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Very Engaging
The survey is complete and the results are in, and the Faculty of Dentistry is delighted to report outstanding results in the University of Manitoba’s alumni engagement survey. Faculty stakeholders reportedly are amongst the most engaged of any unit or university anywhere in Canada.

Man of the Hour
Alumni, faculty, students, friends and family packed the house at the historic Fort Garry Hotel for the annual Alumni of Distinction awards evening this past September 21. The annual celebration featured a tribute to the Class of 1963 as well as the Alumni of Distinction awards with Dr. Barry Rayter earning the nod from the Faculty of Dentistry.

Headhunt for Executives
The UMDAA is looking for a few good men - and women, too! The University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association begins its 2014 membership drive with a call for those who may be interested to come forward to join the group’s executive committee. It’s a great opportunity to help lead a dynamic and growing organization.

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Viva Las Vegas: Dr. Mike McIntyre, Pam McIntyre, Elaine Book, and Dr. David Book joined other members of the Class of 1988 in fabulous Las Vegas for the group’s 25th anniversary. See page 21.
Five Years Flies By

COLLEGE MARKS HALF DECADE OF MOVING DENTAL HYGIENE FORWARD IN MANITOBA

It might come as a surprise to many, but it has been a full five years since the profession of dental hygiene marked one of the most significant events in its history here in Manitoba this past autumn. When the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba held its annual general meeting this past October, it officially marked the fifth anniversary of the province’s newest regulatory body in healthcare. And the event was a major success, according to the Executive Director of the CDHM.

“Over 260 registered dental hygienists, College Council members and members of the public attended, making this an unprecedented event in the history of the CDHM,” Stephanie Gordon said. “This event marked the fifth year anniversary of self-regulation of the dental hygiene profession in Manitoba.”

The event gathered members of the profession together for a half-day session that included the usual array of reports and updates for the membership that are a standard to most AGM’s. This one, however, was a bit more special given the significance of the milestone reached by the college in Manitoba.

Dental hygiene became a self-regulated profession on April 15, 2008 under the Dental Hygienists Act of Manitoba. This led to the creation of the CDHM with an operating mandate to regulate the profession of dental hygiene in Manitoba was a labour of love by many members of the profession who toiled for many years to help make it happen.

“I made many trips to the legislature to lobby on behalf of legislation for dental hygienists,” said Harriet Rosenbaum, a School of Dental Hygiene Alumni of Distinction recipient. “The highlight for me was being a part of the process. Achieving our goal was the best thing ever.”

As noted in the CDHM annual report, which was also tabled during the celebration event, dental hygiene has been an active profession in Manitoba since the mid-1950’s, even pre-dating the creation of the School of Dental Hygiene here at the University of Manitoba. It took almost 50 years for the profession to acquire this important mandate.

“It’s just appropriate that, as a profession, we have our own legislation and regulations rather than coming under the jurisdiction of another group,” said Dr. Marnie Forgay, the first and long-time director of the School of Dental Hygiene.

The CDHM was created to ensure the public has safe, competent dental hygiene care and expertise that contributes to oral and overall health using cost effective stewardship of resources. The college also manages detailed protocols to field complaints, perform investigations and undertake disciplinary processes consistent with the legislation.

In addition to establishing industry standards and codes of conduct, the Dental Hygienists Act also allows for self-regulation, a landmark event for the profession in Manitoba. In addition to offering more practice options for members of the profession, self-regulation ensures transparency in processes designed to protect the public, maximizes access to care and allows for inter-disciplinary practice.

“The profession of dental hygiene has expanded and transformed into an occupation of its own, that has had the privilege of being regulated by its own membership,” the CDHM Executive Director added. “I envision a great future for the profession of dental hygiene as a whole and for all the individuals and community members who will benefit from its existence.”
The sun broke through the clouds and shone brightly through the window-laden atrium of the Brodie Centre at almost precisely the right time as alumni, staff and friends of the School of Dental Hygiene collectively raised a glass in honour of a storied school.

“To our past achievements, our present success and our future opportunities: Happy 50th to the School of Dental Hygiene,” incumbent director Dr. Joanna Asadoorian pronounced on that sunny September Saturday.

This past September 21, the School of Dental Hygiene officially marked its 50 years as the premier institute of higher learning for this branch of the oral health profession in Manitoba. Alumni from throughout the school’s history gathered together to mark the occasion over a champagne brunch held over the Alumni of Distinction weekend.

“Time really does fly when you’re having fun!” Dr. Asadoorian shared with the over 100 alumni and friends of the school who gathered together for the occasion. “I’ve been here 10 years and it has been an exciting, rewarding, challenging and wonderful time. We have all developed rewarding careers as an outcome of being here, as faculty, graduates and staff.”

Alumni gathered together with past and present staff and friends of the now-50-year-old institution to reflect on what the school had accomplished, what it meant to those it affected and in anticipation of what may lie ahead.

“I continue to encounter more graduates of our school who have accomplished amazing things,” said Prof. Salme Lavigne, former director of the school to those assembled.

“We have graduates spread throughout the world representing our school and protecting our reputation. This year, I had the honour of speaking to a group of dental hygienists in Zürich, Switzerland and was proud to have one of our graduates in the audience. This graduate was highly respected in the Swiss dental hygiene community. Additionally, one of the presenters at the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association conference in Toronto is another one of our alumni who is enrolled in a PhD program at the University of Washington and presented her dissertation research. These are not isolated examples.”

Of course, no celebration of the School of Dental Hygiene would be complete without an appearance by the legendary Dr. Marnie Forgay. Through the years, the long-time director of the school has achieved almost celebrity status amongst the alumni fraternity, even though the original plan was for her to only have a brief stay at the University of Manitoba.

“I would start in November of 1962 and work part-time for six months to get the programme started,” she explained of her initial time at the school. “That six months extended into about 32 years!”

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For those three decades Dr. Forgay presided over the school and its development into the world-class programme it is today. The first-ever Director of the School of Dental Hygiene was the driving force behind the school’s formative years; a time that was often replete with growing pains, almost from day one.

“Nobody knew much if anything about dental hygiene education. This was a big advantage,” she recalled. “The downside of that was that I was one of those who didn’t know that much! I cobbled together a proposed curriculum which was approved by dental faculty council in April and then Senate told us to go ahead and start the programme.”

A near-total absence of curriculum was only the start. Cramped quarters, little and / or outdated equipment and a lack of qualified instructors also stressed the school and its administrators in those early years. If all this was not enough, the social conventions of the time were not always favourable, either to the field of dental hygiene itself or to its largely female cohort. It was said to be a time when hygiene students, females in particular, were not always afforded equal treatment.

“To say that those first few years were challenging would be the understatement of the half century,” Dr. Forgay said, “and the brunt of the accommodation that had to be done was done by the students in the programme. They were amazing.”

For many of the students of the day, attending the school was like nothing they had ever experienced before. Back then, the school took its cohort directly from high school, so virtually all had no inkling whatsoever of what the university experience would hold. But most students, being the adaptable creatures they are, found ways to adjust.

“Marnie was talking about the fact that the first year classes were asked to spend the first couple of mornings each week at the main campus. That’s when I discovered that there was a lot of fun going on there over the main campus,” explained Terry Phillips, an alumna of the early years. “We had to take a course on Sociology on Friday afternoons. Being a little bit enterprising at the age of 19, I thought I’d take Sociology as a summer course and take Friday afternoons off. And on Friday afternoons I’d go to the beer bashes at the main campus, which is exactly what I did. As a result of going to those beer bashes, I’ve been married to the same gentleman for the past 32 years, which is what I did. As a result of going to those beer bashes, I’ve been married to the same gentleman for the past 32 years, which has been fabulous. So thank you very much for allowing me to take Sociology over the summer.”

A common thread throughout the afternoon was the degree of professionalism that was maintained in the school throughout its existence. Like their dental school counterparts, discipline and regimen were the orders of the day back then. Hygiene students were to wear uniforms, complete with caps, as part of strict dress code and matching code of conduct. Some years, the students found the uniform designs a bit more favourable than others.

“For our year, our class had the most hideous uniforms. They were so ugly!” recalled Pattie Hawthorn of the Class of 1973. “Our class really hated those uniforms to the point that on beer and skits night, we altered them slightly. We ripped them all up, wrote on them. We cut them all up, they just became mini-skirts and we did a skit on them that we called the MMS Forgay.”

Others grew to appreciate the sense of order and propriety that became the hallmark of both dentistry and dental hygiene at the time.

“I love that we went to tea at Marnie Forgay’s house,” said Yvonne Smith of the Class of 1973. “I don’t really remember the whole etiquette but I do remember that someone was pouring at the table. If you were to look up Emily Post, everything was done properly. And I went to teas like that.”

Yet again, through the years, the students would gain an appreciation of where they were and what they were taught.

“Knowledge is dynamic,” she added. “We were taught that; it changes. But we really thought we had arrived. We felt we were lucky to be the keepers of this dental hygiene knowledge.”

That theme was repeated by graduates across the board, including those from the more modern era of the school. Tara Kinchen recalled how she came into the programme terrified at the prospect of having to administer local anaesthetic.

“Seriously, I did not want to give a needle. My hands were shaking and I was literally crying,” said the member of the Class of 2000. “My first clinical instructor was Nancy Hughes and she was so kind and gentle. She helped me a lot. So we graduated and I was working in Rural Manitoba where I had this patient who was an eight-year-old little boy. So I’m going in and the kid says to me ‘when is the needle going in?’ Well the needle was in his mouth already. I thought it might hurt, but it didn’t because everybody showed us the skills we needed to give a local anaesthetic that doesn’t hurt and the respect to build the skills we needed to do it.”

So in spite of enduring more than its share of tough times and major challenges, the School of Dental Hygiene endured and has prospered throughout its 50-year lifespan. It has created a legacy of achievement and seems poised on the brink of further success in the years ahead.

“Anywhere you look in dental hygiene in Canada, you will find a School of Dental Hygiene graduate, whether it is clinical practice, community health professional organizations or other professional or provincial organizations,” Dr. Forgay noted. “In education, the University of Manitoba has always been a leader. So nobody could have predicted 50 years ago what would have happened. But when you look back over the 50 years, and it seems like a long time, we can all be proud and satisfied with these achievements in the first 50 years, and we can look forward with optimism and enthusiasm for the future.”
Where Credit Is Due

DR. DAVID SINGER ACKNOWLEDGED AS A PIONEER INNOVATOR IN DENTAL FACULTY EDUCATION

It takes a lot of skill and determination to establish an entirely new specialty discipline into a post-secondary institution. Anyone looking for proof of this only needs to ask any long serving academic in Preventive Dental Science (DDS) here at the University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Dentistry.

PDS is the umbrella unit name that encompasses orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, community dentistry and the Centre for Community Oral Health (COCH). Like most others in the Faculty, the department has seen its share of challenges in maintaining and expanding its programming over the years.

Most recently, the department added pediatric dentistry as a new graduate offering, the first new option rolled out by the Faculty in more than 30 years. The Master of Science Program in Pediatric Dentistry was given the provisional accreditation in November 2011 and began its normal intake of two residents each year, shortly thereafter. The residents, instructors and staff are all based in a newly renovated pediatric dental clinic located a short distance from the Faculty within the framework of the Health Sciences Centre.

This new Masters offering was a long-time in coming and faced many barriers before being approved by the various governing bodies. Yet each senior member of the PDS academic staff also pointed to the efforts of Dr. David Singer as being instrumental in helping these efforts come to fruition. In 2001, with the strong support and visionary leadership of Dr. David Singer (at that time Head of DDS), PDS was re-established as a separate department with Dr. Billy Wiltshire as its inaugural Head. The orthodontics graduate program, the oldest in the faculty, was within the newly established PDS department. As part of the re-establishment goal of PDS, the start of the pediatric dentistry specialty program was a top priority of Drs. Charles Lekic, Billy Wiltshire and David Singer, but that dream took over a decade to become a reality.

Earlier this autumn, senior academics Drs. Doug Brothwell, William “Billy” Wiltshire and Charles Lekic (pictured above with Dr. Singer, centre) gathered together with the PDS staff in the new clinic in salute of Dr. Singer’s role in bringing everything together.

“We thought this would be a great venue to honour David Singer, because I think we all only gathered here and only have this facility here because of David’s visionary leadership over 14 years ago” said Dr. Wiltshire, head of PDS. “It’s a wonderful facility. It’s probably the nicest pediatric dental facility in all of Canada, if not North America or the world. And it’s not just the bricks and mortar; it’s the people that make it so special. David was very supportive of Charles, Doug and I, the three division heads at the time.”

Each of the senior academics credited Dr. Singer with the vision and determination to push the project forward to its completion. Dr. Singer is also credited with similar efforts in the Faculty’s periodontics division where he served as department head for many years and was later named senior scholar.

As well, Dr. Brothwell, the Faculty’s Associate Dean (Academic) noted it was Dr. Singer who persuaded him to come to the University of Manitoba all those years ago.

In recent years, ill health has forced Dr. Singer to curtail his professional pursuits. Still, on this day he remained cheerful and modest, although clearly pleased by the gesture shown from the staff.

“All I did was make sure I hired very good people,” he remarked with a smile.

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Members of the Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association banded together once again to be part of the Run for the Cure this past October including (top row, l-r) Kaitlin Gregoire, Kathleen Magsino, Joshua Chan, Heather Sirkovsky, Raymond Wang, Joyce dela Cruz, (front, l-r) Jane Quiogue, Hoa Luong, Brooke Lesy and Nicole Bobychuk.

MDHA Runs for the Cure

This year, the Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association joined tens of thousands of Canadians to participate in the October 2013 Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure. We were one of the many teams who participated in a 1 km walk or 5 km run to help support the Foundation’s dream and vision of creating a future without breast cancer.

Our team consisted of 34 participants, composed of students, faculty, staff and instructors of the School of Dental Hygiene and dental hygienists, along with their family and friends, from across Manitoba. Together, we were fortunate to have raised a total of $1,779.

All of the money that we raised will go directly towards helping fund, support and advocate for relevant and innovative breast cancer research, meaningful education and awareness programs, early diagnosis and effective treatment and a positive quality of life for those who are currently living with breast cancer. To learn more about the work of the Foundation, please visit www.cbcf.org.

This is a cause that is near and dear to many of our hearts, as many friends, family members and colleagues have been diagnosed and suffered with cancer. When we think about the estimated over 23,000 Canadian women and men who will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year alone, we know that our continued participation, contribution and fundraising efforts are helping to create change to those statistics.

We are extremely proud of our fundraising accomplishments and our team involvement in this year’s event. We truly look forward to continuing our future participation. On behalf of the MDHA, our sincerest gratitude and thanks to all who graciously extended their support through monetary donations. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you kindly!
Alumnus Receives Coveted Award

DR. KEITH LEVIN CITED FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO ORTHODONTICS

Dedicated service to his profession and his colleagues has earned a Faculty of Dentistry alumnus a coveted award in the field. Dr. Keith Levin was named recipient of the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists (MSO) 2013 Shepard Award for exemplary service to the American (AAO) and Midwestern Society of orthodontists, most recently serving as speaker of the house of the AAO House of Delegates from 2010 to 2012.

Dr. Levin attained his dental degree from the University of Manitoba (1980) and his orthodontic specialty in 1985 and was involved in teaching undergraduate and graduate orthodontics at his alma mater for several years. Dr. Levin also maintains an active orthodontic practice in Winnipeg.

The above photograph, taken at the MSO annual meeting in September in Kansas City, shows Dr. Levin (centre) after receiving his award with proud Canadian supporters: (LTR), Drs. Jeff Nickel and Laura Iwasaki (U of M alumni and former full-time faculty, now heading the orthodontic programme in Missouri - Kansas City), Dr. Babette Cohen (orthodontist, alumna of the U of M, former president of the MSO and wife of Dr. Levin), Dr. Conny Athanasopoulos (92) (President of the Manitoba Society of Orthodontists, MSO Director from Manitoba and dental undergraduate alumnus of the U of M) along with Dr. William ‘Billy’ Wiltshire, professor and head of orthodontics at the U of M and MSO council on Education to the AAO).

The entire faculty family at the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene would like to echo Dr. Wiltshire’s comments: “Hearty congratulations to Dr. Keith Levin!”

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You’re Engaged!

The signs have been present for some time: growing attendance at Faculty events, all-high memberships in the alumni association; record-breaking donations from classes, groups, and individual stakeholders in the community. Now, it is official: You are engaged!

In the winter of 2013, the University of Manitoba completed an analysis of alumni engagement across all alumni based on several factors including academic and extra-curricular student experience, willingness to stay connected, and willingness to support the school. The idea was to measure how involved alumni are with the University. And the results for the Faculty of Dentistry were nothing short of outstanding.

Faculty engagement was pegged at a whopping 21 per cent - more than double the national average of 11 per cent for alumni overall at universities across Canada.

The results of the survey were unveiled by the Dean of Dentistry before a packed house at the 2013 Alumni of Distinction Dinner and Dance this past fall.

“It’s great to see such high levels of engagement. We’ve always known how supportive the dental alumni are of this university and faculty,” Dr. Anthony Iacopino said. “The data support the engagement that we see on a daily basis.”

The survey was undertaken by a firm known as Engagement Analysis Inc., a research and consulting firm which conducts similar surveys for non-profit groups and educational institutions across Canada, the UK and Australia.

Their engagement score is based on analysis of what is called an engagement index: a series of statements that reflect the strength of the relationship a person has with a non-profit organization. The statements are based upon their past, current and potential relationship with the organization in the future.

The survey is undertaken on a periodic basis at the University of Manitoba. In addition to the Faculty of Dentistry results, there was other good news in the report.

Pioneer Spirit Still Burns Bright

FACULTY ALUMNA ENDURES, OVERCOMES A LIFETIME OF CHALLENGES

Most would likely agree that becoming an oral health-care provider is not the easiest thing in the world to achieve. Students in oral health education quickly discover that there is much to learn in a short time and that there is little margin for error.

And while much has changed in science, technology and the design and delivery of oral health care over the years, it does remain a demanding course of study. Fortunately, students of today have been freed of some of the additional stresses that were once part of the higher education realm.

Female students in particular have benefitted from the removal of old bias and stereotypes that put severe limitations on their chances of succeeding in the professional fields. Much of that is no doubt due to those who pioneered their way through those barriers back in the day.

You can count Dr. Janina Stencil in that number. The lone female member of the Faculty’s Class of 1963 faced many significant obstacles throughout her life, both before and during her time at the University of Manitoba. Back in Manitoba for the class’ golden anniversary reunion, the Polish-born practitioner shared some of her memories from what was often a difficult time for women, particularly when it came to dental education. Dr. Stencil (pictured inset with Dr. Anthony Iacopino) was only the second woman to be accepted into the Faculty, coming in one year after Dr. Biruta Osins blazed the original trail in 1962.

“I’m very, very happy to have been one of the two to have the opportunity to be accepted,” she said while visiting with classmates at the 2013 Alumni of Distinction awards banquet this past fall.

The world was a much different place in 1963.

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Through the years, the annual Alumni of Distinction awards evening has proven to be among the signature events of the oral health community in Manitoba. And the most recent incarnation of the yearly celebration of excellence demonstrated with crystal clarity how it has ascended to become one of the most popular and anticipated events on the professional calendar.

Sold out well in advance, the 2013 Alumni of Distinction awards evening featured the trademark characteristics — good times and fellowship, the chance to reconnect with former classmates and to rekindle old relationships — that have come to epitomize the event.

Evening honourees Dr. Barry Rayter and Ms. Pattie Moore, recipients for dentistry and dental hygiene, respectively, were joined in the spotlight by members of the Faculty of Dentistry’s Class of 1963, who were celebrating their golden anniversary year of graduation from the institution.

And the good natured fun and games that have become an intrinsic element of the event were on full display this year, pretty much from the start. Dr. Chris Cottick, in his third consecutive turn as master of ceremonies, set the tone from the beginning with his usual light-hearted banter and good natured exchange with the many assembled for the evening’s festivities.

“I’m all about members of the profession pulling on the rope and these two members certainly do that,” Dr. Cottick said in his opening remarks on the two award recipients of the evening. “These two members have certainly done that. They have done so for the benefit of Manitobans, for the dental population, for the faculty - they are all about that. And this is the most important thing to my mind.”

The wide-spread popularity of the good doctor was reflected by those in attendance for the September 20 event as many of Dr. Rayter’s friends, family, colleagues and practice team members turned out in a show of support and to offer their congratulations. Many of them were acknowledged for the roles they played in Dr. Rayter’s most distinguished career. He also reflected back on a career that has spanned almost 50 years and, even after all that time, still shows no signs of slowing down.

“I always thought about dentistry as doing dentistry. It wasn’t until I got into it that I realized I had opportunities way beyond my expectations” he explained. “I’ve been on thousands of committees; I’ve mentored students; I’ve taught students in elementary school, in high school; I’ve traveled all over the country. It’s really, really, really been a treat. I had no idea that I would experience some of these things that have enlightened me and let me go further, and have a great time doing it.”

In addition to serving in private practice for decades, Dr. Rayter also racked up an impressive number of years’ service in organized dentistry.

He played instrumental roles in several areas that had a profound influence on the profession, all the while tempering his duties with his gentle good nature and commitment to caring.

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Good Times
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“He cares about the welfare of patients, not just as a dental provider but as a person,” Dr. Frank Hechter noted in his introductory remarks on behalf of his esteemed colleague. “He cares about being able to deliver the best treatment that he is able to in the circumstances; of that individual’s background and ability and enthusiasm for dentistry. And he conducts himself as a humble, thoughtful and reflective gentleman. And that’s the environment in which I have had the good fortune to know Barry Rayter.”

It was only fitting that Dr. Rayter’s counterpart for the evening, Ms. Pattie Moore is also renowned to be something of a free spirit. A 30-year dental hygiene practitioner in public health, Ms. Moore played key roles in the development and deployment of many effective and successful outreach initiatives, including a daycare fluoride varnish programme targeting high-risk children in poverty-stricken neighbourhoods.

The member of the School of Dental Hygiene’s Class of 1972 said she was doubly honoured at the evening after renewing acquaintance with Dr. Marnie Forgay, the former and founding director of the School of Dental Hygiene.

“It is an honour to get such a distinguished award, but tonight has already been a success,” she shared with the group. “Dr. Forgay told me I could call her Marnie. So it’s just been a wonderful night!”

The Dean of Dentistry commended both recipients, noting their significant contributions to the oral health profession through the years that cemented their reputations and earned them the accolades of their peers.

“I’m sure others will have lots to say about Barry and Patti but I want to personally acknowledge Barry for his contributions to the Faculty as an instructor, mentor, donor, and all-around comedian,” Dr. Anthony Iacopino said. “I’d also like to acknowledge Patti for the dedication she’s shown to community and public service. She’s certainly set the standard for many years.”

Members of the Faculty of Dentistry’s Class of 1963 also had much to enjoy on this evening. As celebrated guests of honour of the University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association, the 12 returning members of the golden anniversary class were feted during a special ceremony that has become a fixture at the annual event.

“Let me say gentlemen and lady that it is marvelous to see so many of you here to celebrate with us; to allow us to be in your presence and to recognize that you have contributed not just to the profession of dentistry but to the community of Winnipeg and beyond,” Dr. Hechter noted just prior to gift presentation to the returning members of the class. “Each of you has been an exemplary example of why it is that the Faculty of Dentistry should be incredibly proud of its alumni. So for all of us here, let me congratulate the Class of 1963.”

In acknowledging the class, Dean lacopino added that honouring the legacy of those who have gone before as pioneers and innovators contributes to the concept of a Faculty of Dentistry family, with each member looking out for the best interests of the others.

“It captures the enduring idea that our Faculty works best when we accept certain obligations to one another and to future generations of our graduates,” the Dean said, “that our collective pride and profession are dependent on the education of new generations; and that into our next 50 years as an institution, it remains our joint responsibility, as members of the Faculty family, to be the stewards of the next great chapter in our history. A standing ovation ensued, not only for the members of the 50-year anniversary group, but for all of the evening’s honourees.

In presenting the gifts to the reunion members, Dr. Scott Leckie offered possibly the most succinct summation of the evening’s activities.

“I was just sitting back and kind of reminiscing and reflecting on what a great evening this is,” noted the past president of the UMDAA. “I really enjoy coming out to this evening because I find there is a lot of good fellowship and good visiting and I like to hear all the banter and chatter going on most of the night.”

And those who were not fortunate enough to secure tickets to the sold-out event will not have to wait too long before making plans for 2014.

The UMDAA has confirmed that nominations will soon be open for next year’s honourees. As well, the association also confirmed that the next Alumni of Distinction evening is set to take place on Friday, September 19, 2014, once again at the beautiful and historic Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg.

Boys will be boys: Sharing some good times at the Alumni of Distinction evening were (l-r) Drs. Chris Cottick, Tony Krawat, Chris Donald and Mike Cuthbert who were among the sold-house house at the 2013 event.

Opposite page: Members of the Class of 1963 were the guests of honour of the UMDAA at the gala and presented with gifts to mark the golden anniversary of their graduation. UMDAA past president Dr. Scott Leckie, pictured top row, left presided over the short ceremony honouring the group.
A Tribute to the Faculty of Dentistry’s

Class of 1963

Dr. Marshall Peikoff
Dr. Bob Baker
Dr. Harold Diamond
Dr. Marcel Mollot
Dr. Marvin Kohn

Golden Year Anniversary!

Dr. Julius Wise
Dr. Arnold Kapits
Dr. Jentia Stancel
Dr. Aaron Wong
Dr. Fritz Zens
Spirit Still Burns
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Working women were a relative rarity; women in professional positions or educational programmes were virtually unheard of. However, Dr. Stencel had earned her oral health credentials in her native Poland prior to immigrating to Canada and was subsequently accepted into the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba. The road thereafter, she says, was not always smooth.

“You didn’t get much help from the other students because you were competing with them; especially me, as a woman, in a man’s world,” she said. “I was told that I must show I had the ability to be among the other dentists. Many before me couldn’t do it.”

Racial and gender issues were commonplace back in 1963, the same year that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered the seminal ‘I have a dream’ speech in the United States. Those from the time maintained that female students were segregated from the rest of the student population and were often treated with less respect than their male counterparts.

“You were separated from the others and you could never actually talk to anyone,” Dr. Stencel said. “Only now, after 50 years, I was sitting at the table with some of the others and I said ‘now I can finally talk to you!’”

Still, Dr. Stencel rose to the challenge and attained her Canadian credentials, perhaps to the chagrin of those who doubted her ability to do so.

“Many people told me there was no way I could do it,” she said. “Even in the communist countries they told me I would come back begging for my old position. Because you would never do it in Canada.”

Yet the challenge here in Canada was hardly the first the Polish expatriate had to face. In 1939, World War II broke out with devastating consequences for that nation. By the end of the conflict, Poland had lost over 16 per cent of its population, the highest of any country involved in the conflict.

“But I was still working. We were still practicing.”

“Because of the war, most of the men were deceased,” noted Dr. Stencel’s daughter-in-law Anna, who came along for the reunion weekend in Winnipeg. Still, the family survived and Dr. Stencel would go on to become a dentist in Poland prior to leaving for Canada. After graduating here, she then moved to Vancouver where she became the first Polish woman to open a practice.

It was indeed a long, eventful and often difficult journey, but also one that left her proud of her achievements while also inspiring her to help others. These days the good doctor is enjoying life while pitching in for a foundation that assists struggling artists in British Columbia. The group is dedicated to establishing a museum and art gallery in Vancouver. She noted that perhaps some of her old office equipment might be suitable artifacts for the new facility should it be completed.

“I have loved my profession very dearly,” she said, “so I hope to have some small replicas of my old office with the older exhibits for others to realize how lucky they are now to have such nice office equipment.”

After a long and eventful career, Dr. Stencel felt it was important to find the time to revisit her alma mater as part of the reunion weekend.

“I’ve been standing on my own for 40 years,” she says. “I am happy to be here on such an occasion.”

Alumni Engaged
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“As much as 62 per cent of alumni indicated that their degree has helped their careers, which is higher than the Canadian average” Alumni Relations Director Mark Robertson said of the overall results. “We’ve also heard from alumni that they are interested in life-long learning. It was education and learning that brought them here, and their desire to learn continues.”

In recent years, the Faculty of Dentistry, the School of Dental Hygiene and their respective alumni associations have been very proactive in developing continuing education options for their respective alumni and stakeholder groups.

The Faculty and the dental alumni group have been partnering with the Winnipeg Dental Society for a series of CDE events throughout the academic year. This includes a special education session that runs in conjunction with Alumni of Distinction weekend. The 2013 session was led by Faculty academic Dr. Anastasia Cholakis, following a standing-room-only seminar from Dr. Gerald Niznick in 2012.

The School of Dental Hygiene alumni association is sponsoring its second education forum this spring. This is in addition to programming run by the school itself for dental hygiene practitioners. The school’s next event is slated for April, 2014.

The upswing in CDE options has been matched, almost in lock-step, with the steady and sizable growth in commitments and sponsorships from the entire oral health fraternity. In recent years, the Faculty has seen record donations come from individuals and classes while consistently setting new benchmarks in overall support from the alumni community in general almost each and every year.

While naturally pleased with the official results, Dr. Lacopino said the survey reaffirms how the ties between alumni and the institution have grown and strengthened through the years.

“We may have different jobs, different responsibilities, we may hold different views than the person beside us. However, we all share the same pride, sense of community, and commitment to the Faculty,” he said. “I continue to see this in monthly reports of donations from our stakeholders, in the continuing engagement of alumni in our teaching program, and in the large attendance at our various receptions and activities. We are the Faculty family. It’s a bond that not only describes our common educational experience, profession or interests. It describes the way we’re made; it describes what we believe.”
There is an old saying in the business world that goes to the effect of: If you want something done, choose someone who is already busy to do it. This way, you know it will get done.

It is with this thought in mind that the University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association is launching its 2014 membership drive, the annual call for new members and reminder for current members to renew for the year ahead.

“It’s always great to bring in new members and we’ve had some really good success with that over the last few years,” association president Dr. Kyle Gauthier said. “We’d like to keep that going. We’d welcome some new blood for our executive as well.”

Since its reorganization about five years ago, the UMDAA has instituted an annual membership drive each winter season as part of its mandate to grow and bolster the organization. And successive drives have succeeded in raising the group’s numbers to the point where membership is now at an all-time high. Dr. Gauthier said the time seems right to begin the process of welcoming some new blood to the group’s executive board.

“We were really happy about the attendance at the last dinner. Clearly, our membership is growing,” he said of the sold-out Alumni of Distinction Dinner and Dance this past autumn. “Right now, our primary mandate is to build and fortify the scholarship and make it a well-sought-after award and work on that is progressing well. It seems like this would be a great time to transition some of our people who have been (on the executive) for the past number of years.”

Members of the UMDAA executive board hold their positions for a two-year term. Dr. Gauthier will step down as president this spring, with Dr. Danielle Jobb ascending upward from her current role as Vice-President. Drs. Jobb and Gauthier have each spent the last several years as active members of the executive board. For new members, Dr. Gauthier said, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved.

“We have representation on Dental Faculty Council, the curriculum board and of course our primary concern has been to maintain and enhance the John Grahame Scholarship, which has been great,” Dr. Gauthier said. “We could use a few new members to step in to these roles and maintain our presence, which we think is pretty important for the school and the students.”

The UMDAA is looking to ramp up the 2014 membership drive that will take place at the Canadian Dental Association annual conference that is being held in Winnipeg this year. Headlining the drive will be a special social night and hospitality suite that will run the Friday night of the event, to welcome new, current and prospective members and to introduce them to other members of the association.

Dr. Gauthier said they are looking to welcome graduates from some of the more recent dental classes and make them more familiar with the UMDAA.

“We’d like to have every decade of the school represented. We do have that to a certain extent, but we would definitely like to see more from the more recent years,” he said. “The last 10 years is where we seem to be lacking the most. It’s likely a case that they are not that familiar with us or what we do.”

Dr. Gauthier said it’s natural that recent graduates would have other obligations in their first few years of practice. Still, he added, joining the association would be a great introduction to the UMDAA and the role it plays with alumni and at the Faculty.

“It’s not a huge time commitment,” Dr. Gauthier said. “We meet as a group a few times a year and there is the annual general meeting each spring. So it’s really a matter of how much a person would like to get involved. We’d love to see folks come out and see what we’re all about.”

To that end, UMDAA members will be out on the convention floor, staffing a booth at the registration area of the convention hall, to meet and greet all visitors to the event. Full voting memberships will once again be available for only $50, with out of province and associate memberships available for $35.

The drive will culminate with the special reception and hospitality suite that is open to all and will take place on Friday, January 24, at the Delta Hotel’s Manitoba Suite, located on the third floor of the hotel that is adjacent to the convention centre site. The event will get underway at 7:30 pm.

The UMDAA would like to acknowledge and thank Sinclair Dental for their gracious and generous support of this event.
It is sometimes surprising to witness what results from honest effort. Take as the latest example the case of Dr. Rhonda Switzer. The alumna of the Faculty of Dentistry has enjoyed some remarkable successes in recent times; her fellowship in the American chapter of the International College of Dentists chief among them.

In recent times, the member of the Class of 1991 has been devoted to the development and expansion of the Interfaith Dental Clinic, a pair of outreach facilities in the deep American south focused on helping underserved populations to receive quality treatment.

So imagine the surprise when the native of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba found herself in Costa Mesa, California this past summer where she would receive the humanitarian award from the Lucy Hobbs Project, an organization designed to honour exemplary women in the dental community.

“It’s remarkable how things happen,” Dr. Switzer stated from her practice office in Nashville, Tennessee. “It’s interesting because often when I go to events I’m just happy to be there and meet people. Nobody ever wines and dines me. Usually it’s the other way around so I can talk to them about the charity.”

Dr. Switzer was one of six honourees for the evening that included awards for successful practice, mentorship, clinical expertise and innovation along with a ‘woman to watch’ category. Their first-ever awards night also included a keynote address and meet-and-greet session with Hollywood actress Helen Hunt. The experience was a thrill for the former prairie practitioner and certainly a far cry from her days up in Churchill where she served at a fly-in clinic after graduation some time ago.

“It was so inspirational to meet her,” Dr. Switzer said of the multi-award winning big screen performer. “She was either extraordinary at acting extraordinarily or she really is truly extraordinary. I really enjoyed her address. It was fascinating to hear the stories of the other award winners and their experiences in dentistry.”

Established by Benco, an American-based dental supply firm, the Lucy Hobbs Project is named for the first woman to become a dentist in the United States, after finally securing her license in 1866. Through the project, the company looks to champion women’s issues in the oral health profession along with providing networking and career development assistance. It’s an idea whose time has come, Dr. Switzer notes.

“Currently, 35 per cent of all dentists are women,” she observed. “I don’t know what (enrollment) is at the University of Manitoba right now; probably 50-50. But when I went through, of the 25 I was only one of five women. It’s a big difference. So they were looking at issues that women in dentistry might have that are preventing them from being successful.”

While at the event, Dr. Switzer then became introduced to Smiles for Success, a charity started by the American Association of Women Dentists. The charity helps women who are in job-training programs, and who have dental needs and helps make them look more job-ready and be healthier for the workplace.

“Which is what I do every day, but there is opportunity there because Tennessee does not have a ‘Smiles for Success’ chapter,” Dr. Switzer said. “Basically it refers women into their practices to change their smile and give them a better opportunity to land a good job and to keep a good job and move out of poverty.”

And, as if all of this was not enough, Dr. Switzer was most recently named to an elite panel of local business and professional people as part of Leadership Nashville. Each year, the initiative takes 44 established leaders from the community to go through an intensive training program to determine the city’s challenges and grow collaboration.

“It’s a big time commitment; it’s a full day a month,” she said. “But I’ll have an opportunity to be in sessions with the mayor and all the leaders of the community to help formulate some long-range plans for Nashville and make some contacts for the charity. I’ll be spending my up-coming year doing that and of course enjoying our hit TV show Nashville.”

For more, visit thelucyhobbsproject.com. You can also visit the Smiles For Success Foundation at www.aawd.org or interfaithdentalclinic.com.
THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

Editor’s note: Serving in the Canadian Forces is often a career path chosen by many new graduates of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba. Major Ashley Mark is among those who have followed such a path. A member of the Class of 2002, Major Mark is the Senior Dental Advisor for Operation Attention Roto 3 in Kabul, Afghanistan. Born and raised in Dauphin, Manitoba, he graduated from Brandon University and the University of Manitoba. Major Mark has graciously provided the Faculty family with a note home with an update on his adventures abroad in service of this great land of ours:

Submitted by Major Ashley Mark

I remember standing proudly, wearing a blue Air Cadet uniform at Lt. Col Barker VC school gymnasium. As a member of 50 Lt. Col Barker V.C. Air Cadet Squadron, I had always hoped that someday I’d be serving my country as a Canadian Armed Forces Officer. Well, here I am, 20 years later, deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan. I would like to briefly share my experience with you.

Since July 2011, Canadian Forces Health Services members have been serving as advisor-mentors to their Afghan counterparts at the Armed Forces Academy of Medical Sciences (AFAMS) in Kabul to develop and implement a standardized, Afghan appropriate, medical education and training system for the Afghan National Security Forces.

As the Senior Dental Advisor, I’ve had the opportunity to work alongside our Afghan National Army Dental colleagues. Our mission is a unique one, as it is the first time Health Services members have been deployed in the advising role.

It is extremely rewarding to play a part in the continuing successes of AFAMS and Afghanistan as a whole. This opportunity, albeit dangerous, has shown me how wonderful and absolutely generous the Afghan people are. Most have been through extremely difficult times, and yet, they still have the ability to laugh. I am hopeful that the youth of Afghanistan will hold strong and continue to voice their opinions and make change a reality. Although a cliché, I’ve come to realize that it really is the youth that can and will make a difference.

Programs have been developed in many areas including: graduate medical education; nursing; dental therapy; pharmacy, physiotherapy, biomedical, laboratory, radiology and preventive medicine technicians, combat medic and physician assistant. While some programs will take time to mature, others are well on their way and AFAMS is poised to become a centre of excellence in military education and training in Afghanistan; a centre where male and female students are training side by side.

Without sounding like a recruiting advertisement, the Canadian Armed Forces has given me an amazing opportunity to explore the world. From serving in Belgium for three years, to dental specialty training with the US Army in Texas, and now deployed to Afghanistan, it’s been an incredible adventure. What a great experience.

Thank you to my parents Inky and Lynda for always supporting me - I know they are proud. Of course, I must thank my beautiful wife Katherine for caring for our three sons, Liam, Kaleb, and Michael, while I am away. Dad will be home soon, boys.
First Blood

Alumni - Student Challenge Series, Game One Hockey Report

By Chris ‘Pylon’ Cottick

Editor’s note: As of press time of this publication, Game II of this storied series had just concluded. However, no need for spoiler alerts here. Further, we dared not risk the ire of the readership by denying them the dubious enjoyment found in the unmistakable prose put forth by our illustrious columnist, who captured the Game I action as only he can.

September 2013 marked the resumption of the titanic yearly struggle of the alumni versus their dental student counterparts in the annual Alumni-Student Challenge Series. The struggle was not just for the alumni to pull their hockey equipment from summer storage and pull it over their sunburnt, beer enhanced bodies but to fight the students for hockey supremacy and bragging rights.

An early matchup in this year’s season series was arranged at River Heights Arena. A balanced, youthful student team, newly bolstered with hockey playing first years met a slightly undermanned, heavily veteran alumni team missing some of their core players.

Despite missing first-line centre Chris ‘The Flash’ Donald and anchor defense man Kyle ‘The Joker’ Gauthier as well as new grad and solid defense man Neil ‘Scruffy Albino’ Wilson, the alumni decided to roll the dice to see how badly the students would crush them, instead of forfeiting.

The script unfolded much as expected with strong student pressure and a quick 2-0 lead. The veteran alumni team held on and fought back to get a late goal from Jon ‘Guy Smiley’ Archer tucking in the tying goal with six minutes left.

The major reason that the alumni were able to hold on and chip away at the deficit was the stellar, almost unbelievable play of Kyle ‘Stonewall’ Conrad. Kyle’s play was augmented by his calm, instructive demeanour, keeping the alumni on track defensively — thereby ensuring the students couldn’t capitalize on their better talent pool — by organizing the alumni trap.

It looked like the game would go into sudden death overtime or even a shutout, as recent past matches have. But, unbelievably, with three minutes left, a routine face off in the students’ zone led to the puck coming out to the point to grizzled alumni veteran Kris ‘Howitzer’ Kolter who send a perfect, parabolic ‘slap shot’ which found pay dirt in the back of the student net!

The alumni were able to keep the students from tying the game in the desperate last minutes to ensure an improbable win and the lead in the best of three game series.

The game was followed by stitches for student captain Aaron Mah’s split lip at alumni manager Chris ‘Pylon’ Cottick’s convenient, nearby office, and a joyous get to together at the old Metropolitan theatre.

Again, the drama and excitement of this real life, storied matchup has surpassed any fiction that humans could write.

The trash talking of an ego-bruised student team has started to ramp up the excitement for the potentially clinching game to be held in November at Sargent Park arena.

You can be sure that a bolstered, fit alumni team will stand up to the challenge and do everything possible to win the series and your alumni sports reporter will be there to bring all the action back to the Bulletin either way.

All Fun & Games

Sports Day Continues Good Time, Long-Running Faculty Tradition

Another letter perfect day welcomed students and staff to Sports Day 2013 this past August at Old Exhibition Park. A long-standing tradition at the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene, Sports Day brings students faculty and staff together for a day long softball tournament and barbeque to mark the start of the new school year.

And, as always, the competition was fierce with many games going down to the wire. In recent years, the senior class from dentistry has claimed the Canine Cup, emblematic of tournament supremacy and this year was no exception. The Class of 2013 (pictured opposite page bottom celebrating their victory) continued this trend holding off the rest of the field and besting a tough faculty team to claim the tournament championship and the bragging rights therein.

The day also featured plenty of great plays, outlandish costumes and outfits and some great sportsmanship from all five teams involved.

Photos, from top left: Trystan Thomas (Dent III) makes the play at the plate; Lindsay Robertson, Phillip Unruh, Zhendan Pan and David Dacombe (Dent III) take a break between games; Shaun Corbett chases down a fly ball; Jason Andrews (Dent IV) rounds the base pads; Nikki Tahmic (DH II) a member of Team Hygiene attempts an infield put out; Joel Ly and Alycia Sam (Dent IV) tend the barbeque.

Special thanks to Sylvia Schurko-Backman who pitched in with the lunch-time preparations, helping everything run smoothly.

The Faculty of Dentistry would like to acknowledge the Dental Students Association for staging another great event.
THE TRADITION CONTINUES…

SPORTS DAY 2013

The 2013 school year got off to another roaring start thanks to another edition of Sports Day, a long-standing tradition at the Faculty. See opposite page for captions and a recap of the day.
From the Desk of the Dean

Fanning the Flames

GRASSROOTS SUPPORT SPREADING LIKE A PRAIRIE WILDFIRE

Dean Anthony M. Iacopino

DMD, PhD

What a remarkable autumn season it has been! As many of you may be aware, I recently returned from four months administrative leave to full duties in the Dean’s Office. It was a busy time, as you may well imagine, especially with my return coinciding with the start of our new academic year, a time that is traditionally the most active of the year.

Naturally, there was a predictable amount of catching up to do. Ours is a fluid environment: our students, academics, and staff are always on the move, always involved, always moving forward. As Dean of Dentistry, it is my job to stay on top of this hive of activity, lending guidance, leadership and support as needed. And, as always, I carry this obligation with no small amount of pride as I am continually impressed if not amazed at the strides we collectively continue to make.

One of our senior students, Alanna Junaid, was named national champion of the Canadian Dental Association’s annual research competition. This marks the first time in recent history a University of Manitoba student topped this prestigious and important competition.

Not to be outdone, Dr. Prashen Chelikani was selected for a major research award from the Manitoba Medical Service Foundation. Here again was another first for our Faculty, certainly over the recent past.

Earlier in the year Prof. Emeritus, Dr. Colin Dawes was honoured with a distinguished service award from the CDA for his many years of leadership in oral biology.

On a broader scale, we continue to press on with the important work of developing and improving our educational programming on all levels. Our programming continues to evolve at near-record pace, with our faculty members stepping up to lead change and improvements like never before.

We’re completely restructuring how our students provide clinical services, while simultaneously continuing to improve our work and learning environment. It’s certainly not the same teaching program it was five years ago, two years ago, or last semester.

And, I am delighted to say that much of this is due to the participation of you - our alumni and major stakeholders. Each of you has played instrumental roles in helping us develop and move forward, allowing us to make unprecedented progress in key areas of concern.

For example, did you know that we are the only dental school in North America that works collaboratively with a Community Council of dedicated alumni towards refining our clinical education and patient management approaches? This unique and innovative approach allows us to keep pace with changing times and practice trends, thereby ensuring our graduates are ready to be successful and productive associates and practitioners.

Further, we’ve continued to recruit an outstanding cohort of full-time and part-time academics and clinical instructors. As our clinics continue to provide top quality patient care, our students can be assured of a world-class clinical experience backed by an engaged and enthusiastic team of instructors.

And this may be the best part: We now have proof that our engagement with key stakeholders is linked to all these marvelous achievements.

The University of Manitoba recently completed an analysis of alumni engagement across all of its Faculties based on several factors including donations, volunteerism, attendance at alumni events, and feelings toward their alma mater.

And I am proud to report that the Faculty of Dentistry received the highest alumni engagement score, significantly higher than the next closest unit. At a whopping 21 per cent, the Faculty of Dentistry score was a full seven percentage points ahead of its next nearest unit; nearly triple the university average!

We have always known that our dental alumni were the most supportive alumni of any university Faculty, but now we have the objective data to prove it.

It is more than ironic that I first presented these results at our Alumni of Distinction Gala this past September, which coincidentally was our first-ever sold out event! Clearly our alumni are talking the talk and walking the walk.

It was indeed a special moment for me to share these glorious findings with our alumni fraternity at our most significant event. Included on our guest list that day was the University’s new director of Alumni Affairs who was no doubt impressed to see what number one looks like.

For all the trials and tribulations that stack up after time away from the office, this report stands as joyous vindication of all our collective efforts.

We are the Faculty family. This bond not only describes our common educational experience, profession, and interests. It also describes the way we’re made and what we believe in. It represents the notion that our Faculty works best when we accept certain obligations to one another and to future generations of our graduates; when we realize that our collective pride and profession are dependent on the education of new generations; and when we make a commitment to our future as an institution, to be the stewards of the next chapter in our history.

Once again, I would like to offer my deepest and most heartfelt thanks to you for your role in making all this happen. This growing and unwavering support is energizing and underscores the privilege and honour it is to serve our Faculty community. As always, I look forward to hearing from you.

Grazie.
During the long weekend of May 17-19, the Faculty of Dentistry’s graduating Class of 1988 embarked on a trip to Las Vegas to recall what we have been accomplishing over the past 25 years.

The 1988 grads that made the journey included: Drs. Jerry Abel, David Book, David Buckles, Ken Danyluk, Colleen Greiner, Glen Joyce, Mike McIntyre, Jeff and Wayne Okamura, Rob Piedalue, Larry Watral and Bernie Yau.

For some of us, it was the first time we had seen each other since the day of graduation. For others, it was a familiar gathering amongst lifelong friends that started over 29 years ago when we all came together in the Hamilton Lecture Theatre at 780 Bannatyne Avenue on Day One of our journey to become dentists.

The weekend began with a “class-only” dinner at the Stratosphere where “pearls of wisdom” and glasses of wine were shared. This was followed by a formal gathering with our significant others in a private setting at the incomparable Canaletto Ristorante Veneto in the Venetian Hotel and Resort.

As I walked to the restaurant that evening, my wife Frances, whom I met after graduation, asked me if I was nervous about seeing my classmates, to which I responded: “No, I am excited!” And indeed, they did not disappoint. Back in the day we were a mega-active group as we excelled in the classroom, in the lab and on the clinic floor.

In extracurriculars, we spear-headed faculty social events and participated in sporting and cultural activities until our final farewell.

Interesting enough, a number of romances back then bloomed into marriages and it was neat to catch up with the spouses who were part of our lives and lived through the emotional details of our student years.

Congratulations go out to David Book and his wife Elaine who were married between third and fourth year.

To Ken Danyluk and his wife Jackie, who met when a number of us were bar hopping one evening in first year, and to Mike McIntyre and his wife Pam who was enrolled in the dental hygiene program at the time.

As we looked back to yesterday, it was evident that we felt grateful for a quality education from a diverse faculty with an experience that helped make us the real professionals and true friends that we are today.

From the ranks of our class spawned a number of clinical instructors, two orthodontists, military affiliations and respected and progressive leaders in our chosen dental communities.

Sadly, we lost Susan Lucas this past summer and we soon came to realize how she left us way before her time.

Colleen Greiner, our class Valedictorian, gave us an encore presentation just like old times. She reminded us that it was probably worth every ounce of energy we spent trying to make it through dental school to bring us to to that day. And just like those past 25 years, the evening flew by and came to an end much faster than we had thought.

There was one final hug, one last handshake, some incredible group photos and, as predicted, we were off to enjoy a bit of gaming on the casino floor.

As we gathered at the craps table, some participating and some watching, I reflected on what an incredible group we were: The major attributes of warmth and collegiality we unequivocally shared. Much so that we have fostered members from other classes who feel as comfortable being with us as we do with them. An adopted classmate who joined us was Dr. Tom Greene.

The weekend ended with an informal breakfast at the Venetian and optional pre-planned activities on Sunday.

For those who were not able to join our celebration this time, please look to tomorrow for what can only be a continuum of our unique group.

Lastly, special thanks go out to Dr. Glen Joyce and his committee of Drs. David Book, David Buckles, Wayne Okamura, and Bernie Yau who made the necessary arrangements to bring the class together.

So today, as we turned to the pages to remember, celebrate and relive the past, we can surely be happy and excited for tomorrow, because of what we so diligently accomplished yesterday.
A visit to the old stomping grounds: Members of the Class of 1963 took a stroll down Memory Lane with a visit and tour of the Faculty of Dentistry during Alumni of Distinction Weekend this past September. Taking in the tour were (top, l - r) Drs. Arnie Kapitz, Harold Diamond, Julius Wise (bottom, l - r), Marvin Kohn, Janina Stencel and Fritz Zens.

They did do things a bit differently back in the day. Perhaps the legacy of an era of order and discipline, students at the Faculty of Dentistry were subject to a tight regimen that included being seated or stationed in alphabetical order during their course of study.

Such was the case for Drs. Julius Wise and Fritz Zens who found themselves side by side for a significant portion of their time at 780 Bannatyne. Fortunately, the two members of the now-storied Class of 1963 got along well and enjoyed their time together.

“It was nice to see my next door neighbour in the labs,” Dr. Wise said to his school mate during the class reunion that took place over Alumni of Distinction weekend this past September, “and you were next to me in the clinic as well.”

“We were the last of the line,” Dr. Zens confirmed. “We spent a lot of time shoulder to shoulder.”

That was then; this is now. While they spent a good deal of time together during those formative years, each would embark on much different career paths upon their graduation, now a full 50 years ago.

“We do not see each other normally,” said Dr. Wise, who spent the balance of his career as a general practitioner in Winnipeg. “I haven’t seen Fritz for about 48 years. He looks about as old as I do!”

The two made up for some lost time during the class reunion that included 10 others from the original class of 22 during their recent reunion. Rounding out the rest of the group who returned were: Drs. Robert Baker, Harold Diamond, Arnold Kapitz, Marvin Kohn, Marcel Mollot, Marshall Peikoff, Janina Stencel and Aaron Wong.

Members of the class were invited guests of the University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association and presented with commemorative gifts during a special ceremony at the Alumni of Distinction banquet this past September. Taking in the tour were (top, l - r) Drs. Arnie Kapitz, Harold Diamond, Julius Wise (bottom, l - r), Marvin Kohn, Janina Stencel and Fritz Zens.

“I worked at (Canadian Forces Base) Camp Shilo for one year,” Dr. Zens recalled. “I had some money to buy a Valiant and I had a friend who moved to British Columbia and he said ‘why don’t you come to BC?’ So just before Christmas I headed out from Shilo and by the time I hit BC, I could see green lawns. I thought, ‘OK, this looks good to me.’ So I finished my duties in the springtime at Camp Shilo, loaded up my Valiant and headed out.”

No matter where they wound up, every member of this historic group would go on to enjoy long and successful careers. Many, like Dr. Kaptiz and Dr. Peikoff are still practicing, but have tried to make time to get together over the years. The group’s last reunion was held five years ago and featured a robust dinner celebration in Winnipeg among other activities.

Many members of the class jumped at the chance for another reunion when they were invited to be the guests of honour of the UMDAA at the annual Alumni of Distinction awards evening. It was all part of a very special weekend for the group that included a dinner gathering along with a tour of the old haunt at 780 Bannatyne.

“I ended up on Vancouver Island, in Port Alberni, where I stayed for 48 years,” Dr. Zens said. “I worked three days this week, then I jumped on a plane and came out here to see this gang. It has been very nice.”

His old lab partner agreed it was nice to get together with the old gang again and to be a special part of the alumni evening.

“Although we have all aged a bit, our hairlines aren’t quite what they were 50 years ago, it was a lovely affair,” Dr. Wise said. “I saw people I hadn’t seen in so many years; it was encouraging. I was pleasantly surprised that the affair turned out to be quite lovely.”

Shoulder to Shoulder once Again
Alumna Warmed By School Award

2013 AOD RECIPIENT ENJOYED LONG, VARIED CAREER

Most in the profession are likely aware that a career in dental hygiene can lead to many interesting places. Yet the career of Pattie Moore may take this to an entirely new level. The 2013 Alumni of Distinction recipient for dental hygiene has enjoyed a long and varied career dabbling in many different areas and directions over some 30 years of professional practice.

In addition to many years of service in public health, Ms. Moore has been a speaker, author, volunteer, outreach worker and board member, among many other things. And she brought her trademark enthusiasm to each and every role throughout that time.

“She never ceases to amaze with her boundless energy, her amazing imagination, and her unbreakable optimism,” said Linda Pharand, who presented her long-time friend and colleague with the award from the School of Dental Hygiene this past fall. “It is worth mentioning that most of her work in public health took place in the downtown or Point Douglas area. It takes courage, strength of character, a very good character and a strong work ethic to offer services and to try to make a difference in an area where so many really great families face such difficult challenges.”

It would be hard to argue that capping a career with one of the most prestigious awards in Manitoba oral health might seem a great way to wind up a long history of service to the profession. Ironically, however, it was a career choice that came almost by accident to the 2013 honouree.

“It was a great idea to become a dental hygienist over 41 years ago but unfortunately it wasn’t even my idea. I wanted to go to Toronto but my dad was Italian and he wouldn’t let me go alone,” she said of her family’s wish for her to stay closer to home and enter the oral health field. “Parents always know what’s best and it turned out to be a great decision. I spent almost my entire career in public health and I think I loved every minute. For this, there is no bottom to my heart. Thank you very much.”

Full Slate Keeps Members Moving

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ENJOYS ACTIVE AUTUMN; GEARING UP FOR BUSY WINTER

Submitted by Cindy Isaak-Ploegman,
President, UMDSHAA, on behalf of the executive committee

What an autumn season it was! The University of Manitoba School of Dental Hygiene Alumni Association has certainly enjoyed a wonderful fall season.

The highlight of our calendar was clearly the Alumni of Distinction weekend. We celebrated the Alumni of Distinction for 2013, Ms. Patti Moore, at the Alumni of Distinction gala September 20 at the Fort Garry Hotel. On the following day, Saturday, September 21, we were pleased to be a part of the 50th anniversary champagne breakfast celebration for the School of Dental Hygiene at the Brodie Atrium, Health Sciences Centre.

These events served as great opportunities to meet our alumni, former faculty and staff from across Canada, while providing our friends and colleagues with tours of the School of Dental Hygiene office space, clinic and laboratory facilities. It certainly made for a busy and eventful weekend.

We were blessed to have the founding Director of the School, Dr. Marnie Forgay, in attendance at both events. That made the occasions even more special for us all, in particular for our alumni from the formative years of the school.

Our entire executive committee is committed to growing our membership in the New Year while ensuring our current members renew and continue to be involved and support our efforts.

To that end, we will be holding another membership blitz this winter season. We will be soliciting new members at our booth at the Canadian Dental Association annual conference set for our city in late January.

Throughout the season, it was our pleasure to promote our membership renewal for 2014. We are pleased to report that our membership dues remain unchanged at $25 for active, affiliate, and supporting members. Students can become members for only $10.

Should all go according to plan, those interested will have the opportunity to pay their membership fees by credit card or debit card at our booth at the dental convention on Friday, January 24, 2014. Please visit us at our booth; we would love to meet you.

We are hoping soon to have a presence on Facebook, so you may get the chance to ‘like us’ before too long!

Through the autumn events, we also had the opportunity to promote our upcoming professional development course: Current legal and ethical issues in dental hygiene.

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Managing A Paradigm Shift

DIRECTORS MANAGE CHALLENGES TO SET THE TEMPLATE FOR THE FUTURE

A ny which way you slice it, 50 years is a pretty long stretch of time. Whether it be in a person’s life, the generation of a family or even the evolution of a society, much can and does change over the span of five decades. Jump back to that time and it’s easy to see on the surface: no credit cards, no computers, certainly no internet, coupled with technology and medical science that paled in comparison with that of today.

Such was the reality of the day for the newest school at the University of Manitoba, its administrators and its small band of less than a dozen students who would embark into the uncharted waters of dental hygiene education.

Roughly 50 years ago this past September, the group gathered together in the close confines of the new dental school building on 780 Bannatyne to begin their collective journey towards a new profession in Canadian healthcare, although it was hardly a champagne cast-off.

“We had low-speed, belt-driven, hand-pieces. The chairs looked like they had been rescued from some old barber shops from old western movies. Fishing tackle boxes carried all the instruments,” recalled Dr. Marnie Forgay of those first days. “The other thing was space: we had very little space: the lounge was very small; there was no locker room; the lockers had to be shared and they were crammed into the washrooms in front of the stalls.”

Dr. Forgay shared these memories with a gathering of school alumni from the past five decades at the school’s golden anniversary celebration this past autumn on the Bannatyne Campus.

Things were not a whole lot better for their dental school counterparts who had to put up with the same limitations in the facility at the time. For example, the belt-driven hand pieces were pronounced obsolete at about the same time the building opened in 1961, but the students were stuck until more modern units could be found and installed.

But technological limitations were hardly the last of the challenges before the new cohort of dental hygiene students. Because of the newness of the profession, finding qualified instructors in Canada proved just about impossible. So administrators were forced to look south.

“There were very few experienced dental hygiene educators around,” Dr. Forgay recalled. “Nobody wanted to come to a cold climate in a foreign country for less money.

That was just the way it was.”

Compounding matters was the uphill climb the school was facing in dealing with the societal mores of the day. Remember that back in the early 1960’s, women venturing out into advanced education or the working world was not exactly commonplace. Dr. Forgay said it was important to simply acknowledge that reality in order to move forward.

“Although I had no problem acknowledging the seniority of the dental profession – particularly at that time - it was very hard to convince some people that dental hygiene students had equal rights at the university. That was a long battle,” she said. “However, I did persuade some of my dental colleagues to stop referring to the students as ancillaries, which is the Latin word for a female slave. So I did win that one.”

Times change, calendars move forward and the School of Dental Hygiene did manage to weather the storms of those early years. Not only did the school survive, it would go on to forge a reputation as a leader in dental hygiene education.

“Graduates of the School of Dental Hygiene are well-known and spread throughout the country in major leadership positions,” said Salme Lavigne, who served as school director for 12 years after Dr. Forgay. “I must say that I knew that I had a daunting task ahead of me to ensure that this reputation be upheld. I took that to heart and wanted to make sure that the University of Manitoba remained the best school in the country.”

But it was hardly clear sailing for those who would follow in the founders’ footsteps. Even after many years of producing first-class graduates, moving the school forward was still an often difficult task. Prof. Lavigne recalled how introducing a local anaesthetics class into the programme proved to be a particularly troublesome task.

“I’ll never forget the first meeting I had with the clinic director of the day when he discussed moving the clinical component of the restorative course into a postgraduate module format in order to free up patients for dental students,” she recalled. “He asked what I would do to fill the void in the curriculum.”

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New Leadership for Canada’s Dental Hygienists

Ms. Mary Bertone (right) presents Dr. Joanna Asadoorian with a commemorative gift from the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association for the school’s golden anniversary. Ms. Bertone was recently named president of the national body.

The Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) is pleased to announce that Ms. Mary Bertone of Manitoba has been named the new president of the national association.

An alumna of the School of Dental Hygiene (Class of 2005) at the University of Manitoba, Ms. Bertone becomes the tenth president of the national organization to come from Manitoba.

Ms. Bertone brings 23 years of experience in the dental field to the position of CDHA President. She has served as the president of the Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association and is currently a staff member at the University of Manitoba’s Centre for Community Oral Health swerving as an oral health promotion specialist.

More recently, Mary has also taken on the role of project coordinator for Healthy Smile Happy Child, a Manitoba-based early childhood tooth decay prevention project, while maintaining clinical practice in long-term care and in an inner city clinic.

She has been actively involved in developing mouth care policies and education resource material, leading caregiver training sessions, and conducting research on long-term care.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in dental hygiene and is pursuing a master’s degree in public health while teaching community health to third-year dental hygiene students at the School of Dental Hygiene at the University of Manitoba.

Mary’s leadership skills, straightforward approach, compassion, and commitment will serve the national association well. Mary is also inspired by the profession of dental hygiene and is proud to be part of an organization that values its members and the people they serve.

“Access to care issues are dear to my heart,” she notes, adding, “during my term, I will work diligently to advance the oral health interests of disadvantaged populations and the underserved.”

In addition to the installation of a new president, the CDHA also welcomed a new board of directors at its recent annual general meeting in Toronto, Ontario. Joining the new president is president-elect Mandy Hayre of British Columbia and board members: Gerry Cool (Alberta), Christine Gordon (Saskatchewan), Sandy Lawlor (Ontario), Sophia Baltzis (Quebec), Joanne Noye (Nova Scotia), Tracy Bowser (Prince Edward Island), Nikki Curlew (Newfoundland & Labrador), and Donna Scott (North).

Serving the profession since 1963, CDHA is the collective national voice of more than 26,800 registered dental hygienists working in Canada, directly representing 17,000 individual members including dental hygienists and students.

Dental hygiene is the sixth largest registered health profession in Canada with professionals working in a variety of settings, including independent practice, with people of all ages, addressing issues related to oral health.

“I announced without hesitation that it would be a course on local anaesthetics. He was stunned; in fact I thought he would faint. He looked at me and said that hygienists cannot administer local anaesthetics. I looked at him said ‘well, I’m a dental hygienist and I administer it. Not only do I administer it, I’ve been teaching a course on it for the past five years.’”

Over the course of time, the school would also establish a new baccalaureate degree programme in addition to opening brand new staff and administrative offices only a few years ago. The school’s current director said the challenge now is keeping pace with all the achievements realized in the past. Among those goals would be entrenching dental hygiene as part of Canada’s universal health-care system.

“A lot of what’s happening lately is not so much about what we do internally, but rather how we position ourselves and respond to what’s happening externally and making sure dental hygiene is an important component of what’s going on now and into the future. Hopefully in 50 years from now, they will be talking about how far they have come since 2013 when universal oral health care was still not a reality,” Dr. Joanna Asadoorian said. “One thing I’m sure of is that the folks here at the School of Dental Hygiene have a history of being courageous and putting their dreams into action.”

Road trip! School of Dental Hygiene alumni members (l-r) Elaine Li (DH 81), Mary-Ellen Murray (DH 69) and Irene (Lutz) Buzab (DH 69) made the trek from Regina, Saskatchewan to be part of the School of Dental Hygiene’s 50th anniversary celebrations this past autumn.
Now that we, at the School of Dental Hygiene, have returned from the ‘high’ of our 50th anniversary celebrations and are fully immersed in the business of dental hygiene education, we are refocused on what’s going on in dental hygiene education.

Clearly, the momentum for interprofessional education has not diminished, and, in every health care sector, an appreciation for the need to embrace interprofessional education to improve patient health care outcomes is evident.

In the USA, with the new Affordable Health Care Act, the need to deliver care in a collaborative and interdisciplinary manner has become recognized as being more essential than ever.

On a local level, the restructuring of the health science faculties and schools should support this development. It’s also important to note that the School of Dental Hygiene will remain a distinct component of this new structure.

As the health-care environment attempts to create a more collaborative practice environment, our School works towards producing students prepared to work in team-based networks of health care providers. This is good for oral health because it helps put the mouth back where it belongs — with the rest of the body.

These changes, while positive, of course impose new challenges on the School as we endeavour to exceed current accreditation standards and seek proactively to ensure we will meet future standards, particularly those surrounding inter-professional education. Those of us at the School of Dental Hygiene know the importance of being a part of a new, integrated vision of health care, and will continue to work towards supporting it and being a part of it.

Best wishes for the holiday season

This course will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2014 with lunch included, in the Buhler Atrium.

Ms. Jackie Collins, LLB of Gange, Goodman, and French and legal counsel to the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba, will provide a review of current legal issues and will focus on the developing area of the relationship between health care and human rights.

This will include a review of a 2013 decision of the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal, arising from a complaint by a patient who alleged a dentist refused to continue treatment due to a mental disability. This case provides guidance on the important issue of when a health-care professional can refuse treatment. Other recent developments in Canadian cases impacting health care professionals will also be discussed.

Prof. Arthur Schafer, Director of the Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics will also be on hand. The University of Manitoba academic will address ethics in oral health-care practice.

The event will take place in Theatre B of the Basic Medical Sciences building on the Bannatyne campus and will begin with Ms. Collins starting at 12-noon and Prof. Schafer appearing from 1:30-2:30 pm. The cost of this event is $25 for members, $65 for non-members, and $75 for a table for sponsors.

Participants last year were very pleased with their experience so we invite you all to join us for what should prove an interesting and provoking discussion this year. Membership fliers and forms and professional development fliers and registration forms are available by emailing us at UMSDHAA@outlook.com.

As our mandate is to assist the School of Dental Hygiene, we are excited about the creation of a new scholarship for our student members. We hope to provide $500 to a Baccalaureate Dental Hygiene student to present a poster at a professional conference. Thus far we have raised $75 towards this goal and we are hopeful that we will raise the remaining $425 before the spring of 2014. Donations to this fund are tax deductible.

To give an income tax deductible donation to this cause, contact UMSDHAA@outlook.com for a pledge form or the School of Dental Hygiene development officer at Kyla.Denisuik@umanitoba.ca (204-789-3537).

We also have another initiative in place: The UMSDHAA hopes to match alumni or student members with other alumni with specialties or research interests in a specific area. More information will be released on this as it becomes available.

On behalf of our entire executive, thank you for your time and attention and interest in our association. You can be sure that the best is yet to come!
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ALLIANCE OF HEALTH-CARE FACULTIES ONE STEP CLOSER TO REALITY ON BANNATYNE CAMPUS

It has been talked about for some time and now it would appear that the discussions are reaching a conclusion. The Faculty of Dentistry, along with all of its counterparts in professional health-care education (medicine, nursing, and pharmacy) may soon be ready to move forward with a plan to align all health related disciplines into one brand new unit: the Faculty of Health Sciences.

The news that the Board of Governors had approved the proposal was confirmed by Dr. Joanne Kesselman in a communication to staff in November.

“A formal proposal for a more integrated structure in the health sciences has been developed,” the Vice President (Academic) and Provost said. “This proposal aims to position the University of Manitoba as an international leader in health professions education, research and practice.”

The proposal has been posted and is available for review on Academic Structure Initiative page of the Provost’s section of the university website. It is a lengthy and detailed document that examines all aspects of the initiative, from concept to completion.

“Specifically, the proposal is to incorporate the Faculties of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy, and the Schools of Dental Hygiene and Medical Rehabilitation into a new Faculty of Health Sciences,” the document notes.

Some two years in the making, the proposal was developed through a collaborative, iterative process involving the Deans and Directors of each of the units affected, including dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dental hygiene and medical rehabilitation. It involves what could well lead to a wholesale restructuring of academic-educational delivery model at the Bannatyne Campus. Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, played a key role in the development of the initial proposal.

“In order to respond to a rapidly changing health-care and research environment, improve patient care and public health outcomes through interprofessional education and collaborative research, and address rising costs in an era of constrained resources, the academic health professions in other jurisdictions are increasingly coming together around a unified mission, supported by a common governance and administrative structure,” the proposal notes. “The time is right for this type of alliance to be pursued at the University of Manitoba.”

In addition to finding ways to increase efficiency and save on costs, the proposal also places significant emphasis on interprofessional education.

The report notes that the increased cost of educational programming and the advent of a multi-disciplinary service delivery approaches are the two major factors drawing health-care professions into a more collaborative model.

“Health professions education has become a costly enterprise for universities, especially as government funding decreases and community expectations increase,” the author notes. “Dental education, for example, is now the most costly university program on a per student basis due to the need to provide patient care/teaching clinics on site. Pharmacy education is rapidly changing with an expanded need for a patient care/teaching clinic and increased experiential education, each with their incremental costs.”

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IMPLANT RESTORATIVE FELLOWSHIP

The University of Manitoba, Faculty of Dentistry’s Department of Restorative Dentistry, is accepting applications for participation in the Implant Restorative Fellowship. This program is designed to provide exposure and training in Advanced Restorative and Implant Dentistry. The fellowship is under the direction of faculty who are both Canadian and American Board Certified Prosthodontists. The program runs from August 11, 2014 until June 30, 2015 with the contingency for extension into a second year. The program focuses on the restoration of multiple implants in support of the Undergraduate Implant Program, Graduate Oral Surgery and Graduate Periodontics Programs. Besides extensive hands on experience, this program is supported with relevant coursework at the graduate level and one half day a week of teaching. The experiences that the Fellow will undertake will depend on their interest and qualifications.

Graduates of CDA Accredited Dental Programs will be eligible for a $3000 per month stipend and will be given priority in the selection process. Those who have successfully challenged the NDEB examination will also be eligible for the stipend. Foreign Trained Dental Professionals are eligible to apply if space allows. Tuition will be $35,000 for Foreign Trained Dental Professionals. Please forward a letter of intent, 2 references, a copy of your transcripts and resume to the address below. Application deadline is February 15, 2014. Further information can be obtained by contacting:

Dr. Randy Mazurat, Associate Professor
Department of Restorative Dentistry,
Rm D226L – 780 Bannatyne Ave. Wpg, MB R3E 0W2
Randall.Mazurat@umanitoba.ca

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

A STRR IS BORN

Each year outstanding graduating students are provided the opportunity to honour teachers and instructors who have made important contributions to their education. In May, 2013 the Centre for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning celebrated the 21st year of impactful teaching and learning at the Students’ Teacher Recognition Reception (STRR). This past year, students from the Faculty of Dentistry and the School of Dental Hygiene participated with one student from each area nominating instructors of note.

Dr. Karen Rosolowski of the Class of 2013 (pictured left) nominated Dr. Doug Brothwell, a long-time instructor and current Associate Dean (Academic) at the Faculty (left, beside Dr. Rosolowski).

Raymond Wang (Class of 2013) nominated Lorene Belows, an instructor at the School of Dental Hygiene. School of Dental Hygiene director Dr. Joanna Asadoorian and University of Manitoba president Dr. David Barnard (at left of Dr. Brothwell) also attended the event.

Recognizing that academic growth and development occurs over many years, the student is asked to recognize two teachers; one from Kindergarten to Grade 12 years and one from their time at the University of Manitoba. Each former student speaks about the impact these teachers have made on their lives.

Donor Relations Message

Fall is always a bustling time at the University of Manitoba. Students are back on campus and we host our annual homecoming celebrations. This year was as enjoyable as years past. The Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene were represented in full force. We honoured Dr. Barry Rayter and Ms. Patti Moore at the Annual Alumni of Distinction dinner. The funds raised at the dinner are being used to support the Dr. John Grahame scholarship.

The day after the gala was a busy day on campus. Dr. Doug Brothwell and I hosted the Class of 1963 for lunch and tour of the faculty. I always enjoy hearing stories about the university and the faculty, and how they’ve evolved since our alumni were students. While the tour was going on, Dr. Joanna Asadoorian and a small committee of volunteers hosted a brunch to celebrate the School of Dental Hygiene’s 50th Anniversary. It was wonderful to see a room filled with alumni from the past 50 years.

As we wrap up our blur of homecoming events, we look forward to upcoming gatherings. These include the annual reception at the Pacific Dental conference in Vancouver, and an alumni reception for the Manitoba Dental Conference in Winnipeg at the end of January. And stay tuned for news about a professional development day in February, supported by funds from the Dr. Robert Glenn Trust.

We are always happy to connect with alumni and donors at larger alumni events, but also welcome opportunities to meet on campus at the faculty. Please contact me and we’ll arrange a visit for you. I can be reached at 204-789-3537 or Kyla.Denisuik@umanitoba.ca
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all it a home away from home. This past summer, the Faculty of Dentistry welcomed eight summer students from different universities throughout Brazil. The group made the trek as part of the the Ciencia sem Fronteiras (CsF) or Science without Borders (SwB) Scholarship programme undertaken by their home nation.

Included in the group were (pictured top, from left) Olivia Aires (Universidade Federal da Paraíba), Markus A. Atmanspacher (Universidade Paulista), Edina Vendrame (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul), Dr. Rodrigo França, Fabiola RS Nunes, (Universidade Federal o Maranhão), Vivianne C Jesus (Universidade Federal de Bahia), Paula FD Silva (Universidade Federal de Alagoas), Thales F. Dantas (Universidade Federal do Ceará), Lorenna Araujo (Universidade Federal de Sergipe), co-supervised by Dr. Osmar Barreto from our Orthodontic division and co-supervised by Dr. Reynaldo Todescan from the Faculty's prosthodontics division.

The group remained at the Faculty for a total of 13 weeks throughout the summer months. They performed extensive research in the dental materials field, such as on: Nanofilled resin composites, flowable resin composites, resin-modified glass ionomer cements and pattern resins, orthodontic adhesives and bleaching agents.

The group worked very hard and the fruits of their labour are showing: Five posters were presented at the prestigious Academy of Dental Materials meeting this past October 9 in Vancouver. As well, four abstracts were submitted for consideration for the Canadian Association of Dental Research meeting in Charlotte, NC next spring.

All members of the group proved to be pleasant, professional and very capable researchers and were also pleased to encounter instructors who were most familiar with their language, culture and background.

Launched in the summer of 2012, the $2-billion initiative will see the South American nation send more than 100,000 of its best students to study at various universities throughout the world. Canada will receive about 12,000 students, the second-highest total of all recipient countries. The University of Manitoba has since received nearly 270 students - the second highest number of Brazilian CsF students for any single institution in Canada.

At the U of M, the study period is divided into three parts administered through Extended Education’s English Language Studies and International Programs (ELSIP). They consist of language training (if required), academic courses with English as an Additional Language (EAL) and research / industry placement.

For more information on the program visit: http://umanitoba.ca/sciencewithoutborders/undergrad/

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Additional efficiencies could also be drawn from a more coordinated unit that would reduce duplication of services and better coordinate strategic and operational plans.

This would include the move towards inter-professional education and service delivery that is now taking hold all across Canada.

“In an effort to improve individual patient and public health outcomes, governments, academic institutions, industry, professional organizations and community stakeholders have embraced the concept of inter-professional health education and practice,” the report states. “We are not in a position to merely ‘follow’ the changes. Universities must create the graduates who will lead this process, which is vital to the sustenance of Canada’s healthcare system.”

Another key component of the proposal is the relocation of the Faculty of Nursing to the Bannatyne Campus, a seemingly natural and logical progression for one of the province’s highest demand occupations. Although no timeline has been developed, that transition seems to occupy a critical place in the future of the Bannatyne Campus.

“Without doubt, the strong contributions that nursing brings to the alliance can only be fully realized and operationalized by its ultimate relocation alongside the other health professions on the Bannatyne Campus,” the report says. “The draft Bannatyne Campus Redevelopment Plan outlines exciting possibilities, not only with respect to a new state-of-the-art building for Nursing but also the first true inter-professional patient care clinic in North America that will place nursing, along with the University’s other health professions, at the forefront of innovation in healthcare training and delivery.”

The proposed alliance would establish the largest and most comprehensive health sciences faculty at any university in Canada. Now that the report has been approved by the Board of Governors, a transition and implementation process will begin using a general steering committee and various subcommittees to represent the various health professions units. Initial work will concentrate on governance/bylaws, inter-professional education, students/student services, HR/finance, research, and academic affairs.

Input is also welcomed from other stakeholders who can share their thoughts, opinions and viewpoints through the Academic Structure Initiative office of the university: asi@ad.umanitoba.ca.
AROUND BANNATYNE

ACTIVITIES OF ALUMNI, FACULTY, AND STUDENTS OF THE FACULTY OF DENTISTRY AND THE SCHOOL OF DENTAL HYGIENE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

PRESENTATIONS (ORAL)


Lavigne S: Inflammation, periodontitis and overall health; International Dental Professionals of Switzerland, Zurich, Switzerland, April 25-26, 2013.

Lavigne S: The state of oral health in nursing homes globally and its effects on the overall health of this vulnerable population group (keynote address); International Symposium on Dental Hygiene, Cape Town, South Africa August 16, 2013.

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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Submissions to the Bibliography and Around Bannatyne sections are welcomed on an ongoing basis via email @dent_events@umanitoba.ca.

Bibliography contributors are reminded that their work must appear in a published peer-reviewed publication prior to being listed. Items will NOT be listed until after the work officially appears.

In addition, the Alumni — Faculty Bulletin welcomes word of any and all other activities undertaken by alumni, faculty and students of the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene. This includes class reunions, birth announcements, offshore travel and other items that may be of interest to the broader community.
Deadline Approaches

The College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba deadline for renewal of your 2014 Dental Hygiene Registration is fast approaching! The CDHM is requesting that you please submit the following documentation along with your completed forms:

- Proof of Health Care Provider or Level ‘C’ CPR Certification
- Proof of Malpractice/Liability Insurance
- Payment (cheque may be postdated to January 14, 2014):
  - $420 for registration on the Practising Register of Dental Hygienists
  - $180 for registration on the Non-Practising Register of Dental Hygienists
- If applicable, Declaration of completion of Local Anaesthetic, Orthodontic or Restorative Module
- If applicable, Extended Practice Declaration

Minimum Practice Hours Required for Registration Are:

- No minimum practice hours are required if you graduated within 12 months of renewal (January, 2014).
- 400 practice hours are required if you graduated within 24 months of renewal (January 2014).
- 600 practice hours are required if you graduated more than 24 months of renewal (January 2014).

Accurately completed registration form and all supporting documentation should be mailed to:
College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba
109-420 Des Meurons Street
Winnipeg, MB R2H 2N9

Please ensure that these documents are received or postmarked by December 1, 2013 in order to avoid any late fees. Any errors or omissions on your form will be returned to you and considered late if not accurately completed by the December 1 deadline. Registration documents that contain errors received after November 14, 2013 cannot be guaranteed processing by the December 1, 2013 deadline and late fees will be applied.

It is a requirement to inform the CDHM if you have moved or if you are cancelling your dental hygiene registration for 2014. More information on how to complete your renewal documents can be found at www.cdhm.info/registration or call the CDHM office at 204-219-2678.
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