Dentistry takes a giant step forward with the construction of a new research facility to be located in McGill’s ‘TechSquare’

The old Donner Building will become the new site for the Montreal Genomics and Proteomics Centre and the Jamson T.N. Wong Laboratories for Bone and Periodontal Research. For those of you who may not remember, the old building was located on the upper McGill campus, on Dr. Penfield Avenue, south of Pine Avenue. The new building, scheduled for completion by fall 2002, will cost about $30 million and will provide much needed research space (92,000 sq. ft.) for approximately 200 highly qualified professionals. It will be an integral part of the McGill TechSquare, which will include the Wong Material Sciences Building, the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, the Trottier Information Technology Building (now under construction) and the Rutherford Physics Building. McGill’s TechSquare will reflect the integration of the life sciences with information technology and the physical sciences.

The future is bright with these architectural renderings of the Montreal Genomics and Proteomics Centre and Jamson T.N. Wong Laboratories for Bone and Periodontal Research.
The Montreal Genomics and Proteomics Centre

The Montreal Genomics and Proteomics Centre, or the ‘TECHSQUARE’, aims to be a world-class facility for research in genetics, proteomics, and other related fields. It is expected to open by mid-September 2002.

The Faculty of Dentistry is contributing greatly to the development of the new Genomics and Proteomics Centre. The Jamson T.N. Wong Laboratories for Advanced Bone and Periodontal Research will be located in the ‘TECHSQUARE’.

The Jamson T.N. Wong Laboratories for Advanced Bone and Periodontal Research

The Faculty of Dentistry is contributing greatly to the new Genomics and Proteomics Centre: the Jamson T.N. Wong Laboratories for Advanced Bone and Periodontal Research. The laboratories will be headed by Dr. David Goltzman, McGill Chair of Medicine and the MUCIC Physician-in-chief.

The centre is an expansion and extension of the old Donner Building. It was razed in mid-October 2001, with the Donner Building demolished.

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The new initiative of special interest to dentistry, it’s Jamson T.N. Wong Laboratories for Advanced Bone and Periodontal Research, will be housed within the centre. The old Donner Building was razed in August 2001 to make way for the Montreal Genomics and Proteomics Centre. The project is on time and within its $31.6 million budget, and is expected to open by mid-September 2002.

The centre is an expansion and extension of our research capacity, thanks to a range of new equipment and technological advancements. Our researchers are now working in state-of-the-art facilities of its kind in Canada,” says Faculty of Medicine Dean Abraham Fuks. “It’s a very exciting time for those of us who work in the centre, and a good opportunity for us to be part of this effort.

We’ll have joint meetings, joint conferences, and joint labs. It’s a real collaboration.”

Dr. Tom Hudson, Director of the Montreal Genomics Centre, notes that some joint projects on osteoporosis and periodontal disease among juveniles have already begun. He says an excellent example of integrated research is that headed by Dr. Marc McKee. Dr. McKee, Associate Dean of Research, of the Faculty of Dentistry, is working with researchers in both dentistry and medicine to understand how bone and teeth proteins bind calcium and regulate the calcification of bones and teeth.

“Your need hard bones to suspend the teeth, to attach muscles, to move, to protect our body parts, and as a reservoir for calcium,” says McKee. “Do we control the crystals so they don’t grow too big? How that they pack perfectly? We think proteins control. By eliminating, adding or modifying genes in mice, then studying the impact on the mice, we understand better the impact of proteins on the skeleton. If an effect is noted, you have a candidate gene responsible for bone diseases.”

All 200 professionals who will work in the centre have research that can be linked, says Dean Lund. The physical structure has been designed with collaboration and flexibility in mind. The top floor has three rooms on a common stairway, and acolus and lounges encourage informal meetings. The whole services desk from the ceiling, so that walls can be easily moved. Sixty percent of the area is lab space, the remainder is communal space and offices, such as head office for the Montreal Genomics Centre. The look of the building has been designed to integrate with its surroundings. For instance, the modern steel grey facade will blend with the Wong Building and also accentuate the classic grey stone of the Straforach.

“Our relatively small faculty will benefit from the huge amount of expertise that will be concentrated there,” says Lund. “We already have a world-renowned community of researchers working on the problems of calcified tissues and calcification. This will consolidate the group, and give a wonderful new space to attract excellent graduate students and other world-class investigators of McGill.”

Timeline for Construction of New Building

August 2001: Donner Building demolished
mid-October 2001: excavation began
Dec. 12, 2001: bids closed on construction of main building
Jan. 7, 2002: construction began
Aug. 30, 2002: building is complete

Four main research units will be housed within the Wong facility: cell and molecular biology, histology, biochemical testing and imaging, and Transgenic mouse animal facility. The following 12 laboratories currently in operation will merge at the new centre.

1. Cell and molecular biology

The facility will contain all the ‘tools of the trade,’ says Dr. Marc McKee. “It’s a nicely equipped lab for manipulating DNA, and harvesting and working with cultured cells.” Equipment includes low-temperature freezers, incubators and much more.

2. Histology

Microtome machines that cut extremely thin layers of tissue and cells. Cryostat microtome machines that section tissues in the frozen state, reducing the incidence of tissue desiccation inherent in a manual process. Automated tissue processors where you put the sample in one end and it comes out the other end in a block of plastic or paraffin, ideal for sectioning, liberating scientist for other tasks. Whole-body microtome. The size of a small car, this microtome allows scientists to cut a section from the entire animal cadaver the size of a rabbit or smaller, on any plane. Especially useful to study rare diseases that metastasize to bone – a common feature of breast cancer.

3. Biochemical testing and imaging

Advanced light microscopes. Atomic force microscopy capable of allowing scientists to view particles at a nanometric scale. This equipment is particularly suited to interface with the Electron Microscopy Centre in the Straforach Anatomy & Dentistry building, which is accessible through a tunnel.

4. Transgenic mouse animal facility

An animal facility for breeding and holding of mice carrying genetic mutations that affect bone and tooth development and structure. These mice serve as models of human skeletal and dental disease.
Message from the Dean

Dear Friends:

Each year it takes me longer to proofread this Newsletter - which goes to show that the growth of the Faculty and the achievements of staff, students and our alumni come with a price. Indeed, the better we do, the higher we have to set the bar for the next jump. And in the next few years we will be doing a lot of jumping!

When school starts back in September 2002, the new Montreal Genomics and Proteomics Centre should be opening its doors, and Dr. Marc McKee and other members of the McGill Centre for Bone and Periodontal Research will be moving into the new Jamson T.N. Wong Laboratories (please see article by Dr. McKee). We hope that this facility will help us to attract new professors to McGill, in particular those working on bone and periodontal physiology and pathology. This will add strength to our excellent Divisions of Periodontology, and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

As many of you already know, the McGill teaching hospitals - the Montreal General, the Royal Victoria, the Montreal Children's, the Chest and the Montreal Neurological Institute - have amalgamated as the first step in creating a new McGill University Hospital Centre (MUHC) at the old Glen Yards of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The Glen Yards is a huge tract of land south of the junction of Westmount and NDG (see article by Dr. Chehade). You can imagine the enormity of this undertaking and the complexity of the planning exercise that the MUHC has already been carrying out for three years. The Department of Dentistry in the MUHC is planning the move of the residency clinics and oral and maxillofacial surgery. I have also written to Principal Shapiro and the Director General of the MUHC, Dr. Hugh Scott, urging them to support our request for new and expanded undergraduate teaching clinics in the new hospital. Early in the year, Dr. Chehade and I met with the Director of the Planning Department, Dr. Nicolas Steinmetz, to explain our needs. We are now evaluating the space provisionally allocated to Dentistry to see if it fits with our vision.

Our Outreach Program is featured several times in this Newsletter and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our key organizers, Dr. Michael Wiseman, Dr. Kwong Li and Judann Stern for all that they have done this year. The clinics are being held more frequently, students and residents are well integrated into the provision of care, and the number of satisfied patients has increased. I would be negligent if I did not also thank the donors for their invaluable support, and the Faculty members both full and part time, who volunteer to come out night after night to provide and supervise care.

The Faculty has an Advisory Board that meets a few times each year. As Dean, I present our Faculty's plans to the Board for their comments and ask for their advice and support. The Board is chaired by Dr. Robert Faith, a man who has given decades of service to the Faculty and to McGill. He has helped me deal with several thorny issues over the last few years and is responsible for the fact that we have been able to attract a number of prominent community and business leaders, as well as leading members of the Dental profession, to the Board. I was very pleased and proud when the Alumni Association elected to give Bob its highest honor, the Award of Merit, this past year.

Finally, I am pleased to report that the professors in this Faculty continue to excel in teaching, research and service to the community. As a result, we continue to attract excellent students to McGill. In the past, the undergraduate and residency programs were the magnets, but we are now welcoming more and more graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and visiting professors. Many of these come from outside Canada, particularly from the United States, Europe, the Middle East and Japan.

I hope you enjoy this Newsletter. Please pass along any information you think should appear in future editions. You can write or, better still, give us your news when you next meet me, Debbie or any other member of the Faculty during our travels.

Dr. James P. Lund
Dean, Faculty of Dentistry
Research Matters

by Marc D. McKee, Associate Dean of Research

In the last issue of the Newsletter, I highlighted the exciting developments for funding of health research in Quebec and Canada. They included the creation of new granting agencies, new dollars for research and a broader mandate for the existing bodies charged with monitoring and paying for health research. I am happy to report that these institutions are thriving and increased funding trends have continued, and the vision for Quebec and Canada to play leading roles in many areas of health research is still on track.

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the federal granting agency that funds the majority of oral health research performed in Canada, recently received a 15% increase in its annual budget. The CIHR is continuing its efforts to attain an annual funding level of $1 billion per year for research, roughly 1% of the total $100 billion spent annually on health care.

Canada’s ranking as a world leader in dentistry-related research, as published in the journal Nature several years ago, is still likely in place and sustained by continued investigative vitality shown by McGill researchers and others across Canada. The contributions of McGill Dentistry researchers are also prominent in the activities of the provincially-funded Réseau de recherche en santé buccodentaire, a consortium of Quebec’s”的 developement for multi-disciplinary research.

The university acknowledges McGill’s contributions to the advancement of important oral health research. I am happy to report that the broader mandate for the existing bodies that it will house, are sure to consolidate and capitalize on McGill’s leadership role and international stature in calcified tissue research. This effort recently received additional, multi-million dollar funding from Valorisation-Recherche Quebec to provide salary support and infrastructure costs required to effectively operate this facility. The university has formally recognized the new McGill Centre for Bone and Periodontal Research and the McGill Centre for Pain Research. In doing so, the university acknowledges McGill’s expertise in both calcified tissue research and pain research, in which Faculty of Dentistry professors play a major role.

You can find additional descriptions and a list of our published research at McGill Dentistry’s website: http://www.mcgill.ca/dentistry/

Creating Connections

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We also brought our booth to the Pacific Dental Conference in Vancouver, B.C. in March 2001. The reception we received from our alumni and friends was overwhelming, and we were delighted to return to the Conference in February 2002. We will also be attending the Ontario Dental Association meeting in Toronto in May 2002. As we were not able to make it the year before, we greatly look forward to meeting again our vast number of alumni in Ontario, who are such great supporters of the Faculty.

We will strive to continue to strengthen our ties with all our alumni and friends and wish all of you a year filled with peace and understanding of our fellow human beings.

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(l-r) Dr. Kenneth Lee, Ms. Melissa Le, DMOD, Dr. Jim Harrison

(l-r) Dr. Sandy Tambosso, Dr. Bruce Kennedy, Mrs. Korine Coward, Dr. Terry Coward
Major research collaborations span the globe

McGill Dentistry is at the forefront of scientific exploration, providing leadership in many areas of oral health. While it is a relatively small dental school, McGill’s Faculty of Dentistry has a research profile that extends far beyond the boundaries of Montreal. Faculty members involved in research collaborate extensively with other scientists worldwide. Often these international links, and the investigative work associated with them, are multidisciplinary – requiring a variety of expertise. These collaborative efforts have had tangible results, including new knowledge, significant advances in oral health, and improved oral care. Research performed in the Faculty of Dentistry at McGill, together with that of colleagues situated around the globe, contributes significantly to the overall understanding of health and disease as relates to the oral cavity.
An Outreach Program update
By Dr. Michael Wiseman, DDS’85 - Director, Outreach Program

The Outreach Program currently provides free dental care on the premises of Sun Youth, Dans la rue, Jewish Family Services and Maimonides Accredited Foster Homes. Other community agencies that refer patients to these treatment sites include Tern Haven, Old Brewery Mission, and others. On one particular evening December 13, 2001, the McGill Outreach Program team provided treatment to the “street kids” of Dans la rue. Due to financial, social, or psychological barriers, these young people will not seek traditional dental care. Examinations of these patients revealed a wide scope of oral problems, from dental neglect with many youngsters not even owning a toothbrush, to oral trauma and infections as a result of body piercing and/or using recreational drugs. Medical and dental histories were obtained from all patients and the Outreach staff and volunteer dental students provided appropriate dental treatments. These treatments included periodontal scalings, prophylaxis, restorations and oral surgery.

An unexpected visitor, newly elected Mayor of Montreal Gerald Tremblay, was the evening’s highlight. He was accompanied by his wife Suzanne Tailleur and his assistant. Mayor Tremblay expressed his excitement about the care provided to Montreal’s needy, and was truly sympathetic to their plight. He was impressed that volunteers provide the care and that the community is involved. For instance, Cité St. Luc’s Emergency Medical Service provided emergency assistance, and local businesses donated pizza and BBQ chicken to feed the volunteers. The Mayor promised that he would assist our program in future.

Anyone interested in volunteering or donating to the Outreach Program may contact Susan Young at 514-398-7203 x3115.

A small miracle
A Day in the Life of an Outreach Patient

Mrs. B. looked out of her foster home window: a brisk wind kicked up the leaves. Seated in her favorite chair, she noticed that others within the home were getting their coats. Mrs. B. thought that she would be left alone. She didn’t like to leave her favorite chair; she enjoyed this time of year with changing leaves. She was very surprised when her home care manager came in with her coat and informed her she was going to the dentist. Mrs. B. decided that she would go for the ride, but see a dentist? Forget it! She was driven

to Maimonides Hospital Geriatric Centre. As she entered, she remembered the dental care of her youth; the smells and the pain. Much to her surprise she was led into a room where a nice lady was singing songs and her friends were clapping and smiling. “This isn’t so bad,” she said to herself, and began to clap and sing along. As she sat, she saw her friends laughing and returning with young people dressed in blue. Finally a young girl with a kind face and a beautiful smile came to her.

She gave Mrs. B. her hand and led her into the Synagogue, which had been temporarily converted into an eight-chair clinic. Mrs. B. sat on the dental chair; the student in blue scrub reviewed her chart and took her vitals. Mrs. B. was impressed by the kind touch of this student. She opened her mouth and allowed the student to complete an oral exam and cleaning. When her exam was finished, Mrs. B. realized that dental care wasn’t that bad. When asked if she would return, she smiled and said, “Yes!” She returned to the waiting room, and awaited transportation home.

The Director of Social Services at the Maimonides Accredited Foster Homes informed us that Mrs. B. never traveled out of the house, and if she did, she normally became reclusive. The Director was ecstatic with our students and staff, who offered free dental services in a geriatric-friendly environment. The students were also grateful for the opportunity to work with such interesting patients.

Miracle on Atwater Avenue
The renewal of the MCH dental clinic

By Dr. Stephanie Schwartz, DDS’82 (C. de Montreal) M.Sc. DeRent’87

The residency program of the dental department of the MCH began in the 1940’s with 3 treating chairs in the main building on Tupper Avenue. Others were added in time, especially in 1974 when an additional 3 chairs were supplied for the dental hygienist program. All these, except one for emergency use, were moved in 1981 to the Gilman Pavilion annex, the old Red Feather Building, at 1400 Atwater, across the street from the main hospital. By then, there were 26 chairs.

Since then, very little was done to improve and expand equipment. We suffered, as you all did, from lack of funding. Subsidies were dropped, funding was reduced, expenses increased, and our equipment was falling apart.

There were some bright spots, however. One father bought us a new automatic radiograph developer when the one we had broke down when we required it for his daughter; another developer when the one we had broke down when the father bought us a new automatic radiograph machine. There were some bright spots, however – one

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The McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) - Where does Dentistry fit in?

by Dr. Antoine Chehade, DDS ’90, Or. Surg.’95

The McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) was initiated in 1992 in response to changing health care needs. The MUHC buildings indicated that it would be significantly more expensive to renovate the existing buildings rather than design and build a new state-of-the-art institution. This voluntary merger of four university hospitals; The Montreal General, The Royal Victoria (including the Chest Hospital), The Montreal Neurological Institute and The Montreal Children’s Hospital is unique in being the first and largest merger of this type in Canada. The MUHC promises to be in being the first and largest merger of this type in Canada. The MUHC promises to be

The dental service within the MUHC currently consists of three departments with pediatric care being delivered at the Montreal Children’s Hospital under the direction of Dr. Stephane Schwartz, adult care being provided at the Montreal General and Royal Victoria Hospitals under the direction of Dr. Antoine Chehade. The undergraduate clinic of the Faculty of Dentistry is currently located within the MUHC at the Montreal General Hospital. Together, these departments provide a broad range of services and receive approximately 50,000 patient visits annually. Thanks to the expertise provided by the attending, resident, student, administrative and support-staff teams in these facilities, these departments play an active and important role as part of the health care team in the MUHC.

In order to ensure appropriate representation and to facilitate communication between the sub-divisions of our service during the MUHC planning process, a Dentistry – MUHC Planning committee has been struck. This committee had been active for approximately two years.

This group has met regularly at strategic intervals during the ongoing planning process in order to discuss important issues and to review information pertinent to the planning process. This committee will ensure that the interests of the various departments of dentistry are represented and will guarantee a strong presence from the Department of Dentistry within the MUHC.

The members of the MUHC Dentistry Planning Committee regarding the location of the Faculty’s undergraduate clinic can be summarized as follows:

1. There would be significant inherent benefits to maintaining proximity of the Undergraduate Dental School to the Hospital Dental Service on a future MUHC site.

2. Adjacency of our clinics would facilitate:
   - sharing of teaching manpower
   - sharing of physical resources
   - development and implementation of clinical research projects
   - providing an optimal environment for the training of dental health practitioners.

The MUHC has mandated that the new health center on the Glen Yard site will bring together the four McGill teaching hospitals, their Research Institutes and elements of the Faculty of Medicine. One of the features of the new hospital will include an affiliated clinical research institute. It is clear that one of the missions of our Faculty is to continue to expand existing clinical research activities. Physical space and resources are vital elements that would be required in order for this to occur. As such, the Faculty of Dentistry will be lobbying to have all clinical trials, population and health services research included in the MUHC Institute. The subject of the relationship between the Faculty of Dentistry and the MUHC is one that will receive very close attention and will provoke significant dialogue with the MUHC planning organization over the next few months.

The members of the MUHC Department of Dentistry have been working diligently to contribute to the triumphant mission of the MUHC to integrate patient care, teaching and research. Our goal is to ensure Dentistry has its place as an appropriate presence in this new institution and to contribute to the objective of improving the standard of health care available to the people of Montreal and the surrounding communities of Quebec.

Comments and suggestions are welcome.

Dr. Chehade received his D.D.S. degree from McGill University in 1989. In 1990, he graduated from the specialty program in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at McGill University. As Acting Director Surgeon-in-Chief of McGill University Health Centre, he oversees clinical activities at the Montreal General and Royal Victoria Hospitals encompassing an OMFS graduate training program as well as general practice residency programs. He is an associate professor in the Faculty of Dentistry at McGill University involved in graduate and undergraduate teaching in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.
Faculty News and Notes

3RD ANNUAL DEAN’S BARBEQUE
- Tradition rules with another GREAT success!!

As tradition would have it, sun prevailed, attendance was high, food was plentiful and the venue was picture perfect. Dean Lund and his wife, Dr. Jocelyne Feine, once again outdid themselves in hosting the annual barbeque at their home in Senneville for the third straight year. The event took place on August 25, 2001 and staff, friends of the Faculty and students from all four years were in attendance.

McGill Alumni Association Awards Banquet honors our very own Dr. Robert Faith, DDS’58

The MAA held its annual Honors and Awards Banquet on May 25, 2001, at the St. James Club in Montreal. Each year, the Association recognizes outstanding contributions made by both graduates and students in the areas of alumni relations, volunteer service and service to the McGill community. Bob Faith was given the MAA’s highest honor, the Award of Merit, in recognition of his distinguished and long-standing service to the University as a volunteer and a member of many University boards and committees.

Principal Bernard Shapiro (r) presents Bob Faith with the Award of Merit.
Faculty News and Notes

Annual Staff Dinner

The Faculty’s annual staff dinner took place at the Faculty Club on June 14, 2001. Mr. Graeme Decarie, Concordia professor and commentator on the Montreal radio station CJAD, was the guest speaker. The occasion also honored the following individuals on their retirement from the Faculty. They included Dr. Andrew Toeman, DDS’86, Dr. Ivan Stangel, DMD’77 and Mr. Peter Graham. Dr. Paul Weinstein, DDS’65 was also recognized for his years of service to the Faculty.

LOOKING AHEAD:
A Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 16, 2002
Continuing Education Lecture, featuring Dr. John Kancz on “Adhesive Dentistry for the New Millennium,” at the Strathcona Anatomy & Dentistry Building, McGill University, Montreal. Sponsored by Bisco.

FEBRUARY 21-23, 2002
Faculty Exhibit at the Pacific Dental Conference, Vancouver, B.C. at the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre. An Alumni Reception will be held on Thursday, February 21, at the Pan Pacific Hotel, Port and Starboard Room (lobby level), from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 15, 2002
Continuing Education Lecture, featuring Dr. Alan Drinnan, on “Medical Conditions of Importance in Dental Practice,” at the Strathcona Anatomy & Dentistry Building, McGill University, Montreal.

APRIL 12, 2002
Continuing Education Lecture, featuring Dr. Joseph Massad, on “The Cosmetic Enhancement of the Edentulous Patient increases your bottom line financially and restores your patients’ dignity”, at the Strathcona Anatomy & Dentistry Building, McGill University, Montreal. Sponsored by Classic Dental.

APRIL 18-20, 2002
Faculty Exhibit at the Ontario Dental Association Annual Spring Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. An Alumni Reception is planned; details to be confirmed at a later date.

McGill Regional Volunteer Phonathons 2002:
March 5, 6, 12, 13 - Montreal
March 19, 20 - Toronto
April 9 - Vancouver
If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Maria Keenan at (514)398-3557.

MAY 25-26, 2002
Reunion of past dental residents of the Sir Mortimer B. Davis-Jewish General Hospital, Montreal, Quebec. A welcoming reception will be held on Saturday evening, May 25 and a full day scientific program on “Esthetic Rehabilitation - Elements in Design, The Surgical-Restorative Interplay” will take place on Sunday, May 26, followed by a wine and cheese party. Dr. Mervyn Gornitsky will be honored for his major contributions to the Residency Program and to the profession as a whole.

For further information, please contact Dr. Mel Schwartz (Tel: 514-340-8222, local 4079, Fax 514-340-7514, or e-mail: mschwart@den.jgh.mcgill.ca)

MAY 25-29, 2002
Faculty Exhibit at Les Journées Dentaires Internationales du Québec held in conjunction with the Canadian Dental Association Annual Meeting, at the Montreal Convention Centre. This will be a particularly special event to commemorate the CDA’s 100th Anniversary. An Alumni Reception is planned; details to be confirmed at a later date.

SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2002
McGill University Homecoming/Reunion Weekend, featuring the Dr. Ernie Ambrose Lecture Series. This year’s lecture, to be held September 27, will feature Dr. Melvin Schwartz, DDS’77, who plans to speak on dental management of the medically and intellectually compromised patient. Details will be confirmed at a later date.

If you are celebrating a class anniversary in 2002, this is your opportunity to plan for your reunion activities in conjunction 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 8, 2002
Continuing Education Lecture, featuring Robin Wright, on “Patient Communication. Team up for Treatment Acceptance” at the Strathcona Anatomy & Dentistry Building, McGill University, Montreal.

“COMING ATTRACTIONS”
CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS 2002-2003
The Continuing Education Department will be presenting a series of “TGIF” lectures on a regular basis. All sessions will take place on a Friday; and will feature a select panel of prominent clinicians presenting on specific topics. For further information on Continuing Education, please contact Ms. Olga Chodan Tel: (514) 398-7221, Fax: (514) 398-8900, email: olga.chodan@mcmillca
Staff Christmas Dinner

The annual Staff Christmas Dinner was held December 11, 2001 at the University Faculty Club. As always, it was very well attended by both staff and their guests, as well as Faculty friends, and the spirit of Christmas was evident throughout the evening.

Homecoming Weekend - October 25-28, 2001

Class of '76

Class of '66

Class of '81

Class of '51

Personal Testimony on Reunion Celebrations

‘Why Have One??’

What a difference a quarter-century makes.

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Dr. Timothy Head, a renowned lecturer and part of the Class of ’76, got into the spirit of things by giving an impromptu lecture on TMJ on Saturday morning, for those who were on the road when he took the podium the day before to speak on dental implants. “We had 25 years to mature, and let things fade,” commented Dr. Head. “People were at ease, and genuinely happy to see each other. It was a big success; more so than I had anticipated.”

“If you’re out of school for 25 years,” says Dr. Bergman, “it is an unbelievably comforting experience to see your classmates.”

Dr. Ernie Ambrose Lecture Series

The Continuing Education Department was pleased and honored to host this annual Lecture Series, which was held Friday, October 26, 2001, at the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building. The Homecoming 2001 Lecture featured Dr. Timothy Head, DDS’76, who gave an excellent and informative presentation on “Implant Dentistry: Then and Now.”

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 News and Notes

‘Spreading the Word’

Dr. George K. Ajemian, DDS’66, has dedicated much of his time in the last 12 years to assisting the population of Armenia. Many dental clinics were destroyed by the 1988 earthquake, and soon after war completely destroyed the country. Living conditions were appalling in many cities, which contributed to serious dental disease. Dr. Ajemian has been instrumental in building new clinics and training young Armenian dentists in the use of equipment and materials generously donated by Canadian and American dentists. At present, dental care is being provided free of charge. Donations of equipment and instruments are being actively sought in order to keep these clinics in operation, and volunteers from the dental profession are needed in many areas. If you are interested in helping, please contact Dr. Ajemian (telephone 514-695-7181).

Dr. JULIE FREEMAN, DDS’95, recently opened her practice in Miramar, South Florida. Having completed a one-year MDIV program at the Jewish General Hospital, she set her sights on opening her own clinic in Miramar, a booming and diverse area, where her knowledge of four languages (English, French, Spanish and Hebrew) will come in handy. Her office contains state-of-the-art computerized equipment and her practice treats entire families.

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Quarter Century Club

On October 11, 2001, two members of our Dentistry staff were honored at a special Reception, for their twenty-five years’ service with the University. They were Sidney Konigsberg, DDS’74 and Bernard Slimovitch, DDS’56. The Faculty is grateful for their years of loyal and dedicated service and extends warmest congratulations.

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Staff Honours and Awards

Congratulations are extended to the following Faculty members on their 2000-2001 honors and awards:

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Dr. J. Michael Conner, DDS '69, MHSc '92, Most Outstanding Alumnus in Dental Education
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Dr. Julia Pompura, DDS '89, Or.Surg.'96

Harvey Levitt - Emeritus Member, Alpha Omega/Queen Royal Dental Award
Hervé Lebouthif - Cheque-bounce Scholarship, FRSQ (Quebec)
James P. Lund - Appointment to the Advisory Board of the Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis (IMHA), one component of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
Marc McKeel - William Dawson Scholarship
Norman Miller - Member, American College of Dentists
Julia Pompura - W. W. Wood Award

In May 2001, McGill students selected Dr. Julia Pompura for the W .W. Wood Award for excellence in teaching. “I put a lot of effort into the lectures because I don’t want the students to waste their time, and I want them to be as enthusiastic as I am about the subject,” she says.

Dr. Pompura graduated from McGill’s Faculty of Dentistry in 1989. She earned her specialty degree in oral and maxillofacial surgery from the University of Toronto in 1996. She joined the teaching staff at McGill the same year. She also maintains a private practice in downtown Montreal.

Dr. Pompura clearly loves all aspects of her work, whether she’s in the operating room, the clinic or the classroom. As one of three female oral and maxillofacial surgeons practicing in Quebec, Dr. Pompura knows the importance of role models in all specialties in dentistry. Dr. Pompura is opening up for oral and maxillofacial surgery to a newly rewarding one.

The oral and maxillofacial team at the Montreal General site of the MUHC comprises Dr. Timothy Head, Dr. Richard Emerly, Dr. Julia Pompura and Dr. Antoine Chehade.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Howard S. Katz Excellence in Teaching Award

The Howard S. Katz Excellence in Teaching Award was initiated in March 2001, and is open to all faculty and staff from McGill. It is designed to recognize outstanding teaching at the undergraduate level. The Selection Committee comprises the Dean, the Associate Dean (Academic) 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 (5 years) and must be received prior to the first Friday in March of a given year. Each nomination will be initiated by two letters of support, one from the nominator and one from a secondator.

Nominators should provide a brief description of the general procedures they used in the selection of the candidate. Nominators must be willing to attend Convocation to accept the award if selected.

The nominator should 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/department 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: Faculty of Dentistry, The Office of the Dean, 3640 University Street, Room 2621, Montreal, QC, H2A 2B2

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IN MEMORIAM 2001

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Errol B. Cliff, DDS '37, at Richmond, Quebec, on February 25, 2001
Ivars Cenne, DDS '58, at Ottawa, Ontario, on February 19, 2001
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Benjamin G. Riggs, DDS '54, at London, Ontario, on April 24, 2001
Herbert Hayes, DDS '54, at Brewerton, MASS, on June 11, 2001
Jack S. Gruman, DDS '33, at Montreal, Quebec, on June 18, 2001
Edward Marak, DDS '61, at Windsor, Ontario, on October 13, 2001

The Faculty extends its deepest condolences to the families and friends of our esteemed graduates.
Fourth Year Dentistry Awards and Prizes

Awards for Fourth Year Dentistry were presented at a Convocation Champagne Brunch held May 23, 2001 at the McGill University Faculty Club. The event was attended by Faculty staff, students and their parents and friends, with music provided by our very own talented Harvey Levitt, DDS’55, with accompaniment – truly a wonderful addition to the festivities. The official Convocation ceremony took place later that day at the Tomlinson Fieldhouse of McGill University.

HELEN MPANTIS
DR. A.W. THORNTON GOLD MEDAL awarded to the student who has attained the highest overall standing in Cycle III of the undergraduate program.

DR. W.G. LEAFY PRIZE awarded for meritorious achievement in Clinical Dentistry throughout the clinical years.

K. LISA McBRIDE
C.D.A. PRESIDENT'S AWARD awarded to the graduating student who, over the undergraduate years, has shown outstanding qualities of leadership, scholarship, character, and humanity, and who may be expected to have a distinguished career in the dental profession and society at large. Student must be a member of the C.D.A.

TANIA G. QUINN
MCGILL ALUMNAAE SOCIETY PRIZE to be presented upon graduation to a distinguished student for excellence and high academic standing. Preference given to women students.

PAUL DEEP
DR. LEANORE K. FEINE PRIZE awarded to the student in the final year who has best demonstrated commitment to the oral health of the local community throughout the clinical undergraduate program.

QUEBEC DENTAL SURGEONS ASSOCIATION PRIZE awarded to a student in the graduating year who has best served the interests of his/her colleagues throughout the university years.

DEMETRIOS PETROPOULOS
DR. PAUL A. MARCHAND AND MAURINE MCNEIL MARCHAND PRIZE awarded to a student in the final year of the undergraduate program who, in the opinion of the Clinical Director, in consultation with the staff, has demonstrated the highest degree of professionalism in patient management.

CAROL J. CHAHINE
DR. JAMES MCCUTCHEON MEDAL awarded to the member of the graduating class who has demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership, scholarship and professional achievement throughout the four years.

SHARON NGUYEN
DR. J.K. CARVER AWARD awarded to the student who has attained the second highest overall standing in Cycle III of the undergraduate program.

PRIX D'EXCELLENCE JEAN ROBERT VINCET donated by the Quebec Association for Special Care Delivery, awarded to a student in the final year who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to geriatric dentistry.

LAWRENCE T.P. LAI & NADYNE CHEVALIER
DR. A.L. WALSH PRIZE awarded for meritorious achievement in Oral Medicine throughout the clinical years.

DEAN'S HONOUR LIST
• Tuan G. Bui
• Carol J. Chahine
• Helen Mpantis
• Sharon Nguyen
• Tania G. Quinn
Student Awards 2001

First, Second and Third Year Dentistry Awards and Prizes

Awards were presented at a cocktail reception held November 21, 2001 at the McGill University Faculty Club. Once again, those in attendance, including staff, students and their parents, were treated to an exceptional evening. Entertainment was provided by Ari Cherun on drums, Nahabed Mazloumian on electric guitar and Matt Kerner on acoustic guitar. The ceremony was hosted by Habib Khoury and Michele Lee and at intermission, the students took to the runway to present a fashion show to rival Yves St. Laurent!!

The Dental Students Society also wishes to acknowledge with appreciation the generosity of The Scotia Bank, which helped sponsor the event once again.

THIRD YEAR - FACULTY PRIZES

MARK MARTIN

DR. C.EREDAL FRANKLIN PRIZE awarded to the student attaining the highest standing in the Third Year of the dental undergraduate program.

DR. LYNN E. FRANCIS PRIZE awarded to the student in the Third Year of the program who has obtained the highest standing in Unit 8 (Pathobiology, Treatment and Prevention of Disease), Dental Pharmacology and Therapeutics, and Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Oral Medicine over the Second and Third Years of the dental undergraduate program.

JELENA BOGDANOVICH

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS PRIZE (CANADIAN SECTION) awarded to the student attaining the second highest standing in the Third Year of the dental undergraduate program.

MICHELLE M. LEE

DR. L.A. COHN PRIZE awarded to the student in the Third Year of the program who has obtained the highest standing in Prosthetic Dentistry.

JENNIFER J. CHARBONNEAU

DR. M. DONIGAN PRIZE awarded to the student attaining the highest overall standing in the Introduction to the Patient and Introduction to the Practice of Dentistry unit in the Basis of Medicine.

DR. L.K. LOWRY PRIZE awarded to the student attaining the highest overall standing in Unit 12 (Management of Oral Disease) in the Second Year of the dental curriculum.

BRIGITTE R. BIGRAS

DR. K.I. MELVILLE PRIZE awarded to the student attaining the highest overall standing in Unit 10 (Oral Health) in the Second Year of the dental curriculum.

CHANTAL THÉRIAULT

DR. LEANORE K. FEINE PRIZE awarded to the student in the Cycle II of the undergraduate program who has best demonstrated commitment to the oral health of the local community.

SECOND YEAR - FACULTY PRIZES

JENNIFER TAN

JAMES McGUIG SCHOLARSHIPS are available to students entering any undergraduate degree program. While academic standing is of primary importance, account may also be taken on financial need and/or qualities of leadership in community and school activities. Awarded by the University Committee on Scholarships and Student Aid and renewable provided the holder maintains an academic standing satisfactory to the Committee.

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• Jelena Bogdanovich
• Jennifer J. Charbonneau
• Brent Côté
• Matthew B. Kerber
• Mark Martin
• Chrisa Oliver
• Mindy Pho
• John Selim

J.W. McCONNELL AWARDS are made possible through the generous donation of the late J.W. McConnell. Awarded by the University Committee on Scholarships 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.

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Spotlight on Students

Faculty Scholarships

JENNIFER J. CHARBONNEAU

PING KWAN LAU ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP is awarded on the basis of high academic achievement, by the Faculty of Dentistry, with preference given to international students. (Renewable)

CHRISTA OLIVER

DR. EARL LERNER FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP awarded to an undergraduate student currently enrolled in the program on the basis of academic achievement, by the Faculty of Dentistry.

BRENT CÔTÉ

DR. STEPHEN S. CYMET SCHOLARSHIP IN DENTISTRY awarded to an undergraduate student who has completed at least one year of the D.M.D program on the basis of high academic standing by the Faculty of Dentistry Scholarships Committee.

MATTHEW KERNER

DR. HARRY ROSEN SCHOLARSHIP IN DENTISTRY is awarded to an outstanding undergraduate student who has completed at least one year of the D.M.D. program. Awarded on the basis of high academic standing by the Faculty of Dentistry Scholarships Committee.

MARGARET A. HANLON

YU-MING LAM ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP is awarded on the basis of high academic achievement by the Faculty of Dentistry (Renewable)

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GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS AND PRIZES 2001

THE DR. WAH LEUNG GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP
awarded by the Faculty to an entering postdoctoral, doctoral or master’s student who is working in pain, oral cancer or bone tissue research.

Dr. Neelambar Kaipatur, DDS, MSc
(MGR Medical University, South India)

THE DR. SOO KIM LAN PRIZE in Dentistry, awarded by the Faculty to a graduating student entering a Residency or Post Graduate program.

Dr. Saima Malik, BSc
(McGill University)

THE DR. AND MRS. I.N. PESNER MEMORIAL PRIZE awarded by the Faculty to a graduate student in a Residency or Graduate Program, presenting a paper at a national or international scientific meeting.

Dr. Jacques Véronneau, PhD

Dr. and Mrs. Skip Kerner (l and r), Matthew Kerner (c)

(l-r) Stephane Charbonneau, Jennifer J. Charbonneau, Dean Lund

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(l-r) Michelle Lee, Habib Khoury, President, DSS, Melissa Lee
Annual Research and Table Clinics Day

January 10, 2001 Livingston Hall Lounge, Montreal General Hospital

In its second year of the new format, the Faculty held its Annual Research Day that included the Annual Student Table Clinics and Poster Session. At 4:00 p.m., the Research segment began with opening remarks from Dr. Marc McKee, Associate Professor and Associate Dean (Research). Presentations then followed featuring Dr. Timothy Head on “Dental Extractions in the Anti-coagulated Patient,” Dr. Paul Allison on “Oral Health in Down Syndrome,” Dr. Marie Daguenais on “Integrating with Medicine—the McGill Experience,” and Dr. Louis Touye on “How to Prepare and Present a Successful Table Clinic.”

Following refreshments, undergraduate students, graduate students and residents participated in the Table Clinics and Poster Session.

CDA/Dentsply Prize

The prize for the best scientific Table Clinic was presented by Dr. Louis Dubé, representing the CDA, and Ms. Vavi Bohbot, representing Dentsply Canada Ltd. Awarded to Wade Boroff and Lisa McBride for their presentation titled “Never Underestimate the Power of a Single Cell: An In-depth Look at Amoebae in DUWL,” Wade and Lisa went on to represent McGill at the annual national competition during the CDA meeting in Winnipeg.

First Prize winners: (l-r) Dr. Louis Dubé, Wade Boroff, Ms. Vavi Bohbot, Lisa McBride.

Montreal Dental Club Prize—IT’S A TIE!!

The prize for the most popular Table Clinic was presented by Dr. Taras Konance and was awarded jointly to Wade Boroff and Lisa McBride for their presentation titled “Never Underestimate the Power of a Single Cell: An In-depth Look at Amoebae in DUWL” and to James Eyamie and Mark Reich for their presentation titled “Smokeless Tobacco and its Harmful Effects.”

MDC Prize winners: (l-r) James Eyamie, Mark Reich, Dr. Taras Konance, Lisa McBride, Wade Boroff.

New Hope for Dental Library

by Basel Abdal Sharaf, DMD’03

“...the new generation of McGill dental students envisions Dentistry as an evidence-based field. Research in Dentistry over the past two decades has influenced not only our understanding of the oral-facial complex but has also changed our approach to treatment. As graduating students we will be relying on scientific research to provide the best treatment for our patients.” This is the vision of the new McGill dentistry senator, Basel Sharaf DMD’03, who felt the need for more accessible and updated reference materials. Access to these materials has been difficult for dental students. Part of the reason for this is that the materials available are located in the Health Sciences Library. This money was originally provided by the Library Improvement Fund organized by SSMU. All of the money donated to this fund was donated by students for student use. Basel Sharaf headed up the Dentistry Library Improvement Fund committee. He worked closely with faculty to build a comprehensive collection of dentistry books at the Montreal General Hospital library. Thanks to this effort and the effort of all those involved, the new Montreal General Hospital library now includes the most recent publications available on everything from Periodontal Surgery to Orthodontics. The future goal is to build a comprehensive library that includes not only books but multimedia teaching materials and reference materials on subjects such as aesthetic dentistry.

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CONGRATULATIONS WADE AND LISA!!

2001 CDA/Dentsply Student Clinician Program

CDA once again collaborated with Dentsply for the 31st annual CDA/Dentsply student table competition held January 23-25, 2001 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Faculty was pleased and proud to learn that Wade Boroff and Lisa McBride won first prize for their Table Clinic presentation. As a result, they presented their prize-winning clinic at the American Dental Association annual convention held in October 2001, in Kansas City, Missouri.

CDA/Dentsply Student Clinician Program

The prize for the best presentation by a Resident was presented by Dr. Norman Miller. Awarded to Dr. Monique Siara and Dr. Kalina Pluta, residents with the Royal Victoria Hospital, for their presentation titled “The Use of Ossagnan® Implants in Orthodontic Treatment.”

The Multidisciplinary Residency Table Clinic Prize

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Another Student Success Story

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The Faculty is proud to announce that the following scholarships and prizes were established as a result of the extraordinary support of graduates and friends. Not only do these awards and prizes assist students financially and serve to recognize outstanding academic achievement, they also help to attract the best students possible. Besides, enhancing and enriching the very foundation of the Faculty. The Faculty is externally grateful to those who have so generously contributed toward the creation of these awards and appreciate the confidence and loyalty demonstrated by their gifts.

**Endowed Scholarships:**
- With one major gift, an endowed fund is created from which a scholarship is awarded each year in perpetuity to a deserving student.

**Directly Funded Scholarships:**
- With annual contributions over a minimum of four years, a scholarship is awarded each year over the period of the endowment.

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**Dr. James E.G. Harrison Scholarship in Dentistry**
Established in 2001 by James E.G. Harrison, DDS 1951. Awarded by the Faculty of Dentistry, Scholarships Committee to a meritorious undergraduate student in the D.M.D. Program who demonstrates a firm commitment to the ethical practice of dentistry in interactions with patients and colleagues, or in cases on professional conduct and responsibilities. Preference will be given to a student who is entering the third or fourth year of the D.M.D. Program.

**James E.G. Harrison wanted to build on the academic experience in the Royal Canadian Air Force when he commissioned in 1945. However, he soon realized the opportunities for academic engineering in Canada were nearly nonexistent, so he ex-armed applied for Dentistry at McGill instead at age 29.**

"I enjoyed working with my hands and working with people, and that was a need for dentists in Canada," he recalls. Dr. Harrison, who retired from general practice ten years ago, has nothing but fond memories of the University. "McGill opened its arms to the service personnel," he says. "I made the transition from a service environment to an academic environment much easier." He feels deeply grateful to the professors and clinical instructors, many of whom were ex-service personnel. "There was a mutual feeling of empathy," he says. McGill also made available, through the Department of National Defence, allowances paying for thousands of ex-service students and families, which relieved the stress of life enormously.

In appreciation, Dr. Harrison endowed a scholarship for a third- or fourth-year student in the Dental Program. Dr. Harrison explains the reason behind the thrust of the scholarship: "It would appear there is often a lack of humanitarian conscience in the care and treatment recommended these days, along with a promotion of services which are not necessary, at the monetary benefit of the office." He suspects some cosmetic treatment advocated recently may be regretted in future years, and that it could be the source of further dental problems.

He lauds the excellent practical dental education he acquired at McGill, where professors instilled an interest in assessment of a patient's needs, their dental health and the preservation of the natural dentition. Dr. Harrison has pursued these concepts and the many disciplines of dentistry through continuing education, in particular in endodontics and in crown and bridge.

Funding for the scholarship comes from the ex-airman applied for Dentistry at McGill instead at age 29.'He knew it was your knees. If you have dollar signs in your eyes, you come in, run to the back room and get down on the floor. He knew that.' he says.

"It was a wonderful career," said Katz. "He was a wonderful intellectual. He was a wonderful person. He was a wonderful human being." They were close friends. "He was a great inspiration to me and to all of us."

As a professor, "he was very demanding, but it was demanding because of his high standards," the former student says. "He was a great mentor, a great role model for me."

That was his joy and that was what he did best," she says of her husband, who died unexpectedly in December 1999. He had taught Pharmacology and Therapeutics to aspiring McGill dentists for 21 years. "He was approachable, and injected a lot of humour in his lectures. It was fun to be in his class."

Shortly after her husband's death, Dean James Lund suggested creating a scholarship in his name and sought support from staff, friends and colleagues. Dr. Katz took the idea at once: "I thought it was a lovely gesture."

When, in 2001, she realized the account was still short the necessary funding to endow the scholarship, she became involved in the solicitation efforts.

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It was a wonderful career," said Katz. "He was a wonderful intellectual. He was a wonderful person. He was a wonderful human being." They were close friends. "He was a great inspiration to me and to all of us."

As a professor, "he was very demanding, but it was demanding because of his high standards," the former student says. "He was a great mentor, a great role model for me."

That was his joy and that was what he did best," she says of her husband, who died unexpectedly in December 1999. He had taught Pharmacology and Therapeutics to aspiring McGill dentists for 21 years. "He was approachable, and injected a lot of humour in his lectures. It was fun to be in his class."

Shortly after her husband's death, Dean James Lund suggested creating a scholarship in his name and sought support from staff, friends and colleagues. Dr. Katz took the idea at once: "I thought it was a lovely gesture."

When, in 2001, she realized the account was still short the necessary funding to endow the scholarship, she became involved in the solicitation efforts.

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2000-2001 Campaigns Reap Tremendous Rewards

British Columbia Scholarship Fund:

This campaign was launched for the purpose of funding an endowed scholarship to be awarded to a student from British Columbia. All McGill B.C. dentistry graduates were asked to contribute and a team of very loyal volunteers was recruited for the task.

They included Robin Jackson, DDS’68, Bruce Kennedy, DDS’74, Albert Labounty, DDS’66, Kenneth Lee, DDS’66, Alex Lieblich, DDS’71, John Pappel, DDS’82 and Scott Stewart, DDS’77 (who made a particularly heroic effort toward the end to bring in the balance of funding required). They have done an extraordinary job of bringing in the support necessary to endow the fund and the Faculty wishes to extend its sincerest appreciation for their efforts.

In endowing the fund, a scholarship of $2,000 will be awarded each year in perpetuity to a student from B.C. who demonstrates a high academic standing. The Faculty is also grateful to all those who contributed so generously to make this Fund possible.

During the course of the campaign, one of the original volunteers who had signed on was Dr. Janet Griffin-Merth, DDS’72, who very sadly passed away in December 2000. As a fitting tribute to her major contributions to both the Faculty and dentistry profession, the Fund will be named in her honor: The Dr. Janet Griffin-Merth Scholarship in Dentistry.

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- reinforcement of our existing groups conducting research, and training of our residents and graduates students

Student Dental Clinic Fund:

In April, 2000, the Faculty opened a new student dental clinic in the recently completed William and Mary Brown Student Services Building. The clinic was built primarily to meet the dental needs of the student body, and became so popular, particularly with McGill’s out-of-province students, that the one existing operatory was not sufficient to meet the increasing demands.

This campaign was therefore launched to build a second operatory and graduates from the New England and New York areas were called upon for support. Again, a team of volunteers was recruited and again, they met the objectives set before them. Michael Blau, DDS’69, Michael Cronin, DDS’88, Peter Coakley, DDS’73, Sten Fersing, DDS’66 and Alan Michaud, DDS’77 came through with flying colors and as a result, the second operatory was just recently installed. Our thanks go out to these very special volunteers and to all those who so generously supported the project.

Student Laboratory in Full Swing:

In our last issue, we were pleased to report that funding had been secured to facilitate the installation of 30 mannequins, or “phantom heads” in the undergraduate student lab located in the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building. The installation was recently completed and second year students will now benefit from this new teaching resource.

The Faculty would like to take this opportunity to again thank all the anniversary class graduates who participated in their respective class giving initiatives, and we give special thanks to Dr. and Mrs. (Jane K.) Coleman Gertler DDS’50 who made a significant donation toward this project, in honor of Dr. Gertler’s 50th class anniversary.

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Fund Raising Highlights

Recognizing Your Efforts

To our Volunteers, we extend our deepest appreciation for your energy and wisdom, without which the Faculty’s success could not be guaranteed. You inspire and encourage all those who have the privilege to work with you, while at the same time serving as ambassadors on behalf of the Faculty in your quest to raise awareness and increase private support. Results in this past fund year far exceeded our expectations and are testimony to the hard work and dedication of this extraordinary group of individuals.

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