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2008 is the Faculty of Dentistry’s 50th Anniversary Year

Introducing Our New Logo!

FACULTY OF DENTISTRY
SCHOOL OF DENTAL HYGIENE

Traditions of Excellence, Horizons of Change

DRIVE FOR TOP 5 IS ALIVE

CLASS OF ‘67 RETURNS HOME

HONOURING ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION
January 12, 2008
Updating Our Approach to the Restoration of Endodontically Treated Teeth
• Igor Pesun
Restoration of endodontically treated teeth is constantly evolving with new materials and concepts. This presentation will review these new ideas to aid in determining the type of restoration required.

January 19, 2008
CPR: New Standards
• Chris Cottick, Jan Reimer
Register early - space is limited.

February 9, 2008
Bad Breath, Bad Taste and Biofilm
• Anne Bosy
MDHA Lecture
Should we have the same concerns for systemic health of the individual whose complaint is bad breath as we do when we associate these pathogens with periodontal disease? This course covers a description of oral biofilm with a discussion on its association with mouth odor.

February 18-22, 2008
Continuing Dental Education Tropical Series
Mayan Riviera, Mexico
The Perio-Systemic Connection
• Anthony M. Iacopino
Sponsored by Colgate Canada
Program will highlight recent evidence that links periodontal disease to systemic diseases and conditions like arthritis, cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease and stroke.

Diagnosis and Treatment of Salivary Gland Disease: Spit Happens (and sometimes it doesn’t)
• Dr. Denis Lynch
Course designed to provide dentists, hygienists, and assistants with an overview of salivary gland diseases. Emphasis on clinical recognition, diagnosis, and management.

March 15, 2008
Core Strengthening
• Laura MacDonald, Brenda Kulik Macaulay, Dean Kriellaars
MDHA Lecture
Begin with an in-class discussion and then move to the gym. Participants will go through a fitness session focused on core body strength training. The course is interactive so registrants are to come prepared to participate.

March 29, 2008
Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Management of the Esthetic Zone Utilizing Periodontal and Implant Therapy
• Ira Sy
This program will look at an interdisciplinary approach in the management of the esthetic zone encompassing various treatment strategies including periodontal and the utilization of implant-assisted reconstruction.
Sponsored by Astra Tech Inc.

April 5, 2008
Dental Associateships: Buy-ins/Buy-outs & Related Issues
• H. Jack Stockton
Dental associateships, practice buy-in/buy-outs, and other financial topics important for dentists.

Simplified Management Techniques for the General Practitioner: How to enjoy owning your practice
• Greg C. Smith
Simple leadership techniques to define and resolve practice management issues.

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The Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene are pleased to introduce a new logo to kick off the 50th anniversary celebrations of the faculty at the University of Manitoba. The new logo includes the tag-line of “Traditions of Excellence, Horizons of Change.” See articles starting on page 4.

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Traditions of Excellence, Horizons of Change

New logo, vision unveiled for Faculty of Dentistry, School of Dental Hygiene

The celebrations are now underway as the Faculty of Dentistry kicks off its Golden Anniversary year at the University of Manitoba. Faculty Dean Anthony M. Iacopino is pleased to announce the unveiling of an all-new logo for the two schools located on the University of Manitoba’s Bannatyne campus.

“It is with great pride and pleasure that I share with you our new look for dentistry and dental hygiene here at this outstanding institution,” Dean Iacopino said. “This new brand will stand as a symbol of our renewed commitment to our students, alumni, faculty and staff.”

The new design offers a classic, academic look that features a caduceus backed by the delta and omega symbols, elements commonly found in brands of dental learning institutions and oral health governing bodies. The two serpents on the caduceus represent the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene on the Bannatyne campus.

“This design reflects a renewed partnership between our two disciplines in our shared drive for excellence going forward,” Dean Iacopino said. “It also brings us together to project a strong, consistent image that will enhance our visibility, awareness and external image.”

When Dr. Iacopino began his tenure as Dean on July 3, he immediately launched the logo project as a way to generate a heightened sense of institutional pride and positive morale.

A committee was struck and a call for designs and slogans issued. The volunteer committee was comprised of faculty, staff, instructors and members from other stakeholder groups such as the Manitoba Dental Association.

Artwork on various design styles was gathered and tabled. A wide variety of potential tag-lines were also submitted and discussed thoroughly at the committee stage.

Ultimately, “Traditions of Excellence, Horizons of Change” was selected.

Dean Iacopino noted that the tagline is as much a salute to the past as it is the promise of a great new era at the Faculty of Dentistry.

“This school has a truly rich history of accomplishment and pursuit of excellence. The Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba is by far the most highly skilled I have ever been associated with,” he said.

“Our commitment is to establish the University of Manitoba as one of the top five dental schools in North America. I believe this goal is absolutely attainable.”

Dr. Iacopino also noted that every effort was made to ensure the selection process was as thorough and inclusive as possible. A focus group was suggested, but the condensed timeline of the project created difficult logistics. So the committee opted to create a ‘virtual focus group’ to determine the best possible elements for the new brand.

“The committee felt it was necessary to get unbiased opinions from stakeholders, including academics, professionals and students, through a formal preference research project,” Dr. Iacopino said. “That’s important because establishing a strong, appealing brand will be a major element in our drive to the top five.”

The study was launched August 3, with invitations dispatched to almost 250 stakeholders. The results clearly favoured the elements that now make up the faculty brand. The committee endorsed the findings and the recommended design was submitted to the university for final approval, which came in early November. The new brand will be featured prominently in a full slate of activities throughout 2008.

“This is the first step in our climb to prominence in our profession,” Dean Iacopino said. “Today, we go forward with a new vision of achievement and excellence as we begin the drive for top five.”
As of January 2008, the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene unveiled a new logo for the institution. The logo will be used on all faculty stationery, correspondence, communications and marketing materials to present a strong and consistent image to all constituent groups and the general public. To ensure an appropriate representation, the logo committee paid close attention to every detail of the finished product. These are some of the ideas that spurred the new faculty brand:

1) As its central figure, the design uses two serpents entwined around an ancient Arabian caduceus in the manner of the single serpent of Aesculapius, the Greek god of medicine, coiled about a rod. The two serpents used in this treatment represent the two disciplines of dentistry and dental hygiene, brought together under a common cause.

2) The Greek letters Δ (delta), for dentistry, and Ο (omicron), for odont (tooth), form the periphery of the design. This is consistent with other branches of dentistry such as the Manitoba and Canadian Dental Associations.

3) The primary colors of lilac and gold were selected as they are the official academic colours of dentistry.

4) The Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene appear prominently — and together — consistently in this presentation.

5) The tagline (above) reflects the faculty’s commitment to maintaining excellence in teaching, research and outreach but with the added promise of evolution. It was the clear choice of participants in the virtual focus group.

In developing the new brand for the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene, the committee knew it was important to gather input from as many stakeholders as possible.

The challenge was to gather this information and still have enough time to have the new logo ready for 2008, the faculty’s anniversary year.

Enter the virtual focus group.

The virtual focus group was comprised of 250 members of the faculty’s various stakeholder groups who were asked to provide their thoughts on the samples supplied through an online forum.

All faculty, staff and students were invited to take part, along with alumni and members of the Manitoba Dental Association. Invitations were also sent to other members of the medical and academic community within the University of Manitoba.

Participants were asked to review and rate four samples each of artwork and tag-lines.

Artwork was critiqued to ensure that all design elements were of high quality and presented an appropriate, professional image for the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene.

The tag-lines were reviewed to determine the one that best reflected the school’s history of world-class oral health education and track record of leadership in training and research.

The project went live on Friday, August 3, 2007 with results tracked over an eight-day reporting period. Overall, the results were strong and conclusive.

The majority of participants - 48% - responded in favour of the elements that were brought together to form new look of the brand.

Over 38% selected Traditions of Excellence, Horizons of Change as the most appropriate tag-line.

It is worth noting that this project sufficiently addressed the criteria necessary to ensure reliable results from the focus group. The sampling was large and balanced and contained the proper mix of demographic elements to provide valid results.
National Student Research Group A Reality
Faculty of Dentistry leads the way in a Canadian university first

For the first time in the history of Canadian dental schools, a national student research group is now in place. In late September, students from across the country joined together in Winnipeg to form the Canadian Association for Dental Research National Student Research Group (CADR NSRG).

The CADR NSRG will promote student research at each of the 10 dental schools in Canada. “We’re making history here as we have never had a national research group before,” said Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino, one of the main driving forces behind the group. “There is a very active student group in the U.S. and we’ll be getting some help from them and use them as a resource. But our goal here is to make a better group than they have and I think there are lots of reasons why we can do that.”

Modeled after its highly successful American counterpart (AADR NSRG), this national organization will support the formation of Student Research Groups (SRG) at each Canadian dental school. The founding members of the group were selected from each of their universities and assembled in Winnipeg on September 27 to lay the foundation for this first-ever initiative. “You’ve been picked by your dental school because they think you can be a leader to promote research, and to make things better for student researchers at dental schools in Canada,” Dr. Iacopino, told the group. “We’ll be talking a lot about the things we would like to do to set up a national student research group in Canada and how that can help each of you get an active group together at your own schools.”

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Introducing Canada’s first National Student Research Group (front row, from left): Ariane Lebuis (Université de Montréal Faculté de Médecine Dentaire), Jasminca Korak (University of Western Ontario School of Medicine and Dentistry), Manuela Manda Hrit (McGill University Faculty of Dentistry), Leann Donnelly (University of British Columbia Faculty of Dentistry), Nekky Jamal (University of Saskatchewan College of Dentistry), (top row, from left) Azza Gramoun (University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry), Rob Joseph (Dalhousie University Faculty of Dentistry), Dr. Richard Ellen, Professor of Periodontology, University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry (advisor), Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino, Dean, University of Manitoba Faculty of Dentistry (advisor), Alex Serebnitski (University of Manitoba Faculty of Dentistry), Amer Hussain (University of Alberta Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry).
Hundreds of inner-city children will benefit from healthier, brighter smiles thanks to the generous assistance of RBC Royal Bank.

On November 23, RBC presented a $30,000 cheque to the Variety Children’s Dental Outreach Program as part of RBC’s First for Your Smile event with the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba. The program provides free dental care for children at 14 inner-city schools.

Dr. Charles Lekic, Division Head of Pediatric Dentistry within the Department of Preventive Dental Science, and driving force behind the outreach effort, said the donation will have a great impact on the children it is designed to help.

“It is really organizations like RBC that are champions in caring for others,” he said. “This is how the difference happens. More than 500 children are not crying because of the support of this program. We are hoping to do more, and with the support of RBC Royal Bank there is the hope that we can expand and do more, so I thank you for making a difference for the children of Winnipeg.”

Established in 1999 by the Faculty of Dentistry, the program provides children with essential dental care at no charge to their families. Every year, more than $30,000 worth of care is provided through 800-1,000 clinical visits.

The program actually set a record this year with more than 2,000 children receiving care and attention.

“The Variety Children’s Dental Program is one that really touched my heart,” said Holly Toupin, RBC’s Regional Vice President at the presentation ceremony in Winnipeg. “Not only are students treating hundreds of children who would not have had access to oral health care, it also gives them the opportunity to succeed at school.”

As part of the event, the Health Promotion Unit of the Centre for Community Oral Health, along with senior dental hygiene students, enlisted RBC clients in Dental Boot Camp, a fun way to encourage people to go the extra mile for their smiles.

Dental hygienists also held an interactive Junior Boot Camp where children learned how to keep healthy smiles. They participated in a tooth-friendly food quiz, witnessed a fluoride “eggsperiment” and practiced brushing.
Opening Assembly welcomes first-year students into the health care fold

It has been called “the second most important day” in a student’s academic life. That day was September 19, Opening Assembly for first-year students at the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene at the University of Manitoba.

Students and their families joined together with university faculty and staff to pack Theatre A of the Basic Medical Sciences building close to the rafters for one of the long-standing traditions in the school’s rich history. The opening ceremony is a time-honored tradition that marks the students’ official commitment to becoming oral health professionals.

“This is the second most important day of your history at this faculty,” Dean Anthony M. Iacopino said to students in his welcoming address on what was close to a perfect autumn evening. “The first, of course, will be when you graduate. And what an exciting time to be entering this profession; there are going to be a lot of changes, all of them for the good.”

Dr. Iacopino noted how this year’s group of first-year students has the unique opportunity of coming in on the eve of an era of new beginnings for the faculty and the profession. Among those is firmly establishing the oral-systemic health connection, a new concept that could change design and delivery of North American health care, championed by Dean Iacopino at the U of M.

Professor Salme Lavigne, Director of the School of Dental Hygiene, said the role of dental hygiene may also be re-defined through the oral-systemic connection.

“These are exciting times as the roles for us all continue to evolve,” Professor Lavigne said in her opening remarks. “Hygiene will now have the opportunity to practice with interdisciplinary professionals.”

Prof. Lavigne said she was also encouraged that 24 of this year’s 26 new students were from rural Manitoba, an area that is already underserved in a profession where the demand for trained professionals perpetually exceeds the supply.

“You will have no difficulty finding employment,” Professor Lavigne said.

The evening marked the start of the newly expanded Mentorship Program, a joint initiative between the Faculty of Dentistry and the Manitoba Dental Association.

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The Faculty of Dentistry and the Manitoba Dental Association have rolled out a new and expanded Mentorship Program that will include all students studying dentistry at the University of Manitoba. Under the new program, all students, including those in the first year of their four-year program, will be paired with a practicing professional from the dental community in Manitoba.

The idea is to provide students the opportunity to learn and benefit from the experience of a practicing dentist as they prepare to enter the profession. “We are hoping that the mentors will provide the experience and the advice so that the student has someone to rely on; a peer that they can talk to about things that are going on as they go through the program,” said Dr. Marcel Van Woensel, President of the Manitoba Dental Association.

Now into its seventh year, the Mentorship Program began as a method to help fourth-year students make the transition from school into the working world. In recent years, the program was expanded to include third-year students on a voluntary, non-credit basis.

In addition to peer support, mentors also offer advice and perspective on establishing practices and make students aware of the many opportunities that exist throughout the province.

“We’ve had a specific rural focus to give students in the program a different perspective and different options in terms of private practice in Manitoba, rather than getting stuck in one place and having no idea of what other opportunities are available,” Dr. Van Woensel said. “By bringing the students in and seeing the opportunities here, there is the hope that people will stay and benefit the public at large.”

The success of the program convinced Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino, Dean of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba, to make it available to all students in the faculty, starting this year. Under Dr. Iacopino’s direction, the new version of the program officially kicked off on September 19, at the faculty’s opening ceremony for first-year students.

Dr. Van Woensel said members of his association were quick to respond to the challenge of taking on the many new participants in the program. “It was relatively short notice that the changes were made to try and involve first-year students,” he said. “Yet at the same time, within a week, we were able to find 15 mentors from our membership who were more than happy to be involved and again provide a great insight for the students through that process.”

Dr. Van Woensel said the hands-on involvement of Dean Iacopino and the faculty will only lead to a better experience for both the mentors and their protégés. “We’re hoping, with the Dean’s commitment, and with the commitment of the students, that we will be in a situation where we can actually get more input and more interaction between the mentors and the students,” he said, “so that there is a better integration and involvement so that they will have a more enjoyable and productive experience from it.”

Dentists from all across the province have participated in this initiative, many traveling long distances to appear at sanctioned events.

Dr. Van Woensel said the commitment of the participating professionals has been exceptional and reflects the close-knit nature of the dental community in Manitoba.

“When people are called upon to participate, most are willing to do so because they see the value and benefit that the Mentorship Program provides,” he said. “As we grow together, as a community, we want everyone to feel included.”
Educator, academic, renowned artist, patron, benefactor, and friend: these are just a few of the terms that can apply to Taras Yuri Snihurowycz.

From the Faculty of Dentistry’s original graduating class of 1962, Dr. Snihurowycz has been a virtual fixture on the Bannatyne campus for almost as long as the school has existed. In that time he established a sterling reputation as a dedicated, innovative scholar and educator with an unmistakable passion for his school and his profession.

“In our society, the biggest value, the highest magnitude of all institutions is university,” he said while reflecting back on his teaching years from his East Kildonan home. “If only one student in the class wins a gold medal, it’s my fault. All of them must win a gold medal, because it’s my job.”

Dr. Snihurowycz is credited with several innovations in teaching at the university. He introduced the “wax-added system.” As well, he pioneered the use of stereoscopy in the fabrication of fixed denture prostheses.

Although he officially retired from full-time teaching in 1993, Dr. Snihurowycz maintained ties with the faculty as a senior scholar and part-time instructor. In 1998, he was named the winner of the Faculty of Dentistry’s first Alumni of Distinction award.

And while such a long and distinguished academic career would be more than enough for many, it only represents one side of a remarkable life that extends into the world of fine art and iconography.

It was in 1975 that Dr. Snihurowycz began a second career as an artist. “Something was boiling in me,” he recalled. “I started to collect the work of Ukrainian artists and painters. For some reason, I was interested in religious art; so-called iconography.”

What began as a collection of Eastern European works turned to a creative passion. Dr. Snihurowycz started re-creating works using an array of traditional techniques and unorthodox methods. His later creations involved tooled and hammered copper, while others feature painted imagery highlighted with gold leaf, silver and copper, often with dazzling results.

“The finished effect is jewel-like - sumptuous and brilliant,” said Helen Delacretax of the curatorial department at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. “His icons are, indeed, exquisite masterpieces.”

His body of work would run to roughly 1,000 pieces, many of which are revered by collectors around the world. The Canadian Museum of Civilization in Hull, the Canadian Dental Association in Ottawa, the Millennium Library in Winnipeg, and of course, the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba, are all home to several pieces of this amazing collection.

The donations to the faculty reflect the artist’s high regard for the institution that still means a great deal to him so many years later. “Whenever I opened the door, it’s like I was coming into my home,” he said. “This was my place. Dentistry was my dream.”

Dr. Snihurowycz earned his first of two Doctorates in Dental Medicine in Munich, Germany.

He continued his dental education at the University of Manitoba, becoming a member of the faculty’s first graduating class in 1962.

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The Faculty of Dentistry conducted a survey targeting former students between 1955 and 2006. Respondents represented a diverse group of dentists with regard to gender, age (25-70 years), graduation cohort representation, number of years of dentistry practice, types of positions represented, type of practice, and productivity of the clinic. Most are fairly satisfied with their careers and report high perceptions of success during their last 12 months of clinical practice.

Program Strengths and Challenges
Alumni reported a high level of satisfaction with the program (Ave = 3.91*). Their satisfaction was reflected in their willingness to recommend the program to others (Ave = 3.50). These findings are significant and parallel those of alumni having chosen the University of Manitoba dentistry program as their first option (87.1%). Also, 27% of alumni have completed graduate training and an additional 25.6% are interested in pursuing graduate training.

The reasons cited for alumni satisfaction include: the dentistry program as having contributed to their development of clinical skills; the program having pushed them to strive for excellence in their practice; and the teaching approach promoted a mindset for life-long, self-directed learning.

The most influential aspects of the school were:
• training received,
• courses and their instructors,
• specialties and their instructors,
• attitudes instilled.

The friendships alumni made were also cited as being influential.

The strengths of the dentistry program can be categorized into five different areas beginning with the most frequently responded category: procedures, courses, learning environment, practice skills, and specialties. Both fixed prosthodontics and restorative procedures ranked as the highest for the dental program strengths defining the procedures section.

As for the courses section, alumni valued both the good foundation provided as well as the oral pathology training they received. The learning environment was defined by outstanding instructors. Small class sizes were also noted. Under practice skills, the clinic received high value for preparing alumni for their careers.

Finally, for specialties, periodontics stood out as a strongly valued program area in preparing for careers as dentists.

Determining the importance of the Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry’s 47 global competencies** in clinical practice is a critical element in curriculum development. This section represented the largest portion of questions in the study.

All 47 ACFD competencies are seen as important to current clinical practice and scored well above 3.50 on the survey.

Alumni Survey Notes:
* Scores are based on a five-point Likert Scale: 1 = Not at all 5 = Very much so
** For listing of all 47 competencies visit: http://umanitoba.ca/dentistry/about/dentaccreditation.html

Attention Dental and Dental Hygiene Alumni: You Are Invited to Attend Our
Annual Alumni Reception in conjunction with the
Pacific Dental Conference
Thursday, March 6, 2008 • Cypress Suite, Pan Pacific Hotel
Vancouver, British Columbia
Armed with interactive oral health displays, learning activities, free dental products and consultations, the Dental Hygiene Class of 2008 spent November 6 serving up oral health tips to over 200 visitors at Siloam Mission during Soup Up Your Smile. Carol Yakiwchuk of the Centre for Community Oral Health says Soup Up Your Smile is “a win-win situation for everyone.”

“Soup Up Your Smile provides a great opportunity to take learning out of the classroom right into the community and provides practical oral health information to people where they’re more comfortable hearing about it,” she said. For more, see page 16.

Photos, clockwise from top left:
Vanessa Crockatt with a mission visitor.
Faculty of Dentistry Dean Anthony M. Iacopino with (L-R) Jennifer Smith and Ashlee Heyens
Shawna Kufley at the “Super Clean Mouth Machine” display with a mission visitor.
The 2007 SUYS team (top) along with HAC dental team members (L-R) Matilde Kostive, Gloria Saindon, Dr. Pearl Chen and senior dental students Parambir Dhani and Munjot Dosanjh.
Screening team members (L-R) Sarune Leskauskiene and Amber Anderson with a mission visitor.
A Personal Invitation to You

Celebrate our past; Be part of our future

Listen carefully and you can hear the sound. You’ve probably heard it already - it’s a buzz that’s going all around the city of Winnipeg and the province of Manitoba. That buzzing sound you hear is people everywhere talking about the Faculty of Dentistry. And it’s growing louder everyday.

We’re picking up traction all over town. Many of you who have seen the news articles or heard us on the radio are already aware of this: the Drive for Top Five is alive!

Our Drive for Top Five will be marked by bold new initiatives in education, research and community outreach, building on a solid foundation that was established through decades of dedicated effort from our faculty, students, alumni and staff.

Symbolic of this new challenge, our faculty is proud to introduce a new logo - a new brand that draws together all the disciplines, values and goals we share under one new identity. This new brand will be the centerpiece of our efforts as we begin this great new adventure.

We have charted a course, one that will lead to the University of Manitoba becoming one of the top five dental schools in North America. And already, we’re on our way. Our course of action includes the creation of many new and first-of-their-kind initiatives.

It all begins with the Centre for Oral-Systemic Health, the first such centre in the world dedicated to forging the link between oral and total systemic health.

Our new centre will ensure the University of Manitoba serves as the primary catalyst to establishing new models of interprofessional practice that will improve overall patient health and community health outcomes.

The Centre for Oral-Systemic Health at the University of Manitoba will be seen as a global leader in the design, development and implementation of what may soon become the new standard of North American health care.

We will be taking the lead in education and teaching. There is a new method of teaching - a new space age, digital, virtual curriculum - that will be introduced at the University of Manitoba.

We will have the most graduate programs of any dental school in Canada.

We will have the most highly developed and successful community outreach mechanism of any dental school in any province in Canada.

Already, we have established the first Canadian National Student’s Research Group. One of our students - Alex Serebnitski (Dent III) - was elected as the first president of that group. Read more about this exciting new national-first in this edition of the AFB.

This is only the beginning. As we begin the Golden Anniversary year of this magnificent institution, there will be many exciting developments taking place in the weeks and months ahead.

Topping the list will be our inaugural gala, February 1 at the Fairmont Hotel in Winnipeg. I wish to extend a personal invitation for you to attend this event.

On February 1, we will honour our past, and begin the work required to realize our vision for the future. The achievements and legacies of our alumni will be acknowledged and celebrated.

Our vision for the future will be discussed in greater detail. Those in attendance will learn about the Nine Pillars of Innovation upon which our school and our future will be built. It will be the first of many significant events that take place over the calendar year and beyond.

I would like to extend to you a personal invitation to join with us for what promises to be a most remarkable year ahead. Come celebrate our past and be part of our future.

Faculty of Dentistry Looks To Take Centre Stage

Multiple presentations confirmed mean a strong U of M presence at ADEA

The Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene plan to be the dominant Canadian player at the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) annual meeting next spring. It has been confirmed that the University of Manitoba will have at least seven presentations and posters at the March meeting. Dr. Randall Mazurat, who will be presenting at the event, said the high number of accepted materials is exceptional news and reflects very well on students and faculty here at this institution.

“This continues on a rich tradition of faculty instructors and students who have for years had a very strong presence at this prestigious North American meeting,” he said, “and have put forward our institution as a leader and innovator in education and teaching.”

Presentations will include (among others) “Using Electronic Curriculum Mapping to Support Competency-Based Dental Education” and “Linking Curriculum to Continued Competence - It’s Time for a Change.”

The 85th ADEA annual meeting will run March 29 to April 2, 2008 in Dallas.
What a great 30 year reunion! If beautiful smiles are a measure for success, then we are 16 for 16! We began our Homecoming Weekend with a class dinner at the Delta Blaze Bistro. Our event was held in a private room, and that was good as there was plenty of laughter, joy and volume spilling out for the duration of the evening. There seemed nothing better than rekindling old friendships, profound school memories and highlighting all of the positive events of the past.

On Saturday, we met at the Faculty of Dentistry for a cutting-edge lecture on Oral Health and Whole Body Wellness presented by Professor Salme Lavigne.

Following this, we attended a Wine and Cheese Reception where we were honored to meet the new Dean of Dentistry, Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino, who we informally dubbed “the hygiene dean.”

We learned of the many exciting plans and directions the school of dentistry and dental hygiene are implementing for the near future. A tour of the new facilities was impressive. The labs, clinics and lecture theatres provide a state-of-the-art environment for current and future students. We remain very proud of our excellent school.

It was a special thrill to reminisce with Professor Marnie Forgay (founding Director of the School of Dental Hygiene) and two of our former teachers who were in attendance, Mrs. Margaret Miller and Ms Gladys Syrnyk. Lastly, our members met for one more dining experience and wind down at Hu’s on First, in Canwest Global Park.

Our gratitude goes to the university and organizers for this special opportunity to celebrate with you.

Overall we were able to establish contact with 20 of 24 classmates, with 16 attending the events. We discovered that we are spread over five provinces, two states, and with one in Australia as well. Of our group, 16 of 20 remain in the field with three still working with their original offices! Four others have since chosen successful alternative careers.

To quote our brand new class t-shirts (inspired and provided by Leslie Strain), “Wow! Look at us now! ’77.”

September’s Homecoming Weekend was an eventful one as 780 Bannatyne played host to no fewer than five dental hygiene class reunions. Students from the classes of 1967, 72, 82 and 87 all returned to share new moments and relive memories. The biggest turnout came from the Class of 1977 who appear above. Pictured from left with maiden name in brackets: (first row) Liz (Hucal) Wilkie, Dolores (Danard) Wolfe, Susan (Fischer) Backus, Sue (Johnson) Lavalee (second row) Karen Kapciuk, Gail (Gagnon) Michalenko, Ellen (Taylor) Law, Sylvia (Koteles) Ryan, (third row) Joanne (Cembrowski) Fontaine, Michelle (Theberg) Henderson, Leslie (Hoshawa) Strain, Mary (Trentin) Moduruk, (fourth row) Marnie Forgay (founding DH director), Tracy (Hannie) Alards, Shannon (McBain) Splawski and Susan (Lewis) Magel. Middle left, Dolores (Danard) Wolfe (right) signs the yearbook of Liz (Hucal) Wilkie.

Below appear members of the Class of 1982 that included (second row, from right) Hayley (Kelly) Fisher, Darci (Norlen) Ficek, Julie (Lawrence) Enns, Kimberley Evans, Sandie McKenzie, Mavis (Berscheid) Striemer, (front row) former instructor Margaret Miller and Marnie Forgay.
Steeped in tradition with deep ties that bind, the Faculty of Dentistry Class of 1967 returned to where it all began, this past fall at 780 Bannatyne.

Last September, 13 members from the class of Canada’s Centennial year re-convened at the Bannatyne campus, continuing a tradition that has been honoured every five years since graduation day way-back-when.

“Every five years, for 40 years, we have gotten together somewhere in Western Canada. This time it was a privilege to come to Winnipeg,” said Charles William Kearns, the senior stick of the class. “We felt we should all come home to where it started for each of us and it’s a great time.”

Like most other classes, those of 1967 have since dispersed to various parts of the country to lead successful lives and careers.

Dr. Kearns noted that while the distances remain great, the class remains a very close knit group.

“In Western Canada, out of the class of 25, we have about half a dozen in Winnipeg. I know there are four in Calgary, because that’s where I am, and there are always those prairie dogs that end up in B.C.,” he said. “I’m very proud of each of my classmates and it’s been a wonderful experience.”

The group met back at the faculty to begin the weekend’s activities, which began with a special guest appearance by Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino, the new Dean of Dentistry, who shared with the class his vision for the future.

From there, Dr. Noriko Boorberg led the group on a tour and demonstrated some of new technology and innovations the faculty recently added.

“It’s very impressive: the attitude of the staff, the buildings, the wonderful facilities that the students now have,” Dr. Kearns noted. “It’s been an uplifting experience.”

The remainder of the weekend was filled with a variety of activities, all of which offered the former classmates the chance to get re-acquainted and enjoy a relaxing weekend.

Dr. Kearns noted that the university dental school experience was something that really brought his group together.

“Certainly, when you go through the dental curriculum - and survive - you become good friends,” he said. “There was a lot of help between the students and my classmates and we were all cheering for each other to get through the curriculum.”

Over the years, he said, the ties forged at the university, have only grown stronger.

“For sure,” he said. “We’ll be doing this again for sure. Maybe we’ll make it closer together than five years apart.”
On a Mission to a Healthier Smile!

Dental Hygiene community outreach effort scores big with inner-city residents

Submitted by Carly Kappers, Tanis Blanchfield, and Karen Rosolowski

SUYS Promotion Team for the Dental Hygiene Class of 2008

On November 6, the Dental Hygiene Class of 2008 launched Soup Up Your Smile, a day-long event spent serving up oral health tips to visitors at Siloam Mission.

Students greeted over 200 of Winnipeg’s disadvantaged and homeless, equipped with interactive oral health displays and learning activities, free dental products, and opportunities for free dental hygiene consultations and urgent, get-out-of-pain dental care.

Students used clever, attention-getting titles on important oral health topics to increase participation and interaction such as: Pass Go! Play it Right for a Healthy Smile! (affordable dental care Monopoly game); Super Clean Mouth Machine (oral disease and prevention); Don’t Meth Up Your Mouth (street drugs) to name a few. Visitors received a stamp on their oral health passport at each station and traded these in for free tickets to win donated prizes.

The screening team provided free consultations and personalized oral hygiene tips. Those in pain received free dental care at Health Action Centre.

A big thank you goes out to the Centre for Community Oral Health and to Duffy’s and Unicity Taxi for partnering to provide free dental treatment, and to Dean Iacopino, Director Salme Lavigne and MLA Bidhu Jha for their presence and commitment to student efforts.

A special thanks to the Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association for their financial support, to all of our event and prize donors, and to faculty, staff and students who donated gently used clothing and other useful items. Finally, our biggest thank you goes out to Siloam Mission, who continue to welcome us to contribute in this very meaningful way.

SUYS provided students with an exceptional opportunity to grow as future oral health professionals while helping empower soup kitchen visitors toward healthier lives.

Award of Distinction

Prof. Lavigne to be honoured by U of T

The list of award-winning educators at the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene has expanded yet again.

The University of Toronto will honour Salme Lavigne as an Honouree of Distinction at a special black-tie reception next spring. Prof. Lavigne, the Director of the School of Dental Hygiene here at the University of Manitoba since 1997, began her academic career as a graduate of the U of T, and received word of the award this past November.

Each year, the U of T Faculty of Dentistry, in consultation with the dental alumni association, selects alumni to recognize for their contributions to the profession of dentistry and their community.

“I am very thrilled,” the professor said, adding that she will be in attendance at the university’s May 10 awards presentation that will also mark the 120 year anniversary of the Toronto school’s dental program.

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Raising status of the profession a labour of love

No one ever said it would be easy. But seldom is anything worthwhile ever an easy task. Our effort to raise the stature and profile of dental hygiene in Manitoba is one that has taken us down many different paths and led to many different challenges. And while our progress has not been as fast as we would like it to be, we remain on the right track, in forward motion.

To begin, I am pleased to share with you the news that self-regulation of our profession is finally at hand. All dental hygienists in Manitoba are now being registered with the new College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba, as this newly created body has taken over the licensing and registration of dental hygienists in this province. This is consistent with the majority of other jurisdictions in Canada with the exception of the Maritime provinces.

We remain committed to securing a baccalaureate degree completion program for our school. A December meeting with the Council on Post- Secondary Education (COPSE) was the latest step in this ongoing effort. Closer to home, our office expansion program continues. This past summer, the School of Dental Hygiene marked a milestone with the opening of our new main office at D-212 on the second floor of the dentistry building. As noted earlier, this is phase one of a multi-layered plan to expand and enhance facilities and office space for our teaching and administrative staff, which is a crucial step to developing and enhancing the quality of programming made available to our students.

In the meantime, we are applying the finishing touches to the main office that will include proper signage at the entrance way. We are also in the process of adding another administrative support person who will help expedite the affairs of the school and spread out the workload that always comes from a growing and developing entity.

To that end, our school took another step forward with the introduction of the new logo for the faculty. This new look prominently features the School of Dental Hygiene, both in word and symbolically, as one of the two serpents wrapped around the Arabian caduceus. This new brand officially acknowledges the partnership with our dental colleagues; it signifies our bond and commitment to working together towards the goal of making our school one of the top five in North America.

In conjunction with the Golden Anniversary of the Faculty of Dentistry, plans are in the works for an Open House at the School of Dental Hygiene. As 2008 will be a year of celebration, there is no better time to share with students, staff and visitors how far our school has come in such a short time.

We can all take pride in the fact that the University of Manitoba boasts one of the finest dental hygiene programs in the nation today.

Our continuing efforts are a labour of love and will pave the way to a brighter future for everyone involved.

The Bug Stops Here

Oral Health promotion a major HPU priority

The Bug Stops Here: Daily oral care is infection control! That was the key message from the Health Promotion Unit (HPU) of the Centre for Community Oral Health who participated in the Health Sciences Centre Bug Day on October 16. HPU staff prepared a special display and fact sheet to promote oral health awareness among health professionals, for the 11th annual event at the Basic Medical Sciences building.

The display entitled “What’s lurking behind closed lips...more than you think” was designed specifically for the event. An accompanying fact sheet incorporated catchy “dental bug” terms: Life of a Mouth Bug (details on dental plaque); Undercover Bugs Cause Infections (periodontal disease); and Are your bugs hitching a ride? (oral/systemic disease link) were crafted to help people make the connection between dental plaque and infection control. The event was an overwhelming success with over 1,000 caregivers and community members in attendance.
Another Chapter in the Story of Oral Health Excellence

Awards Night salutes significant achievement

Dean’s Awards for Teaching Excellence

Classroom Teaching to Dental Hygiene: Dr. Archie McNicol
Clinical Teaching to Dental Hygiene: Mrs. Diane Girardin
Classroom Teaching to Juniors: Dr. Hugo Bergen, Denny Smith
Pre-Clinical Teaching to Juniors: Dr. Patrick Mao
Classroom Teaching to Seniors: Dr. Anastasia Cholakis
Clinical Teaching to Seniors: Dr. Vanessa Swain
Excellence in Graduate Teaching Oral Biology: Dr. Norm Fleming
Faculty of Dentistry/School of Dental Hygiene Community Service Award: Dr. Noriko Boorberg
Most Inspirational Instructor, Dental Hygiene: Mrs. Diane Girardin
Salute to Excellence Award: Dr. Raymond Zhu & Dr. Denny Smith
Award of Special Merit: Dr. Vanessa Swain
Career Achievement Award: Dr. William Christie
Dr. Amazis Louka, Dr. Donald Davidson

Student Recognition, Undergraduate

Isbister Undergraduate Scholarship: Benjamin Yakiwchuk (Dent)
Dr. A.W. Hogg Undergraduate Scholarship: Benjamin Yakiwchuk (Dent)
Heather Wawrykow (DH)

Third Year Dentistry Awards

Dean’s Honours: Kirpal Kevin Gill, Sanjeev Kanchikere, Gerhard Nel, Kelly Regula, Jared Rykiss, Aparna Hooda Sharma, Tijana Stijacic, Geetika Virk
Garry Winters Memorial Prize in Dentistry: Kirpal Kevin Gill & Tijana Stijacic (Tie)
Dr. Cal Waddell/Western Canada Dental Society Memorial Scholarship: Gurpreet (Jenny) Gill
Endowment Fund Scholarship in Dentistry: Gurpreet (Jenny) Gill
International College of Dentists (Cdn.) Scholarship: Tijana Stijacic
Central Dental Supply Co. Limited Scholarship: Gerhard Nel
Dr. A.V. Johnson Memorial Book Prize: Aparna Hooda Sharma
Dr. N.H. Greenberg Memorial Book Award: Tijana Stijacic
Aurum Ceramic Laboratories Scholarship: Tijana Stijacic
Dr. and Mrs. T. Hechter Award: Tijana Stijacic
Drs. R.E. Jordan & M. Suzuki Award in Operative Dentistry: Gerhard Nel
Dr. F. James Marshall Scholarship in Endodontology: Hamish Varshney
Grant Sorense
Manitoba Dental Association Scholarship: Gurpreet (Jenny) Gill
Dr. Manly Bowles Memorial Scholarship: Tijana Stijacic
DCF-Oral B Labs Dental Undergraduate Scholarship: Geetika Virk
Dr. Jack King Memorial Scholarship: Kirpal Kevin Gill
Dr. M.H. Garvin Prize in Periodontology: Geetika Virk
Josephine and Louis Green Scholarship: Jeffrey Cheung
Dr. J.B. Rumberg Memorial Prize: Sanjeev Kanchikere
Dr. Edgar N. Cole Memorial Scholarship: Brett Sorense
Septodont/Louis Nief Prize:

Second Year Dentistry Awards

Dean’s Honours: Jeffrey Bergen, Kriptish Couter, Kiet Do, Amanda Humanicki, Benjamin Yakiwchuk, Peter Zettler
Manitoba Blue Cross Dental Scholarship: Amanda Humanicki
Endowment Fund Scholarship in Dentistry: Benjamin Yakiwchuk
Sadie Karr Memorial Book Prize: Kurt Scherle
Dr. Biruta A. Osins Scholarship: Peter Zettler
DCF-Oral B Labs Dental Undergraduate Scholarship: Benjamin Yakiwchuk
Dr. William F. Campbell Scholarship in Orthodontics: Amanda Humanicki
Dr. Paul Bookhalter Award: Rakhi Palta
Faculty of Dentistry Bronze Medals (3):
ORLB 2070 Structure and Function of Major Organ Systems — Amanda Humanicki
ORLB 2100 Nutrition in Dentistry — Kiet Do
ORLB 2150 Nutrition in Dentistry — Yi-Chen Cathy Huang
Dr. John M. Grahame Scholarship: Kiet Do
Dental Faculty Women’s Association Scholarship: Bradley Klus
Robert Day Memorial Award: Jeffrey Bergen

First Year Dentistry Awards

Dean’s Honours: Catherine Carroll, Chelsea Currie, Stephanie Gavard, Angela Kehler, Tracy Kolson, Danielle Rainnie
Shaw Laboratories Limited Scholarship: Stephanie Gavard
Leonard Krueger Scholarship: Sharon Lee
Manitoba Blue Cross Dental Scholarship: Stephanie Gavard
Endowment Fund Scholarship in Dentistry: Angela Kehler
Winnipeg Dental Society Scholarship: Tracy Kolson
The Columbia Dentiform Corporation Award: Tracy Kolson
Faculty of Dentistry Bronze Medals:
ORLB 1050 Cell and Tissue Biology — Angela Kehler
ORLB 1060 Head, Neck and Nervous System — Stephanie Gavard

Dental Hygiene

Dean’s Honours: Tara Barrett, Carly Kuppers, Allison McKibbin, Johanna Nemiroff-Grant, Karen Rosolowski, Breanne Ross, Heather Wawrykow
M.D.A. Scholarship: Heather Wawrykow
Basic Science Prize in Dental Hygiene: Heather Wawrykow
Elsevier Science Canada Health Sciences Award: Shawna Kufley
Endowment Fund Scholarship: Tara Barrett
Bonnie J. Trodden Scholarship: Johanna Nemiroff-Grant
Manitoba Dental Hygienists Assc. Award for Excellence in 1st Year: Breanne Ross
Sigma Phi Alpha Award in Dental Hygiene: Tara Barrett
Ronda Schwartz Memorial Prize in Dental Hygiene: Johanna Nemiroff-Grant

Faculty Facts
Alumni Survey
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Thirty-four of the competencies score above 4.00 in terms of confidence. Alumni felt fairly confident in each of these competencies in their current practice.

For one low scoring competency — manage partially and completely edentulous patients with prosthetic needs — the faculty plans to incorporate implant therapy into the undergraduate curriculum over the next five years.

Alumni also rated how well their education at the faculty prepared them for practice. Two competencies requiring attention for future development and enhancement in the current curriculum include: recognize signs of abuse/neglect and make appropriate reports; and apply the basic principles of practice administration, financial and personnel management to a dental practice.

Curriculum changes will be made to support skill development in these areas:

Faculty of Dentistry Commitment

As a result of alumni input, the Faculty of Dentistry is focusing on addressing seven areas:

- The faculty will provide students with a more welcoming and safe learning environment through initiatives such as the professional development seminars in August 2007.
- More emphasis will be placed on the accountability of professors, students, and student support.
- The faculty will provide students with helpful resources in conflict management skills through key resource experts from Student Advocacy, Student Disability Services, Equity, and Student Counseling offices.
- Students will be provided with stress management training during orientation sessions. More support and training will be given for class advisors who provide assistance when required.
- Courses stressors will be identified (e.g. outside hours expected/course and overlapping exam dates) and brought into line with existing and manageable expectations.
- Modern areas of clinical care will be enhanced, such as implants, oral surgery, occlusion, cosmetic dentistry, and veneers. More training in practice management, patient management, communication, and compassion skills will be provided as part of the new curriculum.
- Finally, the overwhelming majority of alumni mentioned that improving relations between alumni and the faculty through workshops, speakers, study clubs, and homecoming events be encouraged. This is already being addressed.

Our new Dean, Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino, has taken steps to develop full-time dedicated offices of alumni relations and continuing education to improve communication and overall services to alumni. Additionally, a taskforce on better relations between the MDA and the faculty has been formed and will begin work shortly.

There is no doubt that Dean Iacopino is committed to making the faculty one of the best in North America, responsive to stakeholders, and a provider of high-quality resources for alumni.
Alumni Hockey Challenge

A great day of competition and camaraderie

Submitted by Chris Cottick (Dent 90)

After consecutive gutsy wins in the last two years, the alumni hockey team returned to earth on April 7, 2007. An explosive student team, led by Gurpal Buttar’s six goals, hammered Team Alumni 11-6. Held at the MTS Centre, thanks to Kenny “spa-boy” Hamin’s recommendation, the annual Alumni-Student Hockey Game was another enjoyable day of competition and camaraderie.

The students came flying out of the gate to hammer an overmatched alumni team in a hard fought game. Despite some good effort and determined play, the students overcame any alumni attempts at drawing closer. Lead by Gurpal “the magnificent” who outskated and outplayed everything the alumni threw at him, the students cruised to victory. The alumni were led by a fine effort from veteran Kris Row who chalked up two goals in a losing cause.

A scary moment occurred when student Jonathan “tight-as-a-bowstring” Archer and alumnus Chris “the human pylon” Cottick collided during the follow through of a shot from the point. Archer received the lesser side of the physical contact but was heard to ask “if he dies, will that adversely affect my oral diagnosis grade?” Upon regaining consciousness, Cottick replied (with even more gibberish than usually comes out of his mouth) something about affecting his oral diagnosis grade? Upon regaining consciousness, Cottick replied (with even more gibberish than usually comes out of his mouth) something about always wanting to pass blood in his stool. Thankfully the post-game congeniality eased any lingering aches.

The alumni side included fan favourites such as Herb “the hammer” Howorth, Andrew “the bronze adonis” Chuchman, Tony “freight train” Krawat, as well as welcome newcomer Breanne “red menace” Joslin.

As always, it was a great get together and demonstration of congeniality. Fan support was the highest seen in several years and was appreciated.

This fine sporting tradition will continue in 2008. Your alumni journal sports reporter waits patiently to give the details of this annual classic.

Grads Through the Years

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

Gene Solmundson (66) was elected Vice-President of the Canadian Section of the International College of Dentists at the Annual Meeting and Convocation in Jasper AB last May 2007. Bill Christie (64) was therefore promoted to Regent of District 4 after the same meeting.

Dr. Keith R. Morley (69) became the President of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) during the 60th Annual Session in San Antonio, Texas on May 27, 2007. Keith is the first Canadian to hold such office in the AAPD, a unique honour. He continues to live and practice in Barrie, Ontario, with wife Elizabeth and their three children.

Ralph Crawford (64) is recovering well from an angioplasty operation last spring. He and Olga still live in Delta, B.C. and are enjoying their first granddaughter Julian who lives with parents Alleen and Rodney Stuart.

Uchie Odiatu (89) is keeping busy as a speaker lecturing on Worn Out and Hypersensitivity: A Fresh Look at Erosion and Abrasion during the Toronto Academy of Dentistry 70th annual winter clinic in November 2007.

Deborah Saunders (99) received a grant for funding during 2006-07 for an oncology clinic at the Sudbury Hospital from the Ontario Dental Association.

Legacy of Achievement

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From then on, he started teaching at the faculty in a career that would last for more than 40 years.

The thread running throughout both pursuits is the doctor’s unmistakable passion for his work and life overall. Engaging, forthcoming and animated, his joy of life is impossible to miss and often infectious to those around him.

“To talk to the artist about his creations is to engage in a passionate discussion of beauty, spirituality and, above all, life,” Helen Delacretax noted in a program published by the Winnipeg Art Gallery during a 2000 exhibition of the doctor’s works. “For him, these icons are a reflection of his soul, a source of his energy and spirituality and an act of love.”

Those sentiments were echoed by Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry.

“You have the science of dentistry, and you have the vision of art,” Dean Iacopino told his colleague recently. “You have the heart and the spirit which is what makes you so special.”

Born in Stanislaviv, presently Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine, June 5, 1918, Dr. Snihurowycz has one daughter - Genia of Switzerland - and is also a grandfather. He continues to enjoy life with his wife Emilia, where he reflects on a legacy of what has been a remarkable life.

“A man truly excited with the idea of life, Dr. Snihurowycz has the vigor to create work with a challenge,” said Shauna Balan, a former curator of art at the Ukrainian Cultural and Education Centre. “The unique expertise of dentistry combined with natural artistic skills has given Dr. Snihurowycz his insight to produce a truly enriching body of work.”
Join the Drive and Save at Tax Time

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The Drive for the Top Five is alive at the Faculty of Dentistry or School of Dental Hygiene here at the University of Manitoba. The wheels are in motion and the excitement is building.

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The table (right) compares the tax savings for a gift of securities versus a sale of securities. Figures are based on a security valued at $10,000 that was originally purchased for $2,000.

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CDA Conference Draws Faculty Students
Submitted by Kurt Scherle (Dent III)

The annual meeting of the Committee on Student Affairs for the CDA was a busy weekend for all. As University of Manitoba reps, Gurinder Kler and I attended the August conference that was packed with events and information. Held at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier, the food, atmosphere and company were all great. Day one was dedicated to learning about the services the Canadian Dental Association provides to its membership, which include: Lexi-Comp drug database, Cochrane library, eToc services, practice management support and insurance coverage through CDSPI, along with in-depth presentations on all services provided.

On August 11, the assembly of the Committee on Student Affairs met for a roundtable discussion of issues brought forward by Canadian dental students to their representatives.

Topics included tuition fees, laboratory work load, creating a sub-committee on making dental schools greener and more eco-friendly, international student programs.

I look forward to returning next August to hear how much we have progressed over the course of this year.

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Opening Ceremonies
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“We are pleased to unveil a new program where students will meet their mentors tonight and begin a four-year relationship,” Dean Iacopino said.

Previously offered only to those in third and fourth-year dentistry, the mentorship program allows students the opportunity to benefit from the guidance and tutelage of practicing dentists for the entirety of their academic term.

Long-term plans are to have a similar program in place for dental hygiene students starting as early as next year.

Dr. Iacopino noted that improving the academic experience for students today is an investment in the future for all associated with the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene.

“It’s my job to make sure that we help you to become leaders in the profession and in the community; to become ambassadors of the university and of the profession,” Dr. Iacopino said. “We want to be much more of a resource for the dental community, so that you can be proud to call this your school.”

Dr. Robert Kerr, Vice President (Academic) and Provost for the University of Manitoba, noted how the institution was built on providing a welcoming environment that works to promote successful outcomes.
**The CADR NSRG student representatives will serve as the initial presidents of their local SRGs and work with their schools to recruit local officers, student members, and a dedicated faculty advisor. These groups will organize students interested and involved in research, advocate for curricula that support student research, and provide targeted opportunities for these students. Dr. Iacopino noted that a student research group is something that is long overdue in Canadian dental schools.

“At many Canadian dental schools, students interested in research, scholarship or academic careers are not provided with the information, financial support, or flexible curricula required for success,” he said. “The emphasis here will be on student recognition, mentorship, and obtaining financial support for student research efforts.”

The initial meeting in Winnipeg saw Alex Serebnitski of the University of Manitoba (Dent III) elected as its first president with a constitution and bylaws unanimously approved. Student advisors included Dr. Tammy Bonstein, Division Head, Dental Materials and Assistant Professor here at the U of M, along with Dr. Richard Ellen, Professor of Periodontology, University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry and Dr. Iacopino.

The NSRG will meet twice annually, once at the annual CADR meeting and once for an interim meeting at a host dental school. Initial support from the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Dentistry enabled the group to hold its inaugural gathering.

The NSRG seeks to provide specific programming and recognition targeted to students and student research issues at each annual meeting beginning with the Toronto meeting in July 2008.

Dr. Iacopino said the benefits are many for those who choose to get involved.

“A strong SRG, with active faculty advisors, provide much-needed connections, mentorship, and student-oriented activities and programming,” he said. “An active NSRG provides resources, travel opportunities and national programming, along with award recognitions.”
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