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Their Time Has Come

Grads ascend into their professional ranks

The culmination of many often grueling years of study and sacrifice came on May 28 for the Class of 2008: graduates of the Faculty of Dentistry and the School of Dental Hygiene.

The health care profession welcomed 36 new members from the Faculty of Dentistry and 26 from the School of Dental Hygiene following the afternoon convocation at Fort Garry campus.

The day also marked the symbolic end of an academic training regimen that began years ago with the ceremonial donning of white coats to signify the beginning of their journey and commitment to the profession.

“Over our four years at this beloved faculty we have had many experiences; most of them actually took place at our favorite building, 780 Bannatyne,” said Gurinder Kler, Senior Stick of the Class of 2008. “If not physically here, mentally we were thinking about something related to it. The endless hours of doing lab work, studying, managing patients have brought us together. It was a tough program, but we made it.”

The challenge of making it through dental school is well known throughout the university and, of course, in the practicing community. Securing a DMD degree is a long, demanding and very challenging task, to say the least.

Even gaining entry into the program is not easy to do. Each year, the Faculty of Dentistry must sort through the applications of literally hundreds of students looking to secure one of only about 30 seats in the program - a fact not lost on many in the Class of 2008.

“That is the feeling that has resonated throughout our class; we are very fortunate to be here,” said Tijana Stjicac, the Class of 2008’s Gold Medal recipient. “You look forward to it. We’re passionate about it and for a lot of us because we love it the hardest days aren’t that hard.”

The Road to Gold

Tijana Stjicac escapes war-torn nation for a better life in Canada

There are many roads to dental school. Few are like the one traveled by Dr. Tijana Stjicac. On May 28, Dr. Stjicac (left) received the Faculty of Dentistry’s 2008 Gold Medal for placing at the top of the 2008 graduating class.

The honour, in and of itself, is a considerable achievement. Placing at the top of the class in such an academically demanding and technically precise program like dentistry requires a special set of skills along with solid support from family and friends.

The magnitude of the honour was not lost on the newly-minted dentist shortly after the Graduation Breakfast, the faculty’s annual salute to its out-going classes.

“One of the professors told us to be thankful for everything we got because we are so fortunate to be here today, and we sure are,” she said.

Dr. Stjicac’s words take on a bit more significance given that her road to dental school was considerably different than most as it came through Sarajevo in the early 1990’s, the scene of one of the worst armed conflicts since World War II.

“We are from Bosnia and due to the war that started in the Balkans in 1992 that split up the country, we left,” she said.
Milestones Unlimited

Graduates reminded of their community conscience

For years they’ve worked tirelessly at learning, developing and perfecting their skills. And now, thanks to their diligence, hard work and skilled application of their sometimes intense training practices, the Class of 2008 officially crossed the threshold from student to professional.

The culmination of many often grueling years of study and sacrifice came on May 28 for the graduates of the Faculty of Dentistry and the School of Dental Hygiene.

The day began with the traditional Graduation Breakfast, the faculty’s annual send-off for its now-former charges. The morning event included an address from Dr. Pat Kmet, the newly installed president of the Manitoba Dental Association, who offered a few words of advice to the newly minted practitioners. Dr. Kmet noted that graduation is only the first of what will be many milestones that many can look forward to in the course of their new career.

“The need will exist for you to not only do dentistry and hygiene as a profession, but also as a calling,” Dr. Kmet said. “It is not just a job. By giving you the opportunity for a dental education the citizens of Manitoba have given you a bright future, and equally important, an opportunity to return the fruits and talents and gifts that you have developed these past four years. The time has come now for you to begin to give back.”

Dr. Kmet noted that it is important for oral health professionals to take their community commitment seriously. There will be ample opportunities, she said, for practitioners to become leaders in their community because of the public perception of altruism and integrity that professionals are afforded in society today.

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Road to Gold
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“Having gone through Serbia for years, we finally moved to Canada in 1994 and that’s where we restarted our life.”

The Bosnian War erupted in 1992 and lasted until 1995 and resulted in the disintegration of Yugoslavia into several republics. Sarajevo, the beautiful Mediterranean city that was host to the 1984 Winter Olympics, quickly became the centre of the war zone, and was subsequently torn and fractured by the conflict. Fighting in the city alone claimed an estimated 12,000 lives.

“We were in the capital,” she said. “I was 10-years-old when the war started and we lived in war for over half a year. We emigrated before the really harsh cold winter started and we moved to Serbia in November.”

The family of four didn’t leave the region until 1994. That too, was tough on the family as they all adjusted to a new way of life in a new land.

“It’s difficult. It’s a huge adjustment,” she said. “It’s a change in the culture; it’s a change in everything. Things change but you adapt; you maintain what’s good and accept a new culture for the good things.”

Although the estimates vary, it is agreed that civilians bore the brunt of the casualties in the conflict. Dr. Stijacic counted herself among those affected.

“It did (have an impact),” she said. “It develops a different perspective and appreciation for things in life; that’s the key thing. There are a lot of things here that you may take for granted and I’m guilty of that as well. But you have to move on, learn and adapt. That’s life.”

The family made the most of their move to the new land. As a student in dental school, Tijana worked in the Dental Program at Mount Carmel Clinic, earning the respect of those around her.

“She’s a pretty grounded and well-rounded individual,” noted Dr. Robert Schroth, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Dentistry. Following graduation, Tijana has taken up practice at a dental clinic in the west end of Winnipeg. And while embracing the opportunities found in Canada, she notes that some good did come from her experience.

“I’m glad that I’ve been able to hold on to the values that I had from home,” she said. “It’s kind of kept us together and that’s essentially what allowed me to succeed - it was that work ethic that I established at an early age that allowed me to do this today.”

Soon-to-be new graduates and doctors, (from left) Simon Luong and Gurinder Kler enjoy the ceremonies at the Graduation Breakfast.

Heather Wawrykow, seen here with Professor Salme Lavigne, received the Dental Hygiene Medal along with the MDA Gold Medal.
An armada of volunteers, including dentists, hygienists, assistants and other caring individuals descended upon the Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre June 11 with one common cause: to improve the quality of life among the province’s less fortunate community.

Urban Smiles was a day dedicated to improving the oral health and overall health of children, pregnant mothers, those affected with diabetes and others in need of care and attention.

Volunteers from the practicing dental community joined with those from the Centre for Community Oral Health for a full-day of free oral health care at Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre.

As part of dentistry’s 50th anniversary year, Urban Smiles marked 35 years of community outreach at the faculty, helping those most in need but who cannot afford proper care.

“The outreach that’s going on here today and the outreach that takes place everyday across Manitoba is so very important to people who do not have the services that others take for granted,” said Manitoba Premier Gary Doer who attended the event. “So this is a great day of celebration; it is a great day to celebrate the unsung heroes that are part of the dental faculty that make so much of a difference for so many people.”

CCOH Director Dr. Doug Brothwell said that, in many ways, Urban Smiles was simply business as usual for the community outreach arm of the faculty.

“It’s been a little known fact that for many years now, CCOH Director Dr. Doug Brothwell and Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino (Dean of Dentistry) were joined at the Urban Smiles event by Manitoba Premier Gary Doer, Dr. Robert Kerr, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost, University of Manitoba and John Albo, Associate Vice-President (External), University of Manitoba.
Going Out With A Bang
Big names headline Faculty of Dentistry’s 50 Year Finale

The Faculty of Dentistry has confirmed plans for the 50 Year Finale, the faculty’s closing bash to mark its 50 years as part of the University of Manitoba.

Tickets are now available for the November 22, 2008 gala event that includes a keynote address from Mr. Charles Winograd, CEO of RBC Royal Bank, one of Canada’s most prominent and successful businessmen.

“It is with tremendous excitement and pride that we confirm that our 50 Year Finale will take place on November 22,” said Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino, Dean of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba. “We are thrilled to announce that the evening will include an appearance by one of the most respected and sought-after business figures in North America today.”

Mr. Winograd is a leading business authority in Canada with strong historic ties to the Faculty of Dentistry. His father was a practicing dentist in Manitoba and played a leadership role in developing our community outreach program for underserved populations in Manitoba and Canada. He is also the brother of alumnus Dr. Eric Winograd.

Mr. Winograd’s appearance and keynote address should appeal to a broad audience of practicing professionals along with Winnipeg’s business and financial community.

The 50 Year Finale will feature Dr. Jan Brown as co-host and emcee. Dr. Brown is the former president of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers football club and was named co-recipient of the 2008 Faculty of Dentistry Alumni of Distinction award, among many other community and professional achievements.

Dr. Brown will share the stage with Dr. Les Allen, another faculty alumnus and former president of the Canadian Dental Association. A host of dignitaries from university and government are also expected to attend the event that will be the final official function of the faculty’s 50th anniversary year.

Tickets for the fund-raising and gala are now available for $200 each through the faculty or by contacting Jones Communications at 204.772.9267 or via email: sandrajones@mts.net. All tickets purchased will be entered for a special grand prize draw for a one-year lease on a brand new Pontiac G5, courtesy of Park Pontiac Buick GMC. The draw will take place that evening.

Event proceeds will support the Drive for Top Five, the Faculty of Dentistry’s campaign to become one of the top five dental schools in North America. The title sponsor is Dentsply Tulsa.
Major Funding Agreement Secured

Johnson & Johnson to provide $500,000 towards The Drive for Top Five

The Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene has reached its first plateau in the Drive for Top Five.

On September 5, Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino officially announced that the faculty will receive $500,000 in a partnership agreement with Johnson & Johnson Global. It’s the largest donation to the faculty in recent years.

“This is a very important day for the faculty and a very proud day for us as your Dean,” Dr. Iacopino said to a gathering of faculty and staff. “We’re able to announce today the culmination of a long process where we have a partnership in place and we will be moving forward. We’re starting with an initial investment by J&J and working towards something much larger. It’s a very exciting time for us.”

The funding will be directed to the Centre for Oral-Systemic Health, the first of the Nine Pillars of Innovation that form the foundation of the Drive for Top Five.

As part of the agreement, Johnson & Johnson will provide an educational grant of $250,000 for interprofessional curriculum development in oral-systemic health. The Dean also introduced Ms. Casey Hein as IPE curriculum project coordinator.

The world’s largest medical company has also agreed to deliver an additional $250,000 in seed research support for joint biomedical projects. It is the largest announcement to date for the Drive for Top Five, the faculty’s campaign to establish the University of Manitoba as one of the top five dental schools in North America.

Dean Iacopino hosted a brief gathering of faculty and staff in recognition of the new industry partnership which also served as well as an information session regarding the two initiatives. The gathering included an appearance from Johnson & Johnson representatives.

“We are in the position to be the right player not only because of the oral care franchises that we have, but also because of our commitment to research,” said Dr. Mark Gelbert, Vice President, Consumer Health Care. “So I don’t think we could find a better partnership between what you’re trying to do and what we stand for as a company. The fit is perfect.”

The agreement with Johnson & Johnson comes on the heels of another major development recently confirmed by Dean Iacopino who confirmed that Dentsply Tulsa would be the title sponsor for the 50 Year Finale, the faculty’s year-end gala.

Tickets for the November 22 event are now on sale and available at the faculty office, through Jones Communications at 204.772.9267 or via email: sandrajones@mts.net.

Manitoba Marathon Draws A Crowd

Distance running a popular pastime among dental community

The 30th Anniversary Manitoba Marathon was held on Sunday June 15, 2008. A record total of 13,190 runners participated in three events. Runners woke up to a cooler temperature of 15℃, which was welcomed after previous marathon years had heat wave temperatures. Nevertheless, runners suited up with water bottles and hats and headed out on the flat route that the Winnipeg streets had to offer.

The Faculty of Dentistry and its alumni had great representation in this event proving that the dental health professionals are not only good with their hands, but also quick on their feet. Dr. Mark Scoville (98) completed his first full marathon. Dr. Scoville finished strong, although he was relieved that the run was over.

For the half marathon, Drs. John Perry (PDS-76), Noriko Boorberg (RD-00), Shelly Tottle (95)(pictured right), Robin Lau (07), were out enjoying the 13.1 mile route.

A Dentistry IV student relay team also participated in the event. Congratulations to all participants on a job well done!
Strong Dentistry Delegation at CAPHD

Expertise in action at Maritime meeting

The Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene enjoyed very healthy representation at this past summer’s Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry annual meeting in Halifax.

Members of the school’s delegation included (pictured at right, from left) Ms. Casey Hein, Prof. Carol Yakiwchuk, Ms. Mary Bertone of the Health Promotion Unit and Dr. Doug Brothwell. Dr. Brothwell is also the incoming president of CAPHD.

Prof. Yakiwchuk and Ms. Bertone presented research on the suction toothbrush they are working on at the event which ran from May 30 to June 1 in Nova Scotia. Casey Hein, a part-time faculty member in periodontics, delivered a presentation on the oral-systemic link.

Dr. Vince Chan and Dr. Tana Gilmartin, also from the faculty, rounded out the University of Manitoba contingent.

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Taras Turns 90!

On hand for the June 5 celebration were (from left) Ms. Hedy Senyskiw, Ms. Christine Salt, Prof. Carol Yakiwchuk, Dr. Snihurowycz, Ms. Amanda Shawcross and Ms. Lisa Chrusch, who cut the cake on June 5.

One of the most colourful and passionate members of the faculty’s fraternity recently marked a most significant milestone: Dr. Taras Snihurowycz celebrated his 90th birthday in the company of friends and colleagues at the Faculty of Dentistry and the School of Dental Hygiene.

Faculty and support staff all gathered to offer their best wishes for the good doctor who became a nonagenarian on June 5. Special guests included Dr. Marshall Piekoff and Ms Hedy Senyskiw, Dr. Snihurowycz’s long-time assistant at his private practice.

The Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene wish Dr. Snihurowycz continued good health and congratulations on a long and successful life.
Research Firmly in Focus

Summer events highlight student research activities

The summer months saw a pair of events highlighting the efforts of student researchers at the Faculty of Dentistry. On June 4 the Bannatyne Campus played host to the Canadian Student Health Research Forum. The event, now in its 21st year, provides a venue for health research trainees from across Canada to present their work, network and be recognized for the excellence of their contributions.

Kris Coulter (Dent IV) was named the winner of the Dental Student Research Award and was presented with his award by Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino, Dean of Dentistry (top, right).

On June 21, student researchers were joined by their faculty advisors and members of sponsoring bodies for their annual reception and showcase of scientific activity.

Among the highlights of the day was the appearance of Mr. Andrew Yorke, the new CEO of Manitoba Blue Cross, one of the sponsoring agencies that supports student research at the faculty. Mr. Yorke assumed the post following the retirement of Mr. Aidan O’Brien.

The Manitoba Medical Service Foundation (MMSF), the Network for Oral Research Training and Health (NORTH), the Manitoba Institute for Child Health and the Manitoba Dental Association also provide funding for student research fellowships. Graduate students attending the reception included (at right, from left) Joumana Salame, Hoda Hosseini, Nichol Nayak and Harpradeep Ratia.

Manitoba Students Capture Top Honour

Entry from third-year classmates nets OSAP prize

University of Manitoba students Philip Kim and Jasrit Pahal were among the winners announced in June by the Organization for Safety and Asepsis Procedures (OSAP) for its I See IC Contest.

The two third-year dental students’ entry of Proper Placement of PPE was named the winner for Best Infection Control Message (shown right). It was one of several entries the pair had submitted to the contest that were among the finalists in the various categories.

The Organization for Safety and Asepsis Procedures (OSAP) announced the winners of its I See IC Contest during a red carpet event at the OSAP Symposium in Palm Springs, CA on June 13.

The contest was designed to promote infection control and safety by inviting dental professionals to create attention-getting videos and photos.

A DVD is being created that will include the finalists’ entries and additional material. Winners were picked through online voting.

OSAP is the Organization for Safety and Asepsis Procedures. Founded in 1984, the non-profit association is dentistry’s premier resource for infection control and safety information.

Through its publications, courses, website, and worldwide collaborations, OSAP and the tax-exempt OSAP Foundation support education, research, service, and policy development to promote safety and the control of infectious diseases in dental healthcare settings worldwide.
What a Difference a Year Makes

Drive for Top Five begins to take wings

This is the difference teamwork makes. A short 12 months after the start of our campaign, we are now beginning to see the foundations start to rise for our Drive for Top Five. I am elated to share with you today great news of a new $500,000 partnership with a major corporate donor.

On Friday, September 5, the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene will enter into a new partnership with Johnson & Johnson for the launch of our new Centre for Oral Systemic Health, the first of the Nine Pillars of Innovation.

Our friends at Johnson & Johnson have agreed to provide us with a $250,000 educational grant for interprofessional curriculum development in oral-systemic health with an additional $250,000 in seed research support for joint biomedical projects.

Following the official announcement a few short weeks ago, we staged a brief celebration in recognition of this new industry partnership as well as an informational session regarding the two initiatives as part of a general faculty meeting. The folks from J&J were on hand to offer a few words and we also formally introduced Ms. Casey Hein in her role as IPE curriculum project coordinator.

It’s a day that has been a long time in coming, but one that we are truly thankful to see.

This partnership is the largest and most significant to date in the history of our faculty and represents a giant step forward in our campaign to create a new centre of excellence at the University and for the citizens in the province of Manitoba.

To receive this kind of support from the world’s largest medical company is nothing short of a solid endorsement of our ideals and goals; an acknowledgement that we are, in fact, on the right track - that there is merit to our ideas and a need for what could be a significant shift in the design and delivery of health care in Canada.

And there is more.

I am also pleased to confirm that Dentsply Tulsa has graciously agreed to be the title sponsor of the 50 Year Finale - our year-end Golden Anniversary celebration. On behalf of all of us at the faculty, I wish to offer my thanks to the people at Dentsply Tulsa, who have stepped forward to walk with us as we move ahead with our plans for the future.

Our partnership with Dentsply Tulsa is one of what we hope will be many heading into our November 22 gala.

Over the past several months, the gala committee has been carefully mapping out various strategies and methods by which we can gain greater exposure to those interested in our ideas and who share in our belief that it is possible to do something great, right here, right now.

The committee successfully developed a sponsorship package that we hope will entice the interest of others in the medical and financial community. They also secured the appearance of Mr. Charles Winograd to deliver the keynote address.

As many of you may already know, Mr. Winograd is one of North America’s most influential financial figures, a captain of industry who can influence economies and shape national monetary policy.

He also has a long and significant association with our faculty and we are more than pleased that he has agreed to appear.

These milestones have all been reached as a direct result of the commitment, focus, diligence and just plain old hard work of the teams assembled to face these challenges.

Much of the work being done towards our goals is carried out in relative obscurity.

Our committee members have quietly gone about the business of moving the faculty forward, tied together by the belief and desire to see days such as these. Our internal staff is focused on supporting these goals.

It is the determined efforts of people such as these that stand as a testament to what can be achieved when we work together towards a common end.

The recent Olympic Games staged in Beijing, China offered a spectacular glimpse of what can be achieved through individual and collective effort.

Every four years, the world’s biggest stage offers us all a showcase of pride and achievement: a testament to what can be earned through hard work, focus, determination and commitment.

We all share in the pride of our national athletes who work so diligently and, for the most part in anonymity, for many years before earning a place on the international stage.

Their success becomes our success.

The important thing to remember is that success does not come of its own accord; it is the product of concerted effort, patience and faith.

And sometimes, even after all of this, a little help will still be needed along the way.

Just as our athletes in Beijing need the support of the nation, we need yours. As the stakeholder groups of the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene, you have the ability to help move us along; to carry us through so that we can see more days like this.

To date, I have been thrilled with the support voiced by so many of you, both directly and indirectly.

As I continue to tour the many practice offices in the province and meet with oral health professionals from all over Manitoba, I am encouraged by the warmth in your response and kind words I have heard.

Only 12 months ago, we began this journey with high hopes and great expectations.

Today we stand further than where we began. With your continued support, I am confident that this is only the beginning.

GRAZIE!
Summer may be a time for most to head out to the lake or another vacation destination point, but not for Dean Anthony M. Iacopino who continues touring dental offices across sunny Manitoba.

Over the summer months, Dean Iacopino maintained a very busy schedule of office visits and even found time for a road trip out west.

Thus far, the Dean’s Office Visit Series has seen Dr. Iacopino meet with close to 50 dentists, with more trips planned for the near future. In the meantime, here are a few of the latest stops along the way.
Westward Bound

The City of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba is located about 70 km or one hour west of Winnipeg in the heart of the Manitoba prairies. The community of roughly 12,700 is growing with new development thanks in part to a healthy local economy. It is also the home of several Faculty of Dentistry alumni, as Dean Iacopino found out during a summertime road trip.

Freshly minted dentist Dr. Scott Mather along with Dr. Larry Cogar at their Tupper Street dental office.

Dr. Hans Stasiuk (centre) and dad Dr. Joseph Stasiuk along with the staff at the Brite Smile Dental Clinic on Saskatchewan Avenue.

Dr. Mike Sullivan of Portage Dental Associates welcomes the Dean to his Royal Road practice office.

Dean Iacopino is treated to lunch courtesy of Drs. Jerry Baluta (centre), Dr. Nar Gill (right) and the staff at Odyssey Dental Care.

Drs. Allan Finkleman and Alex Zimmer.
Dental Hygiene

Hygiene Profession Welcomes New Members
Class of 2008 offers thanks to dedicated faculty

The transition from classroom to practice and beyond is the challenge now before the 26 graduates of the School of Dental Hygiene. The profession welcomed its newest associates this spring following convocation at the University of Manitoba. The Class of 2008 did take the opportunity to acknowledge faculty and staff during the last official university function, the May 28 Graduation Breakfast.

“Today is a milestone,” said John Babick, who delivered the year-end address on behalf of his colleagues, “an exciting day from which we pass from the protection of being a student to a world of being responsible and accountable for our actions as health-care professionals.”

As one of the few programs of its kind in Canada, the School of Dental Hygiene works closely with the Faculty of Dentistry in providing educational and clinical training opportunities. It’s a relative rarity in Canada as few of our nation’s universities offer training in dental hygiene, a fact not lost on the Class of 2008.

“Our affiliation with the Faculty of Dentistry has enabled us to study in a state of the art facility with first-rate professionals, outstanding support staff and excellent equipment,” John Babick said. “It has been a privilege to grow in such an environment.”

Pro. Salme Lavigne took a similar theme in her remarks to this year’s graduating class, the 43rd in the history of one of Canada’s top dental hygiene schools. The Director of the School of Dental Hygiene noted that the class should consider graduation as one of many destinations down the road of their profession.

“You are a member of a very intricate oral health team; a team that supports each other in decision making, a team that collaborates with other health professionals to arrive at the best and most appropriate care for the public they serve,” Prof. Lavigne said. “Consider this not the end of your education but the beginning of your road to becoming an oral health expert.”

There should be no shortage of destination opportunities for the new wave of professionals to begin practice. Employment opportunities abound for dental hygienists in Manitoba, similar to most other Canadian provinces.

The provincial job futures division reports employment prospects for dental hygienists are expected to be good from 2008 - 2012. And while the demand for oral health services is sensitive to economic conditions and insurance coverage, the passing of The Dental Hygienists Act will only serve to open more opportunities in designated community health agencies for practicing hygienists in Manitoba.

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Saying Farewell to an Old Friend
Dentistry, hygiene help send off out-going president

Just before stepping down as President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manitoba last June, Dr. Emőke Szathmáry, was invited to the Bannatyne Campus for a tribute luncheon.

Prof. Salme Lavigne, (pictured right) Director of the School of Dental Hygiene, represented the oral health faculties at the event.

Prof. Lavigne presented the outgoing president with a picture of the dental faculty on the Bannatyne campus. Dr. Szathmáry stepped down at the end of June, ending a run of 12 years as head of Manitoba’s largest university.
A Year of Accomplishment

Dental Hygiene blazes new trails, sets new standards with more to come

As the 2008 academic year gets underway, it’s amazing to look at where we are compared to where we were only 12 months ago. The School of Dental Hygiene is on the rise - both figuratively and literally - here at the University of Manitoba.

We are in the midst of transition, a movement that is helping us grow and develop into something bigger and better. And the real exciting part is that this is only the beginning of what we hope to accomplish in the days, weeks and months ahead.

On November 22, we will mark our achievements along with our colleagues in the Faculty of Dentistry, at the 50 Year Finale at the Fairmont Winnipeg. Contact the School of Dental Hygiene head office for more information on what will be a fabulous event.

And we do have plenty to celebrate.

As most of you already know, our new office space up on the second floor of the dentistry building has been functioning beautifully for the past several months. Our students welcome and enjoy their new mail boxes and the professional demeanor and presence of the entire program is lifted noticeably by our bright, new modern surroundings.

Renovations continue, which will be of significant benefit to our staff, especially when compared to the dark, outdated quarters that have since been reassigned and re-developed.

An open house is in the planning stages that we hope to have organized once all the work is complete and our staff comfortably ensconced in their new areas. We will certainly keep all of you posted on developments on this front as we move along.

We are all thrilled with the passage of The Dental Hygienists Act that takes our profession to a new level. As you will read in this edition of the Bulletin, the implementation of this act is significant from both a pragmatic and symbolic perspective: pragmatic in that the passage of this legislation will open doors to our profession that will create a myriad of new service, training and employment opportunities. Our staff is already very busy developing new training and educational models that embrace the new freedoms granted to the profession via the implementation of this legislation.

While many of our current education and training methods remain intact, students will see improvements in their design and delivery, thanks to our new-found status within the medical community.

Much of this will focus on new and expanded efforts targeting underserved populations in Manitoba. This will include expanded service work in many health care centres in Winnipeg and around the province.

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Act Creates Opportunities In Education

Provincial legislation will prove beneficial to hygiene students

by Mickey Emmoms Wener, RDH, MEd and Carol-Ann Yakiwchuk, RDH

The recent proclamation of The Dental Hygienists Act in Manitoba has created new learning opportunities for dental hygiene students. University of Manitoba students are now able to work, learn, and be mentored under the supervision of an Extended Practice (EP) Dental Hygienist, without a dentist on site.

The ability to work as a primary oral health care provider adds significant flexibility to the clinical curriculum, which this year will see groups of up to six students providing dental hygiene care for vulnerable populations such as those at Deer Lodge Centre and Siloam Mission.

Carol Yakiwchuk, RDH EP, who has been working with dependent and older adults for over eight years, will be serving as the externship coordinator to supervise and support students.

Clients with oral health issues beyond the scope of practice of dental hygienists will be referred to resident dentists or the Centre for Community Oral Health (CCOH) Home Dental Care program.

Often care facilities do not have stationary dental equipment on-site. Through the generous support of a grant provided to Prof. Mickey Wener by the Winnipeg Foundation, new portable dental equipment has been purchased and will be utilized by students to provide dental hygiene care off campus. Having this equipment increases our ability to offer students new opportunities to practice in non-traditional settings, and allows them to experience mobile dental hygiene care.

The School of Dental Hygiene is very excited to be offering students this new opportunity for supportive hands-on learning. Having students practice within these facilities on a wide range of challenging clients provides invaluable opportunities for them to learn more about the complex oral and overall health needs of these vulnerable populations and the important practice considerations involved.

We’re hopeful this experience will plant the seed for students to choose to reach out in their future careers to offer their expertise to those who are in great need of dental hygiene care.
A Day @ the Races

Dentistry @ the Downs offers family fun, food, fillies

A picturesque summer afternoon greeted the contingent of folks from the Faculty of Dentistry for a day at the races in mid-June.

Faculty, alumni, staff and their families gathered for Dentistry @ the Downs, a unique and affordable family-oriented event at Assiniboia Downs to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba.

“We thought it was important to have an event that everyone could participate in as part of our 50 year celebrations,” said Dean of Dentistry Anthony M. Iacopino. “It turned out to be a beautiful day and everyone seemed to have a very good time.”

The day featured a full slate of eight thoroughbred horse races, including the $50,000 Chantilly Stakes race, followed by the U of M Faculty of Dentistry and RBC Purse.

The faculty race featured a field of six and a $13,000 purse with Tug O’ War, under jockey Alan Cuthbertson besting the field.

Several prize draws were held, with a few lucky winners earning a trip to the winner’s circle following the faculty race. Other prizes included a one-night stay at a posh Winnipeg downtown hotel.

In keeping with the family theme of the day, the event was staged track-side under a tent that offered a variety of amenities including a buffet lunch and a host of kid-friendly activities nearby.

Budget priced tickets of $15 included free admission for those under 12. All ticket buyers were also automatically entered into the grand prize draw of a one-year lease on a brand new car, courtesy of Park Pontiac Buick GMC.

The grand prize draw will take place at the 50 Year Finale gala this fall, the faculty’s closing event November 22 at the Fairmont.

The event was graciously sponsored by RBC.

Dentistry @ the Downs:

The Faculty of Dentistry’s first foray into a family-oriented fun day was welcomed by a warm summer sun and an exciting day of thoroughbred horseracing at Assiniboia Downs in June.

Turning up for the day were (bottom photo, from left to right): Barb and Dr. Ken Howie along with granddaughter Ava and Anne-Marie Brownell.

Middle Photo: Jordan Oliver, Adam Reeder, Dean Iacopino, Ryan Poitras, Anne-Marie Brownell, Jo-Anne Jackson, and jockey Alan Cuthbertson, pose for a pic after the feature race.

A number of graduate students were also on hand for the day’s activities. The group included (front, from left to right): Smaranda Danescu, Sameer Mudher, Elham Tayefi and (top, left to right) Hoorieh Tayefi, Hengameh Akhlaghi.
Calling It A Career After 20 Years

Dr. Vijay Pruthi retires from active service

Dr. Vijay Pruthi has changed his focus. After teaching and serving as the Division Head of Periodontics for the past 20 years at the University of Manitoba, Dr. Pruthi is taking early retirement from academic life effective September 1, 2008.

In retirement, Dr. Pruthi, pictured left with sons Atul (Dent III) and Deepak (Med II), will be dedicating more time to private practice, spirituality, and contributing to international humanitarian causes.

Earlier this year, Dr. Pruthi received the Educator’s Award from the American Academy of Periodontology in recognition of “Outstanding Teaching & Mentoring in Periodontics.”

He was also a keynote speaker at the Indian Society of Periodontology Conference held in Davangere, India in December 2007.

The Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene thank Dr. Pruthi for his loyal and dedicated service over the years and offer best wishes in his future endeavors.

Orthodontics Boasts Full Staff

International academics Drs. Akyalcin and Rody welcomed

Orthodontics is pleased to announce that two new tenure track orthodontic faculty, Dr. Wellington Rody from Brazil (pictured left) and Dr. Sercan Akyalcin from Turkey (at right), have joined the full-time staff in the Division of Orthodontics, Department of Preventive Dental Science.

Upon their arrival, Program Director and Head of Orthodontics, Dr. Billy Wiltshire invited the new staff for a Welcome to Manitoba lunch. The orthodontic division is now fully staffed. Dr. Wiltshire and the entire orthodontic department wish to offer a hearty welcome to Sercan and Wellington.

Dentistry Recruits, Retains Familiar Faces

Summer additions to teaching staff feature talented, experienced professionals

In July, Dr. Igor Pesun, Restorative Department Head and Associate Professor announced that Dr. Anthony Nowakowski has accepted the position as Lecturer in the General Practice Clinic. Dr. Nowakowski (pictured left) is a 1984 graduate of the dental faculty here at the University of Manitoba, and has been a part-time instructor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry for over 20 years.

“I am very confident that he will be an excellent future academic within our department and for the Faculty of Dentistry as a whole,” Dr. Pesun said, in making the announcement.

In other faculty news, Dr. Jaswinder Brar (pictured bottom left) has joined the Department of Dental Diagnostic Sciences in the Division of Periodontology.

Dr. Brar has been installed as a full-time faculty member and will be here for the 2008-2009 academic year, as confirmed by Dr. Shirley Gelskey, acting Director of Periodontology.

A recent graduate of the University of Manitoba’s Graduate Program in Periodontology, Dr. Brar will be teaching and working in the undergraduate clinic.

Dr. Charles Lekic has resumed his half-time appointment in the Department of Preventive Dental Science effective April 9, 2008. Dr. Lekic also resumed his position as Division Head for Pediatric Dentistry.
Get Together Creates Giving
Orthodontics alumni, faculty, staff, gather to celebrate, contribute to the faculty

A very successful alumni function was held recently by Graduate Orthodontics in Denver, coincident with the American Association of Orthodontists annual meeting, with over 50 alumni, residents and friends of the program in attendance. The event saw alumni attend from afar afield as Australia.

Dr. Billy Wiltshire, Professor and Head of Orthodontics and Graduate Program Director was a speaker at the congress, but also gave an update and program overview at the alumni function. It was also an opportunity for Dr. Wiltshire to present two well-deserved Program Director's Awards.

Dr. Frank Hechter (pictured right with Dr. Wiltshire), part-time professor in orthodontics, was presented a certificate for his 35 years of dedicated part-time services to the Division of Orthodontics and the Graduate Orthodontic program. Noteworthy, is that Dr. Hechter donates all his time to orthodontics.

Dr. James Noble, third-year resident in orthodontics received the Program Director's Award for outstanding contributions to the Craniofacial Deformities Orthodontic Clinic.

Alumnus Dr. Grant Duncan from Adelaide, Australia and a good friend of our program, attended the function along with his wife and made another wonderful contribution of another $10,000 to our program in support of research and facility upgrading. Dr. Duncan’s wife Margaret (Giesbrecht) is an alumna of the School of Dental Hygiene. This wonderful contribution was made in the memory of two of his mentors, the late Dr. Kenneth McLauchlin and the late Dr. Arthur Storey.

Ms. Cathy Watt, Departmental Secretary of Preventive Dental Science, also announced at the alumni function that she is donating $4,500 to the program towards the Craniofacial Deformities Orthodontic Graduate Clinic. Cathy, who was once a patient in the Graduate Orthodontic Clinic, acknowledged the services she received whilst making her donation. Thank you Cathy for this fantastic gesture!

Cathy went on to challenge Dr. Wiltshire to equal or better her donation. So, not to be outdone, Dr. Wiltshire also announced a further $5,000 donation to the Graduate Orthodontic Program.

Meet the New President
Dentistry welcomes new University of Manitoba President Dr. David Barnard

Over the summer, staff and students welcomed Dr. David Barnard as the 11th president and vice-chancellor of the University of Manitoba at two informal gatherings.

On the morning of July 2, a reception was held in the Engineering Atrium on the main floor of the Engineering and Information Technology Complex. In the afternoon, a similar reception was held in Brodie Centre at the Bannatyne Campus where he was welcomed by Dr. J. Elliott Scott (right), Associate Dean (Research) at the Faculty of Dentistry along with Adam Agpalza (Dent III), among others.

During his speech, Dr. Barnard quoted one of his favourite poets, W. H. Auden: “Those who will not reason, perish in the act. Those who will not act, perish for that reason.”
Variety to the Rescue
Big donation to bolster Norway House kid care

Variety, the Children’s Charity of Manitoba, in conjunction with the Faculty of Dentistry’s Centre for Community Oral Health at the University of Manitoba, announced the expansion of an innovative dental outreach program on June 11.

Variety will provide an additional $30,000 over the next three years to help purchase dental equipment for a pediatric clinic at Norway House Cree Nation as part of the Variety Children’s Dental Outreach Program. This builds on Variety’s previous $100,000 commitment to the Children’s Dental Outreach Program in 2005.

“The gift is $100,000 over three years and we expect to continue our sponsorship going forward,” said Mr. Jim Grapentine, president of Variety, the Children’s Charity. “In addition to this current sponsorship, Variety is very pleased to work with the university and expand the program into Norway House where the rate of childhood caries (tooth decay) is extremely high.”

In 2005, Variety announced the three-year sponsorship commitment to the Children’s Dental Outreach program at the Faculty of Dentistry’s main clinic at the Bannatyne campus. The program has been such a resounding success in Winnipeg’s core area that it will be extended into Manitoba’s north, where currently access to oral health care for children is limited.

The Faculty of Dentistry, Centre for Community Oral Health is a major player in providing oral healthcare to children in underserved northern communities of Manitoba, and will continue to be involved as a partner in the next phase of the program.

The program is in line with the faculty’s long history of community outreach initiatives and its commitment to highlight the link between oral and overall physical health.

Wayne Rogers, Executive Director of Variety; Dr. Donna Wilson, Superintendent of Schools - North with the Winnipeg School Division; and Dr. Charles Lekic, Head of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Manitoba.

“This donation will go a long way to improving the quality of care for the children of Norway House,” said Dr. Doug Brothwell, Director, Centre for Community Oral Health, Faculty of Dentistry. “It will also allow our students the opportunity to expand their educational experience under the proper conditions.”

For more information, or to help support faculty programs, contact External Relations on Bannatyne Campus at 204.977.5615, toll free 1.800.330.8066 or via Email: Ext_Rel_Bannatyne@umanitoba.ca.

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Alumni Donation with Heart
Defibrillator now in grad-perio clinic

It could be called a heart-felt donation. The Manitoba Dental Alumni Association (MDAA) donated an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to the Faculty on May 22.

The device was then installed in the graduate periodontics clinic on the third floor, the scene of a cardiac incident last year.

“They had an incident up in grad perio where they had to run downstairs for the defibrillator,” said Dr. Scott Leckie, MDAA president who also teaches a CPR course at the faculty. “So we thought, maybe as an association, we could provide another one and contribute back to the university and the faculty and this would be a great cause. It will also help keep the patient healthy and safe.”

The new AED is a state-of-the-art device that actually talks the user through the procedure once the unit is deployed. While proper operation of a defibrillator is something that all health care providers should be well-versed in, this new device makes the whole process easier by analyzing the patient and instructing the user on exactly what needs to be done.

The cost of the unit is estimated at $2,500. It’s the second such gift by the MDAA in the past two years following the donation of a unit for the main clinic.

“Working with Scott and the MDAA is a real treat because there are no issues,” said Dr. Lawrence Stockton, Head of Patient Care in Clinical Support Services. “Did we need it? Yes, we did and it’s done. It will be going up to the clinic in a few minutes and we will be arranging for orientations and training for the staff up there. It’s great to have the MDAA on board with us.”

Welcome to the Profession

Dean Anthony Iacopino and Alumni Affairs Officer Kathy Mastrobuono had the honour of attending the Welcome to the Profession Dinner for Dentistry’s first year students and their mentors.

Following a dinner at the Manitoba Club, short presentations providing insight and invaluable information were provided by Scott Bollman and Jim Kurz of Scotia Bank; Dr. Chris Cottick on behalf of the Manitoba Dental Alumni Association; Dr. Phil Poon for the Canadian Dental Association; Manitoba Dental Association Vice-President, Dr. Sandy Mutchmor and Dr. Anthony Iacopino, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry.

Other guests included Dr. Marcel Van Woensel, MDA Registrar; Jeff Bergen, MDSA Senior Stick; Rafi Mohammed, Membership Services Director for the Manitoba Dental Association.

This was an excellent opportunity for incoming students to spend time with their mentors before meeting with them again at the Opening Assembly ceremony on August 28. Thanks to Nick Lekic (Dent III), Kurt Scherle (Dent IV), and Scott Bollman (Scotia Bank) for their organization of the event.
Grads Through the Years

By: Bill Christie (64), Noriko Boorberg (00), Scott Leckie (90) and Mickey Emmons Werner (DH)

G. Roy Thordarson (62) was conferred a Master Fellow in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Canadian Section, by the International Council of the International College of Dentists in 2008. Roy is one of only seven Master Fellows in ICD in Canada.

Wayne Acheson (74) continues his duties to monitor and attend to day-to-day activities and commitments as Executive Secretary of the Canadian Academy of Endodontics, but especially to plan for the CAE Annual meeting on “The Rock” in St. John’s, Newfoundland on August 19-23, 2008.

Mark Thevenot (91) and Randy Dawson (90) are co-chair organizers of the classic 2008 Western Manitoba Dental Society Golf Weekend, held at the Clear Lake Golf Course and Mooswa Lodge on September 5-6, 2008. As well as the golf and lecture routine, the WMDS has initiated a fund through Dentistry Canada Fund to aid both a second and third year dental student. Mark’s e-mail is rmdc@mts.net.

Cory Sul (95) Chair of the Sports Events for Winnipeg Dental Society was disappointed that the Spring Golf Classic had to be cancelled due to rain, and was hoping for better weather for the WDS Fall Golf Classic that was scheduled for August 29 at Larters at St. Andrews.

Jeff Hein (94) begins the seven-year stepladder on the Winnipeg Dental Society as the new executive member in charge of secretarial duties. The WDS is packed with alumni of the faculty with Chris Cottick (90) at the helm as President, Danielle Jobb (95) as Past-President, Andrew Chuchman (85) is Vice-President and Chair of United Way, Bill Cooke (93) is Clinic Chair and is assisted by David Stakiw (91) who takes that portfolio next year. Cory Sul (95) does duty as Sports Chair.

Liang Li (04), who now goes by “Kevin” while in the USA, has finished two years residency in New York City and two years private practice. He has recently begun studies in Graduate Endodontics at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. Kevin Liang lives in a “relatively safe” area and walks the 10 minutes to the college each day.

Babak Nurbakhsh (04) has begun studies in the Endodontic Graduate Program at the University of Toronto, and therefore is having to commute back to Vancouver periodically.

Drew Brueckner (93) (above, left) received an Endodontics Fellowship from the Royal College of Dentists of Canada at the Fall Convocation in Saskatoon in September 2008. Drew began the fall term as Head of the Division of Endodontology at the faculty.

Cam Zealand (06) is in the final stages of a pediatric dentistry residency in Michigan, and is busy writing-up a thesis and preparing for Royal College exams this fall. He plans to practice in Calgary with another fellow paedodontist, Rory Vinsky (94) in January 2009.

Tom Breneman (69) is still an active volunteer on the national level as a member of the Board of Directors of Dentistry Canada Fund. He is also the Manitoba/Saskatchewan representative for the “Good for Life” campaign.

Deborah Saunders (99) has received a grant for partial funding for the Oncology Clinic at Sudbury Hospital from the DFC Ontario Dental Association Fund in 2007.

Alex Pappas (91) is practicing with past-MDA president Jim Bonar (83) in Brandon, and is also enjoying some leisure-time with family at the newly acquired cabin on Pelican Lake in Manitoba.

Nicholas E. Karaikos (02) (above right) also received a Fellowship in Orthodontics from the Royal College of Dentists of Canada in Saskatoon in September 2008. Nick had a big contingent of family out to support him at the convocation.

Also receiving Fellowships in Pediatric Dentistry from the Royal College of Dentists, but not present at convocation, were Edina Heder (04) and Elsa K. Hui-Derkensen (02).

Graduates (from page four)

The Dean of Dentistry, Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino, noted that the increased size of the event (over 300 attendees) is one of many new changes that signify a new day at the Faculty of Dentistry.

“The 50th anniversary of the faculty, the changes that we’ve made and the new direction that we’re going in is exemplified here by the biggest crowd we ever had,” he said.

The Dean reminded the former students to remember the faculty as more of a second home than as a place of their past and invited all to stay involved in their school as their careers progress.

“We want you to feel that the faculty is a place where you can come to a warm and welcoming environment to learn about new technologies, to talk about issues in dentistry,” he said. “Whatever you need at the time, we’re hoping to be here for you.”

ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION

The Faculty of Dentistry and the School of Dental Hygiene are now accepting letters of nomination for the 2009 recipient of the Alumni of Distinction Award. Please send letters of nomination, supported by three alumni and/or faculty members, and return to:

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Around Bannatyne

On June 12, 2008, Dr. C. Dawes gave the keynote lecture on Saliva and Oral Health at the 46th Convention of the Japanese Society of Pediatric Dentistry in Omiya Sonic City, Japan.

While in Japan he also gave lectures at Matsumoto Dental University and at the Dental College of Meikai University.

In July, he gave lectures on Saliva, Dental Caries, Erosion, and Calculus Formation at the Summer School of the European Organization for Caries Research (ORCA) in The Netherlands.

**Nuptials**

Ryan Tsang (00) & Cindy Niziol (DH 00) were married on August 30, 2008 in a beautiful backyard wedding in Winnipeg. Eight members of the Class of 2000 attended the wedding and we are thrilled that Ryan was not the last person in our class to get hitched. After the nuptials, the class celebrated with sushi and played Rock Band in the couple’s twenty-seat home theatre.

**Births**

Maya Carmen Klassen
Born July 23, 12:38am
6 lb, 3 oz, 21.5 in
Samantha (Tonner) Klassen (99)

Huy Huynh (99) and wife Anh welcomed a baby boy August 26th named Isaac Thai Huynh (7 lb 6 oz).

**In Memoriam**

Dr. William George Hetherington
Dr. William George Hetherington passed away at Port Alberni, British Columbia on June 5, 2008. Dr. Hetherington received his BSc in 1955 and DMD in 1963 at the University of Manitoba. He practiced dentistry in Souris and Portage la Prairie, MB, and for many years in Port Alberni, BC. In semi-retirement he cared for special needs dental patients at the local hospital.

**Amazing Year** (from page 15)

Also brand new to the School of Dental Hygiene is the introduction of our very first mentorship program. Modeled after the very successful dentistry project, practicing hygienists from the community will take students as their protégées to guide them along through their academic and field training, helping to mould and build their professional capabilities and to be there as a guide, a confidant and a friend. I wish to thank all the mentors who stepped forward to volunteer their time, experience and expertise for the benefit of our student body today: Leanne Enns, Andrea Fruehm, Twyla Hoffman, Paula Klimchak, Kathy Kost, Karen Krazyk-Kaatz, Laura Loewen, Susanne Morin, Angela Rosales, Harriet Rosenbaum, Sandy Vickers and Trish Wittmeyer.

I am confident this program will have a positive impact upon what is already one of the finest dental hygiene programs in the nation today.

It has been a most incredible year. It is with this in mind that I offer this reminder to all in the dental hygiene community to take part in the 50 Year Finale - our faculty’s final send off to our Golden Anniversary year. Your support in this and other initiatives mentioned here, will take our school and profession to new heights that we can all share in, with achievement and pride.

**Hygienists** (from page 14)

“Exciting, exhilarating, frightening and even sobering; these are all adjectives that describe this day for us: the Class of 2008 Dental Hygiene,” John Babick said. “From that very first day, to the final days of preparation for the national board exam, we have been the recipients of excellent training by a faculty of skilled and dedicated professionals.”

Prof. Lavigne expressed confidence in the group’s ability to forge ahead in what promises to be a changing world.

“Your patients will see you in an entirely different light. You will no longer be considered a student, but a competent professional; someone to respect,” she said. “We’re confident we’ve taught you well.”

We are thrilled to announce the birth of Jessica Hannah Manson. Born on Wednesday, February 20 at 2:45 a.m. Jessica (seen here with grandfather Marshall Peikoff) weighed 7 lbs, 7 oz and was 21.5 inches long.

Elana Peikoff Manson (92)
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