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The start of a new tradition
The First Annual White Coat Ceremony Class of 2004

By: Rob Bull

We can thank third-year student Arezu Akhavan for the newest tradition at the Faculty of Dentistry — the White Coat Ceremony. Last year Arezu was one of 30 McGill dental students preparing for the clinical phase of their professional education after eighteen months of classroom studies with medical students. "The medical people had their own ceremony to mark the fact that they were about to start working with patients and we were not included," she said. "I thought we should have one too." She had a positive response from the Faculty of Dentistry. "We thought it was a very good idea," said Dr. Paul Allison who worked on a committee with Arezu to create the ceremony. "There is an increasing movement in all health-care fields to promote ethics and professionalism in a positive way." Dr. John O'Keefe, Editor of the Canadian Dental Association Journal and the keynote speaker at the ceremony, was touched by the quality of the students and the seriousness of the occasion. "They understood that they took on a lot of responsibilities with those white coats, that they would be really dealing with people who trusted them and that they had to merit that trust," said O'Keefe, a guest lecturer at the Faculty. "These are great people, mature and well qualified." McGill Dentistry requires a minimum 3.5 Grade Point Average from applicants, the standard for the best schools on the continent. "And they're from pretty diverse backgrounds," said Dr. Marie Dagenais, Associate Dean Academic Affairs. "They come from everywhere." Arezu's parents, for instance, are Iranian. She was born in The Netherlands, grew up in the United States and Dubai and applied to McGill from the Middle East.

Major Work Done
The program that she and her classmates enrolled in has been under way for seven years. Dean James P. Lund, who presided over the change, said "the major work is now completed." The Faculty is now concentrating on fine-tuning the curriculum. "A great deal of thought and effort went into producing a curriculum that retained the excellent practical training of the old program, while adding the new knowledge, skills and technology needed to address the changing needs of patients in the 21st century," said Dr. Lund.

Dr. Dagenais, who oversees curriculum development, said, "McGill is producing dentists who are great problem solvers. They are competent to diagnose the kinds of problems today's dental patients face and can provide the variety of solutions they need." Dr. Norman Miller, the Faculty's Director of Community Relations, said "Our graduates understand the relationship between dental health and general health." "Our patients are aging and keeping their teeth," Dr. Miller added. "They need dentists who have a comprehensive view of their state of health." Dr. Jeffrey Myers, Director of Undergraduate Clinical Programs, explained that more than 60 dentists in private practice keep the students and programs up-to-date with the realities faced by professionals in the field. They, in turn, are enriched by their contact with newcomers and academics who include some of the leading researchers in the field.

"Unlike most other dental schools," said Dr. Myers, "the McGill Faculty of Dentistry has a long tradition of committed part-time clinicians who teach in our preclinical labs and in the undergraduate clinic. That tradition continues to be one of the strengths of the program." Excellence In Teaching Dr. Robert Faith, who retired four years ago, said the Faculty has always had a variety of excellent teachers, even when "it had less than half the budget and half the full-time staff of any other dental school in Canada." He talked specifically about Dr. Mervyn Rogers, the Faculty historian, who retired as Assistant Dean in 1970 and went on to play a leading role in the Canadian Dental Association's Council on Education, and Dr. Ernest Ambrose, who retired as Dean in 1977 to become Dean of the College of Dentistry at the University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Faith said Dean Ambrose was outstanding as a teacher and administrator. "He taught operative dentistry, the backbone of the profession," Dr. Faith said. "He loved every part of dentistry and loved teaching it. He was very empathetic. He used to say that once a student had made it into dental school, that student became his responsibility and was entitled to all the understanding, time and patience he could give." Dean Ambrose Remembers In a telephone interview from Saskatchewan, Dr. Ambrose said, "As a student, I always had questions. They weren't always answered but if you had an idea, the good teachers would listen to you." He said he believed that dental training should be as close to real conditions as possible and had made McGill, for example, one of the first dental schools on the continent to make sure that the artificial teeth on the mannequins used by students before they had a chance to practice on real patients had realistic problems. And he said he "always had fun taking questions and trying to answer them with simple research problems which were then used to teach other students." Expanding Our Mission McGill is a world-class research institution and the Faculty of Dentistry is fulfilling its part in the University's mission. Dr. Marc McKee, PhD (Anatomy and Cell Biology), Associate Dean, Research, noted that full-time professors at the Faculty of Dentistry now bring in as many dollars in research grants per capita as full-time professors of medicine at McGill. "Our professors publish in world-class journals," Dean Lund said, naming Science, Nature, the Journal of Dental Research and the Journal of the Canadian Dental Association among others. "They are also able to attract an increasing number of top graduate students and visiting professors to McGill." Dr. Lund added, "we have expanded beyond our traditional strengths in tooth development and microbiology, into biomaterials, bone and pain research, public health and clinical trials in prosthodontics." Teaching, however, remains the major focus.

TRADITION ~ INNOVATION ~ EXCELLENCE
As of the date of publication, the following students from the graduating class of 2003 were accepted into Residency Programs and Private Programs throughout North America:

Basil Abdul Sharaf - Oral Surgery (Harvard)
Mairaj Ahmed - Private Practice Vermont & Albany
Marcelina Benedetto - AEGD (Harvard)
Brigitte Bigras - GPR Burlington, Vermont (UVM)
Nancy Boivert - GPR (Laval)
Jennifer Charbonneau - GPR Boston (Harvard)
Alap Choksey - AEGD Ann Arbor (Michigan)
Brent Cole - GPR Las Vegas (UNLV)
Steve Da Costa - GPR San Antonio (Texas)
Amir A. Ghahari - GPR Boston (Tufts)
Aphrodite Kalyvas - GPR RVH (McGill)
Taiseen Kasabian GPR RVH (McGill)
Sonny Kenth - Private Practice Toronto
Matthew Kermer - GPR Burlington, Vermont (UVM)
Omid Kiarash - Private Practice Michigan
Bibi Hatef

As the number and type of treatments is on a par with, if not above average to, other dental schools in Canada and the U.S. McGill’s name has a lot of weight when it comes to applying for dental school residencies. Ten of the 11 students graduating in the class of 2002 got their top choices of dental residency.

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Recruitment

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allows us to recruit the best and to a much higher level, and also the Faculty to move our research helps those of us already here in American counterparts. The remain competitive with our research laboratories - and include dental public health, we are currently actively per year for the next 10 years!

The competition for new recruitment is an important leadership role in understanding the determinants of oral health. Together with the other research institutions in Canada, McGill continues to make exciting new discoveries and the means to develop these discoveries into preventive, diagnostic and treatment strategies for the oral cavity.

Funding

While research funding from provincial and federal granting agencies is robust at the moment, and many of us are spending great amounts of time writing grant applications, generous private donations (like that from Mrs. Pierritte Wong for the Janssen T.N. Wong Laboratories for Bone and Periodontal Research) have allowed us to expand and buy state-of-the-art, expensive equipment and create new research laboratories - and remain competitive with our American counterparts. The importance of this support cannot be underestimated. It helps those of us already here in the Faculty to move our research to a much higher level, and also allows us to recruit the best and brightest to our academic staff.

Recruitment

The competition for new recruits is fierce at the moment, and the future of our faculty clearly relies on maintaining (and even improving) McGill's outstanding reputation for its research in oral health. McGill's professorate is currently an aging one, with many retirements occurring in the upcoming years, and it is estimated that to effectively replace this turnover in staff, McGill as a whole needs to recruit roughly 100 professors per year for the next 10 years! Dentistry is no exception, and we are currently actively recruiting full-time professors in several strategic areas that include dental public health, pain research, connective tissue (collagen) research, nanotechnology/laboratory technology and biomaterials. Perhaps nothing is more important to our long-term vision than maintaining and improving the quality and dedication of our academic staff, so that future generations of dental students and graduate students can benefit from Dentistry's teaching and research missions. It is incumbent upon us to leave McGill Dentistry stronger than ever upon our departure. Young recruits provide not only new expertise and knowledge, but they inject vitality and vigor into our programs to keep us at the leading edge of all the things that we do. New senior appointees bring the wisdom accrued from past experiences at different academic institutions.

In this issue of the Newsletter, we highlight two of our most recent, full-time recruits to the Faculty of Dentistry, Dr. Fernando Cervero and Dr. Marta Kaartinen. You will find in this issue a brief description of their careers and current activities. Dr. Cervero is a senior professor from Spain who investigates bone and tooth proteins. Along with an international flavor, they bring with them ambitious and exciting new research projects. Please join me in wholeheartedly welcoming them to Montreal and to the Faculty of Dentistry at McGill (please see sidebar for more information on Drs. Cervero and Kaartinen).

Grants

In the past year, the high level of success of our professors in obtaining peer-reviewed research funding from granting agencies has continued. This past year, we have been funded at the very enviable average rate of approximately $250,000 per full-time professor - a quite remarkable amount indeed - and a level of funding similar to that obtained by the Faculty of Medicine at McGill. While Dentistry is a small faculty, its number of professors funded for research has nevertheless almost tripled in the past 10 years, and the funding of each professor brings with it an increased number of graduate students and summer research opportunities for our undergraduate dental students. Further good news was reported in the October issue of the Journal of the Canadian Dental Association, announcing that the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) in partnership with Strauman Canada Limited granted $1.6 million to Dr. Jocelyne Feine and her research team, for a four-year study into the “Effect of Improved Oral Prostheses on the Nutritional State of Elderly Edentulous Individuals”. Along with the excitement and interactions that occur within this increased human “mass” comes the need for more space - and trust me - we spend a lot of time on this, and space is not at all easy to find! Although we will benefit tremendously from the opening of the Centre for Bone and Periodontal Research in the new Medical Science building in Dentistry in the Strathcona building. The Centre for Bone and Periodontal Research will benefit tremendously from the opening of the Centre for Bone and Periodontal Research in the adjacent Montreal Genomics-Genetics and Proteomics Building, which we can increase our creative projects to find ways in which we can increase our capacity to do research are in the planning stages.

New Centres

Speaking of Centres, Dentistry professors are playing leading roles in three major new Centres on the McGill campus: 1) the McGill Pain Centre headed by Dr. Cathy Bushnell (of Dentistry and Medicine), 2) the Centre for Bone and Periodontal Research headed by Dr. David Goltzman (of Medicine), and 3) the International Centre for Biosensing and Biosignals headed by Dr. Maryam Tabaeeian (of Dentistry and Medicine). Of these, the Pain Centre just recently established a home in Dentistry in the Strathcona building. The Centre for Bone and Periodontal Research will be opening a second major facility (the first is located at the Royal Victoria Hospital), named the Jamson T.N. Wong Laboratories for Bone and Periodontal Research, located in the new Genomics and Proteomics Building. On April 29, 2002, a ceremony took place at the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building to mark the construction of the new building, and was attended by government and agency representatives as well as private donors contributing to the project. Photos 1, 2 and 3 highlight some of our recent appointments as Associate Editor for Clinical Reports. She is one of only two associate editors of the international Journal of Oral Research, which is the highest rated journal in dentistry. Dean Lund and I have also been appointed to the editorial board of this journal. Not too bad a representation for such a “small” school!

So, that about does it for now. As always, I invite all of you to visit our newly formatted website (http://www.mcgill.ca/dentistry) for additional and updated announcements, and I ask you to join us in welcoming the research achievements of our faculty members - and the potential of our representatives in the field of dentistry. In future issues of this Newsletter we will highlight news from other professors, and share with you some of the “specifics” of what we are doing - and the impact we are making in maintaining oral health and fighting diseases of the oral cavity.
LEADING RESEARCHERS JOIN THE FACULTY

MARI KAARTINEN, BSc, MSc, PhD

Word about the high quality of research at the Faculty of Dentistry gets around. Dr. Mari Kaartinen, who comes from Finland, is at McGill because she heard Dr. Marc McKee, Associate Dean of Research, speak at a symposium in France in 1999 and was impressed by his report of the work being done here. Dr. Kaartinen does hard-tissue research using a variety of techniques in protein chemistry and molecular and cell biology. She received her PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Kuopio in Finland and completed her postdoctoral training at McGill. She has written widely on the dynamics of the extracellular matrix in bones and teeth at the protein level. The matrix is the material between hard-tissue cells. It is specifically interested in how the proteins regulate calcification and cell adhesion. "This may help us eventually to create smart bio-materials for dental implants so the implants could integrate more naturally into the mouth," she said. "But we still need to understand a lot of things about the matrix before we start manipulating it."

McGill has a long standing and growing reputation in hard tissue research. "It’s a wonderful university," Dr. Kaartinen said. "I’m happy here. The Faculty is growing and dynamic and everybody is very enthusiastic about what they do." And she loves Montreal. "It has the energy of North America with a European feel to it," she said. She joined the staff of the Faculty in the fall of 2002 and has already obtained her first research grant from the federal government. Her long-term career path includes simply "doing research and teaching."

"In science, it is hard to have a ten-year work plan, let alone a career plan" she said. "Research branches to places you never thought you’d go and that is very exciting. Career-wise, you will just have to do the best research you can, and the rest of the career usually falls into place on its own. You tend to gravitate towards where you belong."

FERNANDO CERVERO, MB ChB, PhD, DSc

For pain researchers like Dr. Fernando Cervero, who arrived from Spain in August 2002, McGill’s reputation is certainly a draw. "There is a very strong pain research community at McGill that crosses a wide variety of disciplines," Dr. Cervero said. "I think I can contribute." McGill’s world leadership in the field goes back more than 50 years. A questionnaire developed here by Dr. Ronald Melzack that patients fill out so that their pain can be evaluated, has been translated into many languages and is used around the world. It is known as the McGill Pain Questionnaire. The people Dr. Cervero will work with have professional backgrounds in psychology, physiology and dentistry among others. He himself is a medical doctor with a PhD in neurosciences. " Virtually my entire career," he said, "has been spent studying the physiology of pain, particularly visceral pain, dealing with questions like 'How do we feel pain?' "What are the mechanisms in our body that feel pain?' and, of course, 'What can we do to modify pain?' He has written more than 140 articles about pain and is Editor-in-Chief of the European Journal of Pain. He has worked at the universities of Edinburgh, Bristol and Madrid and was Chairman of the Scientific Board of the Spanish UPSA Pain Institute.

Dr. Cervero has been appointed Professor of Anaesthesiology and Dentistry and works with McGill’s Anaesthesia Research Unit. He was able to obtain a Chair from the Canadian Institute for Health Research with support from Astrazeneca. The same company offered his wife, also a researcher, a job in Montreal. "It was a good chance for the two of us to come together to good jobs, rather than just one of us working and the other one trailing, which is the usual style," he said.

Drs. Marc McKee and Mari Kaartinen of our Faculty have been invited by Tokyo Medical and Dental University to participate in teaching and research for a period of three months (April - June, 2003). During this time, Dr. McKee will teach in the graduate school of the Faculties of Medicine and Dentistry as a Visiting Professor and perform experiments there with Dr. Yoshiro Takano of the Department of Hard Tissue Engineering. Drs. McKee and Kaartinen will both give seminars at several institutions in Japan, and Dr. Kaartinen will present her recent data at the joint meeting of the International Bone and Mineral Society and the Japanese Society for Bone and Mineral Research, to be held in June in Osaka.
AN OUTREACH PROGRAM UPDATE

By Dr. Michael Wiseman
Director, Outreach Program

Clinic Update
For those who are not already familiar with the Outreach Program, it provides free dental care to members of our society who do not have access to proper treatment due to financial, social, psychological or physical barriers. Patients are referred to the Outreach Program by its partner social agencies. These agencies verify that all patients truly are in need and this past year the Program has treated a record number of such patients. Clinics are held at Sun Youth, Dans la rue, Norwood 7th Day Adventist Church and the Maimonides Hospital Geriatric Centre, using portable dental equipment. In addition, treatment is provided to Outreach patients at the Montreal General Hospital Teaching Clinic during daytime clinics held two to three times a year. First and second year students assist their big sibs in third and fourth year. All give at least half a day to help the needy. The Faculty gratefully acknowledges the dedication, hard work and compassion of the Program’s volunteer clinicians, dental students, auxiliaries, and the Cote St. Luc Emergency Medical Service, and extends its sincere appreciation.

VOLUNTEER CLINICAL STAFF:
Dr. Louise des Noyers
Dr. Bruce Dobby
Dr. Tony Iannella
Dr. Christine Koran
Dr. Pierre Lamothe
Dr. Yu Kwong Li
Dr. Philippe Mejon
Dr. Julia Pompura
Dr. Ed Slapcoff
Dr. Daphne Vermes
Dr. Laura deVreeze

The faculty has established a management committee for the Outreach Program that includes community representatives. This committee consists of Dean Lund, Dr. Michael Wiseman, Dr. Kwong Li, Ms. Judiann Stern, co-ordinator, Dr. Bruce Dobby, Ms. Tonii Cocharond representing Dans la rue, Mr. Tommy Kulczyk from Sun Youth, Ms. Ronna Miller from Maimonides Hospital Geriatric Centre and Mrs. Cynthia Lam. This committee has been charged with management oversight, fund raising, and public awareness.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO PROGRAM SUPPORTERS:
The faculty gratefully acknowledges generous support from:

- Provincial government
- Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux
- Mr. Roger Bertrand
- Mr. Alan Edwards

The George Hogg Family Foundation and the Zeller Family Foundation have once again generously donated funds to purchase additional portable dental carts and chairs. These units are self-sufficient, containing their own compressor, water supply and suction. These units will increase the Outreach Program’s ability to provide care to more people at each of the monthly evening clinics.

- Mr. Keith Petrovsky, President of Thermo King donated a truck equipped with a diesel generator, and will be preparing it to be converted to a dental operatory on wheels. This truck will allow the Outreach team to transport all equipment to treatment sites easily.

- BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE WHITE TRUCK WITH MCGILL’S LOGO AND “THE FACULTY OF DENTISTRY” PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED.

- On February 14, 2002, Montreal radio station CJFM Mix 96 sponsored a Valentine’s Day Dance at the Ritz Carlton Hotel and all proceeds were donated to the Outreach Program. Special thanks must be given to Mr. Rob Braide and Standard Radio for their thoughtful contribution.

- First meeting of Outreach Program Management Committee November 14, 2002 (back row l-r) Judiann Stern, Dr. Michael Wiseman, Mr. Bruce Dobby, Dr. Kwong Li, Mr. Tommy Kulczyk (Dans la rue) (front row l-r) Ms. Ronna Miller (Maimonides Geriatric Centre) Dean Lund, Mr. Tommy Kulczyk (Dans la rue) (missing: Mrs. Cynthia Lam)
A Patient's Experience:

Mrs. J. a patient referred by the Santropol Roulant organization, had complained in the past of her dental pain but with just enough funds to pay for her rent, food, and medication she had to constantly put her oral needs on the "back burner". Mrs. J. admitted to the Outreach team that many nights were spent in pain. Her only answer was to take some Tylenol. This however never rid her of that constant ache. When she was informed of the McGill Outreach Program and its "drill, fill with no bill" program she was elated. She wondered if Christmas had come early, her prayers for relief from constant pain were answered.

She was told to arrive at the Montreal General McCall Dental Clinic at 10:00 AM Saturday November 23. She had to take two buses from her home and disembarked from the bus with a sense of both anxiety and hopefulness. She had experienced many years of dental problems over her 93 years of life and did not quite know what was in store for her. But she hoped that she could have some sort of relief. When she arrived at the third floor of the Montreal General Hospital, she was met by smiles and welcoming words. Her anxiety levels decreased a little. She registered with the Outreach reception staff and was told that her medical history, and blood pressure would be taken. It didn't take long for her name to be called and she entered another room where she responded again to another friendly face. She was asked questions about her health and had her blood pressure checked. She thought to herself that she was happy she had taken her high blood pressure medications this month. With Christmas approaching she had pondered the idea of delaying the trip to the pharmacy to buy her pills in order to buy her grandchildren toys. She gave a sigh of relief when she was informed that her blood pressure was within normal limits.

Mrs. J. then waited in the hall for her assigned student to call her name. It didn't take long until she saw her student dentist clad in blue approaching her. She followed him down the hallway into the McCall clinic. She explained that her chief complaint was a mobile tooth that caused her a lot of pain when eating, talking, or just watching TV. She had said that it had gotten to the point where she began to avoid meeting friends after church as she didn't want to be a burden to anyone. She proceeded to have a radiograph of her troubled area and, upon consultation with the Outreach dentists, it was agreed that her troubled tooth was to be extracted. She made the long trek down the hall to the Oral Surgery Department. Her attending student volunteer extracted the tooth under the watchful eye of Dr. Ed Slapcoff and she left the clinic with much relief. She thanked the Outreach team continuously throughout her visit. Many of the Outreach staff noticed that her facial expressions had changed from pain and anxiety to relief.
McGill Dentistry Goes Digital

by Dr. Jean-Marc Retrouvey, Director, Division of Orthodontics

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n the past few years, undergraduate students have become more and more familiar with computers. Recently, McGill University has chosen WebCT as its on-line course management system. The following article written by Dr. Jeff Myers explains the introduction in more detail.

Like all new technological changes, WebCT will demand some adaptations by the teachers. Typical carousel slide presentations are not digital and cannot be simply copied onto a computer. The first step will be to transform the slide presentation into PowerPoint presentations that can then be posted on the WWW via WebCT. In Orthodontics we have taken this concept one step further. We have started to produce movies in digital format that will allow the student to review a clinical procedure as often as he/she would like. With these demonstrations, important steps can be highlighted for review.

Students can review procedures in a real clinical setting. We have also gone beyond the PowerPoint presentation and have developed a unique computer-based course for the Undergraduate and Continuing Education program. This program allows students to learn at their own pace, do practical exercises and answer short quizzes to evaluate their learning. Movies, sound, video, slides and text are used to make this coursework much more interactive while enhancing the learning experience. The teacher can highlight with zoom, fade-ins, appearing arrows, specific important points about a particular topic.

This format is well adapted to Continuing Education because it allows the dentist from anywhere in the world to learn, practice and interact with a mini-course developed by McGill University. The material is always available on the Web and can be, updated and even adapted to specific needs of a segment of the dental community. Using WebCT, interesting cases can also be posted weekly. Discussion groups can be used to encourage students to participate and allow for discussion of cases and other important issues.

Presentation of the software utilized:

Our software required a professional programming team to assist the teacher in course development. Without the collaboration with the Instructional Communications Centre at McGill, this development would not have been possible. This project is the first of its kind and McGill University should be recognized for its vision in modern teaching methods.

The first module that will be offered is: Diagnostic in Interceptive Orthodontics. This module is a review of all the necessary diagnostic tools that a general dentist interested in Orthodontics should master. It is divided into different categories such as:

1. Facial exam
2. Functional exam
3. Dental exam
4. Dental cast analysis
5. Cephalometrics
6. Panoramic X ray
7. Diagnosis

One of the interesting features incorporated into the modules is a series of exercises that are designed to help dentists test their knowledge and skill on a subject. Nevertheless our project can greatly enhance the CE experience. A student can take the theoretical part of the "Interceptive Orthodontic Course" in a multimedia environment. Once this is done, the status of their patients and the number of visits each year. Programs are also being developed to review treatment outcomes and improve the quality of care our patients receive. What else is happening in information systems? To begin with, video presentations are being replaced by digital video. Using this technology and high-speed Internet access, students will soon be able to download short movie clips demonstrating periodontal surgery on oral patients. They'll be able to review what they're expected to do before doing the procedure for the first time. And wireless networks: McGill has started installing wireless connections in all the university's libraries. Using a wireless PC Card any desk can become a computer workstation with full Internet access.

The day is fast approaching when laptop computers will become just another part of your student's instrument kit. And like you in your own office, we will wonder how we ever got along without them.

Dr. Jeff Myers, Director, Undergraduate Clinical Programs, Montreal General Hospital

DENTISTRY ON LINE
McGill Teaching Takes a Giant Step

by Dr. Jeffrey Myers, Director, Undergraduate Clinical Programs, Montreal General Hospital

Things have changed at McGill. And I don't just mean that when you come back for your 20th reunion you won't be able to find your old chair in the clinic anymore. The information technology revolution has not left your old faculty untouched any less than computers have affected the way you manage patients in your own practice.

In the classroom, PowerPoint presentations have largely replaced conventional slide shows. All our classrooms are equipped with computer hookups and projectors that can be used for both video and digital presentations. Improvements in computer software have meant that lecturers can incorporate text, graphics and video into one seamless presentation that can be edited easily, as additional information becomes available. Our classrooms also now have a hands-on clinical training session.

We have also tried to address questions frequently asked by the general practitioner interested in Orthodontics regarding the case selection process. We have introduced the "green light - red light" concept to case studies to alert a dentist to the severity of the observed malocclusion. While the program is not able to deal with the whole range of problems observed, the green light - red light system can assist a dentist to quantify the observed malocclusion and give recognizable 'landmarks' of malocclusion severity.

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The following article written by Dr. Jean-Marc Retrouvey, Director, Division of Orthodontics, goes digital.

Faculty Highlights

The Orthodontic Division of McGill University is implementing these new multimedia teaching methods to provide students and participants in CE courses a more enjoyable and effective learning environment. Once again, McGill University is at the forefront of educating the future dentist as well as offering a unique experience in CE to general practitioners looking to improve their clinical knowledge.
Creating Connections

By: Dr. Norman M. Miller
Director, Community Relations

In traveling to make direct contact with our alumni in cities across North America, the most common question people ask me is ‘So… how are things at McGill?’ My answer begins with ‘We are doing great!’, but quickly moves on to the great challenges that dental education faces, as this new millennium, now three years old, reveals the changes that health care faces in the future.

It is important to remember that education should prepare dental students to deal with the issues that will be present at least a decade from now and beyond. We are not just training our students for the challenges of today; we are also, in many ways, futurists, predicting the needs of patients down the road.

We are training our students in groundbreaking ways to be conscious of their relationship to our society. We sensitise them to the need for compassionate care and the importance of preserving the dignity of our patients. We provide them, through our outreach programs, with a feeling of responsibility for the health of their fellow human beings, outside of economic motivation, and thus allow them to appreciate the unique skills that they have.

This we hope will go a long way in providing them with a feeling of fulfillment in the professional lives that they will lead.

I could not be prouder of our recent graduates as I see them interact with patients in our large Residency network. They are maintaining and I daresay surpassing, the long-held reputation of the quality of our graduates world wide.

We feel that visiting our alumni is even more important today than ever. Your support, as we look to providing our students, please contact Debbie Larocque or myself and we will make to connect with you, and we could not be more grateful.

In April 2002, we attended the Ontario Dental Association meeting in Toronto, and we were delighted to see so many Ontario alumni visit our booth. It is clear that McGill grads have had an enormous influence on dentistry in Ontario.

In May 2002, we held an extremely well attended reception in Montreal in conjunction with the landmark joint Journées Dentaires du Québec/CDA convention. This afforded us the opportunity to welcome graduates from across Canada and we were extremely grateful for your attendance.

We hope that you came away from this experience with the same positive feeling that we did.
Howard S. Katz Excellence in Teaching Award

A special meeting of the Faculty Council March 13, 2002, the first Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to Charlie Smith, DDS’70. To present the Award, the Faculty was honored to have as its guests members of the late Dr. Howard Katz’s family including his wife Dr. Lorna Katz, DDS’88 and his children Adena, Avi and Ilan. This most auspicious occasion also acknowledged the official creation of the Dr. Howard S. Katz Scholarship, with funding for the endowment having been recently completed, thanks to the many donations from family, friends and colleagues. Dr. Michael Tennenbaum and Dr. Jay Waxman were on hand to represent the Alpha Omega Society, which had made a significant contribution toward the endowment.

Call for Nominations

The Howard S. Katz Excellence in Teaching Award was initiated in March 2001, and is presented to a member of the Faculty of Dentistry for superior undergraduate teaching.

The Selection Committee comprises the Dean, the Associate Dean (Academic), the President of the Dental Students’ Society, and two academic staff members (one clinical and one preclinical) who are selected by Faculty Council.

The award will consist of a scroll and a cheque for $1,000, and the recipient’s name will be inscribed on a plaque to be mounted in the Faculty Council Room.

Nominations are sought from staff and recent graduates (3 years) and must be received prior to April 1st of a given year. Each nomination will be initiated by two letters of support, one from the nominator and one from a secondor. Nominators should provide a brief description of the general procedures they used in the selection of the candidate. Nominees must be willing to attend Convocation to accept the award if selected.

The nominator will solicit evidence of outstanding teaching through letters from former faculty and/or from former students who have gone on to successful careers, and also through letters of support from the candidate’s division or teaching hospital. Please note that letters from current students are discouraged.

The following criteria will contribute to the evaluation: excellent student evaluations, evidence of pedagogical innovation, and recognition of leadership in dental education.

Nominations should be mailed to: The Office of the Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, McGill University, 3640 University Street, Room M/21, Montreal, QC, H3A 2B2.

Vancouver Leacock Luncheon

The Faculty once again hosted a table at the Vancouver Leacock Luncheon, held April 5, 2002 at the Four Seasons Hotel. These annual Leacock Luncheon events continue to provide an excellent opportunity to connect with graduates and friends of the Faculty and to express the Faculty’s appreciation for their loyal and generous support.

International Symposium Draws Rave Reviews

On May 24-25, 2002, the Faculty had the distinction of presenting an international Symposium on Implant Overdentures as Standard of Care for Edentulous Patients. This world class event was organized by Dr. Jozefyne Feine and Dr. Gunnar Carlson, Editor of The International Journal of Prosthodontics, and drew attendance from around the world. Over 250 people were on hand to listen to presentations given by internationally renowned speakers, listed below:

- Dr. Manal Awad, Sharjah, UAE
- Dr. Gunnar Carlson, Göteborg, Sweden
- Dr. Antoine Chehade, Montreal, Canada
- Dr. Jozefyne Feine, Montreal, Canada
- Dr. Timothy Head, Montreal, Canada
- Dr. Michael MacEntee, Vancouver, Canada
- Dr. Regina Mericske-Stern, Bern Switzerland
- Dr. Philippe Mojon, Montreal, Canada
- Dr. Jose Morais, Montreal, Canada
- Dr. Ignace Naert, Leuven, Belgium
- Dr. Alan Payne, Dunedin, New Zealand
- Dr. Thomas Taylor, Connecticut, USA
- Mr. John Penrod, Montreal, Canada
- Dr. Daniel Wismeijer, Breda, The Netherlands

A panel of experts who work in areas relevant to this topic, along with patients and clinical trial participants who have experience with dental prostheses, prepared a consensus statement based on (1) presentations given during the 1.5 day session, (2) published scientific knowledge on this topic and (3) the personal experience of the patients/participants. The final version concluded that current evidence suggests that restoration of the edentulous mandible with a conventional denture is no longer the most appropriate first-choice prosthodontic treatment. There is now overwhelming evidence that a 2-implant overdenture should be the first-choice treatment for the edentulous mandible.

Jewish General Hospital Residency Program Reunion

Dentists from across North America who did their residency training at the hospital between 1968-2002 caught up with their former teachers and colleagues when they attended the first-ever JGH Dental Residents Reunion, which took place at the hospital on May 26th, 2002. A full day scientific program featured keynote speaker Dr. Neil L. Starr, whose topic was "Esthetic Rehabilitation - Elements in Design and the Surgical-Restorative Interplay." The program was preceded by an evening reception at the home of Dr. Mervyn Gornitsky, former Chief of the Department of Dentistry.

"This reunion was a most fitting tribute to Dr. Gornitsky and a way to honour his leadership," explains Dr. Melvin Schwartz, current Chief of the department. "Dr. Gornitsky was passionate about residency training and his students have gone on to make important contributions to the field of dentistry," he adds.

While not compulsory, the residency program offered at the JGH is a popular one, providing dentistry graduates with the opportunity to perfect their technique and learn new skills, especially for treating medically compromised patients. "Our program is of tremendous benefit, not only to the dentistry residents themselves, but also to the population at large," notes Dr. Schwartz. Also at the reunion, Dr. Gornitsky and his wife, Rena, were thanked for their generous donation to the Department of Dentistry, which will be used for the purchase of new equipment and to upgrade the dental facility.

Dr. Mervyn Gornitsky Honored:

In addition to being recognized for his long standing commitment to the JGH Residency Program, Dr. Gornitsky also received the distinction of being named Emeritus Professor by McGill and was honored at Convocation held May 23, 2002.

"My involvement with the Faculty of Dentistry at McGill University has been very positive", said Dr. Gornitsky. "I received an excellent education in clinical dentistry which prepared me for my graduate studies in oral and maxillofacial surgery. It is the duty of a professional to reciprocate in the field of education and I pursued this goal with enthusiasm and vigour."
In keeping with tradition, the sun prevailed, attendance was high, food was plentiful and the venue was picture perfect. Dean Lund and his wife, Dr. Jocelyne Feine, were once again gracious hosts of the Faculty’s annual barbecue held at their home in Senneville for the fourth straight year. The event took place on August 24, 2002 and staff, graduates and friends of the Faculty and students from all four years were in attendance.

4th Annual Dean’s Barbecue
A Resounding Success Once Again!!

What a view!!!
**Faculty News & Notes**

**HOMECOMING WEEKEND**  October 26-29, 2002

**Dr. Ernie Ambrose Lecture Series**
The Continuing Education Department was pleased to host its annual Lecture Series, which was held Friday, September 27, 2002, at the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building. Dr. Mel Schwartz, DDS’77, served as moderator and the featured guest speakers were Dr. Murray Arlin, DDS’77 presenting on the topic of “Dental Implants: What Works in Private Practice (and What Doesn’t)” and Lt. Col. Eric L. Reid, DDS’77 whose presentation was entitled “Mass Disaster Response: The Swissair 111 Investigation.” This continues to be an important occasion for presenting key topics of interest and bringing together professionals motivated to learn and expand their own base of expertise.

**Faculty Homecoming Reception**
The Faculty hosted an Alumni Reception September 27, 2002 in the Mervyn A. Rogers Faculty Council Room of the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, following the Dr. Ernie Ambrose Lecture Series. The Faculty was delighted to welcome back many of its alumni who had attended the lecture, some of whom were also celebrating reunions.

**Leacock Lunch**
Stephen Butler Leacock
December 30, 1869 - March 28, 1944
BA (Toronto), PhD (Chicago), Litt D (Brown), Litt D (Bournemouth), LL D (Queen’s), LLD (Toronto), DCL (Bishop’s), LLD (McGill)

Each year, McGill University honours Stephen Leacock, one of its most beloved and renowned graduates by hosting a luncheon that carries not only his name but his wit and wry sense of humor. The Faculty took great pleasure in inviting graduates and friends to join in this celebration which was held in conjunction with Homecoming Weekend on Friday, September 27, 2002 at the Hilton Montreal Bonaventure Hotel.

**Dentistry Class Reunion Celebrations**

**A Toast to the Class of 1952**

**Class of ’52**
In nineteen forty-eight was born-the class of ’52
From here and there and everywhere-the magnet drew us so that place of learning, world renowned whose emblem is the martlet
And planted seeds of friendship rare-

**Class of ’77**
Four years to germinate and grow-
a tender plant to start
Fertilized with sweat and pain-

**Class of ’87**
At graduation how could we know-
that as the years went by
Our friendship all the sweeter grows-

So here’s to us and to old McGill -
“Grandescunt Aucta Labore”
I drink to the class of ’52-
hard work brought us glory!
South Florida Rolls Out The Red Carpet

On a recent swing through South Florida, the Faculty had the opportunity to gather together a group of its own graduates and their spouses. They provided a warm welcome to Debbie Larocque (Development and Alumni Relations) who hosted a dinner on behalf of Dean Lund and the Faculty on November 14, 2002, at Gibby’s Restaurant in Fort Lauderdale. The event proved to be a tremendous success, thanks in large part to Mrs. Freyda Fellows who helped in bringing this group together. The Faculty extends its appreciation to all who attended for their enthusiasm and support and looks forward to future opportunities to host its family and friends across the border.

Staff Christmas Reception

The annual Staff Christmas Reception was held December 11, 2002 at the University Faculty Club. The Faculty welcomed staff and friends along with their spouses and guests. As always, it provided a wonderful opportunity to bring the Faculty family together to celebrate the spirit of Christmas.

NEWS FLASH:
On October 30, 2002, the McCall Undergraduate Teaching Clinic at the Montreal General Hospital kept the Halloween tradition alive. Its hallways were filled with monsters and ghouls, witches and geishas who had taken over the bodies of Dentistry students and staff!! Young patients were last seen fleeing in terror!!

Halloween Candy Spotted in Dental Clinic!!!
McGill Regional Volunteer Phonathons 2003:  
March 11, 12, 18, 19  
Montreal  
March 25, 26  
Toronto  
April 22  
Vancouver

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marla Keenan at (514)398-3557.

MARCH 28, 2003  
Continuing Education Lecture, TGIF, featuring Drs. Marie Dagenais, Peter Chauvin, Paul Allison, Elizabeth O’Brien and Channy Muhn, on “Cutaneous and Oral Diseases-What Dentists Should Know” at the Strathcona Anatomy & Dentistry Building, McGill University, Montreal.

APRIL 11, 2003  
Continuing Education Lecture, TGIF, featuring Drs. Michael Wosman, Jacee-lyne Feine, Philippe Mjoon, Julia Pompura, Daniel Fortin and Serge Gauthier, on “Geriatric Dentistry - Today and Tomorrow”, at the Strathcona Anatomy & Dentistry Building, McGill University, Montreal.

MAY 26-28, 2003  
Faculty Exhibit at Les Journées Dentaires Internationaux du Québec held at the Montreal Convention Centre. An Alumni Reception is planned; details to be confirmed at a later date.

May 30, 2003  
McGill University presents the 9th annual Leacock Luncheon, Toronto, Ontario. The Luncheon will take place at 11:30 am at The Fairmont Royal York Hotel, 100 Front St. West, Toronto, Ontario

Guest Speaker: Jane Farrow, CBC Radio host

JUNE 2, 2003  
Faculty of Dentistry Champagne Brunch to be held at the McGill University Faculty Club, followed by the Student Convocation Ceremo- nies scheduled to take place at Tomlinson Field House.

OCTOBER 16-19, 2003  
McGill University Homecoming/Reunion Weekend, featuring the Dr. Ernie Ambrose Lecture Series. This year’s lecture, to be held October 17, will feature Dr. Stephen Fitch, DDS’78.

If you are celebrating a class anniversary in 2003, this is your opportunity to plan for your reunion activities in conju- nction with McGill’s own lineup of homecoming events. Be sure to get in touch with your respective class representatives for further details, or call Mary Crawford at (514) 398-7203, ext. 0188.

NOVEMBER 7, 2003  
Continuing Education Lecture, featuring Dr. Nathan Booth, on ‘Management’, at the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, McGill University, Montreal.

JANUARY 23, 2004  
Continuing Education Lecture, TGIF, featuring Dr. Herb Borsuk together with the Division of Endodontics, at the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, McGill University, Montreal.

For further information on Continuing Education Lectures, please contact Ms. Olga Chodan

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**NEWSLETTER OF THE MCGILL UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF DENTISTRY 2002-2003**

**Faculty News & Notes**

**Faculty Staff Updates**

**NEW FULL TIME STAFF:**  
Dr. Fernando Cervero, MB ChB, 1972 and PhD, 1975 (Univ Madrid), DSc, 1992 (Univ Edinburgh)  
Dr. Gerald Domanowski, MD 1983 (SUNY)  
Dr. Mari Kaantinen, PhD 1999 (Univ Kuopio, Finland)

**NEW PART TIME STAFF:**  
Dr. Gerald Alsh, DDS 1981 (McGill)  
José Bellefleur, DMD 1992 (UdeM)  
Tibor Bentale, DMD ’75 (UdeM)  
Dr. Andrew Bourik, DDS 1983 (McGill)  
Mr. Michael Clinman, MA 1970 (Carlton U)  
Dr. Marie-Claude Constance, DMD 1990 (UdeM)  
Louise Desnoyers, DMD 1991 (UdeM)  
Dr. Bruce Dobby, DDS 1981 (McGill)  
Dr. Robert Dorion, DDS 1972 (McGill)  
Dr. Emilia Espiritu, DMD 1989 (U Western On)  
Mr. Yann Felemegos, B Nutritional Sc 1989 (McGill)  
Raphael Garofalo, DDS, 1998  
Dr. Stefan Haus-Jean, DMD 1995 (UdeM)  
Dr. Marie-Lise Higgins, DDS 1993 (McGill), MSc 1996 (U Minnesota)  
Dr. Marie-André Houle DDS 1995 (UdeM)  
Dr. Mansour Kano, DMD 1984 (UdeM)  
Dr. Christine Koran, DDS 2000 (McGill)  
Dr. George Kyritsis, DDS 1996 (UdeM)  
Dr. Lise Picchi, DMD 1981 (UdeM)  
Dr. Hilal Sirhan, DDS 1993 (McGill)

**We Salute You!! Staff Honors and Awards**

Congratulations are extended to the following Faculty members on their 2001-2002 honors and awards:

Paul Allison  

Catherine Bushnell  
Distinguished Career Award, Canadian Pain Society

Marie Dagenais  
Fellow, Academy of Dentistry International

Mervyn Gornitsky  
Professor Emeritus, McGill University

Marc McKee  
Fellow of the rechereh en santé du Québec  
-Chercheur boursier senior

Harry Rosen  
Life Member, American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics

Stéphane Schwartz  
Fellow, I Académie Dentaire du Québec  
Honorary Member, Canadian Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

Charles E. Smith  
Dr. Howard S. Katz Award for Excellence in Teaching

Maryam Tabrizian  
Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec  
-Chercheur boursier senior

Martin Tyler  
Honorary Fellowship, American Academy of Oral Medicine

Ana Velly  
Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec  
-Chercheur boursier junior

**NEW APPOINTMENTS:**  
Dr. Véronique Benhamou, DDS 1986 (McGill), Cert Perio 1989 (Boston) - Clinical Coordinator, Department of Periodontics

Dr. Irwin Fried, DDS 1992 (McGill), MSc & Cert Pedo 1995 (UMinnesota) - Director, Department of Pediatric Dentistry

**VISITING PROFESSORS:**  
Dr. Mark Thomason, DDS 1983 (Univ of Newcastle-on-Tyne)

Dr. Byung Cook Kim, DDS, 1988, MSc 1991 and PhD 1996 (Chonnam National Univ)

**POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS:**  
Dr. Bellinda Nicolau, BDS 1982 (Univ of Parana, Curitiba-Brasil), MSc 1996 & PhD 2001 (Univ College London)

**SUPPORT STAFF:**  
Patricia Basset - We would like to welcome Patricia in her new position as Administrative Assistant (Student Affairs). Patricia is replacing Hélène Hogan, who retired last year, in ensuring that student admission and registrar functions are performed effectively.

Nicole Guedon - has joined the support staff at the MUMC- Montreal General Hospital in the secretarial position that was formerly held by Patricia Basset

Isabelle Chevrier - joined us as dental assistant/receptionist at the Satellite Clinic.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
Donald K. Gibson, DDS’70, at Haltfax, NS on June 29, 2000

Desmond P. Mayne, DDS’59, at Madeira Park, B.C. on July 31, 2000

Michael Weiss, DDS’54, at Vancouver, B.C. on October 16, 2001

Arnold Khan, DDS’49 in May 2002

Matthew J.T. Dohan, DDS’40 at Victoria, B.C. on June 27, 2002

Francisco F. "Pancho" Asencio, DDS’66, at Montreal, on September 26, 2002

Frank Giannasio, DDS’40 at East Sandwich, MA on January 10, 2003

Dr. Stanley Ratteray, DDS’54, at Vancouver, B.C. on October 16, 2001

Dr. Donald J. Bounds, DDS’59, at Madeira Park, B.C. on July 31, 2000

Donald K. Gibson, DDS’57 at South Hampton, Bermuda on February 09, 2003

The Faculty extends its deepest condolences to the family and friends of our esteemed graduates.
Dr. Robert David, DDS’62 and Dr. Fred Muroff, DDS’66, Perio’94, Endo’94, are proving to be very successful on the lecture circuit with their full-day presentation entitled "A Team Approach to Periodontal, Implant and Restorative Procedures for Anterior Gingival Aesthetics". Their exceptional presentation skills and interesting topic have come to the attention of many institution representatives who have invited them to speak at various conventions and lecture series. They spoke at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, B.C., at the Alpha Omega Dental Society in Toronto, Ont., at the New York State Third District Dental Society in Albany, NY, at last year’s joint CDA/Association Dentaires du Québec in Montreal, Que., and most recently at the University of Toronto, Ont. In addition to travelling on the lecture circuit and managing their own private practices, they also serve on the Committee for Continuing Education for the Faculty of Dentistry at McGill, with Dr. David acting as Chairman.

Dr. Donald W. Davis, BA’63, DDS’69, retired from Health Canada where he served in a number of positions during the thirty years with the Department. Donald lives in Vancouver and will be spending part of the year in Southern France. He says he plans to leap forward and move on to another adventure. Donald graduated from McGill, DDS’69, BA’63.

Dr. Jonathan H. Lang, DDS’86, a prominent Montreal dentist, was installed as President of the Mount Royal Dental Society by the Montreal Alumni Chapter, Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity at the annual meeting and dinner dance in May 2002. For the first time in the history of dentistry in Montreal and possibly in the province of Quebec, his father, Dr. Morton R. Lang, DDS’49, who was the first dentist to serve as President of each of these organizations separately, before their amalgamation, installed his son as President of the joint societies.

Dr. Jules E. Lemay III, DDS’84, received certification as a Diplomate from the American Board of Orthodontics. He maintains a private practice in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Dr. Irwin Margolese, DDS’61, recently reported on his experience as a Dental Volunteer for "Dental Volunteers for Israel" (DVI) at the Trudi Berger Dental Clinic in Jerusalem. This Clinic provides free dental care to children referred by the social service department, which assesses the financial situation of each family. For two weeks in December 2002, Irwin treated Jewish and Arab children, between the ages of 5 and 18, and joined other volunteer clinicians who traveled from many different countries for the opportunity to help those less fortunate. Irwin’s experience was both rewarding and enriching, and he plans to return, as many volunteers have done in the past. Another McGill graduate, Dr. Lorna Katz, is currently the Canadian representative for the DVI.

Dr. William Oliver, DDS’68, as an orthodontist practicing in Silver Lake, Washington, Dr. Oliver maintains a long-standing family tradition that emphasizes hard work and high achievement and has dedicated much of his life to helping others through his strong belief in education. To prove that he is a man of his word, he established a local program to support needy college students in good academic standing through annual contributions to cover expenses. His overwhelming generosity also extends abroad to third world countries such as Cambodia where he recently traveled to open a schoolhouse he helped finance. Dr. Oliver can take pride in the fact that he is part of a very large family of McGill Dental graduates. He is the son of Austin Oliver, DDS’31 who was a gold medalist and nephew of Howard Oliver, DDS’38. William has two cousins who also graduated from McGill, Thomas Oliver, DDS’77 and Bruce Oliver, DDS’79.

Dr. Peter Walford, DDS’77 recently wrote to the Faculty’s Director of the Outreach Program, Dr. Michael Wiseman, commending the Program on its extensive work in bringing free dental care to a needy population. He also shared the fact that he too is involved in an outreach initiative. He has been operating a mobile dental clinic for seventeen years in both Hornby Island and Denman Island, B.C., using a 38-foot school bus chassis (soon to be upgraded) equipped with two complete dental chair units and x-ray facilities. Besides sharing McGill’s mission of addressing community needs, he also shares a close family bond with the University, as both his father, Dr. Wally Walford, DDS’58, and his cousin Dr. Joanne Walford, DDS’81, are McGill graduates.

Dr. Evelyn Yeo, DDS’80, and her husband Mike Lazzarini, are proud to announce the birth of Lucas Kei-Ming Lazzarini in August 2001. Congratulations to Evelyn and Mike and welcome Lucas!
Annual Research and Table Clinics Day
February 12, 2002

Oser Amphitheatre (Research segment),
Montreal General Hospital
Livingston Hall Lounge (Table Clinic segment),
Montreal General Hospital

The Faculty once again presented an Annual Research Day that began with a presentation by guest speaker Dr. Christian S. Stohler, DDS, Dr. Med. Dent. (William R. Mann Professor and Chair, Department of Biologic & Materials Sciences, School of Dentistry, The University of Michigan), entitled “Some People May Have an Advantage When It Comes to Pain.”

Following refreshments, undergraduates, graduate students, and residents presented their Table Clinics and Posters.

CDA/Dentsply Prize

Dr. Michael Moore, Dr. Gerry Dushkin
The prize for the best scientific Table Clinic was presented by Dr. Gerry Dushkin, representing the CDA, and Ms. Vavi Bohbot, representing Dentsply Canada Ltd. Awarded to Ali Mehio and Michael Moore for their presentation titled “Effects of Beverages on Oral Health” Ali and Michael went on to represent McGill at the annual national competition in Montreal.

Montreal Dental Club Prize

Dr. Michael Tenenbaum, Dr. Nathalie Andorfi, Dr. Karine Sebag, Dr. Jay Waxman
The prize for the best presentation by a Resident was presented by Dr. Michael Tenenbaum, and Dr. Jay Waxman, representing the sponsor, the Alpha Omega/ Mount Royal Dental Society. Awarded to Dr. Nathalie Kadoch and Dr. Karine Sebag, residents with the Montreal Children’s Hospital, for their presentation titled “Space Maintenance in the Early Mixed Denition”.

The Hinman Graduate

Dr. Michael Tenenbaum, Dr. Nathalie Andorfi, Dr. Jay Waxman
The prize for the most popular Table Clinic was presented by Dr. Taras Konanec, President of the MDC, and was awarded to Johann Benson and Ken Lawrance for their presentation titled “Digital Radiography- Advancements in Dental Imaging.”

Student Prize

Dr. Jocelyne Feine
The prize for the best original research poster by a graduate student was presented by Dr. Marc McKee, Associate Dean of Research, and was awarded to Dr. Jacques Veronneau for his presentation titled “Early Childhood Caries Diagnostic Agreement between Dentists and Hygienists.”

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Spotlight on Students

HISTORY in the Making

As you have already read in the Front Page feature story, the Faculty of Dentistry of McGill University launched its first annual White Coat Ceremony. This major event was held in conjunction with the Awards Ceremony for First, Second and Third Year Students on September 5, 2003, in the main lecture hall of the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building. Faculty, staff, students and proud parents were on hand and were entertained by the Faculty’s own Amy Chuang, DMDII on violin. A reception followed for all in attendance.

With our white coat comes the responsibility of dedicating ourselves, our time and knowledge to our patients. Each one has its own element of excitement, but then there is the frustration that you have to wait for. I guess each one has its own horror stories about unit 2, unit 6 and finally good old unit 8.

Within the first three weeks of school, we learned that a tooth isn’t just a tooth. It has contact points, surfaces, borders, ridges and a lot more. And with that, we had our first taste of the pre-clinical program; something we had been waiting for over the past year to survive that unit. But luckily not only did we survive, we all did well and started the next six months of our life in the lab. It was amazing how sometimes, time would fly by and before we realized, it was 10 o’clock at night and we had spent our entire day at school.

Now we were faced with a new challenge. Medical School! I remember hearing keynote speaker was Dr. John O’Keefe, Editor of the Canadian Dental Association Journal, whose talk was both motivational and stimulating. His message was to continue to pursue excellence and high academic standards, to have a strong work ethic and to be passionate about what you are going to do.

The classic white coat was draped over the shoulders of the third year students by Dean Lund. The students then recited the Pledge of Responsibility. This ceremony is becoming a traditional one for many university medicine and dentistry programs. It is intended to promote ethical and professional attitudes among health care students as they progress from preclinical to clinical studies and accept the responsibilities of caring for patients. The keynote speaker was Dr. John O’Keefe, Editor of the Canadian Dental Association Journal, whose talk was both motivational and stimulating.

In their Own Words

Arey Chuang, DMDII

“...It seems as though it was only a couple of months ago, when I was busy filling out my applications, taking my DAT’s & flying out for interviews. I have to say, it wasn’t easy finishing off my final year as an undergraduate, and applying to dentistry as well. Applying to dental school is one thing. Then there are the interviews that you have to go to and finally the responses that you have to wait for. I guess each one has its own element of excitement, but then there is the frustration of where am I going to end up?

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Paul Morton, DMDIV

“As I was asked to speak to the incoming 3rd year class on the occasion of the Faculty’s first ever White Coat ceremony, I decided to research what a White Coat ceremony is all about. A quick search on Yahoo revealed that this relatively new ceremony is widespread – it found over 115,000 web page matches. Medical, osteopathy, pharmacy, veterinary, and dental students from around the world participate in this event. In fact, you are receiving your coat today alongside your fellow dental students from NYU. As dental students we are not yet members of professional associations. We study in order to gain the knowledge, skills and ethics, which are required to join our profession. This does not mean that we do not act as professionals before receiving our dental license. Receiving a white coat is symbolic of the responsibility you accept on the journey to becoming a professional. As you, in the 3rd year class, begin to treat your first patients next week, you will learn how much trust these patients place in you. The patients we see in the McCall Dental Clinic hold us to the same standards as they would any dentist. Patients have different reasons for coming to our clinic, but they all expect the same, if not better care than they would receive from a dentist. Treating patients in a professional manner means more than being competent in placing restorations, crowns or delivering dentures. Most patients don’t know if you’ve placed a crown with clean margins, or root-planed all of their subgingival tartar accumulation. They have had a good dental visit if they feel their concerns and interests have been properly treated by their dentist. Patients place a great deal of faith that you will make decisions needed to best serve them. They wish to be treated with respect and be sure that their student dentist is listening to their concerns and caring about them. When a patient is treated in this manner, the result is more rewarding than additional competencies being checked off the requirements list. In fact, some of the best days I have had in the dental clinic come from doing very little except genuinely caring for a patient. I have a patient who is in the stages of receiving an implant supported mandibular overdenture. Though the patient was advised about possible numbness after implant surgery, she was not prepared to experience this herself. Post-implant surgery, I called to confirm an appointment and found out that the frozen sensation had not dissipated. Needless to say, I did not sleep very well that night. Though sensation took over one month to return to her lip, phone calls and a few appointments were appreciated by the patient. I couldn’t do anything else to help her. The patient still considers me her “angel”, even though the real healer was time.

The lesson that was reinforced in this case was that I should not forget that caring for the patient is as important as the skills in the technical work that I do. Good luck in your clinical journey. Sometimes you’ll encounter difficult patients. Treat them as well as you would your family. You’ll then be well on your way to becoming a dentist and a professional.”

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DENTISTRY STUDENTS ONCE AGAIN MAKE A MAJOR
CONTRIBUTION TOWARD McGill Volunteer
PHONATHON EFFORT

Each year in March and April, McGill University’s Development
Office coordinates a volunteer phonathon event in Montreal,
Toronto and Vancouver, and each year in Montreal, the Faculty of
Dentistry has had exceptional representation by its students. This
past year proved no exception as fifteen students volunteered their
time over an entire evening on March 6, 2002, calling as
ambassadors of the Faculty for the purpose of not only fund raising,
but more important, thanking our graduates and friends for their
generosity. Their time and effort delivered extraordinary results for
both the Faculty and the University.

The Faculty therefore extends its sincere appreciation to the
following volunteers for their contributions:
DMEC: Chris Allington, Andrea Heckler, Janet Lee, Monica
MacVane Pearson, Nicholas Makhoul and Sherman Ng
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JOB WELL DONE!!
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A Legacy of Support

Mr. Arthur Lau C.M., Governor Emeritus of McGill University, is a long-time friend of the Faculty of Dentistry. Where the Faculty was threatened with closure in 1991, Arthur was the first person outside it to step forward in our defense,” Dean Lund said. “He has been a strong pillar of support for us ever since. He is altruistic by nature and one of his endearing qualities is his reluctance to accept recognition for his achievements.”

Mr. Lau, B Arch 1962, FRAIC, is a member of the Faculty of Dentistry Advisory Board. He is also a tireless fundraiser who has found millions of dollars for scholarships, fellowships and professorial chairs for several other McGill faculties and schools and helped raise the money for two major new buildings on the university’s main campus. “Specifically this year” added Dean Lund “he worked with one of his old friends to bring a new endowed Fellowship to our Faculty. This major contribution will allow us to support one of the many outstanding applicants from China who apply every year to McGill to train in dental research. This is, in fact, the second Fellowship created at our Faculty, with Arthur’s help.”

Many significant contributions come from people who wish to remain anonymous,” Mr. Lau said. “At times this may create a problem, because there is a tendency to put a name on a lot of things like buildings and scholarship funds.

“But you can understand why some people who make a major gift don’t want their name to be known.”

“People don’t do it because the need is there. For them, the best part is in the giving. They don’t need or don’t want anything else. The university gave them an education. Life has been good to them. And it is good to be able to give something back."

“There is a plaque on a McGill building with a Chinese inscription that when translated means, “When you drink the water, remember the source.”

“That’s an old Chinese proverb,” Mr. Lau said. “A lot of people have given to McGill with that in mind.”

The Faculty of Dentistry received a major donation from Canada’s largest dairy processor, Saputo Inc. The fact that Dean Lund and Mr. Lino and Mrs. Mirella Saputo are neighbors may have contributed, but the strong link between dairy products and a healthy life, was more important. “Milk products are a dietary source of calcium for bones and teeth,” Dean Lund said.

“Many researchers at McGill and elsewhere understand that the calcification of bones and teeth is dependent on regulation by proteins. They want to understand how the process works.”

So Dr. Lund raised the subject with Lino and Mirella Saputo. This led to a meeting at the head office of Saputo Inc. in east-end Montreal and Periodontal Research. The donation for the Faculty is specifically targeted toward the establishment of a Chair of Bone and Periodontal Research.

“This money has been a major factor in developing our bone and periodontal research center,” Dean Lund said. “It is very much appreciated.”

There were more meetings and the result was a major pledge from Saputo Inc. that was paid over five years to the Faculty of Dentistry for research in Hard Tissue Biology. Saputo Inc. has historically helped several organizations involved in health care, contributed to other university research initiatives and capital campaigns across the nation and has offered food aid to a variety of groups in the province of Quebec. The Mirella and Lino Saputo Foundation has also supported many community programs.

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Dean Lund reflects on the generosity of the Wong family. Throughout the second half of the 1990’s, the Canadian and Quebec governments established a number of very large funding programs to stimulate research and teaching in our universities. As you know, we were just emerging from an era of budget cuts, and our buildings, particularly old buildings like many of those at McGill, were no longer adequate for modern research. But at always, the money we needed was not easy to get. We had to write detailed grant proposals to justify our projects, and in addition, the University had to obtain a portion of the budget from non-government sources.

Our researchers put together a proposal for consideration by the Canada Foundation for Innovation and Le Fonds de Recherche en Santé du Québec to fund the Bone and Periodontal Research Centre. Pierrette Wong and her daughters pledged to provide the missing portion, in itself significant. Through this program, their gift was amplified many times, and it has provided the researchers and students who will work in the Jamson T.N. Wong Laboratories, with a unique environment in which to work and study.

The relationship between the Faculty of Dentistry and Pierrette Wong, and her daughters Tanya, 15, and Jennifer, 25, is a family affair.

Mrs. Wong and her daughters are major donors who helped fund the new Jamson T.N. Wong Laboratories for Bone and Periodontal Research that is located in the Montreal Genomics and Proteomics building next to the Faculty of Dentistry. The Laboratories are named in honour of Mrs. Wong's husband and the girls' father. “My husband and I were always eager to assist in the development of research that could help mankind,” she said. “I am very pleased that we as a family can make a difference.”

“It is very exciting to be able to help in the research that will be done in these Laboratories that will eventually make life easier for so many people,” she added.

Tanya, a student in Montreal, and Jennifer, an investment banker in New York City, share Mrs. Wong's enthusiasm. “They're partners in all this. They know what's being done with it and they approve of it,” she said.

Pierrette Wong made her first contribution to the Faculty in 1999 when she co-sponsored a fund-raising event at the Ritz-Carlton for the OrthoTeach Program, and, she added, “we plan to stay involved with the Faculty for some time to come.”

Profiles of Loyalty

For more information on the Dr. Ernest Ambrose endowed professorship fund, contact Debbie Larocque, Development and Alumni Relations, Faculty of Dentistry, McGill University. Tel. (514) 398-7205 ext. 4165 or Email at debbie.larocque@mcgill.ca

Doreen Laszlo, DDS 1969 and her husband Charles Laszlo PhD 1968, have a challenge for all those who studied in the Faculty under Dr. Ernest Ambrose. Dr. Ambrose began teaching at McGill in 1952 and retired as Dean of the Faculty in 1977. “Both of us want to honour him in a memorable and meaningful way,” she said. “Dr. Ambrose was a wonderful teacher who imparted his zest for practical dentistry and a high standard of professional ethics to hundreds of young people at McGill. His name should be remembered.”

The Laszlos think an endowed professorship should be established in Dr. Ambrose's honour. At McGill this will cost about $500,000.

“We thought we would kick things off with a contribution of $50,000,” Doreen said. “We’re challenging our classmates and graduates from other years to contribute, with the rest of the money to fund a professorship in restorative dentistry in his name.”

The couple got the idea when they saw the strong reaction to the endowed scholarship they established last year in Dr. Ambrose’s name.

“He’s respected by so many,” she said. “He helped a lot of us become good dentists with a high sense of ethics and excellent professional standards, and many of us want to express our appreciation in a tangible way. “That’s an important tradition at McGill.”

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“Dr. Ambrose was at McGill for 25 years,” she continued. “We call upon everybody from that period to contribute.”

Thanks to the enormous amount of support from our graduates, the Faculty reported a significant increase in its Annual Fund, with total donations of $1,115,347, representing a 28% increase over the fund year ending 2001.

The Annual Fund drives the Faculty’s growth, while sustaining excellence in teaching and research. These contributions also allow the Faculty to attract the best students, teachers and researchers, and provide the flexibility to address future needs.

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Fund Raising Highlights

OUTSTANDING ANNUAL FUND RESULTS REPORTED

This past year, gifts to the Faculty:

• Completed equipment installations in the Undergraduate Student Laboratory
• Completed expansion of the Student Dental Clinic in the Brown Student Services Building
• Funded major equipment purchases, and supplies and materials for the Outreach Program
• Funded the 2nd Annual Campaign to support the Dr. Kenneth C. Bentley Fund at Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
• Purchased audio-visual and computer equipment for undergraduate lecture rooms
• Funded endowed scholarships, fellowships and prizes

The family plans to make a donation every year and let the Faculty decide where the money will be spent. “Down the road we’ll always be involved,” she said. “We’ve become very good friends with the people in Dentistry at McGill."

Dean Lund reflects on the generosity of the Wong family. Throughout the second half of the 1990’s, the Canadian and Quebec governments established a number of very large funding programs to stimulate research and teaching in our universities. As you know, we were just emerging from an era of budget cuts, and our buildings, particularly old buildings like many of those at McGill, were no longer adequate for modern research. But at always, the money we needed was not easy to get. We had to write detailed grant proposals to justify our projects, and in addition, the University had to obtain a portion of the budget from non-government sources.

Our researchers put together a proposal for consideration by the Canada Foundation for Innovation and Le Fonds de Recherche en Santé du Québec to fund the Bone and Periodontal Research Centre. Pierrette Wong and her daughters pledged to provide the missing portion, in itself significant. Through this program, their gift was amplified many times, and it has provided the researchers and students who will work in the Jamson T.N. Wong Laboratories, with a unique environment in which to work and study.

There were more meetings and the result was a major pledge from Saputo Inc. that was paid over five years to the Faculty of Dentistry for research in Hard Tissue Biology. Saputo Inc. has historically helped several organizations involved in health care, contributed to other university research initiatives and capital campaigns across the nation and has offered food aid to a variety of groups in the province of Quebec. The Mirella and Lino Saputo Foundation has also supported many community programs.

The donation for the Faculty is specifically targeted toward the establishment of a Chair of Bone and Periodontal Research. "This money has been a major factor in developing our bone and periodontal research center," Dean Lund said. "It is very much appreciated."

There was a plaque on a McGill building with a Chinese inscription that when translated means, "When you drink the water, remember the source." "That’s an old Chinese proverb," Mr. Lau said. "A lot of people have given to McGill with that in mind."

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This list recognizes with sincere appreciation gifts to McGill and to the Faculty of Dentistry from Dentistry graduates, in addition to recognizing gifts to the Faculty of Dentistry from individuals, foundations and corporations, from June 1, 2001 to May 31, 2002 (note that Dentistry alumni are included). We gratefully acknowledge the support of our donors, in particular those who designated their gifts to the special needs of the Faculty of Dentistry.

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RECOGNIZING YOUR EFFORTS

The Faculty wishes to thank the many volunteers for their hard work, generosity and dedication to raising private support and awareness. The Faculty's present strength and future potential are tangibly symbolized in the outstanding results reported for last year and this outcome could not have been possible without the significant contributions of these volunteers.

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