for supporting our research.

Clinical Trials Underway

$97,000 grant to study laser treatment

Submitted by Dr. Ed Ghiabi

We are pleased to report that the periodontics division (Dental Diagnostic and Surgical Sciences) has received a grant of $97,000 to support a clinical trial evaluating the benefits of using lasers in the treatment of periodontal disease.

The research project is titled: Photodynamic Disinfection In Combination With Scaling And Root Planing In The Treatment Of Chronic Periodontitis.

I will lead the team as the principal investigator. Drs. Pruthi, Kelekis-Cholakis and Birek are the co-investigators. The purpose of the project is to evaluate the clinical benefits of using a low power laser in the treatment of chronic periodontitis in adults.

Currently, the conventional treatment modalities for chronic periodontitis are scaling and root planing, along with periodontal surgical procedures. Both modalities are fairly successful in controlling the disease in the majority of patients.

This project tests the use of a novel treatment, i.e. a low power laser device, in conjunction with scaling and root planing.

If the use of lasers proves to be at least as successful as other conventional treatments, patients will benefit significantly, as laser treatment is quick and less inconvenient for them.

The grant for this project was made possible courtesy of Ondine Biopharma Inc.

Faculty Notebook
Activities at-a-glance

Senior Scholar Appointments:
Dr. Peter Williams
Three year appointment ends August 31, 2007

Dr. Makoto Suzuki
One year appointment ends December 31, 2007

Dr. W. Brock Love
One year appointment ends December 31, 2007

Research Study Leaves:
Dr. William Christie
July 1 - December 31, 2007

Dr. Amazis N. Louka
January 1 - June 30, 2008

Retirements:
Dr. William Christie
December 31, 2007

Dr. Amazis N. Louka
June 30, 2008

Dr. Donald Davidson
June 30, 2008
Faculty members serving on University of Manitoba Senate committees: Elliott Scott (2), Dieter Schōnwitter (2), Randall Mazurat, John Perry, Archie McNicol, Amazis Louka, and Algernon Karim as noted in the May Senate report of standing committees.

Speaking at the 123rd Annual Manitoba Dental Association meeting on Saturday February 3, 2007 were Jay Biber on Lessons on Little People, Anastasia Keleks-Cholakis on Periodontal Systemic Considerations & Bone Grafting, and John Perry on Viral Disease in the Immunocompetent Child and Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma.

Alex Serebnitski, supervised by Robert Schroth, received a Studentship in Musculoskeletal Research - Building Research Capacity to Enhance the Quality of Life from the CIHR Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis to undertake his project Documenting pain among children with Severe Early Childhood Caries (S-ECC). Alex was one of 35 students in Canada to receive such a training award in April, 2007.


David Singer received an award from the Dentistry Canada Fund for Outstanding Service for Dentistry held April 25, 2007 in Toronto.

The F. James Marshall Scholarship was approved for third year Dentistry Awards and Prizes at the April 2007 Senate meeting. In June, the Senate approved changing the name of The Ash Temple Ltd. Prize to The Henry Schein Ash Arcona Award. This was done to reflect the current name of the company sponsoring the award.

Invited Presentations


Schroth Robert presented Things are better when we work together: Firsthand experiences from the Manitoba Collaborative Project for the Prevention of Early Childhood Tooth Decay at the Oral Health and the Aboriginal Child: a forum for community members, researchers, and policymakers. June 8, 2007 Winnipeg, MB.

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See Bannatyne
Dentistry and dental hygiene students packed Theatre A of the Basic Medical Sciences building on day one of the workshop. Faculty and staff took part on day two, with students invited to attend as well.

It’s the first time staff and students took part in any kind of faculty-sponsored professional development program and Dr. Iacopino noted that the response was very encouraging from all involved.

“I noted on the first day how the students remained interested and involved the entire day,” he said “Very often people regard these types of activities as just something that takes them away from their daily responsibilities. The feedback that we have received here has been very positive.”

The sessions were part of a three-day professional development initiative that culminated with Sports Day on August 25. Dean Iacopino says the seminars will become a standard part of the faculty’s program.


Cam Zeeland presented a poster case report at the Pediatric Dentistry meeting in Texas in May 2007.


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Grads Through the Years

By: Bill Christie (64), Noriko Boorberg (00), Cecilia Dong (96) and Laura MacDonald (DH 81)

Gary Hedge (84) has taken over as co-ordinator of Manitoba’s longest continuously running Study Club, the Oral Diagnosis Dental Study Club, established in 1965 by Gordon McInnes (64). Dr. McInnes retired from private practice after 43 years in the Medical Arts Building, Winnipeg in June 2007.

Melanie Wood (77) has been elected President of the National Dental Examining Board (NDEB) for a two-year term. As well as the many years as examiner and holding many offices with NDEB, Melanie also has served on the Commission on Dental Accreditation and continues to teach in the Division of Crown & Bridge, as she has done for the past quarter of a century.

Joel Antel (79) and Allan Cogan (90) are new members elected to the Board of the Manitoba Dental Association in February 2007.

Blaine Cleghorn (79), Director of Clinical Affairs at Dalhousie in Halifax, along with Dr. Dieter Schönwetter of the University of Manitoba, have collaborated in the introduction of VitalSource library packaging and uniform computer issue to all first-year dental students. First-year students and professors are issued a computer and text-book package for dental literature needed in course work.

E. J. ‘Luke’ Shwart (76) is working in Calgary, Alberta as the Manager, Community Oral Health Services and has just completed a two-year term as President of The Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry. Website is: http://www.caphd-acdhp.org/index.html

Cliff Swanlund (76) is keeping busy as the Vice-President of the Alberta Dental Association and member from the Calgary district. He has no plans to retire, after 31 years in practice, at least for the next decade. Cliff tries to buy a book on the history or special features of each area in his travels to add to his library. Cliff enjoys the weekends at his mountain home in Canmore and says there is always a cold beer in the fridge for Alumni passing through. Cliff received a Fellowship in the Pierre Fauchard Academy on May 26, 2007 in Jasper, Alberta.

Among the Alumni who received a Fellowship, by examination, in the Royal College of Dentists of Canada, FRCD(C.), at the Annual Convocation in Montreal last fall are: John N. Odia (95) in Endodontics, Jiayan Guan (02) in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Susan T. Tsang (03) in Orthodontics, R. Jay Biber (99) and Natalie G. Sanche (02) in Pediatric Dentistry and Anastasia Kelekis-Cholakis (92) in Periodontics.

Paul Beesley (69) was inducted as a Fellow in the International College of Dentists at their annual meeting on May 25th. 2007 in Jasper, Alberta. Paul is still practicing in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan where he is a Past-President of the Moose Jaw and District Dental Society and a Past-President of the College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan.

Andrew Chuchman (85), Joel Antel (79), and Aaron Kim (87) (pictured left, from left to right) were Alumni from Winnipeg who received Fellowship in the International College of Dentists at their annual meeting on May 25, 2007 in Jasper, Alberta.

Mel Sawyer (77) practicing in Vancouver, BC was made a Fellow of the American College of Dentists at the annual meeting and Convocation in Las Vegas in October 2006.

Robert Schroth (96) was one of the main organizers of a two-day conference entitled Oral Health and the Aboriginal Child on June 7-8, 2007 in Winnipeg.

Ed Putnins (81) is presently the Vice-President of the Canadian Association for Dental Research.

A number of Alumni were making the Manitoba presence felt at the Pacific Dental Conference on March 8-10, 2007 in Vancouver BC including: Ken Neuman (64) with The WOW Factor in Using Technology, Ken Hamin (88) with Halitosis and Your Cosmetic Practice, Paresh Shah (83) and Tim Dumore (91) with What’s Best for Your Patient - Conservative Interdisciplinary Treatment Options, Uchie Odiatu (89) and Kary Odiatu with Increase your Productivity... A Fitness Rx” and Jack Caton and Lorne Golub (63) with Host Modulated Drug Adjuncts to Standard Periodontal Therapy.

In student news, Dr. X. Xie (07) presented a poster clinic at CDA convention and received recognition at the Pierre Fauchard Academy breakfast, May 2007 in Jasper, Alberta.
Building On A Positive Past

Teamwork can lead to endless possibilities

By Dr. R.W. Peterson
President, Dentistry Alumni Association

As president of the Dentistry Alumni Association, I have had the privilege of speaking with many graduates, many of whom fondly recall their dental education experience.

Building on those positive experiences, I would first like to offer our sincerest thanks to Acting Dean Randy Mazurat, who has continued the recent initiatives at the Faculty of Dentistry toward enhancing the student learning environment and further developing collegiality between instructors and students.

I wish next to warmly welcome our new Dean; he has much to offer our faculty. Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino has expertise as a researcher, a clinician, an educator, an administrator and a government advisor.

He has already expressed his dedication to students and to the further enhancement of the educational experience at the Faculty of Dentistry.

I know the alumni and faculty all wish him well and we look forward to working with him during his tenure.

Imagine the possibilities for the future of our profession!

Together with the faculty, we can develop a common vision and respectfully share our commitment for excellence together.

Future generations of dentists and dental hygienists appreciate our mentorship - let the hearts that drew us into this wonderful profession be re-energized by giving back to those who follow in our footsteps.

In addition to our mentorship, the faculty needs our tangible support so we can all achieve excellence in our profession.

Of particular note, I applaud the class of 2006, which came together to raise $15,000 in their graduating year for their faculty. This is an exceptional achievement.

Congratulations, and well done Class of 2006!

I welcome the Class of 2007 to the alumni body, and I congratulate all those alumni celebrating special anniversaries, be it your tenth, twentieth or whatever it may be.

Send us pictures and a short recap of your event and it shall be added to The Bulletin.

Congratulations and thank you to the recipients of the 2007 Alumni of Distinction Award for Dentistry, Dr. Charles Baker and for Dental Hygiene, Ms. Cara Tax.

I lastly want to highlight a wonderful faculty outreach program. The Variety Children's Dental Outreach Program, which offers free dental treatment to 13 inner city schools, is doing exceptionally well.

Each year, the faculty honours one school as the outstanding school of the year.

This year the award went to Landsdowne School. The principal, of her own accord, visited parents to ensure they received the consent form, and to explain the program to make sure their children would be signed up. This was a step that went well beyond the call of duty.

Our faculty has been blessed with strong leadership. Each dean has added new and different ideas that have resulted in growth to keep up with changing times.

In closing, I encourage all of you to continue your interest in, and support of your faculty.

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**In Memoriam**

**Dr. Peter Lup Kui Wan**

It is with great regret that we announce that Dr. Peter Lup Kui Wan passed away peacefully on March 21, at the age of 58 years, after a courageous battle with cancer. His beloved wife, Marietta, and both their families and many friends survive him.

Peter was born in Hong Kong on December 28th, 1948. He moved to Canada to study at the University of Manitoba where he studied in the Faculties of Pharmacy, Engineering and Business.

He found his true niche at the Faculty of Dentistry where he graduated with the Class of 1984.

After graduation he moved to Vancouver where he worked as an Associate with his brother Dr. James Wan in Surrey, B.C. and later with Dr Stencil in Vancouver. In 1987, Peter set up his own practice in Delta, B.C.

Due to his illness Peter was forced into early retirement in May 2006.

Outside of Dentistry, Peter liked to dabble in computers and various electronic games, teaching himself the workings of computers, the Internet and various computer software programs.

His favourite pastimes were watching classic movies and sampling numerous Chinese restaurants all around Vancouver, so much so that he was a well-known patron among restaurant owners, managers and servers.

He loved good food and enjoyed opening his home to local and out-of-town guests, and especially his family and friends.

His dream was to travel to new and unexplored places and to open his eyes and mind to different peoples, cultures and environments.

Peter and Marietta met in September 2003 and were married two years later in October, 2005.

Marietta and Peter did not have children but Peter loved children and especially loved his nieces and nephews, as well as his grand nieces and nephews. He himself was so much a child at heart that he could easily bond with kids.

Children of different ages were immediately drawn to him and his animated demeanor. Peter always won them over with his jokes, intellectually stimulating puzzles and games.

Kids easily recognized that he was fun to be with. This childlike joy Peter kept, even in the midst of his personal crisis.

His classmates and members of the University of Manitoba will fondly remember Peter as a true gentleman and friend.

He was always fun to be around no matter how much stress we were under in dental school.

His favourite saying in school was “big trouble” and could always bring a smile to our faces, especially during exams and class functions.

His saying “big trouble” quickly became his nickname as well as “Sumo” and he was always a class favourite, taking us to many Chinese restaurants in Winnipeg to expose us to the delights of Chinese cuisine.

His many patients and dental colleagues will remember him as a gentle, compassionate practitioner. The dental profession will sadly miss his presence.

**Nuptials**

**Janet Leith** (Class of 92) celebrated her marriage to Steven McKeen on June 15, 2007, in Algonquin Park, Ontario. The couple lives in Ottawa where Janet practices general dentistry.
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