

Amazing Support Continues On

The enthusiastic support from the Alumni of the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene continues to astound me!

There are so many exciting developments in the Faculty right now, including the revamped Dr. Donald B. Proctor Fund. This is an exciting initiative that promises to be a huge benefit to students while assisting patients from our community.



The School of Dental Hygiene has begun plans to celebrate the school's 50th anniversary this fall. As details are confirmed information will be circulated. Also, the Hygiene Alumni Association is finalizing terms of reference for an annual award in the Diploma and Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene program. Pledge forms were distributed at the AGM. Feel free to contact me if you would like further information.

The Dr. Taras Snihurowycz Campaign has proven to be a huge success. We are very close to reaching the goal of \$93,000 for this project. The committee is discussing the possibility of establishing an award in his honour as well to help preserve his legacy here at the Faculty.

The Dr. Sam Borden Periodontology Clinic Campaign is in its final stages. An event to celebrate Dr. Borden and the success of this project are in the works. Finalized details will be circulated to all donors soon.

The Dean and I have had the pleasure of visiting with many of you in Vancouver, Ottawa and Toronto over the past few months. It is wonderful to see so many of our alumni staying connected to the University.

If it has been some time since you visited the Faculty of Dentistry or the School of Dental Hygiene and are planning to be in Winnipeg, please contact me and we'll arrange a visit for you. I can be reached at 204-789-3537 or Kyla.Denisuik@ad.umanitoba.ca.

Helping Students In A New Way

REVAMPED DR. DONALD B. PROCTOR FUND MATCHES STUDENTS WITH PATIENTS TO CREATE WIN-WIN DENTAL WORK.

In the 1980's, the Dr. Donald B. Proctor Memorial

Loan Fund proved itself invaluable to students in need of emergency funds.

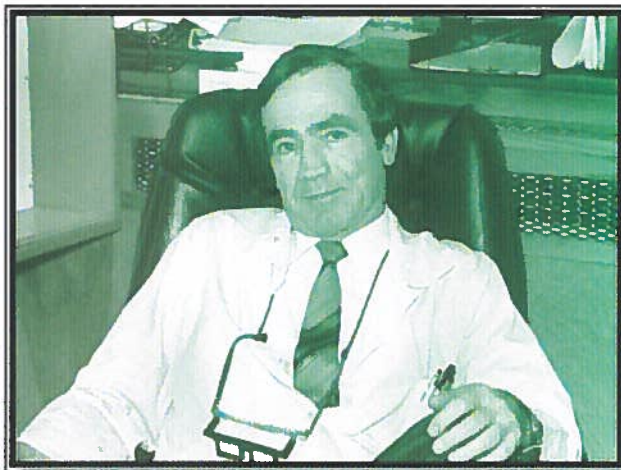
The maximum loan was \$500 and it was granted without interest or need of guarantor. Repayment was expected within one year of graduation.

"His students were so important to him," says Dr. Proctor's daughter Pam Proctor. "He loved teaching and he loved his students, and it was important to him that if they needed financial help they had somewhere to turn."

Dr. Proctor was a professor in the Department of Stomatology and Director of Patient Care. He received the Professor of the Year Award in 1980 and was awarded fellowship in the International College of Dentists and the American College of Dentists. Dr. Proctor passed away in 1984.

In recent years, the fund has been largely dormant. The Faculty collaborated with the Proctor family to determine viable options for the endowed fund. The result is an innovative, community-centred solution that solves two problems at once. The revamped Dr. Donald B. Proctor Fund matches Winnipeggers who aren't able to pay for dental procedures with students who have to complete specific clinical procedures required for graduation.

"Many patients want to have treatment done here, but they can't afford it. And from the Faculty's perspective, students have the chance to comprehensively treat a patient and provide continuity of care," says Dr. Mel Sawyer, Associate Dean, Clinics. "We are



excited because this is a win-win arrangement for patients and students."

The terms of the Fund are largely open to allow for flexibility and efficiency. Priority will be given to funding requests for exceptional cases and will be processed on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration both the patients' and students' needs.

"This fund is of special significance to me," says Dr. Sawyer. "When I was a student here in the mid-seventies, Dr. Proctor was both an instructor and my class advisor. We could always count on him for his kindness, guidance and support, as well as his superb instruction."

Pam, who still has people introducing themselves to her as former students of Dr. Proctor, says she is thrilled with the newly revamped fund.

"The students meant the world to my father, so we wanted this to be something that could help them directly," she says. "And of course, it's not fun when you need dental work and you can't afford it. That we can benefit both communities is really fantastic. I think he would be pleased."

If you would like to contribute to the Dr. Donald B. Proctor Fund, send an email to [Kyla](mailto:Kyla.Denisuik@ad.umanitoba.ca). Denisuik@ad.umanitoba.ca or call 204.789.3537.