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Portal Breakthrough

Faculty academic to lead on major inter-professional education project

The Faculty of Dentistry is pleased to confirm that Dr. Dieter Schönwetter has been appointed as Associate Editor for a major initiative supported by the Association of American Medical Colleges and the US government entitled “Building Oral Health Training Capacity in Medical Education.”

This innovative collection, made possible through partnership with the Association of American Medical Colleges, the American Dental Education Association, and the U.S. government, will bring important oral health concepts into medical education via MedEdPORTAL, one of North America’s most respected medical and dental health resource sites.

The purpose is to aid physician understanding of the oral-systemic impact on overall health in order to prepare clinicians to provide comprehensive, coordinated care. To build this capacity, access to appropriate instructional materials and content will be peer-reviewed and made available via MedEdPORTAL, serving as a model oral health in medicine curriculum collection.

“It is entirely fitting that Dieter will be leading this international effort as our Faculty of Dentistry has become one of the most widely recognized authorities on this topic through its International Centre for Oral-Systemic Health,” Faculty Dean Dr. Anthony Iacopino said in confirming the announcement. “The educational arm of this centre, under the leadership of Ms. Casey Hein, has already been developing oral health curriculum for non-dental health professions and has recently launched new partnerships with the Faculty of Medicine along these lines.”

Dr. Schönwetter’s new role will ideally provide further opportunities for a leadership role in this area and will facilitate dissemination and implementation of the various materials produced through the Centre. Additionally, it may offer further support for those involved in interprofessional education linking oral health to overall health and new models of patient care.

This initiative was made possible through grant funding from the Association of American Medical Colleges and from the Human Resources and Services Administration.

The appointment is only the latest turn in what has been a busy and eventful time for Dr. Schönwetter.

This past summer saw a trip to Sendai, Japan, the site of an international symposium on faculty development that turned out to be as surprising as it was beneficial.

“We, the international presenters, were pleasantly surprised to find that our audience was more than just a group of 12 administrators and faculty members from Tohoku University, but delegations from almost all the universities and some colleges in Japan. There were over 100 who attended, including the Minister of Education and his team,” said Dr. Schönwetter (pictured above at the conference).

The focus of the event, that ran August 24-26 in the Land of the Rising Sun, was to learn from the international associations on Faculty Development in other countries, specifically looking at the preparation of future faculty (PFF) and programs focusing on faculty development.

“Our Japanese colleagues are very keen in implementing rigorous future faculty programs in their institutions of higher education. To that end, they were very appreciative of hearing our reports of how each country is conducting PFF programs, focusing specifically on current issues that we are each facing in our own countries with the training of our graduate students to prepare them for academic and non-academic, but teaching careers,” he said. “Japanese administrators and faculty developers responded with enthusiasm to our presentations, showcasing their own PFF program model, which mirrors in many ways the PFF programs offered in Canada and the US. Overall, this was a fantastic event, and I was able to make some important connections.”

Next up will be the annual sojourn to the American Dental Education Association conference in California.
A Chapter Draws to a Close

Dr. Stockton moves on to a new phase in life

Saying farewell can sometimes be a bitter-sweet moment in time; a time to remember what has now passed, while looking forward to what the future may bring.

Such was the case in late December as the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene enjoyed an afternoon of fun and fellowship with Dr. Lawrence Stockton, who stepped down from his official capacities after over two decades at the school.

Faculty, staff and students alike convened on December 7 to offer kind regards and reflect on times past with a gentleman who has been an integral part of the institution for so long. The day included some high jinx courtesy of the Dent IV, Class of 2011 who filled Dr. Stockton’s office with balloons as a good natured send-off (pictured above).

An alumnus of the Class of 1970, Dr. Stockton leaves the Faculty after serving as Associate Dean (Clinical) and as Director of the International Dental Degree Program. He also served as a general practice instructor, mentor and coordinator of myriad special projects through the years. Among his many achievements was overseeing the procurement and integration of the new digital imaging and electronic records equipment now in place at the Faculty.

He is also credited with the creation and on-going development of the General Practice Program at the Faculty, including the development of an effective and balanced grading system.

Underscoring the many professional highlights is a reputation as a highly skilled clinician, manager and project leader who is well respected by students, staff and peers alike.

“In many ways, Dr. Stockton personifies all the qualities we aspire to embody in our Faculty,” Dean Anthony Iacopino remarked. “Lawrence is well regarded by all who have come to know him, principally due to his strength of character, his integrity and his dedication to the institution and the profession.”

In his student days, Dr. Stockton was an important part of the dentistry and Bison football programs that saw tremendous success on the gridiron. He led the Faculty team to a vaunted championship in 1969 and was on the starting offense for the Bisons in their Vanier Cup championship year in 1970.

Fortunately for the Faculty, Dr. Stockton would turn down a try-out offer from the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, who selected him in the 1970 Canadian Football League player draft.

“I didn’t really see myself being a professional football player,” he recalls. “We had some fun, played some good football and it was just an all around good experience.”

Doing a Little More

Retired executive planning more fun, less work

It may sound odd, but after 45 years on the job, Ross McIntyre has finally decided the time has come to do more: More time at the lake, more time golfing, more time with the family.

The long-time leader of the provincial dental association in Manitoba (pictured centre with Drs. Dan Morrow and Murray Lushaw) went out with a bang at the recent mid-winter convention where he was feted during an evening banquet. Now, he says, the time has come to devote himself to the less demanding things in life.

“The one thing you never get to do when you are working is the impromptu things,” he said. “So I’m really looking forward to, on a whim, driving to the Peace Gardens, or going to lunch, or what have you. I’m looking forward to that.”
Alumni of Distinction Set for 2011 Return

Floor open for nominations

The University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association has issued a call for nominations for the 2011 Alumni of Distinction awards, the annual salute to oral health excellence in Manitoba.

“We are now officially welcoming nominations for the 2011 Alumni of Distinction award in advance of the awards banquet that will once again take place during Homecoming Weekend,” said Dr. Chris Cottick, UMDAA president. “We expect another strong field of candidates and look forward to what is always a difficult selection process.”

Nominees must be a graduate of the DMD or a postgraduate program of the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Manitoba who have served the profession or community in such a way as to have distinguished themselves, and directly or indirectly brought distinction and honour to the Faculty.

Nomination forms are available online at www.umanitoba.ca/dentistry. Anyone may submit a nomination and all information submitted is kept confidential. The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2011.

For well over a decade, the Alumni of Distinction awards have highlighted outstanding professional achievement and community service by those who earned their credentials through oral health programs at the University of Manitoba. Through the years, the event has evolved to generate a wider field of candidates with last year setting a record for the number of nominations received. Those unsuccessfully nominated in the previous year are still considered in the next round of selections.

Alumni of Distinction honours are awarded annually as a joint presentation of the UMDAA and the Faculty of Dentistry.

Outreach Centre Welcomes New Director

Alumna and friend of the Faculty to lead CCOH

Dr. William Wiltshire, Head of the Department of Preventive Dental Science, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Pamela Dahl as the new Director of the Centre for Community Oral Health.

Dr. Dahl (left) qualified as a dentist at the University of Manitoba in 1996 and graduated on the Dean’s Honour List, in addition to winning the American Academy of Oral Medicine Award, American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Award and the American Academy of Oro-facial Pain award.

Over the past decade, Dr Dahl has played an integral part in CCOH, providing oral health services on an ongoing basis at Manitoba Developmental Centre, St. Amant Centre, Access Downtown, the Home Dental Care and Smile Plus programs. That work will continue, in tandem with the duties as Director of CCOH.

The appointment was made official as of January, 2011.

“Dr. Dahl’s body of work is an excellent reflection of the mission of CCOH: The care for under-served communities by promoting oral health and providing essential services through fiscally responsible programs using resources and expertise of the Faculty of Dentistry,” Dr Wiltshire noted.

“We wish Dr. Dahl a warm welcome and much success in her new role.”

Spring Into Hands-On Implant Training

New dates announced for restorative, surgical and advanced simulation modules

Practitioners should note a pair of date changes to the hands-on implant modules that will be offered at the Faculty of Dentistry.

Training sessions for the Restorative and Surgical Implant Modules will now take place May 6 and 7 and May 13 and 14 respectively. Both modules will still feature a four-hour lecture followed by 12 hours of hands-on in the Brass Lab.

The newly scheduled session is designed to accommodate practitioners interested in attending the sessions that will feature state-of-the-art restorative implant techniques delivered by Faculty instructors at 780 Bannatyne.

In the restorative session, participants will have the opportunity to make final impressions using various techniques, the fabrication of surgical guides and provisional restorations for immediate provisionalization and tissue sculpting.

Sessions will begin at 8:30 am and will include lunch for participants.

The Advanced Simulation Module has also been re-scheduled for August 22 - 24 at the Zimmer Institute in Carlsbad, California. In addition to a first-class educational experience, the advanced program offers a unique and exceptional vacation opportunity for practitioners and their families.

Registrations are now being accepted for all modules. Program fees and registration forms are available online at http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/dentistry/cde/index.html. Forms must be mailed to the Office of Continuing Professional Development or faxed to 204-789-3911.
The Graduate Periodontics program was pleased to receive a visit from an old friend. Dr. Dan Price, an alumna of the school, periodontist, and an examiner for the Royal College of Dentists of Canada, returned to the Faculty last autumn. Dr. Romanos delivered an all-day presentation to the residents and attended the clinic to participate in a case-planning seminar.

The presentation was made possible thanks to the support of Ankylos/Dentsply. Prior to his departure, Dr. Price presented the school with an extraction tool to donate to the program — pictured above with residents (from left) Drs. Tom Wierzbicki, Gurpal Buttar and Adriana Luz Gomez (seated) along with staffer Joelle Roeland — which was warmly received and acknowledged by periodontics program director Dr. Anastasia Cholakis. Dr. Price, a member of the Class of 1986, also took the time to attend last fall’s Alumni of Distinction banquet.

In addition to the visit from Dr. Price, periodontics program residents also had the chance to participate in a seminar given by Dr. George Romanos, a world known periodontist, lecturer and professor at the University of Rochester in New York.

Perio Welcomes Pal from the Past
Presentation, donation marks visit from past pupil

Making the Grade
G3 residents clear major hurdle

Congratulations to G3 residents Drs. Derek Pollard, Xiem Phan and Jared Rykiss who successfully completed their comprehensive orthodontic exam recently.

The exam consisted of two, three-hour written papers, a three hour clinical exam and a 30 minute viva voce, with Dr. Claude Remise, Professor and Head of Orthodontics from the University of Montreal, serving as the external examiner.

“During the debrief, Dr. Remise provided me with flattering feedback regarding our residents and their didactic and clinical knowledge as well as their very high standards of professionalism,” reports Dr. William Wiltshire, head of the graduate orthodontics program. “I would like to offer personal thanks to everyone who has contributed to the well rounded education of our new crop of soon-to-be orthodontists. Thanks in particular must go to our part-time instructors who give so generously and unselfishly of their time to educate the next generation of orthodontists who will continue the noble work of our profession.”

Call of the North
Faculty academic continues outreach on ‘The Rock’

Submitted by Dr. Olva Odlum

For one month this past winter, I had the opportunity to work for the International Grenfell Foundation in Northern Newfoundland, St. Anthony and later in Labrador.

The dental issues are different from those of the Northern Manitoba communities, the main concern being access to care. Many communities are too small and isolated to maintain a private practice, which is where Grenfell enters the picture. The Foundation has been serving these communities for over 100 years with small hospitals and nursing stations.

As Newfoundland (sometimes referred to as ‘The Rock’) has no post-secondary dental faculty, the remote areas in particular rely on dental professionals from all parts of Canada.

The in-bound journey was via St. John’s where Dr. Dan Price and his wife Basha hosted a dinner that provided an opportunity for all involved to do some happy reminiscing.

One can always rely on a Manitoba alumnus for such a good time. The outgoing trip, which took place in December, was equally brightened by an evening with Dr. Linda Goodyear who had been our supervisor at the Churchill program.

Overall, it was a rewarding and enjoyable experience.
A Home at Last
Alumnus-driven oral health record finds permanent site in Kingston

The wayward travels of Canada’s largest dental museum exhibit appear to be at an end. This past November, the Museum of Health Care at Kingston, Ontario officially welcomed the over 1,500 artifacts as part of its national collection.

The artifacts will now be collectively known as the “Dr. Ralph and Mrs. Olga Crawford Dental Collection,” as a tribute to the couple who spent decades painstakingly amassing what many consider to be the most detailed collection of oral health materials and procedures in Canadian history.

“Olga and I are absolutely thrilled with the dental collection’s new home,” said Dr. Crawford, alumnus of the Class of 1964 and long-time supporter of the Faculty. “Since oral health is an integral part of overall health, it is ideal that dentistry’s proud past is displayed right alongside the other health disciplines within the Museum of Health Care.”

The collection contains myriad artefacts and documents including chairs, units, cabinets, instruments and supplies, laboratory equipment, books, journals, and ephemera. Representing innovation and ingenuity, the Crawford Dental Collection (its shortened title) contains such items as an 1846 Westcott finger drill, circa 1912 portable dental chair, 1930s X-ray unit, 19th-century tooth keys for extracting teeth, a set of dentures made of deer teeth and ivory tusks along with 1950s mouth guards and helmets used to prevent sports injuries.

“We even have a plaster dental cast of the late Prime Minister John Diefenbaker’s teeth!” noted museum curator Paul Robertson. “This collection represents the most comprehensive cross-section of dental technology and practice in Canada over the past 200 years and greatly enhances our current dental holdings.”

The official welcome to Kingston marks the end of a long and at times ponderous journey for the extensive collection. Dr. Crawford began assembling the artefacts back in his student days in the 1960s. Some of the pieces were displayed in his practice office; others would wind up in the mini-versions of the museum that reside at 780 Bannatyne and at the Arnprior, Ontario District Museum. In 1997 the Dentistry Canada Fund invited the Crawfords to establish the Dentistry Canada Museum at the organization’s downtown Ottawa headquarters.

But because the Ottawa facility had no real museum staff on site, it turned out to be a bit of a mixed blessing.

“While it was a Dentistry Canada Fund collection, it was really a Ralph and Olga thing. The only attention it got was when we went to Ottawa,” Dr. Crawford said. “What did I know about running a museum?”

Still, the Crawfords were careful to maintain diligent care both in record-keeping and the maintenance of the exhibits. Items were numbered and photographed and even appraised in order to provide tax receipts to donors.

In 2008 however, the Ottawa Dentistry Canada Fund site closed down, leaving the Crawfords with another challenge.

“We had over 75 boxes of small artefacts plus all the dental equipment items that we had put into storage,” recalled the former president of the Canadian Dental Association and editor of the Journal of the Canadian Dental Association.

The Crawford’s attention to detail proved to be a real benefit for the Kingston facility in that it is apparently making it much easier for staff to sort out the many artefacts that will soon be on display. Museum staff even invited the Crawfords to act as volunteer curators as they work through the collection.

“They invited us to spend a week with them in November as they were unpacking things to help them get organized,” Dr. Crawford said. “We had a meeting with local dentists and I gave a lecture on how the museum was formed. They treated us royally.”

The Crawford Dental Collection will be ready for public display beginning in the spring of 2011, once renovations at the Kingston museum are completed.
Rising Up
UMDAA making major strides forward

The University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association may soon be removing the modifier ‘fledging’ following a recent surge of membership interest and support.

A short association drive in January resulted in exceptional results in membership renewals plus a surge of interest from potential new and associate members.

The apparent ground-swell of interest came on the heels of a state-of-the-alumni address during a reception held at the provincial association meeting in late January.

“We had a really good turnout at our reception,” UMDAA president Dr. Chris Cottick noted. “I offered a recap of some of the things we have been doing. We saw a lot of members and met many people who came to visit. It was great all around.”

The UMDAA has indeed been active on several fronts over the past eight months dealing with issues identified by the membership at the annual general meeting last spring.

Perhaps the biggest success to date, Dr. Cottick said, was to secure an alumni presence on Dental Faculty Council, the chief advisory body of the institution.

“We are pleased to confirm that Dr. Barry Rayter will be the voice for alumni at DFC,” Dr. Cottick said. “Dr. Rayter has been involved with the school for many years and we are confident he will be an excellent voice for the alumni association.”

Among the various other projects identified and undertaken by UMDAA: Implementing the recommendations of the Task Force for Better Relations; supporting alumni and student initiatives, including the all-dentist theatrical production slated for the spring; the student-alumni hockey challenge; and the Alumni of Distinction awards and banquet.

“Our first priority and major activity is the Alumni of Distinction dinner, which supports the Dr. John Grahame Scholarship,” Dr. Cottick said. “We’re also looking at trying to implement a second scholarship to support students.”

A call for nominations went out in January with the deadline set for April 30, 2011.

In the meantime, Dr. Cottick said the group that re-formed under the UMDAA banner roughly two years ago will keep its immediate focus on driving membership.

“We are continuing the process of making the alumni association a viable organization by building our membership to increase our visibility and profile to the Faculty, students and our other constituent groups,” he said. “By increasing membership we will hopefully raise our relevance to the dental school and help drive change for the better at this great institution.”

Annual membership dues are $50, which also includes the right to vote at association meetings. Out-of-province and associate memberships are also available.

To join, speak to a member of the UMDAA executive or send an email to either uofmdentalalumniasassociation@gmail.com or dent_event@umanitoba.ca.

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— Nominations close April 30, 2011 —
Forging Ahead

Four years later the Drive for Top Five remains on fast track forward

It may be a fundamental truth: There is no bigger challenge than the one made by you to yourself. It is likely that we have all been there at one point in time or another—a moment of truth that causes us to steel our reserve and to impose upon ourselves a new level of self-discipline, focus and drive.

It can take on myriad forms: Improving one’s education, physical well-being or financial status. All of these boil down to making a personal commitment towards a new, higher level of personal or professional achievement.

This was certainly the case four years ago when I was presented with the rare and unique opportunity to become Dean of a major Canadian dental school. My initial assessment of the University of Manitoba confirmed my belief in the high quality of its oral health programming and the practitioners it produced.

But there was more. There was potential. There was a future. There was an opportunity to do things that had never been done before, either here or anywhere else in North America.

Marrying opportunity with potential then became the challenge. The result was the Nine Pillars of Innovation that became the foundation for our Drive for Top Five. An ambitious plan, to be sure, this new initiative presented many obstacles. It was a vision that would require unwavering commitment and dedication to achieve.

Our golden anniversary year provided the perfect spring-board upon which to launch this ambitious agenda. A year-long series of commemorative events culminating with a 300-plus person gala saw us charge from the starting blocks with a renewed sense of purpose, direction and confidence.

And while there have been more than a few hurdles to cross along the way—the 2009 budget crisis notable among them—thedesedicated and loyal alumni, a supportive university, and a host of community stakeholders that believed in our approach, we weathered the storm, we persevered, we progressed.

We answered our challenges while working hard to ensure the Drive for Top Five steadily continued moving from a conceptual framework to concrete accomplishments marked by tangible changes and milestones for all to see. Thus, four years into our Drive for Top Five, and as our momentum continues to accelerate, we have had our best year yet. Among the highlights:

The International Centre for Oral Systemic Health: Now in its third year of operation, it has become nationally and internationally recognized for its expertise. It has become an authoritative source for information on print and television news media and has already made significant contributions to innovative research and new models of education and practice that make oral health a component of patient-centered comprehensive health-care.

Centre for Community Oral Health: Streamlined and revamped with a new business model, and now under the capable leadership of Dr. Pamela Dahl, this center continues to provide an important safety net of services for rural, Aboriginal, urban poor, elderly, and child populations without access to oral health-care.

Imaging Centre and Electronic Health Record: With an amazing response to the fundraising campaign for the “Ross McIntyre Digital Imaging Centre,” one of the most modern and comprehensive digital and 3-D imaging facilities in any dental school, is now fully operational. Coupled with the continued transition to full electronic health records, Manitoba graduates will be among the most technologically advanced practitioners in this area.

Centre for Children’s Oral Health: The new and innovative graduate pediatric dentistry program is set to welcome its first two residents on July 1. In addition to first-rate technical training, this program will emphasize understanding and effective communication with rural and Aboriginal populations with the entire third year of the program completed in these communities. These graduates will be leaders in new preventive approaches for the improvement of oral health.

Centre for Implant Dentistry: Under the leadership of Dr. Igor Pesun, the first implant fellow is now in residence and treating complex cases in Faculty clinics. Additionally, dental students are being exposed to more types of implant cases during their clinical training such that they will be among the most experienced graduates of any dental school.

Head/Neck Pain and Sleep Disorders Program: Under the leadership of Dr. Steve Ahing, the curriculum and clinical training within the area of craniomandibular disorders continues to expand. The first sleep disorder patients are being treated in collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine.

Practice Management Program: In concert with corporate partners and the Asper School of Business, the transition from an isolated fourth-year experience to a comprehensive and deliberate four-year curriculum is rapidly coming to fruition. Manitoba graduates will be among the most thoroughly prepared for the “business” aspects of dentistry.

Virtual Simulation and Electronic Digital Curriculum: Manitoba simulation labs and electronic teaching resources continue to be among the most highly developed of any dental school. A merger with the simulation facility in the Faculty of Medicine will further expand this capability. There continues to be increasing development and use of web-based virtual learning environments for Manitoba students.

Oral Biology Research: Under the leadership of Drs. Raj Bhullar and Elliott Scott, the renovations of lab facilities are now completed and the first new research faculty are being hired. There is now a greater emphasis on translational collaboration with clinicians. Research funding is rapidly increasing and this marks a return to the “glory days” of the past when our Oral Biology department was considered among the best in the world.

Beyond this, there have been numerous significant achievements on many other fronts:

Taskforce on Better Relations Report: Under the leadership of Dr. Doug Brothwell, new Associate Dean (Academic), the Faculty is responding to the recommendations representing the interests of the University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association, MDA,
and students. Simply put, a new day has dawned at the Faculty; the relationship with our most important stakeholders and student satisfaction is job number one.

**Facility Renovations:** The Faculty has undergone some extensive physical renovations. Chief among these initiatives is the reconstruction of the fourth floor, a project that will create much-needed space for graduate residents and additional modern teaching spaces. The clinical central sterilization area has been upgraded to meet today’s demanding standards and expectations.

The main clinic oral surgery area has been expanded, a new dedicated student services area has been launched, and the student computer lab has been upgraded.

**Clinical Operations:** Under the leadership of Dr. Mel Sawyer, our new Associate Dean (Clinical), there has been significant redesign within some areas of clinic management including dental stores, dental labs, student supervision and clinical support staff. These changes will eliminate waste and create efficiencies, improving the clinical experience for patients, students, support staff, and instructors. Some changes will reinforce ongoing curriculum reforms designed to improve student learning and performance.

**Faculty and Student Performance:** The Faculty addressed all outstanding issues and is now fully accredited by the Canadian Dental Association until the next accreditation site visit in 2015.

And, also of note, the Class of 2010 scored well above the national average on the national board examinations.

**Alumni Services and Engagement:** The Dean’s Office Visit Program has now reached out to over 250 offices in Manitoba and beyond. Alumni reunions and receptions continue to increase in frequency and enthusiasm. Alumni continue to step up and provide important leadership in this area, re-engaging alumni and affiliate groups with genuine warmth and sincerity.

UMDAA has become very active and has assumed a leadership role in the annual Alumni of Distinction dinner, an event that continues to grow every year. There continues to be increased interest in volunteerism within our teaching clinics, the student mentorship program, and Faculty Council.

Additionally, the Faculty continuing education area has been merged with the large infrastructure within the Faculty of Medicine. This will facilitate programming and enable broadcast to distant areas for those not able to travel to Winnipeg.

**Fund-raising and Budget:** Annual contributions from alumni and stakeholders continue to increase with another year of more than 300% growth. Again, alumni champions have played a key role in this effort, especially through community and government advocacy. Success in this area, coupled with avoidance of university budget cuts and the recent tuition/fee increase have placed the Faculty on solid financial ground going forward.

As you can see, the drive to overcome successfully the challenges in life must always come from within, but will almost always succeed with helping hands along the way.

Above all, throughout the Drive for Top Five, it has been the belief and support of our alumni and stakeholders that has helped make all of these bold ambitions a reality. I can say without hesitation, and with tremendous pride, that our success has been nothing short of a total collective effort. We will go forward as an exemplary dental community within this great profession as proof positive of what can be achieved through vision, dedication and cooperation.

Grazie.
Dr. Kamaljit Virk (Class of 2008), Dr. Michael Popp (Class of 1992) and Dr. Jasminder Gill (Class of 2005) presented Dr. Iacopino with a white cowboy hat, officially installing the Dean as an honorary Calgarian, at the Marlborough Dental Centre.

A return trip to Wild Rose Country was the highlight for the latest installment of the Dean’s Office Visit Series this past autumn. Spurred by the success of last year’s alumni reception, Dean Iacopino returned to Calgary, Alberta to keep the momentum going.

With the help of the vibrant and dedicated alumni group in Cowtown, another late fall reception was organized with a few office visits tacked on for good measure.

The reception took place November 25 at the Scotia Centre in Calgary. Everyone gathered in the board room on the 40th floor, a room that featured a gorgeous view overlooking the city. The Dean was joined by 20 alumni who attended the event along with staff from Scotiabank. The energy in the room was palpable; enough to convince Dean Iacopino that a Calgary reception should be an annual event.

The Faculty of Dentistry would like to thank Scotiabank for allowing the use of their board room as a gathering place for our alumni. We look forward to seeing even more graduates in 2011!

Special thanks as well to Dr. Perry Kopec (Class of 1982) and his colleague Dr. Albert Lui and the staff at Canada Place Dental in Calgary who hosted a luncheon office visit with Dean Iacopino.
Back in Winnipeg, Dr. Greg James (Class of 1987) and Dr. Jeff Kozak (Class of 2007) welcomed the Dean to the Zero Cavity Club area of River Park Dental Centre (below). On hand for the lunch-time visit were (top, from left) the Dean, Dr. Kozak, Junel Trinidad, (front, from left) Dr. James, Dom Dubois, Jen Seemanns, Amber Marshcalls, Jane Dong.

The Terry J. Smorang Professional Corp. in Calgary also rolled out the red carpet for Dean Iacopino. Shown here is (front, from left) Belinda Gray, the Dean, Dr. Terry Smorang (Class of 1975) (back, from left) Tara Schroeder, Katie Ganderton and Dr. Dean Staniloff. Missing (because she was taking the photo) Diane Farquar.

Dr. Blake Sinclair and Dr. Rob Meloff, both of the class of 1995, took the time to welcome the Dean for an afternoon office visit to Sinclair Meloff Dental in Calgary.

Jackie-Lynne Hucal, the Dean and Dr. Morris Hucal (Class of 1986) at the Calgary alumni reception.

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Managing A Growth Spurt

Alumni association sees series of successes

Submitted by Dr. Chris Cottick (Class of ’90) 
President, University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association

As you may have heard or read, either through this publication or through other sources, it has been nothing short of a great start to the New Year for the University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association. Following our appearance at the recent provincial association conference, it appears UMDAA is on its way to record membership in 2011.

To say we are pleased might be something of an understatement.

Our first big surprise came at our reception following a business meeting held during the provincial association event held in late January. During the meeting, I had the opportunity to share with everyone our activities and some of our many successes of the past few months: Our ongoing work with the Task Force for Better Relations, our stewardship of membership growth, our support of school and student activities, and — perhaps one our biggest achievement to date — securing a seat on Dental Faculty Council.

Following the meeting, we invited members to join us at a small reception we hosted. And what a great turnout we had! Association members came, as did friends, colleagues and visitors, all interested in the work of UMDAA thus far.

Prior to the meeting, we had announced that we would be accepting dues for the coming year at a booth we had set-up especially for the meeting. Well, again the response was nothing short of amazing!

Dozens of current members turned up to sign on for another year with many more new members coming into the fold. Not only that, we saw a major jump in associate memberships — that is memberships to folks who are not alumni — like faculty instructors and private practitioners who came from out of province to live and work in Manitoba, looking to join the UMDAA family.

From our perspective, it’s a great turn of events. The response from our friends and colleagues is both appreciated and very encouraging.

Appreciated in that it justifies our efforts on the many issues we have chosen to move forward on.
Encouraging because so many within our profession have come forward to show their support.

The seeds of our growth that we planted at our annual general meeting last spring really seem to be taking root. And now, we see our membership also growing like the proverbial weed.

To our friends and members, both old and new, I offer our most sincere thanks. Taking the time to show your support is very important. It is the life-blood of our organization.

Thanks to your support, we will continue down this path. Membership is the backbone of any organization and ours is no exception.
That’s why our future activities will continue to involve working towards building our membership base.

With that in mind, we extend a warm invitation to all our friends, colleagues and others in and around the province to join our ranks and help us continue to move our school and our profession forward.

For more information, please contact any member of the UMDAA executive or send an email to: uofmdentalalumniassociation@gmail.com.

I look forward to hearing from you.

REUNIONS & EVENT CALENDAR

Class of 1991 — 20th 
March 10 - 12, Vancouver, BC 
Pacific Dental Conference
Contact: Carla Cohn

Class of 2001 — 10th 
September - Las Vegas, Nevada
Contact: Rakesh Mehta

Class of 1981 — 30th 
Date TBD - Vancouver/Whistler
Contact: Garth Jackson

Dentistry 1976 — 35th 
Date and location TBD
Contact: S. Carl Enns

Plus, the Faculty of Dentistry is pleased to announce:

Dean’s Open House 
Faculty of Dentistry 
780 Bannatyne Ave 
Saturday September 17, 2011 
1 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Faculty tours and refreshments! 
Call 204.789.3249 for more information.
The gorgeous wilderness setting that is one of Canada’s national treasures served as the venue for the latest milestone reunion from the Faculty of Dentistry. This past autumn, 18 members of the Faculty’s Class of 2000 convened in beautiful Banff, Alberta to commemorate a decade that has so quickly passed by.

The event was held over the weekend of September 25 and featured a variety of activities including hikes, group dinners, an educational presentation and a look back to a few past moments of triumph for our high spirited and tight-knit group.

It was a great reunion! After about three minutes together in Banff, we all managed to shed (or at least set aside) our professional exteriors and revert to our dental student personas. From then on, the fun was non-stop.

The first night was drinks and mingling in beautiful downtown Banff, the warm atmosphere and scenic surroundings only adding to the sense of occasion.

On Saturday we did a group hike along the Bow River, sporting commemorative T-shirts designed by Dr. Brent Wong, featuring a caricature and caption that read ‘If I was any sweeter, I’d get cavities!’ After that some members of the group decided to repair to a bubble bath and hot tub, so as to soothe our tired muscles and joints and re-charge our collective batteries.

Saturday night featured a formal dinner at Buffalo Mountain Lodge. Drs. Chris Yue and Mel McManus delivered a presentation on pediatric dentistry that was enjoyed by all in the audience. Both have years of experience at home and abroad that brought a unique perspective to their talk.

This was followed by the slide show and Beer N’ Skits review that really brought back a lot of good memories for everyone in the group. As many of you know, Beer N’ Skits has been a hotly contested tradition among dental students at the Faculty for many years.

“We showed some old photos and a few old videos from those years,” Chris said. “We won the competition three years in a row, from 1998-2000. I have to give credit to Kristie who put a lot of effort in to organize everything.”

Special thanks have to go to Dr. Noriko Boorberg who, though unable to attend, helped assemble the pictures and videos for the presentation, and to Dr. Ryan Tsang who handled technical side of the audio and visuals, making sure everything came off without a hitch.

Once the hotel kicked us out of the dining room, we took the fun to one of our rooms and decided to do an impromptu “rock star” shoot. It was literally pitch dark and Ryan, our amazing photographer, made us stand and pose. We couldn’t see the result until after the flash went off and pictures taken.

So, as a result, there were some ‘overexposures’ so to speak! One of the more original shots featured Dean sporting an inner-fashion choice that he had procured (but later returned!) from an unwitting colleague. The rest is best left to the imagination.

Our class also took up a collection to provide a scholarship to a dental student, but we are still working out the details. Ideally, it will be something special from the Class of 2000 as we look forward to giving back to the dental school.

Anyway, it was a weekend of silly behavior, good times and catching up with good friends. The group thoroughly enjoyed the activities during our brief stay. We look forward to doing it again and are aiming for a 15 year gathering in 2015.
Grads Through the Years

By Bill Christie (64)

Alumni who have reached the magic number and been rewarded as Life Members of the Manitoba Dental Association were: Donald Bomback (71), Zoltan Horvath (74), Gary Hyman (70), Jack Stockton (68) and Larry Zoerb (69).

Cliff Swanlund (76) of Calgary AB, was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Dentists in September, 2010.

Bruce McFarlane (84) is again packing supplies for a trip to do dental and health services in Cite Soleil, Haiti for a week in March. The group went to the Dominican Republic last year and hope to make similar visits to the impoverished area an annual event.

Tim Dumore (91) is in his second year as convention chair for the annual Manitoba Dental Association midwinter meeting, but says he would be lost without the help of classmate Carla Cohen (91) as social convener, among others.

Four alumni members received special recognition by way of a President’s Award of Merit at the annual Manitoba mid-winter dental meeting on January 27, 2011: Tony Krawat (94) as past-president of Winnipeg Dental Society, also a founder of a sedation study club, Robert Kaufmann (80) for work on the communications committee, Rob McIntosh (02) who was co-chair of the annual convention, and John Perry (75) for aiding the Regulatory and Licensing committee.

As Sandy Mutchmore (83) steps down as past-president, Joel Antel (79) becomes the President of the Manitoba Dental Association with Allan Cogan (90) becoming the vice-president as of January 27, 2011.

Dr. Mike Barczak was successful in his completion of part one of the Royal College Of Dentists of Canada Prosthodontic Specialty Exam.

Examination Excellence

New, student-centred approach results in best showing in over a decade

The marks are in and the news is very good. Students at the University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Dentistry have posted their strongest results in over a decade in national oral health examinations.

Recently, the Faculty learned that Manitoba candidates’ exam scores were higher than the Canadian average for the National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB) and Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). The NDEB and OSCE are the two major and final tests of a student’s knowledge and competence required to enter the field as a licenced practitioner.

The Faculty’s Associate Dean (Academic) said the Faculty’s shift towards more student-centred education and training played a major role in helping students achieve this most significant benchmark.

“This performance is a direct result of the efforts exerted by all members of the Faculty team to facilitate education in a way that emphasizes a student’s ability to do well on their exams,” a delighted Dr. Doug Brothwell said. “Congratulations to our students for a superior performance on receiving this external confirmation of the educational quality of our program. This is a huge accomplishment.”

Candidate scores were roughly two and half points above the national average overall, although in some areas, such as orthodontics and pediatrics, results were as high as 10 points above the national line. Dr. Brothwell said that while the numbers show how well the students performed, they also provide a road map to where improvements can be made in the educational process.

“We know what we have to target,” Dr. Brothwell said. “Our sights are set on continuous improvement.”

Faculty Dean Dr. Anthony Iacopino noted that the test scores are clear validation of the Faculty’s strategy to improve the educational experience for oral health students and alumni at the University of Manitoba.

“You can’t argue results,” Dean Iacopino said. “I am extremely proud of our students as well as our administrators and educators. We have always believed that great things could be achieved through teamwork and strategic thinking. I hope all our stakeholders and alumni share the pride of this outstanding achievement.”

Stay In Touch!
Send in your contact information

Moved? Changed practice office? New email? We want to know about it and make sure you stay up to date with all the events and activities at the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene.

If your contact information has changed, tell us and we will see to it that your communications from the Faculty continue uninterrupted. Send an email to: dent_events@umanitoba.ca. Stay in touch with the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba!
Novice cast taking to new challenge

A
rchair athletes know the drill: Sitting on their sofas and recliners, they expound with authority on how things should have been done on the field of play that unfolded before them on their television screens.

Yet as everyone knows, it’s easy to talk the talk. It’s another matter entirely to get up and actually walk the walk.

Such has been the challenge for the 15 member cast of Little Shop of Horrors, a group comprised completely of dentists, most of whom have only seen a theatrical stage from a distance.

Yet despite the obvious challenges inherent in mounting an ambitious production with a totally novice cast, those involved with staging the show are pleased with the company’s progress thus far.

“I’ve been involved in things like choirs and things like that, but nothing like this,” said Dr. Tom Colina, one of the many first-time thespians in the production. “It’s great. There is a lot of time involved in actually putting these things on - three practices a week - but it’s fun.”

Dr. Colina’s experience is not unlike that of his fellow cast members, all Manitoba practitioners who have left their operatories and shed their white coats for a taste of the footlights and fun that only live theatre can provide.

“I think the dentists are having a blast,” confirmed Kayla Gordon, director and executive producer of the show. “I don’t think they knew at the beginning. It’s a big job to put on a musical like this; there are a lot of high expectations, but they are loving it.”

As most are likely aware, the musical version of Little Shop of Horrors is the award-winning adaptation of the 1960 black comedy film of the same name whereby a shy florist tries to gain confidence and respect with the help of a flesh-eating plant.

It’s a demanding production that involves singing, dancing, blocking and myriad other subtleties requisite to such a show. But the cast (pictured below) appears more than up for the challenge, in spite of the lack of direct experience with the performing arts.

Dr. Colina said it is an interesting challenge, although he had no problem memorizing his lines.

“Not for me anyway,” he said. “The hardest part is memorizing the moves that go with the lines.”

The director added that the cast seems to be growing with the production that will be held at Prairie Theatre Exchange.

“I can’t believe the focus,” Ms. Gordon said. “I have to pinch myself once in a while and say ‘these are dentists, these are not performers, these are people who have never been on the stage.’ So despite all that, they are learning a lot and I think it’s going to be a great show. I’m really quite happy with it. We’ve got some incredible talent. Who knew?”

And as the company works diligently in advance of the early spring curtain, support continues to build behind this first-ever production for Manitoba dentists. Ticket sales are reported to be brisk while sponsorship is said to be equally strong.

“It is a great thing and I think there is a future in it,” Ms. Gordon said, “whether they do it every year or change it up every couple of years, I think now that they have the bite, they are going to want to do more of it.”

Anyone wanting to attend should call the PTE box office at 942-5483 to reserve whatever ducats remain. The production will culminate with the curtain going up on opening night, May 12 for a four-night run on the PTE main-stage.
As I enter the latter half of my appointment as Acting Director of the School of Dental Hygiene at the Faculty of Dentistry, I’ve been pondering what it means to be a leader and how best to serve as one.

Managing an organization is only part of the role of a Director or Dean. Yet vision and leadership is as important, perhaps even essential. Otherwise the ship will remain afloat, but may be going in the wrong direction. Or worse yet, there would be no direction at all.

I recently came across a quote by John Quincy Adams, the sixth President of the United States, who said: “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

As Acting Director, it’s certainly part of my job to ask people to do more and to learn more. While I have no question that our students, faculty and staff have never had as many commitments and responsibilities, what I’m keenly interested in assuring is that, at the same time, we are all also dreaming more and becoming more.

I’m interested in our professional transformation.

The new Dental Hygiene National Competencies document is being rolled out across the country and, in addition, the Manitoba Health Profession’s Act is being developed under consultation with all regulated health-care professions, including dental hygiene.

These developments, along with societal needs, will influence the evolution of dental hygiene practice and subsequently how dental hygienists will need to be educated in the future. However, if dental hygiene education and professional practice are not inextricably linked, the transformation of the dental hygiene profession will be impeded.

With the need for a stronger connection in mind, the School of Dental Hygiene-Faculty of Dentistry, along side of other stakeholders, is motivated to developing the University of Manitoba Dental Hygiene Alumni Association with the aim of maintaining a strong link between the school, the faculty and our alumni.

An established association between our school’s dental hygiene educators and researchers and our alumni community of practitioners can affect enhanced communication and activities that will promote our profession’s viability into the future. How? By ensuring that practice informs research, which in turn informs education and vice versa.

In other words, we need to talk to each other, to learn from each other and to make sure our goals are aligned.

While this initiative is in its early stages, your support, both emotionally and through active involvement, is needed to ensure success.

So in the spirit of leadership, I hope that in some small way, I can inspire you to do more and learn more. But more importantly, I hope you will dream more and ultimately become more — more than what you previously thought you might.

I invite you to come along as we dream of a progressive dental hygiene profession that is becoming increasingly relevant to oral and general health-care delivery in Manitoba now and in the future as we strive to meet the health-care needs of the public.

Want to Replace Your Missing Teeth?

Dr. Getulio Nogueira of the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Manitoba, is conducting a study about dental implants. Part of the study is providing dental implants to eligible participants. We are looking for non-smoking males or females, 21-75 years old.

If you are interested, and for more information please contact Cindy at 794-9344.
For those who wonder about how a new model for Canadian health-care might actually function in the real world, perhaps a trip to a local inner-city health clinic might be in order.

For close to two months, the School of Dental Hygiene participated in a pilot project at the Winnipeg Inter-professional Student-run Health (WISH) clinic in downtown Winnipeg.

As the name might imply, the clinic offers care provided by post-secondary students and licensed professional mentors from a broad range of disciplines that includes medicine, nursing, social work and, up until recently, dental hygiene.

And if early results are any indication, it's a model that may have tremendous potential in terms of redefining health-care service delivery in Canada.

"The concept worked exceptionally well," said Kyle Conrad (DH 2010), who helped coordinate the seven-week pilot project for the School of Dental Hygiene. "There were several take-aways for us in terms of health-care and education, not the least of which was the inclusion of students in facilitating leadership and autonomy."

During the run, dental hygiene students worked in a cooperative environment with students from other health-care disciplines at the University of Manitoba to provide socially responsible, holistic, health-care to inner-city residents once a week.

Ideally, care providers from each area would work together to expand their vision of health-care beyond the confines of their own particular discipline.

"Actually, one of our referrals came from a group of occupational therapy students," Kyle noted. "So people are becoming more aware of what dental hygiene brings to the table. Within this clinic we are also able to refer people to other areas within WISH as well, which I did several times."

In many ways, the WISH clinic is a sort of microcosm of the inter-professional education service delivery model now being actively explored at the University of Manitoba.

The idea behind IPE is to shift towards a practice model that is collaborative and centered on the needs of the client/patient/community and is not limited by the parameters of a particular discipline. And if the WISH project is any indication, there may be merit to the model.

"Everything about this project is reciprocal," Kyle said. "There is so much information in every field that it's impossible to be an expert in everything. But that's not the intent. The idea is to work better together. It's about knowing what you know and knowing where to go when you don't know. That aspect of it is built right into this clinic and it works very well. It's as much about educating us on other professions as those being educated about dental hygiene."

At this point, the dental hygiene aspect of project is now in the evaluation stage, it's future still to be decided. In the meantime, word of WISH's unique delivery model is catching the attention of others in the oral health community.

Last summer, a group of dental hygiene students delivered a presentation on the clinic at an international conference in Glasgow, Scotland to considerable response.

For his part, Kyle will be delivering another presentation on the impact of WISH at the American Dental Education Association annual conference this spring.

"That's where these types of clinics are a huge step forward; getting people to see oral health as a big component of their overall health," he said. "It is only a part of the process in reshaping our educational and professional landscapes. That's why I am really behind this project; everyone stands to gain so much from this. It's working already."

Kyle Conrad (right), is pictured here along with his student colleagues from pharmacy and medicine, at the WISH clinic in downtown Winnipeg. The dental hygiene pilot project is now under review, although early reports indicate that it was warmly received by patients and students alike.

Pushing the Boundaries
Grassroots clinic an incubator for inter-professional care
Support to the Max
Software firm gets onboard

The Faculty of Dentistry is extremely grateful for the generosity of our local corporate partners like Maxim Software for their monetary donation to the faculty. As well, their donations of paperless practice management software will make charting in both the student and faculty clinics much more efficient.

Pictured here at a presentation ceremony last fall are (from left) Dean Anthony Iacopino, Dr. Lawrence Stockton; Associate Dean Clinics, Chieu Quach; Product Manager, Cheryl Kanhai; General Manager.

Reception Makeover
Donors pave the way for perio upgrade

Thanks to the support of our generous donors, the Graduate Periodontics Clinic at the Faculty of Dentistry has seen its reception area completely renovated. This upgrade greatly enhanced the clinic’s functionality, patient care and resident experience, better portraying a modern working periodontics practice. Pictured at the reception desk are: periodontics residents Dr. Gurpal Buttar (left) and Dr. Tom Wierzbicki and staffer Karen Sinclair.

One Thing Leads to Another
Warm response from alumni and stakeholders offers promise for a busy year ahead

As it turns out, 2010 proved to be a very busy time for the development office at the Faculty of Dentistry, and there is no sign of slowing down in 2011. Over the last few months I have had the pleasure of hearing from many alumni about their connections to the Faculty. It is through the generosity of these alumni and donors that the Faculty of Dentistry has and will continue to deliver outstanding dental education and outreach in Manitoba.

The Ross McIntyre Campaign is entering its final stage, with our committee beginning to actively fundraise to build the trust fund of $50,000 to support future upgrades and maintenance of the Cone Beam. The response from friends and colleagues of Ross to support this endeavor has been fantastic and we look to build on that as we move into the home stretch. For more details on this exciting campaign, see the article on the accompanying page.

We are taking the Dean’s office visit program to Vancouver in March and Ottawa and Montreal in late spring. If you practice in those cities and are interested in having the Dean pay a visit to your office please contact me to set up the details.

In the School of Dental Hygiene we have been working with our annual giving call centre to build support for student awards. The establishment of student awards in the school will be vital with the Degree completion program being established.

Planning a reunion for 2011? Want to help us build on the success of last year’s Dentistry Class of 1995 class campaign? Let me know and I can help you and your classmates be a part of the legacy of giving at the Faculty of Dentistry. I can be reached at 204-789-3537; toll free 1-800-330-8066 or by email at Kyla_Denisuik@cc.umanitoba.ca.

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Submitted by Kyla Denisuik, Development Officer
The generosity of donors to establish the Ross McIntyre Digital Imaging Centre means that tomorrow’s dentists are now being trained on advanced technology that will soon be the norm in the professional world.

Students at the Faculty of Dentistry are getting to learn on brand new equipment thanks to generous donations from alumni and friends of the dental school.

The Ross McIntyre Digital Imaging Centre – named to honour the long-serving executive director of the Manitoba Dental Association, who has been a strong advocate for the profession since 1968 - features technologically advanced imaging equipment that allows oral health professionals myriad advantages that simply were never available before.

The new equipment includes Cone Beam Computed Tomography (CBCT) technology, which is similar to a CT scanner with the exception that patients do not have to go into a tube to get scanned.

The result is advanced, state-of-the-art volumetric images that increase the quality and accuracy of radiographic dental care.

With a modern and easy to use design that includes dedicated application sensors, and automatic landmark recognition, CBCT’s offer superb image quality with a much lower radiation levels than conventional medical CT’s.

Digital X-ray equipment is another key component of the centre, adding an extra degree of efficiency to clinical operations along with the ability to digitally transfer and enhance images that can be presented for interpretation and saved as part of the patient’s record. It also serves as a significant cost saving for the institution as it removes the need to process, manage and store films.

Students who have had the opportunity to work with the new technology are thrilled with the results thus far.

“It’s so fast. The image pops up on the screen right away,” says Jordan Pang, a fourth-year student at the Faculty.

“Before, you would fumble around in a darkroom for five minutes to develop an X-ray. Now we can manipulate the image at the station and the images are perfect. If you do take a bad image, you know right away. It saves time in the long run for sure.”

In addition to the digital radiography equipment, the Cone Beam technology gives a three dimensional image as opposed to a standard two dimensional X-ray.

Dr. Mel Sawyer, associate dean (clinical), says the benefit of this technology is that dentists can better visualize every important detail including any issues or abnormalities in the jaw, the sinuses, the lower bones of the eyes, or the chin in clear detail.

“You get an amazing picture of what’s going on,” says Dr. Sawyer. “From experience, by looking at a regular x-ray sometimes there are things that couldn’t be figured out. But with the 3D image and the front to back plane visible, it helps with diagnosing problems.”

This technology is the way of the future says Dr. Sawyer, and the University of Manitoba is one of the few dental schools in the country that has this equipment in place.

In addition to it being used in a clinical setting within the Faculty, area practitioners can refer patients who need more specialized imaging to the centre.

It is anticipated that this technology will soon become commonplace throughout North American oral health offices with many practices already in the process of adopting it.

To date over $375,000 has been raised and was used for the purchase of the equipment.

The fund-raising committee is still working to raise an additional $50,000 to put into a trust that will be used for future upgrades and maintenance.

For more information on the campaign or to contribute please call Kyla (External Relations on Bannatyne) at 204-789-3537 or email her at Kyla_Denisuik@umanitoba.ca.
Invited Presentations:
Dr. Carla Cohn will deliver “Proven Practical Prevention - Risk Assessment for Children.” at the Pacific Dental Conference, March 10-12 in Vancouver, BC.

Congratulations:
To Dr. Prashen Chelikani on his successful grant application to the Manitoba Health Research Council for a two-year period.
To Dr. Bob Schroth who was just awarded the Manitoba Medical Service Foundation / Manitoba Health Research Council Clinical Research Professorship in Population Medicine.
To Dr. Raj Bhullar on acquiring grant funding from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba. This was a very difficult year for the foundation as total funding was down, making the award that much more significant for Dr. Bhullar.
To Tiffany Cheung (Dent IV) who won first prize in the Applied Sciences category in the poster competition at the NSERC poster competition November 9, 2010 at university main campus.

Research Projects:
Dr. Tom Wierzbicki is presently undertaking a major research project: Cytokine and Prostaglandin Expression in Primary Human Osteoblasts under Inflammatory Conditions. This project will investigate gene and protein expression in human bone cells when exposed to bacterial products. This research hopes to gain insight into how human bone cells respond to bacterial insult, thereby providing a better understand of periodontal and peri-implant disease. Funding is provided by the Dr. John (Jack) Neilsen Research Award in Oral-Systemic Health and the Alpha Omega Foundation of Canada Postdoctoral Education Research Grant.

Dr. Richard Halpern (above) successfully defended his thesis “Dimensional Relationship Between the Sphenoid Sinus, Maxillary Sinuses and Other Craniomaxillofacial Structures Using Cone-Beam Computed Tomography Analysis” on November 24, 2010 and subsequently received his Masters of Science in Anatomical Sciences and Neurobiology at the University of Louisville in Kentucky on December 16, 2010.

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Topic: Implant Mucositis and Peri-implantitis: Diagnosis and Treatment

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Topic: Oral Candidiasis

Dr. Adnan Shah
Topic: Complications From Wisdom Teeth Extractions

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