Dentistry comes to McGill in 1904

Sir William Oder, long gone from McGill but still a guru, argued frequently and publicly that small medical schools could not survive in the 20th century. So McGill offered to absorb Bishop’s Faculty of Medicine under certain conditions – no French instruction and no women. Bishop’s agreed. And in 1904 when McGill’s Faculty of Medicine acquired Bishop’s medical professors and students, it acquired a Department of Dentistry as part of the package. That’s why we’re celebrating! (Bishop’s French-speaking staff and students, by the way, went to Université Laval’s Montreal campus, starting what became the dental school at the Université de Montréal). “But as with so much else at McGill,” writes Frost, “it was a question of money. In the absence of either a wealthy donor or public funding, the dental department had to be operated as economically as possible.”

The McGill dental department chairman, Dr. Peter Brown, who had been Dean of Dentistry at Bishop’s, had a part-time appointment. So did all the instructors. And an article of the 1904 agreement stipulated that the dental teaching staff were to be collectively and individually responsible for the financial affairs of the department, including any debts contracted in its name. It was all part of the job. At McGill, dental and medical students took the first two years of their four-year program together with the last two years spent learning how to become more specialized in their chosen fields. Things haven’t changed much, as the Faculty returned to that model in 1996. In 1908, clinical training moved downtown to the Montreal General Hospital, and in 1910, dental classes moved into the new Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Buildings.

By 1913, there were ten dental students in the Faculty of Medicine which, by the end of the First World War, was undergoing significant administrative changes. In late 1919, a Faculty of Medicine subcommittee led by Dr. A. W. Thornton, chairman of the Dental Executive, recommended “that the resolution of the Dental Executive in favor of a separate Faculty of Dentistry be approved, provided that such action does not involve any change in the present teaching relations existing between the Department of Dentistry and the Faculty of Medicine.” The motion was ratified by McGill’s Board of Governors on January 26, 1920.

Dentistry Centennial Website

Images of dentistry through the years.
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The Faculty opens for business

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We know that she was born and grew up in Montreal and was popular with her classmates who elected her class vice-president every year that she studied here. When she registered in 1922, she lived near the University on what became Jénane M’ance Street.

“Those who knew her say that she was a beautiful, if somewhat large person,” writes Mervyn Rogers in A History of the McGill Dental School. “She stood well over six feet.”

Her arrival was significant. McGill banned women from studying medicine or dentistry until at least the end of the First World War and she came to the Faculty just two years after it became independent.

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Canada's Dental Corps is second to none
(excerpt from the December 1, 1944 Maple Leaf, the newspaper of the Canadian Army in Europe)

The Faculty was ready for its next big event, A Faculty graduate helps end the Second World War: The scene: The Second Quebec Conference in September 1944 when Prime Minister Winston Churchill met President Franklin Roosevelt to finalize strategic plans to invade Germany and end the war in the Pacific.

The two leaders of the free world were quartered in the Citadel under the tightest security while their military and civilian staffs, over the Chateau Frontenac. An aide noticed that Churchill was preoccupied, not able to give his full attention to the matters at hand. He had a toothache!

The Prime Minister was rushed to the nearest military clinic at 87 rue St-Louis where the dental emergency was treated by the senior dental officer, Major P.J. Gitnick, DDS 1935.

The treatment was a success. Churchill was able to focus on strategy. Germany was invaded. The war in the Pacific ended. And Major Gitnick received a nice thank you note from the Prime Minister, along with a signed copy of his autobiographical book My Early Life.

Growing apace in peace

The end of the war saw the Faculty growing. Class sizes were in the high 30s to low 40s for the next ten years. The class of 1950, for example, had callow youngsters like Ernie Ambrose and hardened veterans like Coleman Cartledge. By 1948, there were three permanent teachers on staff. Besides Dr. Leahy in the clinic, Dr. D.R. Mowry became the Faculty’s first full-time Dean and Dr. James McCutcheon became a full-time teacher of prosthodontics. Former teachers came flooding back as well, adding their experience and new skills to the educational mix.

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A total of 14 officers and 18 other ranks of the Canadian Dental Corps died in action and one died on active service in the Second World War.

Party time

A total of 764 men and women had graduated from McGill’s Faculty of Dentistry by 1955 and many of them were at Redpath Hall on the morning of Tuesday, October 18th, for a special convocation marking more than 50 years of dentistry at McGill. In the presence of Chancellor B.C. Gardner and Principal F. Cyril James, former Dean Walsh and Dr. Fred Henry who taught oral pathology at McGill from 1904 to 1939, were made professors emeriti. Sir William Kelcey Fry, Dean of the Faculty of Dental Surgery at Britain’s Royal College of Surgeons was awarded an honorary D. Sc. and gave a speech about dental and medical education.

Then everyone went for lunch at the Mount Stephen Club; an event the Faculty was presented with a gift from alumni at 50th anniversary celebrations.

Dentists as physicians

Below are thoughts on dental education from a speech by Sir William Kelcey Fry, Dean of the Faculty of Dental Surgery of Britain’s Royal College of Surgeons after McGill gave him a D. Sc. at a special convocation to mark the 50th anniversary of dentistry at McGill.

“Dentists should regard themselves as physicians of a particular part of the body. . . . If we are, in a sense, physicians, then perhaps we can learn something from the education of a doctor. The essential feature of a medical education is that it makes the student think. When he qualifies, a doctor has a fair knowledge of the basic sciences and is acquainted with the general principles of clinical medicine. But what is more important, he has been trained to observe for himself and to reason from his observations. With this training, he is safe to practice.”
The profession changes

Sir William’s Kelway Fry’s speech was prophetic. Much of the Faculty’s next 50 years would be spent preparing to make dentists physicians of the oral cavity. In fact, the change was already underway.

“IT used to be drill, fill and bill,” quipped Dr. Morton Lang, DDS ’49.

“Dentistry used to be regarded by some people as a kind of mechanical skill,” he explained. “For a long time, for example, dentists were not allowed to administer penicillin. But by the time I came to McGill, there was more emphasis on general medical training. And medical doctors on active duty discovered during the Second World War that they could learn a thing or two from the dentists they served with.”

In 1957, the Faculty started the first dental student hospital internships in Canada. They lived in the hospital and followed the regular dental interns in their work for short periods of time.

Class sizes remained stable and Rogers observed that “many years passed before there was more than one woman in the course.”

But the number of full-time teaching staff increased. Dr. Ernie Ambrose, DDS ’50, a part-time teacher, joined the full-time staff in 1958 as assistant professor of operative dentistry and chairman of the department. His good friend Dr. Harry Rosen, DDS ’53, joined as a part-time teacher in 1958.

Dr. Ambrose said “I was interested in the guy on the street and how to deal with his problems without breaking the bank,” and Dr. Rosen was interested in what he called “the whole mouth treatment.” Rogers notes that “together they made an unusually fine team.”

The Faculty embarked on a tentative research program as well. In 1958 it hired its first full-time researcher – Dr. Lyman E. Francis. He and his colleagues literally wrote the book on dental pharmacology. Dental Pharmacology and Pharmacists was widely used as a textbook for many years.

And in 1965, Dentistry opened its own library in space vacated when most of the Faculty of Medicine left the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building for the McIntyre Medical Building up the hill on Pine Avenue.

By then, Drs. Rosen, Ambrose, Gervais, Moran, Ryan and Den - all of them excellent clinical teachers - had started a study club. At the time, Drs. Ambrose and Rosen were co-chairs of the Operative Dentistry Department.

“The study club was the ultimate in peer review,” Dr. Rosen recalled. “You had to do clinical procedures before the group. We’d each take more and more complex cases and one would work while the others watched.”

“We subjected ourselves to the same tests we subjected our students to,” he said. “It was very stressful. You had five guys, all them good, all of them capable, all of them watching.”

The Faculty was built on its reputation for clinical excellence and things like the study club helped maintain this reputation.

The Faculty’s first full-time researcher

Dr. Lyman E. Francis didn’t start off his working life as a dentist. He toured the continent as a successful vaudeville acrobat before he graduated with a DDS from McGill in 1949. Then, while running a general practice in Westmount, he went back to McGill and got his MSc. in pharmacology in 1958. That was the year he was appointed assistant professor in dentistry and in medicine and associate dental surgeon at the Montreal General Hospital.

First says he was the first permanent member of the Faculty to be appointed “on the understanding that he would devote a considerable part of his time to dental research. He went on to publish some 36 papers in Canadian and international journals and to play a major role in the encouragement of dental research in Canada.”

He also became an accomplished artist. A large collection of his watercolors and sculptures were donated to the Faculty by his widow.

A colorful, cubist-style watercolor of a covered bridge in autumn hangs in an office behind the first floor student laboratories in the Strathcona Building.

More to be done

But when Dr. Ambrose became Dean in 1970, it was obvious that more could be done.

“When I became Dean we had only 11 full-time teaching staff.” Dr. Ambrose said. “We had dozens of working dentists teaching our students and they were the best clinical teachers in the country.”

“But if you want research and other special things, you need full-time staff. We were the dental school with the fewest full-time people in Canada, way behind everybody else.”

When Dean Ambrose went to his first University budget meeting, he was not impressed.

“I told them they’d be hearing from me until we got our levels up to 20 full-time positions,” he said.

When he resigned in 1977, there were 23, many of them recruited from other universities.

But to continue to offer the excellent clinical training on which McGill had built its reputation also required money. For one thing, technology had changed the way dentistry was done.

Dentists used to stand, bent over, working by themselves in a seated patient’s mouth doing all the procedures from start to finish. But laboratories and support services grew more complex and dentists and their assistants now sat while working with their patients who were lying down.

Dr. Ambrose persuaded McGill to expand and re-equip the clinical facilities at the Montreal General that had been opened with so much fanfare during the 50th anniversary celebrations.

And under his leadership, the Faculty started its first graduate programs, one in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery under Dr. Ken Bentley and another in Prosthodontics (Restorative Dentistry) under Dr. Rosen.

When Dean Ambrose moved to the University of Saskatchewan, the Faculty was maintaining its excellent clinical training, research was starting to grow and more scholarly papers were being published by staff.

“The graduate programs tied everything together,” Dr. Rosen observed.

The foundations of the modern Faculty were there. But work on building the superstructure was slow. And on the night of July 17, 1991, it looked like the roof would cave in.

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NO PLACE for Dentistry?

Crime pays for the clinic

The MCalI Dental Clinic at the Montreal General Hospital owes its existence to the theft of a work of art, a sculpture that spent several years on a McGill philosophy professor's mantelpiece.

It was a Henry Moore sculpture, to be precise, on Professor Storrs McCall's mantelpiece and he had been thinking for some time about selling it and donating the proceeds to McGill for something involving health care in memory of his parents who were both doctors and both McGill graduates.

"The stolen Henry Moore statue paid for the clinic," Principal David Johnston said. He met the Faculty's full-time and part-time teaching staff and told them that Dentistry did not fit in with McGill's plans to become a major research institution with a high proportion of graduate students.

In order to cut the university's $79.5 million debt Principal Johnston said, the McGill administration had decided that the Faculty would stop accepting new students and would close its doors in 1996.

The Faculty turned out the best clinically trained dentists in the country. But Professor McCall said Dentistry professors did not do enough research and the Faculty did not offer enough graduate programs.

He added that the Faculty's facilities were inadequate. And he said that it cost more to teach dental students than any others on the campus. It was just too expensive. "He was wrong, of course," said Dr. Leo Moran. "Dentistry had never been a priority for University administrators. It had always been under-funded. They spent as much on ground-keeping as they did on Dentistry!"

Dr. Norman Miller, DDS '74, a part-time lecturer, also attended the meeting. "I asked what could be done to change the decision," he later told the McGill News. "They said, "Nothing. The money you could raise couldn't possibly be enough." But they couldn't answer me when I asked how much money would be needed to save the school because they had never thought of the possibility."

He and Dr. Ed Slapcoff, DDS '56, another part-time lecturer, created a committee of full-time and part-time Faculty members to plan a campaign to save the Faculty. Dental students were included. "These students had a right to rage," Dr. Slapcoff said. The committee agreed. "If the school closed, the value of the degrees of 1,900 alumni would decrease, so the alumni should be involved in any rescue effort."

And Dr. Miller added, "The benefits of the school go to the public. We thought the public should be informed."

Dr. Slapcoff said one option that was considered was a class action suit against McGill but a lawyer advised the committee to be positive as opposed to confrontational, to organize petitions, for example, instead of going to court. The committee agreed. They quickly raised $20,000 to hire a public relations consultant and the campaign was underway.

Dr. Miller was the official spokesman but everyone on the committee worked hard. Dr. Slapcoff remembers spending some time nearly every day for the next year on one aspect or another of the campaign. McGill's announcement came at a time when Montreal's English-speaking community was feeling particularly threatened. Other important institutions had collapsed or were tottering. Tens of thousands had left the city.

"It would have been a terrible loss to the English-speaking population of Montreal to lose, I think, an important institution," Dean Ralph Barad told the Montreal Gazette later. Members of the committee called on everyone they could think of for help and ideas. Dr. Ambrose suggested, for example, that every dentist from McGill tell their patients about the situation.

The optimism of committee members struck a cord. The growth in public support had an effect and many McGill people who, like herself, had won a gold medal from McGill, should send them back so they could be sold and the money given to the Faculty. A prominent donor told Principal Johnston at a public event, "If you close the dental school, you won't get any more money from me!"

There were petitions and demonstrations, telephone and letter-writing campaigns, buttons and T-shirts and a concerted media strategy. There were also several meetings between the Faculty and the University administration.

By September 1991, the administration had found an answer to Dr. Miller's question. The Faculty could remain open if it met several conditions by September 30th, 1992.

The number of undergraduate students had to be cut from 40 to 24 per year. A new Master's program had to be developed. The proportion of research-oriented teaching staff had to expand. More outside research funds had to be raised. The total package for part-time teaching staff had to be reduced.

New criteria for evaluating academic performance had to be put in place. The Dental Clinic at the Montreal General Hospital had to become self-financing. The Faculty had to come up with the rent for the clinic and research space at the hospital. And $1.2 million to upgrade equipment had to be found.

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Drinking with the Campus at the Forbes Field. students, staff and local alumni on April 24, 2004

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TIME TO CELEBRATE

Dr. Ken Lee, DDS ’66, of Vancouver, dentistry is a family affair.

“My father – Dr. Ping-Kin Lee – didn’t want me to be a dentist,” he explained. “He was a dentist and he said it was not the kind of life he wanted us to have. Standing on your feet all day leaning to one side, he said, left you with a sore back and even scoliosis of the spine. But when Ken Lee arrived in Canada in 1960, he learned that he could stay in the country if he trained as a dentist. The problem was that he couldn’t speak English so he didn’t enter McGill until 1962.

When he graduated in 1966, one of the few provinces where he could practice because of his nationality was British Columbia. He was hired by public health authorities and became the only dentist in a small, isolated community. Some of the local farmers and ranchers inherited him with vegetables, rice and stew meat.

When he left, he built a private practice in Vancouver, became a Canadian citizen and established his credentials in periodontics and prosthodontics, eventually obtaining faculty appointments at McGill, UBC, and the University of Washington.

In the meantime, he put his sister Lanny through McGill. She graduated in Dentistry in 1970 and she’s married to a dentist. One of his twin daughters, Michelle, graduated from the Faculty in 2002 and is completing her second year of residency at the University of Washington in Seattle. Her sister Melissa is in third year Dentistry at McGill. His son Michael is studying medicine at the University of Western Ontario in London.

Dr. Lee says he never told his children to be dentists. “You can talk to your kids but they’re not going to listen to you unless they want to,” he said. “They make up their own minds.”

Dentistry by degrees

The Dental College of the Province of Quebec was established by the Dental Association of the Province of Quebec in Montreal in 1892 with a three-year program and sought affiliation with McGill University. Initially McGill thought dentistry worthy only a Graduate in Dental Surgery (GDS) certificate, an offer the Dental Association refused. For the next three years, the College functioned independently and offered a Certificate in Dental Surgery (LDS) degree, while negotiations were underway with the University of Bishop’s College. In 1896, the College became a department of Bishop’s Faculty of Medicine which was based in Montreal and all graduates were offered the degree of Doctor in Dental Surgery (DDS), including those who had entered the program earlier.

McGill’s Faculty of Medicine absorbed dentistry in 1904 and initially awarded dental graduates a Master’s in Dental Surgery (MDS) degree. In October 1908, McGill decided that the three men who had graduated earlier that year with their MDS should be made Doctors of Dental Science (DDS). That degree continued to be awarded until 1917, when it was changed to Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS). In 2000, the Faculty awarded its first Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degrees. This was to emphasise that the profession has moved away from traditional surgery and is more oriented towards oral health.

In addition, the Faculty offers Master of Science (MSc) programs in Oral Maxillofacial Surgery and in Dental Sciences. The latter, with a significant research component, was developed in consultation with the University as part of the Faculty’s Renewal Campaign in 1992. It also accepts Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) candidates.
We are very proud. This year, McGill Dentistry was named the “Canadian Research University of the Year (Medical / Dental Category)” by Research Infosource Inc. McGill heads the list of 15 medical / dental universities ranked by Research Infosource, which produces the annual Research Intensity Scores of Canada in Research Universities’ ranking and analysis. The hard work of our researchers pays off. We see this first in successful grants obtained from federal and provincial funding agencies and foundations, then in compelling experiments done by graduate and undergraduate students, post-doctoral fellows and residents, then in the quality of publications, then in statistics and personal, departmental, faculty and university recognition, and then hopefully we see it ultimately in benefits to humankind. McGill achieved it first-place ranking by a statistical analysis of various measures. Research intensity was calculated from measures such as grant dollar income and number of research publications. Whereas the national average for all Canadian universities in all fields for research income per full-time faculty position in year 2003 was $133,000, McGill ranked first with a whopping $233,000 per full-time faculty position. In second place was Université de Montréal (at $219,000) and in third position was McMaster University (at $219,000) and in third position was Université de Montréal (at $233,000 per full-time faculty amount). On a full-time professor per capita basis, the dollar amounts our professors receive for their research programs is similar to that obtained by our colleagues in the Faculty of Medicine. Soon to be contributing to our academic corps, and expected to carry the torch for many decades to come, are several new recruits who will be arriving and starting their research programs this summer, and their work will be highlighted in future issues of this newsletter. Dr. Simon Tran from the National Institutes of Health in the U.S., Dr. Jake Baranek from the University of Birmingham in the U.K., and Dr. Svetlana Komarova from the University of Western Ontario will soon be here, and we are excited by their pending arrival and anticipate great things from them! They, too, are thrilled to be coming here, and look forward to joining McGill’s Centre for Bone and Periodontal Research, where access to the state-of-the-art Jamson T.N. Wong Laboratories was a major factor in their decision to come to the Faculty of Dentistry. The Wong laboratories are fully up and running in the new building at 740 Dr. Penfield, and the research being performed there has already contributed in a major way to McGill’s prominent research profile. Finally, I would like to mention two important events taking place this spring this fall - two nominees submitted by the Faculty of Dentistry have been approved to receive an honorary doctorate degree from McGill University. Dr. Irma Thesleff from the University of Helsinki, a pioneer in understanding the molecular biology of tooth development, and Dr. Ronald Dubner from the University of Maryland, a world authority on pain, will each receive an honorary doctorate from McGill. Both of these clinician/scientists have remarkable records of research achievements, and we are honoured to have them join us this year. Dr. Thesleff’s degree will be awarded in May at a main convocation ceremony on lower campus, and Dr. Dubner’s degree will be awarded at part of McGill Dentistry’s Centennial Research Symposium (see sidebar pp. 8) to be held back-to-back with a similar research symposium at our sister dental faculty at Université de Montréal - each of us celebrating our 100th anniversaries in 2004. Both days (September 17th and 18th) have exciting research programs developed to highlight the successes and strengths of oral health research in Montreal. All are invited to come to these events. Please check our websites for updates on the schedule for these days (http://www.mcgill.ca/dentistry/ and http://www.medent.umontreal.ca/).

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Research Matters

A TOKYO EXPERIENCE

Dr. Marc McKee and Dr. Mari Kaartinen of our Faculty spent the months of April, May and June 2003 as invited professors at Tokyo Medical and Dental University where they participated in teaching and research. Their visit was hosted by the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, Professor Kazuhiro Eto, and Professor Yoshio Takano, Chair of the Department of Hard Tissue Engineering. In addition to numerous research seminars including an invitation to speak to the Stomatological Society of Japan, Dr. McKee gave a full course on the Biology and Pathology of Mineralized Tissues at the Graduate School. He also lectured to undergraduate dental students there on Computer-assisted Learning in First-year Medicine and Dentistry at McGill, and on McGill University and Student Life. Dr. Kaartinen presented two research seminars, and delivered lectures to dental students on Scientific English and Interpreting Scientific Articles. In June, both attended the 1st Joint Meeting of the International Bone and Mineral Society and the Japanese Society for Bone and Mineral Research, where Dr. Kaartinen presented recent data on her work investigating translglutaminase enzyme function in bones and teeth. Drs. McKee and Kaartinen report having a most wonderful experience in Tokyo, Osaka and Kyoto. Despite intense work schedules, their gracious hosts found the time to introduce them to many of the obvious and more subtle delights of traditional and modern Japan. Most memorable reflections include many stimulating research and pedagogical discussions with Drs. Takano and Nakano, state-of-the-art lecture halls with giant plasma screens, learning of 1,001 ways to prepare soya beans, the Tokyo fishmarket, hot fugu fin sake, vendors shouting at department store food courts, trips to Kabuki and Noh theatre, matsuri festivals, temples and five earthquakes. Particularly memorable were the kindness of the hosts and the Japanese people, and the hustle-and-bustle of Tokyo. Dr. McKee will return to Japan this summer as an invited speaker at the 8th Asia-Pacific Conference on Electron Microscopy. Drs. Takano and Nakano will visit McGill Dentistry in the spring and each will deliver a seminar on their research work investigating biomineralization.
Dental Implants May Improve Nutrition

Dr. Jocelyne Feine, Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in Dental Sciences, is currently conducting a research study on the effects of implant treatment on general health supported by the Canadian Institute of Health Research and the Swedish National Health Board. The study will contribute approximately $1 million, and it will provide all mandibular and maxillary dentures for the 254 subjects who will be participating.

Conventional dentures have long been accepted as the standard treatment for edentulism, but numerous studies have shown that chewing improves significantly if these are replaced with implant-retained prostheses. In Dr. Feine’s last randomized clinical trial with 120 independently living elderly edentulous male and female subjects, she found that the group given simple mandibular 2-implant prostheses found it significantly easier to chew hard and tough foods than a group given conventional dentures. Dr. Feine also found evidence that some nutritional variables were significantly improved at six months only in the implant group. The study was not targeted to test for between-group differences on these outcomes and, hence, was underpowered for these contrasts.

The aim of this new randomized controlled clinical trial of a larger population is to determine if elderly edentulous subjects who have worn mandibular 2-implant overdentures for six months do have a significantly better nutritional status than subjects given new conventional dentures. Yearly follow-ups with clinical examinations, medical histories and physical activity questionnaires, along with data from the use of Medicare, will be used to assess the effect of implant treatment on general health. Whatever the outcome, results will be translated into recommendations on standards of care for the millions of elderly Canadians who are missing all of their teeth.
MAIMONIDES OUTREACH DENTAL CLINIC WINS PROVINCIAL AWARD

The Maimonides Outreach Dental Clinic won the 2003 “Prix Qualité” from the Quebec Association of CLSCs and CHSLDs at a presentation in Québec City held May 23, 2003, at the Hotel Québec Hilton. The award is given to a long-term care institution in recognition of the exceptional quality of care provided to the community.

The Maimonides Outreach Dental Clinic is a partnership between the McGill University Faculty of Dentistry Outreach Program and Maimonides Geriatric Centre. The McGill University program provides free dental care to frail seniors living in the Maimonides Accredited Homes for seniors. The Maimonides program cannot continue to live on their own because of physical frailty or mild confusion but do not require the level of care of a long-term facility like Maimonides Geriatric Centre.

"Without this program, many of these seniors would not have their dental needs met. We are thrilled to receive this award because it recognizes the importance of oral care for the elderly and improves their quality of life," says Rossa Miller, Professional Coordinator of Maimonides Accredited Homes for seniors. The Maimonides dental program consists of four dental clinics throughout the year. The clinics are held in the Maimonides synagoge which is transformed into a multi-operatory dental clinic.

"Today we are celebrating research in the life sciences as well as this new facility and what it portends for the future," said McGill Principal Heather Munro-Bhim. The facility in question is 740 Dr. Penfield. McGill’s latest high-tech research centre and home to the Jamson T.N. Wong Laboratories in Bone and Periodontal Research, and the event was its official opening on September 8, 2003. As many of our readers may recall, the Jamson T.N. Wong Laboratories were recently made possible through a major donation to the Faculty of Dentistry from Mrs. Pierrette Wong and her daughter Jenniver and Tanya. This gift was given to honour the memory of husband and father Jamson Wong. Munro-Bhim joined a panel of luminaries hosted by Louise Proulx, Vice-Principal (Research), and included members of the academic and political communities.

Researchers had moved in some time earlier and, during tours of the sparkling new facility, guests were treated to the sight of scientists in McGill lab coats performing the cutting edge research that will soon be synonymous with 740 Dr. Penfield. Tours were open to the public the last day that its six floors and 100,000 square feet are the new home to four groups of researchers: the Kanbe Research Group, the Genome Quebec Innovation Centre, the Montreal Proteomics Network, the Centre for Bone and Periodontal Research, the Jamson T.N. Wong Laboratories for Bone and Periodontal Research, and five bio-business incubators. Its six floors and 100,000 square feet are the new home to four groups of researchers: the Kanbe Research Group, the Genome Quebec Innovation Centre, the Montreal Proteomics Network, the Centre for Bone and Periodontal Research, the Jamson T.N. Wong Laboratories for Bone and Periodontal Research, and five bio-business incubators.

Construction and partial outfitting of 740 Dr. Penfield has cost $31.6 million, with support coming not only from McGill University and the MUHC, but also from the federal and provincial governments, agencies such as the Donner Canadian Foundation, Canada Economic Development, Génome Québec, Genom Canada, Valorisation- Recherche Québec and the Canada Foundation for Innovation; companies such as Applied Biosystems, Caprion Pharmaceuticals, and GenChem Management; and individual donors such as Mrs. Pierrette Wong and her family. Over the next five years, these partners will provide nearly $50 million for operating funds and additional equipment.

Representatives of three layers of government were on hand at the opening to applaud the new facility. Said Montreal mayor Gérald Tremblay, “The facility is located in Montreal on one of the top health care research centres in the world.” He was joined by Michel Audet, the Quebec Minister of Economic and Regional Development, and Lucie Robillard, President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Economic and Regional Development, and Gerald Tremblay, Mayor of Montreal; Dr. John Bergeron, Director, Montreal Proteomics Network; Paul F. Archévéque, Genome Quebec; Dr. Abraham Fuks, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, and Louise Proulx, Vice-Principal (Research), and Dr. John Bergeron, Principal Heather Munro-Bhim, Dr. David Goltzman, Lucienne Robillard, Dean Lund and Michael Wiseman, Director of the McGill Faculty of Dentistry Outreach Program, Barbra Gold, Executive Director, Maimonides Centre.

The objective of the CDE Committee is to provide the community of dental professionals with the latest in sound research and clinically based developments through the presentation of short courses. McGill University’s Faculty of Dentistry is considered a leader in undergraduate training and research and is also a leading provider of continuing dental education. The excellent reputation of the Faculty is, in part, maintained and made visible worldwide through our ongoing post-graduate CDE programs. Our alumni and other health care providers return to our school seeking to further their education thereby providing the general population with state of the art health care.

Continuing dental education is just one of the many ways that the profile of our dental school is enhanced and plays an important part in encouraging various forms of support for our institution.

The Faculty’s Department of Continuing Education is both honoured and pleased to have presented a selection of extraordinary lectures covering a multitude of subjects throughout the past year. The most recent are featured below.

"How to Build your Aesthetic Practice" Presented by: Nate Booth, DDS, MSc Friday, November 7, 2003

Nate received his DDS degree from the University of Nebraska in 1971 and was in private dental practice for eight years. In 1983, he returned to school and earned a Master’s degree in Counseling. Nate is the author of many books and articles and is an instructor at the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies.

Course Description: Increasing the amount of aesthetic dentistry provided in a dental practice requires a new set of skills for everyone involved. Nate helps dozens of practices significantly increase the amount of aesthetic dentistry performed by highlighting the important elements required for a successful aesthetic practice.

It is important to note that all proceeds from Nate’s course were donated to the Montreal Children’s Hospital Dental Clinic in Montreal.

"Let’s Switch to Digital Photography" Presented by: Ritu Bauer Friday, November 14, 2003

Rita is a medical photographer and Educational Media Specialist at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Dentistry. Rita has become recognized as a leading authority on equipment selection for clinical photography and has trained many clinical professionals in this technology.

Course Description: This lecture/hands-on workshop shows participants how to incorporate digital technology to prepare an effective communication tool for documentation and lecture material.
Faculty Highlights

"Endodontic Update"  
Herb Borsuk, DDS72, Endo74, was instrumental in bringing together an impressive panel of presenters for a full-day program that included lectures, a hands-on workshop and exhibits by the participating sponsors. Friday, January 23, 2004

Herb H. Borsuk, DDS, MScD, FRDC(C), FICD, FACD, FADI
Herb obtained his DDS (1972) from McGill University and Master of Science in Dentistry and Certificate of Endodontics from Boston University (1974). He has served as president of numerous professional organizations and is a Fellow and Chief Examiner for the Royal College of Dentists. In addition to his private practice, Herb is an Associate Professor and Director, Division of Endodontics at McGill University Faculty of Dentistry.

Gerald Solmser, BSc, DDS, Cert. Endo.
Gerry graduated from McGill (1985) and after completing a residency program at the Royal Victoria Hospital, he received a Certificate in Endodontics (1996) from Boston University. Gerry is presently on staff at McGill and maintains a private practice.

Course Description:
There have been radical changes in every aspect of modern endodontic therapy. This course updated the general practitioner to understand and utilize the techniques and materials that have recently been developed.

LOOKING AHEAD - A LINEUP OF EXCITING C.E. LECTURES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2004
In Celebration of the Centenaries of the Faculties of Dentistry at McGill University and Université de Montréal, the Faculty will be presenting a one-day symposium entitled “New Oral Health Knowledge for the 21st Century.” Speakers: Dr. Marc McKee, Dr. Mary Koffler, Dr. Byron Tan, Dr. Joystine Fane, Dr. Paul Allison, Dr. Christophe Bedos, Dr. Catherine Bushnell, Dr. Fernando Conners, Dr. Gary Bennett, and Dr. Ron Dubner. at MacEwan Hall, Arts Building, McGill University.

OCTOBER 1, 2004
Continuing Education Lecture, TGIF, featuring Dr. Bernard Solomans, on “Transitions,” at the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, McGill University.

OCTOBER 15, 2004
Dr. Ernie Ambrose Homecoming Lecture, featuring Dr. Irwin Fried, Dr. Mario Dagnas, Dr. Maryse Bertrand, Dr. Jean-Marc Retrouvey, Dr. Med Hershfield, Dr. Richard Emerly, Dr. Joystine Fane, Dr. Ken Lee and Dr. John Blomdahl on “Tomorrow’s Dentistry Today,” at the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, McGill University.

OCTOBER 29, 2004
Continuing Education Lecture, TGIF, featuring Dr. James Lund, on “The History of Occlusion,” at the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, McGill University.

NOVEMBER 12, 2004
Continuing Education Lecture, TGIF, featuring Malhe Stephane Gault, Dr. Jacques Boileau, Dr. Norman Miller and Chantal Westgate on “Practicing Defensive Dentistry,” at the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, McGill University.

NOVEMBER 19, 2004
Continuing Education Lecture, TGIF, featuring Dr. Lesley David, on “Medical Emergencies,” at the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, McGill University.

DECEMBER 3, 2004
Continuing Education Lecture, all day, on “Basic Implants,” at the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, McGill University.

JANUARY 28, 2005
Continuing Education Lecture, TGIF, featuring Dr. Pierre Boudrais, on “Restorative Dentistry,” at the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, McGill University.

FEBRUARY 18, 2005
Continuing Education Lecture, TGIF, featuring Dr. Robert David and Dr. Fred Murrill, on “Treatment Planning and Implant Controversies,” at the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, McGill University.

MARCH 18, 2005
Continuing Education Lecture, TGIF, featuring Dr. Françoise Chagnon, Dr. Lawrence Green, and Dr. Peter McLennan, on “Medics,” at the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, McGill University.

APRIL 15, 2005
Continuing Education Lecture, TGIF, featuring Dr. Laura Leslie, on “Setting Pretty in Dentistry,” at the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, McGill University.

For further information on Continuing Education Lectures, please contact Ms. Susan Young, telephone: (514) 398-7203, ext. 0015 fax: (514) 398-8600 email: conted.dentistry@mcgill.ca

A PROFILE IN DIVERSITY
DR. HARRY ROSEN
AN ARTISAN BUILDER AT WORK AND AT PLAY

It would be tempting to call Dr. Harry Rosen a Renaissance man. A prosthodontist and an active Professor Emeritus in the Faculty of Dentistry, Harry certainly has the goods: curiosity, culture, inventiveness, independence, multifarious expertise and ageless athleticism – at 74 he skis, windsurfs, dances, jumps horses and refuses to take elevators. But in truth, he may have even more in common with the engineers of the Great Pyramids, the Acropolis, Machu Picchu and the Great Wall of China than he does Leonardo di Vinci or Sir Isaac Newton.

Harry is an artisan builder in search of permanence, whether performing dental restorations or, in his free time, constructing epic creations with stone, a practice he euphemistically calls his “hobby.” Over the past 40 years, Harry has transformed the hardscrabble landscape of his family’s modest Laurentian lakeside retreat into a craggily idyll. Harry accomplished these monumental projects working mostly alone. He employed a system of primitive pulleys, levers, winches and rollers to haul and lift the stones, the largest weighing five tons. And he borrowed ancient masonry methods to place them, along with a dentist’s eye. “The fitting came easy because I do this all day,” he says. “It’s a question of temporarily forgetting about the totality and focusing on each step, much as we do in dentistry.”

This brand of technical miracle working has been Harry’s vocation for half a century. He graduated atop his McGill class in 1953, began a busy practice that’s still going strong, and immediately joined the Faculty of Dentistry, the beginning of a life-long role-model engagement with students. In 1975, Harry created the first Canadian graduate program in prosthodontics and today directs prosthodontics in the Multidisciplinary Residency Program at the MUHC Montreal General Hospital. His publications range from gold foil to implant prosthodontics with innovative contributions in each area, otherwise not found in the literature. And he recently returned from Sydney, Australia, where he lectured on “Predictable Implant Prosthodontics” for the Fédération Dentaire Internationale/ World Dental Congress.

Harry’s other stab at immortality has recently shifted to a pursuit of pure aesthetics in stone. After admiring a traditional Inuit sculpture in front of the McCord Museum, he built his own nine-foot tall Inukshuk to welcome visitors to his vacation property. His follow-up was the Amazonian “Universal Woman on the Half Shell,” inspired by Botticelli’s Venus and constructed over three years from tons of silica sandstone – every painstakingly manicured with chisel, mallet and grinder to achieve a voluptuous form.

All of this makes Harry something of a Universal Man on a mission.

Excerpts from February 2004 MUHC journal article by freelance writer Ed Kromer
The Faculty was delighted to host a number of its esteemed graduates at the Toronto Leacock Luncheon held May 30, 2003, at The Fairmont Royal York Hotel. The Guest of Honour and Lecturer was Jane Farrow, CBC Radio Host of “Home, Workology and Wanted Words,” and as always, Professor Derek Drummond was in top form as the entertaining Luncheon Moderator.

TORONTO LEACOCK LUNCHEON

The Faculty had the distinct pleasure of hosting a table at the Luncheon, held at the Hilton Montreal Bonaventure Hotel. Those in attendance were treated to a most animated and entertaining lecture given by none other than Preston Manning, who surprised many with his natural charm and wit. Once again, Professor Derek Drummond served as the Luncheon Moderator, at his usual best.

TORONTO LEACOCK LUNCHEON
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2003
FACULTY HOMEOMING LECTURE AND RECEPTION
As tradition would have it, the Faculty once again hosted the Dr. Ernie Ambrose Lecture Series, with Dr. Stephen Fitch, DDS ’78 presenting on the topic of “Principals and Techniques of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for General Practitioners.”

The Lecture was followed by an Alumni Reception in the Mervyn A. Rogers Faculty Council Room in the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building.

CEREMONIES HONOURING FACULTY GRADUATES

MCGILL’S QUARTER CENTURY CLUB
The University’s 36th Annual Quarter Century Club Gala was held October 9, 2003 on campus at Redpath Hall and five of our esteemed graduates were honoured for their loyal and committed service to the University over the last twenty-five years.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS
Last year’s Annual Meeting was held at the Hilton Hotel, San Francisco, California, October 22-23, 2003, and two members from our Faculty were inducted as Fellows. They were James P. Lund and Dr. Norman Miller. Dr. Herb Borsuk, Quebec President of the College, served as their sponsor on this most auspicious occasion.

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FACULTY STAFF UPDATES

NEW PART TIME STAFF
Dr. Michael Beigleman, DDS 1980 (McGill)
Dr. Nelu Berca, DDS 1980 (McGill)
Dr. Maryse Bertrand, DMD 1995 (UdeM)
Dr. Marie-Christine Boucher, DMD 1998 (UdeM), Cert OMFS 2001 (Montfortare-Med. Ctr)
Dr. Amélie Brun, DMD 2001 (ULaval)
Dr. Helen Chantzos, DMD 2002 (McGill)
Dr. Paul Deep, DMD 2000 (McGill)
Dr. Robert Dorion, DMD 1972 (McGill)
Dr. Eric Dufrene, DMD 1985 (UdeM), Cert Pros 1991 (SUNY)
Dr. Sandrine Dufrense-Trudel, DMD, 1998 and MSc Ortho 2003 (UdeM)
Dr. Ali Farahani, DDS 2000 (Dalhousie)
Dr. J. Julien Ghannoum, DMD 1998 (UdeM)
Dr. Eric Lessard, DMD 1992 and Cert Oral Medicine 2003 (ULaval)
Dr. Orly Levy, DDS 1982 (McGill)
Dr. Oliver Marx, BSc 1995 & DDS 1999 (McGill)
Dr. Souzi Mhanna, DDS 2002 (McGill)
Dr. Seymour Miller, DMD 1997, Cert Ortho 1971 (Oregon)
Dr. Helen Mipianti, DMD, 2003 (McGill)
Dr. Karine Sebben, DMD (UdeM 2001)
Dr. Keith Sotero, DMD 2002 (McGill)
Dr. Karyne Spina, DMD 2002 (McGill)
Dr. Guy Louis St. Arnaulet, DMD 1990 (McGill)
Dr. Alexandre Taché, DMD 1998 (UdeM), MSc Perio 2003 (UofT)
Dr. Matthew Vannvakis, DDS 2000 (McGill)

NEW FULL-TIME STAFF MEMBERS:
Ms. Nancy Scholefield - Receptionist, Dean's Office
Ms. Nancy Scholefield - Registration Clerk, McCall Undergraduate Clinic

NEW VISITING PROFESSORS
Dr. Taira Kobayashi, DDS 1988 and PhD 1997 (Japan)
Dr. William MacInnis, DDS 1982 (McGill)
Dr. Samer Abi Nader, DDS 1990 (McGill)
Dr. Ali Farahani, DDS 2000 (Dalhousie)
Dr. Paul Deep, DDS 2000 (McGill)

NEW SUPPORT STAFF
Ms. Mary King - Receptionist, Dean’s Office
Ms. Anne-Marie Leduc - Dental Assistant, Satellite Dental Clinic
Ms. Nancy Scholefield - Registration Clerk, McCall Undergraduate Clinic

The Faculty looks forward to welcoming the following NEW FULL-TIME STAFF MEMBERS:

Dr. Simon Tran will be joining the Faculty in July 2004. Dr. Tran holds a DMD (1991), from Université de Montréal, a Certificate in Periodontology and a PhD in Oral Biology and Epidemiology (1999) from the University of Minnesota. He subsequently carried out four years of postdoctoral training at the NIH. Dr. Tran will become a member of the Centre for Bone and Periodontal Research and will continue his work on regenerating oral mucosa and salivary glands.

Dr. Jake Barralot will join the Faculty in August, 2004. Dr. Barralot holds a BEng (1990) in Materials Science and Engineering from Leeds University and a IRC/PHD (1995) in Biomedical Materials from the University of London. He recently produced a new calcium phosphate bone cement of greatly increased strength. He is also developing nanoscaled hydroxyapatite crystals as a carrier for drugs and genetic material.

Dr. Svetlana Komarova, MSc 1991 and PhD 1996 (Moscow) will also be joining the Faculty in August. She studies the processes of bone resorption and will help develop a graduate program in skeletal biology. She will be collaborating with Drs. McKee and Kaartinen and other members of the Centre for Bone and Periodontal Research.

Dr. Samer Abi Nader received his DMD from Université de Montréal in 2000, and will complete his Certificate in Prosthodontics in May 2004. He will join the Faculty as an Assistant Professor in September and will take over some of the course work and clinical duties of Dr. Pierre Lamontagne, who retired in October.

NEW MCGILL APPOINTMENT
Dr. Norman Miller, DDS 1974, was appointed as Ombudsperson for Students for McGill University, for a period of five years effective September 1, 2003.

WE SALUTE YOU!!
STAFF HONOURS AND AWARDS

Congratulations are extended to the following Faculty members on their 2002-2003 honours and awards:

Paul Allison - Runner-up, Hiroomi Kawano New Investigator Award. Awarded to an investigator with less than 5 years completing a PhD, for outstanding contributions to the field of psycho-oncology. Awarded at the 68th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology (April 2003)

Gloria Baranowski - Fellowship in the Academy of Dentistry International (FADI)

David Blair - Fellowship in the Academy of Dentistry International (FADI)

J. John Blomfield - Canadian Dental Association Certificate of Merit, in recognition of services rendered to the Council on Education (September 2002)


Catherine Bushnell - Frederick W.L. Kerr Basic Science Research Award, American Pain Society (April 2003)

Eddie Chan - 2003 Prix Adul - Michelene Blain, FRsQ Réseau de recherche en santé buccodentaire du Québec in collaboration with Whitehall Robbins

Peter Chaouvin - Queen’s Golden Jubilee Commemorative Medal (November 2002, Ottawa)

Maire Dagenais - Fellowship in the American College of Dentists

Sawatd Dhanao - Clinical Teaching Award from Graduating Class

Timothy Head - Howard S. Katz Award for Excellence in Teaching

Kenneth Lee - Fellowship (Periodontics), Royal College of Dentists of Canada

Marc McKee - International Association of Dental Research (IADR) Distinguished Scientific Award

Philippe Mojon - Clinical Teaching Award from Graduating Class

Fred Muroff - Fellowship in International Congress of Oral Implantologists

Mel Schwartz - 2003 "MAN OF THE YEAR" Award, Alpha Omega Mount Royal Dental Society

Martin Tyler - W.W. Wood Award for Excellence in Dental Education (2003)

Lorne Wiecek - Fellowship, Academy of Dentistry International (FADI)

It is with great sadness and a tremendous sense of loss, that we announce the recent death of Mrs. Mary Crawford. Mary passed away after a brief illness on November 28, 2003, in Joliette, Quebec, not far from her beloved home in Rawdon. Mary leaves behind her husband Garth, children Dawn (Tom) and Lorne and her most precious grandchildren Tayka and Jorel. As many of our readers will remember, Mary worked in the Faculty’s Development and Alumni Relations office with Debbie Laroque and was the cheerful and caring voice on the other end of the line whenever you called in with questions or comments. Her tremendous sense of humour and unwavering support will be sorely missed by all in the Faculty.

The Faculty wishes to acknowledge with respect, the loss of a number of other special individuals, and to their families and friends the Faculty extends its deepest condolences.

Dr. Steadman VanBuren, DDS 46, at E. Greenbush, N.Y., on April 11, 2002
Dr. Michael Oliver, DDS 70, at Hamilton, Ont., on March 15, 2003
Dr. Paul Demers, OMFS 89, at Montreal, Que., on April 11, 2003
Dr. John J. Siegler, DDS 58, at Bridgeport, Conn., on May 26, 2003
Dr. Eric C. Hickey, DDS 61, at Magog, Quebec, in July 2003
Dr. J. H. Moreau, DDS 53, at Victoria, B.C., on July 23, 2003
Dr. Maurice Sussman, DDS 58, in July 2003
Dr. Edward Ostro, DDS 55 at Victoria, B.C., on July 31, 2003
Dr. G.D. Armstrong, DDS 49, in Quebec, on October 12, 2003
Dr. Francis (Frank) L. Burns, DDS 43 at White Rock, B.C., on December 18, 2003
Dr. Stanley O. Jansen, DDS 52, at St. John’s, Nfld., on January 16, 2004
Dr. James Kehoe, DDS 50, at Montreal, Que., on February 25, 2004
The Research Day began with a presentation competition in Jasper, Alberta. Proud winners! Mitch Miller, Matt Kerner, Dr. Norman Miller.

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. Neelambir Kapatur for his presentation titled “Hypomineralized Bones and Teeth of Transgenic Mice: Following Ectopic Expression of Matrix Gla Protein.”

The Multidisciplinary Residency Table Clinic Prize
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### CELEBRATING THE END OF AN ERA

**FOURTH YEAR STUDENT ROAST 2003**

The graduating class of 2003 held their Year End Roast on May 2 at a most unique and thoroughly entertaining location called “Le Living Room.” All students and their guests attended along with Faculty staff, and as the photos will demonstrate, everyone adhered to the rules set forth by the Champagne Toast prepared by the class. By the way, the students had arranged to have all guests keep their champagne glasses as a souvenir of the evening.

Tonight tells the story of two thousand and three. W’ll all have some laughs... just wait and you’ll see. As secrets unfold, ‘bout days in the clinic and stories are told, we’ll best try to mimic “This class is lazy”, they all had once said. “How will they make it?” they’re always in bed”.

Written in stone, this was our fate

“The hardest class to graduate!”

Tonight, DANCE at our roast … and PRAY that we passed …

Dr. Louis Touyz, Dr. Eddie Chan

(l-r) Dr. Ike Silver, Dr. Martin Tyler, Dr. Louis Touyz, Dr. Bobbi Chase

Dr. Louis Touyz, Dr. Marie Dagenais, Dr. Jeffrey Myers

Dr. Veronique Bertrand, Dr. Louis Touyz, Dr. Marie Dagenais, Dr. Jeffrey Myers

Dr. Mahnaz Turner and daughter

L-r) Dr. Robert David, Ms. Susan Young, Dr. Robert Miller

That’s some rock!!

Dr. Luzia Bilotta, Dr. Jean-Marc Bouchary

Dr. Robert David, Ms. Susan Young, Dr. Robert Miller

Dr. Tristan, Ms. Marnie Taylor

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ANNUAL STUDENT AWARDS AND WHITE COAT CEREMONY

The Faculty’s Second Annual White Coat Ceremony was once again held in conjunction with the Awards Ceremony for First, Second and Third Year Students. This very special student event took place September 3, 2003, in the main lecture hall of the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, and was attended by Faculty staff, students, and their families and friends.

The evening opened with welcoming remarks from Dr. Paul Allison followed by the Dean’s Address by Dr. James P. Lund. Dr. Marie Dagenais presented the Student Awards to the following proud and deserving recipients.

SECOND YEAR

MONICA MACVANE-PEARSON

HAGEN KLIEB

JANET LEE

ANDREA HECKLER

SECOND YEAR AWARDS 2003

SECOND and THIRD YEAR Awards and Prizes

HAGEN KLIEB

JANET LEE

NICHOLAS MAKHOUL

ANDREW DONICK

KATHERINE MAJEWSKA

THIRD YEAR

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MONICA MACVANE-PEARSON

HAGEN KLIEB

PEARSON

MEDICINE

DENTISTRY

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIPS

J.W. McCONNELL AWARDS

SCHOLARSHIP IN DENTISTRY

DR. ERNEST R. AMBROSE

PING KWAN LAU SCHOLARSHIP

awarded on the basis of high academic achievement with preference to international students, and renewable provided the holder maintains an academic standing established by the Faculty. Value: minimum $3,500.

J.W. McConnell Awards

Awarded by the University Committee on Scholarship and Student Aid on the basis of high academic standing and Faculty recommendations to students pursuing degrees in any field. Candidates must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents.

MATT_weil ANDREW HALL

DEPARTMENT OF DENTISTRY SCHOLARSHIPS

awarded to international undergraduate student who has demonstrated common sense, compassion and excellence in restorative dentistry. Preference will be given to students who are entering the fourth year of the DMD program. Value: minimum $2,500.

DR. YU-MING LAM SCHOLARSHIP

awarded on the basis of high academic achievement, and renewable provided the holder maintains an academic standing established by the Faculty (top 25% of class). Value: minimum $3,000.

DR. LINDSEY JAKUBOVIC

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SCHOLARSHIP

awarded by the Faculty of Dentistry Scholarships Committee to an outstanding undergraduate student. Preference will be given to students who are en...
Spotlight on Students

WHITE COAT CEREMONY, CLASS OF 2005

The evening continued with the presentation of the white coats to the students from the Class of 2005, to mark their transition from preclinical to clinical studies.

MINDY PHO
JASON RETTER
CHRISTA OLIVER

DR. JAMES E.G. HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP IN DENTISTRY
awarded to a meritorious undergraduate student in the DMD program who demonstrates a firm commitment to the ethical practice of dentistry in interactions with patients and colleagues or in essays on professional conduct and responsibilities. Preference will be given to students who are entering the third or fourth year of the DMD program. Value: minimum $2,000.

DR. HOWARD S. KATZ SCHOLARSHIP IN DENTISTRY
awarded to a student who has completed at least one year of the DMD program, on the basis of academic achievement. Value: minimum $2,100.

HAGEN KLIEB

DR. EARL LERNER FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP
awarded on the basis of high academic standing to an undergraduate student currently enrolled in the DMD program. Value: $2,000.

CHRISTA OLIVER

DR. HARRY ROSEN SCHOLARSHIP IN DENTISTRY
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ANTONINO CRIVELLO

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MELISSA LEE

In Their Own Words

Students Arezu Akhavan, DMD IV and Rana Nasseri, DMD III, spoke on behalf of the student body and reflected on their personal experiences.

It wasn't that long ago that we were busy organizing the details of the Faculty of Dentistry's first White Coat Ceremony. Today we are all gathered to celebrate the Faculty's second annual White Coat Ceremony and Awards night. In doing so, I would like to welcome and congratulate our 3rd-year class on this occasion.

Receiving a white coat is a symbol of white accepting the responsibilities of becoming a professional. Not that long ago, I remember sitting in the student lab talking with a few classmates of mine, sharing our fears and worries about treating our first patient.

Very soon most of you will develop close ties with most of your patients. You will see how much faith and trust they have in you. Most patients won't ever know if you've sealed their root canal right up to the last mm of the apex or if you've root planed each and every surface, but what they will know is if you've treated them like a professional; if you've actually taken the time to listen, care for them, relieve them from pain and if you've taken the time to treat them as human beings. A lesson that I've learned is that good work and pleasant and professional manners will never be forgotten. A few months ago a patient was assigned to me. She had been a patient at the clinic over 20 years ago. As a teenager she had received a few crowns and some restorations but was so happy with the way that she had been taken care of that today she returned, not to seek treatment for herself but for her 8-year-old daughter!

Sometimes as students, we forget we are treating human beings and we get so caught up with credits and requirements that all we see is a bunch of teeth on jaws. Instead of remembering why we are really here and why we chose this profession. I personally think success within the practice of dentistry ultimately lies in the spiritual reward of serving patients well.

Over the next year, you will come across both pleasant patients as well as difficult ones. If I have one piece of advice to you, it is to treat each and every patient of yours as you would your own family. This is the first stepping stone towards becoming a true health care professional. Thank you.

Good evening Dean Lund, honoured guest Diane Legault, members of the Faculty, fellow students, family and friends. One Chinese proverb says: “A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.” And so here we are – on the verge of taking that step. We have worked very hard in the last two years to get to this point today. Sitting endless hours in a classroom, sitting endless hours in the library, and then finally sitting endless hours in the lab; all that to achieve what we all strive to achieve, to get Dr. Miller's signature.

But in all seriousness, things happen for a reason and the reason we are here today is because of hard work, determination, and a genuine desire to help others. We have learned many valuable lessons along the way that we should keep with us for the next two years and for the rest of our professional careers. We have learned about altruism in dentistry, the promotion of oral health, and last but not least, we have learned how to prepare the perfect class 2 cavity prep, after 35 tries of course.

The road here was tough at times but, it would have been impossible if not for the guidance, support, and patience of our professors, parents, families, and friends and of course our beloved Mike. And so, on behalf of the class, we would like to thank you.

And so once again, here we are, a pivotal step in our journey, donning our white coats and beginning the clinical years. With this white coat we are turning a page, and beginning a new chapter; one with new experiences and added responsibilities, the most important being ensuring the well-being of our patients. We, the class of 2005, take on this new role with confidence, respect and humility. I leave you now with this quote as a prologue to our upcoming professional careers: “We don't receive wisdom, we must discover it for ourselves after a journey that no one can take for us or spare us.”

Thank you.

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Tie: The Faculty was honoured to have as its Keynote Speaker Dr. Diane Legault, DDS 1979 (Université de Montréal), MBA 1995 (Université de Sherbrooke) and currently MNA for the Chambly Quebec Liberal Party. With her strong service background with the Ordre des dentistes du Québec, Canadian Royal College of Dentists, the Provincial Government and McGill University, to name a few, Dr. Legault made a powerful presentation to the students.

(excerpt from Dr. Legault’s presentation)

Tonight, we are celebrating your accomplishments and we are witnessing your entry into a very privileged, competent and dedicated group of people, and that is the profession of dentistry. Tonight, you are officially joining the ranks of the dental profession as junior colleagues. And from now on, as you enter the clinic or even call a patient to book an appointment, you are a true ambassador of our profession. Your personal behaviour, your attitude, your ability to listen, to communicate and treat your patients with respect and dedication will impact, without any doubt, the public’s perception of dentistry.

Learning to be a dentist is a lot more than learning a set of clinical techniques. You know that already. Learning about being a dentist is learning to care for others, it is learning about trust, about your own self, in fact, I would say, it is learning about being a better person. You are a young group of very intelligent and talented people; you have a lot of energy and drive. You are curious and anxious to succeed, and I am absolutely positive that you will become, very soon, a new generation of strong professionals dedicated to the well-being of all – a generation that we will be very proud of. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Dr. Louis Touyz led the group in reciting the Oath, as they begin their journey into clinical studies.

"I recognize that in donning this white coat, I become a member of the dental profession. I understand that my primary responsibility is to my patients and I shall dedicate myself to render, to the best of my ability, the highest standard of oral health care. I pledge my commitment to work for my community and the benefit of all society through creating lasting alliances in health, pursuing professional integrity and providing compassionate care for all.""}

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**Student Volunteers - Above and Beyond**

Our students continue to demonstrate a remarkable sense of giving back not only to the Faculty but to the community as well, both locally and abroad. The following articles represent a clear demonstration of their commitment and send a strong message that they have a bright future ahead with much to contribute.

**Med-Dent Talent Show 2003**

"Exposed - The Secret Lives of First Year Medical and Dental Students"

April 15, 2003.

Each year, the first-year medical and dental students organize a talent show to benefit a charity. Last year’s proceeds were donated to benefit The Montreal Diet Dispensary, an award-winning local Montreal program that provides nutritional advice, health education and support to disadvantaged pregnant women.

**A Dentistry Student’s Perspective**

By Jacqueline Ha, DM II

"Jacquie, your phone!", yelled my roommate, all the way from the living room. Cool! At 10:00pm, who is this? Ah, a friend from my med-dent class 2005 inviting me to the Med-Dent Talent Show, organized by the class of 2006. It was to take place April 15h, 2003. I immediately wondered if the show would be as successful as the show presented last year by my class.

From the 2002 show “The Med Student’s Guide to the Galaxy” to last year’s “The Med-Dent Talent Show: the Secret Lives of First-Year Medical and Dental Students – Exposed!”, the med-dent students have never ceased to amaze their audience with their incredible talents, skills, and the enormous willingness, enthusiasm, and energy that they put into the shows to create tremendous successes over the last two years. Traditionally each year, the first-year class organizes a talent show to benefit a charity that the students believe will be the most beneficial. The proceeds from the 2002 show went to Le Club des petits dejeneurs du Quebec to provide meals for children from underprivileged backgrounds so that they can start their day with proper nutrition and the energy needed for school. The 2003 show’s proceeds were designated to The Montreal Diet Dispensary. We therefore take great pride in knowing that our “talents” are being applied for the tremendous benefit of others.

Talent throughout last year’s show ranged from comedy to talented vocalists, opera singer, dancers, guitarists, pianists, martial artist, monochord player, actors, actresses, mixed CD creator, climbers, and many other gifted performers who all reveal their incredible skills.

So you see, wonderful memories of the Med-Dent Talent Shows are fully guaranteed! While enjoying a beautiful summer night in Montreal, I truly think that I had the good fortune to meet and develop special friendships with these hugely talented individuals. Time will pass, but memories of attending a Med-Gill Med-Dent Talent Show will last for a long time, if not a lifetime.

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THE CALL OF DUTY!

MY CUBAN EXPERIENCE

By Diana Paczesny, DMIII

Cuba is a land of sharp contrasts. I first experienced these contrasts during the Christmas vacation of 2000. Like most tourists, I was staying at one of the many four-star, all-inclusive resorts that litter the coast of the island. Between days filled with scuba diving, windsurfing and lounging in the sun, I managed to find some time to rent a moped and explore.

An immediate transition occurred upon exiting the resort. Tortuous gravel roads lined by sugar cane replace paved roads, swimming pools and Pepsi vendors. I traveled many miles into the mainland enjoying the scenery and only slowing down occasionally to manoeuvre around cows wandering on the road. Eventually, I entered the City of Holguin on the Eastern-side of Cuba.

Evening was approaching but the narrow streets were bustling with classic cars, horses and bicycles. Dilapidated houses lining the streets contained family and friends eating, drinking, singing and dancing. I found a place to stay that evening with an elderly couple who operated a small family-run hotel. They only insisted I pay a few U.S. dollars and call them Mama and Papa.

The next morning I explored Holguin, which was like going back in time. The streets were congested with horses, wagons and farmers carrying their produce to market. Pigs and chickens were constantly wandering into the streets much to the annoyance of the drivers. Since the average monthly salary is less than twenty dollars U.S., I was able to purchase a week’s worth of groceries with three U.S. dollars. To relax later that day I went to the cinema, three U.S. dollars. To relax later that day I went to the cinema, three U.S. dollars. To relax later that day I went to the cinema, three U.S. dollars.

I remained in Holguin for the remainder of my vacation enjoying my new friends and helping out around the dental clinic. Since then, I have returned to Holguin whenever possible, with my luggage packed to the brim with medical and dental supplies. The majority of supplies that I have brought to Cuba have come from donations from various hospitals in and around Montreal and Toronto and consisted of everything from antibiotics to bandages. Recently, Mike McHugh at the McGill Undergraduate Teaching Clinic generously donated a composite curing light. Currently, corporate sponsors and other means of support are being sought.

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR!

By Diana Paczesny, DMIII

Happy Chinese New Year! On January 27th, 2004, over 150 faculty members, students, friends, family and guests gathered at Restaurant La Maison Kam Fung in Chinatown. However, this was more than just an evening of great food and fun. It was the first fundraiser organized by McGill’s Dentistry Class of 2007. When I suggested having a fundraiser to raise money for a charity, Joana Malo’s idea of having a Chinese New Year dinner was the perfect answer. And the charity? The McGill Outreach Program! This program is staffed by volunteer dentists, providing free dental clinics for disadvantaged Montrealers in collaboration with Sun Youth, Dans la Rue, and Jewish Family Services. For such a noble cause, the entire class of 2007 got involved in selling tickets to friends, family, other students, and anyone wanting to have some delicious Chinese cuisine to bring in the New Year. And the result? We raised $3,221.40! Special mention to Philippe Couillard, the Health Minister of Quebec, and the Honourable Jacques Saada for their generous donations. Thank you to all the first-year students for organizing such a large fundraiser in their first year of dental school and to all the individuals attending the dinner for making it a great success!

FACULTY HOSTS WORLD RENOWNED LECTURER

DR. L. STEPHEN BUCHANAN

“The Art of Endodontics - System Based Shaping, Cleaning and Obturation

This lecture described the concepts, techniques, and research associated with the use of variably-tapered rotary files and the newest generation of obturation techniques. It showed treatment strategies for each anatomical variation, and reviewed the simplifications necessary to prevent untoward outcomes. New developments in this treatment systems were explained, as well as university-based research on its efficacy and safety.

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PARENTS’ CONTRIBUTIONS EXTEND BEYOND THE HOME FRONT

Professor Antoine Horvath and his wife Anne Horvath recently made a major commitment to fund the New Undergraduate Student Computer Lounge located in the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building. Daughter Judy Horvath, DDS'95, is a graduate of the Program, and son Paul, DMD'06, is currently enrolled in the Program. Professor Antoine Horvath says he “really likes computer stuff.” He was a Professor of Educational Technology at UQAM for 10 years and back in the early 1990s, as a volunteer, he designed a computerized administration program for the McGill dental teaching clinic in the Montreal General Hospital. Then he helped design a computerized projection tool for the Faculty as a teaching aid. At the time, his daughter Judy was a student in the Faculty. When McGill announced plans to shut down the Faculty of Dentistry, the Horvaths were shocked. As part of the Faculty’s Renewal Campaign, the family made a contribution of $50,000, and as a result, the Oral Diagnosis Facility at the McGill Dental Clinic in the Montreal General Hospital was named in their honor. “It would have been terrible if they had closed it down,” said Mrs. Anne Horvath. “Without Dentistry, the university really wouldn’t have been McGill. The Faculty was a part of the fabric of the institution.” Professor Horvath sees the Faculty as a kind of large family where “everybody – students, parents, full- and part-time Faculty members and administrative staff – all relate to each other in the way the members of a family do.” And as parents, the Horvaths are still involved. Over the years, he said, McGill Dentistry has created a special atmosphere where people involved at all levels have been drawn together to help each other and care for the Faculty. And considering Professor Horvath’s strong computer background, it was quite natural for Dean Lunt to intrigue him by how the Faculty did things. He was drawn in to the profession and has no regrets. He is not the only athlete in the Kerner family, by the way. Matthew followed in his footsteps and played football for McGill. Another son went through Harvard on a hockey scholarship. One daughter graduated from Middlebury College in Vermont on a track scholarship and is now doing a Master’s in counseling at McGill. Her youngest daughter, while no athlete, is doing a Master’s in counseling at McGill. She has closed it down,” said Dr. Kerner. “We never had a suggestion of the word ‘shocked’ comes to mind!” Dr. Kopytov added “This project is huge, natural for Dean Lunt to discuss plans for a computer centre with the Horvaths. “Future concepts are quite exciting as well,” Professor Horvath said. “Students will be able to access databases created by Faculty members. Short videos illustrating techniques for using certain tools will be available to students and may also draw funding from the companies that manufacture these tools. This huge database could be made available on the internet for a fee. This would bring income to the Faculty and increase its visibility throughout the world of dentistry.” The Horvaths will be contributing a total of $50,000 to fund the new Student Computer Room.

Two alumni, Dr. Skip Kerner DDS '71, and Dr. Yazdi Turner, DDS '74, and their families have each pledged $15,000 toward the construction of the new Undergraduate Student Lounge in the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building. Both have sons who graduated last year; Matthew Kerner, DMD'03, and Zain Turner, DMD'03. Dr. Turner came to McGill from India and took the last two years of the Faculty program to qualify to practice his profession in Canada. The student lounge at Bombay’s Nair Hospital Dental College where he studied in India played an important part in his undergraduate life. He missed it when he was at McGill. “When I was at McGill,” he said, “there was no place where we could relax away from the classroom or the clinic. My son Zain agreed with me that dental students need space. They need a lounge, a place where they can just be themselves, away from the pressure.” “I was in a position to help,” Dr. Turner added. “My wife Mahnaz and I were delighted to give something back.” Dr. Kerner agreed. “We never had a lounge when I was there.” he said. “Students need a place where they can be with each other and talk about dentistry that is not a sterile environment. It’s important. My son Matthew thinks so too.” “I love what I do for a living,” he added. “I love being a dentist. That school has given me a great life and my wife Stephanie and I were delighted to give something back.” Dr. Kerner came to the Faculty as an athlete. He played Varsity hockey for McGill for nine years and football for two. As an undergraduate, he used to drop in on team-mates in Dentistry and was impressed and

ANNIVERSARY CLASSES HAVE EXTRA CAUSE

Classmates from near and far gathered together to celebrate their 30th Anniversary over the course of McGill’s Homecoming Weekend, October 16-19, 2003. To commemorate this most auspicious occasion, a number of graduates, including Dr. Terry Coward, Bill Steinman, and Michael Ornstein, met to plan for the class reunion festivities. The first award will be presented at the Students Awards Ceremony September 8th and the Class of ’73 and the Boroff family will be invited to present the award. “We thought the Class of ’73 would reflect the kind of person Bill was and in a way the terms should also reflect on everyone in the Class of ’73,” said Dr. Blair and Kopytov.

Almost everyone in the class has since contributed something to the fund, including a generous gift from Candi Boroff-Shatilla and family (son Wade is a McGill graduate DMD 2001). As a result, over $40,000 has been raised to date. The first award will be presented at the Students Awards Ceremony September 8th and the Class of ’73 and the Boroff family will be invited to present the award. “We thought the class of ’73 would reflect the kind of person Bill was and in a way the terms should also reflect on everyone in the Class of ’73,” said Dr. Blair and Kopytov.
TO CELEBRATE

Jean Beliveau continues to draw a crowd!

TO RECKON WITH

by Dr. Timothy Head, Director, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

FORCE (Fund for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Research and Continuing Education) is the name behind a new campaign to complement the existing Dr. Kenneth Chessar Bentley Alumni Fund. The driving “force” behind this campaign includes Dr. François Riendeau, who has been instrumental in getting this initiative off the ground.

The main goal of FORCE is to generate major financial support for the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in order to support research, patient care and teaching projects. While our long-term objective is to increase our activity in a number of subspecialties of OMFS, the initial campaign will concentrate on head and neck oncologic surgery and reconstruction. We are beginning a five-year campaign, which will generate sufficient funds to build a new centre within the MUHC. This centre will house clinic facilities for the care of head and neck oncology patients who require ablative surgery, reconstructive surgery and prosthetic rehabilitation. FORCE will also support teaching and research concerning the care of these patients. FORCE will establish and support a professorship, which will be held by an oral and maxillofacial surgeon trained in head and neck oncology and reconstruction. We believe strongly that establishing a dominant role for OMFS in head and neck oncology is an extremely important step in improving patient care, expanding the scope of practice and teaching activities for the staff and residents. It will also help to maintain and strengthen the position of the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in the MUHC.

To kick off the FORCE fund raising campaign, François organized a barbecue last August 23, 2003, which generated $5,000 in donations from the guests. This event was just a start and our goal is to increase to two or three events per year that could generate substantial funds annually.

Another important development in the promotion of this new vision for the OMFS is the recent formation of a Sub-Committee of the Faculty’s Advisory Board. In order to reach our objective of creating a new centre, we will need to raise $5-6 million over the next five years. Our plan is to actively work with key members of the business community, using FORCE as our major priority. We therefore invited a group of dedicated and loyal supporters of this initiative to serve on the Sub-Committee. They include:

Pierre Lapointe, Senior Associate, Franz Jariaczewski
Alain Gignac, Vice-President, Bizit Marketing
Arnaud Ratel, President, AMR Marketing
Jean-Marc LeGentil, President, Bell Nordic
Stéphane Verkempinck, Director, Fiducie Desjardins

Besides securing financial support from the business sector, we should also ensure that we have the full support of past residents along with members from our scientific community. Graduates of the Program have therefore been asked to pledge major support over the next five years, in order to demonstrate their commitment to this unique project that will benefit both patients and students involved in this program.

Dr. Kenneth Chessar Bentley Alumni Fund: Contributions Making a Difference

Your past contributions to the alumni fund in support of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Program have continued to make this one of the most successful fundraising campaigns in the Faculty of Dentistry. The generosity of our alumni has made it possible to significantly improve the quality of the educational experience of residents in the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Program.

Funds from the 2002-03 Campaign were allocated to the following projects:

Research:
We now have startup funding available for consultation with statisticians and initial laboratory costs.

Library:
We have continued to purchase reference texts for our collection, now housed in the medical library of the Montreal General Hospital.

Equipment:
This year we purchased new computer hardware to support new imaging software, which was generously donated to the department by Dolphin Imaging.

Visiting Professor:
The alumni fund provided support for our visiting professor this year, Dr. Frank Celenza who obtained his DDS from McGill in 1983 and is now an associate clinical professor at New York University in orthodontics and periodontics, spent the day with us and presented his material on the use of implants as anchorage in orthodontic treatment.

A FORCE TO RECKON WITH

CLASS OF 1958 INJECTS NEW LIFE INTO STUDENT TABLE CLINICS PROGRAM

The Class of 1958 celebrated its 45th Anniversary during last year’s McGill Homecoming Weekend, October 16-19, 2003. The class planning committee, led by Robert Faith and Jack Fenwick, organized a string of social activities throughout the weekend, but the crowning touch to their reunion came with the news that the class had raised close to $15,000 to help support the Student Table Clinics Evening. This amount will be added to their original class gift made back in 1983, in honour of their 25th Anniversary. All 1958 class gifts are deposited into a special Table Clinic endowment fund, the income from which will be used to offset the annual operating costs incurred to hold such an important student event.

The Faculty remains extremely grateful for the major fundraising initiatives undertaken by these classes each year to commemorate their anniversaries and hopes that it can continue to count on this extraordinary support from an extraordinary group of individuals.

Class of 1958
Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy. Please notify us of any errors or omissions.
Fundraising Highlights

DR. ERNEST R. AMBROSE CLINICAL PROFESSORSHIP IN RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY

McGill University honours the contributions of Dr. Ambrose with the creation of the endowed Dr. Ernest R. Ambrose Clinical Professorship in Restorative Dentistry. Help us celebrate a century of superb teaching and continue the tradition of excellence in education with a donation to the Faculty’s special endowment fund.

How You Can Make a Difference

A donation to the endowment fund for the Dr. Ernest R. Ambrose Clinical Professorship in Restorative Dentistry will provide for a permanent teaching position that will commemorate one of the Faculty’s great teachers. This will be the first-ever endowed clinical professorship at McGill University.

Your gift will also help preserve McGill’s century-long tradition of excellence in clinical education for the benefit of future generations of dental students.

The annual income from this $500,000 endowment will support a new teaching position and provide restorative treatment services at the Faculty’s undergraduate McCall Dental Clinic at the Montreal General Hospital site of the McGill University Health Centre.

To make your gift

All you have to do is:
- make a generous contribution in response to this one-time opportunity
- send in your cheque (payable to McGill University, Faculty of Dentistry) or credit card information to:
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  * Please indicate designation to the Ambrose Professorship

In recognition of your generous support

- When you make your gift, your name will be added to a list that will be sent to Dr. Ambrose on a quarterly basis, noting all gifts made in his honour
- You will be invited to the Centennial Gala, October 16, 2004, when the Faculty hopes to announce the success of the Campaign and pays tribute to Dr. Ambrose
- You will be notified once the endowment has been fully funded and the Professorship has been officially established

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GIFTS FROM DENTISTRY GRADUATES REMAIN STRONG

As our readers may recall from our last issue, the Faculty reported an astounding 28% increase in annual gifts for the fund year ended May 31, 2002, with a total of $279,398. The Faculty managed to sustain this solid base of support for the fund year ended May 31, 2003 with annual gifts totaling $286,125.

Dentistry graduates can also take pride in the fact that the Faculty continues to rank the highest amongst all other faculties and departments in the “average gift” category. Over the last few years, Dentistry graduates have demonstrated an increased awareness and understanding of the importance of private giving. They have come to realize the benefits of “giving back” to their alma mater and have the personal satisfaction of knowing that their gifts are truly “making a difference”.

The loyalty and generosity of Dentistry graduates continue to play a major role in maintaining a solid foundation of support, guaranteeing a rich and rewarding learning experience for students and ensuring world class excellence in teaching and research.

How does a planned gift work?

A planned gift is a charitable donation arranged during a donor’s lifetime but not available to McGill until sometime in the future. The most common type of planned gift is a bequest, but it is just one of many types.

Is there any financial benefit to the donor who makes one?

A bequest to McGill University may serve to reduce, by means of a tax credit, the income tax payable by the donor’s estate. A planned gift may eliminate or reduce tax on capital gains when appreciated property is given.

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