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It appears the age of micro-dentistry has arrived. Undergraduate students are now getting introduced to the world of Dental Operating Microscopes, the latest technological innovation to appear at the institution. Many in the profession believe these units are the wave of the future and have the potential to change practice for the better.

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Hometown Hygienist Takes Head Office

NEW DIRECTOR AT SCHOOL OF DENTAL HYGIENE; NEW DEPARTMENT HEAD IN RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY

Over the past number of years, there has been a steady and determined drive geared towards drawing more Manitobans towards the oral health programming options at the University of Manitoba. So it would perhaps only make sense that this effort would be carried through to the upper offices at this institute of higher learning.

Over the summer months, the School of Dental Hygiene confirmed that it has welcomed a new director to the post as Ms. Mary Bertone assumes the role effective on August 1, 2014. The role also includes a tenure-track appointment as assistant professor within the school. The announcement was confirmed by Dr. Anthony Iacopino in a recent memo to all staff at the institution.

“Mary brings a long history with our institution as well as significant local and national experience within professional hygiene organizations,” the Dean of Dentistry said. “She has successfully managed a large portfolio within the Centre for Community Oral Health (CCOH) and has received outstanding support from her colleagues in the School of Dental Hygiene.”

An alumna of the School of Dental Hygiene Class of 2005 (Honours), Mary comes into the role as the current president of the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA). Mary has close to 25 years of professional experience, including the development and coordination of several major CCOH community outreach initiatives. More recently, she served as project coordinator for the Healthy Smile Happy Child Manitoba oral health initiative.

“I am both excited and humbled to serve as director for the school that I am so proud to call my alma mater,” Mary said of the appointment. “This institution has a rich tradition of developing not just exceptionally capable dental hygiene clinicians, but also leaders in research and service. There are exciting times ahead in our profession, and with the talents of our capable faculty and staff, we will make the most of these opportunities and provide the best possible educational experience for our students.”

Mary 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.

Throughout her career, Mary has delivered countless presentations and guest lectures while also performing research on long-term care.

As well, she was named a recipient of the University of Manitoba Community Outreach Award in 2008, given to those who have enhanced outreach activities at the institution.

Also, this past summer, the University of Manitoba’s Board of Governors approved the naming of Dr. Rodrigo Cunha as Department Head of Restorative Dentistry. Dr. Cunha was serving as acting head until June 30.

Since arriving at the institution in the fall of 2011, Dr. Cunha has established himself as a skilled clinician, instructor and administrator who has earned the respect of his colleagues and the professional community in Manitoba.

“During his tenure as acting department head, the department has addressed many issues and made numerous improvements in the clinical teaching program which have resulted in enhanced patient care and student satisfaction,” Dr. Anthony Iacopino, Dean of Dentistry said in confirming the appointment.

“He takes on a heavy teaching load, has had numerous publications, and has performed many service activities including continuing education programs he has developed and presented. Additionally, he has won teaching awards and provided excellent mentorship for student researchers.”

Dr. Cunha’s five-year term is effective as of July 1, 2014.
Among the Order

A n instructor within the Department of Preventive Dental Science was among the 14 Manitobans inducted into the Order of Manitoba this past spring. Dr. Hermann Lee, clinical instructor and assistant professor in orthodontics, was among the honourees for the province’s most prestigious award at the Manitoba Legislature on May 21.

The Order of Manitoba is Manitoba’s highest honour, “recognizing individuals who have demonstrated excellence and achievement in any field of endeavour, benefiting in an outstanding manner the social, cultural or economic well-being of Manitoba and its residents.”

Dr. Lee, who has served at the institution since 2000, has a long history of involvement with the Chinese-Canadian community within the province in addition to a lengthy list of volunteer activities both inside and out of the oral health profession.

“I like a life with variety,” the affable and always personable Dr. Lee said. “Teaching at the college is not only a duty, to enlighten the next generation, so they do not have to re-invent the wheel, but also rewarding in making me youthful and energetic again.”

Born and raised in Hong Kong, Dr. Lee came to North America where he earned his BSc (Honours) in 1976 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. At Washington University (St. Louis), he earned his DMD in 1983 and orthodontics designation in 1985. He moved to Winnipeg to join family members and to set up private practice in 1986 where he has remained ever since.

“In my free time, music is closest to my heart,” said Dr. Lee, who is a renowned pianist among many other talents. “The high point of my musical career was to perform for Her Majesty the Queen during her visit on July 3, 2010. I had a chance to shake hands and chat with her. She was intrigued that I am an orthodontist, and commented that it must be expensive for the province to hire me for the occasion!”

And, once again, Dr. Lee (pictured above beside Prince Charles) would brush with royal greatness. This year’s ceremony coincided with a visit by none other than their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall, who participated in the event. Prince Charles addressed the gathering while he and his wife Camilla Parker Bowles assisted with the inductions.

Almost since his arrival in the city, Dr. Lee took up volunteer causes. In addition to his service within the cultural community, Dr. Lee is also an avid and passionate photographer. Those in the oral health profession will have seen him out and about at professional and industry events where he volunteers his time and expertise as official photographer.

In 2012, he was a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. Dr. Lee said volunteer service in the community is something of a family tradition.

“The local Chinese community is small and I started volunteering for the community early on, following my uncle’s footsteps,” said Dr. Lee, whose uncle Philip Lee also happens to be Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba.

Dr. Lee was joined by several local luminaries in receiving the award including Roland Penner, the province’s former attorney general and the former dean of law at the University of Manitoba, and Israel Idonije, the first University of Manitoba graduate to play in the National Football League. Sports figures Don Duguid (curling), Jennifer Jones (curling) and Bob Irving (broadcasting) were among the others to be part of the 2014 order.

“Those selected for investiture this year are all exceptional men and women and represent an array of talent, expertise, compassion and commitment,” Lt.-Gov. Philip Lee added.

Created in 1999, the Order of Manitoba has been awarded annually to those nominated from the community. Recipients are selected by an independent advisory council that evaluates all nominations received and then recommends the candidates each year to the chancellor. Once inducted into the order, members may use the initials O.M. after their names for life.

Members of the Order: Manitobans who received the Order of Manitoba were feted this past spring at the Manitoba Legislature. To see who made the grade, visit http://www.manitobalg.ca/pdf/OfMnewsSpring2014-EN.pdf
The Neil John MacLean Library has launched a new service that may well be a best-seller among its patrons, if all goes according to plan. This past spring, staff at the Bannatyne Campus library came with a ‘novel’ idea to draw more patrons into the realm of reading while providing a welcome break from the work-a-day world in the process.

It’s called Relax and Read whereby some of the day’s best-selling publications, including popular fiction and non-fiction titles, are now available at the Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library. The idea officially went into effect as of May 12 and library staff is tickled at what they believe will be a very popular new offering for its patrons.

“Timing is everything. I had been thinking about this for a while and it sort of gelled at the Canadian Health Libraries Conference,” said Ada Ducas, head of Health Sciences Libraries at the downtown campus. “Mê-Linh Lê, one of the librarians asked me about opening a leisure reading collection and I said I had been thinking about the same thing. We started discussing it and put together a proposal to Karen Adams the university librarian who approved it in principle.”

A partnership initiative with the Winnipeg Public Library, it took almost one year to the day for the concept to become reality. The Relax ’n’ Read: Leisure Reading Collection offers an array of titles ranging from thrillers to cookbooks, graphic novels to historical fiction, and biographies to award-winning novels.

The project was driven by what library staff felt was the need to provide a diversity of reading materials for people on this campus; to get people through the door; to get them to commit to leisure reading or academic reading.

“It’s very convenient. It’s easy to pick up a book here and deliver it where you work rather than having to get into a car and go to the public library,” Ada said (pictured above with Rick Walker of the Winnipeg Public Library). “There are many studies that document that there is a positive correlation between reading and health and well-being.”

The library now features a wide selection of titles including the latest and greatest from popular authors covering almost all genres under the sun.

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A Treat for the Senses

WEEND OF NETWORKING, CPD LINED UP FOR MANITOBA DENTAL HYGIENISTS

You might call this a treat for the body and the mind. The University of Manitoba School of Dental Hygiene Alumni Association invites one and all to its latest Professional Activity Record opportunities – ones that promise to be a bit different than others in recent years.

In a most unique programming move, the UMSDHAA will be holding two events to run consecutively over the weekend on January 23 and 24, 2015.

It begins with a Wine and Cheese evening on Friday, January 23. On Saturday, January 24, it’s Ergonomics in Dental Practice – the third annual Continuing Professional Development offering for dental hygienists in Manitoba. Both events will qualify those attending for credit towards their Professional Activity Record (PAR).

“We are really excited about this weekend as I don’t think anything like this has ever been done before here in Manitoba,” said Cindy Isaak-Ploegman, president of the UMSDHAA. “This will be a great opportunity for dental hygienists to meet, network and hear some great lectures.”

The double-header weekend marks the first time that any dental hygiene organization in Manitoba has offered this type of opportunity for practicing professionals in the province. The Friday evening Wine and Cheese will provide an opportunity for alumni and attendees to meet and mingle with School of Dental Hygiene academic staff and some of the new faces from the school’s in-coming student body.

“Meet and mingle events have been very popular among our alumni,” Cindy says, “and it’s a great chance for everyone to get to know our new cohort starting up this year.”

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Registration is now open for both the Friday and Saturday events, with a special discount in place for those who attend both. And, as always, active members of the UMSDHAA will receive an additional discount on their registration.

For more information, to register and/or to sign on with the UMSDHAA, contact one of the executive committee members or send an email to: UMSDHAA@outlook.com.

Best-Loaner’s List

POPULAR TITLES NOW AVAILABLE TO ALUMNI AND STAFF ON BANNATYNE CAMPUS

A partnership with the Winnipeg Public Library, the Relax n’ Read: Leisure Reading Collection offers an array of titles ranging from thrillers to cookbooks, graphic novels to historical fiction, and biographies to award-winning novels.

Some of the titles available include:
- Astronaut’s Guide to Life on Earth - by Chris Hadfield
- Bringing Up The Bodies - by Hilary Mantel
- Code - by Kathy Reichs
- Divergent - by Veronica Roth
- Exposure - by Kathy Reichs

Patrons are reminded that books in the collection are available for loan periods of up to three weeks at a time. There will be no renewals, holds or requests.

All items on loan must be returned to the NJM Health Sciences Library on the Bannatyne Campus and penalties will apply for overdue loans.

For the latest in titles and additional information, check out http://libguides.lib.unmanitoba.ca/rnr or contact the NJM Health Sciences Library at 204-789-3464.

Get Some R n’ R (from previous page)

It arrives to the university without any additional cost to the institution.

“This collection would not have been possible were it not for the fact that Dr. Georgina Hogg gave us an endowment a number of years ago,” Ada said. “Part of it was for electronic products, the other was for consumer health. So the money for our leisure reading collection is coming from our consumer health section. This doesn’t cost the university a penny as it all comes from endowment and the Winnipeg Public Library is contributing dollar for dollar what we put in. Because they are purchasing the books for us, they get a better discount. So it’s like a win-win all the way.”

The collection is available to all alumni. All that’s needed is a consumer health card, which is free. Staff on campus can simply use their university card.

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The Time is Drawing Near

ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION EVENING SEPTEMBER 19

The return of an annual tradition is now only mere weeks away. The 2014 Alumni of Distinction awards evening is slated for Friday, September 19 and the University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association invite all to take part in what is anticipated to be another memorable evening.

“For several years now, our Alumni of Distinction evening has really been something special,” said Dr. Kyle Gauthier, president of the UMDAA. “We’d really like to have another full house and continue to keep this a very special evening in our professional calendar.”

The 2014 evening will feature the presentation of the annual Alumni of Distinction awards to recipients Dr. William ‘Bill’ Christie, senior scholar in the Department of Restorative Dentistry and Ms. Sheryl Feller for the School of Dental Hygiene.

Dr. Christie has enjoyed a career that has covered virtually all aspects of the profession, from private practice to academia to organized dentistry. After close to 40 years of active duty, Dr. Christie is winding down his official activities, although he still remains active on several boards of some major dental and health-care organizations.

“Dr. Christie has enjoyed an exceptional career, one that has really been exemplary for anyone in our profession,” Dr. Gauthier says. “Once again, our selection committee did a great job in selecting a very worthy recipient of this award.”

As it happens, Dr. Christie will have some familiar company for the evening’s festivities. The Class of 1964 will officially mark its 50 year anniversary as special guests of the UMDAA. Dr. Christie was a member of that class that includes last year’s AOD recipient, Dr. Barry Rayter, along with Dr. Ralph Crawford, among others.

The Class of 1964 holds the distinction of being one of the smallest graduating classes in the history of the institution. Several members of the group have confirmed they will be in the house for the evening’s celebration.

Keep Moving Forward

Submitted by: Larissa Babnowicz
President, Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association

For the third consecutive year, the Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association is joining tens of thousands of Canadians to participate in the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure on Sunday, October 5, 2014.

We will be one of the many teams participating 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. All of the money that we raise 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, and your, participation, contribution and fundraising efforts are helping to change those statistics.

We are proud to be a team for this year’s event and are graciously asking for your support. Please help us by joining our team or donating today!

By placing a monetary donation you can help us reach our team fundraising goal of $2,000 and make a difference to the lives of many. You can easily donate by going to www.runforthecure.com and entering our team name, MDHA Brush for the Cure, under the tab Donate Now. Please donate and support our fundraising efforts!

We also welcome and encourage all who are interested in participating and joining our team! If you do wish to participate, please join our team by visiting www.runforthecure.com and clicking on the link “Join a Team”, under the “Teams” main tab. You will find our team, MDHA Brush for the Cure, under the link “Winnipeg” and can fill out the necessary information required to complete the process.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you kindly!
The South African Connection

UNIVERSITIES OF PRETORIA, MANITOBA ENJOY INFORMAL ACADEMIC EXCHANGE

It wasn’t exactly planned, but over the past number of years, the University of Manitoba has formed something of an informal academic exchange program with University of Pretoria, in South Africa. The latest example of this comes from University of Pretoria School of Dentistry mid-year refresher course for general dentists which took place this past May.

Among the presenters was Dr. William ‘Billy’ Wiltshire, head of orthodontics at the University of Manitoba who was invited to deliver three lectures at his alma mater, the University of Pretoria. Over 250 dentists and 100 dental hygienists and assistants attended the three-day conference.

During the Gala Dinner, the Associate Dean and Conference organizer Dr. Francois de Wet presented a certificate of appreciation to Dr. Wiltshire for his continued involvement with the University of Pretoria over the past 20 years. Dr. Wiltshire has lectured five times at the conference which takes place every two years at the school located in the nation’s capital city.

He has also served as a visiting professor and donates a book prize annually to the University of Pretoria to the undergraduate dental student with the highest standing in clinical orthodontics.

In exchange, Dr. de Wet paid a visit to Manitoba several years ago where he presented a full day dental biomaterials course here at the University of Manitoba’s College of Dentistry.

Dr. Wiltshire served as Professor and Head of Orthodontics at the University of Pretoria prior to moving to Canada to take on the position as Professor and Head of Orthodontics at the University of Manitoba in 1996. Dr. Wiltshire has been in that role now for the past 18 years.

In addition to appearing at each other’s school, the South African institute has also been the alma mater for a number of College of Dentistry instructors, past and present. The latest is Dr. Robert Drummond who recently joined the college as Assistant Professor in the Division of Orthodontics.

This Takes the Cake

ORTHODONTICS PATIENT’S SWEET SHOW OF GRATITUDE

The graduate orthodontic specialty program, at the University of Manitoba, treats hundreds of patients each year, improving their smiles, self-confidence and quality of life over all; indeed it has even been said that “smiles change lives.”

This was no more aptly exemplified recently when third-year orthodontic resident, Richard Halpern received a nice token of appreciation from Tamsyn Lasuita (pictured right), the happy patient whose braces he had just removed. The photos (left and right) shows a unique and innovative cake the patient presented to Dr. Halpern and the clinic staff, which illustrates her journey from crooked to straight teeth.

Dr. William ‘Billy’ Wiltshire, Professor and Head of Orthodontics said “our orthodontic program, our staff and residents strive very hard to provide a positive and welcoming atmosphere for our patients, both children and adults, as well as the best clinical outcomes of treatment possible. It is very nice to see such tokens of appreciation to our students from happy patients. This makes us confident that our final year residents will be establishing successful offices wherever they establish themselves after graduation.”
Although it might come as a surprise to those outside the profession, practitioners here know that the people of Manitoba enjoy an exceptionally high standard of oral health care compared with much of the outside world. And this high standard only figures to grow stronger now that 60 young practitioners have received their credentials from the University of Manitoba.

This past spring, the College of Dentistry conferred degrees on 34 students who have officially earned their dentistry designation at the convocation ceremonies held on the Fort Garry Campus.

Like so many of their predecessors, members of the Class of 2014 acknowledged the tremendous effort required to complete what is universally considered to be an extremely demanding program.

“I feel that the school has pushed us, not because they wanted to but because they wanted us to be successful,” said Victor Le, Senior Stick of the class. “We all wanted to quit at some point, some more than others. All the requirements, all the lab work we didn’t think we needed to do; we didn’t understand why. It was because they wanted us to be successful. We all leave the dental school better than when we came in.”

Those graduating from the institution are conferred with either a DMD or a DMD and a Bachelor of Science in Dentistry, also known as a BSc (dent). The Class of 2014 includes eight non-Canadian students who joined the college through the International Dental Degree Program (IDDP).

The year’s University Gold Medal went to Alanna Junaid who won a national research award from the Canadian Dental Association last year. It was the first time in over 20 years that a Manitoba student had claimed the title at the cross-Canada competition.

“It was a wonderful group with which to go through dentistry,” she said. “I think we were very supportive of each other and came together well through the hard times and celebrated with each other at the times of success.”

At the School of Dental Hygiene, Aaron Benedict Szucsik was named the winner of the Gold Medal for the Class of 2014 in addition to receiving the Governor General’s Academic Medal. This bronze medal award is for highest standing in a two-year program other than agriculture.

This was the highlight of the day as the school officially dispatched 26 new professionals to the field, a group that many may hear from in the near future, if their scholastic experience was any indication.

“In my eyes, our class is a group of advocates and that’s why we have so much potential,” class Senior Stick Holly Spencer said. “We are dental professionals and the 26 graduates here today have the potential to change the face of the profession.”

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The theory of biological predisposition has been around for some time and is generally accepted as a valid scientific concept. Most often, it is cited when referring to conditions of the species that aren’t always that desirable, such as various psychological or physical symptoms or disorders.

But there are times — many in fact — where it can be quite a good thing. If it’s proof of this idea that you’re after, you may not have to look much further than the Class of 2014 at the University of Manitoba. For when it comes to science, Dr. Alanna Junaid could best be called ‘a natural.’

The 2014 winner of the Gold Medal has been surrounded by science pretty much throughout her entire life.

“I came from a science background,” she explained, “a Bachelor of Sciences degree with a major in biochemistry.”

Upon entering the college four years ago, she began engaging in research, efforts that would soon pay off handsomely, culminating in a national research award. In 2013, the then-third-year student took top honours in the CDA/DENTSPLY Student Clinician Research Program. It was the first such award for a University of Manitoba student in over 20 years at this prestigious competition.

The project, “Influence of single file endodontics on apical transportation in curved root canals: an ex-vivo micro-CT study,” was developed under the guidance of Dr. Rodrigo Cunha, head of the Department of Restorative Dentistry. But this success was hardly a first-time fluke.

The graduate of Winnipeg’s St. Mary’s Academy (pictured above right with mentor Dr. Anjali Ghandi) had participated in research projects with other practitioners, even before entering into dental school.

“My dad carried on research as a physician for a number of years so I would often go to his lab with him. So I was exposed to it at a very young age.”

With such a pedigreed background, the toughest thing to decide was where to specialize. Ironically, Dr. Junaid used a less than scientific rationale to make the ultimate decision.

“I was always torn between medicine and dentistry but in the end chose dentistry for a multitude of reasons,” she said, “but mainly for the ability to provide care while also maintaining a good family life. That’s what drew me ultimately to the college.”

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The shared experiences and subsequent bonding of the student cohort is often a common theme at graduation, and this year’s event was no exception. Members of both classes commended their colleagues, institutional instructors and staff and those closest to them for the consistent support they received throughout their undergraduate experience.

“This school has trained us to be the best practitioners in the country,” Victor Le said. “The staff and administration has been really supportive; I appreciated everything the school has done for us. Sometimes we are gasping for breath, but we are better in the end for it.”

It is this reality that has been part of professional school training pretty much throughout the history of the institution, and was reflected in the remarks of the head of the Manitoba Dental Association.

“Professional school is unlike any other experience,” Dr. Mike Sullivan observed. “You begin as a collection of unknown individuals and evolve into a close-knit group. You have struggled with such hardships as dealing with heavy exam schedules and clinical requirements. But you have also celebrated with each other each time a milestone was reached. Living this unique experience together creates a strong bond that will always be cherished. Keep your new-found friendships and relationships; they will last you a lifetime.”

The Class of 2014 is the 53rd from dentistry, 51st for the School of Dental Hygiene. The vast majority of students in both programs were born and raised in Manitoba and most seem likely to remain within their home province.

Many graduates from the last four consecutive class years have chosen to continue their careers within Manitoba boarders, including 75 per cent of last year’s class. Of that number, several began their careers in communities outside of Winnipeg.

Regardless of where they go, the Dean of Dentistry noted that each will carry with them the expectation of delivering world-class care that is consistent with the educational mission of the institution.

“All of our academic staff, from the Faculty of Dentistry and our School of Dental Hygiene, are focused on ensuring that each student consistently meets our imperative of high academic performance and patient care,” said Dr. Anthony Iacopino. “We remain committed to improve the student experience and to ensure our curriculum prepares our graduates for today’s practice world within the context of a profession that must always maintain extremely high standards for trust and accountability.”

Members of both classes were presented with their individual class awards at the morning breakfast prior to the convocation ceremonies that afternoon at the Fort Garry Campus.

As those who have been there before can readily attest, all the pomp and ceremony of the day was totally appropriate given the amount of effort it took the members of the class to get to this most special day.

It is the nature of the profession that graduation has come to symbolize an end as it is a beginning for those who reach this milestone. Dr. Sullivan reminded the group that formal entry into the profession is a monumental step, one that should not be taken lightly.

“As Manitoba grads, you have been exposed to some of the best training in the country. Be proud of where you were trained,” he said. “You are inheriting a respected, trusted and ever-evolving profession. Leave it in better shape than you found it. Carry the banner of dentistry in the community; be proud of the profession’s reputation and guard it carefully. Do what is right for you, do what is right for your patients, and do what is right for your profession.”

Gold Medal  
In addition to earning several academic accolades and honours, Dr. Junaid said she also benefited from the experience of a close knit and supportive group of classmates who helped each other get through these four often difficult years.

“I think dentistry would be a completely different game, a different challenge, without the support of your classmates,” she said. “So I am very thankful for every single individual in our class who was there for everyone else to help us all succeed.”

So, in hindsight, one might say that the handwriting was on the wall. Oddly enough though, the post-career pathway of the young Dr. Junaid will certainly not start in the lab or anywhere else in academia for that matter. Rather, it will begin within the offices of Edge Dental, a practice she purchased just prior to graduation. But that’s not to say this will be the end of the story.

“I do have an interest in specializing,” she said. “Oral surgery or radiology are the two main areas of interest right now. I want to keep all my options open at this point.”

Jill Gudmandson, Aaron Mah, Joel Ly and Raed Kamal at the Graduation Breakfast.
Supplies in hand: Dr. Huma Rohan (left) presents a colleague at the University of Zimbabwe with new oral health implements as part of a visiting mission to the South African state. Dr. Rohan spent part of the summer as a visiting lecturer at the university that is in need of supplies.

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Graduates were going into practice largely unprepared. For Huma, that all changed upon being accepted into the University of Manitoba.

“For me once again, just looking at the internal change I’ve seen within myself, I’ve seen myself grow. I really want to pass the torch down to my colleagues in Zimbabwe,” she said. “I’ve become so empowered by the school that I’ve grown as a human being and I’ve become empowered as a dentist. This school has done absolute wonders for me.”

Between honing her oral health treatment skills and making a new life in a new land, Huma has also found time to be part of outreach efforts in support of her former homeland. Most recently, she appeared as a visiting lecturer at her alma mater, the University of Zimbabwe, an experience that left an indelible mark. Additionally, she served as a volunteer dentist in Kitwe, Zambia working with University of Manitoba dental clinic director Dr. Aaron Kim in 2013 at the Village of Hope treating orphans.

“For me once again, just looking at the internal change I’ve seen within myself, I’ve seen myself grow. I really want to pass the torch down to my colleagues in Zimbabwe,” she said. “Just to see one of their own do something and be successful, despite the fact that the country is shambolic, despite the fact that there is no money there, that nobody believes in them. The students have nobody to believe in them and that is what I experienced there. Coming here I have people who stand beside me; who are my backbone; who lift me up.”

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Also referred to as microscope enhanced dentistry, it involves increased usage of specialized equipment that provides more magnification and better lighting than is currently possible with traditional tech such as loupes, chair-side spotlights and traditional light microscopes.

The College of Dentistry has begun the process of incorporating Dental Operating Microscopes into the curriculum for undergraduate and graduate students. Slowly but surely, private practice offices along with academic departments are working with industry suppliers to bring in new, hi-tech microscopes that proponents say could literally change the way dentistry is practiced in Canada.

“Micro-dentistry is the future for everyone,” said Dr. Rodrigo Cunha, newly appointed department head and head of endodontology in the restorative division. “The opportunity of having illumination and magnification together is fantastic.”

As any practitioner is acutely aware, the ability to see clearly is the lynchpin of practice. It allows for better screening and diagnostics for patients and could certainly be of benefit in providing treatment.

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So it’s only natural that any device that purports to deliver superior performance in these critical areas would garner attention.

Most units on the market today incorporate light-emitting diode (LED) illumination that provides high-intensity light which is evenly spread throughout the viewing space. The device’s optical imaging ability allows for a wide range of focal lengths, giving the examiner more magnification than is presently available with traditional technology such as loupes. Users have better visualization of fine structures and other important details over a broader area, all free of shadows. Those who have used the device can readily see and attest to the difference it makes. Traditional loupes are said to pale in comparison with the new technology such as DOM. Users have better visualization of fine structures and other important details over a broader area, all free of shadows. Those who have used the device can readily see and attest to the difference it makes. Traditional loupes are said to pale in comparison with the new technology.

“You can’t even really compare it to digital microscopes,” Dr. Cunha said. “The light is much brighter. When using the loupes, your eyes will still get tired and you are also still bending over. With the loupes, the magnification is 2.5 on average; with the microscope it goes up to 20.”

Manufacturers’ literature is also littered with references to the positive ergonomic impact that these units possess. Pretty much without exception, every major brand on the market today touts an ergonomic design that allows the user to retain near-perfect posture while treating the patient. Once the unit is in proper position, the user can adjust the focal length without leaving the preferred working position, one which is ergonomically sound, or at very least considerably better than the alternative. In so doing, practitioners are able to prevent neck strain and back pain better, two problems that have lingered in the profession for decades.

According to some reports, low back pain has consistently been the most common musculoskeletal disorder (MSD) or repetitive injury encountered by those in the oral health field. This growing problem is spurred by a variety of factors such as the less-than-ideal postures professionals must maintain throughout often long workdays, in addition to other causes like poorly designed workstations.

With good posture assured, gone then would be the days when a practitioner is bent over the patient, contorting themselves into just the right position and holding it long enough to ascertain necessary information.

As the units are all built within a digital framework, they are capable of blending into an office workflow. High resolution images and videos can be captured for treatment planning, referrals and / or patient consultation and education.

So while there seem to be several tangible benefits apparent within this new technology relative to the private sector, it is in teaching where these next generation devices really seem to excel. Those who have been introduced to this emerging technology have been quick to offer praise.

“I loved the microscope! I worked on a very challenging case that would not be possible to work on without a microscope,” reports Dr. Shelley Halchuk, a member of the Class of 2014. “It is quite easy to use once you understand how to adjust the lens. The downfall is that it is very bulky and hard to maneuver in our clinic. I wish I could use it for every case for finding the canals prior to instrumentation.”

At the institution, deployment as a teaching tool has been gradual for a variety of reasons, not the least of which was the fact that until recently there was only one unit available to the entire undergraduate cohort. Now, there are six units within the institution with instruction underway, mainly for those in the fourth-year class.

“Yes, the microscope era arrived about 20 years ago, but we are now incorporating it more and more into the undergraduate level,” said Dr. Cunha. “In fourth-year, we start with a small hands-on session where they learn ergonomics, how to maneuver the microscope, that sort of thing.”

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From the Desk of the Dean

**On Top of the Wave**

**FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES AIMS TO USHER IN NEW ERA OF HEALTHCARE**

News item: In October, 2013, Carlos Burle caught what may have been a record-setting wave off the coast of Portugal. The Brazilian surfer met and rode a massive, 100 foot wall of water, undaunted by the fact that one of his colleagues had to be rescued after being knocked unconscious attempting the same feat earlier on.

Once again, the end of our academic year was punctuated by the usual series of highlights: our graduation breakfast, convocation and, of course, the sometime raucous and always cheerful graduation banquet. It’s always a wonderful thing to share in the annual celebration that officially marks the passage of our senior cohort into our professional ranks.

But this spring also held another pleasant surprise. This was in the form of a gathering of our Bannatyne colleagues as we continue our journey to the new Faculty of Health Sciences here at the University of Manitoba. And, as evidenced by this springtime session, we appear to be well on our way.

As you may be aware by now, we are moving down the path of restructuring with our health-care colleagues towards the creation of a new, integrated Faculty (composed of Colleges of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy and Rehabilitation Sciences) to improve individual patient and public health outcomes and the undergraduate student experience.

At this session, we heard a series of reports developed through the hard work of the many talented people on this campus who have been working diligently to move this project ahead. And a massive project it is. So much so in fact, it has many wondering why we chose to pursue such a massive undertaking. The answer is quite simple, really: it’s the right thing to do.

Healthcare in Canada today is changing and changing rapidly. As institutes of higher learning, it is our mandate not merely to adapt but to anticipate change and, where possible, lead in its development and implementation. The Faculty of Health Sciences will allow us to do just that.

This is our chance to take a leadership role in the creation of the new model for health care in Canada.

It is not — as some may believe or suggest — merely a corporate euphemism complete with its usually sinister motives of cutting budgets and jobs. It is, in fact anything but.

The reality is that health-care training today is in need of a complete redesign. This includes all educational paradigms, facilities, and organizational structures as well as the manner in which they interface with the practicing community and existing health-care systems.

Yes, it is also true that health professions education has become a costly enterprise for universities, especially as government funding decreases and community expectations increase. This is a reality that seems destined to remain with us for the foreseeable future. However, maintaining the status quo is not an option here. If anything, it may be the quickest road to ruin.

Here again lies an opportunity for us to shape our own destiny. This collaboration will allow us to leverage our entire work force, our entire personnel package and their related expertise, to distribute workloads better and to maximize productivity throughout the units.

In the process, we will reduce and eliminate duplication and redundancy, red tape and any artificial barriers that restrict our advancement.

Make no mistake — this does not mean that you collapse and jettison staff. More accurately, this is where we can look at our array of people, their skill sets, and their levels, and where necessary, re-deploy to maximum effect; to re-task existing staff towards providing new types of value-added and enrichment items that we don’t have now.

Until you redistribute responsibilities and workload, you won’t ever reach a point where you can focus on the future. And because the future is where we’re headed, we need to plan for that today.

By leveraging our expertise, maximizing our capabilities, and expanding our scope, we will never reach that ugly place of layoffs and downsizing.

So what does all this have to do with surfing? Well, while I must confess to know very little about the sport itself, I found this item intriguing on many levels. Not the least of which is that one really has to admire the gumption and drive of those unafraid to tackle a challenge, no matter how daunting it may appear to be.

Yet in a broader sense, rising to the challenge is exactly what we stand for. It is what our students and their families expect. It’s what the public at large demand from an institute of higher learning. It is what we’re all about.

Many institutions across Canada and North American have already recognized this reality and are taking similar steps towards addressing it. The time is right for this type of alliance to be pursued at the University of Manitoba. This is our opportunity not only to see the promise of tomorrow, but to take a hands-on role in shaping this new day to ensure we are leading the charge towards the new order.

In the days and weeks ahead, we hope to keep you informed of our progress as we move closer to our ultimate goal. In the meantime, and as always, I welcome your thoughts, ideas and input as to how we can all contribute and continue moving forward to where we want and need to be.

Grazie.
Circle Remains Unbroken

CAREER OF SENIOR SCHOLAR MIRRORS DEVELOPMENT OF PROFESSION

It has taken almost 45 years, but life has pretty much come full circle for Dr. William Christie. Picking up a copy of the latest Manitoba Dental Association newsletter, Dr. Christie (who also graces the cover of this particular edition) took time to reflect upon a career that has touched upon virtually every aspect of oral health in Manitoba and beyond.

“This is coming full circle,” he said with a trace of a smile. “We sort-of started this Bulletin, now at volume 33, way back when Mr. Ross McIntyre became the new, full-time executive director in 1968 or ‘69. He had suggested we needed more than just a newsletter, which they had done occasionally. I’d sit down with this whole stack of clippings that Ross and his secretary collected and would go through and select them. Ross and I would type it out and put it on mimeograph pages and the MDA would send it out to all the dentists. I even compiled a series of articles on history of dentistry in early Manitoba from hand-written minutes of the MDA Board. So here I am on the cover some 45 years later!”

Much time has passed since then and much has also been done at the MDA and in the career of the Alumni of Distinction recipient for 2014. Although, to hear him tell it, peer-recognition was likely the last thing on his professional radar those many years ago. In fact, the primary goal was simply to become a contributing member of the profession.

“My father was a dentist. So at age six, I decided I was going to become a dentist,” he recalls. “Just like that. It was a family tradition.”

But like most things in Dr. Christie’s career, simple beginnings would often lead to remarkable circumstance. As it turns out, the family had something of a dental pedigree. The senior Dr. Jack Christie — who trained in Alberta — was also the son of a dentist, one who trained in Chicago. That school was then under the guidance and direction of one G.V. Black, widely considered the father of modern dentistry world-wide today.

“My grandfather did teach and practice in Chicago for a year, met my grandmother, who was attending there from Flint, Michigan, and talked her into coming back with him to Manitoba,” he said, “and we’ve been here ever since.”

Grandpa would also lend a hand in his grandson’s early preparation for a career in oral health.

“He told stories about memorizing the Latin names for muscles and the contents and boundaries of facial triangles as he walked downtown to Northwestern University,” Dr. Christie said. “At those times, around 1900, you took almost a full medical degree before you entered dentistry. He advised me too, and said ‘you’re going to have to learn Latin.’ And it really has helped with all scientific nomenclature.”

Around the mid-1930’s, Dr. Christie’s father trained in Alberta and, after a stint in the Canadian Dental Armed Forces (CDAC), returned home to set up shop in Winnipeg’s Norwood Grove neighbourhood. As it happened, a few of dad’s university buddies from Alberta also returned back to Manitoba to later take up instructor’s positions at what was then the brand new Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba.

By almost all accounts, the new dental school on the prairies was pretty much built by ex-military men, starting with founding dean emeritus Jack Nielsen and his first lieutenants, George ‘Boomer’ Brass and Harold W. Hart. Academic staff also included oral health luminaries like Drs. Jack Abra, Jack Grahame, Israel Kleinberg, F. James Marshall and Dick Trott, among others.

Shortly after graduation, Dr. Christie — senior and junior — would continue on together in private practice on Tache Ave. Coincidently, graduation came at a time when fluoride was just being introduced into the drinking water of urban centers across Canada and the United States. It was at a time when the now-clichéd concept of ‘drill and fill’ for teen-agers and adults was in its heyday.

“I was doing nothing but seeing kids on Christmas and Easter break,” said Dr. Christie (pictured right with his trade-mark kilt), “larger, young families, but very low caries rates.”

Rather than remain in general practice after seven years, Dr. Christie decided to pursue his specialty at Ohio State University and returned to join Dr. Marshall Peikoff as one of the few specialty-trained endodontists on the prairies.

“Again, the timing was fortuitous,” he said. “They were just rebuilding the Medical Arts Building at the time. Dr. Peikoff wanted to get into that building, so the two of us established a specialty practice and became the only endodontists between Thunder Bay and Calgary.”

At around the same time, Dr. Christie started returning to his old haunt at 780 Bannatyne, this time at lecturer rank, albeit in a part-time role. This continued the segue into the second stage of his career — that of an oral health academic.

“Rather than teaching endo out of a briefcase, which Marshall and I were doing for 15 years, I chose to do it full-time,” he said.

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Alumnus Tagged for WAG

BUSY PRACTITIONER MAKES TIME FOR AN IMPORTANT ASSIGNMENT

It’s been a very busy few months for an alumnus of the University of Manitoba and, thanks to recent events, that doesn’t figure to change any time soon.

The Winnipeg Art Gallery (WAG) has confirmed that it has welcomed Dr. Ernest Cholakis as the new Chair of its Board of Governors. The appointment was confirmed at the WAG’s Annual General Meeting this past June.

Dr. Cholakis (pictured right) obtained his DMD in 1982 from the University of Manitoba and his MBA in 2002 from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

“Now past its centenary in 2012, the Winnipeg Art Gallery has developed from a small civic gallery to Canada’s sixth largest gallery with an international reputation,” said Dr. Cholakis, who takes the role after serving on the board as one of its members at large. “The gallery, under Dr. Stephen Borys, Director and CEO, has established itself as one of Canada’s leading art museums, organizing exhibitions of local, national, and international artists. By developing and maintaining Manitoba’s visual arts heritage, it ensures the preservation of this legacy for future generations.”

The WAG is coming off the most successful year in its illustrious history, posting a surplus of over $385,000 in its 2013/2014 fiscal year, the largest surplus ever.

Renowned for his patient care, business acumen and extensive community involvement, Dr. Cholakis would seem a natural choice to maintain the WAG’s momentum in the years ahead. An Assistant Professor and Co-Director of Dental Practice Management Studies, Dr. Cholakis has a long affiliation with the College of Dentistry, playing key roles in many of its more recent initiatives, including service as founding chairperson of the Dean’s Advisory Board.

He was also a key contributor to the 50th anniversary celebrations held by the institution in 2008 and has assisted on many other capital campaigns and projects in support of the university.

The development of the Dental Practice Management curriculum into a multi-year program is founded on Dr. Cholakis’ vision and collaborative efforts with college. As well, Dr. Cholakis conceived and founded the Manitoba Dental Association’s ‘Open Wide’ campaigns that provided free dental care to thousands of disadvantaged Manitobans.

He was a recipient of Her Majesty’s Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002 and more recently was the recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his “significant professional achievements and philanthropic contributions to the province of Manitoba.”

The chairmanship appointment to the board follows a busy season that saw Dr. Cholakis appear as a speaker at no fewer than nine dental implant conferences and professional events during the past 12 months in addition to his full time duties in private practice.

The College of Dentistry wishes to congratulate Dr. Cholakis on this latest appointment and wishes him nothing but success during this tenure at the gallery.

DOMs Arrive (from page 15)

“After that, I encourage them to do at least one root canal treatment under the microscope and they have been doing that. Some of them have been doing even more when they actually see how much more they can see with it. And they actually end up enjoying it.”

In spite of the early promise, there are often barriers and drawbacks to adding new technology, some often very significant.

Although the long-term plan is to incorporate more such units into the undergraduate regimen, it is a bit easier said than done. Each unit requires a significant investment.

Users must also be fully trained and well versed in operating the unit in order to execute lesson plans properly. The student learning curve is said to be high.

“You have to be persistent because this technology modifies your whole practice,” Dr. Cunha said. “We can use this in all fields. It goes from ergonomics to micro-instruments. The price however is another barrier. A simple DOM costs somewhere around CAD $20,000.”

The often-tight confines of the various operatory areas of the building also pose another barrier. Users report that moving the thing from place to place and setting up correctly can sometimes be a cumbersome process. But for those who have used it - endodontic students in particular - it seems well worth the wait.

In more recent times, restorative academics have focused on broadening student exposure to the technology. Such is also the case in periodontics. In pretty much every case, the results have been consistently positive.

Over the past number of months, the institution has partnered with industry in an attempt to incorporate more units. With six now on site, plans are underway to start rolling out additional educational avenues. Periodontics is already using the units with pediatrics to come on board starting as soon as this fall.

“The best time for students to learn how to use this unit is right now — when they are learning,” Dr. Cunha said. “When they are learning, but have been trained in the traditional ways and postures, it becomes even more difficult to pick up. In the future — and I know this is a wish list — I would love to have all the students working with dental operating microscopes.”
The Faculty of Dentistry’s Class of 1973 held its milestone 40th anniversary reunion in beautiful Kelowna, BC from September 19 to 22, 2013. Of the classes’ 24 graduates, 17 were present at the Delta Grand Okanagan Resort, site of our get-together.

The Thursday night meet-and-greet event was held from 6 pm to midnight in an open patio / lounge area. The excitement grew as each new arrival was recognized and welcomed. The catching-up and reconnecting carried most of us away for several hours. Only hunger would overcome the excitement, and even that didn’t happen until close to 10 pm! We were all amazed at how the young waitress kept the food and drink orders organized and presented each of us with the appropriate bill after six hours of milling about.

On Friday morning, Jim Casey organized a wonderful bicycle tour of three wineries: Spier Head, the View and Sperling. The tour company, called Monashee, cleverly had vans and trailers deposit bicycles and participants at the top of the mountain, so that we could glide effortlessly to all three wineries. After lunch at Sperling Vineyard, many cycled back to the hotel for a well-deserved rest.

Friday evening was a casual dinner and dance at the Minstrel Café. The Minstrel provided a lovely meal, a beautiful garden area, and a 50’s and 60’s era live band. One of the highlights of the evening was classmate Brian Minaker singing “Why Must I Be a Teenager in Love” with the band (pictured left).

A game of golf was scheduled for Saturday morning at Black Mountain Golf Course. Unfortunately, the morning started out with fairly heavy rain. So much so that about half of the golfers were discouraged before teeing off and opted not to play. Those of us who did had a great time and all played well, especially Donald Gutkin whose low score must have been his personal highlight of the whole event.

The gang’s all here: Members of the Class of 1973 gathered in the beautiful Okanagan Valley for their milestone 40-year reunion. Turning up to celebrate 40 years were: (back, l - r) Ken Skinner, Gord Huff, Morris Lang, Murray Kosick, Doug Trimble, Donald Gutkin, Jim Casey, Bill Dawson, Jim Wener, Howie Ullett, (front, l - r) Clay Bullock, Martin Lack, Murray McKecknie, Ken Howie and Brian Minaker.

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A total of 11 members of the Class of 1989 gathered in Vancouver for the Pacific Dental Conference and to reconnect and celebrate 25 years since graduation from the University of Manitoba, then Faculty and now College of Dentistry. For us Manitobans, the March 6 - 8 weekend was an amazing opportunity to leave behind a flight-delaying blizzard and bone chilling temperatures, for the warm, gentle rain (OK, no sunshine), still green shrubbery and colorful, blooming flowers that is always springtime in BC every March.

In attendance were Drs. Tom Colina, Christine Lachance-Piche, Kay-Fung Wang, Hoeim Chen-Campbell, Andrea Borchert-Cantin, David Chin, Darryl Burke, Sid Chow, Karen Lischka, Heather Krahn, and Khalida Hai-Santiago. Dr. Janet Alsip was also able to face-time into one of our events. Technology is great!

Two others — Drs. Ashoka Subedar and Uche Odiatu — were unable to attend at the very last minute due to unforeseen emergencies (emergency appendectomy and dog bites....really??). It was also very nice that partners attended and were able to partake in festivities.

Events included gathering at the U of M Dental Alumni Reception at the Pan Pacific Hotel, a late dinner out at Miku Sushi restaurant to sample the finest the ocean has to offer, dinner at The Italian Kitchen, pictures in front of the burning Olympic Flame (above) and eventually attending lectures at the Pacific Dental Conference.

There is a story behind the Olympic Flame photo. The Sochi Para-Winter Olympics were on at the time. As is recent tradition, each time a Canadian athlete wins a gold medal the flame is lit. Our group happened by and asked two Japanese tourists to take our photos. Just as we finished and were about to take their photo the flame went out! We were hoping they did not have to wait too long for the next flame. Timing, as they say, is everything.

There was also some sightseeing of the BC coastline (thanks, Heather!) and shopping to be had. Texting and emailing allowed us to keep track of each other. This, in itself, is amazing because when we graduated cell phones were not officially invented yet.

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A sincere ‘thank you’ goes to Dean Anthony Iacopino for graciously hosting the Alumni reception. This was a great opportunity to meet old friends and newer ones, classmates, colleagues and dental staff.

We are all thankful to the University of Manitoba for our education and career that has allowed us to be productive, contributing members of our profession and to support our families.

At Miku, we were not really the loudest group there, contrary to what some may have thought! We did, however, enjoy the fresh food immensely and tried some new dishes as recommended by the ‘local dental foodies.’

The Friday night dinner at the Italian Kitchen was highly anticipated and did not disappoint in either taste (oh, the truffle pasta!) or camaraderie.

Of course, we dined family style, looked at our old dentistry yearbooks and laughed! All in attendance autographed and reminisced about Beer and Skits, dentistry socials, racy slideshows (power point was also not invented yet), third and fourth-year lab, booking clinic spots (computers, we now know, were also not really invented yet), great sandwiches from the basement cafeteria, the Maryland Hotel, the Marble Club and late night Chinatown meals. We were so young and fresh faced in our first year, only to emerge as seasoned vets by the end.

We recalled those classmates who were not able to come to Vancouver and paid quiet remembrance to Dr. Mark Johnston who passed away much too early.

The tentative plan is to meet out east next year, perhaps at the Canadian Dental Association conference, for our next reunion. So stay tuned, Class of ’89! Thanks to all who helped with arrangements and suggestions for dining.

In closing, Kay had sent this in one of her post reunion emails and I think this just about sums up our time together.

“It was absolutely wonderful. We had a blessed, amazing time of laughter. Truly we are a family that dental school brought together and bonded us, despite the ordeal and rigors of “professional” school.

We came out the other side, able to take on anything and to be just that: sincere, genuine, good-hearted professionals with great personal success stories”.

Thank you all and see you again soon!

Saturday night was the signature event for the whole reunion. It took place at the picturesque Mission Hill Family Estate. After a tour of the cellars we were escorted to the beautiful Chagal Room for dinner. The room, named for a large painting by the artist, was the perfect size for our group, but the acoustics left something to be desired.

In spite of these difficulties, the class enjoyed some heartfelt reflections and Grace by Brian Minaker, some tearful remarks by the Senior Stick (your humble author) and a hilarious address by Gordie Huff, our Master of Ceremonies. Gord will agree that his hairstyle has not changed since 1973, as long as he keeps his hat on.

The food was spectacular, made all the more enjoyable by the intermittent explanations from the chef himself about the food and its wine pairings. Among the recollections through the evening was that of the generosity of our former colleague, the late Dino Paulos from the Class of 1974. Dino had donated a case of wine for our grad party in 1973.

The Sunday morning farewell breakfast was indeed bittersweet. However, we left with a commitment to reunite in five years’ time and to try to encourage those classmates who missed this event to attend in 2018.

Many thanks to our organizers: Clay Bullock, Jim Casey, Gord Huff and Maurice Lang for all of their hard work and excellent choices and to Donald Gutkin for his fine work in capturing some of these great moments with his digital camera.

Each and every one of us truly had a great time!
Getting the Message

CLASS OF 2014 POISED FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

As any instructor can and will tell you, every class is different. And while some are a bit more unusual than others, there are always commonalities that remain. Such is certainly the case for the School of Dental Hygiene’s Class of 2014.

This collection of 26 now-former students seems a classic example of a stand-out class and could well be one to watch in the future as they take their respective places within the field of dental hygiene. It is a spirited bunch that seems more than ready to make the leap from the classroom to the professional ranks.

Certainly, it’s a group that served notice early on that it was full of the qualities requisite to successful learning: abundant curiosity, confidence and the wherewithal to question the established order of things when the need arose, even if perhaps not always in the most diplomatic fashion.

“As most of the staff and students know and would agree, our class is a little misunderstood at times,” said Holly Spencer, Senior Stick of the class in her remarks at the 2014 Graduation Breakfast. “We’re diverse, a loud and opinionated group and although the instructors may not have appreciated that of us, that’s the main reason why I was so proud to be a part of that family.”

Although the education requirements of the dental hygiene profession run two years less than their dental counterparts, it hardly detracts from the impact on the student cohort. This is a group that bonded quickly and gained strength from their number.

Holly added that their high-energy group dynamic was given a boost by the body of professionals who helped guide them along their educational journey, their instructors and mentors in particular.

“To the dental hygiene staff, thank you for putting up with us the past two years. We wouldn’t have been able to have accomplished this milestone without the help and guidance of every single one of you,” she said. “Thank you for always encouraging us and showing us that we are capable of more than what we knew was possible.”

The Class of 2014 is the 51st for the School of Dental Hygiene with Aaron Szucsik (pictured opposite page, top) receiving the Gold Medal. He also earned the Governor General’s Academic Bronze Medal, for highest standing in a two-year program other than agriculture.

The class senior stick also acknowledged the efforts of the administrative staff at the school and within the clinic for their contributions towards the class’ graduation, in addition to those who came forward to serve as part of the school’s mentorship program. The program pairs students with a practicing professional within the community.

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**Springing Into New Seasons**

**NEW SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL EVENTS HIGHLIGHT COMING ACADEMIC YEAR**

Submitted by Cindy Isaak-Ploegman, President, UMSDHA.A, on behalf of the executive committee

It has certainly been a busy and eventful spring for the University of Manitoba School of Dental Hygiene Alumni Association. Leading off the season was our UMSDHA.A Annual General Meeting that took place on May 8 in the Schwarz lecture theatre in the College of Dentistry.

Aside from an update on the state of the association and reports from our treasurer and membership committees, we were blessed to have guest presentations, firstly from alumna Linda Pharand. Ms. Pharand outlined her role with the SMILE (Saving Mouths in Income Limited Environments) project focusing on inner-city schools in Winnipeg.

We also heard from Ms. Lorraine Glassford who presented her research at the American Dental Educators Association conference March, 2014 in Atlanta, Georgia. The presentation - Interprofessional collaborators: Faculty embraces critical thinking and interprofessional education theory - was authored by Marcia Rushka, Anthony Nowakowski, Lorraine Glassford, Laura Macdonald, Hong Chong and Aaron Kim.

Finally, we closed our evening with a research presentation by Ms. Sheryl Sloshower — Dental hygiene transition clinic: The Science linking education to practice — authored by herself and Dr. Joanna Asadoorian. The ensuing discussion involving alumni and faculty was energizing and inspiring.

We wish to thank all those who provided support to our association by attending our professional development event, our annual general meeting, visiting our booth at the provincial professional convention last winter, contributing to our scholarship donations, and membership fees over the past year. We are confident that our membership will continue to grow as we endeavour to engage our alumni nation-wide.

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The role of the UMSDHA.A is to enable faculty and the student body to engage with alumni and the dental hygiene community at large. Our executive committee is motivated to create future events that offer just these types of opportunities.

It is with this in mind that we are pleased to announce the following new activities planned for the months ahead.

We are very excited to confirm our upcoming Wine and Cheese Evening that will take place on Friday, January 23, 2015! Plus, get ready for our next Professional Development (PD) event: Ergonomics and Dental Practice, to be held on Saturday, January 24, 2015.

Similar to our last two events, this PD outing will feature two sessions and a luncheon for all attendees. We will also be offering a discount to those who are UMSDHA.A members as well as a reduced rate for those attending both the Wine and Cheese and PD events (see our attached advertisements on pages four and 18 for more).

Also, for more details or to register for these events, contact us via email at UMSDHA.A@outlook.com.

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Society Welcomes New Inductees

SCHOOL ALUMNI INDUCTED TO SIGMA PHI ALPHA

Submitted by: Diane Girardin
President, Delta Eta Chapter

Congratulations to our four new inductees to the Delta Eta Chapter of Sigma Phi Alpha Society, a national honours society for the dental hygiene profession. This year’s recipients (as shown in the photo, right) are new graduates Holly Spencer, Jessica Cyr, David Forde, and faculty member Terri Archibald. All four have proven themselves as leaders and professional role models, while providing service to others, whether it is to their former classmates at the School of Dental Hygiene or the public at large. Ms. Spencer, Ms. Cyr and Mr. Forde are each graduates of the School of Dental Hygiene, Class of 2014.

Founded Sigma Phi Alpha in 1958, it is the National Dental Hygiene Honour Society. It is composed of dental hygiene educators and graduates of accredited dental hygiene programs who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement.

The purpose of Sigma Phi Alpha is to promote, recognize, and honour scholarship, leadership, and service among dental hygiene graduates. Sigma Phi Alpha is also dedicated to enhancing the role of the dental hygiene profession in its provision of quality health care to the public.

Founded by Salme Lavigne in 1998, the Delta Eta Chapter promotes, recognizes and honours scholarship, leadership, service and character among dental hygiene students and graduates of dental hygiene programs. In addition, our chapter donates $100 yearly towards a book award to a second-year dental hygiene student, as well as $100 to the Canadian Foundation for Dental Hygiene Research and Education.

Look for more news from the chapter in the next Alumni-Faculty Bulletin!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

COLLEGE OF DENTAL HYGIENISTS OF MANITOBA

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF THE COLLEGE OF DENTAL HYGIENISTS OF MANITOBA (CDHM) IS SCHEDULED FOR:

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From the Director

A Strong Foundation for the Future

PUTTING THE THREE PILARS IN ACTION

Would you set your Starbucks down on a three-legged table with one leg clearly shorter than the others? Of course not. Your coffee would spill or fall over. So, too, would your future career if you entrusted your time and money to an educational institution based on poor fundamentals. A solid foundation is essential to build for the future.

To ensure educational quality, the School of Dental Hygiene at the University of Manitoba strategically focuses its efforts around three foundational pillars.

When competing for the director position, I was asked to present my thoughts on these three pillars in the context of the School of Dental Hygiene; I would like to share some of these thoughts with you.

The first pillar is service; and rightly so, because to me, everything is about service. As an academic institution, we serve our students through education and developing their intellect and their confidence.

But we also serve our community by developing both the individual and collective capacities of its citizens.

We serve the economy by preparing a workforce ready to take on the tasks of today and, with the capacity for research and development, to take on the work of tomorrow.

We serve society by undertaking the research needed to address challenges and to improve quality of life.

We serve on so many important fronts, but no matter how big or small the scale, it is important always to ask, whom are we serving, how are we serving them and how can we serve them better?

The second pillar is teaching. Teaching is our core business, and as such, it is not enough just to be good at it. We need to be great. From a public service perspective (there’s that “service” word again), the School of Dental Hygiene is responsible for preparing the workforce providing this important health service for our province and beyond. We owe the public teaching excellence, based on a relevant curriculum that reflects industry best practices and current research.

I believe that the best teaching comes not from presenting to students, but from connecting with students. As educators, we will engage and we will listen. Today’s students are savvy and possess multitasking abilities unlike any generation before them; as educators we will seek to leverage these fantastic strengths and become the learners ourselves in the process.

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The third pillar is research. Research is foundational to our capacity as a learning organization. Any educational institution can teach known material; let us look to our school to be more. I believe that the School of Dental Hygiene can be a leader in dental hygiene research, and that through research excellence we can attract more research, researchers and resources. We can leverage a research-focus to motivate students, enhance their educational experience and instill an inquisitive drive that they will take with them into their careers.

Our school has a reputation and track record of quality education, as exemplified by the talents and successes of our alumni. Our school also has a history of strong, visionary leadership. I have had the privilege of meeting and getting to know all but two of the school’s previous directors, and it is humbling to follow in their footsteps.

Each of them faced the unique challenges of their day, adding to the school’s legacy in the process. As we build upon this foundation for the future, the mantra for today’s and tomorrow’s School of Dental Hygiene is clear: no tippy tables — our foundation will be balanced and strong.

UMSDHAA Events (from page 23)

We also would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us as we celebrate alumna Sheryl Feller (DH 1970), 2014 recipient of the School of Dental Hygiene Alumni of Distinction award on Friday, September 19 at our annual gala at the Fort Garry Hotel. Sheryl’s contributions include those to the dental hygiene community through her roles as instructor and acting director at the School of Dental Hygiene, and with the CDHA. In addition, she has excelled in the realms of business and the equine community. Sheryl is an excellent role model for dental hygienists and women everywhere as her career is full, fascinating, well-rounded, and inspiring. Plan to be there!

More Exciting News! Our fundraising for the UMSDHAA Diploma and Baccalaureate student poster presentation Scholarship has not only reached its $500 goal, but we are also $250 ahead for our goal for next year’s allotment.

Once our scholarship has been approved by Senate, dental hygiene students will be able to apply for this funding which they can then use toward presenting at conferences, for networking and exposure to professional and academic communities.

On behalf of the UMSDHAA executive committee, I’d like to extend our sincere thanks to those who contributed and helped make this possible.

Much more is ahead. Watch your email box for the latest and greatest in news and updates on these and other activities. Contact us anytime at UMSDHAA@outlook.com. We’d love to hear from you!
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“Perhaps not enough, though, we also talk about what can happen to graduates once they enter practice. Hopefully they will continue learning and developing their skills and become proficient practitioners and even experts in the field. The alternate is unappealing: stagnation in one’s practice, the risk of not remaining minimally competent and providing optimal oral health-care.”

Dr. Asadoorian added that graduates of oral health education should remember that they occupy a bit of a different space in the working world than many others. This is even truer now, she added, since the profession earned its self-regulation designation a few short years ago.

“It may sound strange, but as health-care professionals, it really is our honour to be able to have the opportunity to demonstrate not only to the government but also to the public how we are each remaining competent and delivering safe, quality health care,” she said. “It’s really what separates us as a self-regulated health-care profession from just having a job.”

In recent years, the School of Dental Hygiene has tried to increase its accent on professionalism while reminding students of the diverse opportunities the profession presents. It’s a message that seems to have gotten through to the Class of 2014.

“In my eyes, our class is a group of advocates and that’s why we have so much potential,” Holly continued. “We are dental professionals and the 26 graduates here today have the potential to change the face of the profession.”

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A Lady of Many Talents

MULTI-TALENTED, ADmired ADMINISTRATOR CALLS IT A CAREER

Chances are there are few on the Bannatyne Campus or within the oral health community who don’t know anything about Dr. Shirley Gelskey. The multi-talented academic and administrator has touched many bases throughout her long, varied and most successful career, most often leaving a trail of admiring friends and colleagues in her wake.

Such will surely be the legacy of the lady who made a career out of always being the right person for the job at the right time. Throughout her 30-plus year career, Dr. Gelskey served as a professor, department head, school director and assistant dean of development and external relations at the Bannatyne Campus. These were only the official titles as there were seemingly countless other tasks that seemed to fall into her lap on a regular basis. This was confirmed by the Dean of Dentistry, among others, reflecting on the career of a skilled administrator and talented motivator who announced her retirement a few months ago.

“There were lots of times when I had to ask Shirley to do things that weren’t particularly easy to do,” Dr. Anthony Iacopino recalled. “Whenever I find myself challenged in terms of how am I going to get this done and get through this, I think of Shirley. She actually seemed to enjoy it; very skilled, very able to get things done. I relied on her; she was a capable administrator. She did a lot of things that people will never really know about for the benefit of the institution and to secure our future.”

In addition to consistently showing her administrative mettle on numerous occasions, Dr. Gelskey also had the rare quality of being able to lead by example. It was an important quality for some of the young minds of the day who saw Dr. Gelskey as a role model. This was particularly true among female members of the student body, back when the school featured a predominately male cohort.

“I remember meeting Shirley for the first time in my first year of undergraduate training in 1988 and being amazed at what a beautiful, poised and elegant woman she was,” shared Dr. Anastasia Cholakis, a former student and later academic colleague. “Shirley had an uncanny ability of detecting calculus. To this day, I still remember her checking my root planing and remember her telling me my surface was a little bit rough. Some days I had no clue what she was talking about, but I nodded my head and I scaled a little more. She was meticulous and fastidious in her work and she was able to transmit those values and that desire to strive for excellence within all her students.”

From the classroom to the boardroom, moving like a chameleon from pillar to post, Dr. Gelskey combined a keen sense of organization with a clear sense of purpose in each of her many roles within the institution and, in many cases, developed the template for others to follow.

“I still remember the tactful way she managed to deal with the residents, support staff and the faculty and how she was able to diffuse situations,” Dr. Cholakis said. “She always listened to both sides and came up with reasonable compromises. Many years later, when I served in that position, it was only then that I truly understood the diplomatic talent it took to negotiate some of the situations she had to deal with on a regular basis. The phrase ‘you can get more flies with honey than you can with vinegar’ was made for her.”

In addition to documented terms as a professor and administrator, Dr. Gelskey also served on countless committees including executive councils for the Colleges of Dentistry and Medicine, student appeals, faculty endowment, research ethics, varied faculty reviews and building improvement projects, to name a few. In short, it would be difficult to find one area of life on the Bannatyne Campus that wasn’t touched by her efforts.

After all this time, Dr. Gelskey remains modest of her accomplishments, preferring to share credit with her mentors and colleagues through the years.

“I had the privilege of working with a number of dentistry’s teams and their administrative staff over the years,” she said. “I learned from them how to prioritize competing interests, to justify initiatives, and to focus on the interests of the faculty.” (continued on page 31 - see RETIRES)
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School of Dental Hygiene
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MDA Prize
Dean’s Honours
MDA Gold Medal
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Chelsea Allen
Aira Bautista
Amanda Bridge
Endowment Fund Award in Dental Hygiene
Jessica Cable
MDHA Award
Lindsay Chartrand
Minyoung Cho
Jessica Cyr

Dolly (Lisa) Deng
Hu-Friedy Golden Scaler Award

David Forde
Morgan Galinaitis
Paula Larocque
Simone Jaman
Skylar Karpynshin
Victoria Le
Sheera Maharaj
Laine Mathison

Melecia Nelson
Jeffrey Nguyen
Julie Phan
Carilee Radtke
Rachel Saranchuk
Holly Spencer
Dr. Frances Matiowsky Memorial Award
Maggie Tu
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Bryn Wanlin

Huma Rohan, DMD
Mentor: Dr. Chris Kiazzyk

Alicia Sam, DMD, BSc (DENT)
Mentor: Dr. Lori Siemons
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Ilana Shapera, DMD
Mentor: Dr. Lori Siemons

Allison Simpson, DMD
Mentor: Dr. Jeff Hein
• American Association of Endodontists Award
• Daniel Tai Humanitarian Award

Marijana Skok, DMD, BSc (DENT)
Mentor: Dr. Patrick Mao

Anna Thompson, DMD
Mentor: Dr. Sherri Mitani
• Endowment Fund Award in Dentistry
• American Association of Orthodontics Award
• Alpha Omega Fixed Partial Denture Prosthesis Award

Murad Zaman, DMD
Mentor: Dr. Anadeep Singh

Daniel Zettler, DMD
Mentor: Dr. Chris Kiazzyk
• The Maclachlan-Hart Gold Medal for Complete Denture Prosthesis
• 3M ESPE Canada Student Clinical Award
• Academy of General Dentistry Award

— The Class of 2014 —
Backing Impactful Research

PERIO PROF AMONG THE 2014 RECIPIENTS OF MMSF SUPPORT

An assistant professor in periodontics was among the 17 successful grant recipients provided courtesy of the Manitoba Medical Service Foundation (MMSF), one of the longest running and most loyal supporters of research at the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Sylvia Todescan is receiving $15,000 in support from the MMSF and $10,000 in support from The Winnipeg Foundation for a total of $25,000 towards her project: Assessment of oral health in youth with type II diabetes mellitus. The MMSF confirmed the grant at its annual awards recipient reception, which celebrated all of the researchers who are receiving support this year from the MMSF and its many partners.

“This year’s grant recipients and awardees are very deserving,” says MMSF Executive Director, Dr. Greg Hammond. “The research that is being done within our province by these talented individuals is both diverse and groundbreaking. The researchers who are being supported have the potential to improve the lives of a significant number of people both locally and around the world.”

Dr. Todescan’s research will examine and evaluate the oral health in youth with type 2 diabetes (T2DM) and determine whether those with T2DM and high sugar levels have more decay, gum disease and bone loss around teeth than patients with sugar levels under control.

“I am very enthusiastic about evaluating the oral health of youth with type 2 diabetes,” said Dr. Todescan (pictured inset). “The research will help us understand the impact of diabetes on the oral health of this unique population, and to design a future program to assess their oral health. Support from the MMSF and The Winnipeg Foundation was crucial to implementing the project.”

Currently, there is no information in the dental literature involving oral health assessment in a population of youth with T2DM. These youth may have a potential risk of developing more severe gingivitis, periodontitis, and tooth decay very early in life. Dr. Todescan’s project is aimed at gaining a better understanding of the impact of diabetes on oral health, and to design programs to address oral health needs in youth with diabetes.

Dr. Todescan also wishes to acknowledge and thank her collaborators in the project: Dr. Heather Dean, Dr. Elizabeth Sellers, Dr. Brandy Wicklow, Dr. Robert Schroth and Prof. Laura MacDonald.

The award is significant as it comes from one of the most ardent supporters of medical research in Manitoba. For over 40 years, the MMSF has backed medical and health-related research to the tune of over $19-million. The MMSF, in turn, has received substantial support from its primary funder, Manitoba Blue Cross (MBC). For the last four decades, the organization has financed all administrative costs for the MMSF and made significant contributions towards its available funds. This has allowed the MMSF to continue to apply 100 per cent of its revenue towards grants.

Oral health researchers have benefited from the MMSF’s patronage for many years with many scientists and their projects receiving backing from the Foundation. Dr. William Christie, Senior Scholar in the restorative department, is among the MMSF board members who adjudicates prospective projects.

Dr. Christie and the MMSF remind oral health researchers that they should apply for support, as the MMSF has a long history of supporting work in this field. The Foundation is particularly interested in young scientists and/or first-time researchers early in their careers. The goal is to encourage the development of their research, clinical and teaching excellence in the academic environment in Manitoba, to assist in providing a career path for them to contribute to the health of Manitobans.

In seeking funding for a research project, certain application criteria must be met. The foremost is the requirement that the research promotes scientific, educational or other activities for the maintenance and improvement of the health and well-being of Manitobans. The MMSF selection committee conducts in-person interviews with candidates as part of the granting process.

“Over the four decades that Manitoba Blue Cross has supported the MMSF, we have witnessed a significant number of breakthroughs in health care as a result of the remarkable researchers who have received funds through the Foundation,” says MBC President and CEO Andrew Yorke. “It is fair to assume that many of us have benefited in some way from one of the numerous discoveries that have been made at the hands of these researchers. We will no doubt continue to celebrate many more accomplishments as a result of these pioneers.”

Grad Visits Africa (mon no. 13)

Huma says the future, although far from certain, seems a bit less hazy these days. Career opportunities will be reviewed as they appear, but in the meantime, Huma will be hitting the books again this fall.

“I have been accepted into the prestigious Implant Restorative Fellowship program offered by the University of Manitoba,” she recently confirmed, “and I will be starting the fellowship in Aug 2014.”

And of course, heading back to her homeland to continue in the work of advancing the quality of life for those in the region will be an ongoing priority.

“My family is from Zimbabwe, so my heart still lies there. I will always continue doing work in southern Africa. I have a vested interest in the propagation of dentistry in southern Africa,” she said. “The University of Manitoba has empowered and enabled me to make my dream a reality. I have really grown as a health care professional at the U of M and every day at the dental school is a blessing. I am one step closer to becoming the health-care provider that is emblazoned in my mind’s eye.”
PRESENTATIONS:
Cholakis, E (DMD, MBA): Redefining oral rehabilitation for the edentulous or failing dentate patient (utilizing a novel implant -supported fixed-removable prosthesis), at the following conferences:
• DENTSPLY Corporate Forums: Calgary, AB, March 2, Montreal, QC April 20, Edmonton, AB April 27, Toronto, ON, May 11, 2013.
• 60th Annual Conference, Canadian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, Chicago, IL May 26, 2013.
• Success Implant Conference in Chicago, IL, November 9, 2013.
• Academy of Osseointegration Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, March 5, 2014.
• Super Elite Dental Laboratory Conference, West Palm Beach, FL, May 2, 2014.
• University of Louisiana, Faculty of Dentistry, New Orleans, LA, May 3, 2014.


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OFFSHORE TRAVEL:
Dr. Colin Dawes was invited to give the opening presentation – Salivary research: A historical overview – at the 10th European Symposium on Saliva, Egmond aan Zee, The Netherlands, May 14, 2014.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:
Ms. Mary Bertone for tenure-track appointment as Assistant Professor and Director, School of Dental Hygiene, College of Dentistry (pending Board of Governor’s approval).

Dr. Douglas Brothwell for receiving promotion to Professor, July 1, 2014.

Drs. Carla Cohn (91), Mike Cuthbert (79), Catherine Dale (92). Tim Dumore (91) Peter Kowal (84), Amarjit Rihal (95) and Mike Sullivan (83): elected to fellowship in the Pierre Fauchard Academy, March 2014.

Drs. Tim Dumore (91), Noriko Boorberg (00), and Amarjit Rihal (95): inducted as fellows of the International College of Dentists, March 2014.

Dr. Howard Fogel (80) elected as Treasurer of the Canadian Academy of Endodontics, March 2014.

Dr. Nic Lekic and Dr. Brad Klus, pediatric dentistry residents, for successful completion of the National Dental Specialty Examination in Pediatric Dentistry and the written portion of the American Board Diplomate Exam in pediatric dentistry.

Dr. Robert Schroth in receiving tenure and promotion to Associate Professor, July 1, 2014.

AWARDS:
Dr. Rodrigo Cunha: Dentistry IV Dean’s Most Innovative Use of Technology Award, 2013 – 14.

Mrs. Denise Krebs: Dentistry IV Dean’s Outstanding Support Staff Award, 2013 – 14.

Ms. Marcia Rushka: Dental Hygiene III Dean’s Outstanding Teaching Award, 2013 – 14.

Prof. Laura MacDonald: Dental Hygiene III Dean’s Most Innovative Use of Technology Award, 2013 – 14.

Ms. Tammy Mackay: Dental Hygiene III Dean’s Outstanding Support Staff Award, 2013 – 14.

PRESENTATIONS / DEFENSE BSc (Dent):

Gudmandson, Jill: Internal bleaching after the use of the triple antibiotic paste. April 23, 2014.


Le, Victor: Combining optical coherence tomography and polarized Raman spectroscopy for distinguishing enamel white spot lesions and fluorosis in orthodontics. April 29, 2014.


Dr. Erick R. Helgason

1932 — July 31, 2014

Peacefully on Thursday, July 31, 2014, Erick, beloved husband of Greta (nee Molund) passed away at the Deer Lodge Centre. Erick is survived by his wife Greta, children, Daniel (Brenda), Marilyn and James (Kate); grandchildren Ashley, Sabrina, Elan, Jordan and Quinn as well as other family. He was predeceased by his first wife, Trudy as well as his sister and brothers.

Erick practiced dentistry for over 35 years as well as teaching at the University of Manitoba. He was well respected by colleagues, students and patients.

A memorial service was held on August 12, 2014 at Neil Bardal Funeral Centre across from Brookside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, if friends so desire, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, 6 Donald Street, Winnipeg, MB R3L 0K6.

Senior Scholar Reflects on Long Career

“I always enjoyed doing academics, right from the teaching of Dental Anatomy to dental hygiene students in 1969 for two years.”

After joining the college full-time in 1988 as an associate professor, Dr. Christie would go on to enjoy a long and distinguished career as full-tenured professor and division head of endodontology before his retirement in 2008. In addition, he would earn several other designations of distinction by peer-examination, including Fellowship in the Royal College of Dentists of Canada (1978) and would also become a Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics in 1981.

While one might think this would be more than enough for one career, such was hardly the case for the man named Senior Scholar in the Department of Restorative Dentistry. While serving as an academic, Dr. Christie was also busy with another phase of his varied career. This one would focus on organized dentistry, where he would later become an integral figure in the Council of the International College of Dentists (Canadian chapter).

Clad in the now-trademark family tartan kilt, Dr. Christie routinely appears at important functions in formal-wear for these and many other significant professional groups, including the St. Andrew's Society.

And, of course, there is his remarkable work as (of all things!) a journalist and editor. While barely holding a footnote in an extensive CV, it is Dr. Christie’s work in chronicling the achievement of his colleagues that may well be considered his most enduring and endearing legacy.

With roots that go back to his undergraduate days when he was editor of the chapter for the fraternal dental group Xi Psi Psi, Dr. Christie has served as editor (now senior editor) of the Alumni - Faculty Bulletin since 1982 — a span of well over 30 years’ service.

Now, a full five decades past the convocation ceremony of 1964, Dr. Christie becomes the third member of this now-storied class to receive this most prestigious designation. And, like his predecessors, it is one that is most well-deserved.

In fact, Dr. Christie could well be one of those rare individuals who may never need to worry about a “bucket list” — that is the list of things a person wanted to do in their life but never found the time to do.

When asked about career highlights or perhaps something that he would change in his career, Dr. Christie recalls the story of his other grandfather, the Honourable W. R. Clubb, who happened to be one of the first graduates of the Agriculture College at the University of Manitoba. In this case, graduation led to a successful career in public life as a Member of the Legislative Assembly in Manitoba, initially as a Progressive Farmer in the Bracken government. His various ministerial portfolios began many innovations, like building the Manitoba section of the Trans-Canada Highway, among many other achievements.

“Upon Clubb’s retirement in 1956, a reporter was preparing a retirement article and asked him if there was anything in his life that he would change,” Dr. Christie said. “That question completely floored him, to think that someone would ask something as perceptive as this; he was dumbfounded. Eventually he said, NO, there was nothing. Everything just seemed to work out in his busy career. I could say exactly the same thing.”
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