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Founding editor of the *McGill Journal of Education* and former Macdonald Professor of Education, Dr. Gillett generously established the Margaret Gillett Annual Award of \$1,000 for the best article published in the *Journal* that has contributed the most to Canadian and/or international education.



Margaret Gillett awards Guofang Li the prize for her article entitled "Family Literacy and Cultural Identity: An Ethnographic Study of a Filipino Family in Canada."

Award-Winning Faculty Members



Dr. Janet G. Donald has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. Dr. Donald is a distinguished researcher in higher education who has contributed to the way universities view disciplines, student learning and the post-secondary instructional process through her innovative program of research and work in disciplinary differences in knowledge validation and models of thinking.



Dr. Susanne Lajoie, Chair of the Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology, has been elected a Fellow of the American Psychological Association for her outstanding contribution to the field of psychology.

Carolyn Pittenger, from the Faculty's Centre for the Study and Teaching of Writing, was awarded the 2001 Principal's Prize for Excellence in Teaching in the category of Faculty Lecturer. Principal Bernard J. Shapiro congratulated the winners, remarking, "...through their dedication and commitment to teaching (they) have made an impact not only in their particular departments and faculties but more importantly in the lives of their students, as can be witnessed by the myriad of letters that accompanied the nominations."

Dear Graduates and Friends,

Globalization is a term we often hear in the news today and one that has great significance in the field of education, because new technology and globalization have revolutionized education and the way it is taught.

The universal acceptance of the Internet, and increased use of telephones, televisions and other means of communication, allows for speedier and easier propagation of information than ever before.

Unfortunately, the technology that enables us to reach a global clientele also creates a digital divide between those who have access to the technology and those who do not. Globalization is, however, an irreversible phenomenon with both positive and negative implications. Now that we are compelled to view the world from a new perspective, it is important for McGill's Faculty of Education to rise to the challenge, and respond quickly and effectively so that our graduates are better equipped to meet the new demands on education professionals.

McGill's students and professors in the Faculty of Education at McGill currently answer the needs of education in the following ways:

- by teaching all students (pre-service, in-service and graduate) the latest ways to use technology for learning;
- by offering web-based and multimedia courses for students to use in many parts of the world; and
- by responding to the needs of teachers in Quebec, Canada and the rest of the world.

In this issue of our newsletter we bring you news of some recent activities and achievements of our professors, students and alumni. We very much look forward to hearing from you, and welcome any suggestions for news or other items you would like to see in future issues.

Warmest regards,

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Little-known Facts

about
the Faculty
of Education

**You may know that we educate 90%
of all English-speaking teachers in Quebec**

BUT,

Did you also know.....

- We have a Jewish teacher training program that prepares teachers to teach about the Holocaust
- Our Writing Centre teaches students from Science how to write about science, and students from Management how to write about management, and students from Engineering how to write about engineering
- Our educational psychologists research ways to teach special-needs children
- Our Evolution Education Research Centre is the only centre in the world that studies the way evolution is taught in schools
- We study the impact of technology in education, its merits and problems
- Kinesiology (study of movement) / Physical Education students work to design sports equipment and prosthetics
- Our Office of First Nations & Inuit Education sends professors to northern communities to give education courses to future teachers who in turn will be able to teach students in their own language
- We have the first world centre to study ways to help youth with gambling problems
- Every student teacher must do 700 hours of practice teaching in schools before graduating
- Pond Inlet is the first school in Nunavut to be able to staff entirely with Inuit teachers...and they were educated through our Faculty
- The sport psychologist for the Montreal Canadiens is one of our Faculty members
- We study the way students learn and we develop methods to improve learning, with and without technology

Research in Kinesiology and Physical Education is often multidisciplinary, with interesting results

Professor Gordon Bloom combines his sports psychology expertise with Dr. Karen Johnston's neurosurgery and neurotrauma knowledge to explore the psychological repercussions of sport-related head injuries and concussions. Concussions are particularly difficult to understand and treat because they are a hidden injury and have an unpredictable recovery time-frame.

Dr. Karen Johnston, who holds an academic position with the Department of Neurosurgery, is the Director of Neurotrauma at the McGill University Health Centre and is an Associate Member of Kinesiology and Physical Education.

Professor David Montgomery also works with Dr. Johnston on the effects of hyperbaric oxygen exposure on the recovery of sport-related soft-tissue injuries such as muscles and tendons, and head trauma. The collaboration of these two experts will have wide-ranging effects in the treatment of sports injuries.

Similarly, Professor Helene Perrault, as a clinical exercise physiologist, is conducting research with Dr. Jean Bourbeau of the Chest Institute to understand why and how exercise can affect the disease process of patients suffering from chronic lung disease. Stressing the body function with exercise enables observers to better understand the way in which the disease progresses and responds.



2001 participants in this year's Kin-Games in Laval.



Graduate students working on the skating treadmill (the simulated ice rink).



Professor Gordon Bloom with the McGill Hockey team.

West Goes East



Beijing classroom

Faculty of Education students, recent graduates and practicing teachers will unite this summer to offer a six-week training program to educators and students in China and Taiwan.

In this first year of the program, up to 50 of these emissaries from the Faculty's International Office will concentrate on improving the quality of teacher education in China, while helping the teachers to upgrade their English-language skills.

While these projects take place in large cities, future plans for the program are expected to include curriculum development in a variety of subjects for rural schools. This will give Chinese students and teachers greater exposure to international studies. The Faculty of Education's International Office is working closely with local Chinese school boards and the Chinese government to expand this program.



Consular Assistant, René Milot, Canadian Consul in Shanghai and Paul Clark, Director of Education's International Office



Taiwan city street

Trinidad and Tobago Project

The International Office of the Faculty of Education, in coordination with the Université de Montréal, has been selected to implement the design and delivery of a Modular Leadership Training Program at the Master's level. Over the next three years, professors and specialists from both the universities will work with members of the Trinidad and Tobago Ministry of Education's senior, middle and school administration management teams to establish the first post-graduate program in Trinidad and Tobago.

A Mi'kmaw Community Strengthens Its Mother Tongue

Last fall, the Office of First Nations and Inuit Education (OFNIE) began a new initiative in Wagmatcook, Cape Breton. This tiny Mi'kmaw community, perched on the picturesque shores of the Bras d'Or Lakes, is reviving the Mi'kmaw language for a group of adult students. The participants were educated in English, and although they speak the Mi'kmaw language, they never learned to read or write their mother tongue well. The 27 students are educators, community workers and homemakers, and were all very keen to improve their Mi'kmaw reading and writing skills. In addition to attaining a new level of appreciation for the language, these students are helping to preserve it for future generations.

In the early 1990s the Aboriginal Literacy Certificate was designed by OFNIE for the Cree of James Bay. The second group to complete the requirements for the program will receive their certificates at the Spring 2002 Convocation. Because of the success of this certificate among the James Bay Cree, the Mi'kmaw approached OFNIE to coordinate the establishment of the literacy program in Wagmatcook. Josephine Peck, a Mi'kmaw resident of Wagmatcook who has a Master's degree in literacy, and Donna-Lee Smith of McGill's Faculty of Education, are working together to develop the program content and course outline.

Mi'kmaw is the language of instruction in Wagmatcook schools from Pre-k to grade one – and as teachers in the literacy program become more confident in their mother tongue, more grades will be added.

One long-term goal will be to look at how the increase in use of the mother tongue influences the community of Wagmatcook. For example, will children feel more confident and self-satisfied? Research into other communities where the mother-tongue language has been strengthened points to the effectiveness of such programs.



Josephine Peck
(Mi'kmaw Coordinator)

Donna-Lee Smith
(McGill Coordinator)

Faculty Highlights

Convocation 2001 - Celebrating at the 3 bares



Carolyn Mueller and Ryoko Wada



Carolyn Mueller, Ryoko Wada and Darleen Page

2001 Graduation in Akulivik, Northern Quebec



Associate Dean Glenn F. Cartwright visits a "Qarmaq" (traditional Inuit sod house used during the summer months).



Betsy Annahatak (MEd McGill, 1999) and Annie Alaku (BEd McGill, 1990) attending the 2001 Kativik Teacher Training Graduation.

On a Philanthropic Note...

McGill's SAHPERD (Student Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance) is the student council of the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education. This year they found themselves with a few dollars in hand and decided that the money should benefit a Physical Education program at a local school. The 2002 SAHPERD Prize was born and an elegant competition was initiated amongst the 4th year physical education student teachers. The students were invited to write an appeal on behalf of their host school.

The winner, Matt Jarry, presented a cheque of \$350 to the principal of the Children's World Academy in LaSalle.

Education Students Support New Library Annex

Thanks to the most generous support of our undergraduate student body, the SSMU Library Improvement Fund for 2000/2001 has provided for nineteen new library work stations, and nine state-of-the-art computers in the new room annexed to the



Library computer lab

Education Library. McGill education students now have a quiet study area where they can plug in their laptops to access web sites, or use any of the library computers to search the numerous electronic databases and resources as they type their research papers.

Ena Liu, the 2000/2001 SSMU Education Undergraduate Student Society representative, is to be commended for her hard work in supporting this important initiative.

Although students began using the annex in April, the official opening is planned for the fall term, when the Library will welcome new and returning students for the 2002/2003 academic year.

New Computers for the Students!

The third floor students' computer lab received its 5th generation of computers, each with a CD burner. The 25 Vectra computers were financed by special University student fees, which will also pay the salaries for tutors in the lab.



Associate Dean Chris Milligan, Dean Ratna Ghosh & Associate Dean Glenn F. Cartwright officiated.



Matt Jarry (BEd PE 2002) Carolyn McDougall (BEd PE '93) - Physical Educator, Pat Deans - Principal, Costa Lambrakis (BEd PE 2002) - SAHPERD President, and Prof. Jane Wardle

Student News

First Annual Faculty of Education Graduate Student Poster Competition



This spring graduate students were invited to exhibit their projects for inclusion in a poster competition to illustrate the diverse forms of research that are carried out in our Faculty. A review and selection committee chose 12 finalists, who then had approximately 3 weeks to complete the design of a poster. The final submissions were judged by the Dean and a committee of professors. The winner of the Master's category was awarded \$500, and the winner in the PhD category received \$700.

Photos from the Graduate Students Society's first annual education conference: Shifting Sand: Knowledge in Our Changing World.



Ed US Executive (L-R):Cassandra Jack, Cathy Pliodoropoulos, Janis Davies, Jessie Wald, Sabrina DiNardo, Sandie Nusbaum, Naomi Barrett, Rhonda Hughes



EGSS Executive - Guillaume Gentil, Caroline Mueller, Nur Kazi, Kristina Eisenhower, (Missing: Marieke Bosch)

Kim St-Pierre, Olympic Gold Winning Goalie of the Canadian Women's Hockey Team



Photo by Andrew Dobrowskyj. McGill Sports Info Office

Retirements

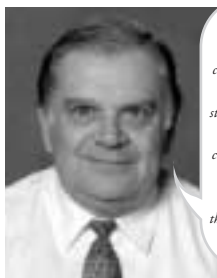


Dean Ratna Ghosh with retirees of last year: Clément Barnabé, David Smith, Christa Bartholl and John Gradwell



"10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 4, 2002: In my housecoat, reading the newspaper."

June Cooper



"I will certainly miss all my great students and their creativity, but I certainly will not miss all the correcting of their assignments"

David McWethy



"It has been a privilege to work with so many great students over the years."

Graham Neil

Lorna Rees-Potter

Gary Torbit

Yvonne Wall

Jack Cram Memorial Scholarship

The Kativik School Board Training and Research Department selected Sarah Grey as the recipient of the Jack Cram Memorial Scholarship for 2001. Sarah was chosen for this award in recognition of her many contributions to the work of the School Board, including helping to develop an education system that respects the language and culture of Nunavut Inuit.



Art Education

Evangeline Murray was a former student and later became a kind of “den mother” in the days when the Faculty art department flourished. She was a prolific artist as well as an avid supporter of the art education program.

She spent her summers painting in Maine, but in winter she worked in the Faculty, helping Professors Jim Watling, Gerry Roach, Gerry Tondino and Lynn Studham with students and the day-to-day running of the studios, while creating her own artwork.

Mrs. Murray very generously donated three of her works to the Faculty and also wrote the following poem:

I'll give a painting to McGill
It's then called a donation
The normal thing discussed in this
Is money, not creation,
I wonder where they'd hang it up?
They don't afford the art
And soon they won't remember it
I'd like to play a part,
I trust the dedicated men
Who meant so much to me,
Will have some special honour there
For everyone to see.



In Memoriam

Professor Gerry Tondino taught painting in the Department of Art Education.

Emeritus Professor Reginald Edwards

Edna Hughes, valued member of the Faculty support staff who served in the Dean's office for many years.

Alumni News

While in Florida last March, Dean Ghosh hosted a casual lunch for McGill alumni in the Fort Lauderdale area. The following alumni attended:

Renee Seal, Natacha Turetsky, Marisza Lopato, Claire Fleisher Behar and Larry Behar, Anne Naimark Stein and Max M. Stein, Salome Thevarajah, Caroline Morin (Goodbody), and Joan & Peter Daly



Educational Psychology Alumnus Roger Azevedo, PhD'98, winner of a National Science Foundation Career Award for \$617,000



Roger Azevedo's research focuses on the role of self-regulated learning (SRL) in students' understanding of science using hypermedia. The broad scope of SRL appeals to educational researchers interested in discovering how students become adept and independent in their educational pursuits.

Students of all ages have the potential to regulate their learning, and teachers can provide information and opportunities to help students develop more strategic, motivated and independent study methods. The NSFC Award will allow Azevedo to conduct research in the area of cognition and instruction using technology to focus on questions arising from the study of two complex science topics. Several theoretical and practical issues, such as how students regulate their own learning when using a hypermedia environment to learn about complex science topics, need further research before practical classroom implications and the use of computers as learning tools can be thoroughly

understood. This Award will allow Azevedo to fund the exploration of these issues.

Dr. Susanne Lajoie, Chair of the Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology and proud former PhD advisor, invited Roger to present his research at McGill in spring 2002.

Alumni Updates thanks to our notice in the QPARSE Newsletter:

Sandy Ferguson took a postgraduate 1G course at Macdonald campus in September 1965. She taught for the PSBGM from 1966 to 1970 at Russell Elementary School in TMR and then at Riverdale High until she moved to Hudson in 1974. She worked at Hudson High from 1974 to 1997.

"I taught with PSBGM (historical name) and LSB (another old monument) until 1997 when they offered us a golden handshake which I accepted with glee. Currently, I spend my time teaching, drawing and painting in my basement studio, teaching classical ballet to about 100 students of all ages, teaching fitness, singing and dancing with the Hudson Music Club, acting with the Hudson Players' Club, and substitute teaching at Hudson High. I also work as a volunteer at the Village Theatre and at our historical centre, Greenwood. I am taking a course in acting...another career? Retirement is wonderful!

"I found your email address in the QPARSE Newsletter and I would love to get in touch with other old teachers like me.... So please put my email address on your list for info, etc. I look forward to hearing from you."
Sandy Ferguson [kkjs@total.net]

Mary Feher graduated in 1956 from Macdonald with a High School Diploma, worked with the PSBGM and retired from teaching in 1988.

"It seems like a lifetime ago! What a great idea to make it possible for us to keep in touch." Please write to Mary at: 309 Melville Ave., Westmount, QC H3Z 2J7

Joan Skinner Hanna wrote to tell us about the 65th Reunion of the RVC '35 Graduates.

"We graduated in 1935 with a BA degree and a First Class Interim High School Teacher's Diploma. In the depths of the Great

Depression there were no teaching vacancies for women in Montreal, except for those prepared to teach commercial subjects at the High School level.

"In May 2001 the Faithful Four (Betty-Lou Cowper, Rita De Pierro, Elizabeth Wales and Joan Skinner Hanna) met for their first Annual Luncheon. Since we are in our mid-eighties, a McGill Reunion five years hence is not a certainty."

It's always a treat to get letters like these. Please stay in touch with news, contact information and photographs of your reunions with old friends.

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Demystifying Scientific Research

Professor Linda Cooper's recently awarded grant from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) is a part of the SPARK (Students Promoting Awareness of Research Knowledge) program that was launched in 1999 at ten universities across Canada. The award shows the kind of benefits that can be produced through interdepartmental and interdisciplinary collaboration.

Developed at McGill in collaboration with the Office of the Vice-Principal (Research), the University Relations Office, and the Faculty of Education, the program gives students with an aptitude for communications an opportunity to be trained to write about scientific research for the public. Another benefit of this program is that students are exposed to important research projects at McGill. Acting as the program mentor, Professor Cooper, of the Writing Centre in the Faculty of Education, will establish a writing community where students can work together on each others' texts. The students' articles will be published in McGill-related local and national publications.

Homecoming 2001 Event

The "Issues for Educators" topic presented was:

In the Beginning: Perspectives from Science and Religious Educators

Are we apes or angels?

Does it matter?

What should we teach about it?

Four views of biological evolution from Science, Protestantism, Catholicism and Judaism were presented by Brian Alters, Spencer Boudreau and Eric Caplan (on video).



Professor Spencer Boudreau, Dean Ghosh, Professor Brian Alters and Alex Sheftel. Front row: Cyrus Bilimoria and Carole Dore (missing angel Cynthia Cleto).



Carole Dore and Alex Sheftel

YOU'RE INVITED TO THIS YEAR'S FACULTY OF EDUCATION HOMECOMING 2002 EVENT:

Issues for Educators

Friday, September 27, 2002 at 6:00 p.m., McGill Faculty Club, 3450 McTavish St. (2nd floor)

No Charge

Educating for Success...Integrating Mind, Body and Spirit

A discussion from the perspective of sport, psychology and spirituality

Speakers are Professors Susanne Lajoie, Gordon Bloom, Elizabeth Wood

Please RSVP to (514) 398-8545 or email shauna.kelly@mcgill.ca



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Macdonald Teachers College - Class of '51 Celebrated their 50th Anniversary
Top Row: Harry Haydock, Harriet Cohen Kolomeir, Libby Johnston, Elaine Evans

Second Row: Libby Martin Barratt, Ruth Toohy, Margaret Entwistle Hall, Elaine Barrinton Buzzell, Hilary Watt Hill, Barbara Richards Creswell

Third Row: Margaret Stewart Hall (half hidden), Louise Mitchell Ide, Jan Henry Morgan, Joan Lambert Loeffler, Norma Bartlett Bowers, Freda Bowman Ford

Bottom Row: Lee Morris Wright, Ernita Elton Fitzgerald, Doris Collver Powell, Professor Betty Jaques, Lois Griffin Minard, Betty Le Maistre Freeman, Ernest Tetreault



McGill School of Physical Education - Class of '51 Celebrating their 50th Anniversary:
 Dr. Mary Richardson, Betty Haughn Stewart, Norma Abrahamson McVey, Barbara Dawson Foster, Joan Mingie Binmore, Joyce Tubman Wilson, Dorothy Fee Walker, Pat Griffiths Dryden, Pat Rowe Demont



Organizer - John Chomay



Phyll Firth - hostess and baker "par excellence"



Barbara Birkett Johnson, George Stewart, Betty Stewart



Macdonald Teachers College - Class of '46 enjoyed 55 years of memories: Standing (left to right): Charlie Elliott, Hollis Page, Cliff Thomas, Allan Hoskin, Lucien Perras, Madalene Miltimore Darrah, Gordon Mullin.

Seated (left to right): Doreen Field Page, Peggy Wickens Thomas, Margaret McNeill Graham, Shirley Brown Hoskin, Grace Bunce Mullin, Deryl Monaghan Williams

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