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Looking Forward Enthusiastically

Welcome to the winter issue of *Alumni Today*. As we gently glide from 2008 to 2009, we reflect on a very busy and eventful year for the Faculty of Dentistry, filled with international meetings, national and international recognition for our faculty members and great events. At the same time, we enthusiastically look forward to the year ahead of us.

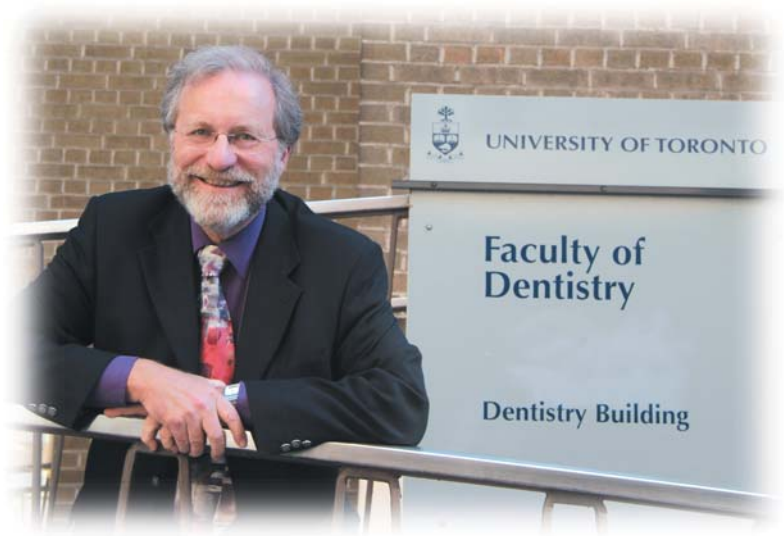
The economic downturn has dampened our enthusiasm somewhat, as it has everyone's, but this too will pass. Meanwhile we continue to do what we do best, that is, provide the best possible education for our students, the best care for our patients, and world class research. Thanks to the ongoing support from our alumni and students, the Pediatric Surgicentre continues to provide a very much needed service to our patients, as well as a unique educational experience for our students. In fact, the success of this program has resulted in a lengthy wait list for patients needing care and we hope to expand the service in the near future.

Athletics is always a part of student life but the Faculty is particularly proud of one of our third year students who was selected for the Varsity rowing team this year. Not to be outdone in the physical prowess area, this issue also highlights Dr. Rick Rayman, a 7T0 graduate who has taught at the Faculty for 22 years and who has been running every day – that's every single day! – for 30 years, totalling 203 marathons to date.

Your alma mater continues to develop more and better continuing education programs to meet the needs of the profession. Our state of the art continuing education centre on Don Mills Road is proving to be an excellent venue for such programs, but we are also utilizing our affiliated hospitals where their facilities provide a better environment. As well, as you will see in this issue, we are working on an e-learning format to fit the busy schedule of the practicing dentist.

As I write this I'm looking forward to a restful holiday, but when you read it, we'll all be back at work. I wish you all the best the New Year has to offer. Hopefully the silver lining under the economic cloud will reveal itself soon for all of us.

DAVID MOCK 6T8



We continue to do what we do best – provide the best possible education for our students, the best care for our patients, and world class research.

Launching New Initiatives

With every new beginning, there is always a measure of enthusiasm and excitement. 2009 promises to be another year filled with exciting and worthwhile projects at the Faculty. Some are a continuation of old traditions, while others are new initiatives which have been launched as part of our ongoing commitment to keep developing the support of our alumni for the students and the Faculty.

In the spirit of honouring old traditions, I invite you all to attend this year's *Dentantics* show which will be held on March 5th and 6th at The Isabel Bader Theatre. *Dentantics* never disappoints – the students continue to be highly creative and most entertaining. Let's have a fun evening out with our colleagues and old classmates to fondly reminisce about our own *Dentantics* days.

Alumni Ski Day presents another fantastic opportunity to continue the tradition of sharing and camaraderie with our friends at The Canadian Cardiac Rehabilitation Foundation. Promising to be a day of exceptional skiing, great food and lots of prizes, we hope to see many alumni at Devil's Glen Country Club on Friday, February 20th.

The Alumni Mentorship Program continues to be a valuable resource to students in developing relationships with practising dentists who provide advice, guidance, insight and support. Dr. Christena Chruszez, the Chair of this program, continues to work with student leaders to provide invaluable

mentorship opportunities for all students from first to fourth year. We are also encouraging more participation from specialists to further enhance the students' mentorship experience.

The social highlight of our year continues to be the Awards of Distinction Gala which will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. We invite you to come out and share this very special evening with us, while showing your support of our alma mater and its significant contributions to dental research.

One of the challenges we all face in this new year is that of financial uncertainty. However, alumni support for the students and our Faculty continues to be vitally important especially in these difficult times, financially and otherwise. Volunteer to be a mentor or join our Alumni Board or one of our committees. When you attend *Dentantics* or buy tickets for the Gala, we all benefit from your generosity. I can assure you that all of your support will be most sincerely appreciated.

CAROLYN POON WOO 8T5



Dedicate a Workstation

Provide a lasting legacy on a plaque, engraved with the name of your choice, prominently displayed on a workstation. Have your name and year of graduation noted, honour the memory of a friend or relative, or mark a special lifecycle occasion.

Dedications may be made with a donation of \$1,800 and may be paid over a three year period.

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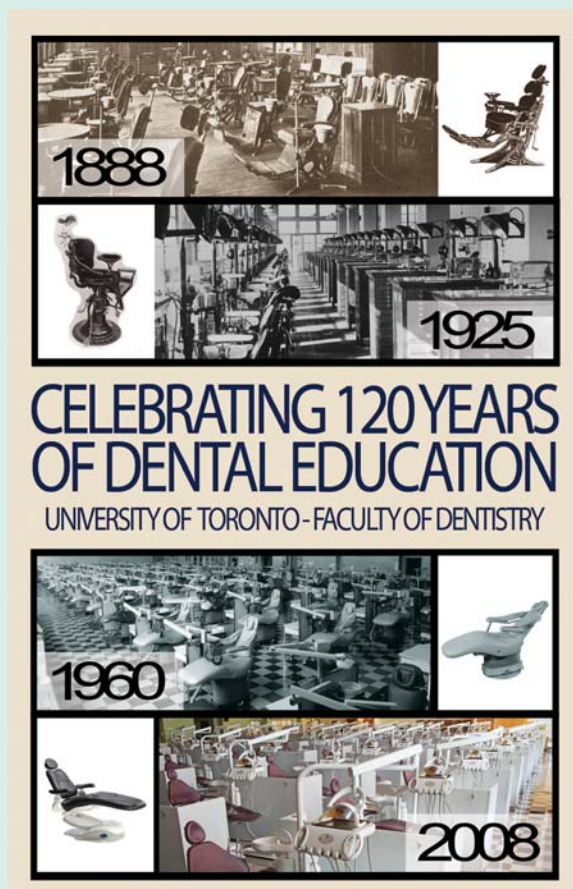


Celebration and Recognition

Poster Sales to Support Student Activities, Scholarships and Faculty Research

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Orders may be placed by calling Sara Vanos in the alumni office at 416-979-4940 ext.1 and payment can be made by credit card.



Dean's Lecture Series

Dr. Paul Sharpe will be lecturing at the Faculty on March 17-18, 2009, hosted by Dr. Bernhard Ganss in the Growth Development and Regeneration research theme. Contact Leah Raz at L.raz@dentistry.utoronto.ca for more information.

New Dean Appointed in Montreal

Internationally recognized for his experimental and clinical research on sleep disorders and pain and on sleep bruxism in relation to orofacial pain, Gilles Lavigne DMD, FRCD (oral medicine), PhD, has recently been appointed Dean of the Faculty of Dental Medicine at the University of Montreal. His PhD (neuroscience) was completed at the University of Toronto (Dr. Sessle, director). He also co-edited a textbook on Orofacial Pain (Quintessence, 2001; second edition 2008) and is one of four editors of a book on sleep and pain interaction (IASP Press, 2007).



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Next Issue: Spring 2009 Deadline: March 30

Send your reunion, class news, comments, questions, letters or other input, along with photographs, to: Editor, Alumni Today, University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry, 124 Edward Street, Toronto, Ontario M5G 1G6, or e-mail barbaramurray@fastmail.fm no later than Monday, March 30. Submissions may be edited due to space limitations.

The Running Man...

*Twenty years with my brain in a book
Trying to find out who I am....
I've been searching so long
But the answer is finally at hand...
I'm a marathon man.*

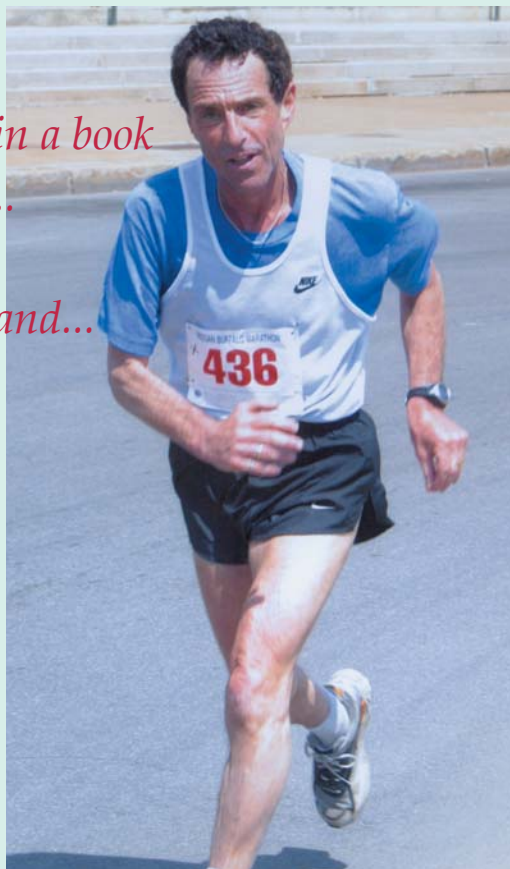
(MARATHON MAN BY ERIC CARMEN)

In actual fact, Rick Rayman 7T0, could be the ultimate marathon man. He's been running every day since December 11, 1978, come rain or shine, sickness or health, and that includes the inevitable sports related injuries that come with long distance running. All this while juggling a busy practice, marriage, two children and three grandchildren and teaching one day a week at the Faculty of Dentistry.

He's obviously a man who takes commitment seriously, whether it's his running (every day for 30 years); his marriage (37 years); his involvement teaching at the Faculty (22 years); or his rapport with his staff, most of whom have been with him long-term ranging from ten to almost 30 years.

A natural athlete, Rick played competitive softball, high school basketball and was a North York city allstar in his graduate year. But team sports became more difficult to schedule once marriage, children, and a busy practice had to be prioritized. Running became a natural progression, and for this competitive athlete, running in marathons became the goal.

He recently completed his 203 marathon in Philadelphia, the 18th marathon of 2008, and is scheduled to run the next one in Arizona in February 2009. He recalls the most brutal conditions he has ever run in as the second annual Bluenose Marathon in Halifax. Between five in the morning and five in



the afternoon they received 100 millimetres of rain and 80km winds. It took him five hours to complete, but complete it he did and at the 27k point his wife was there, waiting to cheer him on. "My wife and kids have been my greatest supporters" says Rick. Of the 18 marathons he's run this year, his wife has come to 16 so that she can celebrate with him as he crosses the finish line.

A sport that can often be a lonely one, Rick says he has chosen to enjoy the camaraderie that is also a part of running. "I'm more interested in finishing a marathon now (as opposed to breaking records), and running interesting races,

and so are the people I associate with in running circles."

At 62, Rick has no plans to quit running any time soon. "It's going to take something very dramatic to make me not run one day," he says. Until then, in the words of Eric Carmen, this marathon man is going to 'keep on running'!

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO NOW?

If you know of any Alumni that have a story they should be sharing, or if you yourself are involved in an endeavour, organization, or event that you think would make interesting reading for other Alumni, please send it to:

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Upcoming Reunions

DENTISTRY

Class of 5T9

The 50th reunion will take place on Thursday, April 30th, 2009 at the Four Seasons Hotel on Avenue Road. For more information contact Bernard Crystal at 416-759-4961, or email bcrystal@rogers.com.

Class of 6T9

In very atypical fashion we are planning well in advance for our 40th reunion in the spring of 2009. We are hoping for an enthusiastic representation of our class. It promises to be an unforgettable event. If you have not done so, please send your email address, and the emails of fellow classmates, to Steve Zamon at stephenzamon@rogers.com.

Class of 7T9

A cocktail reception is planned for Thursday, April 30, 7:00 p.m. at Barchef, 472 Queen St. W. Call Anne Tonisson at 416-482-6072 for more details.

Class of 8T9

The 20 year reunion of the Class of 8T9 is planned for Saturday May 2nd, 2009. Location will be the Intercontinental Toronto Centre in the Kingsway Room at 225 Front St. W. Cocktail reception to begin at 7:00 p.m. Cost \$35 per person. Please contact Dr. Mark Suyama at 604-728-5598 after 10:30 a.m. E.S.T.

Just had a Reunion? Please send your reunion pictures and stories to the Alumni Today editor.

(Pictures can be 4 x 6 glossy prints or email them as high resolution jpeg files to barbaramurray@fastmail.fm)

Seeking an associate for your dental practice?

Contact Sara Vanos at 416-979-4940 Ext. 1 and the position will be posted with the 4th year class.

DENTAL HYGIENE

Class of 6T4 – Finding Those Exceptional Women of 1964!

We are getting ready for our 45th reunion in the spring of 2009. In order to make it the success that it's been in the past Rosalie (Fineberg) Shapiro needs the email addresses of you and your classmates to be sent to: Rosalie.Shapiro@Rogers.com. Looking forward to a great time!

Class of 6T9 – Dental Hygiene Class We Need to Hear From You!

The University of Toronto Dental Hygiene Class of 6T9 is making plans for the 40th class reunion at Stage West in Mississauga on May 1st and 2nd, 2009. Lynn (Lawson) Foster needs to hear from you! Email your name and address to her at: lifoster@rogers.com or call 519-850-7894.

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As our 'Thank You', the names of all dentists who supply teeth by the end of June 2009 will be eligible for a Draw Prize. Congratulations to Dr. Kenneth Lawless 6T9, last year's winner.

Zarb Fund Continues to Grow

Thank you to the donors who have generously contributed thus far. An updated list of donors will be included in the next issue of Alumni Today magazine. Given the amount needed for this Professorship to be realized, please give your serious consideration to being part of honouring Dr. Zarb, and continuing his legacy at the Faculty.



Receiving the Pierre Fauchard Academy Award in Montreal, 2005

“Dr. Zarb has been a mentor not only to his students and colleagues, but to dentistry at large. This includes every patient who enjoys an enhanced life experience because of having an osseointegrated dental implant. His contribution has made a significant change to how we practice dentistry today and how we will practice in the future.”

DR. IZCHAK BARZILAY DDS, CERT PROSTHO., MS, FRCD(C)
HEAD – DIVISION OF PROSTHODONTICS AND RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY,
MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO FACULTY OF DENTISTRY

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Please write “George Zarb Professorship Endowment Fund” on the back of your cheque.**

Tribute

Dr. Sela Cheifetz

“She was an incredibly fair and unselfish person, whose passion was to infect students and trainees with her genuine love for science. Her rigorous yet gentle approach has shaped my own way of scientific thinking. Every time she discovered a flaw in my experimental design I felt compelled to think more carefully, not discouraged. Sela dealt with her illness the way she dealt with science, which gave her the strength to carry on with great perseverance and dignity. She will always remain a role model for everyone who knew her. I am fortunate to have been one of those people.”



DR. BEN GANSS, COLLEAGUE AND MEMBER OF THE CIHR GROUP IN MATRIX DYNAMICS

An active Faculty member and scientist right up to the end of her battle with cancer in May 2008, Dr. Cheifetz was a member of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Group in Matrix Dynamics and was wholly devoted to science and the scientific enterprise.

Following the completion of her PhD with Dr. Mario Moscarello at the Hospital for Sick Children in 1984, Sela conducted post-doctoral studies with Dr. Joan Massague in New York City where she made landmark contributions to TGF-beta signalling

systems and fundamental understanding of the receptors that regulate connective tissue remodelling in response to TGF-beta.

She returned to Toronto in 1990 and, after a period in industry, developed a long and highly productive collaboration with Jaro Sodek which led to many interesting and insightful investigations on cell signalling in connective tissues.

Sela was a tremendously dedicated and supportive supervisor to many graduate students in the CIHR group between 1994 and 2007. Her selfless example of the pure scientific spirit and a dedication to always performing highly controlled experiments, ensured that her scientific work, and that of her students, was top-flight and true.

WE MOURN THE LOSS

- Ronald W. Banting 7T4
- Sela Cheifetz – Faculty Member
- Jack E. Cooper 4T9
- John E. Durran 5T3
- Richard F. Evans 5T0
- Harold W. Goodwin 5T1
- Charles Malkin 4T6
- George C. Ng 6T9
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- Clifford G. Weiler 5T9
- Charles E. Woods 4T2
- Bernard R. Zener 4T5

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Jack Edward Cooper

A graduate of the Class of 4T9, Dr. Cooper maintained his general dentistry practice in Toronto until his retirement. A 60-year member of the ODA, he passed away on May 14, 2008 at the age of 82. Dr. Cooper is survived by his wife Frances Gloria.

Richard Franklin Evans

On January 16 at the age of 83, Dr. Evans passed away peacefully following heart surgery. A graduate of the Class of 5T0, he was a past president of the ODA from 1976 to 1977. In 1987 he was awarded the ODA Service Award which recognizes outstanding service, and was also awarded the Rotary Paul Harris Award from the Rotary International. He was an executive member of the CDA in 1978 and was also a past-president and member of the Bay of Quinte Dental Association and a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry. Dr. Evans is survived by his wife Betty.

Donations honoring the memory of Alumni can be made out to the University of Toronto and sent to the Faculty of Dentistry – 124 EDWARD STREET, ROOM 527, TORONTO, ONTARIO M5G 1G6

AWARDS OF DISTINCTION *Gala*

APRIL 4, 2009

Our 2009 Awards of Distinction Gala will take place at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. Don't miss being part of an exciting and memorable evening.

We are proud to pay tribute to this year's honourees:

CY ELBORNE

RANDY LANG

GEORGE ZARB

and a special tribute to:

GUY POYTON

All proceeds raised through the Gala are designated to the Dental Research Institute established to support research activities in oral health.

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Cy Elborne

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Cy started his career as a sales rep in Vancouver after graduating from UBC in 1972. In 1989 he moved to Toronto to become the president of Ash Temple. Following the sale of the company to Henry Schein in January 2005 he initially worked as Executive Vice President of Sales before taking on the position of President of Henry Schein Canada in 2006.

Under his leadership, Henry Schein Canada has supported many endeavours initiated by the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry including the Gala, golf tournaments, student activities and many of the Dean's efforts related to education and research. "We have done our best to work with the Faculty in ways that would build, grow, and attract funds to research so that the university continues to have an international profile," says Cy. The decision to support these efforts frequently demands as much time as it does money, and he credits Ken Croney, Toronto Branch Manager, for being willing to dedicate that time to Faculty events.

Cy is proud of the position and the underlying philosophy of the company, and the fact that his staff support the decisions that make them good corporate citizens. "These opportunities give each of us a sense of pride, and demonstrate the way that our company repeatedly reaches out to the community," says Cy. Receiving this award from the Faculty is, for him, an honour and a fitting tribute to the ethos of the company.



"Henry Schein Canada and its Team Schein members are strong advocates of supporting our communities. Community based organizations are supported through employee fundraising events which make monetary donations as well as food, clothing and Christmas gifts for underprivileged children. These opportunities give each of us a sense of pride."

Randy Lang

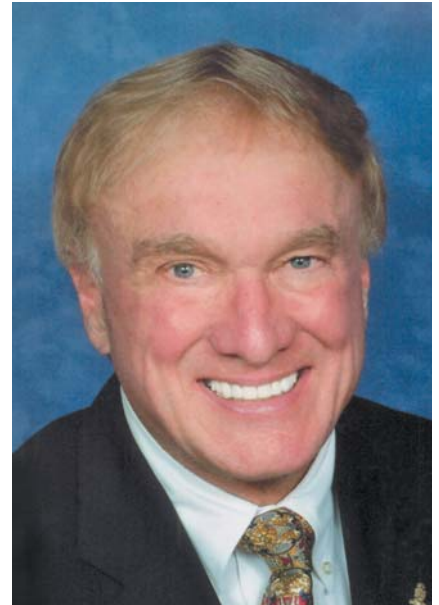
A dentist; an advocate; a teacher; a writer – the hats worn by Randy Lang are many.

An honours graduate of the Class of 6T6, graduate of the orthodontic program in 6T9, and winner of the Bourassa Trophy, which is awarded to the graduating student who has made the most outstanding contribution to the Dental Faculty, Randy proved early on that he was someone who intended to become involved in whatever way he could to make a positive impact in the lives of his fellow professionals.

He is the Orthodontic Editor and Co-Chairman of the Editorial Board for the dental journal *Oral Health*, and co-founder, along with Dr. Angelos Metaxas, of the University of Toronto Orthodontic Alumni Association.

One of his most outstanding contributions has been as an elected member of the RCDSO Council, where he set a record as the longest serving member of Council in the history of the RCDSO – a total of 19 years. Described by Registrar Irwin Fefergrad as an “incredibly decent person who added humour, common sense, purpose and wisdom to Council and committee meetings”, Randy is recognized as being a consensus builder who managed to advocate for members while balancing the mandate of public interest protection.

In addition to his orthodontic practice in Mississauga and West Toronto, Randy has been a member of the Orthodontic teaching staff at the Faculty for over 35 years, bringing his own brand of humour to his lectures. Obviously appreciated by the student body, he has been a recipient of the Dental Students’ Society Outstanding Teacher Award, as well as a recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award from the graduating dental class on many occasions. Randy’s decision to teach at the Faculty was a direct outcome of his own experience with what he calls “a very caring and supportive academic and non-academic staff. I owe this Faculty so much. This profession is a caring one and consequently those teaching dentistry are caring people – my favourite type of people to associate with.”



“The thing I enjoy most is teaching. I try to make it fun. I enjoy trying to demystify the very complicated clinical aspects of orthodontics for my students, and I really look forward to the days that I am down at the Faculty. That gives me the most personal satisfaction.”

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George Zarb

A visionary, a respected clinical scholar and a pivotal force in the careers of students, practicing dentists and specialists, the accolades for George Zarb continue to accumulate. Most recently he became a recipient of the Order of Canada in recognition of his great contribution to Canada, and indeed humanity, bringing additional pride and honour to our profession. The high regard in which he is held internationally, and his profound influence in the field of prosthodontics, have associated the name of our Discipline, Faculty and University with the highest standards of teaching, research and clinical service around the world.

A graduate of the University of Malta, George arrived in North America in 1960 on a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship. After spending several years in the States completing a Master's degree in Prosthodontics at Ohio State University, it was our good fortune that George decided to make Canada his adopted country, and the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Toronto his academic base.

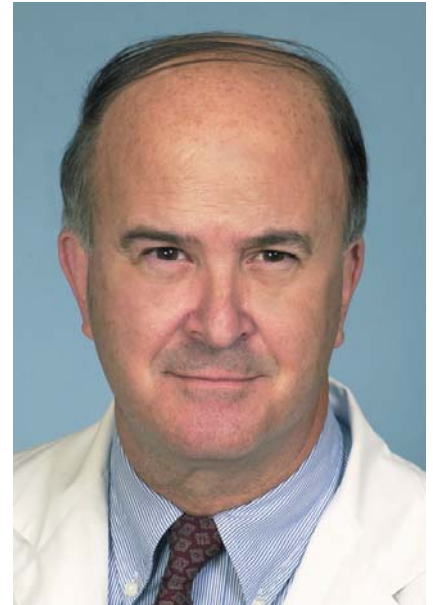
A man of immense talent, wisdom, perseverance and dignity, George was the ideal person for the positions of Department Head and Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, two of the many academic portfolios he held during his 40 years of tenure.

Early in his career he had a vision for the place of prosthodontics in organized dentistry. He was instrumental in the establishment of Prosthodontics as a

recognized specialty in Ontario. He was also a co-founder of the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada, and later its President. Internationally he was the co-president of the International College of Prosthodontists and President of the Academy of Prosthodontics.

George has lectured nationally and internationally, and has written numerous papers on different aspects of his very eclectic discipline. He has co-authored thirteen textbooks, contributed chapters to several others, and recently completed a new book entitled "Osseointegration: Ongoing Synergies in Prosthodontics, Surgery and Biomaterials".

The only recipient of all three awards from the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics (Teaching, Research and Professional Service), and the Golden Medal recipient from the American Prosthodontic Society, George continues to serve the profession as the current Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Prosthodontics.



George Zarb is arguably one of the most respected clinical scholars in the field of Prosthodontics. His ground-breaking work in the field of osseointegration changed the dental paradigm world-wide and has ultimately touched the lives of millions of patients who have had their quality of life enhanced through the science of osseointegration.

Guy Poyton

Guy trained in dentistry at Guy's Hospital, England, later joining his father's dental practice. During WWII, as Major H.G. Poyton in the British Army, he served in England and Holland. Following the war, Guy obtained a position with the dental unit of the Metropolitan Police at Scotland Yard in London, and later, in 1948, at the leading dental hospital The Eastman Clinic in London, England. He was involved in establishing an innovative program to train dental assistants, later called hygienists. Further studies resulted in his developing and expanding the use and techniques of radiology, specifically for complex conditions of the teeth and jaw. Guy's pioneering achievements in, and specialized knowledge of, dental radiology resulted in an invitation to lecture at the University of London, and to teach at and develop the radiology program at the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry.

The first Full Professor of Oral Radiology in the Commonwealth, Guy also initiated the first MSc. course in Oral Radiology in the world. A popular speaker, admired teacher, and author of over 30 articles, he lectured throughout Canada, the USA, the U.K., Australia, New Zealand and Bulgaria.

Guy consulted on maxillofacial radiology matters in various hospitals, and in 1982 published his first book on the subject entitled Manual of Dental and Oral Radiology. Updated with his colleague, M.J. Pharoah, in 1989, it remains a definitive text.

Guy retired from his position as Associate Dean, Administrative Affairs, Chairman and Professor of Oral Radiology in the Faculty of Dentistry in 1978, but as Emeritus Professor maintained close ties with many colleagues and former students.

On December 8, 2007, two weeks after his 96th birthday, with Eunice, his loving wife of 69 years, and family friend Margaret by his side, Guy slipped away from his remarkable life with us.



Dr. Poyton's foremost interest was in ensuring that the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry retain its international recognition for excellence. In 2004, a donation by Guy and Eunice established The Poyton-Graduate Student Bursary in Oral Radiology enabling the Faculty to expand its program in diagnostic imagery and research.

Conferences, Workshops and Seminars

Toronto was the centre for a number of important conferences, workshops and seminars in 2008.

Following are some of the highlights.

Cell Signals

The annual Cell Signals meeting and workshop, on the topic of Ethics in Health Research, was held at the Pantages Suites Hotel April 10-11. Hosted by Dr. Richard Ellen, a senior member of the Oral Health and Disease Pathogenesis research theme in Dentistry, the event brought together mentors and trainees to discuss ethical health research, ethics in pain studies, CIHR guidelines, management of research funds, and issues and challenges in academic integrity. Cell Signals is one of the Canadian Institute of Health Research's most successful graduate student training programs. The meeting extended its study outside of the University by involving high school students and their teachers in the ethic debate.



RECOGNIZING THREE GIANTS

On July 1, 2008 just before the annual meeting of the IADR, a symposium was hosted at the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry to recognize the contributions of three 'giants' in oral and trigeminal neuroscience. The symposium attracted over 180 clinicians and scientists and was sponsored by the IADR Neuroscience Group, Fonds de la Recherche en Santé du Québec (Oral Health and Bone Research Network; Québec Pain Research Network), Canadian Institutes for Health Research (Applied Oral Health Research, Pain M2C, and Cells Signals training grants, Placebo Mechanism Research Network), and Quintessence Publishing.

Each of these 'giants' – Professor Barry Sessle; Professor Jim Lund; and Professor Alan Hannam – completed their dentistry training in Australia in the sixties and then entered into PhD programs. It has been Canada's good



fortune to attract these three clinician-scientists who became prolific in their academic life, and the Faculty's good fortune to have Dr. Sessle as professor and Canada research chair at the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry where he has been since 1971. Dr. Sessle also served as dean of the Faculty from 1990-2001. He has been president of the IADR and of the International Association for the Study of Pain. He is a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, a member of the Canadian Academy of Science, and the current president of the Canadian Pain Society. He is also editor-in-chief of the Journal of Orofacial Pain.

Three articles that summarize the tribute presentations to each of these professors are included in the current issue of the Journal of Orofacial Pain.

The International Association of Dental Research (IADR)

A non-profit organization focused on promoting dental research and improving communication to advance oral health, the IADR held its 86th general session and exhibition in Toronto in conjunction with the 32nd annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Dental Research (CADR). The event was held July 2-5, 2008 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre and attracted thousands of national and international practitioners, researchers and students.

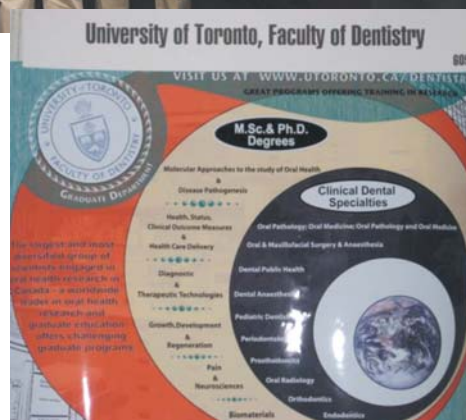
Approximately 3,600 poster presentations were showcased related to oral health research. Hugh Kim, a University of Toronto PhD student, supervised by Dr. Christopher McCulloch, won first place in the Senior Basic Science category of the Hatton Competition. Carol Forster, a student supervised by Dr. Michael Glogauer, won second place in the Senior Clinical Research Category.

Keynote speakers from the Faculty included Carlos Quinonez and Dr. Barry Sessle. In addition, 18 symposia were presented by renowned researchers



from around the world including Dr. Richard Ellen, Dr. Hernia Lawrence, Dr. Barry Sessle (chairperson) and Dr. Ze'ev Seltzer. Dr. Christopher McCulloch organized a number of networking opportunities for students, clinicians and scientists consisting of University of Toronto Faculty tours, luncheons and receptions that were co-hosted by the CADR and the University of Western Ontario.

Complete coverage of all these symposiums can be found online in the DRI Annual Report. Visit www.utoronto.ca and click on Research in the left hand column, and then DRI to locate the DRI Annual Report.



Toronto Osseointegration Conference

Over 1,000 participants from 38 countries attended this landmark conference in May 2008. Hosted by Dr. Asbjorn Jokstad (scientific chair) and Dr. Anne Gussgard (conference director), our Faculty was represented by seven speakers: Dr. James Anderson, Dr. John Davies, Dr. Asbjorn Jokstad, Dr. Robert Pilliar, Dr. George Sandor, Dr. Barry Sessle and Dr. Howard Tenenbaum. (See Fall 2008 issue for full coverage.)



A Win-Win Situation for Young Dental Patients and Students

The Pediatric Dentistry Surgicentre which provides comprehensive dental care to children under general anaesthesia at the Faculty of Dentistry has been in operation since the fall of 2005. The objective of the program was to provide much needed dental care to children under general anaesthesia in response to the ever increasing wait times for such care in the hospital sector in an educational setting. A secondary objective was to ensure that such a program was accessible to children who were on government funded social assistance, as these children could not access care in community facilities due to a lack of finances. The initial educational focus was directed to the graduate students in Pediatric Dentistry and in Dental Anaesthesia.

The program has seen 1,141 patients who were referred by dentists primarily from the GTA for dental care under general anaesthesia. 83% of the children referred to our program had their dental care completed at the Faculty. Of the 665 cases that were completed under general anaesthesia 479 (72%) were supported by government funded social assistance programs like CINTO or OW. We have indeed improved access to dental care under general anaesthesia for children who are covered by social assistance!

The program continues to be successful and receives referrals from dentists throughout the GTA and beyond on a daily basis. The wait time for a routine case from the day the referral is received to the actual anaesthetic date is



"This program has been successful in a number of ways. We are improving access of care for children while at the same time training dental students and residents in doing dentistry under anaesthesia, as well as training residents in giving general anaesthetics to children. As our students have more exposure to these types of cases they become better practitioners when they graduate. It's a win-win situation."

DR. DAN HAAS
DISCIPLINE HEAD, DIRECTOR GRADUATE PROGRAM
DENTAL ANAESTHESIA

approximately six months, which is very good compared to hospital waiting lists which are closer to one year.

As a result of this program, the graduate students in Pediatric Dentistry have become extremely proficient in the management of early childhood caries in the young child under general anaesthesia. In the fall of 2008 we introduced an undergraduate student rotation into the curriculum so that all fourth year students can participate in the management of early childhood caries under general anaesthesia.

In order to ensure that the program can continue, it is essential that equipment be updated, replaced and maintained – which is difficult to do given the fiscal



realities of running a teaching clinic within the Faculty of Dentistry. As all dentists are aware, the funds paid by government sponsored dental plans barely cover overhead costs, which in our situation means that the Faculty is running this program on the margin of survival. Donor support is required to ensure that this much needed educational/service program for the management of early childhood caries can continue to exist.

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DR. MICHAEL SIGAL
DISCIPLINE HEAD
DIRECTOR GRADUATE PROGRAM IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Your Donations Make it Possible

Thank you to all those who have contributed, and a special thank you to Dr. James Blackmore 8T0, a graduate of the dental anaesthesia program, whose initial generous donation has been the catalyst for others to respond, and to the Provincial Government whose funding made this project possible. A plaque will be placed outside the operatory wall thanking all of those involved in supporting this very necessary venture.

Dental Anaesthetists

James Blackmore; Mel Gardner; Daniel Haas; Brian Waters; Hartley Kestenberg; Peter Nkansah; Kal Khaled; Jason Wong; and Andres Laansoo.

Their contributions went towards purchase of monitors and other equipment for the clinic.



Dentantics 2007

Their contributions went towards purchase of a defibrillator and other emergency equipment for the clinic.

Alpha-Omega

Their contributions went towards purchasing a teaching mannequin for emergency simulations.

Class of 2009

Their contributions went towards a beautiful mural and toys for the waiting room, to make our waiting area more child-friendly.

CADA

Thank you also to the Canadian Academy of Dental Anaesthesia who are planning to make a donation which will enable us to purchase an additional monitor.

We Can't Do it Without You!

If you would like to make an individual or group donation to the Pediatric Dentistry Dental Anaesthesia Surgicentre to ensure that our children continue to receive this necessary and timely treatment, contact Sara Vanos at: 416-979-4940 Ext. 1.



Faculty Launches E-learning Initiative

Over the past few years continuing education on-line or via a CD-ROM or DVD has grown in popularity as an option for many dentists. The difficulty and cost of leaving a busy practice to attend the traditional continuing education courses has created barriers for many dentists, especially those who practice great distances from where these lecture-based programs are offered. In addition, these e-learning programs are available for study at a time convenient to the dentist in the comfort of his or her office or home. And, as well as being less costly, the electronic program can be conveniently retained for future review.

In recognition of this growing demand, the CDE Department has launched a new service in e-learning. We have started with two new programs. The first is a CD-ROM titled Acute Pain in Dental Practice.

Professor Howard Tenenbaum, a well known and respected member of our Faculty, is the author and presenter of this program. The Faculty was assisted by an unrestricted educational grant from Oral Science to produce this CD. The second program is an on-line version of the Faculty's annual update lecture. This popular lecture features ten of the Faculty's leading lecturers, from a variety of disciplines, who each make a half hour presentation on new developments in their area of expertise.

For those alumni outside of Ontario we are making available a comprehensive CD on Dental Emergencies.

A joint production of the Faculty and the RCDSO, this CD has been distributed to dentists in Ontario by the RCDSO as part of the RCDSO Lifelong Learning Program.

Further information on all these programs can be found on the Continuing Dental Education section of the Faculty's website at: www.utoronto.ca/dentistry.

While we and our sponsors are investing in this new electronic CE option we will not reduce our commitment to the traditional programs. Encouraged

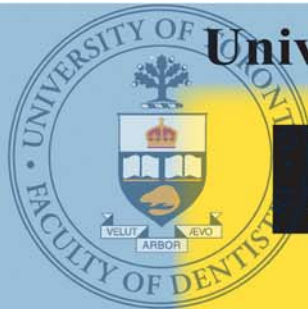
by the success and response to programs at the CDE Centre, 1440 Don Mills Rd., it is our intention to expand the programs offered at that Centre, and to make it available to study clubs, dental societies and companies from the dental industry who may wish to use it for their own programs.

We know these are difficult economic times, but we also

know that our profession is committed to excellence, and that continuing education is a necessary ingredient to that commitment. The Faculty has therefore taken these initiatives to develop creative CE options to help our profession maintain its status as the leading profession in continuing education, even when faced with economic challenges.

The CDE Department looks forward to your feedback on all of these programs.

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University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry

Research Day

2009



Artwork: "Sunflower" by Susan Deshmukh

Registration fee is waived for Alumni

February 10th, 2009
12:00- 6:00 pm

12:00 - 12:05
Room 170

Opening Remarks
Dr. Dennis Cvitkovitch

12:05 - 1:05
Room 170

Dr. Marc McKee, Ph.D.

Professor, Associate Dean Research, Faculty of Dentistry, McGill University

"Nature's Biomineralization Strategies and Harnessing them for tissue regeneration and tissue repair in bones and teeth"

1:10 - 3:15
Auditorium and Cafeteria

Poster Presentations and Clinical Tables
Complimentary lunch will be served

3:45 - 4:45
Room 170

Dr. Cameron Clokie, D.D.S., Ph.D., FRCD

Professor, Director of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto

"Future of Regenerative Surgery"

5:00 - 6:00
Cafeteria

Wine and Cheese
Featuring Clinical Tables



3 CDE Credits

Pre-registration required on-line at www.cde.utoronto.ca

Dean's Breakfast



The Dean's Breakfast, held at Hart House on November 26th, had as its guest speaker, Dr. Siew-Ging Gong, Associate Professor, Orthodontics, at the Faculty of Dentistry.

Dr. Gong, who has a Canada Research Chair in Craniofacial Biology, is currently involved in investigating how and why clefts of the lip with or without clefts of the palate (CL/P) occur, by combining experimental molecular biology techniques with clinical research, ultimately hoping to find a cure. She is also establishing and analysing a national and international data base of patients to map the genes involved in this birth defect.



"These patients require multiple surgeries, dental care and speech therapy, with estimated lifetime rehabilitation costs in excess of \$130,000 per individual."

CL/P is the "most common congenital craniofacial anomaly of children born in Canada each year," she explains. "These patients require multiple surgeries, dental care and speech therapy, with estimated lifetime rehabilitation costs in excess of \$130,000 per individual."

One of the first problems a baby with cleft palate might have is difficulty breathing or eating. Cleft palate usually makes breastfeeding difficult because the infant has difficulty sucking properly.

Children born with cleft palate may also have frequent ear infections. That's because air and fluid can't pass normally through the eustachian tubes, the tubes that connect the throat with the middle ear. This means fluid and germs can become trapped behind the eardrums and cause infection. Some people with cleft palate may have had an operation to put tubes in their ears to help the fluid drain properly. In some cases, people who had cleft palate may have hearing loss because of repeated infections and fluid behind the eardrums.

Dental problems, such as cavities and missing or malformed teeth, are also common.



Speaking clearly can be challenging for children with cleft palate. If the teeth do not line up properly, they may not be able to pronounce certain sounds.

Although most children do not have any other physical or learning problems, for some, cleft palate and cleft lip may be associated with other birth defects, such as heart defects, or other physical problems, such as growth disorders and muscle weakness and some learning difficulty.

The prevalence at birth of oral clefts in Canada is approximately 400-500 births each year, greater than that of neural tube defects, Down syndrome, or limb deficiency defects. Globally, a child is born with a cleft approximately every 2.5 minutes. In the US, the lifetime cost of treating children born each year with oral clefts is estimated to be

almost \$700 million. Although surgery can correct these structural defects, patients still face a lifetime of functional, social and aesthetic challenges.

The research being headed up by Dr. Gong at the Faculty is directed towards understanding why and how these craniofacial clefts occur. Information gained from our studies will contribute ultimately to a better diagnosis, design of treatment, and preventive strategies for CLP in humans.



This is just one of the many research programs made possible by funds raised at the Gala each spring. Your attendance at this event on April 4 will make a significant difference.

Retirees

The Dental Research Institute wishes to recognize five valuable research members who retired this year. They are: Dr. Jim Anderson, professor in the Division of Prosthodontics; Robert Chernecky, laboratory technician; Dr. James Leake, professor in the Department of Community Dentistry; Dr. James Hu, professor in the Department of Oral Physiology and Dr. Keith Titley, professor in the Division of Paediatric Dentistry. They will be remembered for their outstanding achievements in research and their invaluable contributions to the university.

Dr. Titley, Dr. Leake and Dr. Anderson, (shown below) have been granted the status of Professor Emeriti.



New Faculty

We welcome Dr. Anuradha Prakki to our Faculty. Dr. Prakki received her PhD in 2007 in Operative Dentistry at Bauru Dental School, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil and during her doctorate course spent one year at the University of North Carolina, School of Dentistry. Dr. Prakki joined the Faculty in the Department of Restorative Dentistry as an assistant professor in September.



International Conference on e-Learning

Faculty of Dentistry staff member Florin Salajan will be the Program Chair of the 4th International Conference on e-Learning, which will be held at the University of Toronto, July 16-17, 2009.



Pacific Dental Conference

Dr. Ernest Lam will be one of the guest speakers at the Pacific Dental Conference, to be held May 5-7.



2008 SUMMER RESEARCH AWARD WINNERS

BEST PRESENTATION: **Karl Cuddy**

Title: *Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome is Associated with Defective Osteoclastogenesis.*
 Supervisor: **Dr. Michael Glogauer**

BEST SCIENCE: **Frederick Erbiceanu**

Title: *Extracellular matrix mechanics and impact on mechanical signalling.*
 Supervisor: **Dr. Christopher McCulloch**

HIGHEST CLINICAL RELEVANCE:

Audrey McNamara

Title: *Effects of Bisphosphonates on BMP-Induced Bone Formation.* Supervisors: **Dr. Cameron Clokie and Dr. Sean Peel**

HINMAN AWARD: **Mukarram Khan**

Title: *Establishing the link between inflammation and fibrosis within the human periodontium.*
 Supervisor: **Dr. Christopher McCulloch**

PYNN FAMILY TRAVEL AWARD:

Liv Bullock

Title: *Analysing human mutation in the proton pumping Vacuolar-type ATPase that result in autosomal recessive osteopetrosis.*
 Supervisor: **Dr. Morris Manolson**

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The International College of Dentists Scholarship Award was presented to Sepehr Zahedi by Dean David Mock and the Ontario ICD Deputy Regent Arlene Dagys.

Dragon Boat Team Winners

The 2008 University of Toronto Dentistry Dragon Boat team, Plak Attack, represented the school at the Toronto

International Dragon Boat Race Festival on June 21st - 22nd, 2008.

Although most team members were first-time paddlers, everyone aspired to perform well in the races. After five weeks of intensive practice, they improved their paddling skills immensely, and learnt to work as a team. Race times showed that their efforts paid off. Not only did they break the U of T dentistry team's all-time record with 2:23.36 seconds, but also won the University Cup Division C and were just 0.05 seconds away from becoming the 2nd runner-up in the



Premier Mixed Division I. Most importantly, the whole team had a wonderful paddling season.

Members of the team would like to acknowledge their sponsors: DCY Professional Corporation Chartered Accountants, Sinclair Dental, DOT Integrated Financial, University of Toronto Dental Students Society, and Alumni Relations Faculty of Dentistry University of Toronto.



Enjoying the Journey

The academic year has reached its half way point and student life at U of T Faculty of Dentistry has been progressing rapidly. The Dental Student Society (DSS) Council has been working hard to enhance the spirit and collegiality of the student body, and to create a fun and positive atmosphere at the Faculty of Dentistry.



Over the next few months the Class of 2009 will be eagerly preparing for the National Dental Board Exams and Oral Exams. We are enthusiastic about completing our journey through dental school and beginning a new journey as the next generation of dentists. We look forward to that day in June 2009 when we walk across King College's Circle to Convocation Hall in our gowns, with our family, friends and faculty present to celebrate this proud moment with us.

Despite the overall academic pressures that every dental student faces, it is always important to enjoy life at every given opportunity. DSS Social Rep, Ava Naghavi, helped organize several social events for the school this semester including the Inter-professional Boat Cruise which gave us an opportunity to interact and socialize with colleagues from different professional faculties. We also held a Christmas Holiday party for all the students at the Faculty on December 12th before they headed off into the stressful period of exams. For the upcoming semester, we will be participating in the Alumni Mentorship Program, which was organized with the help of Dr. Carroll and Dr. Chruszez.

DSS Community Rep, Corina Chapeskie, has been busy throughout the year. We organized a bake sale with the help of various different clinic staff at the Faculty for World Aids Day. On World Spirit Day we hosted our second annual Blood Donor Clinic, decorated the Pediatric Surgicentre and held a bake sale for the Princess Margaret Charity – a great way to

show that despite our busy academic schedule it is always possible to make time for those in need.

Our U of T dental Faculty has always had a rich tradition of success when it comes to intramural sports at the university level. This semester our Men's Hockey and Soccer team, as well as our Co-ed Volleyball team and our Women's Volleyball team, had an exciting season as we reached the semi-finals in all four events but just fell short of the championship game in heartbreaking losses. Congratulations to all the participants for making it this far and demonstrating class and good sportsmanship. We will also be participating in Coed Water-polo and Men's Cricket in the fall semester. We hope that this time fortune is on our side as we try our very best to bring the championships in those sports back to our Faculty.

The DSS has started a new monthly student newspaper known as the *Amalgam Scrap* in the hope that we can enhance the communication and collegiality between the faculty and student body. Special thanks to Sepehr Zahedi, Edward Yoon and Fehmida Dosani and various other contributors who have made this student newspaper possible.

As DSS president I have the opportunity to sit on various different faculty and student councils throughout the year. I would like to thank all the faculty and staff for trying to create a positive environment for the students, and for always trying their best to meet our requests. The DSS wishes everyone a relaxing and well deserved holiday break, and we hope that both students and faculty have an awesome 2009 year in all aspects of their life.

GLEN FERNANDES
Dental Students' Society President

MARK THIS DATE!!!

Dentantics 2009 to be held at the Isabel Bader Theatre on March 5 and 6.

Dentantics 2009

Being a student at the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Toronto is an experience that encompasses much more than academics. It is a journey that allows for a great deal of extra-curricular participation, providing us with many occasions to involve ourselves in charity work. Through these amazing opportunities, we are given the tools to become well-rounded and caring individuals, who always put our patients first. One of our main fundraising events is a student-directed talent show called *Dentantics*.

Dentantics has been a Faculty tradition since 1920. It allows students from the Faculty to collaborate and put on this amazing show by displaying their gifts onstage, while raising money for a deserving cause. In 2009, the show will be performed at The Isabel Bader Theatre on Thursday, March 5th and Friday, March 6th.

This year's fundraising initiative is to increase oral cancer awareness in the community at large, and support oral cancer research through the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation (PMHF). The Foundation raises and stewards funds to deliver breakthrough research and patient care and education programs of Princess Margaret Hospital – Canada's leading hospital in cancer research. Your donation or sponsorship will help jumpstart the first-ever Walk

for Oral Cancer in the city of Toronto, and will foster the establishment of a research fund specifically for oral cancer.

Every year approximately 3,200 Canadians are diagnosed with oral cancer and 1,050 deaths from oral cancer occur. This devastating disease has a low survival rate because it is often diagnosed very late. The dental community is the first line of defense in the early detection of this disease. With early detection, survival rates can be greatly improved.

Your donation not only supports this important cause, but also presents your company with an exciting advertising opportunity. *Dentantics* is attended by an estimated 1,000 people, most of them dental professionals, faculty members, and students. Sponsorship of *Dentantics* will entitle you to advertising space in our program, which will be distributed to the entire audience. We also welcome product samples to be given to the audience at the entrance to the theatre. Additionally, you may donate a product or service to be featured in our silent auction and/or raffle.

For more information on how you can support both our students and our community by sponsoring *Dentantics*, contact Ilana Kraus or Cara Lindsay, Directors and Producers *Dentantics* 2009, at 416-917-8292 or 416-917-9676.

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Second Annual Red and White Day: A Huge Success

"On behalf of the Dental Student Society and Canadian Blood Services, I would like to say a giant thank you to all of our blood donors, bakers, and to the students who stayed late working in the Surgicentre making it a more child friendly place. On November 12th, 2008, as the Faculty of Dentistry hosted Blood and Spirit Day, the outpouring of student and faculty volunteers turned long held dreams into reality and restored traditions too long forgotten."



Blood Drive – A Tradition Revived

In 2006 Marc Yarascavitch, Glen Fernandes and myself met in the hope of restoring an important community tradition: The annual blood drive held by the Faculty of Dentistry. With encouragement and support from Dr. Valenzano, and a lot of enthusiasm and determination from Glen and Marc, the DDS request for a clinic was accepted by Canadian Blood Services CBS and the first Red and White Day took place in 2007!

This year's drive reestablished the tradition as an annual event and was a major success. It was noted by the CBS spokesperson as "an exceptional amount of donations", with 65 donors dedicating their time and blood to an exceptional cause. Special thanks to Marc Yarascavitch, Dr. Valenzano, and DSS president Glen Fernandes for the 'Blood, Sweat and Tears' motto, which has given us back a cherished tradition at the Faculty of Dentistry. This year we also made our Faculty a member of the Partner For Life Program with the CBS.

Spirit Day – A Bake Sale for Princess Margaret Charity and Celebration of our Pediatric Surgicentre

A special opportunity was also available for our school to show its spirit of giving in a Surgicentre makeover project. This was the culmination of a two year project to make our Pediatric Surgicentre a more welcoming place for some of our most vulnerable patients.

Fueled by the tireless efforts of Dr. Sigal and Dr. Haas, the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry Surgicentre helps to reduce the O.R. shortage in the GTA by providing much needed dental care for young children under deep sedation or general anaesthesia. This Surgicentre will accept children who are covered by any government-sponsored plan, private insurance and/or personal payment (with the option of interest free payment plans for underprivileged families).

This make-over was made possible by the partnership formed between the DSS and the Alumni and staff especially Dr. Haas, Dr. Valenzano and Dr. Sigal. We also send a special thank you to Snezana Djuric (affectionately known to everyone as 'Snez') who many feel to be the heart and soul of this charitable clinic, inspiring others with her passion and compassion as she takes time to make sure a child is feeling safe and happy, or stays late to track down funding for a family in need.

As we gathered around to put up the children's mural and toys, I think I can speak for all the students involved when I say it was a privilege to work in this centre which provides such a necessary service to our community and fills us all with school pride!

Special thanks to the students in the photo who stayed late during exam time to make this make-over dream a reality.

CORINA CHAPESKIE
DSS Community Rep

(See page 18 for detailed coverage on the Pediatric Surgicentre.)

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Silver Medalist U of T Student

The Varsity Blues rowing team completed the 2008 racing season at the Canadian University Rowing Association Championships held on November 1st and 2nd in Fort Langley, British Columbia. The 2008 regatta marked the 12th annual CURA championship which involved a total of 280 athletes from 19 schools racing in 149 different crews. All women's and men's crews from U of T finished in the middle of the pack in their divisions.

Of particular note was the presence of Jeff Chadwick, a DDSIII student at the University of Toronto who has been on the team for the last two years. Starting as a novice in 2007, he found his way to a silver medal at the Ontario University Athletics Championships held in St. Catharines, Ontario with his crew in the M8+. A winter of hard training allowed him to return to the water as a member of Hanlan Boat Club (based out of Toronto), where he claimed numerous medals at several regattas in the summer of 2008 in the M2-, M4+ and M8+. The season culminated with a 6th place finish at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta with his crew in the M8+ – one of the most prestigious and competitive events of the regatta where top crews from the United States and Canada fight for Henley Gold.

In addition to waking up at 4:30 a.m. everyday, rain or shine, to train until 8:00 a.m., and again from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the gym, Jeff has also participated in the Summer Student Research program at the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry for the last two years in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology under Dr. E. Lam. He has completed two projects which have been presented at the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Meeting in 2007 by Jeff and in 2008 by his supervisor as he was unable to attend. Additionally, his 2007 project is slated to be published in an upcoming issue of Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, Oral Radiology and Endodontology.



Recognizing Outstanding Volunteers for Their Commitment to the University

The Arbor Awards were created by the University of Toronto in 1989 to recognize volunteers for their outstanding personal service to the university.

Since then, the university has annually acknowledged the alumni and friends whose loyalty, dedication and generosity has added substantially to the quality of the University of Toronto experience for students, faculty, staff and alumni.

The Arbor Award is our way of thanking them and letting them know that their contributions of time, energy and expertise do not go unnoticed.

Sponsored by the Division of University Advancement, the award ceremony takes place each September at the President's official residence.

This year the Faculty of Dentistry is delighted to honour the exceptional volunteer efforts of the following five individuals: Frank Kalamut; Jack Sakarya; Carolyn Poon Woo; Lisa Philp; and Peter Tonisson.



Shown left to right: Frank Kalamut; Jack Sakarya; Carolyn Poon Woo; Peter Tonisson; Lisa Philp; David Naylor (U of T President); Dean David Mock; and Ben Venditti (Alumni Association Past President)

"So many people have given to me in my professional journey that I think it is important to give back when you are in a position to do so. That's my driver. I feel very strongly about that."

CAROLYN POON WOO 8T5

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Light a Candle

In my first few months as part of the Faculty I have learned a great deal about this institution. I have learned that we have a dynamic group of young men and women who make up the student body. They are extremely bright, enthusiastic about their chosen profession, and surprisingly well rounded. I have learned that the Faculty has an excellent academic and

The Faculty understands that in addition to maintaining a standard of excellence in the educational area, it must also help students deal with issues that may prevent them from reaching their full potential. Programs developed and sponsored by the Alumni Association in association with the Faculty are an important and vital ingredient in helping to achieve that goal.

administrative staff that is committed to making these wonderful young men and women become the best dentists that they can be. And I have also learned that we have a group of dedicated alumni that work tirelessly to develop and execute programs that raise funds to enrich the student experience as well as to provide funding for the important oral health research that distinguishes this Faculty.

I have also learned that many Alumni do not have pleasant memories of their dental student experience and as a result have little affinity for

the Faculty. Perhaps it is endemic to the stress of the dental education process that many dentists feel alienated from their alma mater, regardless of the institution they attended, but all dental schools must come to recognize that the students of today are the alumni of tomorrow. For that reason, over the last several years the Dean has initiated policies and protocols to try to open channels of communication between students and Faculty. The Faculty understands that in addition to maintaining a standard of excellence in the educational area, it must also help students deal with issues that may prevent them from reaching their full potential. Programs developed and sponsored by the Alumni Association in association with the Faculty are an important and vital ingredient in helping to achieve that goal.



DR. ROBERT CARROLL
Assistant Dean
Continuing Dental
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Development

I encourage Alumni who may feel disengaged from the Faculty to consider lighting a candle rather than cursing at the darkness. Join with your colleagues in their efforts to make this a better institution so that together we can continue this process of constant improvement and growth. Bring your views to the Alumni Association where they will have more weight. And if you are unable to take an active role in the Association, try to support the programs that your dedicated colleagues have worked so hard to produce.

Hold the Date!

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Saturday, April 4, 2009

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