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Team Manitoba Takes Washington

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Another Pacific Packed House

The 2010 Pacific Dental Conference drew another big crowd, many of whom turned up at the Faculty of Dentistry’s annual reception that takes place along-side the event.

Team Alumni Scores Big Win

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Team Manitoba Rolls into D.C.

University of Manitoba group makes its presence felt at ADEA annual session in the States

It is considered by many to be the premier event in North American dental education. And once again academics of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba were a significant part of the mix at the 2010 American Dental Education Association Annual Session and Exhibition.

This year’s event took place February 27 through March 3 at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center just outside Washington, D.C. The massive annual gathering is said to be one of the more significant educational and networking events for dental academic institutions as well as the dental education community.

Through the years, the University of Manitoba has been well represented through academics and students from the Faculty of Dentistry and the School of Dental Hygiene. This year was no exception as the 2010 delegation saw close to a dozen participants, many making presentations as part of the academic portion of the event.

Included in that number was one delivered by Dr. Dieter Schönwetter and Prof. Laura MacDonald. The Art of Assessment: Ensuring effective evaluation of affective assessment. The presentation that was co-authored along with Dr. Getulio Nogueira took participants on an interactive journey that incorporated a number of unusual visual aids, including artworks created by workshop participants.

Dr. Schönwetter said those taking part were encouraged “to think outside the box” during the workshop portion of the session.

Among the many highlights of the five-day event was the William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation, and Achievement. The award for outstanding innovation by a dental educator was captured by Dr. Israel Kleinberg, a former department head at the Faculty of Dentistry here at the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Kleinberg received his award from Dr. Lorne Golub, a faculty alumnus and 2002 Alumni of Distinction winner. Named for dental education pioneer William J. Gies, the awards recognize individuals and organizations for their vision, innovation and achievement in global oral health and dental education.

The local delegation also played host to a Welcome to Manitoba reception that drew friends and associates of the University of Manitoba oral health program to meet and greet “Team Manitoba.”

The reception was only slightly delayed as a result of the Canada-USA Olympic gold medal hockey game that was played earlier that day.

Following an introduction of the Manitoba team, Dr. Ernest Cholakis provided an update to the gathering on the Faculty’s new Practice Management program that is presently in development.

A member of the Dean’s Advisory Group, Dr. Cholakis is leading the initiative to introduce business administration courses to the Faculty curriculum as soon as this autumn.

This past year’s event drew nearly 2,000 attendees, with more than half of that number comprised of faculty members from academic dental institutions and another third who are administrators.

Most of the 100 educational sessions reflected the theme of “Assessment: Portraits of Change.”

This included three symposia on student and faculty assessment along with changing institutional culture through planning and assessment, mentoring, ethical dilemmas, and emerging workforce models.

The ADEA is currently welcoming submissions for posters for the 2011 meeting, slated for March 12-16, in San Diego, California. Visit their website for more information.
Alumni Association Charts New Course

Members install new executive, identify priorities

New faces, new ideas, new direction. The University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association got down to the business of plotting a new course at its 2010 annual general meeting.

The recently reformed organization is hoping to develop a presence on the oral health stage in the province and become an active voice for professionals who earned their designations through the University of Manitoba.

“Our alumni should have a voice in matters that affect us,” said Dr. Scott Leckie, out-going president of the UMDAA. “What we have to do now is figure out the best way to make this happen.”

Members discussed myriad topics, ranging from major initiatives, such as the Alumni of Distinction banquet coming up this fall, to more basic matters related to establishing a solid foundation that will allow the group to grow and realize its broad mandate.

“We’ve made some pretty good strides over the past 12 months,” Dr. Leckie said, “and I know we can keep this going but it’s important that we plan carefully and do it right.”

As part of the session that was held in late May, a new executive was elected with Dr. Chris Cottick becoming president and Dr. Kyle Gauthier stepping in as vice-president. Dr. Danielle Jobb joins the executive team as secretary-treasurer.

Although membership is as strong as it’s ever been, the consensus at the meeting was to continue to focus on the current membership drive to get more alumni to join and become active members within the association.

Those wishing to get involved in the UMDAA are invited and encouraged to contact any of the members of the executive.

E-mail inquiries can be sent to adg1@mts.net or to dent_events@umanitoba.ca.

More Than a Tax Receipt

Friends of the Faculty to stage second event this autumn

Through the years, the Faculty of Dentistry has been the scene of many changes.

Dictated by the ever-changing shape of the profession, the need to adapt to the technology of time has been a constant throughout its more than 50 years of existence.

And, as most are acutely aware, change often comes at a price, at times a hefty one.

When these moments do appear (as they did in the early 1990’s), the institution managed to get by with a little help from its friends.

Recognizing this support will be the centerpiece of an event this fall that is designed as a tribute to the many friends of the faculty.

“As part of the ongoing recognition and appreciation of the current students, alumni, faculty present and past of the Faculty of Dentistry, it gives me great pleasure to announce our fall Friends of the Faculty event that will take place October 30, 2010” said Dr. Frank Hechter, chair and founder of the group. “The purpose of this year’s event is to recognize and celebrate the foresight, thoughtfulness, and contribution of those individuals and groups who generously contributed to the campaigns of 1980’s and 1990’s.”

In the early 1990’s, the need for technological and physical upgrades to the Faculty clinics precipitated the creation of two campaigns: The Dental Clinic Fund and the Drive for Excellence campaign. These two initiatives came after the Anniversary Clinic re-development in 1984.

All were successful, thanks to the dedicated support of the Faculty’s primary stakeholder groups: faculty, staff, alumni and community practitioners along with the Manitoba Dental Association. To this day, three plaques adorn the hallway of class photos to mark and acknowledge the support that was realized throughout these campaigns.

The event entitled, “Much More Than a Tax Receipt” will take place in the waiting room and main clinic of the faculty, 790 Bannatyne Avenue, from 1 - 4 p.m. “There will be no admission charge nor will there be an ‘ask’ at this event,” Dr. Hechter said. “This is solely an afternoon to celebrate those who demonstrated their passion for, and their belief in, the Faculty of Dentistry.”

The fall event is the second organized by the group chaired by the alumnus of the Class of 1971 and long-time instructor at the Faculty. The first, in the fall of 2008, welcomed back those who were instrumental in establishing the many student awards and scholarships the Faculty administers each year.

The Friends of the Faculty is a group of alumni committed to recognizing the contribution of groups and individuals who cherish excellence in dental education, professionalism, and the encouragement and development of human capital at the University of Manitoba.

For more information on this event, contact the Faculty of Dentistry at dent_events@umanitoba.ca.
CDE Highlights
Homecoming
Session set for September
Alumni of Distinction Weekend

The University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association has announced plans for a Continuing Dental Education program to run in conjunction with Homecoming Weekend and the Alumni of Distinction banquet.

Contemporary Dental Treatment for Children - One Man’s Opinion, featuring Dr. Alan Milnes, will be held on Friday morning, September 24 at Canad Inns Club Regent Hotel and Casino.

The program is being coordinated by the Winnipeg Dental Society and is now accepting registrations.

Dr. Milnes is highly respected in his field and we are very pleased and excited to be able to offer this program to our Manitoba practitioners,” said Dr. Cory Sul, Winnipeg Dental Society Clinic Chair. “We think this program is also a great tie-in for our alumni weekend.”

Out-going UMDAA president, Dr. Scott Leckie commended the WDS for pitching in and contributing to the weekend’s activities.

“The WDS has graciously agree to coordinate this program in support of the Faculty and the Alumni Association,” he said. “This is exactly the kind of cooperation and teamwork we need to create a successful and memorable weekend.”

Dr. Milnes obtained his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree and graduate pediatric dental education from the University of Toronto and the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. He earned his PhD in oral biology at the University of Manitoba in 1987.

From 1983–1990 he served as Associate Professor, (tenured) and head of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Manitoba, while also serving as a staff member for the Children’s Hospital of Winnipeg and Health Sciences Centre.

Dr. Milnes has organized and directed research projects at the Universities of Manitoba and Toronto and at his private practice in several areas including the oral health of children with special needs, the microbiology of oral diseases, and early childhood decay.

Dr. Milnes, who provides dental care out of his practice office in Kelowna, B.C., has published over 70 articles, scientific abstracts and book chapters.

Registration is now open and those interested can do so online at the Winnipeg Dental Society web site at www.winnipegdentalsociety.org.

For more information on the program, contact Dr. Sul via email at corysul@mts.net.

The program was deliberately scheduled to coincide with the Alumni of Distinction awards weekend to serve as a drawing card for the September 24 banquet.

The UMDAA is hoping the events will catch the interest of alumni practitioners and help draw them back for Homecoming.

“We will be releasing the names of our 2010 honourees prior to the banquet and I expect that will generate a lot of talk and excitement in the community,” said Dr. Leckie. “We hope to be able to make additional announcements in the weeks leading up to the banquet.

Nominations for the AOD closed on June 15 and the selection committee will make its choice soon thereafter.

Two class reunions have been confirmed with other events also being considered. The University of Manitoba also has a full slate of activities planned for the annual gathering. See umanitoba.ca/alumni/ for details.

Tickets are now available for the event that once again will be held at the Fort Garry Hotel. Only this time it will be moving on up to the seventh floor concert ballroom. The venue change means fewer tickets will be available for the annual celebration.

Reserve yours today by calling 204.789.3249 or 204.789.3267 or via e-mail at dent_events@umanitoba.ca.
You might call it a state-of-the-union overview in global orthodontics. Alumni, faculty and students from the University of Manitoba were certainly in the thick of things at the International Orthodontics Conference that ran this past winter in Sydney, Australia.

More than 3,600 participants attended the World Federation of Orthodontists event that ran in early February in the land down under. Delegates came from 93 countries and represented 90 WFO affiliated societies and associations, making it a truly global event.

“It’s really where the world gets together and compares their philosophies on orthodontics; emerging philosophies, new techniques, materials,” said Dr. William Wiltshire, Orthodontics Division Head and director of the Faculty’s graduate orthodontics program. “The nice thing about the World Federation of Orthodontists conference is that really doesn’t have just one popular focus; there is something for everyone. The focus is all encompassing, from cell biology all the way to technical orthodontics. There is a lot of science at this conference. It’s not just how to straighten teeth.”

Dr. Wiltshire led the largest delegation ever with direct ties to the University of Manitoba. The group of 12 was comprised of a mix of faculty instructors, students and alumni. Of that number, eight made presentations at the conference, another all-time high for the Faculty.

“What is especially heartening for us is that we had four oral presentations,” said Dr. Wiltshire, who was also one of the keynote speakers at the event. “I think what it shows is that our program is one which is serious about research as well. We don’t just teach clinical skills. Research is an important part of the program and I think it shows with what we have produced on the international stage.”

As one of the event’s keynote speakers, Dr. Wiltshire focused on biomaterials for orthodontics. Those also making oral presentations included department instructor Dr. Sercan Akyalcin, graduate student Dr. Eileen Lo and Dr. Amanda Huminicki, a recent graduate through the BSc. (Dent) program.

Canadian alumni travelling to the conference were Dr. Roger Moir (Class of 1968) from Winnipeg and Dr. Sonia Lapointe (Class of 2006) who is now practicing in Montreal.

All contributed to the large gathering of the orthodontics profession, one that offered a global perspective on the latest trends, discoveries and best practices of an industry that appears to be hitting its stride. Topics at the event ran the gamut of orthodontic practice with members of the global community sharing their knowledge and expertise in a variety of different areas.

“There was a definite focus on temporary anchorage devices, or TADs, and Korea is one of the world leaders so there was a definite focus on that,” Dr. Wiltshire said. “The other big thing is new emerging technology platforms in diagnosis and treatment planning, three-dimensional orthodontics and cone beams.”

In addition to the academic portion, organizers built in a social component to the event.

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In the Loupe

Sharing Knowledge, Improving Care

CCOH workshop develops oral health-care expertise

Submitted by Ellen Ross, CCOH

Hands-on training: Ellen Ross of CCOH (centre) guides participants through a workshop designed to help those in other health-care fields provide the care their patients and clients need.

On April 30, the Centre for Community Oral Health (CCOH) delivered its fourth workshop to professionals who play an important role in maintaining oral health for those who are dependent on others.

Workshop participants included nurses, health-care aides, speech language pathologists and dieticians from a variety of settings.

The half-day event was hosted in the Brass Lab, a state-of-the-art teaching lab, where the attendees enjoyed using dentate patient manikins for practice.

The session was facilitated by Mickey Wener (RDH, MD), School of Dental Hygiene, Mary Bertone (RDH) and Ellen Ross (RDA), both from CCOH.

This practical session included information on the current state of oral health in Manitoba and emphasized the need for improved daily oral care and access to professional dental services for patients and clients in hospitals, personal care homes and individuals receiving home-care services.

“I learned how to give oral care to a combative resident or client,” one participant noted.

Part of the workshop focused on why institutionalized and home-bound individuals need proper daily oral care. Participants discussed how people within these groups are at increased risk for oral diseases especially if they have physical or cognitive limitations and high medical needs.

Plain language was used to demonstrate the connections between mouth health and overall health and well being.

Caregivers learned about what is normal in the mouth and what is not.

They learned strategies for how to deal with challenges such as resistive behaviours from dementia and the importance of selecting effective products for daily mouth care.

Realistic, hands-on activities took up a large portion of the session so that all attendees could leave feeling confident they could provide skilled, daily, oral care in their care-giving roles.

A number of those attending appreciated the training in an area they were not immediately familiar with.

“What I liked about today’s course was the dedicated time away from the worksite to concentrate fully on oral care,” one of the attendees said.

CCOH continues to provide support to our elderly and special needs individuals by providing educational materials and support to caregivers of health compromised and chronically ill individuals.

Those interested in participating in similar interprofessional workshops and seminars are invited and encouraged to contact CCOH via email at dent_ccoh@umanitoba.ca or by calling 204-789-3393.

A Helping Hand for Haiti

Students stage good-natured fund-raiser for serious cause

A trio of students from the Faculty of Dentistry is lending a hand towards the relief effort for the island nation of Haiti in light of the recent disaster there.

Dent III students Adam Agpalza, Tiffany Cheung and Ryan Cormack led a novel fund-raising effort in March. Participants were invited to try and guess the identity of the student, academic or staff member by the person’s childhood photograph.

Dr. Stephen Ahing (right) was among the Faculty members who volunteered their early years photo to help in the effort.

“Despite being a busy time of year, we raised $337,” the group said in an e-mail afterwards. “By supporting this event, you have provided basic necessities, such as food and water, to the people of Haiti. Even though attention to the disaster has lessened, you are choosing to remember and support the efforts to bring Haiti back to recovery.”

The magnitude 7.0 quake struck on January 12, with the epicenter roughly 25 km (16 miles) west of Port-au-Prince, Haiti’s capital.

The Haitian government reported tens of thousands people killed with up to one million left homeless in the aftermath.

The students wish to thank all who participated including those who donated door prizes and baked treats for the lunch time event.

Dr. Ahing
Trip to the Tropics
a Mission of Mercy

Alumni practitioners lead outreach effort in Dominican Republic

For most, a week-long trip to the Dominican Republic conjures up nothing but good connotations: Vacation resorts, tropical environments, good times, no worries. Most who travel down see only the sunny side of life. What Drs. R. Bruce McFarlane and Christine Lachance-Piche saw was decidedly different.

The two Faculty alumni, along with dental hygienist Lisa Dufour, and dental assistant Brittany Werner, spent a week on the tiny island nation as part of a team of oral health professionals providing care to the impoverished local population. “It was real contrast. We flew down on a sort-of party plane, full of people going to an all-inclusive vacation resort, but what we saw was quite a different scene,” said Dr. McFarlane, the main organizer and driving force behind the mission coordinated by the charity group Orphanage Outreach. “The contrast was remarkable. Between the fabulous, lush resorts on the coast to the areas that we went into. It was just incredible.”

Over the five day mission, the group visited a series of rural communities in the poverty-stricken country, dealing with often extreme conditions to set up mobile care units to treat the vast numbers of people who would assemble for treatment.

“Especially when people start to bleed, it really attracts a lot of flies,” Dr. McFarlane said, “and you couldn’t really help it.”

In spite of the hardships, the team that was joined by three American dentists and a team of dental students from San Francisco banded together to provide much needed care to a grateful gathering. “It was an awesome experience,” said Dr. Lachance-Piche, who brought her husband and two young children along. “With everyone working together, we were able to set up these mobile dental clinics in the middle of nowhere. We would adapt ourselves to whatever challenge would come up. Some who had worked with Orphanage Outreach on a regular basis were smiling at us; they said it was like magic seeing us work.”

In addition to dealing with difficult logistics, the team’s skill set was also put to the test, spurred by the often dreadful state of oral health from those who presented at the mobile clinics. Dr. McFarlane said some cases were unlike any he had ever seen before.

Helping out where the need is greatest: (top) Dr. R. Bruce McFarlane sees the benefit of his work courtesy of a young girl in the Dominican Republic. At left, difficult conditions, including oppressive heat, bugs and a lack of proper equipment, tested the team’s skill and endurance. Below, long lines of people waited, at times up to six hours, to get help from the mission team members.

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See Mission of Mercy.
Challenges No Threat to Progress

The winter of our discontent soon to be glorious summer

Now is the winter of our discontent,
made glorious summer by this son of York;
And all the clouds that low’r’d upon our house
In the deep bosom of the ocean buried.

Richard The Third, Act 1, Scene 1.

B y now it’s no secret to anyone. The University of Manitoba is presently dealing with one of the biggest challenges in its long and illustrious history.

The financial shortfall facing the institution, brought on by myriad factors outside of its control, dropped the proverbial gauntlet on every unit at both the Fort Garry and Bannatyne campus.

In response, central administration launched the ROSE and OAR projects. ROSE – the Resource Optimization and Service Enhancement Project — is a review of administrative and academic support services with an eye towards cost reduction while, at the same time, enhancing service delivery.

Similarly, OARS, which stands for Optimizing Academic Resources, seeks to enhance academic resources in the development and delivery of all teaching and research programs.

Individually, each of the units within the institution has been tasked with reviewing their internal operations in the same light as the two centrally administered programs.

At first blush, it would seem a daunting task. Mandatory cost reductions and the imperative to make operations more efficient demand, and may subsequently force, changes to be made. This can be a bit intimidating especially for those on the front-line who have never had to deal with such situations before. And, indeed, there could well be units within the institution that may be compelled to change their business model.

As the projects move forward, staff from each of the various units have been asked to participate in a series of working groups in a bid to come up with solutions to our collective dilemma.

Similar to the sentiments expressed by our president, Dr. David Barnard, I am confident that we can successfully leverage the knowledge and expertise that exists within the human resources of the institution that will go a long way to helping us through this difficult time.

And while there is no telling exactly what the outcomes may be, it is looking more likely that there will be a change to the status quo.

With that said, for us here at the Faculty of Dentistry, the reality is that the status quo is not an option, nor has it ever really been.

Ours is a world that is technologically driven. Advances in oral health, medical science and the technology that supports it must always be embraced and incorporated into our institution as soon as they are made available. This is simply a fact of life; an integral part of our daily business. And it’s a principle that has guided our academy throughout its history.

Remember, if you will, back to the formative days of the Faculty; a time when high speed handpieces existed only on some engineer’s drawing board.

Well, shortly after the Faculty took in its first group of students, the technology advanced and then became commonplace. The clinic was on the verge of becoming obsolete — this within its first few years of existence.

Similar changes would appear on the road ahead. In the early 1990’s, wholesale clinical upgrades had to be made. To that end, the Faculty, in concert with the university, launched a pair of campaigns to restore our facilities to the world-class standard that we must have.

It should be noted that these projects will be commemorated at our 2010 Friends of the Faculty event this October.

Now, we face another such challenge. And now, like then, we are ready, willing and able to negotiate it successfully.

Almost immediately, we introduced substantive changes to our operations that addressed budgetary issues while causing minimal disruption to our day-to-day operations. We launched four separate audits of our Faculty Practice, Centre for Community Oral Health, IT systems/support, and clinical operations.

We’re currently addressing findings and recommendations that define a specific imperative: We are trimming operations, finding efficiencies and cultivating partnerships to increase our revenue streams and enhance programming.

Further, we are actively pursuing other measures designed to address the fiscal imbalance that our institution, and our unit in particular, has been compelled to deal with for almost a decade.

At the end of the day, we will remain a first-class educational program for all stakeholders to share pride in; a place where the next generation of dental professionals receive state-of-the-art training and emerge ready to lead our communities in exemplary fashion.

Already, renovations are underway on our fourth floor. Innovations in teaching continue as our academics explore new and better ways to educate. Our International Centre for Oral-Systemic Health continues to break new ground in shaping the future of comprehensive healthcare. Our dental practice management program continues to take shape and we have recently launched our dual DMD / PhD program, among other initiatives. This summer, we will begin an aggressive campaign to upgrade our clinics to digital imaging and electronic patient health records.

If we are to remain active and relevant, we must grow, advance and progress; this is a fundamental truth. I also believe that this is something that all of us here understand. This allows us to move forward with the strength and conviction necessary to do what must be done.

I am confident that the winter of our discontent has indeed passed; that we will scatter the clouds that cover our house; and that a most glorious summer will soon be upon us.

Once again, I invite you along with us, to share our journey and to enjoy our success. Our friends in the community have always been our cornerstone. Each time our stakeholders step up, the outcome is never in doubt. I look forward to hearing from you.

Grazie.
A Grand Old Time

Alumni gather at popular Pacific Dental Conference and Faculty reception

It seems that you can’t go wrong if you head to the Pacific Dental Conference. The highly popular oral health event always draws a big crowd of Manitoba alumni, many of whom turned out for the Faculty’s annual welcome reception at the Vancouver event. Dean Anthony Iacopino even managed to squeeze in a pair of office visits along the way.

Dean Iacopino paid an office visit to alumna Dr. Nicki De Francesco (82) to meet the staff of the Vancouver Multi-Dental Care Clinic. On hand for the visit were (from left) Ting Krithom (CDA), Tania Thomas (office manager), Dr. Joel Fransen (endodontics) and Dr. De Francesco (orthodontics). Not pictured: Dr. Michael Rivera (dental implants and extractions), Martina Bertram (CDA), Dr. Marissa Garcia (periodontics), and Dr. Aly Kanani (orthodontics consultant).

To book your visit from the Dean, call 204.789.3249 or send an e-mail to dent_events@umanitoba.ca.
Alumni Can Now Boast Two New Fellows

Contributions to the profession marked by honour from prestigious body

Submitted by Dr. William Christie

Each year, the International College of Dentists bestows Fellowships upon those who have made significant contributions to the profession. And each year there always seems to be a healthy number of University of Manitoba graduates in that number.

Once again, 2010 was no exception as two more alumni of the Faculty of Dentistry were welcomed to the prestigious ranks of Fellowship.

Dr. Patricia Kmet (87) and Dr. Blaine Cleghorn (79) were so honoured at the induction banquet held at the stately Royal York Hotel in Toronto on May 15.

A full contingent of our alumni who are all Fellows were also in attendance for the ceremony.

Each year, new Fellows (approximately 35 per year) are inducted at the annual convocation, which is held at the time and in the location of the annual Canadian Dental Association convention. Fellowship in the College is by invitation only.

Prior to being recognized as a Fellow of the ICD, the candidate’s qualifications and achievements are evaluated by a series of credential committees in order to ensure that he or she is deserving of this honour and will live up to the ICD motto of “Recognizing Service and the Opportunity to Serve.”

Once inducted, the Fellow is authorized to use the post-nominals “FICD” after his or her name.

The International College is a leading honourary dental organization dedicated to the recognition of outstanding professional achievement and meritorious service and the continued progress of the profession of dentistry.

Founded early in the twentieth century, the body has chapters throughout the world. The Canadian chapter features a host of Faculty alumni, including Dr. Gene Solmundson who is currently serving as president. Dr. Bob Baker has begun as the new registrar with his brother Alan Baker as treasurer.

Official Opening Salutes Legacy
ADG pays tribute to founding partners at new clinic opening

Dr. Gene Solmundson (centre) cuts the ribbon to officially open the new office of the Assiniboine Dental Group at 3278 Portage Avenue. Taking part in the ceremony that took place May 8 were (from left) Don Norquay, Kathryn Johnston (Norquay), Linda Norquay, Ken Skinner, Amarjit Rihal, Gene Solmundson, Kardy Solmundson, Scott Leckie, Jan Brown, Susan Shortill, Kelsi Gilmartin, Tedi Gilmartin.

The Norquays, Shortills, and Gilmartins are decendants of the founding partners Ted Derrett, Walker Shortill, Scott Norquay and Monty Shapiro.
The year 2010 will go down in the annals of hockey as a year of great Canadian achievements. On the evening of Saturday March 20, a much derided and mocked alumni team pulled off a 7-6 story-book overtime win. Just as the Olympic men’s team was vindicated by Sydney Crosby, the alumni’s own golden goal was fired in by none other than long-time alumni great and future hall of famer Scott “Hands” Leckie.

The alumni jumped out to a 5-1 lead, only to fall behind 6-5, three quarters through a hard fought game. A late tying goal by Jared “Straighten This” Rykiss saved the alumni from the humiliation of blowing the huge lead.

Early in the overtime period, with everyone on the alumni bench aching with anticipation, subconsciously knowing that Leckie is and has always been the money player of whom to expect these type of heroics, the goal which crushed the hopes of the students went in. Solid forechecking and determination by Leckie’s line led to a free puck just to the goalie’s right. A quick deke and the puck was snapped overtop the outstretched glove hand of the shocked student goalie.

The confidence of the student team was palpable leading up to the yearly classic. Their quiet confidence was punctuated by occasional bursts of trash talk. A very good intramural season had seemingly assured this young, talented student team of a sure victory over the veteran laden, (some might say past its prime) alumni team. The ancient Greeks had a word for this type of situation: hubris. Just like Daedalus, perhaps they flew too close to the sun.

The alumni team was anchored by its ageless wonders Herb Howorth (82), and Andrew “Bronze Adonis” Chuchman (85). Four full forward lines kept the pace with the younger student team. An excellent balance of speed, skill and heart characterized the forwards with returning veterans, Ryan “Skating Dragon” Tsang (00), the class of 2003’s dynamic duo, Kyle “The Joker” Gauthier and Chris “The Flash” Donald, Tony “Freight Train” Krawat, a group of three new alumni led by Jared Rykiss (09) (who slipped in two important goals including the tying marker), “Tuxedo” Jon Archer (08), Zack “Attack” Stein (09), Kurt “St. Andrew’s answer to stone hands Ray Neufeld” Scherle, and in perhaps her last game for a while Breanne “The Red Menace” Joslin. Breanne will be leaving for dental anesthesia training in Toronto.

The defence was as usual workmanlike and solid including Brian “Repair This!” Trapp, Lee “Internally Fixated” Darichuk (OMFS 09), Darryl “quiet but talks loud with his stick” Pilat (96), alumni complete canadian hockey triple Play the tough team of student competitors at the Alumni Hockey Challenge included (top, from left): Ryan Head, Kevin Vint, Justin Highmoor, Ben Rogala, Jordan Gigiotti, Geoff Sloffer, Brian Maddaford, Stephan Kasowski, Karen Rosolowski, (bottom, left) Jordan Pang, Phil Kim, Neil Wilson, Brett Laschinski and Kyle Conrad.

Submitted by Dr. Chris “Psy” Cottick

Annual hockey showdown a feisty affair
Aussie Alumni Turn on the Charm
(from page seven)

It started with the conference site itself. The Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre is said to be the largest and most technologically advanced facility in Australia.

Waterfront tours of the port city in addition to an elaborate opening ceremony featuring choirs and aboriginal dance displays were among the highlights for delegates.

Not to be outdone, a handful of alumni from the University of Manitoba now living in the land down under also rose to the occasion. The group of five got together to arrange a reception for the touring group.

Alumnus Dr. Grant Duncan said he and his colleagues were delighted with the opportunity to meet and greet the group.

“The actual function came about through the hard work and commitment of Dr. Martin Fine who lives in Sydney,” explained Dr. Duncan (Class of 1982) “He arranged a splendid dinner overlooking Circular Quay on Sydney Harbour. Many of the faculty and graduate students were attending the WFO, so it was a wonderful opportunity to get us all together, and to hear about the program, it’s past successes and future plans.”

The alumni group includes Dr. Michael Counsel, Dr. Warren Duff and Dr. David Tait who are all living and practicing in Australia.

It was a rare opportunity for the group to reconvene along with members of the faculty delegation.

“Our Manitoba soiree on the shores of Sydney Harbour was a memorable and nostalgic evening,” Dr. Counsel recalled. “Not only was it a wonderful opportunity to entertain our Canadian colleagues, but I was afforded the time to catch up with David Tait, my classmate from ’93, as well as Grant, Martin and Warren.”

In addition to the efforts of the Aussie alumni group, Dr. Wiltshire noted that there were many others who also stepped forward to help out.

“Australia is probably the farthest point away from Winnipeg on planet earth and unfortunately it also coincided with the financial crisis at the university and in particular at the Faculty,” he said. “There were some very generous alumni who stepped right up to the plate when I put out that call and assisted us financially. I’d like to thank Dr. Warren Cohen, Dr. Frank Hechter, Dr. Wayne Frostand, Drs. Charles and Milos Lekic, Dr. Chung Yue and Dr. Patricia McDermott, who sent us a cheque all the way from Ireland.”

The group also received support from the Canadian Federation for the Advancement of Orthodontics. This all combined to generate over $10,000 to help defray travel costs.

Overall, the experience delivered many positive take-aways for members of the group along with the alumni involved.

“This was a historic occasion,” Dr. Wiltshire noted. “We have five alumni in Australia and this was the first time they had ever all gotten together as a group. They appreciated us involving them. Friendships were formed there that I think will last a lifetime as well.”

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Those Were the Days . . .
Reflections from An Aussie Alumnus

It’s a long way from Adelaide, Australia to Winnipeg, Canada; over 15,000 km to be accurate. Still, it’s a journey that at least one alumnus tries to make at least once every year or so.

Dr. Grant Duncan last left the hallways of 780 Bannatyne in the spring of 1982. Armed with a graduate degree in orthodontics and accompanied by dental hygiene graduate Margaret (née Giesbrecht), Dr. Duncan vacated the often cool climes of the Canadian prairies to return home to Australia, establish a practice and join the community.

And in spite of the vast distance, geographically and culturally, the couple make their way back to Manitoba whenever possible to visit Margaret’s parents and Dr. Duncan’s “extended family.” That family is the graduate school of orthodontics here at the University of Manitoba, one that the good doctor has been actively supporting pretty much since the day he left town.

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In memory of the late Dr. Troy Suelzle, an education fund has been formally set up for his three sons, Ethan, Adam and Joshua.

All funds will be collected into a family Registered Education Savings Plan. The fund is an ongoing commitment on behalf of the members of the Class of 2001 but we invite all alumni and staff who knew Troy and who may wish to contribute to do so by sending cheques to the trustee:

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Cheques payable to RBC Dominion Securities should note Suelzle Family RESP when sent. Should anyone have any questions, please contact either Dr. Matt Danchuk (mdanchuk@telus.net) or Dr. Rick Mehta (dr.rakeshmehta@shaw.ca) for more information.

Education Fund Opened
Class of 2001 provides help for classmate’s family

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A WISH for Those in Need

Hygiene students help deliver care to underserved in Winnipeg’s core

School of Dental Hygiene students are bringing oral health care to those that need it most in Winnipeg’s inner-city. Kyle Conrad and Lorraine Roberts are the lead coordinators of a dental hygiene component that will soon be providing care at the Winnipeg Inter-professional Student-run Health clinic (WISH) clinic in the city’s core area.

“There was a lot of work to do,” said Kyle Conrad, one of the dental hygiene student representatives of WISH. “From a dental hygiene perspective, it was ground-breaking since a dental hygiene clinic as part of a holistic primary care clinic run by health professional students has never been done before.”

Initiated and operated by University of Manitoba health professional students, WISH provides care for underserved populations in the inner-city of Winnipeg. The clinic is grounded in interprofessional collaborative practice for patient-centered care.

Under the supervision of licensed health professional mentors from the students’ respective professions, WISH’s goal is to provide sustainable health care in an environment conducive to overall health.

Free service is offered Sunday afternoons at the Mount Carmel Clinic, 886 Main Street in the Point Douglas neighbourhood.

“Residents here face significant access to health care issues, along with other challenges to their health such as low employment rates and lack of education,” Lorraine Roberts said. “By offering our services to them, we have the ability to markedly improve their oral and general health and ultimately, their quality of life.”

Access to care has been identified as one of the largest problems affecting those in lower socio-economic groups. Without primary care, those affected are at risk of developing more serious and painful conditions that are more difficult and expensive to treat.

Thus far, area residents have responded well to the students’ efforts. Many have benefited from the presence of dental hygiene students since fall 2009, learning how to maintain their oral health along with information on the importance of good oral health and its link to overall health. A mounting body of evidence is showing a link between poor oral health and conditions such as diabetes and heart disease.

“We have been teaching the students about the oral-systemic link for some time now,” said Dr. Anthony Iacopino, Dean of Dentistry and Director of the International Centre for Oral-Systemic Health, “so it is gratifying to see this knowledge being applied to the benefit of the local community.”

In fact, the project’s success has earned an invitation to appear at a prestigious symposium in the United Kingdom where the students will share their story. A submission to the British Society of Dental Hygiene and Therapy earned the students an appearance at the International Symposium on Dental Hygiene in Glasgow, Scotland July 1-3.

The two will be joined by another recent hygiene graduate, Michael Alvermere, who will be attending the event with a poster presentation on an outreach project that focuses on the oral health needs of new Canadians.

Dental hygiene Professor Laura MacDonald applauds the student achievements in realizing the integration of dental hygiene to the WISH Clinic, and in immigrant outreach.

Prof. MacDonald notes that for the past five years, the School of Dental Hygiene has incorporated interprofessional collaboration and practice within its curriculum. To have students proactively engage in a parallel student-run interprofessional health clinic is evidence of the success of the curriculum in generating dental hygienists who value interprofessional practice for improving quality of care, she adds.

“These students accepted and succeeded in doing a difficult task. Administratively they learned a great deal and professionally they advanced beyond the curriculum. So many people benefit from their philanthropist spirit: The client community, other health professionals and the dental hygiene community itself. This was a story that had to be told,” Prof. MacDonald said. “My personal hope is that our international colleagues will be inspired to launch similar projects. If it can happen for Point Douglas residents of Winnipeg, through enabling healthy public policy and legislation and the commitment and passion of a student interprofessional group, then the lessons learned can help others.”

The excitement of bringing the story to an international audience was shared not only by the students but by several willing sponsors.

The new graduates sincerely thank the following benefactors for their generosity and value placed on their work: Sinclair Dental, Sunstar Americas Inc, Crest Oral-B and Dentsply Canada, the Faculty of Dentistry and the School of Dental Hygiene, the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba (CDHM) and Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association.
Time Passages
Another chapter lead to a new adventure

When you look back, it all seems pretty amazing. The distance we have travelled, the experiences we have enjoyed, the friendships made, the futures that we have seen unfold before us — it is truly something to behold.

In the 12 years I have spent as the Director of the School of Dental Hygiene, I have witnessed many incredible things: the growth and development of our program, the expansion of the profession, both in terms of numbers and prominence in Canadian health care and, perhaps most importantly, the consistent standard of excellence displayed by our practicing alumni.

Through the years, we have nurtured our program, carefully planning and crafting each stage and every progression. Over the past decade, we have seen increases in the size of our student body while broadening the scope of our curriculum.

Our presence within the Faculty of Dentistry and the University of Manitoba has been buoyed through new, modern administrative offices on the second floor, complete with post boxes for our students.

We have expanded into research, an area almost completely untouched by our profession only a few short years ago.

We are forging new ties with allied health-care professions towards new treatment models and leading in the exploration and development of interprofessional care.

Our academics and alumni are becoming increasingly visible on the regional and national health-care stage, appearing at various symposia and taking active roles in many other similar events.

Each year, I watch with grateful eyes the next wave of health-care providers ascend to the professional ranks, well trained, confident, with the world at their feet.

Many have leveraged their experiences here towards exciting new careers and leadership roles, both inside and out of the profession.

Most recently, we have paved the way for further academic pursuits for our students with the creation of the BSc (DH) degree program, one of the few such programs of its kind in Canada, if not all of North America.

Our profession has followed a parallel path to where we are now a self-regulating entity. Our practitioners now have new levels of freedom and practice options that never before existed.

There is much to be proud of and much to celebrate here at the School of Dental Hygiene.

Moving On
Search is on for new CDHM leader

Submitted by Mickey Wener, BS (DH), MEs, CTESL

The College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba has announced that Kellie Hildebrandt, Executive Director/Registrar has submitted her resignation effective July, 2010.

Kellie has provided dedicated service to the College since 2007 when she was appointed as Interim Registrar, later being selected as Registrar, and more recently as her role and responsibilities expanded to Executive Director/Registrar.

CDHM Council has engaged the services of Legacy Bowes Group, a professional executive search firm to assist us through the process of identifying and selecting a new Executive Director/Registrar who will continue the excellent work that Kellie has done.

For information please contact Donna Bilodeau, senior consultant, Legacy Bowes Group at (204) 934-8825, or donna@legacybowes.com.

And while there is still much that can and will be done to move us collectively forward, I find myself at a point where the time has come for the next challenge in my life.

It is with this in mind that I would like to share with you my plans to step aside as Director of the School of Dental Hygiene, if for only a brief period of time. As of this July, I will be relinquishing my position, taking a one-year leave of absence so as to pursue my Master’s degree.

This is not a decision I have made lightly. It is one that I have been contemplating for some time and I believe the time is right.

We find ourselves on solid footing with a firm foundation and a bright outlook ahead. Our academic staff remains first rate, the demand for admissions consistently high.

I am further reassured in my decision thanks to the support of my colleagues in the school and in the Faculty overall.

In my absence, I am pleased to confirm that Prof. Joanna Asadoorian has agreed to step in as the interim Director for the School of Dental Hygiene.

Prof. Asadoorian is an award winning educator and an active researcher who has delivered presentations at oral health conferences throughout North America.

In 2007, Prof. Asadoorian was awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor in the School of Dental Hygiene, the same year she was awarded the TD Meloche Monnex/Canadian Dental Hygienists Association Visionary Prize.

Please join me in welcoming and supporting Prof. Asadoorian and wishing her nothing but success in her new role.

As the old adage says, time really does fly when you are having fun. It is with that thought in mind that I close by saying thanks for the memories and I look forward to the day when we can renew our association and continue our work for the benefit of all involved.
Faculty Prestige Grows at Implant Conference

U of M establishes Canadian presence at international event

Meeting of the minds: World symposium keynote speakers, from left to right: Dr. Cheung (Hong Kong Univ), Dr. Cholakis (UM), Dr. Nogueira (UM), Dr. Quyrinen (Univ of Leuven, Belgium).

A global forum on Implantology offered attendees the opportunity to learn from some of the best in the business — including a pair of academics from the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Getulio Nogueira and Dr. Anastasia Kelekis-Cholakis were among the 100 internationally renowned speakers at the Dentsply Friadent World Symposium in Barcelona this past spring.

The event drew well over 2,500 participants from all over the world for a comprehensive continuing education program that included a poster gallery, product demonstrations and workshops in addition to the world-class list of guest speakers.

The two Faculty academics accounted for virtually the entire Canadian contingent invited to the prestigious event in March in Spain’s second largest city.

“Only three academics from Canada were invited,” remarked Dr. Nogueira, director of the Undergraduate Periodontics program, “We attended along with Dr. Christopher McCulloch from University of Toronto.”

Considered by some to be the most significant European event in the field, the conference was designed to highlight ongoing studies, future trends and scientifically proven developments that promote implantological progress.

Keynote lectures concentrated on the four success factors — timing, esthetics, treatment protocols and risk management — which are critical for Implantology, using practical examples and also with detailed descriptions of the essential scientific background.

Dr. Kelekis-Cholakis provided an update on the diagnosis and treatment of peri-implantitis.

Dr. Nogueira discussed the interrelationship between peri-implantitis and systemically compromised patients.

Other presentations dealt with a variety of current research topics such as periimplantitis and digital dentistry.

To accommodate the international orientation of the event, keynote lectures featured simultaneous translations to French, German, Greek, Italian, Mandarin, Polish, Russian and Spanish.

In addition to lectures, the event featured several hands-on workshops and new parallel forums on current scientific findings with integration to interdisciplinary topics.

Interfaces to Periodontology, Endodontics and Prosthodontics showed how these therapy fields could complement each other.

A gallery featuring some 170 posters was the largest ever assembled at the bi-annual event. Organizers said that roughly 50 of these featured basic research and clinical studies.

Poster awards were later given out in cooperation with the European Journal of Oral Implantology.

“The energizing atmosphere of this Mediterranean metropolis is the perfect setting for a lively exchange of ideas and experiences in Dental Implantology,” said Dr. Werner Groll of Dentsply.

Conference participants experienced detailed evening and supporting programs that included tours of the region, a 3-D image symposium and closing reception.

Planning is now underway for the 2012 event, which is scheduled for March in Hamburg, Germany.

New Roles for Familiar Faces

Series of staff moves sees Dr. Brothwell named Associate Dean

Dr. Anthony Iacopino, Dean of Dentistry, is pleased to announce that Dr. Doug Brothwell has been appointed to a three-year term as Associate Dean Academic beginning July 1, 2010.

Dr. Brothwell (left), director of the Centre for Community Oral Health, will work closely with all stakeholders to continue recent progress and attain future goals surrounding curriculum revision and improvement of our learning environment.

“Dr. Brothwell has the desire, leadership skills and experience required for completing the Faculty’s aggressive and innovative agenda,” Dean Iacopino said in making the announcement.

Also, at its meeting on March 16, the Board of Governors approved President David Barnard’s recommendation that both Dr. Tammy Bonstein and Dr. Vanessa Swain be promoted to Associate Professor.

Please join the entire Faculty of Dentistry in congratulating Drs. Bonstein and Swain on their promotions.
Partnerships are the foundation of successful research. And for the past 38 years, the Manitoba Medical Service Foundation has backed scientific research to a remarkable degree, arguably as well as any other single institution in the province.

That sterling record of achievement added another volume to its ledger this past spring with the MMSF’s annual tribute to the dedicated research scientists in the province.

And once again, a Faculty of Dentistry research team was among the honourees.

The team, headed by principal investigator Dr. Wellington Rody, received $20,000 for an orthodontics research study that is presently underway at the Faculty.

The project was one of 19 supported by the MMSF in 2009.

“To put this in perspective, grants for the projects themselves, professorships and memorial awards, we have given out over $700,000,” said Dr. Greg Hammond, vice-chair of the MMSF board.

“This is beneficial for all Manitobans and we thank the research applicants for their interest in applying for these projects.”

The oral health research study in the Faculty of Dentistry is titled: Understanding the biological differences between juvenile and adult patients undergoing orthodontic treatment.

The team that includes Drs. Getulio Nogueira and William Wiltshire will examine how safe it may be to move teeth in older patients and why the response to orthodontic treatment may be slower in adults compared to that in juveniles.

It is the latest in a string of oral health research projects that have received support from MMSF, an organization that for years has backed student researchers in the faculty through the BSc (Dent) program. New faculty members in particular have also benefited from MMSF awards.

“A lot of the new faculty members that we have hired to replace our retired cohorts are not only Masters level or PhD researchers, but they are also clinicians,” Dean of Dentistry, Dr. Anthony Iacopino said. “So it’s very important to be able to get started developing research programs and the funding that we obtain from MMSF allows those people to get started.”

Since 1971, the MMSF has provided close to $17-million in research grants in addition to professorships and student research stipends.

Academic researchers are welcomed and encouraged to contact the MMSF regarding support for their work.

Those promoting scientific, educational and other activities in the maintenance and improvement of the health and welfare of Manitobans are considered with a deadline for applications set for August of each year.

More information is available at the MMSF website at www.mmsf.ca.
Activities of alumni, faculty, and students of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba

It comes as no surprise that the past quarter has been another active one for faculty and alumni of the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene. The following is a recap of the most recent series of activities. Contributions to this space are welcomed on an ongoing basis at dent_events@umanitoba.ca.

Invited Presentations:

Dawes C: How does saliva protect against dental caries and erosion? and Estimates from salivary analyses of the turnover time of the oral mucosa and the number of bacteria in an edentulous mouth. Oral Health Research Institute seminars of the University of Indiana School of Dentistry, Indianapolis, April 19-21, 2010.


Iacopino AM: Bugs, biofilm, and magic bullets: Implications for clinical practice. IGY Technologies; Thunder Bay, Canada.


Odiatu U: The body - mouth link: Diet, exercise and inflammation; April 10, with Kary Odiatu, conference of dental hygiene professionals.

Shah P: Lecture and hands-on workshop; Pacific Dental Conference, Vancouver, B.C., April, 2010.

Shah P: The magic of composites - functional beauty; lecture and hands-on workshop, April, 2010.

Shah P: Full mouth smile reconstruction simplified, predictable and staged for convenience. Chicago midwinter meeting; February, 2010.


Poster presentation:


Research Awards:

Bhullar R: Grant funding from the Heart and Stroke Foundation. This was a very difficult year for the foundation as their success numbers were down as was total funding. As such, this award is that much more special for Dr. Bhullar.

Chelikani P: Five years funding from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) for Dr Prashen Chelikani: Molecular mechanisms of signal transduction by bitter taste receptors.

Elgazzar R: Funding from the Advanced Craniomaxillofacial Surgery Forum/ Stryker society has been awarded for Dr. Reda Elgazzar’s research proposal: Study of the mechanical properties of ultrasound-assisted tissue engineered mandibular condyles using M. stem cells.

Schroth R: Dr. Robert (Bob) Schroth and his international group have acquired funding from Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Health Research Council of New Zealand, and the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia. Project is entitled International Collaborative Indigenous Health Research Partnership (ICIHRP).

Professional Activities:

McFarlane RB: Following the successful “McFarlane Dental Mission” to the Orphanage of Monte Cristi, Dominican Republic this year, plans are in place for the sequel: March 19-26 2011, the Orphanage of Cabaret, Port Au Prince, Haiti. A large dental and medical team is being assembled to help the incredibly impoverished people of Haiti. Dentists, hygienists, assistants, translators (Spanish and French) and families are welcome! More information: drbruce@drmcfarlane.com

Odiatu U: (co-author) Good for the body, good for the brain; article for Dental Practice Management Magazine, April 2010.
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Stay in touch with the Faculty of Dentistry!
Mission of Mercy
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“I watched that carefully actually, and there were caries patterns that I had never seen,” he said. “Every single anterior tooth had a class three cavity on it. We don’t see that at all in Winnipeg.”

An orthodontist with a practice on Taylor Avenue, Dr. McFarlane found himself performing myriad extractions in addition to multiple restorations. Dr. Lachance-Piche was similarly challenged.

“I extracted two permanent molars on a 14-year-old boy; they were grossly decayed. This is the kind of thing we would see,” said the practitioner who took time away from her general practice clinic in St. Boniface to join the expedition.

“Fortunately, we were also able to prevent that for other young people. We were able to do fillings to prevent them from having extractions in the future. We felt like we were helping them.”

Everyone laboured, with the team spending up to 10 hours in one location to see all of those in need. Both practitioners said it was an experience of a lifetime.

“For me especially, it was a whole perspective changer and a real confirmation of how lucky we are to live where we live and to have the kind of amenities that we do have,” said Dr. McFarlane adding that a follow-up trip to neighbouring Haiti is already in the planning stages. “Things that we take for granted, like electricity or running water or access to health care; those are really unusual things in the Dominican Republic and Haiti.”

Dr. Lachance-Piche said the experience underlines the community responsibility that is inherent to the profession.

“You get a real satisfaction. You don’t get paid for this but that’s not what’s on your mind,” said the member of the Class of 1989. “You are just helping people and you really have a sense of satisfaction from doing this type of work. This is what I do and I was able to provide this kind of service to people that really needed it. Had we not been there, those people would still be in pain.”

Hockey Challenge One for the Ages
(from page 13)

Chris “Psy” Cottick (90) and new comer Kris “Well aged, but not cheesy” Coulter (09).

The usual post game camaraderie was seen at the Boston Pizza on Taylor. This yearly game has not always been the nail biting classic which this year’s turned out to be, but the social aspect and collegiality has always remained high.

A slow but steady increase in the event popularity has been evidenced in the last few years. Geoff “Surprise Sniper” Shaffer, student sports rep, has brought a nice event to life.

The youth and talent of this student team will make any hopes of an alumni repeat next year illusional or delusional depending on your point of view. History cannot be written until it occurs so we will all have to wait and see how things turn next year.

Alumni GM and coach “Psy” Cottick has already made an exhaustive schedule for immediate dry land training.

Hopefully, preparedness, veteran experience and a repeat of student pre-game hangovers will allow an alumni victory over the speed and talent of the youthful students next year. Your intrepid sports reporter will be there to keep the dental public informed. Stay tuned.

Opportunity Knocks

Clinical Dentists / Geriatric Dentistry
2 Full-time continuing positions
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The Centre for Community Oral Health (CCOH), Faculty of Dentistry is a not-for-profit organization that administers dental programs catering to underserved populations on behalf of the University of Manitoba. We are looking for self-motivated, community minded dental professionals to join our Geriatric Dentistry programs.

Reporting to the CCOH Director, successful candidates will provide a wide range of clinical dental services within various personal care home (long-term care) facilities, and community clinics in accordance with existing professional and program standards.

These positions encompass providing dental care to elderly patients within the long term care environment, supervision of dental students on externship rotation, as well as opportunity to be involved in research, health promotion, and policy initiatives. Clinical settings include institutional clinics, mobile clinics, and community clinics in Winnipeg. Remuneration options include salary, per diem rate, or percentage of fees generated. Employment or independent contractor agreements are possible.

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Reporting to the CCOH Director, the positions encompass providing dental care to meet the dental needs of Churchill residents and children from the surrounding Kivalliq region experiencing Early Childhood Caries (ECC). Clinical setting includes a fully established 3 chair dental clinic in the Churchill Hospital, that practices in accordance with existing professional and program standards. Remuneration options include salary, per diem rate, or percentage of fees generated. Employment or independent contractor agreements are possible.

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