History in the Making

For more than 185 years, McGill students, faculty and alumni have been making history.

Please join us as we write the next chapter in the history of the Faculty of Dentistry.
Dean’s Alumni Address and Reception

Friday, October 19, 2007
Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building
Lecture Hall M1

Dean Lund’s Alumni Address and Reception was held in conjunction with the public launch of the University’s comprehensive Campaign. Dean Lund invited graduates, staff, students and special guests to the formal Dean’s Address during which he presented an overview of the Faculty’s rich history together with its campaign plans to advance teaching and research, enrich the student experience, expand community outreach services and enhance its international reputation. Guests were then treated to a Reception in the main foyer of the building. The event proved to be a resounding success and these photos capture the fun and excitement.

Cover Image:
A bequest from James McGill, a prominent Montreal merchant, founded Canada’s best-known institution of higher learning in 1821.
A Campaign for the Future

As the Faculty of Dentistry launches a new campaign to raise $14-million, the objective is to build on its most recent successes that established it as one of the world’s best places to study dentistry - both for students preparing to enter the profession and researchers exploring the frontiers of knowledge. And in the process, it will also get a little bit bigger.

Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry. In my 13 years in my position, I am writing my last message to you as Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry. In the beginning, we felt lucky just to be getting by after our "near-death" experience, but as time went on, life in the Faculty changed dramatically, from being a struggling research, patient care and community outreach. Our OMG program has changed to prepare our graduates for a future that was unimaginable 10 years ago. Since listening to the keynote speaker at our annual research day this past February, I've been reflecting on the importance of our decision to integrate the basics of dentistry and medicine. Dr. Paul Shapiro showed a packed lecture hall how it is now possible to prepare stem cells so that when the patient is implanted, the alveolar crest of mice, they induce the development and growth of whole new teeth, which even erupt into the mouth. He described the processes, the genes involved and their activation, expression and deactivation, and our students could easily understand what he was saying. Undergraduates graduating from traditional dental programs, our students will be well-prepared to introduce this technology to their patients once it has been sufficiently refined. They will also continue to benefit from our leading-edge clinical and preclinical teaching - programs that are improving almost by the day thanks to our faculty, our students and the initiatives. You can read about one such project – an interactive learning method pioneered by Jean-Marc Retrouvey - in this newsletter's article on “Online Orthodontics.” At Homecoming 2007, McGill University and the Faculty launched the new comprehensive Campaign that will provide additional support for patients, research and patient care. The construction and equipping of a new clinical training facility is our biggest Campaign priority, and we will continue to work with McGill, the MUHC and government to make sure that our students can work and learn in the best possible clinical environment. We are asking everyone - staff, students, alumni and friends - to contribute in whatever way they can, and to help us achieve our ambitious goals, which are set to vital to the future of the Faculty. I have asked many of you to become "Students Emeriti" or special supporters of the new clinic, and while the program is also being planned to make special efforts.

As I sign off, I am counting on every member of our extended faculty family to provide the same outstanding support that you gave to me. P.S. Jocelyne and I will still be hosting the annual Faculty Fall Barbecue in September, at our house in September!

Pride in our Teaching

Undergraduates spend their first 18 months working alongside medical students in the "Basis of Medicine and Dentistry" program, which covers the fundamentals of biology and physiology. "We want them to have a very good medical background so they can interact with their colleagues," says Dagenais. "Interdisciplinary training is important, because in order to provide good patient care, people throughout the health care system have to collaborate, and the dentist plays an important role in the global health of the patient."
Still, the Faculty is developing a simulation clinic to ensure that its pre-clinical laboratory environment is as authentic as possible. "Right now, when students perform a procedure in the lab, it's an exercise," says McKee. "But when they do the same thing in the clinic, they have a patient and must chart the activity on that patient's record." So in the absence of real patients, we are now getting students to prepare charts for virtual ones. Normally, a flesh-and-blood patient presents a logical sequence to follow: one begins with prevention, moves to cleaning and basic restoration, then more complicated restoration, and finally, partial dentures. "Our students learn many different techniques simultaneously and as a result the sense of a logical context can be difficult to grasp. Treating virtual patients will help make more sense of some of these techniques," she says.

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Once in the clinic, the teaching program nurtures students' diagnostic skills and emphasizes evidence-based treatments, in addition to the dental research seminars and healthy doses of community clinic experience. "We're trying to give our students as much material as we can in many different ways, so they can maximize their learning," says Myers. "It's a constant process; no matter how we give it to them, they come up with another way they want it, so we have to provide multiple ways in which students can learn the same information.

The growth and transformations in the undergraduate program demand that the Faculty hire more full-time clinical professors, and already the program is ahead of the curve. "We definitely need more people who have a primary responsibility to the undergraduate program," says Lund, noting that the Faculty is currently seeking another prosthodontist and will be on the hunt for more clinical professors soon.

Pride in our Research

The undergraduate program's flexibility also extends to research activities and graduate studies. "We're nimble," says Marc McKee, Associate Dean (Research). "We are doing cutting-edge research, and can move quickly into new technologies." Despite the 21 full-time teaching professors, the Faculty's output is prodigious, with grant money leaping from less than $1 million in 1998-99 to almost $8 million in 2006-07. "We are recruiting the best of the best research faculty in the world," says McKee, pointing to such indicators as major research publications, salary awards, national and international leadership positions, prizes and research awards.

That success is built on our four pillars of research strength: clinical and health services, and the neurosciences, biomaterials, nanobiotechnology and tissue engineering; and mineralized tissues and extracellular matrix biology. Each area is associated with one or more research centres to facilitate interdisciplinary research. One of the campaign's priorities is to establish Interdisciplinary Chair in Bone and Periodontal Research, enabling the Faculty to hire a world-class researcher to work with the solid team of key investigators and ultimately achieve successes at an even higher level. In addition, enrolment in master's and PhD programs has more than doubled since 2000, providing more key professors for Canada's dental schools. The Faculty plans to deepen its commitment to graduate research and research by creating $2.3-million worth of endowed scholarships and fellowships to attract top-flight candidates.

"We are, per capita, one of the best dental research faculties in the world," says McKee, pointing to such indicators as grant dollars, publications, salary awards, national and international leadership positions, prizes and research awards.

MCGILL IMPROVED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES addresse some of the most compelling questions in dentistry today. Jocelyne Feinets research on the health benefits of over-the-counter supported by implants; Jake Barnet's development of new biomaterials and bone-growth processing methods; and Marc McKee's investigations into the molecular factors of bone and tissue calcification all have profound implications for future treatment strategies. "Researchers have been very good at explaining their work to health professionals, to patients, and to the public at large," McKee explains. "But at McGill we're being proactive in translating this knowledge beyond the scientific community."

PROFILING PART-TIME CLINICAL FACULTY

It's no secret that McGill's Undergraduate Dental Clinic relies heavily on the contributions of part-time instructors who have a private practice and volunteer half of their time per week to the clinic. Indeed, says Marie Dagenais, Associate Dean (Academic), "most of the teaching in the clinics is done by our part-time people." While they are paid a small stipend, it doesn't cover the overhead of their office for the time they are away, still, they come each week to explain concepts, demonstrate procedures and coach students through the treatment of patients in the clinic. "We absolutely need them," says Dagenais. "We could not function without them.

Bob Clark, DDS '92, a future at the Thursday afternoon clinic, has been teaching at McGill since 1993 when he was recruited by one of his own professors. "Dr. Don Kepron was one of the toughest demonstrators that I've ever seen, but I am dead sure I've learned a lot from him," Clark recalls. So when Kepron asked him to join the team, Clark readily agreed. "It's hands-on teaching," he says. "It's very rewarding when you see the light bulb come on over someone's head and you know you made a difference. And you know that showing a student how to do something right – for example, how to floss – can really affect thousands of other people."

"We have excellent faculty and support staff, many of whom have taken on a larger responsibility within the faculty, and so the new Dean is not going to be alone," says Lund. "The Faculty has a fabulous future."
Knowledge Translation – what does it mean, and why are we doing it?

By Professor Marc D. McKee, Associate Dean (Research)

Despite years and years of funding for health science research in Canada and elsewhere, the transfer of research results into clinical practice is a long, arduous process. Patients are likely to wait far too long for research results to have a direct impact on their health. This unacceptable situation is now being partly addressed by increased efforts in the Canadian research community to provide at least some form of “knowledge translation.” Knowledge translation is also vital to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), and particularly to the CIHR’s Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis (IMHA), whose mandate covers oral health research.

What is knowledge translation?
Knowledge translation (KT) is about making users aware of the knowledge that has been gained from the research process. KT that is integrated with, or embedded in, the research process.

End-of-grant KT is familiar to most researchers and can take a variety of forms, including conference presentations and publication in open-access peer-reviewed journals, non-peer-reviewed publications and Web postings. This type of KT reports new knowledge and should highlight:
1. the findings’ potential impact;
2. the strength of the evidence supporting the findings;
3. who will most benefit and have access to the findings;
4. strategies for reaching the intended audience(s);
5. what approaches are practical and feasible; and
6. who else should be involved in KT efforts.

Integrated KT is a way of doing research that is collaborative, action-oriented and involves exchanges of information between researchers and end users. It’s about involving stakeholders in the entire research process, and can include policymakers, research funders, the public, health care providers, private industry, the media and other investigators from different disciplines, teams or even countries.

Summarizing KT
- KT is about turning knowledge into action, encompassing both knowledge creation and knowledge application.
- KT builds upon continuing education and professional development.
- Health care professionals must understand the framework of KT and how it will influence their practice settings.
- Continuing education should be based on the best available knowledge, and should effectively transfer information.

Dr. Marc D. McKee is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of CIHR’s IMHA.

Mineralization Mechanisms
“The discovery of a mechanism that controls mineralization in bone and teeth may lead to new treatments for defective calcification in dental disease,” So said the October 30, 2007 issue of the Dental Chronicle, which covered recent work by McGill’s Centre for Bone and Periodontal Research.

Bone Research draws International Audience
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Research Matters

The Pain Relievers

It’s a world of hurt out there. Pain is the number one reason people visit doctors, and the indirect costs of chronic pain—such as increased absenteeism and decreased productivity in the workplace—are estimated to cost billions of dollars annually in Canada alone. New, now a collaboration between AstraZeneca Canada (part of the multinational pharmaceutical company) and the Alan Edwards Centre for Research on Pain (AECRP) aims to understand how chronic pain works—and thereby improve its treatment and prevention.

McGill has a storied track record of pushing the pain envelope, from eminent pain researcher Alan Edwards' revolutionary insights into how we experience pain, to psychology professor Jeffrey Mogli's discovery of gender differences in pain perception. It's precisely this kind of innovation that has driven AstraZeneca to choose Montreal as its North American base of operations in 1994. "We wanted to build a centre dedicated to the identification of new medicine to treat pain," says Philippe Walker, Vice-President of Discovery at AstraZeneca R&D Montreal. "McGill was clearly the driver of academic research in that area." AstraZeneca is helping further that research by investing $2.5 million in McGill over a five-year period. Professor Walker says the money will "encourage leading-edge pain science within McGill." Already the AstraZeneca collaboration has allowed the AECRP to hire three new pain researchers and recruit five post-doctoral fellows. "When you already have a critical mass of pain researchers," notes Mogli, "the chance to add more researchers into the mix is exciting.

The post-doctoral positions are jointly supervised by McGill and AstraZeneca—what Mogli calls "a conduit of collaboration." Every six months, he and Catherine Bushnell, director of the AECRP based in the Faculty of Dentistry, along with Dr. Fernando Cervero and Terence Codere, respectively director and member of the Department of Anesthesiology's Anesthesia Research Unit, meet with three AstraZeneca scientists to discuss the direction of the fellowship research. "By being more closely linked to key opinion leaders in the field," explains Walker, "we can identify opportunities for the future. We can be prepared to start projects in the right field. To us, this is invaluable information. AstraZeneca is interested in functional changes in pain perception, in the hope of creating new drugs that target pain simpler than one that wouldn't have been otherwise possible." An electrophysiologist at the McTyrne Medical Building, for example, might need to do occasional behavioural work on animals. The new space would allow McGill scientists to use any of the valuable lab real estate or incurring the sizable expense of retrofitting that space so it is conducive to animal work. The new space also allows McGill scientists the freedom to conduct more contract research for pharmaceutical companies. In addition to paying well, contract research is an invaluable way for academic researchers to apply their expertise to the real-world application of drug prototypes, and to further the sample size of their own test studies. "I might be offered a big contract from a drug company to test the pain sensitivity of a specific transgenic knock-out mouse," explains Mogli, the E.P. Taylor Professor of Pain Studies and Canada Research Chair in the Genetics of Pain, who regularly works with genetically engineered mice. "I could do it in my lab—but then that contract is competing for lab space covered by research grants. So the idea is, I hire someone to do the contract work over at the new space. It just expands our options." AstraZeneca's investment is just the latest stage in an ongoing relationship that has borne much fruit over the years. Many McGill grants have gone on to work in AstraZeneca labs and, in turn, two of the company's scientists hold adjunct appointments at the University. Researchers from both organizations frequently mix it up at meetings and social functions. AstraZeneca also supports McGill's annual Pain Day, where dozens of Quebec academics gather to share their current research. Add the new lab space and appointments in the mix, and the bottom line is clear: this collaboration is good news, for both pain researchers and pain sufferers. "There's a very real need for new therapies for the tragic conditions that affect millions of lives," says Walker. "McGill has been able to attract world leaders in the pain field, we recognize their expertise, and want to be close to the action."

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Pain Awareness Week
In 2005, the Senate of Canada passed a declaration stating that the first full week of November each year would be national “Pain Awareness Week.” Since then, activities of various sorts have been organized across the country by patient groups, research centres and other interested parties to raise public awareness of chronic pain, educating the public on the subject and reaching out to the many Canadians who “suffer in silence,” not knowing that there are many ways in which modern health care can help them manage their condition more effectively.

To contribute to this national effort, McGill, with the financial support of the Louise and Alan Edwards Foundation, hosted a public lecture on “The Disease of Chronic Pain” on November 8, 2007. The inaugural speaker for this prestigious event was John D. Loeser, MD, from the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle. Loeser captivated his audience, explaining the complexities of chronic pain in a language that everyone could understand.

Emeritus Investigations
Enjoying a long and successful career is no reason to slack off in retirement. Mervyn Gornitsky, BSc'51, DDS'53, Emeritus Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, retired as chief of the Dental Department at the Jewish General Hospital and gave up his clinical practice almost two years ago. Now, he has more time for another passion: research. Recently, Gornitsky and his co-applicants (including Dentistry’s Marie Dagenais and researchers from across the country) were awarded a $344,000 grant from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) for a two-year study of the oral manifestations of systemic scleroderma and its impact on quality of life. Scleroderma, a disorder of connective tissues, can affect the skin, joints, lungs, kidneys, and other body parts, and afflicts about one in 4,000 adults, mainly women. Its oral impact can include a diminished ability to open the mouth, dry mouth, and changes in the bones of the mouth and jaws. The study will be the largest of its kind ever performed, involving 820 scleroderma patients and 360 controls across the country.

In addition, Gornitsky has been publishing academic papers and working on other research projects, and his many years of experience elicits the odd amazed (and occasionally baffled) response: “Well, my wife gets me up at 9 a.m., sends me out of the house, and tells me to come back at 6 p.m. So I have nothing to do in between.” Despite the witticism, the grant is serious business, and not easy to get: in fact, while 15 applications were received in Gornitsky’s category, only three grants were awarded. “All I know is it’s now up to my ears in getting all these people together,” he says. “But I’m enjoying it. It’s given me a new life.”

Applause 2008
A Celebration of Research Excellence
On February 19, 2008, the Office of the Vice-Principal (Research and International Relations) hosted a cocktail reception at the Montreal Science Centre in Old Montreal. The celebration honoured McGill’s research excellence in general and recognized the individual achievements of a number of outstanding prize and award winners from many disciplines across the University. In attendance were McGill academic and research staff, industry partners, representatives from all levels of government and major funding agencies. The evening opened with a welcome from the masters of ceremony, Drs. Joe Schwarz and Ariel Fenster, followed by addresses by Principal Heather Munro-Blum and Vice-Principal (Research and International Relations) Denis Thérien. The keynote address was presented by the Right Honourable Joe Clark, currently a Professor of Practice for Public-Private Sector Partnerships at McGill.

A highlight of the event was the exhibition by key research investigators from all faculties that greeted the guests as they entered the reception. These exhibitors truly defined McGill’s research excellence and among them was the faculty’s very own Dr. Jake Barralet, a member of the Jamson T. N. Wong research facility, who presented his recent breakthrough discovery titled Low Temperature Bone Graft Printing. The facility was honoured to have Mrs. Pierrette Wong as its special guest at this event. Mrs. Wong was instrumental in the creation of the facility, named after her late husband, and she was proud and delighted to see one of its key investigators recognized for his outstanding achievements.

Dr. Mervyn Gornitsky

Dr. John Loeser interacting with audience members following the Pain Awareness Week public lecture.

McGill in India
In November 2007, Dr. Jocelyne Feine led the International Association of Dental Research’s inaugural India Research Initiative Workshops. Held in the towns of Manipal (at the Manipal College of Dental Sciences) and Dhanbad (at the SDM College of Dental Sciences and Hospital), the two-day workshops included fellow McGill professors Paul Alliston and Balinda McNab, along with researchers from Norway, England and India. As Feine pointed out, India’s tremendous research potential has yet to be fully realized. The workshops aimed to establish relations with some of India’s leading dental researchers, to facilitate global networking among dental researchers, improve dental health standards, explore research collaborations, and offer support and training for research-related activities such as defining methodology, publishing results and acquiring funding.
Faculty Highlights

A Community Clinic Evening
AT A GLANCE
Famijeunes, February 21, 2008

The Faculty of Dentistry’s community outreach clinics have grown steadily since their first appearance a decade ago. This past year, organizations such as Dans la Rue, Sun Youth, Lev-Tov Seniors Residence and the Chinese Hospital of Montreal hosted our 19 evening clinics for Montrealers in need. On February 21, one such clinic was hosted by Famijeunes, an organization that provides services to young underprivileged families in Montreal’s Pointe-St-Charles neighbourhood.

The outreach program is co-directed by Bruce Dobby and Yu Kwong Li, who work with a core of other dentists, including Louise Desnoyers and Ronnie Fagen, and assistants Randi Margolis-Waks and Zina Bianco. Marnie Taylor, Outreach Program Administrator, handles the logistics and attends each clinic, where she registers the patients selected by the host organization. Everyone involved in the clinic – the dentists, hygienists and dental assistants – is a volunteer. The dental work is carried out by third- and fourth-year students, with first- and second-year students serving as their assistants. The volunteer dentists are there to supervise and assist – in most cases following a full workday at their own private practices.

The Outreach Program has become one of the Faculty’s greatest achievements, thanks to the tremendous energy and commitment of everyone involved. But there is one last, critical ingredient: when these volunteers, students and patients come together, they all benefit. Look at those faces: you’ll not find a happier dental clinic anywhere!

“Over the years, we’ve gained a lot of experience in setting up clinics,” says Yu Kwong Li. “It used to take forever, but now we can set everything up in about an hour.”

Pizza is provided for all volunteers. (l-r) Dr. Bruce Dobby, Marnie Taylor and Dr. Ronnie Fagen share a bite.

Dr. Yu Kwong Li preps the students with an orientation and everyone is ready to go.

The clinic in action!

“The main thing is that we are helping patients who wouldn’t otherwise get any care,” says fourth-year student Kerry Anne Flintoff. “We don’t do anything too complicated here, but we make a difference.”

“It’s a very rewarding experience,” says fourth-year student Karen Fung. “We’re meeting and helping people who cannot afford dentistry, and learning a lot about patient compassion. It’s incredible.”

“When you stay in the University, you don’t see what is going on out in the world,” says second-year student Mais Sweidan. “Here, we’re connecting with the community. We meet different people every time, but it’s always a relaxed situation.”

“Our students are getting a real slice of our society through these clinics,” says Bruce Dobby. “We’re treating people who otherwise would not receive dental care, which gives the students a sense of social awareness – and a better education.”

“The Faculty gains because we can contribute to society – particularly to its most vulnerable members – and our students get a great learning experience,” says Dean of Dentistry James Lund.

“I love doing this,” says dental assistant and long-time volunteer Zina Bianco. “It feels great to be helping people.”

“I enjoy giving something to people who need help,” says Ronnie Fagen, dentist and volunteer. “This is a win-win experience for everybody: patients, students, and volunteers.”

“I feel really lucky. Dentists are expensive,” says Dominique, a patient. “And it’s good for the students to work on people who don’t have enough money to pay.”

“I love it to bits, working with students,” says Marnie Taylor, Program Administrator. “I have so little contact with students when I’m working in the Dean’s office. They are so much fun! And the patients are wonderful.”

A long day: time for the roadies to pack up this show. With the students helping to take down the clinic, everything is back in its container and packed in the van in 30 minutes. Then Dobby and Li hit the road, returning the van to its home in the bowels of the McIntyre Health Sciences building, until the next clinic.
OUTREACH PROGRAM UPDATE

On May 3, 2007, the Faculty of Dentistry Outreach Program and Dean of Dentistry James Lund, in collaboration with local recently at the Montreal Club to acknowledge the important contributions of the Program’s donors and volunteers.

A New Outreach Extended Care Program

The Faculty’s community clinics provide cleanings, dental restorations and other basic services, but when outreach patients need extractions or X-rays, they are referred to one of the Outreach Program’s sessions at McGill’s Undergraduate Teaching Clinic at the Montreal General Hospital. However, sometimes these patients need even more complicated treatments, such as endodontic treatment or partial dentures. This year, the program began to offer outreach patients access to comprehensive dentistry services at the Teaching Clinic to help them achieve a natural evolution,” says Bruce Dobby, co-director of the Program. “We want to provide more complex services to the most vulnerable sectors of the community, who would not otherwise have access to such treatment.” Patients’ socioeconomic needs are assessed, and if they meet the criteria they are given the necessary treatment at whatever cost they can afford to pay. The remaining costs of treatment are covered by funds raised through donations to the Outreach Program.

When Dr. Jean-Marc Retrouvey introduced his “Orthodontic Diagnosis” CD-ROM tool for teaching:

Orthodontists in 2004, the innovation grabbed the attention of Orthodontics teachers across North America. He even won an award at the prestigious Health and Sciences Communication Association Media Festival in 2005. His CD has since been picked up by other schools such as Boston University, and is being evaluated at the University of Toronto, home of Canada’s largest dental school. But orthodontists professors were not the only ones to take notice; the people at Adobe, the multimedia software giant, were amazed at the results. Retrouvey and his technical collaborators at McGill’s Content and Collaboration Solutions (CCS) were able to create out of their company’s products – so amazed, in fact, that they recruited him for a promotional video on e-learning.

After the Colloquium on Care for the Under-Privileged in Quebec: building a legacy

In April 2006, the colloquium “Les voix de l’accès – pour un meilleur accès aux soins dentaires pour les personnes défavorisées au Québec,” organized by a McGill committee that included Paul Allison, Christophe Bedos, and James Land, brought together about 80 stakeholders to discuss how to overcome the barriers to accessible oral health care confronted by Quebec’s underprivileged populations. Later that summer, Allison formed an ad hoc committee with representatives of the Ordre des dentistes du Québec (ODQ) and the Ordre des hygiénistes dentaires du Québec (OHDQ), which submitted a plan to the provincial Ministry of the Services Sociaux (MSSS) recommending a set of initiatives in education, service provision and advocacy, along with the hiring of a coordinator to bring three ideas to fruition. “We have since had a couple of meetings including representatives of MSSS and the two orders, but haven’t come to any conclusions,” says Allison. “It’s a highly complex problem, and it’s unfortunate that as far nothing has gone forth collectively.” But while the government has yet to respond to the recommendations, the professional bodies have been taking action: the ODQ is exploring ways to improve access to services for the elderly, and the OHDQ has been working with advocacy groups to enhance services to people with disabilities.

ONLINE ORTHODONTICS

Say, for example, students are learning about cephalometric analysis, measuring points along the skull. “It’s difficult to teach by standing in front of a classroom putting the points on a radiograph, which quickly becomes repetitive and tedious,” he says. “So I usually show it once in class, demonstrating with one point. The remainder they do on their own at their own pace, and the program helps them find the correct points. When they are using programs such as Bolton analyses, even using virtual tools like a movable Boley gauge. ‘We have condensed five hours of lectures, which were very dry, into one hour of introduction,’ he says. ‘It’s a total self-learning tool, and they learn more effectively.’ Jean-Marc Retrouvey

In addition, as orthodontics involves moving teeth in the mouth, Retrouvey has developed a short 3-D film to help students understand biomechanics. ‘Having this process on the blackboard would take forever, but if you show a movie, even if it is very short, students understand immediately,’ he says. So now he plans to produce these movies, integrate the 3-D action with explanations explaining the processes illustrated, and, in collaboration with a university at the University of Alberta, eventually integrate all the biomechanics and orthodontics information into one big package. "I’m trying to provide visual information; dentistry, and particularly orthodontics is a very visual discipline, and very short, students understand immediately." He explains. "So now he plans to produce these movies, integrate the 3-D action with explanations explaining the processes illustrated, and, in collaboration with a university at the University of Alberta, eventually integrate all the biomechanics and orthodontics information into one big package. ‘I’m trying to provide visual information; dentistry, and particularly orthodontics is a very visual discipline, and very short, students understand immediately.’”

Eventually, word of Retrouvey’s creations filtered into the offices of Adobe. Adobe’s programs for teaching

For more on the Orthodontic Diagnosis CD, which is available for purchase, visit: http://www.mcgill.ca/dentistry/conted/ortho_diagnosis/ And you can catch Jean-Marc Retrouvey online at: http://www.adobe.com/resources/elearning/customers/engaging/
REACHING OUT TO ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Coastal Cavorts
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McGill Without Borders
On May 8, 2007, the University welcomed alumni to the McGill Without Borders event, a celebration of cross-disciplinary research and learning, featuring speaker Dan Levitin, a McGill Psychology professor and author of the best-selling This is Your Brain on Music. The event, held at the Centre Mont-Royal, was followed by a Deans’ Circle Reception.

Spring Lunch
On April 26, 2007, Dean Lund hosted the McGill Dentistry Alumni Lunch Reception at Joe Badali’s Ristorante Italiano, a special gustatory diversion from the Ontario Dental Association Spring Meeting in Toronto.

Lund wins Johnston!
On May 24, 2007, at the McGill Alumni Association Honours and Awards Banquet, Dean of Dentistry James Lund was presented with the David Johnston Award. Named in honour of former Principal David L. Johnston, the award is given to a faculty or staff member for exemplary work on behalf of the McGill Annual Fund. The banquet, which celebrates the contributions of the University’s many friends and supporters, was held at the stately St. James Club.

The Staff Dines...
The hardworking members of the Faculty of Dentistry gathered for the Annual Staff Dinner on June 5, 2007, at the Montefiore Club in Montreal, where they feasted on healthy foods and topped it all off with chocolate.

A Vancouver Celebration
The Faculty was delighted to host its annual Alumni Reception in conjunction with the Pacific Dental Conference. This year’s event was held on March 6, 2008, at the Pan Pacific Hotel’s Coal Harbour Suite, and in keeping with tradition, the event proved to be a great success. The Faculty also used the occasion to celebrate the birthdays of two very special gentlemen—Jim Harrison, DDS’51 and Ken Walley, DDS’41. And to think that Ken was British Columbia’s first orthodontist!

The Healing Arts
A little art goes a long way in the healing process. On October 1, 2007, the Art for Healing Foundation (founded by Earl Pinchuk and Gary Blair) celebrated the opening of the Ann McCall Gallery in the Faculty of Dentistry’s Undergraduate Teaching Clinic at the Montreal General Hospital. The Gallery includes 41 prints, collographs and silkscreens by Westmount artist Ann McCall, who has a long association with Montreal dentistry. The Faculty of Dentistry, in cooperation with the Art for Healing Foundation (founded by Earl Pinchuk and Gary Blair), presented the opening reception. The Faculty is also pleased to announce that the Art for Healing Foundation is now set up and ready to move forward with this wonderful project.

A Boston Evening to Remember
A group of close friends turned out to join Dean Lund and Debbie Larocque over dinner on March 8, 2008, at Davio’s Restaurant. Their guests included Dr. Herb Borsuk, DDS’72, who was presented with the distinguished E.P. Taylor Award, in recognition of his outstanding voluntary services and fundraising efforts on behalf of the Faculty and the University.

Chancellor’s Dinner
The Annual Chancellor’s Dinner, hosted by McGill Chancellor Richard Pound, was held on November 8, 2007, at Le Windsor banquet hall in Montreal. The Faculty was very proud to host several special guests who have the demonstrated strong support toward the Faculty’s commitment to excellence in teaching and research. The Faculty remains grateful for their loyalty and generosity.

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HOMECOMING 2007 CELEBRATING THE PAST, ENVISIONING THE FUTURE

McGill’s 2007 Homecoming Weekend, held on October 13-17, carried even more excitement and celebration than usual, as it also marked the public launch of the University’s comprehensive “History in the Making” Campaign. Throughout the five-day extended weekend, McGill hosted a number of special Campaign events and Homecoming festivities.

The Faculty of Dentistry’s Homecoming activities began with the Dr. Ernie Ambrose Lecture Series on the morning of Friday, October 19. The event featured Jeffrey Myers, DDS’82, speaking on electronic record-keeping, and Dr. William MacInnis, Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada, discussing ethics. At noon, Dentistry alumni joined with other celebrants at the annual Leacock Luncheon crowd-pleaser, moderated once again by Professor Emeritus of Architecture Derek Drummond. George Bowser, half of Montreal’s renowned “Bowser & Blue” comedy duo, kept diners in stitches. At the end of the afternoon, Dentistry’s friends and alumni were treated to a sneak peak of the Faculty’s future during Dean Lund’s Alumni Address and Reception in the Strathcona Building (please see page 2 for highlights of this very special presentation).

On Sunday, October 21, Dentistry grads were especially chuffed to see one of their own recognized in the screening of Dr. Harry Rosen: Renaissance Man, a 2006 PBS documentary. The film profiles alumnus and Professor Emeritus Harry Rosen, DDS’53, a prosthodontist who has made a name for himself in the art world with his massive stone sculptures. The 2007 edition of Homecoming also saw many graduates back on campus to celebrate some notable anniversaries. Thanks go to the following Class representatives for working so hard to organize events and encourage their classmates to attend. Their efforts are what make Homecoming so memorable!

1957 Wilfrid R. Robinson
1962 David S. Shapiro
1967 Fred Eckhaus, William Klein
1972 Herb Borsuk
1977 Peter Woolhouse, Melt Schwartz
1982 Gerald Filiano
1987 Anita Maria Orendi
1997 Tanas Konanet, Leon Kichian

Surprisingly, a good selection of class photos were deemed appropriate for public viewing!

SPREADING THE WORD

First Nations Dental Demo

In May 2007, Dentistry lecturers Drs. Matt Miller and Robert Miller, Dentistry staff members Patricia Bacqzett and Michael McHugh, along with dental students Naima Liamani and James Lawal, presented a three-hour Aboriginal Outreach Dentistry Hands-On Lab. The Lab was coordinated with the help of Wanek Ham Miller and Greg Frazer, DDS’82. The Lab included sessions describing the profession of dentistry and the entry requirements for the Faculty, and demonstrated some of the skills learned by dental students.

Peru Revisited! by Veronique Benhamou, DDS’86

On November 16, 2007, a team of McGill Dentistry teachers (Drs. Veronique Benhamou, Robert Clark and Gerard Melki), fourth-year students (Kerry Anne Flintoff, Romina Perri and Anthony Turcatto), dental alumni (Drs. Sylve Di Lullo, Lino Di Lullo and Ali Mehen) and 3 assistants participated in another humanitarian mission in the south of Peru, a zone vastly damaged by the August earthquake. The trip was coordinated with the local health authorities and the Peruvian Red Cross. Over a five-day period, a total of 1,063 patients were treated.

A group of dental students from a local dental school joined the team for a few days to help out and learn new techniques. All in all, this proved to be another very successful and rewarding mission.

On behalf of Kindness in Action and the members of the team, I wish to extend a sincere thank you to the generous individuals and companies who contributed their time, effort and money. Without their support, these trips would be impossible to organize. A special thanks to Ondine Biopharma, Oral Science (Mr. Daniel Ménard), MediCom (Mr. Ronald Rubens), Butler, Salient Martimes, Schein Antonia, Patterson, and patients Mr. Relil Bellenlou, Mr. Asier Bouzaglo and many others.

Iran Revisited! by Dr. Jean-Marc Retrouvey

On January 28, 2008, Dr. Jean-Marc Retrouvey, Director, Division of Orthodontics, was back in Iran as a guest speaker at the 6th Annual Convention of the Iranian Orthodontic Society in Tehran. He presented on several topics including light forces and facial aesthetics. Dr. Retrouvey also participated in a half-day seminar at the Shahid Beheshti University where he presented on Orthodontic Preparation for Orthognathic Surgical Patients. Dr. Retrouvey was particularly excited to undertake a joint research project with Dr. Aalibyar Geramy from Tehran University, on the topic of Finite Element Analysis.

Once again, the experience was extremely worthwhile from both a personal and professional perspective.

Dreams can come true! Monica MacVane Peareon, DMD’05, finally fulfilled her dream of practicing dentistry in Asia when she visited Nepal in late 2007.
**FACULTY STAFF UPDATES 2007-2008**

**ACADEMIC PROMOTIONS**
- Assistant to Associate Professor
  - Dr. Samer Abi-Nader
  - Dr. Robert A. Remory
  - Dr. pestova Pompura

**Faculty Lecturer to Assistant Professor**
- Dr. Michael Auerbach

**APPOTMENTS TO THE PART-TIME STAFF**
- Dr. Jean-Francois Brochu, DMD ’95 (UdeM), MSc ’06 (RHIC, McGill)
- Dr. Karim Jaffer, DDS’97 (UdeM), MS ’97 (California)
- Dr. Michael Dibb, DMD’04 (UdeM), MSc’07 (UdeM)
- Dr. Ronald Fagen, DMD ’68 (McGill)
- Dr. Karim Jaffer, DDS’97 (UdeM), MS ’02 and Cert. Ortho ’04 (Columbia Univ)
- Dr. Basel Kano, DMD’00 (Boston U), GPR ’01 (Nihon Univ, Tokyo), Cert. Ortho ’04 (McGill)
- Dr. Yves Kawal, DDS’84, PHD’92 (Nihon Univ), MMSc Clinical Epd’05 (Univ. Newcastle, Australia)

**Adjunct Professor**
- Dr. Bader Aljallal, DDS (Saudi Araba), Ortho ’01 (McGill)

**Academy of General Dentistry**
- Dr. Nikoo Taghavi – promoted to Instructional Assistant

**Support Staff – New Members**
- Maria Pallottini

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- Olga Choden – promoted to Administrative Coordinator

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STUDENT AWARDS
FOURTH-YEAR DENTISTRY AWARDS

In its finest tradition, the Faculty honoured its graduating students by hosting their family and friends, together with staff and faculty supporters, at a pre-convocation champagne brunch and awards ceremony at the Faculty Club on May 29, 2007. Special guests of the faculty included Dr. Chantal Charest, President of the Quebec Dental Surgeons Association, and Dr. Marcia Boyd and her husband Dr. Ian Bennett. Dr. Boyd was one the honorary degree recipients and is former acting Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of British Columbia.

In presenting the awards, Dr. Marie Dagenais, Dean Lund, Dr. Marcia Boyd expressed appreciation for the students’ dedication and hard work. The following awards were conferred:

**LILIA NIKOLCHEVA**
Presented by Dean Lund

- **Dr. A.W. Thornton Gold Medal**, donated by the Montreal Dental Club, awarded to the student with the highest overall standing in the undergraduate program.

- **Dr. W.G. Leahy Prize**, awarded for meritorious achievement in Clinical Dentistry.

- **Dr. A.L. Walsh Prize**, awarded for meritorious achievement in Oral Medicine.

- **Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity Award**, awarded to the student with the highest academic standing in the fourth year.

- **American Association of Orthodontics Award**, awarded to a dental student who has demonstrated exceptional interest in the development of the oro-facial complex.

- **Dr. André Charlest Prize**, donated by the Quebec Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, awarded to the student who has attained the highest standing in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

- **Sam Malkinson**

  - **Dr. James McCutcheon Medal**, awarded to a student who has demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership, scholarship and professional achievement throughout the four years of the program.

  - **McGill Alumni Society Prize**, presented to a distinguished student for excellence and high academic standing.

  - **Prix Micheline-Blain**, donated by the Quebec Dental Surgeons Association, awarded to the student who has best served the interests of higher colleagues throughout the university years.

**COLETTE BOULOS**
Presented by Dr. A.L. Walsh Prize

- **Dr. Paul A. Marchand and Maurine McNeil Marchand Prize**, awarded to the student who has demonstrated the highest degree of professionalism and patient management.

**Shaomo Xing**
Presented by Dean Lund

- **American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award**, given to a student for exemplary attitude and achievement in oral and maxillofacial pathology.

**Ross Fiore**
Presented by Dean Lund

- **Prix d'Excellence Jean-Robert Vincent**, donated by the Quebec Association for Special Care Delivery, awarded for excellence in Geriatric Dentistry.

**Joanna Mok**
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- **Académie Dentaire du Québec Award**, awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated interest and initiative in providing oral health care to the underprivileged.

**Nicole Lane**
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- **American Academy of Dental Practice Administration and AADPA Endowment and Memorial Foundation Award**, given to a graduating student who has shown the most professional growth in managerial skills.

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FIRST- SECOND- and THIRD-YEAR STUDENT AWARDS
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Guests were treated to a light dinner reception and then escorted to the lecture hall where the formal ceremonies began. Dr. Marie Dagani acquaint welcomed the full house of attendees and Dean Lund delivered the Dean’s Address. Following the presentation of the student and teaching awards, the audience enjoyed a brief musical interlude performed by Jella Angela An, Med 2009.

The Keynote Address was delivered by Dr. Carolyn Ells. The awards portion of the evening concluded with the Student Address presented by Antony Turcotte, DMD IV.

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FIRST-YEAR

KENT HUYHN

Morton and Jonathan Lang Prize in Dentistry, awarded to an outstanding undergraduate student on the basis of academic merit.

SECOND-YEAR

ARIF SUMAR

STErfANIA TAMBURRINO

YANG LI

The awards portion of the evening concluded with the Student Address presented by Antony Turcotte, DMD IV, and Jan Hanna, DMD III.

THIRD-YEAR

KERRY ANNE FLINTOFF

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DEAN’S HONOUR LIST

DMD I

Charles Cohen
Alison McGuire
Kent Huyhn

DMD II

Yang Li
Reynath Rezaei
Liang Zhao

DMD III

Kerry Anne Flintoff
Daniel Kuan-Te Ho
Rose Chen

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS PRIZE, second highest standing in third year.

DR. LYMAN E. FRANCIS PRIZE, highest standing in Unit 8 (Pathology, Treatment and Prevention of Disease, Dental Pharmacology and Oral Pathology and Medicine over the second and third years.

MANUELA HRIT

ARIF SUMAR

Presented by Dean Lund

DR. W.C. BUSHELL PRIZE, highest standing in Unit 11 (Oral Health) in second year.

ROY RAVIV

Presented by Dean Lund

DR. MAXWELL AND BETTY L. GOLDBERG PRIZE, highest standing in the practical clinical component in second year.

SCHOLARSHIPS 2006-2007

J.W. McCONNELL AWAARDS

Awards 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.

KAREN Fung

Presented by Dean Lund

Dr. Ernest R. Ambrose Scholarship in Dentistry, awarded by the Faculty of Dentistry Scholarships Committee to an outstanding 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.

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**MANUELA HRIT**

Presented by Dr. James E.G. Harrison

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.

**MIKE MACPHEE**

Presented by Dr. William Boroff

Dr. William S. Boroff Scholarship in Dentistry awarded on the basis of outstanding qualities of character, perseverance and sportsmanship. Preference will be given to a student who is entering the fourth year of the DMD Program.

**ROSE CHEN**

Presented by Dr. Harry Rosen

Dr. Harry Rosen Scholarship in Dentistry, awarded on the basis of high academic standing to an outstanding undergraduate student who has completed at least one year of the DMD program. Preference will be given to students entering the fourth year of studies in the DMD program.

**CRISTEN McCAULEY**

Presented by Dr. Stephen S. Cymet

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**REYHANEH REZAEI**

Presented by Dr. Howard S. Katz

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.

**LIANG ZHAO**

Presented by Dr. Earl Lerner

Dr. Earl Lerner Faculty Scholarship, awarded on the basis of high academic achievement to an undergraduate student currently enrolled in the DMD program.

**GRADUATE AWARDS 2006-2007**

**SHAOXIA PAN**

Hong Kong Fellowship in Dentistry, awarded to an outstanding student who has graduated from a Chinese university and is entering a Postdoctoral, PhD or MSc program of study in the Faculty of Dentistry.

**DAVID BASSETT**

Dr. Wah Leung Fellowship, awarded to an entering postdoctoral, doctoral or master’s student in the Faculty of Dentistry who is working in pain, oral cancer or bone tissue research.

**YUNG CHING CHIEN**

The McGill Chien Graduate Studies Fellowship

**TEACHING AWARD**

The Dr. Ralph Silverstone Teaching Award, given by the Faculty of Dentistry to commemorate Dr. Ralph Silverstone, DDS ’40, was awarded to recognize major contributions to the undergraduate teaching program to:

**DR. SAMER ABI-NADER**

Presented by Dr. Jocelyne Feine

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Spotlight on Students

WHITE COAT CEREMONY, CLASS OF 2009

“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 for the benefit of all society through creating lasting alliances in health, pursuing professional integrity and providing compassionate care for all.”

The Faculty of Dentistry gratefully acknowledges the American College of Dentists and Wyeth Consumer Healthcare Inc. for their generous sponsorship of the White Coat Ceremony.

FOURTH-YEAR STUDENT ROAST 2007

The graduating class of 2007 organized a very full evening of festivities that took place on April 21, 2007 at the Centre Mont-Royal. From the opening theme song, to the various skills and delicious meal selection, and right on through to the awards and presentations, there was no doubt that a very good time was had by all!

A very important part of the evening included the presentation of teaching and support staff awards. The recipients were selected by the students themselves in recognition of their dedication and hard work. The Clinical Teaching Award was presented to Dr. William Steinman and the Outstanding Clinical Demonstrator Award was presented to Dr. Tuan Dinh.

First-Year Student Registration

Each year, the Faculty welcomes an exceptional and talented group of students. Last year’s registration took place on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at the MacIntyre Building.

Multidisciplinary Training Program Certificate Ceremony

A special ceremony took place on June 19, 2007, in the Mervyn Rogers Council Room at the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building. This event was held to acknowledge the completion of the one-year MDT Program by a talented and dedicated group of McGill residents. Congratulations to you all and best wishes for a very successful future!

DESTINATIONS

As of the date of publication, the following students from the graduating class of 2008 were accepted into residency programs or private practices throughout North America:

Wallace Chan
M1-Sina Hospital, New York, NY, USA

Sharon Chandrasegaran
University of Rochester, NY, USA

Rose Chen
University of Connecticut, Farmington, CT, USA

Marianne Collard
Jewish General Hospital, Montreal, QC

Maria Dakebian
MUHC, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, QC

Jenny Do
MUHC, Montreal Children’s Hospital, Montreal, QC

Rania El-Hawery
MUHC, Montreal General Hospital, Montreal, QC

Kerry Flintoff
MUHC, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, QC

Jennifer Forsagher
MUHC, Montreal General Hospital, Montreal, QC

Karen Fung
University of Connecticut, Farmington, CT, USA

Melanie Gilbert
Sunnybrook Hospital, University of Toronto, ON

Daniel Ho Kuan – Te
Harvard University School of Dental Medicine, Boston, MA, USA

Manuela Hrirt
Universite de Montreal, Montreal, QC

Andrea Hsu
University of Nebraska Medical Centre, Omaha, NE, USA

Nader Jandali Rifai
Private Practice (TBA)

Jennifer Johns
State University of New York, Buffalo, NY, USA

Enna Kadoch
Jewish General Hospital, Montreal, QC

Bill Kim
New York Presbyterian Hospital, Cornell New York, NY, USA

Kirsty Large
MUHC, Montreal’s Children’s Hospital, Montreal, QC

Naima Liani
University of Florida, Miami, FL, USA

Nathan Ma
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

James Darcy MacElian
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

Johan Michael MacPhee
Private Practice, Ottawa, ON

Matthew David Moore
Private Practice, Fredericton, NB

Anda Nucula
Private Practice (TBA)

Romina Perri
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, USA

Jennifer Pietrick
Montefiore Medical Centre, Bronx, NY, USA

Arin Ratafios
Private Practice, Toronto, ON

Tony Tarzotte
Jewish General Hospital, Montreal, QC

Paty Vip
University of Connecticut, Farmington, CT, USA
All day long, we showcased research by our graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, residents and undergraduate dentistry students. The Research Day component of this event provided a wonderful opportunity for our trainees to share their research with each other, with dentistry staff, and with the community at large. In addition to the oral presentations from our trainees, we heard from one of our own, Dr. Paul Allison, speaking on demographics and other important issues related to head and neck cancers. That same evening, our undergraduate dental students presented an enthusiastic and insightful table clinic analysis of a wide variety of dentistry and oral health topics. It is important to note that this table clinics evening drew the highest attendance ever by the local dental community. We are extremely proud of our students’ talent, enthusiasm and professionalism that will serve them well throughout their careers.

We were fortunate to have Dr. Paul Sharpe, Head of the Department of Craniofacial Biology at King’s College London / Guy’s Hospital, as our keynote speaker. Dr. Sharpe is also the founder and scientific director of Odontis, a company that works to regenerate teeth in humans and is considered one of the leaders in tooth regeneration. Dr. Sharpe brought tooth regeneration within reach. To view this video please visit our website at: www.mcgill.ca/dentistry/admissions/graduate/.

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He presented a superb background talk on all the developmental, cell and molecular biology research available to them as dentists.

Dr. Paul Sharpe

And the Winners are...

At the end of the evening, awards were presented to the following graduate and undergraduate students:

GRADUATE STUDENT PRIZE WINNERS FOR BEST ORAL PRESENTATIONS:

First Prize

Hawaiin Eliani, for “Coping and Psychological Distress among Head and Neck Cancer Patients.”

Second Prize

Jenna Feng, for “Breast Cancer Cells Inhibit Osteoelastic Differentiation.”

Third Prize

Naomi Keneny, for “Alendronate Disrupts Calcium Dynamics in Cardiac Myocytes.”

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PRIZE WINNERS:

CDA/Dentsply Prize

The prize for the best table clinic was awarded to Rose Chen and Patsy Yip, for “The Effect of Different Training Methods on Colour Selection.”

Montreal Dental Club (MDC) Prize

The prize for the most popular table clinic was presented to Dr. Keith Sotero, representing the MDC. It was awarded to Oresta Gochko and Ari Kabelson, for their presentation “The Frequency at which Immunocompromised Patients are being seen at General Dental Practices and Effectiveness of their Management.”

MDC Montreal Dental Club Prize

The prize for the best presentation by a resident was awarded to Margaret Cielecki, for her “Assessment of the Different Methods on Colour Selection.”

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Alpha Omega/Mount Royal Dental Society Prize

The prize for the best presentation by a resident was awarded to Margaret Cielecki, for her “Assessment of the Different Available Treatment Options in Quebec for the Drooling Pediatric Patient.”

Hinman Award

The prize for the best original research poster was awarded on behalf of the Hinman Symposium Fund to Haider Ab Sharkh, for his presentation on the “Cytotoxicity Evaluation of Two Bisphosphonate Medications Associated with Osteonecrosis of the Jaw on Human Periodontal Ligament Cells.”

Applied Oral Health Research Undergraduate Award

The prize for the best undergraduate table clinic involving clinical research in oral health was awarded on behalf of the CIHR to Manuela Hrit for “BMP Antagonists Expression during Distraction Osteogenesis in a Rabbit Model.”

At the end of the evening, a door prize was drawn for a free registration to a one day continuing education course, and the lucky winner was Dr. Colette Boults.

Promoting the Undergraduate Program

In the Faculty’s efforts to answer the many questions interested in oral health about the various career paths available to them as dentists.

The video introduces dentists who teach and/or carry out research in various areas in oral health. In each video, the dentist explains what s/he does and why s/he decided to pursue a career in that particular oral health field. This video was made possible through a generous contribution from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport du Québec.

To view this video please visit our website at: www.mcgill.ca/dentistry/admissions/graduate/.

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We extend our apologies to both Michael and Jaxon for the misspelling of their names.
 Spotlight on Students

STUDENT SUPPORT GOES A LONG WAY!

McGill Students and Staff support Centraide

For the past 15 years, Dr. Louis Touyz has been coordinating the Faculty’s Centraide drive, and in the 2007-2008 school year, Jan Hanna (DMD III) and D’Arcy McLelland (DMD IV) collected a handsome contribution from McGill clinical students. Centraide promotes voluntary social involvement, community action and support for the disadvantaged. In Greater Montreal, about 500,000 people are helped each year thanks to the projects and agencies supported by Centraide.

Candy is a Good Thing!

In what has now become an annual tradition, the dental students once again raised money in support of the Faculty’s Outreach Program through the sale of “candygrams.” At the end of the 2007 school year, Lindsay Jakubovic, DMD IV proudly delivered a $500 cheque to the program. The Faculty is grateful to all the volunteers who participated, and to the students who purchased candygrams for this wonderful community service initiative.

University-Wide Class Action Program

As announced in the last issue, the Faculty’s Outreach Program was selected as the University’s 2007 Class Action project. Most graduating classes agreed to support this project to commemorate their graduation. The objective was to select a project with broad appeal that benefits students as well as the wider community. The majority of the 2007 graduating students participated, raising a grand total of $10,185.52. Thank you to all our graduating students who gave so generously.

High School Students on Campus

For the first time ever, McGill University hosted a Community Outreach Project during which 175 high school students from the Montreal area were invited to come on campus and participate in information workshops presented by the Health Sciences group, including Physical and Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Medicine and Dentistry. A total of eight Dentistry workshops were held at the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, March 17th and March 18th 2008. The workshops began with an introduction by Patricia Bassett on admissions procedures and highlights of the DMD program, followed by a tour of the preclinical laboratory led by Mike McHugh. The tour also included a hands-on session, during which participants were able to work with clay models and fabricate a missing tooth with modeling clay.

A Chinese Feast Yields Big Dollars!

The Year of the Rat began in February 2008, and the annual Chinese New Year tradition continued with a dinner fundraiser in support of the Faculty’s Outreach Program. The event was held on February 28 at the popular La Maison Kam Fung in Chinatown. Since 2004, this annual event has attracted faculty, staff, students and special guests, and again this year, the dining room was filled to capacity. Student organizers worked hard through many lecture-filled days and evenings to ensure a successful event that included a delicious Chinese meal, a raffle and a silent auction, and also managed to draw significant sponsorship support. Their efforts certainly paid off as they broke last year’s record by raising over $17,000, with a net profit of just over $13,000. Congratulations to everyone involved for making this event such a tremendous success.
McGill Centre for Research on Pain

Close family, friends and colleagues gathered together to celebrate and honour Alan and recognize his exceptional vision and significant contributions. The event was held in the main lobby of the 740 Penfield building, the official home of the Centre.

Ceremonies began with the formal unveiling of the commemorative plaque along with brief presentations from Principal Heather Munro-Blum, Dean Lund, Dr. Catherine Bushnell and Alan’s daughter Jane Edwards. Following the presentations, guests were treated to an elegant cocktail reception with entertainment in the lobby area, and were then invited to tour the Centre’s research facilities. It was truly a memorable occasion befitting a most extraordinary man. The Alan Edwards Centre for Research on Pain will continue to grow and flourish as a world class pain research facility, thanks to his vision and generosity.

Mr. Alan Edwards gave his time, energy and financial support to McGill for more than 20 years, helping McGill clinicians and scientists address problems of chronic pain and childhood learning disabilities. In 2003, the McGill Centre for Research on Pain (MCRP) was formed, and from its conception Alan was a staunch supporter, raising funds for renovations and staffing. More recently, Alan created three endowment funds to support clinical and basic research on pain at both the MCRP and the McGill University Health Centre.

Very sadly, Alan Edwards passed away on March 11, 2007. However, his wonderful legacy will live on. On November 13, 2007, the McGill Centre for Research on Pain was officially renamed the Alan Edwards Centre for Research on Pain.

McGill Dentistry thrives on the energy and dedication of its clinical instructors, and few people exemplify this better than Harry Rosen, DDS’53, who has been involved in teaching undergraduates and residents for over 50 years. Most recently, his commitment prompted him to create the Dr. Harry Rosen Endowed Clinical Teaching Fund, which will generate income to support teacher training and development, the acquisition of important pedagogical equipment, and similar needs. "The fund is specifically to recognize the contribution of clinical teachers and their students," says Rosen, whose graduating class will be celebrating its 55th reunion this year. So far he has shepherded the fund two thirds of the way to its $500,000 objective, with support from his patients, fellow dentists and dental manufacturers and suppliers.

Recently, Rosen has also been winning acclaim through his avocation as an artist, with the sculptures he has hewn from stone at his Laurentian country home featured on the CBC and PBS; the 2006 PBS film on his work, Dr Harry Rosen: Renaissance Man, was also screened at the 2007 McGill Homecoming Weekend. The "earth art," as the genre is known in art circles, involves massive stonework creations. Rosen takes stones he finds on his property, shifts them into place by using an ingenious system of pulleys and cranks, and then draws on his dentistry skills to cut and shape the pieces. "My artwork has helped me raise awareness of dentistry as an art as well as a science; in fact, dentistry has been one of my inspirations. We’re sculpting teeth every day of our lives," he stresses. "That my art has been recognized by the public has also helped me to further the teaching fund. In the last few years I’ve had 25 or 30 appearances thanks to my sculptures, and I’ve been able to raise awareness about dentistry education as well."

Classmates, friends and other interested folk will be able to connect (or reconvene) with Rosen at the 2008 Homecoming Weekend. As part of the Faculty’s “Lunch and Learning” series on October 17, he will be speaking on implant prosthodontics, including his own pioneering work in such areas as the application of cement prostheses.
FACULTY POSTS BEST RESULTS EVER!

Graduates of the faculty should take great pride in the fact that their support ranked the highest in the University in the following areas. We would like to point out that ranking institutions consider these statistics to be a true measure of alumni satisfaction:
- Highest rate of donor participation amongst all faculties
- Highest average gift level amongst all faculties

Fundraising results for the year ending May 31, 2007, were at their highest in the Faculty's history, thanks to the exceptional generosity of alumni and friends.

McGill University, Faculty of Dentistry
Total Gifts Y/T May 31, 2007

As pointed out throughout the opening feature article, the Faculty is embarking on a very ambitious and strategic campaign to raise $14-million that will ultimately guarantee its status as one of the best places in the world to study dentistry. The support of alumni and friends will therefore continue to play a vital role in the Faculty's growth and in promoting its mission to maintain the highest standards of excellence in teaching, research and community outreach.

THE ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL DENTAL CLINIC RENEWAL:
A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN TO DATE
EFFORTS CONCLUDE MAY 31, 2008
By Dr. Tony Chehade, Dental Surgeon-In-Chief, MUHC

The renovation project has been completed. This fall, the RVH dental clinic reopened its doors after a summer closure to allow a major renovation project to take place. We are pleased to announce that the clinic is now fully operational, and the residents have resumed learning and delivering clinical care in a state-of-the-art environment.

A new clinic environment - improved education and patient care. The project included a complete refurbishing of the clinic with new dental chairs, overhead lights, dental cabinetry, a new sterilization centre and dental laboratory. This new equipment and cabinetry has given the clinic a modern appearance within a functional and infection control-friendly environment. The goals of providing our patients, residents and staff with improved clinical care and a state-of-the-art teaching environment have been achieved.

A real team effort with significant support. This renovation was made possible through the generous support of the RVH Dental alumni, the Faculty of Dentistry of McGill University, the RVH Foundation and the RVH Dental Associates Fund. It is important to note that the Faculty of Dentistry was very generous in advancing the money in anticipation of the continued success of the alumni fundraising campaign. The members of the RVH Department of Dentistry therefore owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. James Lund (Dean, Faculty of Dentistry), along with Ms. Jacqueline Scott (Executive Director, RVH Foundation), Mr. Glenn Rourke (Chair of the RVH Foundation Board), Dr. Normand Rinfret (MUHC Chief of Staff) and Dr. Tim Meagher (MUHC Chief of Clinical Development) whose support that made this endeavour a reality.

Celebration of this success: 2007 fall Homecoming event for RVH alumni. To inaugurate the opening of the clinic, a small reception was held on October 11, 2007. This event was well-attended by members of the attending staff as well as dignitaries such as Mr. Glenn Rourke and Ms. Jacqueline Scott.

On behalf of the Dental Clinic, I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge those alumni who have contributed to the success of the RVH alumni campaign to date. The fundraising campaign will continue until May 31, 2008, and we are hoping that we can count on additional gifts from the alumni until this time.

In recognition of this extraordinary support, all donors will be recognized on a commemorative plaque that will be permanently displayed in the dental clinic. Please mark your calendars for McGill’s Homecoming October 36-10, 2008, when we are planning to host a continuing education event, followed by the formal unveiling of the acknowledgement plaque.

SUNSTAR ESTABLISHES FIRST CORPORATE SCHOLARSHIP

The Faculty of Dentistry is pleased to announce the creation of a direct-funded scholarship made possible through a generous commitment from Sunstar Canada.

Sunstar GUM Award in Dentistry
Established in 2007 by Sunstar Canada. Awarded by the Faculty of Dentistry to a student with high academic standing in the final year of the DMD program.

The first award will be presented at the Faculty’s convocation ceremony on May 28, 2008, and Sunstar’s representative, Miss Patricia Sirhan, will present the award to the student recipient.

The creation of this named Faculty scholarship by a dental company is a source of inspiration to the Faculty’s students and staff. Sunstar’s generosity will enable McGill to assist students in developing their knowledge, their skills and their self-confidence and help maintain the Faculty’s tradition of excellence in academic achievement.

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With Sincere Appreciation

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Results posted below are for the fund year June 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007. Please note that only those donors who have provided their permission to publish are listed.

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